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Obsolete? No way! Libraries expand to connect communities

by Kate Goldsmith

Haven't been to your local library in a while? You might be (pleasantly) surprised at what you'll discover.

Libraries have always been bastions of learning in the most egalitarian way: Regardless of economic means and education level, those with a desire to gain knowledge have been able to do so at their local library at no charge. In this sense, they have served as vital hubs of their communities since the 19th century.

The rise of the internet was thought to put libraries on the endangered species list, but due to the agility and creativity of library staff, the opposite has come to be. Expanded programming now reaches more people, and more diverse groups of people, than ever before.

Northern Dutchess News reached out to staff in several local libraries for their views on three major points:

- When did the trend in program expansion begin, and what prompted it?
- How did your library step up at the start of the pandemic to help meet the needs of your community?
- What are some highlights of the various activities/programs hosted by your library?

Much more than books: nurturing personal connection

"I'm not sure that I can say when this trend [of expanded programming] began," said Christa Cerul, Director, Stanford Free Library. "In my view, libraries have always been important hubs for their communities as we continually strive to change and adapt to meet the needs of those we serve."

Michelle Montalbano, Program Director, Starr Library, said, "I would say that it's absolutely true, but it's not so much a departure of the original scope of the libraries. Libraries provide a space for connection with not only materials but

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Local libraries serve as vibrant hubs for their communities. Pictured, clockwise from top left, are the Clinton Community Library, Red Hook Public Library, Stanford Free Library, Starr Library in Rhinebeck and Pleasant Valley Library. Courtesy photos

Kendall to seek fifth term as DC Clerk

Four-term Dutchess County Clerk Brad Kendall has announced he is seeking his fifth term. A longtime Dutchess County resident, Kendall has worked closely with his dedicated team of employees over the past 16 years, improving services at the COVID-19 pandemic to transition it to meet the challenges of a post-Covid world.

"It is an honor to serve as your Dutchess County Clerk. With dedicated

employees, we continue to strive to help people every day. Whatever your issue, whatever your problem, you are welcome here. If there is a solution, we will find it," said Kendall.

"I look forward to leading the team at the County Clerk's office as we expand our digital footprint, institute electronic filing in the Criminal Courts, and work with the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles to re-imagine the

delivery of services in a customer-friendly manner."

The county clerk's office operates the Motor Vehicle Department, files and records county legal and land records, and provides passport, notarizing services, and business certificates. As County Clerk Kendall has:

- Introduced online accessibility to the records of the Clerk's Office.

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with the answers to questions [patrons] might have."

Citing sociologist Eric Klinenborg, Montalbano said, people come to the library as much for companionship as, say, researching a medical condition.

"Social infrastructure provides the setting and structure for social participation," she said.

"Libraries have steadily been increasing the services they add beyond the traditional," said Daniela Pulice, MLS, Director, Pleasant Valley Library. "This effort really ramped up once technology became readily available to all. Rather than causing the library to become obsolete, many found they needed the library even more, causing usage to explode."

Pulice said those who didn't have access to Wi-Fi and other technology were able to utilize the library's resources; and those who needed training on the new technology could also find help at the library.

"As communities became more stratified due to technology and social media, libraries became each community's connection hub, often times becoming the only free, safe space where everyone, regardless of demographics, could meet up with their neighbors to collaborate and share," she said.

"This [expansion of services] trend was well under way when I began at Red Hook Public Library (RHPL)," said Dawn Jardine, Director, RHPL. "I think one reason is that libraries are one of the last places you can go and just spend time without the expectation of spending money. No matter your age or economic position, everyone fits in at the library, everyone belongs. It's kind of like a public park in that way."

Carol Bancroft, Director, Clinton

Community Library, said, "My first job was as a page at my hometown library in the 1990s, and even as a teen back then I noticed the library offering services 'beyond books' that brought people together like ESL [English As a Second Language] tutoring and preschool storytime. I think that libraries have always been community hubs in a sense, but now more than ever I see people are craving real connections and trusted sources of information."

Bancroft added, "While I personally love technology, I know that our reliance on it can be isolating. I think we all need real human contact, not just results from a search engine. When you come to the library you know that our staff will be happy to connect you to a reputable resource, offer suggestions for books or movies, or even help you solve that tough crossword puzzle clue! Personal connections are so important and library workers truly want to help everyone who walks in the door."

Montalbano said, "Libraries are driven by a mission to serve their community's needs, whatever they may be--resources, education, entertainment, connection to others, access to technology, etc. These needs and desires are as varied as people in our community, and so are our responses to them. We're about free and open access to information, inspiring people to learn, and fostering engagement with ideas, the community, and the world at large.

"At the heart of our mission is a commitment to working toward equity and justice, and that means making it possible for anyone who walks through our doors to get closer to what they need: tax forms, resources to help apply for jobs, game night, classes, health information, a com-



Starr Library pairs mentors with students at Rhinebeck High School for their senior "Passion Projects." Courtesy photo

puter, a community of like-minded neighbors, a fascinating talk, or even a book."

Sandy Bartlett, Director, Morton Memorial Library & Community House said, "Honestly, we have '& Community House' in our title, so Morton has always played the role of community hub. Morton was actually a community house before it was a library (by 5 years) and there were bathing facilities for the dock workers, community dinners, and Christmas parties in Morton Hall."

Bartlett said Morton's location is part of its success.

"It helps that we are located right in the heart of a small hamlet without a lot of other businesses," she said. "There are people in their 50s and older who remember coming to Morton's Rec Center as children and playing pool downstairs. In more recent years, we started to concentrate on our community space in about 2006 and haven't looked back."

'Pivoting' during the pandemic

When talking about the COVID-19 pandemic, one word that pops up consistently is "pivot." Even though no one knew at the time how long it would last, library staff immediately stepped up to do whatever they could to assist their communities.

Pleasant Valley Library Director Pulice said, "Libraries were in an ideal position to help their communities when the pandemic started, as we had been offering online resources for years. We quickly pivoted to online classes and programs, ebooks and streaming films in addition to lending out hot spots. For our seniors, we engaged in welfare check phone calls, especially in the beginning as information was hard to come by and we wanted to make sure everyone was aware of what resources were available and how we could help them sign up for the vaccine and stay safe."

Bancroft, too, realized that Clinton Community Library needed to go into extreme agile mode.

"Of course, in March 2020 we did not expect to be shut down for more than a week or two. Nevertheless, our tech-savvy programming team jumped into gear. We live-streamed Story Time on

Facebook Live, organized a variety of online programs and recorded digital literacy workshops to help patrons learn how to navigate our e-resources and videoconferencing platforms, and started offering eCards that give patrons instant access to ebooks & downloadable audiobooks on Libby, streaming movies on Kanopy, and craft classes on demand via CreativeBug."

The library also used its Facebook page to share information about local resources and health updates.

"We felt it was really important for people to know that the library building may be closed, but the staff was still available and here for them, even if it was just checking in to say hello," Bancroft added. "Something good that came out of this time was collaborating between libraries. We started working together on shared programming, and we continue to jointly offer programs."

Stanford Library Director Cerul said, "We increased access to online materials, we made phone calls to our seniors and to patrons that we hadn't seen in a little while to check in on them, we were a distribution point for face masks and, later, free COVID tests and we worked hard to pass on to our patrons any information that we had about the situation at the time."

The library also worked with the local pharmacy and hosted vaccine clinics in the early days of the COVID-19 vaccination process.

"As soon as we were permitted to, we began serving our patrons with curbside pickup and then, once we were permitted to open our doors to the public, we did so immediately," she said. "People were happy to be back inside the library and we were thrilled to see them!"

Brooke Stevens, Assistant Director and Children's Librarian, Starr Library, noted that Montalbano's predecessor, Nan Jackson, "had her ear to the ground about what we could do."

Stevens said some of the library's programs were so successful online that they continue to run in that format, including a virtual play-reading group and sound

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meditation (now a hybrid program both online and in person once a month). Other programs, such as the Children's Storytime, didn't transfer well to the virtual format.

Starr Library partnered with their local booksellers, Oblong Books, to send patrons the titles they were looking for, while everything was shut down. Patrons requested the titles, Starr ordered them through Oblong, and Oblong mailed the books to people's homes.

When it became possible to do curbside pickup, Stevens and former Library Director Stephen Cook were the first two people to come back into the building to work on that effort, she said. They used that downtime to streamline the collection and make more space for when the library was allowed to reopen.

A major project spearheaded by Nan Jackson was "Witness to History: Rhinebeck Neighbors During COVID-19." It took its name from a series, "Eyewitness to History," that Starr had run in the past.

Stevens said, "Nan was able to send out Amy Wu, a journalist. Nan said we are all eyewitnesses to history, everyone in our community is experiencing this together in their own way."

Wu collected "man (or woman) in the street" interviews with residents about how the pandemic was affecting them.

"We have it bound into a book; it's very moving," said Stevens.

Bartlett said, "When the pandemic closed everything down in March of 2020, we had just had our annual talent show with 100 people packed into Morton Hall. We had many other events scheduled that were initially postponed and then canceled as the pandemic wore on."

Morton staff kept the community abreast with a regular newsletter and many social media posts, Bartlett said.

"And then we all started to hold virtual events and to keep in touch via emails and calls - especially to our more isolated patrons," she added. "We loaned out computers and sewing machines. We also drove items to patrons' homes before we were officially open and did printing jobs for those without access to printers."

Jardine said, "During the pandemic, Red Hook Public Library staff delivered laptops, hotspots, and books to patrons we knew were in need. There was also a great demand for tech help over the phone as people were scrambling for safe ways to keep in touch with loved ones. People needed to learn to use Skype, Zoom, and other conferencing platforms just to talk to family members. Libraries turned their wifi to face outside, worked on developing outdoor public Wi-Fi spots, and provided curbside delivery of materials."

Casting a wide net

Libraries show no signs of stopping their mission of connecting with their communities in every possible way.



Children participate in Storytime at Clinton Community Library. Courtesy photo

"We see a lot of young people in the library and I think that is good for the world," said Jardine.

"I often make the joke that 'Community' is our middle name here at Clinton Community Library, but it is absolutely true," said Bancroft. "We are committed to helping our community members to the best of our abilities and being a welcoming place for all!"

Pulice said, "Libraries are often the last line of defense that communities

have against a growing feeling of isolation from each other. Whether you need to use a computer to fill out a job application, adjust your toddler to being with others in preparation for pre-school, share your thoughts with others at a book group, or just get out of the house and go somewhere to connect with others in your town in a way that doesn't cost any money, libraries are there for you."

See the related story on this page for a taste of programming at local libraries.

Programming highlights showcase diverse interests, patrons

The libraries that participated in our cover story highlighted some of their popular programs. Registration is required for some programs; visit the websites for more information.

Clinton Community Library 1215 Centre Road, Rhinebeck <http://clinton.lib.ny.us/>

"We are extremely proud of our programming, in particular our Optimistic Aging series, which focuses on programs to keep our senior citizens physically active, and mentally engaged," said Director Carol Bancroft. "Programs like chair yoga, Qi Gong, craft classes, and Lunch & Learn lectures all fall under the Optimistic Aging umbrella and have become a great way for people to socialize and make new friends too. Our yoga classes are live-streamed to reach the widest audience possible."

Bancroft noted, "Some folks still are cautious about in-person programming and streaming offers a way for them to continue participating. And even though the majority of our programs are now in-person again, we have found people still enjoy logging on at home for evening classes or lectures. We continue to offer cooking classes, art history lectures, and other online-only events to make sure we can reach as many people as possible."

Other programs include preschool storytime, and special events for school-age children. The library's High School Battle of the Books team offers a chance for teens to read great books and enjoy friendly competition among other MHLs libraries.

Stanford Free Library 6035 Rte. 82, Stanfordville <https://stanfordlibrary.org/>

According to Director Christa Cerul, the library has expanded its hours (visit the website).

"In addition to the obvious borrowing of reading/audio materials we also offer a growing collection of board games for people to check out as well as pickle ball

paddles and balls and tennis rackets and balls," she said. "We also have a free magazine exchange and a free puzzle exchange. Each month we offer a plethora of free programs for adults and for children. There truly is something for everyone at the library!"

Pleasant Valley Library 1584 Main St. (Rte. 44), Pleasant Valley pleasantvalleylibrary.org

When you scroll the library's event calendar, located at <https://pleasantvalleylibrary.org/events/all-events/> you will see a wide variety of programs available for free to all.

Director Pulice said, "Our most popular programs are the yoga classes and craft classes as well as our senior exercise and brain games programs. We try and offer two craft classes for adults a month, as well as two movies (family and senior) and two information seminars, which can range anywhere from Starting a Community Garden to Searching for Bigfoot. This is of course in addition to the traditional programs for children such as Storytimes, Lego Club and Coding Classes."

Starr Library 68 West Market St., Rhinebeck www.starrlibrary.org

"In general, we have a dynamic schedule of weekly programming for adults, children, young adults, and families," said Program Director Montalbano.

Programs tend to break down along these lines:

- Literary: Author talks, book clubs
- Technology: Device Advice E-Resource Demonstrations, Teen Geeks Tech Help
- Community Engagement: Climate Action Toolkit Workshop with Climate Smart Rhinebeck and Sustainable Hudson Valley, Community Narcan Training
- Youth: After School Dungeons & Dragons, KidPix Digital Art, STEAM Workshops

• Ongoing: Lego Hour, Storytime, Mahjong, Scrabble, Music & Movement for Toddlers, Chair Yoga, Brain Games, Qigong, Tai Chi with MVP Health, Sound Meditation, Classical Guitar

Morton Memorial Library & Community House 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff <https://morton.rhinecliff.lib.ny.us/>

Director Sandy Bartlett said, "We have had a seed library at Morton since 2017 and subsequently have become one of the Libraries of Local - now we have gardening tools available to lend as well. We also hold monthly events revolving around Sustainability and Resilience.

