

# Rhinebeck, Red Hook students benefit from therapy dog programs

“Happiness is a warm puppy.”

- Charles Schultz

by Stacey van den Thoon

Charles Schultz’s quote seems to have never proven more true, especially in today’s post-pandemic, digitally driven, social media society. His quote came to mind as news about more and more public schools welcoming visits from furry four-legged friends during the school day are becoming more popular, and such is the case at Rhinebeck High School and Bulkeley Middle School in Rhinebeck and at Linden Avenue Middle School in Red Hook.

Based on the responses of students and staff, as well as a growing body of research, it is evident that certified and trained therapy dogs at schools provide numerous therapeutic benefits that essentially reduce levels of stress - and these days, who doesn’t need less stress? A lot can be learned from these amazing animals, who have no worries of their future and do not mull over their past. Their life is all about living “in the moment,” providing a unique break in the day for students in a judgment-free, welcoming space, where they too can “live in the moment.”

“Having the therapy dogs visit school allows students to take a break from their day, lower their blood pressure, boost their mood and connect with peers outside of their social group. By making this opportunity available to our students, the district is acknowledging the benefits of stress management strategies, and is placing value on making time in the very busy school day to take a break,” said Bulkeley Middle School & Rhinebeck

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Certified therapy dogs are “big hits” with students, teachers and staff at local schools. Above: Students at Linden Avenue Middle School in Red Hook visit with “Rocco,” a black Labrador Retriever. Right: Students at Rhinebeck High School enjoy their time with “Parker,” a Golden Retriever. *Courtesy photos*



## Serino officially launches campaign for Dutchess County Executive



Sue Serino

Sue Serino (R,C-Hyde Park) officially announced her campaign for Dutchess County Executive in a kick-off celebration at the Eveready Diner in her hometown of Hyde Park on Wednesday, Feb. 15. Serino is a four-term New York State Senator, former Dutchess County Legislator and longtime local small business owner.

Serino is building her campaign on the foundation of listening, caring and leading. As County Executive, these would be the guiding principles she would put to use in helping Dutchess County continue to grow and prosper.

“I’m so excited to announce that I’m running for Dutchess County Executive,” said Serino. “I feel incredibly fortunate to have lived and worked in our county for most of my life and serving as county executive is another way to give back to the people and communities that have given me and my family so much.

“Serving our communities and helping to improve the lives of others is my passion,” she continued. “Whether it was operating my own business, serving in the county legislature or the four terms I spent as State Senator, working directly with, and on behalf of, our hardworking neighbors has been incredibly rewarding.

“With the support of Dutchess County residents, we’ve made real strides in making home ownership more affordable and developing economic growth and development,” said Serino. “I was proud to partner with our last elected county executive, Marc Molinaro, and he’s put our county in great shape for the future.

“As Dutchess County Executive, I’ll build on that foundation and take actions to enhance our community even more,” she added. “That means bolstering our job training services, so our businesses can fill vacancies and residents seeking

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# Millbrook Rotary Club celebrates 50 years of helping



Members of the Millbrook Rotary Club recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of the organization. Top left: Club members gather with the cake. Above: Cara Mia Bacchiochi, Executive Director of Hope on a Mission of Poughkeepsie, speaks at the event. Left: Honorees at the event included Thanasi Theodoropoulos, owner Millbrook Diner; Michael Flanigan, owner Reardon Briggs Hardware Store; and George Whalen III, President/CEO of the Bank of Millbrook. Also pictured is Rotarian Cindie Kish. *Courtesy photos*

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work can find a meaningful, good-paying career. And it means making sure families have affordable, safe neighborhoods with access to the services and programs they need to thrive.

“In the weeks and months ahead, I plan to share a vision for the future of Dutchess County that empowers all of our neighbors. I look forward to meeting directly with voters to hear their concerns and share how my unique experience can help make a difference in their lives. It’s truly been a privilege to serve our community and I hope to continue that as the next Dutchess County Executive.”

Congressman Molinaro, Representative for New York’s 19th Congressional District announced he is

endorsing Serino for Dutchess County Executive.

“I am proud to endorse Sue Serino for Dutchess County Executive. Sue is a longtime friend and has been a trusted confidant to me throughout my time as Dutchess County Executive. Sue will be a familiar face to County residents as someone who grew up here, represented Dutchess in the State Senate, served as a County Legislator, and operated a local business. Sue’s track record of success as a public servant and business owner, and independent approach to solving problems will make her a perfect fit to be Dutchess’ next County Executive. Sue Serino cares. She listens. She leads. She has my full support,” said Molinaro.

## Eligible taxpayers urged to Free File

The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance and the IRS have begun processing income tax returns, including those submitted using the Free File software available on the Tax Department website.

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High School Certified School Social Worker Megan Rodier. “We are creating space for students to practice stress management strategies by incorporating them into the school day, not just teaching students about how to use strategies on their own time.”

In Rhinebeck, the district Building Level Planning Team (BLPT) had been working for the past few years to develop and implement a therapy dog program focused on student and staff mental health and wellbeing. This year, the plan came to fruition, and now students and staff look forward to the bi-weekly visits from their furry friends who are fully vaccinated, groomed regularly and are accompanied at all times by their trainer.

At Rhinebeck High School, two Golden Retriever siblings, Parker (8 years old) and Scout (3 years old), who are both registered with the national therapy dog organization, Pet Partners, are accompanied by their trainers Leanora Kovacs and Pamela Wright (respectively). At Bulkeley Middle School, JellyBean Josh, a Labrador Redbone Hound mix (4 years old) who is also registered with Pet Partners, is accompanied by trainer Gigi Pullis. Therapy dogs are soon to be seen at Rhinebeck’s Chancellor Livingston Elementary School as well.

According to Rodier, the presence of therapy dogs has provided opportunity for students from seemingly different social groups to connect with one another. Students become more comfortable, conversational, approachable and interested when visiting with the dogs and have been observed to share stories about their own dogs with the trainers, which gives some students an opportunity to connect with an adult (that is not a teacher) in a meaningful way. It has also been noted that students who visit with therapy dogs following a crisis situation have been observed to re-connect and overcome feelings of upset.

“Our children have so many stresses, and providing an opportunity to sit with, pet and find comfort with a loving dog can provide a respite,” said Wright. “Parker and Scout have already begun to find their special ‘peeps,’ who come each time to visit with them.”

### ‘Rocco’ at LAMS

Meanwhile, at Linden Avenue Middle School (LAMS) Tuesdays are now referred to as “Rocco Days,” featuring Rocco, a black Labrador Retriever and Certified Therapy International dog with his trainer Stacy Rhynders. The pilot program at LAMS involves Rocco and Stacy visiting with students, teachers and staff members at the school during specified time periods. According to LAMS

Principal Stacie Fenn Smith, “Rocco Days” have become “a huge hit. They are very therapeutic, very relaxing for everyone and just a lot of fun. This program has been very well received.”

Fenn Smith echoed many of the studies’ results stating that therapy dogs help children learn compassion, empathy, responsibility, respect and self-discipline. They also offer comfort and non-judgmental love. She said the therapy dog visits “provide comfort and calm time for students” and aid in the learning process.

The enjoyment isn’t one sided as, according to Rhynders, Rocco seems to know what days are “Rocco Days.” “Oh gosh, he gets so excited. He knows every Tuesday is his day,” Rhynders said. “It’s so funny. He’s by the door in the morning. He can’t wait.” She describes the visits as “a lot of hugs, kisses and constant smiling.”

Rhynders said Rocco, who will turn seven next month, helped her get through anxieties involved with two surgeries (and recovery) about five years ago.

“He would not leave me,” she said. “If I can give that amazing feeling to others, well, that makes my heart full.” And the fact that she and Rocco are also helping children in the sixth to eighth grades makes her time and all of the ongoing training “totally worth it.”

The Red Hook School District therapy dog program started in late November of 2022, but Fenn Smith said the work began much earlier.

“We actually had it queued up with the Board of Education approval back in March of 2020,” she said. But, of course, that’s when the pandemic hit and this program took a backseat along with everything else.

According to Fenn Smith the program, similar to Rhinebeck School District, was presented by the Building Level Team, a shared decision-making group, after an idea was initiated by a parent. They went through the approval process and found Rhynders, a local volunteer, who Fenn Smith said “is so passionate about dogs.”

“The presence of the dogs has a beautiful way of unifying individuals from all different social groups and paths of life. It is magical to witness students share a smile and a laugh over a wagging tail and a warm greeting from one of these beloved animals,” said Rhinebeck School Psychologist Cassi Wintermantel.

In short, Charles Schultz was right, “Happiness is a warm puppy”; and the role of therapy dogs, not only in our schools, but in our world today, provides that essential platform where non-judgmental unconditional companionship, attention and affection is the norm - not the exception.