"We are lucky enough to work with Oblong Books and are the happy hosts of many author events. We also debuted a MakerSpace downstairs thanks to a grant from Dutchess County. We have a monthly acoustic night and try to have monthly art openings. We also hold weekly yoga sessions, chess for youth, and the aforementioned Talent Show - which is our biggest event of the year."

Morton also hosts community conversations about events that are taking place, or that someone thinks should take place, in the hamlet of Rhinecliff, Bartlett noted.

"Because we are a small community and know our constituents so well, we are able very quickly offer events that are

thought of by patrons," she said. "It feels like we get as much from our patrons, friends, and neighbors, as they get from us. It is a delightful job to introduce people to new books, new movies, and new experiences."

Red Hook Public Library 7444 South Broadway, Red Hook <https://redhooklibrary.org/>

Director Dawn Jardine said, "RHPL does a wide variety of programming. In the past year or so we have developed a vocational program for teens and adults with intellectual, and/or cognitive disabilities. This is possible with funding help from Dutchess County via the ThinkDifferently program.

"Something else fairly new has been day trips for older adults. This is also grant funded, by the Ascienzo Family Foundation. Library staff lead these trips that foster connections and experiences for folks that otherwise not be able to get out on their own either due to finances, mobility, or maybe just lack of someone to go with.

"As far as lending materials, most libraries lend non-traditional materials now. And different libraries have different specialties. Here for example, we lend sewing machines and American girl dolls. Some libraries have fishing poles and tents, some have cooking equipment."

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VIEWPOINT

Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra presents memorable tribute to local heroes

Bravo! Great performance!

Members of the Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra, with Music Director Kathleen Beckmann at the helm, honored local fire and emergency response heroes with a heroic performance of their own in "Summon the Heroes" on Saturday, Feb. 11 at Culinary Institute of America's Mariott Pavilion in Hyde Park.

From impressive brass, piano and oboe solos to full orchestral collaborations, the musicians combined their skills to present a performance filled with both recognizable numbers and those adding historic and diverse significance.

Beckmann noted in her introduction that "Summon the Heroes" was written for the 100th anniversary of the Olympic

Games and premiered at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. The initial part of program continued with music from the movie productions of comic book legends Spiderman and Superman and finished with music from "Howl's Moving Castle," a 2004 Japanese animated fantasy film.

The second half featured "real life" and movie heroes with music from Apollo 13, "Through the Years" with James Bond thrillers and finished with the "Overture to William Tell" and the familiar "Lone Ranger Theme."

The intermission featured extraordinary video footage of local fire and emergency response personnel who, as Beckmann noted, "have chosen to put themselves in harm's way to protect us."

The audience watched local heroes save a stranded hiker, pull out a horse caught in a swimming pool, fire department personnel doing their jobs to keep residents safe and New York State Trooper Francis Rush during a successful water rescue.

Those associated with the orchestra are to be commended for taking the extra step of connecting with local responders to obtain and show the video footage.

Thank you to our local heroes for the work you do every day and to the members of the Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra for providing a memorable musical tribute.

Curtis Schmidt
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News, Beacon Free Press

Subzero Heroes returns to Berean Lake on Feb. 25

The Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter's 13th Annual Subzero Heroes fundraiser will be held at Berean Park in Highland on Saturday, Feb. 25. The fun event features people dressing up in costumes and jumping into Berean Lake to raise funds to fight Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

"We're so excited to be back at Berean Lake again this year. There's such great energy every year when all our Heroes gather to take the plunge," said David Sobel, Executive Director of the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter. "We look forward to seeing everyone again as we jump to support families living with dementia and research seeking a cure."

Check-in/registration will open at 10:30 a.m. with the jumping starting at noon.

Participants can register at subzeroheroes.org, as Heroes, who must raise a minimum of \$250 to take the icy plunge themselves, or Sidekicks, who help Heroes raise money and recruit additional team members. The jumping order is determined by the amount of funds



Subzero Heroes features people dressing up in costumes and jumping into Berean Lake to raise funds to fight Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. Courtesy photo

raised. As in recent years, there will be a costume contest, so Heroes are invited to get creative with their attire.

Culinary Institute students will be on site with gourmet soup for participants, and hot cider and hot chocolate with marshmallows from Hudson Valley Marshmallow Company will also be available.

Sponsors are also being sought for the event. For more information, please contact Kyle Marin at kmarin@alz.org.

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Office for the Aging begins 'Friendly Calls' Program to promote senior socialization

The Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA) has begun a pilot "Friendly Calls" program to alleviate the feelings of loneliness and isolation some seniors feel. "Friendly Calls" connects these older adults with volunteers who call them weekly, speaking for 20-30 minutes and providing all-important social interaction, helping OFA achieve its mission of helping older adults remain active, age with dignity and live independently as long as possible.

An adaptation of the New York State Office for the Aging's "Friendly Calls" service, the County program has already trained two dozen volunteers to connect with local, pre-screened older adults who have identified an interest in fostering connections with others and reducing social isolation through weekly telephone conversations that cultivate relationships between participants. Nearly 40 local seniors who already receive services, case management and/or home-delivered meals from the Dutchess County OFA, have registered to be part of the program, having been surveyed to determine their level of loneliness and interest in participating.

Volunteer callers, many of whom already donate their time and talents to other OFA programs, are similarly eager to participate and improve the mental and physical health of the older adults they call. The program runs in eight-week periods, and following an initial introductory conversation, volunteers will spend 20-30 minutes each week talking with the older adults with whom they're matched, based on mutual interest. If both participants express interest, they can extend their calls past the initial eight weeks.

County Executive William F.X. O'Neil said, "The safety and well-being of Dutchess County's older adults is a top priority, and we know feeling isolated can have adverse effects on a senior's physical health, including higher risk for high blood pressure, heart disease, obesity and dementia. Our Office for the Aging has begun its 'Friendly Calls' program to increase social-

ization for older adults who need it and decrease those adverse effects related to loneliness. We look forward to expanding this program, based on its anticipated success, and enhancing as many Dutchess County seniors' lives as possible."

"Friendly Calls" volunteers report to an OFA Program Manager, designated to oversee the operation of the program. To qualify for the program, prospective volunteers must be:

- at least 18 years old;
- an active listener, a good conversationalist and able to speak clearly and slowly, if needed; and
- interested in meeting a new friend and open to hearing new ideas.

Training includes teaching volunteers conversation starters, meaningful and appropriate topics, active listening, problem-solving guidance and how to respect boundaries, among other topics. Volunteers can speak with as few or as many older adults they feel comfortable handling. The OFA's next volunteer orientation takes place on Feb. 9th; space is limited and residents interested in volunteering for the "Friendly Calls" program can contact OFA at 845-486-2555 to learn more.

Dutchess County OFA Director Todd Tancredi said, "Following her years as an advocate for older adults on the State Senate's Aging Committee, Sue Serino recommended the 'Friendly Calls' program for Dutchess County seniors, and we enthusiastically implemented it. Both our volunteers and the seniors they call are anxious to foster relationships that will be mutually beneficial."

"Friendly Calls" was a 2023 budget initiative for the County's OFA, which has expanded its services since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic to create innovative offerings – including drive-through picnics, drive-in Bingo games, Pancakes in the Park and virtual exercise programs, among others – which allowed the seniors it serves to regain the socialization that plays an important role in enhancing the quality of life.

Central Hudson names Capone as new president & CEO

The Board of Directors of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation announced on Monday its decision to appoint Christopher M. Capone as the company's new President and Chief Executive Officer. Capone takes over for Charles Freni.

"The Central Hudson Board of Directors believes the time is right for a change of leadership," said Margarita Dilley, chair of the Central Hudson Gas & Electric Board of Directors. "Chris has a demonstrated history of successfully navigating challenges and leading teams to positive outcomes. We are confident in his ability to move the organization forward and to communicate those results to all stakeholders clearly and consistently."

Capone's appointment as President and CEO is effective immediately.

"A key priority will be addressing the frustrations some customers have felt resulting from the implementation of the new customer billing system. We have hired a significant number of additional personnel, including contact center employees and other professionals to work on these issues around the clock,"

said Capone. "More must be done and my commitment to you is I will be transparent about the progress we are making. There are more than 1,100 dedicated and talented professionals at our company who work tirelessly to deliver safe and reliable energy to their neighbors in communities throughout the mid-Hudson Valley. As the new CEO, I will work to support them so they in turn can support our customers."

Freni will remain with Central Hudson to assist with the transition before retiring.

NYS Senator Michelle Hinchey commented "I'm pleased to see swift action from Central Hudson following our calls for a leadership change. Ratepayers deserve better from their public utilities, and hopefully, this change marks the beginning of the company's work to repair the financial and emotional harms they've caused people across the Hudson Valley. I'll always do my part to protect ratepayers and ensure we are bringing transparency and accountability to the utility industry."

Kendall to seek fifth term as DC Clerk

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- Launched electronic filing in the Supreme Courts of Dutchess County, making the courts more accessible to the public while reducing costs and eliminating paper.

- Provided for electronic recording of land documents, expediting the recording process, cutting costs and eliminating paper.

- Streamlined services at the Department of Motor Vehicles while minimizing wait times.

- Created the "Return the FAVOR" program, which partners with the Division of Veterans Affairs to provide services to veterans and recognize their service.

- Partnered with former County Executive Marc Molinaro to re-establish the County Historian's Office, which has

completed nine grants to digitize Dutchess County's early court records, leading to collaboration with numerous towns and local historical societies to preserve our early history.

- Been responsible for the county's records management, working with a local non-profit to digitize departmental records and reduce long-term costs.

- Serves in the New York State Association of County Clerks and is past President.

Kendall, a resident of Dover Plains since 1984, has been married to Barbara Kendall since 1978. Together, they have two adult sons and a daughter-in-law. Kendall was educated in the Arlington School District and holds a bachelor's degree from Williams College.

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Dangers of radon – What's your level?

By Michael Christophides

It's a greater concern than lead, asbestos, formaldehyde and mold combined. It's a tasteless, odorless, colorless, inert, radioactive gas that is the second leading cause of lung cancer. Radon is a Class A - carcinogen and is hazardous to inhale, according to the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP) and Center of Disease Control (CDC).

Every home has it but, the question is "Do you have an elevated radon gas level in your home?" In your lifetime, you will be exposed to more radiation from radon in your home, approximately 55 percent, than any other source of radiation exposure, per the CDC.

• Where does radon come from? Radon occurs naturally from the breakdown of Uranium ore, and is prevalent in the Hudson Valley region. Elevated radon levels in indoor air usually come from the soil and building materials underneath the home. As Uranium breaks down, radon gas forms and seeps into the house through numerous possible entry points.

Radon from soil can get into any type of building, home, office, and school (old and new) - and can build up to higher levels in the air inside the structure. In addition,

radon gas from well water can be a contributing factor to the overall air concentration and has its own individual health concern due to digestion. Radon in water should be tested as a possible independent source if you have a private well.

Every home has radon. There is no such thing as a home or building without Radon. The question is how high is your Radon level? The only way to know about radon levels is to conduct a certified test.

In the Hudson Valley and neighboring counties, individual's homes have approximately a 50 percent chance or greater of having elevated radon levels in their home. The EPA and the NYSDOH have published maps that identified what is known as the Red Zone. Zone 1 has a predicted average indoor radon in air average, greater than 4.0 piC/L. Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Ulster, Columbia and Green Counties are listed in Zone 1.

• Why is radon a health concern? Radon in Soil - Breathing radon in indoor air can cause lung cancer. As the Uranium in the soil breaks down the byproduct is Radon gas and decays into radioactive particles that can get trapped in your lungs when you breathe it. As the particles break down, these particles release

small bursts of energy.

This energy can damage lung tissue and increase your chances of developing lung cancer over the course of your lifetime. People who smoke have an even greater risk.

• Radon in Water - Radon in the air can also come from drinking water. Radon gas can dissolve and accumulate in water from underground sources such as, ground water, aquifers and private wells.

When water that contains radon is used in the home for showering, washing dishes, and cooking, radon gas escapes from the water and goes into the air and some could stay in the water. If some radon stays in the water, the drinking water containing radon also presents a health risk of developing internal organ cancers, primarily stomach cancer. If you have a private well and your source of water is from the ground and aquifer, it is strongly suggested to test for radon in your water to ensure there is no elevated level present for concern.

• Why should you test? Radon generally enters a home through soil, seeping upward into the foundation, in the basement and other living levels. Health risks increase with long-term exposure of elevated levels of radon. In fact, the U.S. Surgeon General has warned that radon is

the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. today. "Radon is the #1 cause of lung cancer for non-smokers and only smoking causes more lung cancer deaths." According to the CDC, radon is a Class A - carcinogen and is hazardous to inhale. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Surgeon General recommend testing all levels below the third floor for radon.

As a home or business owner, you can't afford not to test for radon. Testing is the only way to know if you and your family, friends, employees or tenants are exposed to harmful levels and at risk from radon gas.

For more information visit www.hudsonvalleyradon.com or contact Michael at michael@gigrp.com or call 845-635-2552.

Michael Christophides is the Chief Inspector/Laboratory Director of Granite Inspection Group, a building inspection and environmental testing firm. Granite Inspection Group is a New York State Certified Environmental Testing Laboratory for environmental analysis of air emissions of radon in Dutchess County, according to the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH.) ELAP#11923 (Environmental Laboratory Approval Program)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Men's Bible Study offered at Hyde Park Baptist Church

The Hyde Park Baptist Church, at 10 Romans Road (off Route 9G) in Hyde Park holds Men's Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. All men are welcome. For more information, contact the church at (845) 229-9150 or email hpbcchurch@optonline.net.

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 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.

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.

DC Board of Health to meet Feb. 16

The Dutchess County Board of Health will be holding its regularly scheduled meeting on February

16, at 4 p.m. at the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health, 85 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 106, in the City of Poughkeepsie. One may participate via Microsoft Teams by calling 1-516-268-4602 and enter the Conference ID number: 263 004 685#.

Volunteers needed for amphibian migrations and road crossings

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.

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:

Feb. 16, 6-8:30 p.m. in Millbrook (snow date: Feb. 23); Feb. 18, 9:30 a.m.-Noon in Averill Park (snow date: Feb. 25). The virtual session is scheduled for Feb. 28, 5-6:30 p.m.

Visit <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/51925.html> to register and for details of the trainings

Ribbon-cutting ceremony at new barbershop in Hyde Park

On Saturday, Feb. 18, at 10 a.m., the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Beacon Barber Shop in Rock Ledge Plaza, Route 9G, Hyde Park. Refreshments will be served.

Stanford Grange to offer take-out Chicken & Dumplings Dinner

Stanford Grange #808 will serve a Chicken & Dumplings Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. All dinners are take out only at 5 p.m. The menu will consist of chicken & dumplings with vegetables, carrot slaw, French bread, and tomato soup spice cake

for dessert. Donation is \$17 per dinner. Drive to the back door of the Grange Hall, pay for your dinner, get your food through your car window, and take it home to enjoy. Call Stanford Grange Secretary Ryan Orton for reservations at (845) 868-7869.

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.

Zobel to speak at Rhinebeck Chamber meeting

The Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its next Business Meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 21, from 7:30 to 9 a.m., at the Pavilion at Brookmeade. Karen Zobel, CEO/Administrator of the Brookmeade Community, will provide details about new things happening at Brookmeade and how she is navigating the community through post-pandemic times.

Member tickets are \$20 per person; non-member tickets are \$25 per person. A buffet breakfast will be provided. Advance registration is required at <https://rhinebeckchamber.com/>.

Rhinebeck Garden Club sets monthly meeting

The Rhinebeck Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 10 a.m., at the Starr Library,

68 West Market St., Rhinebeck. Program: Black Gardeners in the Hudson Valley and Beyond, presented by Brenda Brockett. Refreshments served. Visitors welcomed. Every year, the Rhinebeck Garden Club puts together a series of meetings, field trips and events which are mostly open to the public. For information, call (914) 263-5298 or visit or <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064834505072>.

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 <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).

Upcoming events at Historic Red Hook

Author Talk: Mark Boonshoft, Aristocratic Education and the Making of the American Republic

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 7 p.m. on Zoom

Free program; register to receive a Zoom link at www.historicredhook.org/register.

Following the American Revolution, it was a cliché that the new republic's future depended on widespread, informed citizenship. Yet, it took decades before even Northern states created the common schools--accessible, elementary education--that seemed necessary to create such a citizenry. This talk explores the political debates particularly in New York State that led to the creation of public schools and, in turn, the racialized democracy that characterized the nineteenth-century United States.

Mark Boonshoft is Associate Professor at Virginia Military Institute. Boonshoft's publications include: Aristocratic Education and the Making of the American Republic (University of North Carolina Press, 2020), a finalist for the 2021 George Washington Book Prize; and "From Property to Education: Public Schooling, Race, and the Transformation of Suffrage in the Early National North" (Journal of the Early Republic), which received the 2022 History of Education Society Prize for the "most distinguished scholarly essay in educational history ... published in any journal over the previous two years."

Soup Night at the Elmendorph Inn
Saturday, Mar. 4. Seatings at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

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Join Historic Red Hook for a cozy winter evening enjoying a variety of homemade soups in the historic Elmendorph Inn. Space is limited, so guarantee your seat by reserving tickets in advance. Tickets are \$15/ a person online and will be \$20/ a person at the door. Tickets are \$10 for Children 10 and under.

Tickets include two mugs of soup along with salad, bread, and a non-alcoholic beverage.

Reserve a ticket at <https://www.historicredhook.org/upcoming-events/soup-night>. Or make a reservation by calling 845-546-9668 or emailing reserve@historicredhook.org.

Author Talk: Thomas Summerhill, Harvest of Dissent: Agrarianism in Nineteenth-Century New York

Wednesday, March 22, 7 p.m. on Zoom

Free program; register to receive a Zoom link at www.historicredhook.org/register.

Thomas Summerhill is a professor at Michigan State University. His book, Harvest of Dissent: Agrarianism in Nineteenth-Century New York, focuses on farmers' creative and radical organization, such as the Anti-Rent and Grange movements, in the face of social, political, and economic transformations of the 19th century.

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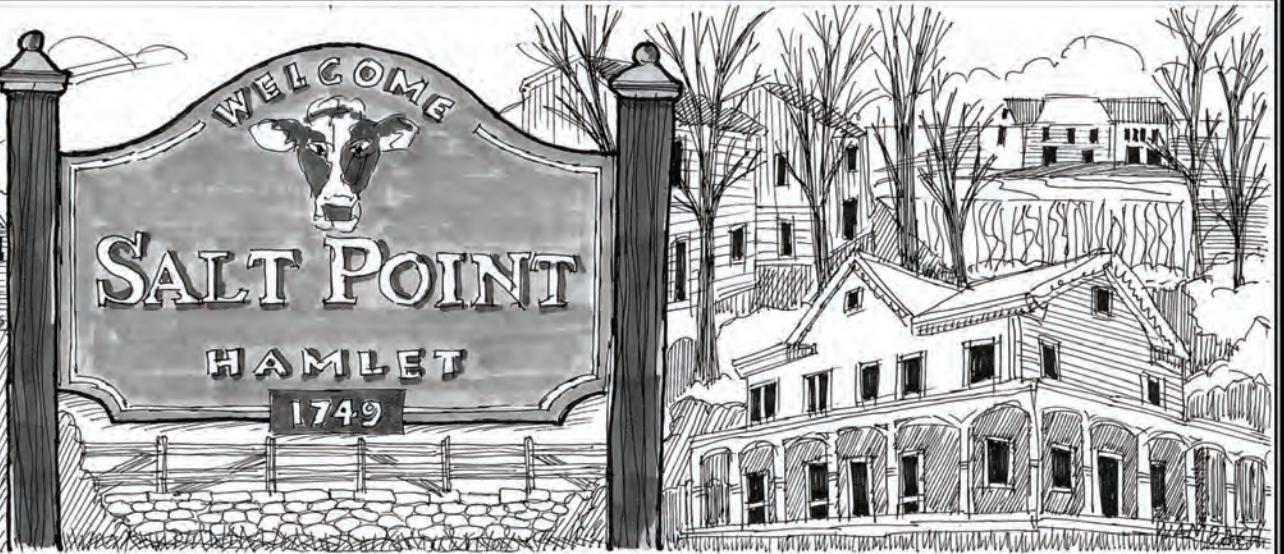
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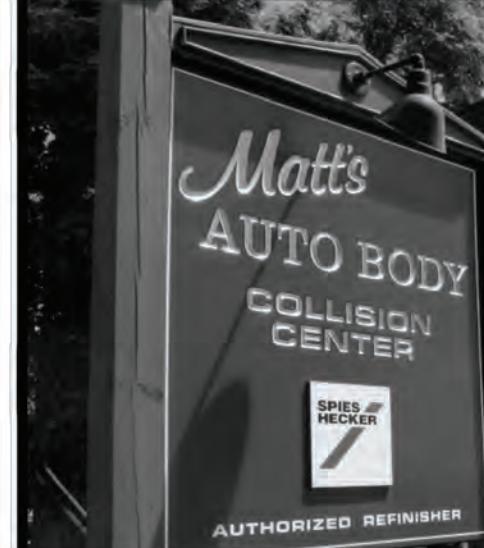


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Renegades announce 2023 community focus initiatives

The Hudson Valley Renegades have announced their 2023 Community Programming initiatives. The award-winning Renegades Community Program is launching four new, major programs for the 2023 season, in addition to the return of many programs from 2022.

The new programs – the Youth Field Betterment Program, the Education Program, the Community Star Award, and the Outstanding Student-Athlete Program – are centered on celebrating those who make a difference in our local communities and providing opportunities for kids throughout the Hudson Valley to enjoy baseball.

"We are really excited to be expanding the Renegades Community Program through these new initiatives in 2023," said Marcella Costello, Manager of Community Relations for the Renegades. "Our new programs expand our core mission to celebrate the achievements of outstanding individuals, and provide fun, educational, and athletic opportunities to children throughout the Hudson Valley."

The Renegades Community Program has touch points throughout the Mid-Hudson Valley, impacting and improving thousands of lives in the community. The myriad programs of the Renegades Community Program are a core pillar of fulfilling the Renegades mission statement of creating magical experiences that become life-long memories for our entire community.

• Youth Betterment - Each year for the next 10 years, the Renegades will award one (1) Little League organization with a refurbishment of a field used within their community for youth baseball. Each refurbishment will include one (1) makeover of a 46'60' or 50'70' Little League field.

• Education Program - The Renegades have partnered with Heritage Financial Credit Union to design and Education

Programming promoting core values such as honesty, integrity and teamwork through baseball. The Education Program is designed for elementary students in grades K-6. In 2023, representatives from the Renegades and HFCU will visit three (3) local elementary schools, sharing their experiences in professional baseball while stressing the importance of teamwork and financial literacy. Lessons will be tailored to grade level and classroom environment.

- Student-Athlete Award - The Renegades Outstanding Student-Athlete program is designed to honor and reward the outstanding individuals at our local schools throughout the Hudson Valley. Twenty-four (24) deserving student-athletes across the Hudson Valley will be recognized throughout the 2023 season, with 12 being honored on each of two selected dates (one in May and one in July) during the season in a special pre-game ceremony.

- Community Star - Each month, the Renegades will recognize a community member who has gone above and beyond to give back to their community. A total of six (6) community members will be recognized throughout the 2023 season.

- Community Nights - Non-profit organizations have the opportunity to set up an information table at Dutchess Stadium during one of three selected home games. The table can be utilized to distribute marketing materials and increase community awareness.

- We Care Wednesday - One of the most popular new initiatives in 2022, We Care Wednesday presented by WMCHealth returns for a second season in 2023. A total of 10 non-profit organizations will be highlighted throughout the season on Wednesday home games. Selected organizations receive unique opportunities to partner with the Hudson Valley Renegades and share their

message.

- Helping Hudson Valley - This program is designed to provide local non-profit organizations with resources that they may not have access to. The Renegades will be hosting five (5) collection drives for various items during Renegades home games throughout the season.

- Veteran of the Game - turning for 2023, the award-winning Veteran of the Game program presented by AARP New York has been expanded to a full-season initiative this year. During each home game throughout the year, the Renegades will take time to honor a local veteran and salute them for their service. Each veteran will be acknowledged for their service to our country, and will be presented with a special Hudson Valley Veterans jersey.

- HOPE Week - The HOPE (Helping Others Persevere & Excel) Week initiative is rooted in the idea that fundamental acts of goodwill provide hope and encouragement to more than just the recipient of the gesture.

- Fans Give Back - Thanks to the generosity of local businesses and fans, several tickets will be donated to non-profits for the Renegades home game on Sunday, August 13, 2023.

- Concessions Fundraising - Pro Sports Catering (PSC), the concessionaire at Dutchess Stadium is looking for enthusiastic and dedicated organizations wanting to help enhance the guest experience in our Concessions Department while also generating revenue to support their cause. This is a great way to fundraise and have fun at the same time!

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE IS LIVE

The first nationwide three-digit mental health crisis hotline is up and running. It is designed to be as easy to remember as 911, but when you dial 988, a dispatcher will connect callers with trained mental health counselors.

Dialing 988:

- Is a direct connection to compassionate, accessible support for anyone experiencing mental health related distress.
- Provides support: People may dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.
- Help for VETERANS: Veterans can press "1" after dialing 988 and be connected directly to the Veterans Crisis Lifeline.

Northwell Health veteran Browning appointed new president of VBMC

Nuvance Health has appointed Susan L. Browning as the new President of Vassar Brothers Medical Center.

Browning replaces Peter Kelly, who recently retired from his position after a more-than-40-year career in healthcare. Browning is an accomplished executive with diverse experience in hospital and health system strategic development and operations, ambulatory network organization, and physician and community partnerships. She joins Nuvance Health from Northwell Health where she served as Senior Vice President of Ambulatory Strategy and Business Development. Before that, she was Executive Director of Long Island Jewish Forest Hills Hospital.

"We are thrilled to have Susan join our team," said Michelle Robertson, Chief Operating Officer of Nuvance Health. "She has a strong track record of leadership and a deep commitment to delivering high-quality patient care, and we believe she is the perfect fit to lead Vassar Brothers Medical Center into the future."

In her role as President of Vassar Brothers Medical Center, Browning will be responsible for overseeing all aspects of the operations, including financial performance, patient satisfaction and quality of care. She will work closely with the talented team of healthcare professionals to ensure Vassar Brothers Medical Center continues to be a leader in healthcare in the Hudson Valley.

Browning will also serve as Western Regional President for Nuvance Health. As the lead executive in the New York region of Nuvance Health, she will have operational oversight of Northern Dutchess Hospital in Rhinebeck, led by President Denise George, and Putnam Hospital in Carmel, NY, led by President Dr. Mark Hirko.



Susan L. Browning

"I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as the President of Vassar Brothers Medical Center," Browning said. "I am committed to building upon the strong foundation and working with the team to provide the highest level of care to our patients. I also look forward to working with all of our Nuvance Health colleagues as we strive for excellence in these challenging times."

Browning was with Northwell Health for more than 24 years and previously served in senior leadership roles at Staten Island University Hospital, the Health System's clinical service lines, Northwell's ambulatory services, and the health system's corporate operations. Prior to Northwell Health, Susan was a Vice President for Administration at New York Presbyterian-Brooklyn Methodist Hospital, where she led hospital operations and support services, as well as strategic ambulatory care development and outpatient operations.

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Rachel Johnson named interim director at Center for Prevention of Child Abuse

Rachel Johnson, who has 20 years of nonprofit experience, has been appointed as Interim Executive Director for the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse (CPCA). Johnson, previously Director of Development of the CPCA, replaces Kimberly Haight who resigned effective February 6.

"The board is pleased to have Rachel accept the role of interim executive director," said Eben Yager, Board Chair for the CPCA. "Rachel is a mission-driven leader who has already proven her skillset. She has a deep understanding of the needs of the organization and the staff who work tirelessly to support the most vulnerable children in our community."