Above: Students at Rhinebeck High School relax with “Parker,” one of three therapy dogs in the Rhinebeck CSD. Below, “Rocco Days” always attract plenty of students at Linden Avenue Middle School in Red Hook. Courtesy photos





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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Shedding light on Problem Gambling Awareness

To the editor:  
We are writing to you to request support for Problem Gambling Awareness. The New York Council on Problem Gambling (NYCPG), along with the NYS Problem Gambling Resource Centers (PGRC), has been dedicated to raising awareness about problem gambling and getting anyone negatively impacted by gambling the help they need. With the rapid expansion of gambling and the record-breaking introduction of mobile sports betting, there is no better time to bring this issue to the forefront.  
According to the most recent survey by the Office of Addiction Services and Supports, approximately 600,000 New Yorkers are experiencing problems related to their gambling activities. Considering that about eight to 10 additional people can be negatively affected by one person's gambling behaviors (Petry et al, 2005), millions of New Yorkers are experiencing gambling harms.  
Not only do we want to shine the light on the issue of problem gambling, we want that light to be a beacon – there is hope and help! Last year, several notable landmarks from Buffalo to Tarrytown lit up yellow to acknowledge March as Problem Gambling Awareness Month (PGAM). While we were able to get several state landmarks lit, our goal is to get more of the state illuminated to raise greater awareness of PGAM and Problem Gambling services.  
We respectfully request your support to get all New York State landmarks to join in our efforts, by asking all State and local landmarks to light up yellow on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 to raise awareness and stimulate action for the issue of problem gambling.  
Please reach out to James Maney, NYCPG Executive Director, at (518) 867-4084 or [jmaney@nyproblemgambling.org](mailto:jmaney@nyproblemgambling.org) with questions or for more information. We can all shine the light on problem gambling together.  
Joan Cybulski  
Millbrook

### CPCs unfairly in the crosshairs

To the editor:  
Consider an organization that is a not-for-profit and has as its purpose helping people, and in particular, young women, who are low income and minority. It makes you wonder why such an organization would be in the crosshairs and targeted by the legislature/governor/state. Yet, such is the case with crisis pregnancy centers.  
Crisis pregnancy centers (CPCs) have long been targeted by pro-abortion activists. And, it is right to say “pro-abortion,” because if the proponents

of abortion were truly pro-choice, as they have said for years, they would see the CPCs as an alternate choice and live in the position of agreeing to disagree.  
But that is not the case. Onerous data collection and reporting requirements were put in place in 2022 in New York. Why is this? These are organizations that are working to help young women and their babies, without using taxpayer money. Often, they provide support through parenting classes and material support after the baby is born, and other services as well.  
Why the pressure to provide abortions? Is it ideology, which has been shown to be flawed (discussion for another time)? Population control, reaching back to flawed philosophy in the '70s? Greed? Millions of government and private dollars flow to providers. Eugenics? It is no secret that a large number of abortion providers are located in minority neighborhoods. Why is this?  
In addition to the targeting, the state is showing its disdain for the CPCs through negligence. After the property of a CPC near Buffalo was firebombed, was a significant investigation performed to prosecute the perpetrators? Has anyone been arrested to date? The state has shown its true colors by sweeping this horrific incident under the rug.  
Who would vote for the onerous targeted legislation mentioned above? In the local area, Senator Hinchey and Assemblywoman Barrett (both of whom voted to give themselves a \$32K/yr or 29% pay increase) voted for the legislation that makes it more difficult for CPCs to help low-income and minority women. This is not right, and the legislation needs to be repealed.  
Rex S. Bridges  
Rhinebeck

### As we mark the one-year anniversary of Russian invasion, keep supporting Ukraine

To the editor:  
Hat's off to this newspaper for continuing to carry the blue and gold banner WE STAND WITH UKRAINE & AMERICA above its masthead, reminding us weekly for the last year that our values and our place—the place of The West—in the world are very much linked to a Ukrainian victory and defeat of Russia and its medieval barbarism.  
Voices ranging from Sen. Mitch McConnell on FOX News to world leaders at the Munich Security Conference this week echo this refrain: There is nothing more important in the world today than this struggle of rules and values against a brutal dictatorship raping and pillaging a people which simply does not want to be like their aggressor; negotiating with Putin is as nonsensical as was negotiating with Hitler or Tojo in WWII.  
So this is “Our Fight” as well as Ukraine's, and as we mark the first anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion, we would like to remember and thank everyone who joined it in any way they could over the past 12 months, whether it was planting the Ukrainian blue and gold in front of their house, writing letters to our politicians, to giving

generously, to organizing fundraisers and drives to collect and send emergency equipment and winter clothing. It has been important these past 12 months and remains so today.  
Among many other lessons, the last 12 months has highlighted the importance of living in a democracy where one can freely raise one's voice. We can tell our presidents and leaders to their faces what we think of the job they are doing without the fear of Secret Police coming in the night or having to avoid open windows. To everyone who has done so much, and to those waiting to make their first steps, we ask all to do more, including that simple act of writing another letter or making another call and demanding from our leaders that we meet this moment in history and deliver the equipment and ammunition needed for Ukraine to win this on the battlefield and not lost at a negotiating table.  
Thank you again for the banner above the headline. It cheers us each time we grab the newspaper from the library, and its message remains the reminder that we all need for the months ahead.  
Mark Lagus & Leevi Ernits  
Bangall

### Dangers of dioxin

To the editor:  
It is possible, perhaps likely, that the Feb. 3, 2023 Ohio train derailment and subsequent burning of toxins in tank cars will be the worst environmental disaster in U. S. history.  
The reason is one word: dioxin, produced when chlorine toxins, like those on the train, burn.  
One question is why the toxins were burned, rather than being removed. The burning got the rail line back in operation, but released a toxic cloud drifting over several states.  
News stories shy away from dioxin, or mention it only briefly. But dioxin, also produced as a manufacturing byproduct, is toxic in miniscule amounts, and has hormonal effects as well.  
Any action planned by Congress or the Administration?  
The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency explained what happened to Times Beach, Missouri. Chemical manufacturing in another area produced toxic dioxin, stored in tanks. A hauler mixed the dioxin with waste oil for dust suppression, including at Times Beach. Consequent illnesses, and an eventual flood spreading contamination, led the EPA to buy out and level Times Beach, followed by decontamination. Times Beach vanished, replaced by a state park.  
The ugly truth about dioxin can also be found in documents from a lawsuit, summarized by The Washington Post in “The Little Town That Whipped Monsanto”.  
One day, those with some plastics will find no one will take them, at any price. After the nation wakes up to the mistake of using artificially cheap petrochemical-based products to substitute for environmentally safe ones.  
Frank Stoppenbach  
Red Hook

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# City of Poughkeepsie releases Community Development Block Grant Application

The City of Poughkeepsie has released its 2023 Community Development Block Grant application, which is available on the city's website.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is a federally funded formula-based grant allocated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to eligible cities. It provides funds to improve the quality-of-life of low- and moderate-income residents through the planning and

development of municipal infrastructure and public amenities. This grant award allows the city to carry out a wide range of community development activities directed toward program administration, city infrastructure, revitalization of city neighborhoods, rehabilitation of existing housing, homelessness and homeless prevention, youth services, health services, economic development, and providing community facilities and services. All applicants are encouraged to contact the

Division of Social Development with any questions and to discuss program eligibility. Applications must be submitted by March 15, 2023 either via email or to the following address: Jaclyn Greenwald,

City of Poughkeepsie Director of Social Development, City Hall, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., 12601. Contact Greenwald at (845) 451-4046, email [jgreenwald@cityofpoughkeepsie.com](mailto:jgreenwald@cityofpoughkeepsie.com)

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# County seeks proposals for 2023-24 Youth Program Funding

The Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services' (DCFS) Division of Youth Services is requesting proposals for youth development services from municipalities and nonprofit, community-based organizations for program year Oct. 1, 2023 to Sept. 30, 2024. Program funding will be awarded in the following categories:

- Youth Development Programs (YDP)
- Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA)

Grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 will be awarded to programs that provide free, direct services designed to improve youth and community outcomes, as outlined in the OCFS-5003 Program Components-Coding Document, Rev. 3/2018. Programs must address one of the New York State Office of Children and Family Services' six life areas, which are: Economic Security, Physical and Emotional Health, Education, Citizenship/Civic Engagement, Family and Community.

Programs will be expected to demonstrate knowledge of and have staff trained in Positive Youth Development. Agencies will also be expected to show how the program addresses one of Dutchess County's "Path to Promise" domains/value areas. Programs must serve Dutchess County youth up to 21

years of age for the program year Oct. 1, to Sept. 30, 2024. Eligible applicants should be either a county municipality or a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, community-based organization with a federal identification number and charity registration number, operating in Dutchess County with the ability to meet the County's insurance requirements.

The Division of Youth Services has scheduled two grant workshops for nonprofit agencies and municipalities at the Dutchess County Emergency Response Center, 392 Creek Road, Poughkeepsie; each workshop takes place from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.:

- Tuesday, March 7
- Thursday, March 9

Contact Juliana Corbett at 845-486-3354 or [Juliana.Corbett@dfa.state.ny.us](mailto:Juliana.Corbett@dfa.state.ny.us) to register for a workshop. Each session will review the step-by-step process of applying online through the Dutchess County Grant Portal and address any concerns or questions.