Johnson joined The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse in June 2020. Prior to her tenure at the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, she served as Vice President of Resource Development at the United Way of Dutchess-Orange Region and has also served as the Advancement Officer of Annual Giving at the Culinary Institute of America.

"My focus has always been on the well-being of the children and families we serve," stated Johnson. "My goal as Interim Executive Director is to strengthen our relationships with community partners and continue collaborating with them so that we may provide the best



Rachel Johnson

quality prevention and support services to our community."

The Board of Directors has started an extensive search process to find the right next executive director, a leader who is community-minded, passionate about the safety of children, and has the skills and experience to fulfill the role.

Beale chosen as grand marshal for 2023 Dutchess County St. Patrick's Day Parade March 4

The Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade Committee proudly announces that William Holohan Beale has been chosen as Grand Marshal of the 2023 Parade. This outstanding individual has always played an integral part in our treasured tradition. William Holohan Beale has been the parade's Master of Ceremonies for the past 25 years. He skillfully announces all the participants from his perch atop the Grand Stand.

This year he will have a different perspective. He will march front and center leading the marchers up main street. The date is Saturday- March 4.

Bill is currently the Director of Emergency Management for Dutchess County. He also is Co-Host, Writer, and Producer of The Woodman in the Morning Show on K104.7 FM.

Beale has served our community as

Deputy Supervisor, and Councilman for the town of Wappinger. He is the past President and Chief of the Hughsonville Fire Department and has 30+ years in as an active firefighter. He is founder, President & CEO of Beale Productions, LLC.

He is a graduate of Marist with a Bachelor of Science and Masters in Public Administration. He is married to his beautiful wife Erin and is the proud father of four-year-old Liam and one-year-old Sean. The Holohan and Beale families who have been huge supporters of this event.

The fundraising for the parade has begun. Personal ads, business ads, as well as memorial ads can be purchased for placement in the commemorative journal. For general information or to purchase an ad, contact Gene Noone 914-469-6661.

Sheriff's Office reports drowning in North East as teen falls through ice

The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office reports the investigation into a drowning, which occurred in a body of water on the Taconic State Park in the Town of North East at approximately 2:50 p.m. on Feb. 10.

Deputies responded to Shagroy Road in North East for a report of someone who had fallen through the ice. Upon arrival it was learned that two teenagers had walked 20-30 feet out onto the ice when it broke, sending both into the water. One of the subjects was able to get out of the water and call 911, however the second one was unable to get out.

Upon the arrival of DIVE Team and rescue personnel from numerous agencies the second subject was recovered and transported to Sharon Hospital in Connecticut, where he was later pronounced dead. At this time the identities of the two subjects are being withheld.

The Sheriff's Office would like to remind everyone to always use extreme caution when walking onto ice, especially during periods of fluctuating temperatures. The Sheriff's Office

strongly urges people to never walk or skate on ice until you have determined that it is 100 percent safe to do so AND there's someone monitoring you from land that can get help if needed, and never ignore signs that warn people to stay off the ice. Many times the ice may appear to be safe but isn't, and needless tragedies can result if it breaks.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by members from numerous agencies, from both New York State and Connecticut. This includes members of the Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response, New York State Police, New York State Parks Police, New York State Parks, and numerous fire departments from Dutchess County, Columbia County, and Connecticut. In addition DIVE Teams from the Sheriff's Office and Goshen CT Fire Department responded, as well as the Sheriff's Office's Patrol Bureau, Marine Patrol, Unmanned Aerial Systems Unit (drones), and Detective Bureau.

Hudson Valley CA\$H Coalition, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide to provide free tax-preparation services

Hudson Valley residents who need help with a tax return, free tax preparation is available from AARP Foundation Tax-Aide's IRS trained and certified volunteers through the Hudson Valley CA\$H Coalition.

Last year, 4,218 residents of Dutchess, Orange, and Putnam Counties received help preparing and filing their taxes. This year with volunteers both tenured and new, they hope to assist close to 8,000 individuals, seniors, and families file their tax returns.

To receive help, call 2-1-1 to schedule an appointment through United Way's Hudson Valley Region 2-1-1 Helpline (or by dialing 1-800-899-1479) from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. A call specialist will review eligibility, make an appointment, and provide directions to the appropriate tax site.

This free tax preparation service is provided to all those who are eligible thanks to AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, Hudson Valley CA\$H Coalition members, United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region, Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County and many other community partners.

"Last year, \$5.4 million was returned in the form of tax credits and refunds to people who need it most in our community," noted Jeannie Montano, President and CEO of United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region. "Part of the mission of United Way is fighting for the financial stability of every person in our community. We hope that individuals, families, and seniors will take advantage of this free help and call 2-1-1 to schedule an appointment." "We know that people in our community are working diligently, but finding it hard to survive," Montano explained. "Many of these are the people

identified in United Way of New York's ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) Report. They're our friends. They're the people who greet us with a smile and help us every day at restaurants, day care centers, dental clinics, and offices.

"The refunds and EITC that they receive thanks to the AARP Tax-Aide volunteer tax-preparers truly make the difference in their very day-to-day survival, and help pay rent, medical bills, buy food and fulfill other basic needs. We proudly support the Hudson Valley CA\$H Coalition and its partner organizations with grants from the United Way Community Fund, as well as support from KeyBank and IBM Corporation. This program is a great example of how we can all come together to help Mid-Hudson Valley residents gain financial stability, a cornerstone of our mission."

The more than 30 tax preparation locations are conveniently located throughout Dutchess, Orange, and Putnam Counties and will be staffed by AARP Tax-Aide volunteers, six days-a-week, including evenings and weekends from February 1st through April 14. Assistance will be available for the hearing-impaired.

The tax service is open to area residents of all ages who meet eligibility guidelines. AARP membership is not required. In Dutchess County, there are 14 free AARP Foundation Tax-Aide sites located in: Beacon, Dover Plains, Fishkill, Hopewell Junction, Hyde Park, Millerton, Pleasant Valley, Poughkeepsie, and Wappinger Falls.

For additional information about the Hudson Valley CA\$H Coalition, including volunteer opportunities, go to www.hv-cash.org or www.uwdor.org/hv-cash.



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Teen is ‘solving problems, one stitch at a time’

by Kristine Coulter

Gabriella Rado is a teen and the founder of the nonprofit Sew Kind. It was during 2020, when the 16-year-old student at John F. Preparatory School in Westchester County began sewing masks for healthcare workers, frontline workers, seniors and the medically compromised as the COVID-19 pandemic was raging across the world. During that time, the Town of Beekman resident made nearly a thousand masks to donate and give away.

Gabriella explained that her mother, Jeanine Agnolet-Rado, suggested “I sew for charity and make it official, so I created Sew Kind this past fall.”

Gabriella stated, “I love the name Sew Kind, and I think it’s pretty clear to people that our mission is to show kindness by sewing items that not only bring people joy and let them know we care but hopefully by making their lives a little bit easier with a clever design.”

The nonprofit’s tagline is: “Solving Problems, One Stitch at a Time.”

Agnolet-Rado said, “Gabriella has always helped people--hemming pants for an elderly neighbor or mending something for someone who couldn’t afford to replace a piece of clothing--but she always refused to accept money. My daughter is very kind, which is how we came up with the name.”

As the need for masks diminished, Gabriella decided to concentrate on sewing items that would make people happy. That is how Sew Kind was formed.

Sew Kind had donated fleece blankets to patients undergoing chemotherapy at Hudson Valley Cancer Center last week, said Agnolet-Rado. According to Gabriella and her mother, infusion centers are typically kept cool, and the chemotherapy that patients receive is colder than their body temperature, so they get chilly. Cozy blankets came with a ribbon attached. This way each patient can tie them up easily and bring them back for return visits.

Gabriella said, “People are so thrilled when you give them something you’ve sewn with all your heart...it’s really

special to them, and it makes me feel great, as well.”

Sew Kind has another mission – to teach.

“Sewing is really a lost art, and many people think that young people of our generation have no interest, but I don’t believe that’s true. I think many children would love to learn to sew but don’t have the opportunity. They either don’t have someone in their family to teach them or have the money to take lessons,” Gabriella stated.

Gabriella will be holding sewing classes.

“I am looking forward to beginning teaching next month at the Boys and Girls Club in Newburgh. Lessons will be weekly on Saturdays,” she explained.

The teen, who will be applying to colleges next fall, has an interest in pursuing a career in possibly engineering and law.

“I never realized how much engineering goes into sewing. When people think of engineering, they tend to think of bridges and roadways, high-end cars and smartphones, but the reality is that sewing requires a similar thought process. You have to figure out how to solve a problem, come up with a design and a concept, and then build it. The only difference is you’re dealing with fabric. Learning how to sew could really spark an interest in engineering for many children--as it did for me. Girls, in particular, are typically not groomed to think in this way,” said Gabriella.

“Kindness is contagious, as they say, and it would be wonderful if, someday, Sew Kind could spread to other communities... but there’s only one Gabriella, so she’ll need to recruit other sewers to join her,” said Agnolet-Rado

Sew Kind is looking to recruit veteran, experienced sewers to join the effort and step in to host classes on occasion. Sew Kind accepts monetary donations as well as donations of materials and “like new” machines.

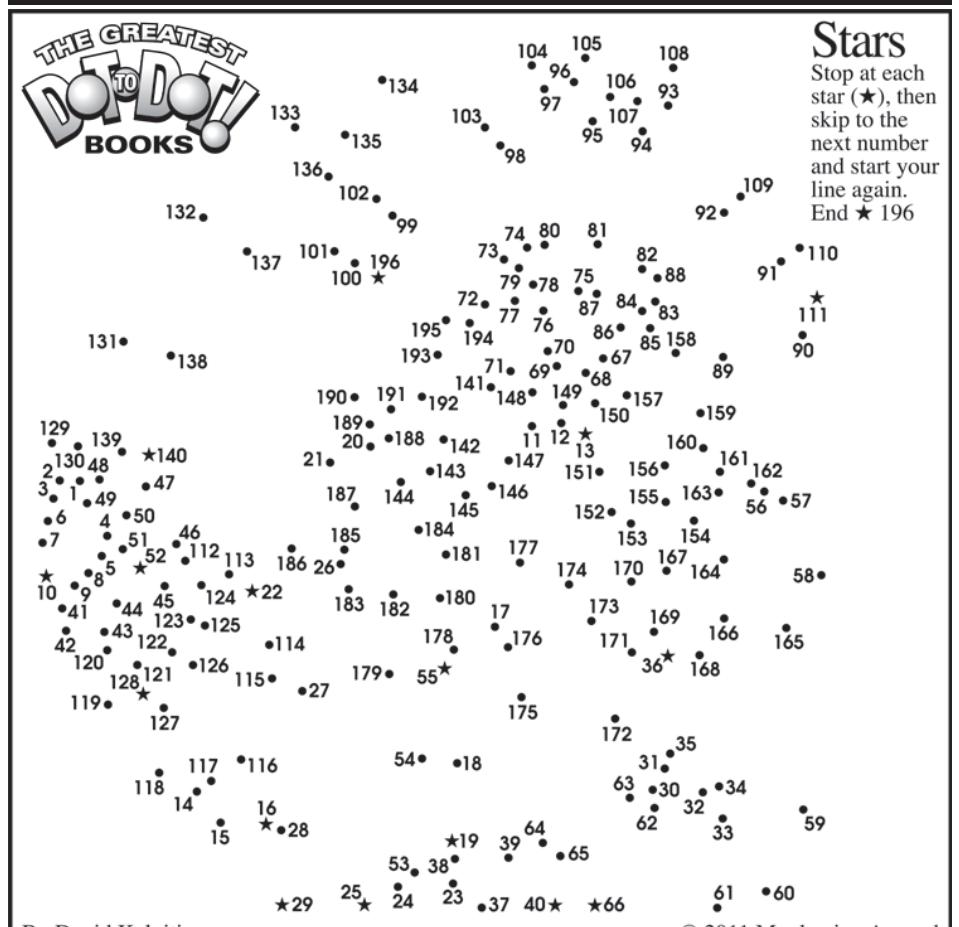
Anyone interested in learning more about Sew Kind, about how to help or donate, can visit SewKind.org. One may follow Sew Kind on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/SewKindNY/).



Gabriella Rado, 16, donated blankets to patients at an infusion center recently. Gabriella is the founder of the nonprofit Sew Kind. Courtesy photos

DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

See page 17 for finished puzzle (no peeking!)





The Wild Garden, Part Two

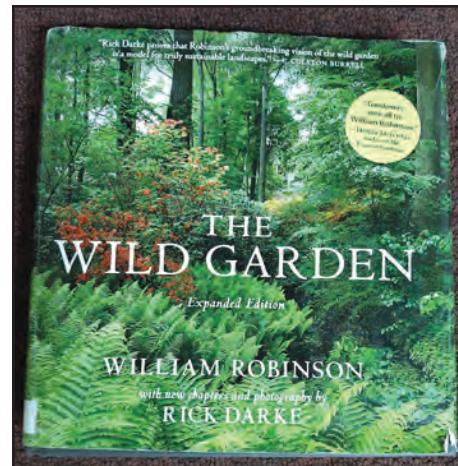
In praise of a more natural-looking garden

"The Wild Garden," William Robinson's broadside against the formal gardening traditions of mid-19th century England, resonates today as a blueprint for modern ecological gardening and landscaping design. While I was researching the Wild Garden Project under way at the Beatrix Farrand Garden at Bellefield, everyone I met, including horticulturist Karen Waltuch, was astonished that I had not read the book. (F.Y.I. I have read a few books over the years.) So I got a copy from the library and read it.

"The Wild Garden" was published in 1870 by then 35-year-old gardener William Robinson, who was already an expert in garden design, having traveled world wide, even to the American southwest, from his native Ireland. The gardening style of the day involved large formal flower beds, borders arranged in geometrical designs, and tender annuals that needed to be dug up and replanted every season. Robinson's system of "Wild Gardening" relied on hardy perennial flowers that would require minimal care, arranged in their natural settings. Think of daffodils naturalized to bloom at the edge of a woods in early spring. "My object in the Wild Garden," the author writes, "is to show how we may have more of the varied beauty of hardy flowers than the most ardent admirer of the old style of gardens (massive beds of annual flowers) ever dreams of, by naturalizing many beautiful plants of many regions of the earth in our fields, woods and outer parts of the pleasure grounds, and in neglected places in almost every kind of garden."

Note that Robinson was not restricting us to native wildflowers, or even wildflowers in general. In his chapter entitled "Hardy Exotic Flowering Plants for the Wild Garden" he lists alliums, cyclamen, yucca, even Japanese Knotweed! He also advocates for big, bold natives like goldenrod and joe pye weed, which are the opposite of bedding plants.

Hudson Valley gardeners will recall that Robinson's ideas were not totally novel — our own Andrew Jackson Downing, and before him Dr. Samuel Bard of Hyde Park, practiced the



romantic style of gardening as a reaction to neoclassical designs of the 18th century. You can still see a Downing landscape at Springside on Academy Street, Poughkeepsie.

Evidently, landscape gardener Beatrix Farrand was a Robinson devotee. She designed a wild garden at Bellefield, the home of State Senator Thomas Newbold, and the future home of the Beatrix Farrand Garden Association, on the grounds of the F.D. Roosevelt National Historic site in Hyde Park.

Farrand's "wild garden" was never built, until now. The Wild Garden Project at Bellefield is under way.

I'm sure William Robinson, Beatrix Farrand and maybe even Andrew Jackson Downing, would be proud.

Robinson's ideas still resonate today. A generation ago, huge beds of annual flowers, mainly impatiens and begonias, brightened (Robinson would have said "blighted") the campuses of corporate headquarters. Nowadays those displays have been replaced by gardens of native grasses and hardy perennials, saving labor and energy.

The edition of "The Wild Garden" I got from the library is a new expanded volume published in 2009 with extra chapters, photos and introductions by landscape designer Rick Darke.

It's a beautiful book. I'm returning it tomorrow.

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Written in the 19th century, "The Wild Garden" (above, left) serves as a blueprint for modern ecological gardening and landscaping design. Photo by Mark Adams. Above: The author, William Robinson, would hate this formal planting of annual flowers. Photo by Sue Adams. Below: Pepsico headquarters today features a landscape big on native grasses. Photo by Sue Adams



FDR LIBRARY SETS PRESIDENTS DAY WEEKEND PROGRAMS

The FDR Presidential Library & Museum in Hyde Park will present Presidents Day Weekend Programs on Feb. 18-19.

Saturday, Feb. 18, at 1 p.m. will feature "Dinner with the President" with Alex Prud'homme in the Wallace Center Auditorium.

Some of the most significant moments in American history have occurred over meals. Author and journalist Alex Prud'homme invites readers into the White House kitchen to reveal the curious tastes of 26 American presidents. This is a free public event (local health metrics permitting), but registration is required. Register at www.fdrlibrary.org to attend in person. The program will also be live-streamed on the site's YouTube, Twitter and Facebook pages.

Following the talk, from 2 to 4 p.m., visitors can view a selection of presidential autographs from the Roosevelt Library archives in the Museum's research room -- many from FDR's personal collection -- on display only once a year. Registration is not required for document show.

On Sunday, Feb. 19, at 2 p.m., there will be an author presentation, "Day of Remembrance: The Eagles of Heart Mountain." In the spring of 1942, the United States government forced 120,000 Japanese Americans from their homes and sent them to incarceration camps across the West. Author Bradford Pearson tells the story of how one camp's high school football team, the Eagles, started its first season and finished it undefeated, crushing the competition from nearby, predominantly white high schools.

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Poughkeepsie native celebrates 30 years in entertainment industry

by Kristine Coulter

Derek Wilson's mother, Anna Wilson, was an educator in the City of Poughkeepsie School District at Warring Elementary School, when he tagged along with her and saw a Broadway-style production of "The Wiz" at The Bardavon in Poughkeepsie. That is when, Derek, a junior high school student at the time, knew it was a career in the entertainment industry that he desired for his future.

That is exactly what Wilson, who grew up in Poughkeepsie, has had for three decades. He has worked with some of the industry's heavyweights, Cher, Sade, Usher, Janet Jackson and Beyoncé. Wilson has also worked with Mariah Carey and the late Prince and Luther Vandross.

Wilson recently wrapped up a European and American tour with Twenty One Pilots. He also completed a gig with the Jon Batiste American Symphony Orchestra at Carnegie Hall in Manhattan, and the Whitney Houston Foundation Legacy Ball.

Houston touched Wilson's life. He worked with the late singer and actress for more than 10 years at her Nippy Inc. Production Company. The iconic singer died in February 2012.

Wilson told of how he traveled the globe with his boss. "Outside of being a constant bright light and support to her team, Whitney and her team were huge on family, making sure that while touring the world, people stayed connected to their families," Wilson remarked.

Wilson said of Houston, "What was outstanding was that she was just an awesome person to work for." He said Houston cared people who worked for her organization and their families.

Wilson told Southern Dutchess News Group recently that growing up one of the places that influenced him was the

Vincitore's Hudson Valley Piano Center. Ms. Vincintore, the store's owner, was a mentor, said Derek, who allowed him to come to her store after school to learn.

The Bardavon in Poughkeepsie would influence him. He became part of its Youth Production Stage Company.

During his youth, he wrote "Down At The Corner Park" and "Movin On Up." Wilson told of directing both of his plays, which starred his peers.

Wilson, at the age of 15, would further his career by interning at the New Day Repertory as an assistant stage manager for Rodney Douglas. It was for the play "A Raisin in the Sun" written by Lorraine Hansberry that starred with former "All My Children" star Minnie Gentry.

Howard University accepted Wilson, where he wrote for the college's paper. Wilson took a break from college, he told of being invited by Newburgh resident Billie McClearn to produce a play "Mama's Dream."

During this time Wilson would meet actress, and future veterinarian, Danielle Spencer. Dr. Spencer Fields portrayed "Dee" in the 1970s show "What's Happening."

Wilson's play was picked up by a Los Angeles production. He moved to California to pursue his career in the entertainment industry. Miller London accepted Wilson as an intern at Motown Records, said Wilson.

Los Angeles was not easy, he said. But when he became a page for "What's Happening Now," he was reunited with his friend Dr. Spencer Fields.

Wilson would become a publicist.

Wilson was hired by Vonny Hilton-Sweeney as an intern for James Brown. He then became Director of Promotions for James Brown West Operations. Wilson co-wrote, cast, and coordinated production for James Brown's video "How Long."

"He was so helpful. And some of the



Derek Wilson, who spent part of his youth in Dutchess County, is celebrating 30 years in the entertainment industry. Courtesy photo

practices I learned from him, I took into the entertainment industry," Wilson said about Brown.

Deanna Brown Thomas, a daughter of James Brown and president of The James Brown Family Foundation, Inc., said via email: "Mr. Derek Wilson is the hardest working man I know next to my daddy. His expertise and commitment to whatever he does is TOP TIER. He worked for my dad in his offices at The New James Brown Enterprises for many years assisting in various projects. He is now on the Board of Directors for The James Brown Family Foundation. He continues to be a very significant part of our team."

Brown Thomas added: "He is a ser-

vant from God giving of his talents to help youth learn music, entertainment business, leading in productions to further their education. He inspires so many to learn and expand their talents all over the world. The most beautiful part about Mr. Wilson is his love for God and how that is evident in all his work. Our foundation is very thankful and blessed to have Mr. Wilson.

"My father used to call him "Plastic Man" because he was everywhere, doing everything all at once. He even amazed my father, James Brown. Thank you, Derek, for being in divine order. The James Brown Family loves you immensely! Soul Power!"

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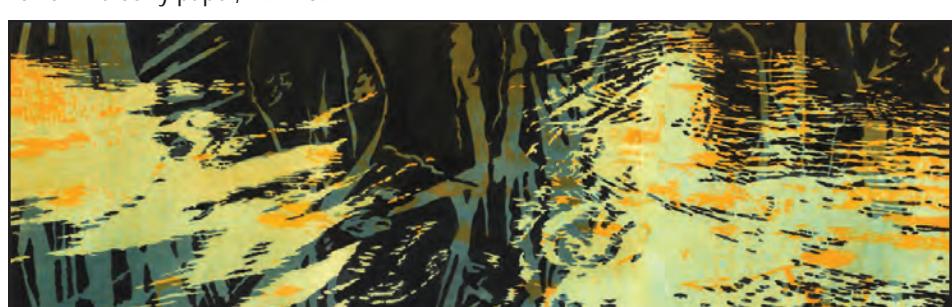
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EXHIBITIONS

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

Kleinert/James Center for the Arts, 36 Tinker St., Woodstock. **Through Feb. 26:** Woodstock Byrdcliffe Guild presents "One on One: A Survey of Contemporary Monotypes & Monoprints," a group show dedicated to the art of singular printmaking. (845) 679-2079 or www.woodstockguild.org

Pictured: "Against the Grain #85" by Catherine Kernan, woodcut monoprint with viscosity roll on mulberry paper, 19" x 59"



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

Olive Free Library Association, 4033 Rte. 28A, West Shokan. **Through-March 4:** "I Dreamed a Garden," showcasing the works of the 15 member artists of LongReach Arts, a Hudson River Valley artist cooperative. **Artists' meet & greet:** Sat., March 4, 2:30-4 p.m. (845) 657-2482 or olivefreelibrary.org

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Sweet humble pie

A time to reflect and readjust...

Maybe it's because it happens to us gradually but, for me at least, it's hard to believe I'm not twenty anymore. No matter that a lot has happened since I could truthfully be called a kid, there are still plenty of times when, if only for a moment, I don't feel like the oldest person in the room and, in fact, far from it. But then something happens and I'm thrown into the reality that this "twenty-year-old" will be turning 60 before too long.

So life happens and time goes by and before you know it you're a person you wouldn't recognize if glimpsed in a mirror because you still have an image of who you used to be. Blink and a much clearer image emerges, one that carries with it the realization that age and life catch up and no matter how young you act or feel, time has changed you and you just have to accept it.

Honestly these realizations aren't bothering me. Of course I wouldn't mind having the body and face I had forty years ago but I'd hardly give up what I've learned or experienced since then. The good and the bad have made me who I am and who I am is someone who has largely learned it's OK to let go and forgive myself, that the choice to be comfortable can be just as beautiful (maybe more so) as obsessing over appearance, that I can be accepting of the skin I'm in even though gravity hasn't done it any favors. At least I would be OK if other aspects of me weren't as bad as they've become. And that, my friends, is why I'm writing this. Not to muse about the joys of growing older, not for sympathy or to make excuses but rather to heal, make up for how lost I've become and maybe help someone else in the process.

The last several years have presented challenges that I've recently realized have taken a heavy toll. Things I thought I was handling pretty well, it turns out, weren't really handled at all. Serious, years' long depression has wreaked havoc on my body, mind and soul, altering my ability to reason and think and make decisions and sometimes even function.

No matter what it stemmed from, the realization of all this manifested when it was pointed out that my work and relationships were being negatively affected and I was forced to face the fact that I wasn't a person I recognized or liked. Gone was the good friend and devoted daughter, the organized planner and creative spirit. Gone was the joy and passion, replaced by ennui, a lackluster attitude and inability to accomplish things. And although this is an ongoing challenge that's far from over, there's finally light at the end of the tunnel. Change is coming and change is good.

My last article was yet another illustration of this. A kind and lovely reader of this column reached out to ask some very necessary questions due to my lack of clarity. In short, the article and subsequent recipe were poorly written (my words, not hers). All of her points were not just valid but eye-opening. I had written a confusing recipe that left her baffled and, although it was upsetting to know I had dropped the ball, I greatly appreciate her taking the time to call me out, which she did kindly and perfectly. (If any of you want a better version of the candied bacon recipe I'm happy to get on that. Otherwise we can just move on and chalk

it up to what not to do.)

They say bad things come in threes and at the time I wrote that article that rule of three was in full swing. I was overwhelmed by events I couldn't change but, once again, thought I had a handle on. Maybe I could be forgiven for any stubbornness on my part to continue on as if things were just peachy. Maybe my state of mind is just making all of this more dramatic than it is. Maybe none of you even noticed. But I did and am working hard to fix it. Thanks to being shown I need to do better, I'm taking steps that have clarity coming back and I'm beginning to feel more like me. I have a ways

to go before I can even get close to my best self, and I may never get there or it may already have passed, but I'm optimistic that I'm finally on a good path and the long road is looking shorter, sunnier and less rocky every day.

And, no, one badly written article didn't make this happen. It's been coming for a while and the daily struggle was compounded by the pressures society sometimes infers that we need to keep going, no excuses, get it done. People rely on you. It doesn't help. So you keep going and think you're doing OK, not exceeding but meeting expectations. Until you aren't. Until you can't. Before

you know it you're overwhelmed. For years I was existing not living. How could that not effect things around me? Knowing it was wasn't enough. It's taken many things over the years to finally give me the strength to do what needs to be done. The response to the article was just one more on the long list.