All grants are due to the Division of Youth Services on or before Thursday, March 30, by 5 p.m.

Funding is made available through the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. In 2022, 20 programs were awarded a total of \$266,691.00 in funding. The amount of funding will be subject to the availability.

# Legislature passes volunteer firefighter, EMS county property tax exemption law

The Dutchess County Legislature has adopted unanimously a bipartisan local law that will allow for a ten-percent County property tax exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Service Members at their February Board Meeting. The measure will now go to the County Executive's desk for consideration.

"I know first-hand the benefit that having a volunteer fire department in your community has, and how instrumental the members that serve on it are," said Chairman Gregg Pulver. "I am honored to have supported this local law and to have the opportunity to show these brave men and women who volunteer as a firefighter or ambulance service member just how grateful we are here at the Dutchess County Legislature. I want to thank my colleagues for joining me in passing this legislation and I look forward to the County Executive signing it into law."

"I applaud my colleagues for supporting this legislation, and for the opportunity to thank those who donate their time to sacrifice and serve our local communities," said Tony D'Aquanni, District 6. "Our volunteers save the tax dollars millions of dollars, and offer so much back to our municipalities, and any effort we can to remind them that they have a grateful community behind them should be taken advantage of."

"Dutchess County is incredibly lucky to have such robust volunteer fire districts across our communities, and now, we need to be doing all that we can to recruit and retain volunteers to serve," said Ed

Hauser, District 23. "At a time where every dollar counts, this legislation will not only serve as a monetary relief for the men and women who volunteer, but also as a way to say 'thank you' for the sacrifices they make each and every day to serve their community."

The local law will benefit volunteer members who have served a minimum of three years and will be offered for each year of active service thereafter. Members must reside in the city, town or village within the service area of the incorporated fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance. Individuals who actively served for a total of twenty years would be offered this exemption for the remainder of his or her life as long as their primary residence remains within Dutchess County.

This legislation comes after New York State recently signed into law a bill that allows all local governments with the option to provide a property tax exemption to the groups mentioned above. However, under current NYS Tax Law, volunteer members cannot receive both the State Income Tax Credit of \$200 and the County property tax exemption, despite these incentives being from different levels of government.

The County property tax exemption will be handled by the local assessor's office in each municipality, and questions should be directed directly to their office. To learn more, individuals can call the Dutchess County Legislature at 845-486-2100 or email [CountyLegislature@dutchessny.gov](mailto:CountyLegislature@dutchessny.gov).



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# MidHudson Regional Hospital's new, larger Inpatient Pediatrics Unit now open for care

MidHudson Regional Hospital, a member of the Westchester Medical Health Network (WMCHHealth), held a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony on Jan 24 for the new Maria Fareri Children's Healthcare Services inpatient pediatrics unit at the hospital.

The new inpatient pediatrics unit or “neighborhood” at MidHudson Regional Hospital officially opened at the end of 2022 and now features 10 private rooms – double the amount of the hospital’s prior inpatient pediatrics unit – with private bathrooms, showers and sleeping accommodations for a child’s caregivers. The inpatient neighborhood also features a new infusion center and welcoming spaces for music and art therapy, and other child life activities promoting healing.

"We've experienced an incredible response from the community since Maria Fareri Children's Healthcare Services at MidHudson Regional Hospital launched in 2020. This inpatient service expansion and environment upgrade will help us provide inpatient pediatric services to even more families in the Poughkeepsie area and surrounding communities," said Michael Gewitz, MD, Senior Vice President, Clinical Operations for WMCHHealth as well as

the Executive Director and William Russell McCurdy Physician-in-Chief at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital. "In many regions across the country, there is limited access to inpatient pediatric care, and this expansion demonstrates WMCH's continued commitment to investing in specialized services that benefit our entire community."

“Ensuring accessible, quality care for children in Dutchess County is critical, and today’s dedication and unveiling of this expanded inpatient facility will go a long way toward strengthening our community health,” said Dutchess County Executive William F. X. O’Neil. “We thank the staff at WMCHHealth, MidHudson Regional Hospital, and Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital for their leadership and continued commitment to improving children’s healthcare in our area.”

The new and expanded inpatient pediatrics neighborhood at MidHudson Regional Hospital exemplifies WMCHHealth's continuing commitment to the health and wellbeing of children in the Mid-Hudson region and beyond.

Since WMCHHealth launched Maria Fareri Children's Healthcare Services at MidHudson Regional Hospital a little over two years ago, the hospital has

recorded more than 1,100 inpatient discharges and 10,000 pediatric emergency department visits. “The pediatric care team has always included nurses skilled in pediatric care and in response to the community’s trust in our service, WMCHHealth recruited hospital-based pediatricians and allied professionals to the 24/7 MidHudson Regional Hospital staff, added a pediatric emergency medicine specialist, launched pediatric subspecialty telehealth consultative services, and debuted a pediatric ambulatory surgery program,” said Jenny Sung, MD, the onsite clinical director for Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital Healthcare Services at MidHudson Regional Hospital.

Maria Fareri Children's Healthcare Services at MidHudson Regional Hospital supplies care under the auspices of WMCHealth's Maria Fareri Children's Hospital, which is renowned locally and nationally as a provider of high-quality subspecialty pediatric care. If advanced pediatric care is necessary, an in-network patient transfer from MidHudson Regional Hospital to the nearby Maria Fareri Children's Hospital is seamless and ensures children continue to receive care as close to home as possible.

"My family owes everything to the talented and dedicated staff at MidHudson

Regional Hospital. Without them, my son may not be with us today,” said Jeanine Geiser, a Beacon, resident and mother of Chase Pultz, 8. “Chase’s care began at MidHudson Regional Hospital where he was diagnosed with a severe infection that needed immediate advanced care. Chase was transferred to Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital where he spent a month in the pediatric intensive care unit. Today, Chase is doing well and enjoying life the way a boy his age should.

“My son’s case shows the importance of specialized pediatric care here in Dutchess County and the Mid-Hudson region,” continued Geiser, “and the unit’s opening will enable more families to benefit from MidHudson Regional Hospital’s pediatric services.”

The expanded pediatric inpatient accommodations at MidHudson Regional Hospital were modeled after Maria Fareri Children's Hospital where pediatric inpatient units are referred to as neighborhoods – Sailing, Heroes, Flight, Theater, Arts, Literature and Athletics - with themed décors for a welcoming and family-friendly healing environment. As an homage to the Mid-Hudson Valley's rich agricultural history the MidHudson Regional Hospital inpatient unit will carry a "Farming" theme and name.

**FREE PROGRAM FOR LONG-TERM CANCER SURVIVORS FEB. 27**

Support Connection, Inc. announces a free program: 7 Years Or More Post-Diagnosis: An Open Discussion will be held via Zoom video conference on Tuesday, February 28, from 7 to 8 p.m.

Open to people nationwide who were diagnosed with breast, ovarian, or any gynecological cancer 7 or more years ago. Pre-registration is required. To register, call Support Connection, 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290 no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, February 27.

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# Rhinebeck students earn kudos at juried art show



Congratulations to Rhinebeck High School Junior Hadley Ferber (left), who placed second, and Junior Laila Alam (right), who received an Honorable Mention, at the Columbia Greene Community College Juried High School Art Students Show. The show, sponsored by the college's Fine Arts program, invites art students from surrounding high schools to show their work which is judged by independent jurors. *Courtesy photo*

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# Current Poughkeepsie mayor Nelson announces mayoral candidacy

Marc Nelson, current Mayor and former City Administrator under former Mayor Rob Rolison, has announced he was entering the race to continue serving as Mayor of Poughkeepsie.

Nelson assumed the role of Mayor on January 1 upon the election of former Mayor Rob Rolison to the New York State Senate. He lives in the City of Poughkeepsie with his wife, Lisa.

The election for Mayor of Poughkeepsie will be held on Nov. 7.

“In all of my roles in City Government, First as Commissioner of Finance, then as City Administrator, and now as Mayor, I have been laser focused on returning our city to fiscal health and rebuilding the capacity of City Hall to serve our residents, businesses and taxpayers. During this time we have accomplished much, strengthening our partnerships throughout our community and with other levels of government, resolving legacy issues even as we work to address new challenges in a changing world. Our work is not done and I’m hopeful the people will elect me to a full four-year term,” Nelson said.

Some of Nelson’s accomplishments during his tenure serving the Queen City include reducing the general fund deficit by more \$10 Million, restructuring local government to achieve significant cost savings, championing strategic development with a focus on housing at all price points, expanding the city’s Youth Grant Program, and negotiating an equitable agreement with Dutchess County for the sharing of sales tax revenue for the next decade.

He is also credited with the successful oversight of millions of dollars in infrastructure improvements throughout the City, and for sharply reducing the number of vacant and abandoned buildings in our neighborhoods - a multiyear effort which led to the city taking title to the former YMCA, one of the most blighted eyesores in the City and now destined to become a state-of-the-art youth center.