If you have experience with depression you may feel, as I did, that knowing you are truly blessed and fortunate is bittersweet. How could I be depressed when I have so much? I have a steady job, amazing friends and a wonderful family, including both of my parents, something

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Feb. 17: "The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks," Ulster County Performing Arts Center (UPAC), 601 Broadway, Kingston. Woodstock Film Festival presents a special screening of a groundbreaking documentary on one of the major civil rights champions of our time, 7 p.m. Acclaimed director Yoruba Richen will participate in an in-person Q&A following the screening. Free. RSVP required. <https://woodstockfilmfestival.org/>

Feb. 17-19, 24-26: "The Lady and the Clarinet," Theater at the Copake Grange, at 628 Empire Rd., Copake. Play by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Michael Cristofer us an exploration of aspects of love from a tantalizingly abstract perspective. Cristofer doesn't provide any easy answers concerning questions of the heart, but instead demonstrates love's ability to manipulate human behavior. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$20 adults, \$15 students/seniors. Masks recommended. www.TheTwoOfUsProductions.org or (518) -329-6293

Feb. 17-18, Feb. 25, March 25-26: Murder Cafe presents "A Recipe to Die For," various venues. Interactive dinner-theater murder-mystery: Four celebrity bakers, Phyllo La Grasso, Gioia Del

Monte, Becky Bay and Guy Fury, will compete for the position of Pastry Chef at your restaurant. Each will be asked to prepare an original Valentine's Day dessert recipe, and each new concoction will be tasted and rated. On hand to oversee the bake-off will be Danny Glaze, the master of ceremonies, and celebrated food critic Francine Lydecker, who, along with several audience members, will act as judges. Murder is also on the menu and it will take a visit from local CSI investigators to determine whodunit and why. The schedule: Feb. 17: Le Chambord at Curry Estate, Hopewell Junction; Feb. 18: The Beekman Arms, Rhinebeck; Feb. 25: The Castle on the Delaware, Walton (Delaware County, N.Y.); March 25: The Eldred Preserve, Eldred (Sullivan County, N.Y.); March 26: Buttermilk Falls and Spa, Milton (Ulster County, N.Y.). www.murdercafe.net

Feb. 18: The Great Jell-O Jamboree, Fuller Building, 45 Pine Grove Ave., Kingston. D.R.A.W. (Department of Regional Art Workers) hosts their inaugural fundraising party, 5-8 p.m., to support D.R.A.W. art classes for all ages and the PUGG Youth Workforce Training Program. Imagine a Jell-O sculpture competition, music, dancing, art, food, and lots and lots of wobbly community fun. This is an adult-centric event, but kids are welcome. drawkingston.org

Feb. 19: Day of Remembrance Event, Wallace Center, FDR Presidential Library & Museum, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. A conversation and book signing -- in observance of the anniversary of President Roosevelt's

signing of Executive Order 9066 -- with Bradford Pearson, author of "The Eagles Of Heart Mountain: A True Story of Football, Incarceration, and Resistance in World War II America," 2 p.m. The event is free and will be held in person (local health metrics permitting) and streamed live to the official FDR Library YouTube, Twitter and Facebook accounts. Visit www.fdrlibrary.org to register.

Feb. 19: Howland Chamber Music Circle Piano Festival presents Drew Petersen, Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., Beacon. Acclaimed young American pianist Drew Petersen, recipient of Lincoln Center's 2018 Avery Fisher Career Grant, makes his first appearance in the Howland Chamber Music Circle series. Petersen's program will include Schumann's Carnaval, Corigliano's Etude-Fantasy, and

Rachmaninoff's Sonata No. 2, 4 p.m. Tickets & more info at [http://www.howlandmusic.org/](http://www.howlandmusic.org)

Feb. 19: Local Produce Readers' Theatre presents "Her Rightful Place," The Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. Written by Joe Capone, "Her Rightful Place" is a play about Queen Elizabeth I's meeting with Pirate Queen, Grace O'Malley, and the First Baron Burghley, 3 p.m. Featuring Eileen Roehm, Peggy Price and Brian Keeler. Tickets \$5. (518) 771-3340 or www.thestissingcenter.org

Feb. 21: Sue Adams, "What Do Your Flowers Have to Say Today?" Poughkeepsie Senior Citizens Center, 14 Abe's Way, Poughkeepsie. Seminar with flower readings, noon. Must be 55 years + to attend.

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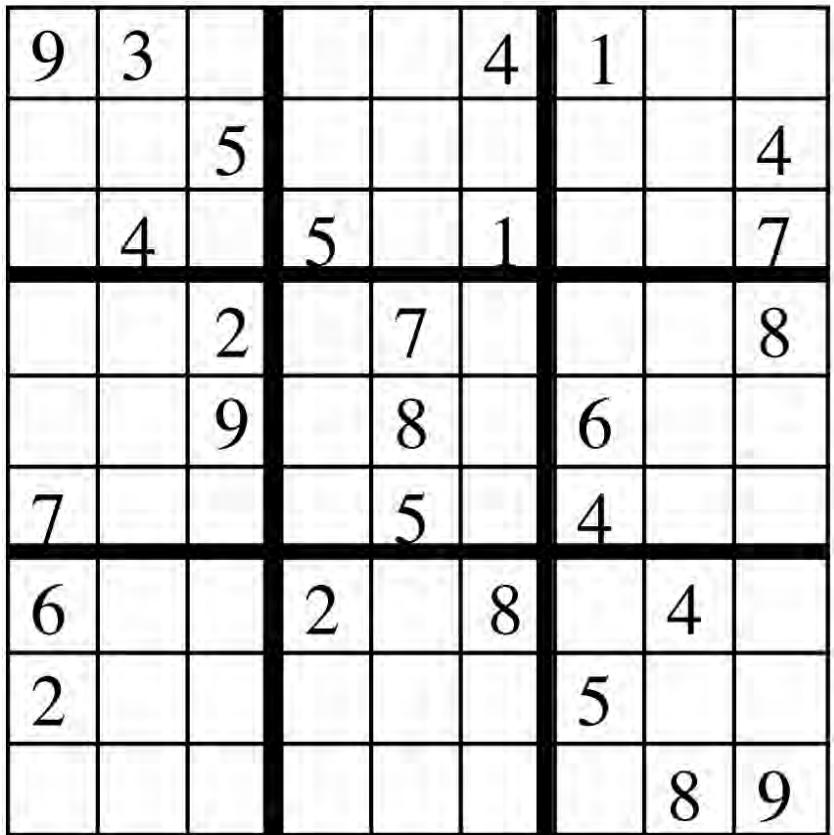
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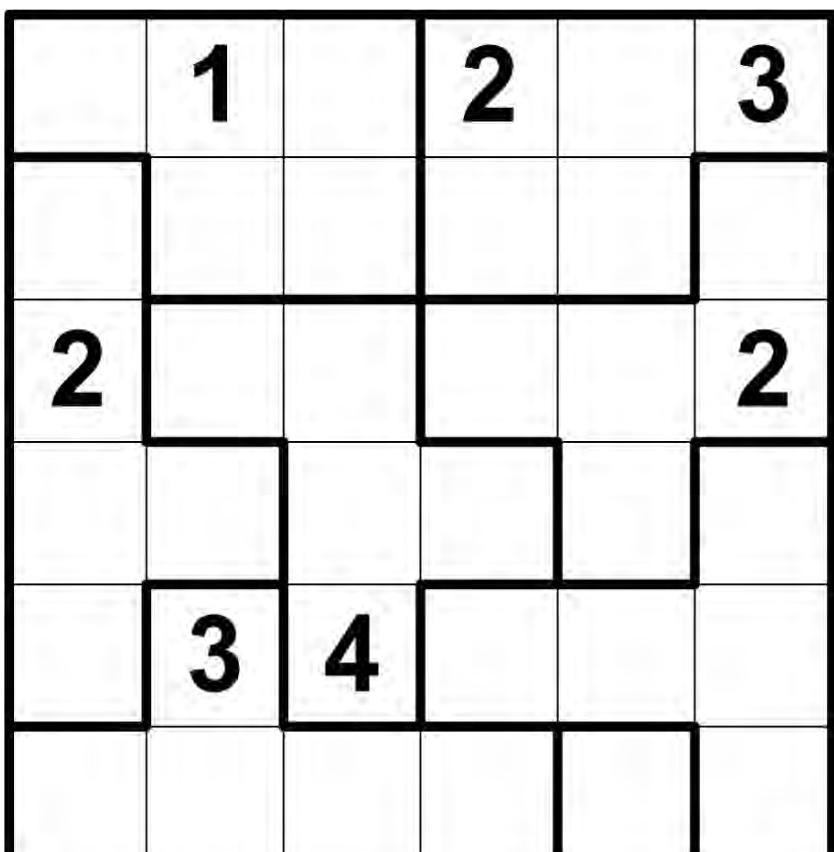
Diversions

SUDOKU

Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills. The object of the game is to fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers. Each row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Each column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Each 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.



Suguru



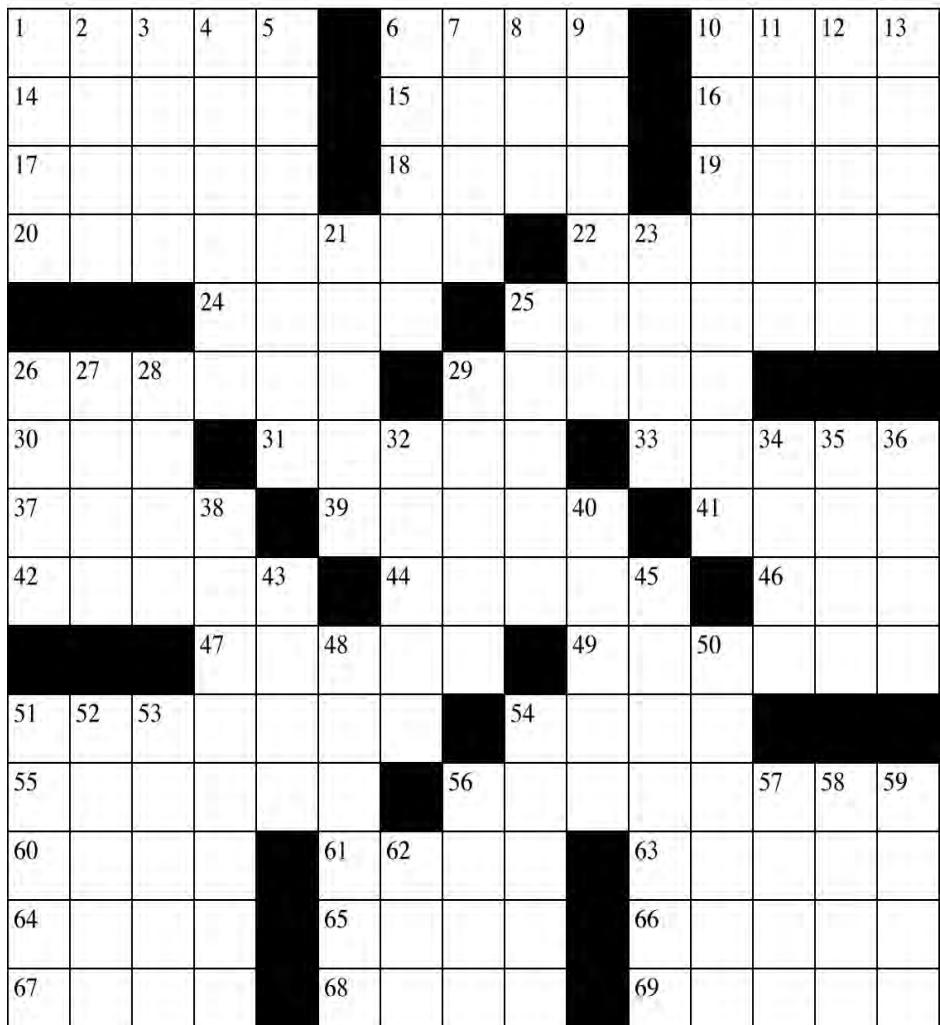
The heavy lines indicate areas, called cages, from one to five squares in size. Fill each cage with unique digits, counting up from 1. So for example a 2-square cage contains the numbers 1 and 2; and a 5-square cage contains the numbers from 1 to 5. Adjacent (touching) squares, even ones that touch diagonally,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

ACROSS

- Wild
- Prefix for type or graph
- Mary's charge
- Clay used for bricks
- Above
- "Now __ me down..."
- Coronet
- Close
- Wrongful act
- Outsider
- Juicy fruit
- Beloved
- Farmers' groups
- State
- Martini & __ wines
- Bird's sound
- Type of energy
- ho
- 1936 novel estate
- Fix firmly
- Murder
- Word with shoe or cheap
- "Si, __"; polite response
- Neck item
- Runs
- Repeated
- In love
- Asterisk
- Meal
- Burr and Hamilton
- TV journalist Sevareid
- Ooze
- Wall climbers
- Do a beautician's job
- Magazine title
- Lutelike instrument
- Summers on the Left Bank
- Level
- Chores

DOWN

- Domino
- Correct a manuscript
- Laugh heartily
- Rub away
- Dependent people
- Copy machine additive
- At all times
- Grassy field
- Slipups
- Prayerful recitations
- All __; from the beginning
- Bart Simpson's mom
- Computer units
- Swamp critter
- Complaint to a dermatologist
- Bridge expert
- __ like; pretends to be
- __ up; absorb
- Yellow-billed rail
- Is overly enthusiastic
- Shoppers' papers
- Singing voice
- Colorado ski resort
- Studied from afar
- Draws
- Rich cake
- Cupid's counterpart
- Dreamer's opposite
- Start
- Unimportant matters
- Alpine crest
- Earn
- Express one's views
- Great
- Take out text
- __ well with; is agreeable to
- Yellowish-brown wood
- Soviet divisions: abbr.
- Cotton gin inventor



The solutions to both the Sudoku & Crossword puzzles can be found on page 17

GOLDEN LIVING

Note: the Office for the Aging, OFA Friendship Centers, and Dutchess County Government are closed on the following holidays:

Monday, February 13th – Lincoln's Birthday (New York State legal holiday)

Monday, February 20th – Presidents Day (national holiday)

Clients of OFA's Home Delivered Meals program receive their meals in advance of the holiday.

YOUR INPUT NEEDED

The New York State Office for the Aging is conducting a Community Assessment Survey of Older Adults, to better understand the contributions that older adults make to their communities, as well as the needs they have and challenges they experience. Your feedback will help us be sure that OFA policies and programs align with Dutchess County and New York State residents' values.

You can find the survey here: www.polco.us/nyalbany23. It is intended to be taken by residents aged 60 and up and will only take a few minutes to complete.

This survey is conducted in partnership with Polco, an online civic engagement platform that enables residents to provide direct input to local government decision-making processes.

Once you have completed the survey, you will be asked to provide your ZIP

code to confirm where you live. This allows survey organizers to be sure of hearing from each person only once and to know which general area they live in. Responses will remain anonymous, with information securely stored on Polco. You will also have the option to provide an email address to Polco, which will only be used to let you know about future surveys from New York State or other public agencies that need your feedback.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact OFA at 845-486-2555 or email bjones@dutchessny.gov.

OFA 'MEDICARE 101' CLASSES FOR 2023

OFA "Medicare 101" classes are a great way for older adults to learn about the many aspects of Medicare and related programs. The classes are designed to help people interested in obtaining information on Medicare enrollment, Medicare

Advantage Plans, benefits, supplement choices, EPIC (Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage) and other prescription options, Medicaid and the Medicare Savings Programs and long term care payment choices. Classes are open to individuals who are newly eligible for Medicare, current Medicare beneficiaries, and those who want to learn more about the Medicare program.

In partnership with the Office at the Aging, the Pavilion at Brookmeade (34 Brookmeade Drive, Rhinebeck) hosts Medicare 101 classes on the fourth Monday of every month at 4 p.m.; the next class will take place on Feb. 27th.

OFA also hosts "Medicare 101" classes in the Community Room of the Poughkeepsie Galleria (2001 South Road, Poughkeepsie) on the third Wednesday of every month, starting at 10 a.m., with the exception of February and March classes, which are taking place on February 22nd and March 22nd respectively.

Additionally, there's a "Medicare 101" class taking place on Wednesday, March 15th, at the Boardman Road Branch Library in the Town of Poughkeepsie (141 Boardman Rd.)

Space is limited for all Medicare 101 classes; residents can reserve their space at either the Galleria or Brookmeade venues by calling 845-486-2555. To register yourself for the March 15th class at Boardman Road, call 845-485-3445.

NYSEG UTILITY ASSISTANCE WORKSHOP (Mon 2/27)

The Amenia Wassaic Community Organization (AWCO) and NYSEG are holding a Utility Assistance Workshop for NYSEG customers on Monday, February 27th at Amenia Town Hall at 5:30 pm.

Topics include but are not limited to: HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program), Electric and Gas Bill Relief Programs, Bill Assistance during hardship, energy saving tips and much more.

For more information, call 845-863-4862 or email [d Mollica@siloridge.com](mailto:dmollica@siloridge.com).

GET TO KNOW OFA AND "ELLI*Q" (Wed 3/8)

The Dutchess County Office for the Aging is holding a free demonstration and discussion of a new voice-operated smart technology companion for older adults, that goes by the name "ElliQ" (pronounced ELLY-Q). It's the first-ever proactive and empathetic care companion.

You can meet ElliQ on Wednesday, March 8th at 1 pm at the Lexington Club at Galleria (1964 South Rd (Route 9), Poughkeepsie. Space is limited to 50 participants, so please RSVP to 845-486-2555 if you can be there.

We're working to identify older adults who would most benefit from the technology.

ElliQ is designed with input from older adults, to foster independence and provide support through daily check-ins, assistance with wellness goals and physical activities, connection to family and friends, and more using voice commands

and/or on-screen instructions. The technology, which recently launched commercially after years of pilots and early production deployments, has shown unprecedented engagement levels with older adults. Users have an average of 20 daily interactions.

Watch a variety of ElliQ demonstrations here.

MARIST CENTER FOR LIFETIME STUDIES EVENT (Wed 3/8)

The Marist College Center for Lifetime Study is inviting the community to come to its open day information session on March 8 at the Locust Grove Estate on Route 9 in Poughkeepsie, from 10 am to noon. The event is open to adults, age 55 and above, who might be interested in CLS and its array of educational and social programs.

The Center for Lifetime Study is an organization that has served the adult community for 30 years. Its purpose is to allow seniors to maintain meaningful social and collegial experiences through lifetime learning, travel, and discussion. Course offerings range from science, arts, social sciences, and exploration of individual hobbies and experiences. These are taught by college faculty, as well as our own membership. OFA staff have also participated in course offerings.

CLS sponsors guided travel and trips to places of common interest and mark special events with social programs.

Refreshments will be served and opportunities for discussion about the program with prospective new members are scheduled. Admission is free, but reservations are required at least five days before the event by emailing mc.cls@marist.edu or calling 845-575-3902. More information at www.marist.edu/professional-programs/clc.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED IN THE RHINEBECK AREA

Do you sing, play an instrument, have an interesting hobby, occupation, or pet or have you taken trips and returned with slide show, photos, or memorabilia? If so, the Terraces at Brookmeade would enjoy having you share your talents and experiences with a great group of seniors in a beautiful environment. Please contact Donna at 845-876-2071, ext. 339 if you are interested or for further information.

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Love to Cook

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I'm painfully aware many do not have. I found it hard to cut myself any slack even though I knew I was far from fine. Others are far worse off so just deal with it. If it were anyone else I wouldn't feel that way at all – depression can happen to anyone and it's terrible and needs no justification. It isn't a matter of pride or a feeling of being above it or disbelief at not being able to live your life. It isn't weakness or something you could control. It knows no boundaries. It's a great and terrible equalizer.

Obviously I'm no psychologist. I'm not taking any of this lightly and neither should you. I'm not going to tell you to go eat a pan of brownies to make yourself feel better. I respect the sometimes crippling difficulty, understand how it feels to weep all day and feel worthless. It isn't easy to reach out for help, let alone go it alone, but DO get help. It's so worth it. You are worth it.

A heavy article this time, I know, but it felt necessary and I thank you for your time and indulgence. And although tears are coming as I close this, they're from a

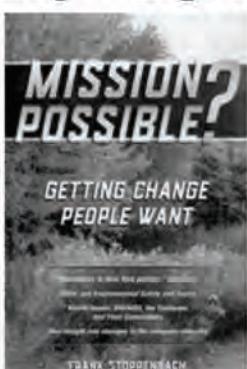
better, more hopeful place. I humbly apologize to my family, friends, coworkers, editors and readers for straying so far and thank you all for your patience and understanding. This will be a great year and I look forward to cooking, writing, rediscovering passion, loving – and living – my beautiful life and making the most of all I have. Humble pie isn't bad, especially when it makes you stronger and helps you find yourself along the way. And now that my glass is once again half full – cheers!

Vicki Frank Day is a graphic artist with more than two decades of experience in different aspects of the food service industry. She is the Content Marketing Specialist for Adams Fairacre Farms where she has worked for 25 years, with in-depth food research being an integral part of her marketing position. She believes that cooking is for everyone and should be a pleasurable journey, that food should be experienced, not merely eaten, and that special occasions can be an everyday celebration. E-mail her at vfrankday@adamsfarms.com.

How Dutchess, New York politics works (and doesn't work) – From actual races, court cases. And some drama.

Challenges (and some successes) getting change (GMOs, toxics, health issues ...).

April 2020 view of pandemic looks pretty insightful now.



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Aziz Ullah, Lisa Gromoll take on elevated roles at Ulster Savings Bank



Aziz Ullah



Lisa M. Gromoll

Ulster Savings Bank has announced the promotions of two team members: Aziz Ullah and Lisa M. Gromoll. Each of the employees have been recognized for their outstanding achievements.

Aziz Ullah, an employee of Ulster Savings Bank since 2018, has been promoted to Assistant Vice President of Commercial Lending at the Kingston headquarters.

Mr. Ullah, a Kingston resident, will assist existing and new clients with commercial mortgages, construction loans, term loans and lines of credit. He will also provide them with other financial services to support their businesses.

He holds a BS in Business from SUNY New Paltz and volunteers in various community events throughout the year.

Lisa M. Gromoll, who joined Ulster Savings Bank in 1990, has been named Assistant Vice President of Accounting at the bank's Kingston headquarters. In her new role, Ms. Gromoll will have oversight of the daily accounting operations. She will ensure the accuracy of financial data and the integrity of the financial reporting for the bank.

A Tillson resident, Lisa volunteers in various bank community events throughout the year.

"We're pleased to announce the promotions of Aziz and Lisa," said Ulster Savings Bank CEO Bill Calderara. "Both have demonstrated a passion for hard work along with making their communities better – both values of utmost importance to us. We are glad to announce these much-deserved promotions."

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Answers to this week's diversions

(puzzles on page 15)

SUDOKU

This week's answer

9	3	7	8	2	4	1	5	6
1	2	5	9	6	7	8	3	4
8	4	6	5	3	1	9	2	7
5	6	2	4	7	9	3	1	8
4	1	9	3	8	2	6	7	5
7	8	3	1	5	6	4	9	2
6	5	1	2	9	8	7	4	3
2	9	8	7	4	3	5	6	1
3	7	4	6	1	5	2	8	9

Suguru solution

2	1	3	2	1	3
3	5	4	5	4	5
2	1	3	1	3	2
4	5	2	5	4	1
1	3	4	3	2	5
4	2	1	5	1	4

F	E	R	A	L	T	E	L	E	L	A	M	B
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One Hour Heating & AC opens new franchise for Dutchess County

One Hour Heating & Air Conditioning, the #1 largest HVAC service provider in the United States, has announced details of its new location in Hopewell Junction. Located at 361 Route 82, One Hour Heating & Air Conditioning of Dutchess County is ready to provide local residents of Hopewell Junction, Fishkill, East Fishkill, Beacon, Pawling, Wappingers Falls, Beekman, Poughkeepsie, Hyde Park, Pleasant Valley and Lagrangeville with premium and reliable heating and cooling services year round.

For decades, One Hour Heating & Air Conditioning has been providing professional support to homeowners across the country. Following the same strict code of ethics and setting itself apart from others in the industry, One Hour Heating & Air Conditioning of Dutchess County will offer the ultimate experience to residents in the area. The new HVAC service provider is owned and operated by Lazare Pouani, who brings decades of experience managing a health insurance company. With a passion for caring for others in the community, Pouani pivoted and launched his own business with One Hour Heating & Air Conditioning where he'll have the opportunity to serve his family, friends and neighbors.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to bring the quality service that One Hour

Heating & Air Conditioning consistently delivers nation-wide to Dutchess County. One Hour provides unparalleled support with an amazing business model, which you don't see in a non-franchised business, allowing us to focus our energy on ensuring that our team is committed to the job and their customers," Pouani said. "As we ramp up our services, we are building a team of people from the community who personally know the homeowners they'll be servicing. We are a group of locals whose purpose is to provide our community with the best services, from addressing emergency repairs in the peak of New York winters to AC repair and maintenance to cool the home during the summertime."

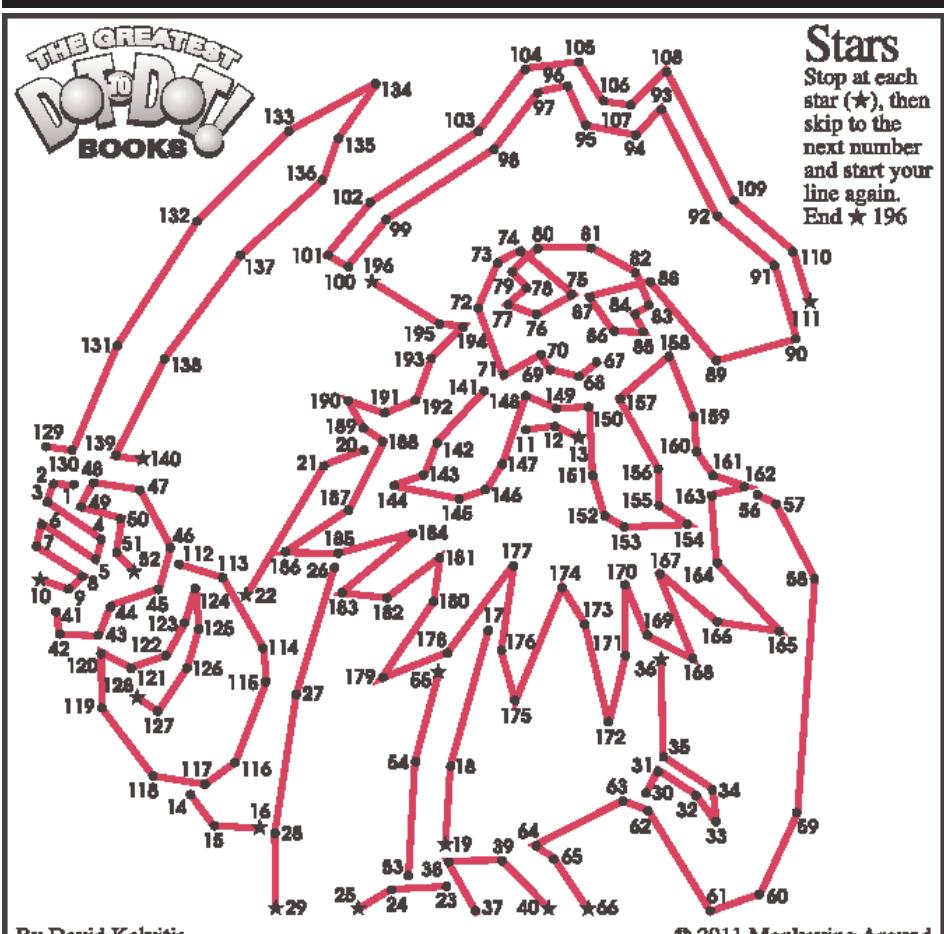
In addition to providing customers with exceptional HVAC services, Pouani offers employees opportunities for long-term career opportunities, as well as great compensation and benefits. He attracts and retains quality technicians by hiring young individuals from the community graduating from trade schools to grow alongside One Hour of Dutchess County.

For more information about One Hour Heating & Air Conditioning of Dutchess County, call 845-592-9298 or visit OneHourHeatAndAir.com. Follow One Hour Heating & Air Conditioning on Facebook and Instagram for the latest news and deals.

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



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STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT : COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of Tax Liens by
Proceeding In Rem Pursuant to Article Eleven
of the Real Property Tax Law by
DUTCHESS COUNTY

The above-captioned proceeding is hereby commenced to enforce the payment of delinquent taxes or other lawful charges which have accumulated and become liens against certain property. The parcels to which this proceeding applies are identified on Schedule "A" of this Petition, which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof. This document serves both as a Petition of Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure for purposes of this proceeding.