“To continue down the path of success, we need to ensure continuity of the same effective leadership we have come to know and trust. The job is too important to not rest it in the hands of someone who knows this city and has the experience and knowledge to get the job done. The people of this city deserve no less,” Nelson said.

Nelson serves as Chairman of the Poughkeepsie Joint Water Board, and on the Dutchess County Board of Health, and was a founding board member of the Dutchess County/City of Poughkeepsie Land Bank.

Prior to coming to Poughkeepsie, Marc held the position of Municipal Tax Collector for the City of Hartford Connecticut. He holds a bachelor’s degree in economics and political science from the University at Albany and a Master’s in Public Administration from Marist College where he wrote his Master’s thesis on combating urban blight.

“I look forward to campaigning to earn the vote of every resident of this great city. I believe in the end, voters will agree that at this pivotal time, I am the right person with the right experience to keep our city on the right track,” Nelson said.

# Poughkeepsie AAUW offers scholarship for young women

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) is a conference that attracts young women from all over the country. Held at the University of Maryland, a short ride from Washington DC, the conference is a transformative experience for college women. One young woman wrote “The conference completely changed my outlook ...and has provided me with a more positive attitude on my own potential.”

NCCWSL provides a platform to help college and university women develop leadership skills, Young women meet accomplished female leaders and choose from a variety of workshops designed to inform and inspire. In addition, the young women participate in community service

activities and tour Washington DC. This year the conference will be held on May 31 to June 3.

The Poughkeepsie Branch of the American Association of University Women is offering a scholarship to a young woman attending college in the Poughkeepsie area. The scholarship, named for Irene Keyes, a past president of Poughkeepsie AAUW, covers the registration fee as well as all scheduled meals and housing. A travel stipend will also be available.

Applications are available at <https://poughkeepsie-ny.aauw.net/>. Application deadline is March 20.

For more information, contact Marcine.humphrey@gmail.com.

# New York State celebrates Black History Month

Each February, we celebrate the contributions of Black Americans, shine a light on Black stories that have been omitted or obscured from public memory, and acknowledge that Black history is essential to American history.

In the past five years, New York State Parks system has named four parks in honor of Black Americans: Marsha P. Johnson State Park and Shirley Chisholm State Park in Brooklyn; Denny Farrell Riverbank State Park in Harlem, and Sojourner Truth State Park in Kingston. As part of the Our Whole History initiative, our state historic sites have been researching and interpreting Black

history relevant to their site and its region.

Most recently, Philipse Manor Hall in Yonkers reopened with new exhibits that delve extensively into the stories of those enslaved on the property and confront the Philipse family's role in the slave trade. This month, the site hosted the Northern Slavery Collective conference and the second meeting of the New York State African American Heritage Commission.

Many of the state’s sites and parks are hosting special events this month, while others have ongoing exhibits and programs. Explore New York’s Black history at [parks.ny.gov](https://parks.ny.gov).

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## Olana to present free winter programs

The Olana Partnership will offer two free winter community programs at Olana State Historic Site in Hudson.

Artmaking in the Afternoon, a free drop-in event, will be held on Friday, Feb. 24, and Saturday, Feb. 25, from 1 to 4 p.m. This program offers fun for families looking for activities during mid-winter school break.

The Olana Partnership’s educators will provide art-making prompts and activities at the Wagon House Education Center. Learn more about Frederic Church’s 250-acres of designed landscape through drawing, painting, and collage.

This program is open to all ages and skill levels and all materials will be provided. No advance registration is required to attend this program.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, and Saturday, March 18, from noon to 1 p.m., gather for “Chasing the Winter Landscape,” a free weekend walk led by The Olana

Partnership’s staff. Channel 19th-century artist Frederic Church’s taste for exploration while exploring the beautiful winter landscape at Olana.

Learn more about how Church and his family spent their winters in the Hudson Valley as you take in Olana’s exquisite seasonal views. Along the way, learn more about Olana’s special winter exhibition, Chasing Icebergs: Art and a Disappearing Landscape, as you explore different parts of Olana’s 250-acres.

Walking tours begin at the Wagon House Education Center in the historic farm complex and cover about 1 mile; please wear weather-appropriate apparel and comfortable footwear. Winter walks are free with limited capacity. Advance registration required.

For more information, contact education@olana.org or call (518) 751-6938.

To learn more about these programs and The Olana Partnership, visit olana.org.



Olana State Historic Site in Hudson. Photo from Olana’s Facebook page

## ‘Nunsense’ seeks cast members for Bannerman’s Island summer performance

The Bannerman Castle Trust Inc. announced that they will hold auditions for the Off-Broadway musical hit “Nunsense,” which is scheduled to be performed on historic Bannerman’s Island this summer. The production is directed by Award-winning director, Donald Brenner. Tom McCoy is Musical Director. The show will be produced by Bannerman Castle Trust’s Executive Director, Neil Caplan.

Auditions will be held on March 18 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Freedom Plains

United Presbyterian Church, located at 1168 Route 55, Lagrangeville. Callbacks will be held on March 19.

The performances will take place July 19-23 (Rain date July 24) on Bannerman’s Island.

For any audition questions and or appointments, email Nancy Auffarth at na146@aol.com.

If selected, rehearsals will be held from July 3 to 18. To speak to Neil Caplan directly, call (845) 831-6346 or email neilcaplan@aol.com.

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# BBs and prosciutto

The Coppola boys shoot for trouble.

When I was a kid, it was a rite of passage to get a BB gun. Naturally my brothers and I begged our parents to get one, like every kid did back then. The answer for a long time was no. It seemed like the more we begged, the louder the ‘no’ got.

For Christmas of that year we got one that was a gift for all of us: A Daisy air rifle with CO2 cartridges so we didn’t have to pump it. We just loaded a bunch of BB’s and pulled the trigger.

Well, that led to all kinds of things. We would set up targets inside, outside, shoot from the window, shoot from the door, shoot from the roof. We shot trash cans, tomato plants, outdoor lights, soda cans, wine bottles and, naturally, each other. We made targets out of everything we could find. My brothers even painted targets on me and told me to run around and they would try to shoot me. You get the idea.

In our basement, Pop would hang homemade prosciutto, dried sausages, and pancetta. They would hang from the ceiling from strings for months with a fan on them to make them dry out. Now as the fan blew on them, they would swing.

For a bunch of young boys with a BB gun that would make for a great moving target; and since we were trying to become better shots, why not?

Well, we shot 6 prosciuttos, various dried sausage and a pancetta full of BBs. We set up a competition. Naturally, the prosciutto earned the fewest points because they were larger, the pancetta second and so on.

On Monday, my father’s day off, he went downstairs to get some homemade wine. When he returned he brought up one of the prosciutto. We all froze, knowing that we had shot the various dried meats full of BBs. We just hoped that that prosciutto was one that we missed.

Pop put the prosciutto on the kitchen counter, pulled out a knife and cut a slice of prosciutto and put it in his mouth. You could see he was fighting something that was rolling around in his mouth. Finally, he spit out the BB into a plate. That BB made a sound on that ceramic plate. It was probably not very loud but to us it sounded as if a bomb had gone off.

He stared at it for a minute, looked up at us, looked back down at the BB and cut

another slice of the prosciutto and handed it to me. He then proceeded to cut other pieces of prosciutto and hand it to my brothers. We were all chewing the prosciutto and spitting out BBs into the plate. Not a word was spoken.

He then put the knife down, poured himself a glass of wine and proceeded to get some dinner ready.

If I remember correctly we had peas and prosciutto with tortellini for dinner that night...Oh, and BBs of course.

**PEAS AND PROSCIUTTO**

**Ingredients**

- 1 lb. fresh sweet peas
- 1 large onion, peeled and diced fine
- 3 cloves of garlic, diced fine
- 1/2 cup prosciutto, diced
- 2 tsp. olive oil
- 1/2 stick butter
- 1/4 cup grated Pecorino Romano cheese
- 1 lb. cheese tortellini

**Directions**

In a large sauté pan, place onions, garlic and peas and sauté till onions become

translucent.

Add prosciutto; cover and let sit without the stove on.

In a large pot, bring 1 gallon of salted water to a boil and add tortellini. Let boil till all the tortellini are floating and drain pasta.

While the pasta is draining, add it to the sauté pan just before all the water has been drained. In other words, so a little of the water goes into the pan along with the tortellini. Turn heat on and add butter and cheese.

Toss until evenly mixed. Serve hot.

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

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## Walkway Freedom Trail online presentation set Feb. 23

The Dutchess County Historical Society announced that a new initiative highlighting the experience of Black residents and visitors to Dutchess County is now under way. The new Walkway Freedom Trail, which will go live later this year, combines a trip to the Walkway over the Hudson and College Hill Park with in-depth stories covering centuries of otherwise obscured history.

Mark your calendars for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23, to join Dutchess County Historical Society Executive Director Bill Jeffway for an online presentation discussing the research behind this new interpretive experience.

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Each column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.

Each 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.

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## Suguru

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

### ACROSS

- Clutch
- Many
- Explosive
- Nook
- Touch on
- Of a historical period
- To no \_\_\_; fruitlessly
- Part of a wedding cake
- Female animal
- Those who eat on the house
- Handsome man
- 1109
- Pittsburgh \_\_\_
- Tropical fig tree
- Clergyman
- Fifth or Pennsylvania: abbr.
- Approaches
- Bicycle part
- \_\_\_ like; appear to be
- Malice
- Word on a banana
- Typo
- Chairs and benches
- Green expanse
- Western movie
- Rush
- Sufferings
- Defeatist's word
- Eat like a mouse
- Thought about
- Palm, for one
- Broad ditch
- Similar
- "\_\_\_ deal!"
- Border
- \_\_\_ with; carrying
- One of Noah's boys
- Poor marks
- Flowers-to-be

### DOWN

- Pesky insect
- Tear apart
- Hertz Rent-\_\_\_
- Ragtime dance in which the whole body shakes
- Louisiana's state bird
- Rubber glove material
- Waist items
- Part of each week: abbr.
- Tax to the utmost
- Lamented
- Praying figure
- Guillotined queen
- Ask divine favor for
- Utensil parts
- Let fall
- Italian staple
- Low
- State positively
- \_\_\_-do-well; bum
- Emotional one
- Domed projections
- Numskull
- Away from the wind
- Skinny
- Night light
- Green Mountain Boys' leader
- Metal bar
- Footwear
- Swarmed
- Engraved pillars
- Those who lobby against a measure
- Circumference
- Quite heavy
- Dove shelters
- Summon electronically
- Roller coaster, for one
- \_\_\_ out a living; got by
- Cozy rooms
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# When the circus came to Amenia

by Melodye Moore

Everybody knows about the Dutchess County Fair, the roots of which began on October 16, 1841 with the formation of the Agricultural Society of Dutchess County at Daniel P. Emigh's hotel in Washington Hollow. A fair was held the following two years at the same location, then for the next eight years alternated between Poughkeepsie and the Washington Hollow location. After a successful 1851 fundraising campaign for the "purpose of building a suitable house to hold the Dutchess County fair in" the annual agricultural event settled into seven acres in the vicinity of the current Barracks of Troop K of the New York State Police where it remained for the next 35 years.

Twenty years later, in 1871, a group of Amenia men met on July 3 to form the Eastern Dutchess Agricultural Society. Their Articles of Association stated that the "particular business and objects of such a society are and are to be the encouragement of agriculture and mechanical pursuits such as the breeding and raising of stock, the raising of crops, the improvement of land, the invention and improvement of agricultural implements and other like purposes by the offering of premiums for the exhibition of the same."

Existing documents don't reveal why the farmers and business leaders of Amenia, a mere 14 miles from the Washington Hollow fairgrounds, felt the need to create another agricultural society, but within a few weeks the new association had elected its first officers and on October 17th, 18th, and 19th they held their first fair on property leased from Mary Ingraham and A. B. Rice that already included a race track. Annual fairs took place in the same location until 1892 when stockholders of the fair voted to sell the property, a decision that the Poughkeepsie Eagle News reported was "regretted by the farmers and stock raisers of Eastern Dutchess, although the fair has generally had too much competition to prove a thorough success."

Newspaper articles and fair reports included in a ledger owned by the Dutchess County Historical Society reveal that the Amenia fairs included all the usual attractions: the showing of cattle and horses; displays of agricultural machinery, a floral hall, displays of ladies handiwork and exhibits of fruit and veg-



etables. In 1886, declared by the officers to be the "biggest affair of the kind ever held in eastern Dutchess," an emphasis was placed on trotting and mule races, footraces, daytime fireworks, games of baseball and all the sights and amusement of the sideshows."

From 1871 – 1887 the Amenia and Washington Hollow fairs co-existed and in general offered the same competitions and attractions. There was, however, at least for a couple of years, one unique aspect of the Amenia fairs that was the result of the election of Hyatt Frost as a Vice President of the Association on July 19, 1871. Frost was born on March 4, 1827 in the town of Southeast. "The Frost Genealogy" reports that "Hyatt was born and brought up in the neighborhood where originated the idea of exhibiting wild animals.

#### An elephant and armadillo

Hyatt and his brothers became deeply interested and when the first elephant, Old Bet, came to this country it was with great pride that Hyatt got the privilege of carrying water to her. By 1849, Hyatt was running a one-wagon sideshow for the Van Amburgh Circus that featured an armadillo said to be a "big bug of California."

Isaac A. Van Amburgh, born in Fishkill, is credited with developing the first trained wild animal act in modern times. Van Amburgh began his career as a cage cleaner in the Zoological Institute of New York, a tiny traveling menagerie.

Hyatt Frost's handsome residence, now part of the Maplebrook School, was cared for by a French gardener, and was the physical manifestation of the great wealth he accrued on the circus circuit. The home is shown in the 19th century (inset) and today. *Contemporary photo courtesy of Melodye Moore*

Isaac showed a talent for training the wild animals and in 1833, at the age of 22 astonished the country by entering a cage of wild cats at the Zoological Institute. His reputation established, by the next year Van Amburgh had his own traveling menagerie and by the mid-1840s his show was the largest show in England where he performed for Queen Victoria and Prince Albert in 1844. After Van Amburgh's death in 1865, Hyatt became the sole proprietor of the circus, retained the Van Amburgh name and traveled all over the United States and Canada with his wagon show. In 1866 Hyatt entered into a partnership with P.T. Barnum and established a combined Barnum and Van Amburgh Museum and Menagerie on Broadway. In 1868 a fire destroyed the museum and killed some of Van Amburgh's animals. The partnership with Barnum ended but Frost continued travelling under the name of Van Amburgh and Co.

#### Frost, the 'showman'

The year before Hyatt took over the circus, he had married Sarah Halsted, daughter of Joseph and Sallie Halsted of Amenia. The 1870 Federal Census reveals that by this time Hyatt and Sarah were living in Amenia. His occupation is listed as "showman," his personal estate was valued at \$8,200 and his real estate had a value of \$36,000. He had clearly established himself as a successful entrepreneur and that may have influenced the decision of the organizers of the Eastern Dutchess Agricultural Society to elect him to the Vice Presidency of the organization in 1871. His home, which is still standing today and is part of the Maplebrook School, is located at the corner of Route 22 and Perry's Corner Road. The photograph of the house in the 1912 Frost Genealogy shows it to be beautifully landscaped, no doubt the work the French gardener Henry Faure, listed as living in the household in 1875.

But his home in Amenia was only seasonal as Frost continued to crisscross the country with his traveling show from spring through late fall. In 1875, the circus left Cambridge City, Indiana on April 21st and closed out the season in Amenia on October 26th, having stopped in 149 places throughout Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York.

The 1877 season began in March and continued until January of 1878 when it

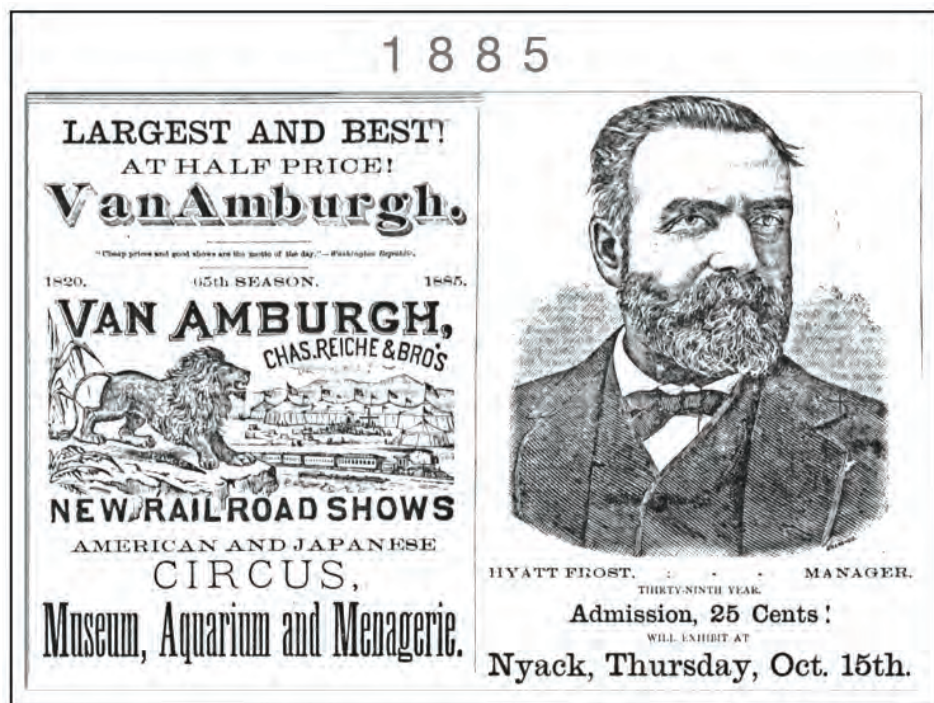
closed down for the year in Louisiana. In its heyday, the company included over 100 principal equestrians, acrobats and athletes in the profession, 212 horses used to transport the circus itself, and 185 men, women and children, including performers.