Effect of Filing: All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this petition are hereby notified that the filing of this petition constitutes the commencement by the Tax District of a proceeding in the court specified in the caption above to foreclose each of the tax liens described by a foreclosure proceeding in rem.

Nature of Proceeding: This proceeding is brought against the real property only and is to foreclose the tax liens described in this petition. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any part thereof.

Persons Affected: This notice is directed to all persons owning or having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this petition. Such persons are hereby further notified that a duplicate of this petition has been filed in the office of the Commissioner of Finance, the Enforcing Officer of the Tax District, and will remain open for public inspection up to and including the date specified below as the last day for redemption.

Right of Redemption: Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such real property and the legal right thereto may on or before said date, redeem the same by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax liens thereon, including all interest and penalties and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed to and including the date of redemption. Such payments shall be made to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. In the event that such taxes are paid by a person other than the record owner of such real property, the person so paying shall be entitled to have the tax liens affected thereby satisfied of record.

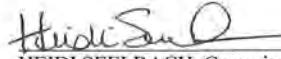
LAST DAY FOR REDEMPTION: THE LAST DAY FOR REDEMPTION IS HEREBY FIXED AS MAY 31, 2023.

Service of Answer: Every person having any right, title, or interest in or lien upon any parcel of real property described in this petition may serve a duly verified Answer upon the attorney for the Tax District setting forth in detail the nature and amount of his or her interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure. Such answer must be filed in the Office of the County Clerk and served upon the attorney for the Tax District on or before the date above mentioned as the last day for redemption.

Failure to Redeem or Answer: In the event of failure to redeem or answer by any person having the right to redeem or answer, such person shall be forever barred and foreclosed of all of his or her right, title and interest and equity of redemption in and to the parcel described in this petition and a judgment in foreclosure may be taken by default.

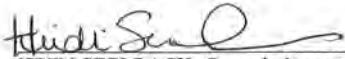
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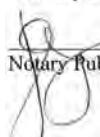

HEIDI SEELBACH, Commissioner of Finance
County of Dutchess
22 Market Street
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Tel. No. (845) 486 - 2025

STATE OF NEW YORK)
ss:
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS)

I, HEIDI SEELBACH, being duly sworn, depose and affirm under penalty of perjury: I am the Enforcing Officer for the County of Dutchess. I have read this Petition and Notice which I have signed, and I am familiar with its contents. The contents of this Petition and Notice are true to the best of my knowledge, based upon the records of the office of the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance. I do not know of any errors or omissions in this Petition and Notice.


HEIDI SEELBACH, Commissioner of Finance
County of Dutchess

Sworn to before me this
10th day of February, 2023.


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Frances Marie Carl

LAGRANGEVILLE - Frances Marie Carl, 81, an area resident for over 39 years, died on February 3, 2023. Born on April 2, 1941 in Martin's Creek, PA, Frances was the daughter of the late Albert and Rose (Cavota) DiEmidio. From the age of 12, Frances knew what she wanted out of life. She wanted to be a nurse, and she wanted to be a mother. Seven years later she enrolled in Grasslands Nursing School in Valhalla NY, on the site of the present-day Westchester Medical Center. There she caught the eye of a local boy, and together they started a lifelong journey. That journey took them from the snowy hills of Maine to the green palms of Los Angeles before they settled down in the Hudson Valley. After five decades of balancing her career and family responsibilities, Frances retired from the Hudson Valley Hospital Center in 2017 as the unit manager of the Post Anesthesia Care Unit. On the last Saturday in January 2023, Frances suffered a hemorrhagic stroke. She was air lifted to the Westchester Medical Center for treatment. The dedicated medical staff of the neurological ICU cared for her with great dignity for several days. On February 3, 2023, Frances died in the loving arms of her husband and children in the same town where her adult life had begun. Besides being a loving wife, mother and a dedicated nurse, Frances loved spending time with her grandchildren. Whether it be attending sport-

ing events or creating her handmade pinatas for birthday celebrations, she adored her grandchildren, who always looked forward to her famous meatballs or Christmas cookies. Frances loved meeting her brothers, children, grandchildren and extended families at a home built by her father in the Poconos where she could be found picking blueberries, reading, or cooking for large groups. She is survived by her devoted husband of almost 60 years, Ralph J. Carl, Sr.; her children, Ralph J. Carl, Jr. and his wife Patrice, Adam C. Carl, Douglas A. Carl and his wife Tonya Dodge, and Nicole Orellana and her husband Marco; her grandchildren, Brendan Carl, Danny Carl, Nicholas Carl, Sophie Stumpf, Olivia Gard, Libby Carl, Maria Orellana, Marco Orellana, and Maya Orellana; her brothers and their wives, John and Lucy DiEmidio and Fred and Geraldine DiEmidio; her daughter-in-law, Mandy Stumpf; and many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held on Friday, February 17th from 5-8 pm at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Saturday, February 18th at 10 am at St. Denis Church, 602 Beekman Road, Hopewell Junction, NY. All are invited to a luncheon celebration of her life following the funeral. In lieu of flowers, gifts in her memory are being accepted by the WCC Foundation at www.sunywcc.edu/ donate to provide scholarship money for nursing and other stu-

dents. Please check "Tribute" and indicate "In memory of Frances Carl" in the comments section. Or checks made payable to the Westchester Community College Foundation can be sent to: Westchester Community College Foundation, Hartford Hall, 75 Grasslands Road, Valhalla, NY 10595. Memo: In memory of Frances Carl. Please visit her Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Martha A. Imperato

PINE PLAINS - Martha A. Imperato, 93 years old and a resident of Pine Plains, passed away Sunday, February 5th, 2023 at home. She was born on March 24, 1929 in Red Hook, NY, daughter to the late Mary Ellen and Nelson McCauley. Martha was someone who touched many hearts—a wonderful wife, sister, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend. Martha graduated from Seymour Smith Academy and attended nursing school in New York City. She was a nurse in several hospitals in New York City and she met her husband-to-be, Louis, while working as head nurse in the emergency room. Martha moved back to Pine Plains with Louis to raise their family and became a nurse at the PPCSD, working in all three buildings. Martha loved her Pine Plains community and was actively involved as a volunteer in Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts as well as a founding member of the Bomber Boosters and an active member of PPCRU. Martha was also one of the chartering members of the Pine

Plains Hose Co. Ladies Auxiliary in 1976 in which she served as president for 46 years. Martha took great pride in being active in the lives of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Martha's survivors include a son Joseph (Sheila), a daughter Helen (Tim), a daughter Rosemary, a son John (Leanne), and a daughter Martha Ann (Mark), a brother Harris, Earl (Rita) beloved grandchildren Joseph, Brian, Carrie, Jaymie, Jesse, Stephanie, Vanessa, Molly, Noah and Luke. Great grandchildren Karli, Madison, Camden, Aiden, Avery, Riley, Maxton, Annabelle, Ariana, Alex, Logan, Blake Rose. She was predeceased by her husband Louis, parents Nelson and Mary Ellen McCauley, in-laws Joseph and Rose Imperato, brother Wallace McCauley, great grandson Khaliff. Calling Hours are Thursday February 9th from 2pm to 4pm and 6pm to 8pm. Fire service will be performed at 6:45pm. A short service will be held Friday, February 10th at 10am from Peck and Peck Funeral Homes, 7749 South Main St., Pine Plains, NY. Interment will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery in Pine Plains. A reception will follow the cemetery at the Pine Plains Firehouse where the family would like folks to share a memory of Martha. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are requested to: The Pine Plains Hose Company, PO Box 668 Pine Plains, NY 12567. For directions or to leave a message of condolence please visit www.peckandpeck.net.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK – COUNTY OF DUTCHESS INDEX #2022-52606 FILED: 1/5/2023 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS County as the Place of trial. Designation of Venue is based upon the subject of the Subject Property. Subject Property: 12 Neighborly Lane, Dover Plains, NY 12522. U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-SC1, Plaintiff, against HEIDI SEELBACH, DUTCHESS COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF ANN L. LOWN-RYAN A/K/A ANN RYAN; JOSEPH A. AUCLAIRE A/K/A JOSEPH AUCLAIRE III, AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF ANN L. LOWN-RYAN A/K/A ANN RYAN, if they be living and if they be dead, the respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant(s) who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or inheritance, any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the Complaint; WENDY BELAS, AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF ANN L. LOWN-RYAN A/K/A ANN RYAN; HEIDI SEEELBACH,

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D U T C H E S S COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT RYAN A/K/A ROBERT L. RYAN A/K/A ROBERT LEE RYAN, SR.; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC DBA IN NEW YORK AS MIDLAND FUNDING OF DELAWARE LLC A/P/O HSBC; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; and "JOHN DOE" and "JANE DOE," the last two names being fictitious, said parties intended being tenants or occupants, if any, having or claiming an interest in, or lien upon the premises described in the complaint, Defendant(s). TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until sixty (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the

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County of Dutchess on December 9, 1999, which was assigned to U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-SC1, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS by assignment executed November 21, 2019 and recorded November 25, 2019, in Document #: 01-2019-51595A. Said premises being known as and by 12 Neighborly Lane, Dover Plains, NY 12522, bearing tax map designation Section: 7063, Block: 06, Lot: 342917, which is more fully described in the Schedule "A" attached to the Complaint. Aldridge Pite, LLP, Attorneys for the Plaintiff, 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747 File 1221-4489B

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Bulk Regulations of the Town of Milan Zoning Ordinance, to build a detached garage located approximately 60 feet from the front property line where 85 feet are required. The property is located at 11 Molland Drive, tax grid number 6470-00-406449-00 in the A3A zoning district.

SAID HEARING will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at the Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, at which time all interested persons shall be given the opportunity to be heard. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. and this application will be heard in the order at which it appears on the agenda.

Dated:

January 25, 2023
By Order of the
Zoning Board
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number 6571-02-791621-00 in the A5A zoning district.

SAID HEARING will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at the Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, at which time all interested persons shall be given the opportunity to be heard. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. and this application will be heard in the order at which it appears on the agenda.

Dated:
January 25, 2023
By Order of the
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SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 22, 2023

6:00PM

The Pleasant Valley Town Board will hold a Special Town Board meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 6PM at Town Hall

1554 Main Street
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The Regular Town Board meeting will follow at 7:00PM.

The purpose of this meeting is the following:

1) The public is welcome to listen to discussion among Town Board members in regards to: 1903 Route 44 (proposed new town hall building)

There will be no public comments heard.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF MILAN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Milan will hold a public hearing at the request of Robert Martin seeking an area variance pursuant to Table B, Schedule of Area and Bulk Regulations of the Town of Milan Zoning Ordinance, to bring into compliance an existing 8'x12' shed having a front setback of 20 feet where 85 feet are required and a side setback of 40 feet where 50 feet are required; to construct a 12'x 24' storage shed having a rear setback of 30 feet where 50 feet are required, and to allow lot coverage of 9 percent where 5 percent is allowed. The property is located at 156 Indian Road, tax grid

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF MILAN PLANNING BOARD PLEASE TAKE

NOTICE that the Planning Board of the Town of Milan will hold a public hearing in accordance with Town Law for a lot line adjustment between two properties owned by Joseph and Sallie Malafy located at 287

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Milan Hill Road, tax grid number 6472-00-671399 and on Milan Hill Road, tax grid number 6472-00-644351. Both parcels are located in the A3A Zoning District.

SAID HEARING will be held at the Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at which time all interested persons shall be given the opportunity to be heard. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. and this application will be heard in the order at which it appears on the agenda. The application is open for inspection at the Town of Milan Planning office and can be found on the Town's website, milan-ny.gov

Dated:
February 6, 2023
By Order of the
Town of Milan
Planning Board

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFCO-DCP-13-23

Supplemental Providers for Respite/Social Adult Day Care Program Services

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 28th day of February 2023 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

The deadline for Legals is every Friday @ 12 noon for a Wednesday Publication*

*When a public holiday falls on a Monday the deadline becomes Thursday at noon.

Support Connection announces March meeting dates

Support Connection, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization that provides free, confidential support services and programs for people affected by breast, ovarian, or other gynecological cancers. They offer monthly support groups which focus on topics pertaining to living with breast, ovarian, and all gynecological cancers through all stages of diagnosis, treatment, and post-treatment.

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532-4290 to register.

To view our support groups in our calendar: <https://supportconnection.org/calendar/>

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The following virtual support groups are scheduled for March 2023:

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- Wednesday, March 1 at 7 p.m.

- Thursday, March 2 at 10 a.m.
- Tuesday, March 14 at 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 15 at 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 22 at 7 p.m.
- Thursday, March 23 at 7 p.m.

Advanced Stage or Metastatic Breast Cancer Toll-Free Telephone Support Group:

Monday, March 6 at 7 p.m.

Ovarian Cancer Toll-Free Telephone Support Group:

Wednesday, March 8 at 7 p.m.

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ticket booth, and projection screen are also included on the site. The National Park Service is seeking a continuation of the outdoor movie operations to attract diverse visitors and serve the surrounding community as well as visitors to the park.

This lease opportunity is open to all interested persons and businesses on a competitive basis. The proposal judged best under the proposal selection criteria will be given an opportunity to negotiate a final lease agreeable to both the selected offeror and NPS. Those interested in this opportunity may obtain the Request for Proposals and other required information

online at www.nps.gov/hofr/get-involved/do-business-with-us.htm.

Proposals must be submitted electronically no later than April 14, 2023 to amy_bracewell@nps.gov and should include “Hyde Park Drive In” in the subject line.

Site tours may be scheduled by appointment only between February 27 and March 17, 2023 and must occur Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm. Offerors must submit questions no later than March 17, 2023. All responses will be provided in writing and made available to

all offerors by posting on the above website. Please contact amy_bracewell@nps.gov to schedule site visits and submit questions. We anticipate that evaluation of proposals and negotiation will require 4 weeks and that the effective lease date will be on or about May 19, 2023.

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