Amenia served as the winter quarters for the circus until 1881 when, as a result of disagreements among the owners, it was decided to sell the company assets and dissolve the partnership. The dispersal of the circus assets took place at a public sale on the Amenia fairgrounds. Imagine the excitement in this small rural village generated by the event as described in the New York Times following the event "...the event attracted showmen from all over the Union to the little village perched at the very top of the bleak Dutchess County hills." Seventy horses were offered, with wagons, harness and circus paraphernalia, besides all the menagerie animals. The big buyer of the day was Adam Forepaugh, a horse trader and circus owner who competed with P.T. Barnum to own the title of the largest circus in America during the 1870s and 1880s. In 1877 he commissioned the first railroad car for a traveling circus. Forepaugh was successful buying Bolivar the elephant for \$7,100 and the double-horned rhinoceros for \$2,450. Following the auction all the animals, whether sold or not, except for the horses, remained over the winter in buildings on the fairgrounds.

Frost succeeded in reorganizing the company and continued touring for another eight years. Upon his retirement, the Van Amburgh name was released to Ringling Brothers who continued to use it as a sub-title for a number of years.

As you drive through Amenia today and pass the Freshtown Plaza, cast your imagination back to the days when, instead of seeing a grocery store and a Tractor Supply, the fields and buildings were filled with monkeys, hyenas, lions, elephants, a two-horned rhinoceros, a herd of camels and various other exotic animals. It must have been a sight to behold.

*Melodye Moore is a long-standing Board member of DCHS, Chair of its Collections Committee, regular contributor to the DCHS Yearbook, and develops a wide range of programs. More information at www.DCHSNY.org.*



Hyatt Frost is shown in an 1885 advertisement for the Van Amburgh Circus. *Photo courtesy of Find-a-Grave, Amenia Island Cemetery Memorials*



# We were framed! (in a good way)

submitted by Pat Owens

At the February meeting of the Old Dutch Village Garden Club the theme was “A Gift from Nature” presented by Vera Tsumagari, our Vice President. The idea was to adorn plain old picture frames with items provided by our natural environment. It’s amazing how sticks, burrs, leaves and dried flowers can bring a frame to life and enhance the photo or drawing within. Just wield that glue gun and go to town! They were indeed delightful renditions. And, of course, the goodies on the table represented Valentine’s Day. Never let a baking opportunity go to waste.

During the business meeting several topics were discussed including plans for the Annual Plant Sale in May. It will here before we know it and if the weather is any indication, it may be even sooner than that. This year the date is May 20. While you are walking around your garden, think about what needs to be divided or just dug up. We would love to have it or even come to dig it up at the appropriate time. Remember, don’t disturb those leaves, etc. too early. Bugs and stuff are wintering over in there. It should be at least 50 degrees for a week or more until those critters wake up. And while you are loitering in your garden be aware that the Garden of the Month starts in June and you could be a candidate.

Also discussed was our annual Scholarship to one or two graduating Red Hook High School seniors with plans to pursue a track of horticulture, environmental studies or landscape design. Every little bit helps and surely there are some budding environmentalists in our school population who might benefit from a little extra help in the financial department. Interested students can check on that availability.

On March 9 one of our members, Felice Gelman, will provide a presentation on the subject of “All About Bees.” It is imperative that we protect their environment. Actually, I am considering reducing our lawn space to provide a “wilder” area for our butterfly and bee population. Less to mow, more to enjoy in both time and beauty. A win-win situation all around.

As stated the next meeting of the Old Dutch Village Garden Club will be on Thursday, March 9. There is always more to learn about nature. A presentation on birds is in the offing as well. And we’re a fun and welcoming group. We meet at St. John’s Reformed Church in Upper Red Hook at 12:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month, except for August. New members and visitors are always welcome. Please contact Linda Lawson at 845-758-5653 for additional information.

**Arts Mid-Hudson Gallery**, 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Suite F, Poughkeepsie. **Through March 9:** “Peg Leg Bates: The Performance Years,” using posters, photos and text, the exhibit will explore dancer Peg Leg Bates’ performing life through the experience of being a Black performer in vaudeville in the United States and beyond during the Jim Crow into the Civil Rights and post-Civil rights eras. [www.artsmidhudson.org](http://www.artsmidhudson.org)

**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. Call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access to the galleries. [cunneen-hackett.org](http://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](http://www.woodstockguild.org)

**Morton Memorial Library & Community House**, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. **Feb. 24-March 31:** The 2023 Morton Talent Show Art Exhibition, works created by local artists.

**Opening reception:** Fri., Feb. 24, 6-8 p.m. Free admission; refreshments will be served during the reception. (845) 875-2903

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

**Tivoli Artists Gallery**, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through March 19:** “Winter’s Passing – Transitions,” works ranging from images of graphic bare woods that describe wintry land forms, to landscapes inspired by storms, vistas and changing light. Interior images, still life images created during winter, and abstract works that respond to the colors, textures and mood of the season. Winter Hours: Fri. 5-8:30 p.m., Sat. noon-8 p.m., Sun. 1-5 or by appt. (845) 757-2667 or [www.tivoliartistsgallery.com](http://www.tivoliartistsgallery.com)



The Tivoli Artists Gallery’s current show, “Winter’s Passing – Transitions,” includes this collage by Anita Fina Kiewra, “West Hill 1.” *Courtesy image*

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Vicki Frank Day shares stories and recipes.

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# A&E Calendar

arts and entertainment happenings

**Feb. 23: Author Event,** Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Live, in conversation: Jai Chakrabarti ("A Small Sacrifice for an Enormous Happiness") in conversation with Amitava Kumar, 6 p.m. In the 14 masterful stories that make up this story collection, Jai Chakrabarti crosses continents and cultures to explore what it means to cultivate a family today, across borders, religions, and race. Free. Registration required at [www.oblongbooks.com](http://www.oblongbooks.com).

**Feb. 23: Open Mic,** Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. Hosted by Chihoe Hahn, 7 p.m. Sign up in person, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Performers must be present when Open Mic begins. No cover. (845) 855-1300 or [www.townecrier.com](http://www.townecrier.com)

**Feb. 23: Robert Lyons Book Party,** The Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. Join Robert Lyons as he celebrates the recent publication of "My Onliness & Others," a collection of six of his plays, by Mercer Street Books. The event will include the reading of short excerpts, 6 p.m. Signed copies will be available. Free admission. (518) 771-3340 or [www.thestissingcenter.org](http://www.thestissingcenter.org)

**Feb. 24: Bluegrass Concert by Rob Ickes and Trey Hensley,** Kaatsbaan Cultural Park's Indoor Black Box Theater, 120 Broadway, Tivoli. Known for their white-hot picking, stone country vocals with soul and world class live musicianship, Ickes and Hensley meld together blues, bluegrass, country, rock and other

string band music of all kinds to form a signature blend of music that defies restrictions of genre. 7 p.m. General Admission \$30 advance, \$35 door. [www.kaatsbaan.org](http://www.kaatsbaan.org)

**Feb 24: Hyde Park Rotary Club's "Comedy Night,"** Coppola's Restaurant, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. Kendra Cunningham is a stand-up comic living in Brooklyn, named as a comic to watch by Time Out New York and has been compared to Groucho Marx and Mae West by the UK's Chortle. Katina Corrao is an actress, comedian, and writer. She's been seen on The Daily Show, Broad City, Deadbeat, Big Morning Buzz Live, and heard on the animated series, Pinkalicious & Peterrific. Tickets \$65 for dinner with cash bar and comedy show. Tickets at (845) 758-6464, or via <https://www.facebook.com/rotaryhydeparkny>

**Feb. 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](http://www.TheTwoOfUsProductions.org) or (518) -329-6293

**Feb. 24-26: "Signs, Games & Messages" Festival,** Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. Conceived and curated by pianist Shai Wosner, "Signs, Games & Messages" is an annual three-day, four-concert festival at Bard College Conservatory of Music that explores the music of Hungarian composer György Kurtág (b. 1926), as well as that of composers who influenced or were influenced by him. Performances take place at Olin Hall, Chapel of the Holy Innocents, and the Bitó Conservatory Building Performance Space on Fri., Feb. 24, at 8 p.m.; Sat., Feb. 25, at 1 & 7 p.m.; and Sun., Feb. 26, at 2 p.m. Free admission. <http://bard.edu/>

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**Feb. 25: Stand-up Upstairs,** The Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. It's a night of raucous comedy featuring Cynthia Levin, Jim Dailakis, host Rachel Lenihan (Pine Plains' own), and another great talent or two yet to be announced, 7 p.m. Tickets \$25. (518) 771-3340 or [www.thestissingcenter.org](http://www.thestissingcenter.org)

**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. 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](http://www.murdercafe.net)

**Feb. 26: "The Relentless Patience of Priscilla Cranberry,"** The Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. Filmed entirely in Pine Plains, this new short comedy film tells the story of Priscilla Cranberry, who attempts to navigate the challenging romantic landscape of being a single woman in the Victorian era. This pre-feminist fable is based on the stand-up comedy of Cynthia Levin and marks the first project by Staro Industries, the creative studio founded in 2022 by producer/director Patrick Trettenero. Run time: 30 minutes. Followed by a Q&A with Cynthia Levin and Patrick Trettenero, moderated by Lenora Champagne. (Total event time, 90 minutes.) 3 p.m. Tickets \$10. (518) 771-3340 or [www.thestissingcenter.org](http://www.thestissingcenter.org)



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

## County to host sensory-friendly storytelling show in March

Dutchess County invites residents of all abilities and their families to a free sensory-sensitive, live storytelling performance titled "Cuentos: Tales from the Latino World" with renowned storyteller David Gonzalez on Thursday, March 16th at 6 p.m. at the Bardavon 1869 Opera House, located at 35 Market Street

in Poughkeepsie. The theater will adjust the lighting and sound to make this ThinkDIFFERENTLY event more enjoyable for those who experience sensory issues. Individuals, families and support agencies are all invited to this free event. Seating is limited; registration is required and can be completed at [dutchessny.gov/show](http://dutchessny.gov/show).

A storyteller and experienced performer familiar to audiences with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Gonzalez will bring his casual and simple staging to this multi-cultural performance. "Cuentos" paints a vivid picture of the people and rich cultures of the Spanish-speaking world with colorful tales from the Caribbean, South America and the Bronx. Mr. Gonzalez performed a similarly sensory-sensitive show, "Talking Birds and Golden Fish," at the Bardavon in December 2022 – one of three ThinkDIFFERENTLY events held at the historic theatre last year.

"Cuentos" introduces the audience to the world of Latino literature and culture, and Spanish words are sprinkled throughout the stories and songs of "Cuentos" so young audience members can repeat and retain their sound and meaning.

## Answers to this week's diversions

(puzzles on page 12)

Suguru solution

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# OBITUARIES

**Robert (Bob) A. Aliberto**



RHINEBECK - Robert (Bob) A. Aliberto, 74, of Rhinebeck, NY, passed away on Tuesday, February 7th, 2023 at his home. Born on May 27th, 1948, in Yorktown Heights, NY, he was the son of the late Charles H and Antoinette (Landi) Aliberto. Bob had a lifelong love affair with automobiles (really fast ones), especially Ford Mustangs. He was a very talented mechanic and race car driver, competing successfully against race teams with far more resources. Bob taught auto mechanics for many years at Newburgh Free Academy in Newburgh, NY. He also owned and operated Eastern Mustang in Poughkeepsie, NY. Bob was a respected member of the Shelby American Automobile Club (SAAC) and was a writer and contributor for various Mustang publications. In retirement, Bob enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson (really fast), restoring antique pocket watches, and helping others. Bob could always be counted on to try to repair any broken item that was brought to him by family and friends. Bob is survived by his sister in law, Evelyn Aliberto; his nieces and nephews, Charles J. Aliberto, Tom Allen, Doug Allen, Regina Deemer, Kathy Goei, Tambre Tondryk, Jodi Obrochta, Patricia Cargain, and Gail Landi; along with numerous extended family, friends, and Mustang enthusiasts. In addition to his parents, a sister, Florence Landi, and his brother, Charles A. Aliberto predecease him. A Celebration of Bob's life will be held at Lime Rock Raceway, CT on Saturday, February 25th at 4 PM. Arrangements are under the direction of Burnett & White Funeral Homes 91 E. Market St., Rhinebeck, NY.

**Martha J. Caruso**

RHINEBECK - Martha Jean Caruso, 68, of Rhinebeck, NY passed away at home last week on February 7th 2023. Born April 25, 1954 in Newburgh, NY, daughter of the late Lawrence Caruso and the late Carolyn Shiverick Caruso. She worked as a secretary in various positions along the Hudson River in New York State and in Connecticut. She is survived by her two children, Samantha Runner and Benjamin Runner and his wife Rose Campbell Runner and two grandchildren, Benjamin David Runner and Ivy Runner. She is also survived by her brother Joseph Caruso and two sisters, Ruth Caruso Rower and Mary Caruso Clark. A graveside service was held on Saturday February 18, 2023 at Salt Point Cemetery in Salt Point,NY. Arrangements are entrusted to Allen Funeral Home, Pleasant Valley, NY. Donations may be sent to East Clinton Rescue Squad, P.O.Box 181, Clinton Corners, NY 12514. For condolences, please visit [www.hudson-valleyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hudson-valleyfuneralhomes.com).

**Richard H. Dedrick**

TIVOLI - Richard H. Dedrick, 81, a long-time resident of Tivoli, passed away on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at Ferncliff Nursing Home in Rhinebeck, NY. Born on February 27, 1941, in Rhinebeck, NY, he was the son of the late James and Annette (Friend) Dedrick. Richard was a graduate of Tivoli High School –class of 1960, and excelled at basketball. At the time of his graduation, he had the honor of having the most points scored in Dutchess County. Richard served honorably in the US Air Force from 1960-1964. For many years, he worked as a manager with Pep Boys in Modesto, CA. Locally, he worked at Schatz Federal Bearing in Poughkeepsie, NY. Always active, Richard was a member and Past Commander of Harris Smith Post 524 American Legion in Tivoli, NY; he was member of Monumental Hudson Widows Son Lodge #7 F.&A.M, in Tivoli, NY; and a former member of the Red Hook-Rhinebeck Lodge 2022 BPOE in Red Hook, NY. He also served a District Deputy Grand Master-Columbia District of the Grand Lodge F & A M. Richard was a parishioner of St. Paul's/Trinity Parish in Tivoli, NY. He is survived by his son, Dion Dedrick of Rupert, ID; his siblings, Jackie (Buddy) Szatko of Red Hook, NY, Harold (Marion) Dedrick of Tivoli, NY, and Bill Dedrick of Tivoli, NY; a cousin Bruce Dedrick of New Jersey; several grandchildren; a great grandchild; several nieces and nephews; along with extended family and friends. In addition to his parents, his son, Richard Dedrick, Jr, and a brother, James Dedrick, Jr predecease him. Friends called at the Burnett & White Funeral Homes in Red Hook on Monday, February 20th, 2023. Fraternal organizations offered their services. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at Burnett &

White Funeral Homes, Red Hook, NY. Fr. Michael Phillips. Burial with military honors took place at Red Church Cemetery, Tivoli. Memorial donations may be made in Richard's memory to the Harris Smith Post 524 American Legion, PO Box 59, Tivoli, NY 12583, or to Monumental Hudson Widows Son Lodge #7 F.& A.M, Tivoli, NY 12583. Arrangements are under the direction of Burnett & White Funeral Homes 7461 S. Broadway, Red Hook, NY. To sign the online guest book, please visit [www.Burnett-White.com](http://www.Burnett-White.com).

**Charlene Ann Hohwart Gay**

MILLBROOK - Charlene Ann Hohwart Gay passed away suddenly on Sunday, February 12, 2023, surrounded by family and friends. She was born to the late Joan Rossi and Peter Enea, in Yonkers, NY October 20, 1952. Charlene was a devoted Oncology Nurse, retired from Westchester County Medical Center. In her retirement, she continued dedicating her time to help others by volunteering for Meals on Wheels. She was active and cherished in her church (Lyll Memorial Federated Church) and Millbrook, NY community. Charlene adored her farm life and family traditions that were always built around those she loved. She created a Christmas Eve tradition like none other, loved travel, golf, gardening, football, cooking with her husband, and just enjoying time with friends and loved ones. She leaves behind her beloved husband Peter Gay, two sons Christopher and William Hohwart, Sister Diane Micoli (deceased husband Jack Micoli), Peter Enea (Karen Enea), stepchildren John Gay, Brian Gay (Eileen Javellana), Karen Gay, Kathleen Skelton, Melissa Munoz (David Munoz), Amy Gay (Matthew Burrows), 14 grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and several furry friends. Visitation was held on Thursday, February 16 at Allen Funeral Home, 3270 Franklin Ave., Millbrook. Funeral Services took place during visitation. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Meals on Wheels via Lyall Memorial Federated Church in Millbrook, NY

**Marion B. Russell**

FORMERLY OF RHINEBECK - Marion B. Russell, 84, a former resident of Rhinebeck, passed way peacefully in Longmeadow, MA surrounded by her loving nieces and nephew on February 11, 2023. Born on March 12, 1938 in Rhinebeck, NY, she was the daughter of the late Albert and Mildred (Hanaburgh) Butler Jr. Marion graduated from Rhinebeck Highschool and began working for IBM in the Typewriter division in Poughkeepsie and Kingston for 11 years before working as a floral arranger for E.A. Coon & Co for 13 years. She also worked sometime as a Court Clerk. While living in Rhinebeck she was a member and past president of the Landsman Kill Trail Association as well as a member of the Springbrook Park and the Riding and Driving Club. Marion was predeceased by her husband James Russell in 2019 as well as her brother Donald Butler in 2020 and her stepdaughter Michelle Tsiotsias in 2019. She is survived by her nieces Hope Jay Conlon (Chuck MacEacheron) of

Hyannis MA and Debbie Butler of Red Hook; her nephew Paul Butler (Erika Moniz) of Red Hook; her stepson Robert (Lisa) Russell of Longmeadow MA; her stepdaughter's husband Nikko of CA; a grandson Jordan Russell; as well as many more nieces, nephews, and close friends. Services for Marion will be held at a later date. Arrangements under the direction of the Dapson-Chestney Funeral Home, Rhinebeck, NY. To send an online condolence, please visit [www.dapsonchestney.com](http://www.dapsonchestney.com)

**Noah M. Thompson**

AMENIA - Noah Michael Thompson, 17, a lifelong area resident, died Friday, February 10, 2023 at Sharon Hospital in Sharon, CT following a tragic accident that occurred in Millerton, NY. Noah was a High School Student at Webutuck Central School District in Amenia, NY and was expecting to graduate with the Senior Class of 2023. Born July 20, 2005 in Sharon, CT he was the son of Terry Lee Thompson of Poughkeepsie, NY and Dayna Marie (Kain) Cook of Amenia, NY. Noah played baseball throughout his life beginning with the Webutuck Little League and progressing to Varsity Baseball at Webutuck High School. He also played baseball for the Town of Amenia and for the Town of Dover. Noah was an avid weightlifter and enjoyed spending many hours at the gym. He loved music especially by rapper and record producer Mac Miller. His greatest joy was spending time with his beloved family and many friends. Noah will forever be remembered for living life on his own terms and for his amazing smile and infectious laughter and giving the biggest hugs. He loved everyone and his love continued after his untimely passing by selflessly donating his organs to those in need. He will be dearly missed and forever remembered by all. In addition to his Mom and Dad, Noah is survived by four siblings, Emily Thompson, Caleb Cook, Logan Thompson and Sadie Thompson; his step-mother, Jennifer Thompson of Poughkeepsie and his step-father, Jeffrey Cook of Canaan, CT; his grandmother, Judy Thompson of Wassaic, NY and his grandparents, Jeffrey and Sharon Kain of Myrtle Beach, SC; his step-grandparents, Mary and Charles Thomas of Dover Plains, NY; three uncles, Matthew Kain and his wife Gina of Torrington, CT, Michael Kain and his wife Karen of Lehigh Acres, FL and Curtis Kain of Amenia; two aunts, Jennifer Thompson of Wassaic and Stephanie Thompson of Champlain, NY; fifteen cousins and many close friends. Noah was predeceased by his grandfather, Kenneth Thompson. Calling hours were held on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, February 17, 2023 at Immaculate Conception Church, 4 Lavelle Rd/Rt. 22 Amenia, NY., with Rev. R. Kent Wilson. All other services will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to a local fire department or rescue squad of your choice or to Webutuck Little League. To send an online condolence to the family, please visit [www.conklinfuneralhome.com](http://www.conklinfuneralhome.com).



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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 situs 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 SEELBACH, DUTCHESS 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 AMER- | ICA INTERNAL REV-ENUE 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 Complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon- | orable Michael G Hayes, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Dutchess County, granted on the 21st day of December, 2022, and filed with the Complaint and other papers in the office of the County Clerk of Dutchess County. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by ROBERT RYAN A/K/A ROBERT L. RYAN A/K/A ROBERT LEE RYAN, SR. and ANN L. LOWN-RYAN A/K/A ANN RYAN to AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, bearing date November 23, 1999 and recorded in Instrument Number: 01 1999 14960 in the 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 No- | vember 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                           | obtained by visiting our website <a href="http://www.dutchessny.gov">http://www.dutchessny.gov</a> , selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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Specifications and bid forms may be | <b>LEGAL NOTICE</b><br><b>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN</b> that a public hearing will be held by the County Attorney of Dutchess County in the County Office Building, County Attorney's Conference Room, 5th Floor, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, on the <b>1st day of March 2023 at 10:00 am</b> , on the following local law: A LOCAL LAW FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE-FIGHTER AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE MEMBERS. At said time and place, all parties interested will be heard.<br>DATED: February 16, 2023<br>Poughkeepsie, New York<br>William F. X. O'Neil<br>Acting County Executive |
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# COLLEGE NOTES

MONTCLAIR, NJ -- Paige Guski of Red Hook was named to Montclair State University's Fall 2022 Dean's List. Guski is a Film and Television major.

Guski was among more than 6,000 students named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Montclair State University is proud to call Paige a Red Hawk!

ITHACA, NY -- Ithaca College congratulates the following local students named to Dean's List for the fall 2022 semester: Lily Babcock of Staatsburg, Brianna Bownas of Millbrook, Kate Drickel of Staatsburg, Jo Dull of Rhinebeck, Vanessa Ibarra of Wassaic, Lila McGuckin of Red Hook, and Kathryn Mullen Mechtly of Red Hook.

HEMPSTEAD, NY -- Andreas Gukeisen of Rhinebeck achieved a perfect 4.0 GPA during the Fall 2022 semester, earning a spot on the Provost's List at Hofstra University. Andreas' major is Political Science.

CORTLAND, NY -- A total of 720 SUNY Cortland students earned President's List honors for the Fall 2022 semester, including these local students: Mackenzie Armbrust of Staatsburg, Arianna Radovic of Millbrook, William Sniffen of Pleasant Valley, and Samantha Spizuoco of Stanfordville.

To qualify for the President's List, students must earn a grade of A- or better in each of their classes while carrying a course load of 12 hours or more.

WORCESTER, MA -- Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) announced that Tivoli resident John Marcotte, a member of the class of 2023 majoring in Mechanical Engineering (BS), was named to the university's Dean's List for academic excellence for the fall 2022 semester.

ALBANY, NY -- Congratulations to Christina Evans of Hyde Park for earning a spot on the Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester at The College of Saint Rose. Evans is majoring in Forensic Psychology at Saint Rose. Full-time undergraduate students who complete a minimum of 12 graded credit hours and who achieve a semester average of 3.5 without a D, F, or Incomplete are eligible for the Dean's List.

ST. GEORGE, UT -- Will Duersch of Lagrangeville earned President's List recognition at Utah Tech University. Utah Tech University students excelled in the classroom during the Fall 2022 semester with 1,282 UT students, or 10 percent of the student body, earning President's List honors. Inclusion on the President's List requires students to complete a minimum of 15 credits and achieve a GPA of 3.9 or higher.

MORRISVILLE, NY -- SUNY Morrisville recently announced that local students were named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester: Joseph Alveira of Red Hook, and Keyla Hennessy of Salt Point. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve a 3.0 to 3.99 grade-point average for the semester and complete 12 credit hours.

KINGSTON, RI -- The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Fall 2022 Dean's List. The list includes Jake Wilber of Millbrook, Ava Schneeberger of Pine Plains, Morgan Maleonskie of Pleasant Valley, David Young of Pleasant Valley, Stella Russell of Pleasant Valley, and Rachel Kaplan of Rhinebeck.

To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and

achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

**Tristan Battistoni named SUNY Scholar-Athlete of the Year**  
ONEONTA, NY -- SUNY Oneonta graduate student Tristan Battistoni of Pleasant Valley recently was named the State University of New York Scholar Athlete of the Year, in men's soccer, by Chancellor John B. King, Jr., from the SUNY System in Albany.

"I think this is such a fitting way to cap off such a stellar career for Tristan," stated Athletic Director Ryan Hooper. "He is the true definition of a scholar athlete."

The Fall SUNY Scholar Athlete Awards recognized 21 student athletes from SUNY colleges and universities sponsoring intercollegiate athletics at the four- and two-year levels who were nominated and voted upon by representatives of their respective institutions. Nominating information includes cumulative grade point average, current and career statistics, and athletic and academic honors. Battistoni was one of five student-athletes from the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) to be honored.

"Is it true the 'Scholar Athlete of the Year' gets another year of eligibility?" head coach Iain Byrne joked.

Battistoni was the team captain in 2022 where he was named to the United Soccer Coaches NCAA Division III Men's All-Region first team, SUNYAC All-Conference second team and the SUNY-AC All-tournament team.

He started all 21 games in 2022 and was part of a backline that limited opponents to 0.86 goals against average with eight shutouts. Battistoni and his team won its 12th overall SUNYAC title and reached the third round of the NCAA tour-

nament. The Red Dragons finished the 2022 season 15-3-3 overall.

"To have the success he's achieved on the field, only to be exceeded by the success in the classroom, is truly something special," Hooper continued. "We are very proud to have Tristan represent us as a Red Dragon, a huge congratulations to him on this accomplishment."

Battistoni was recently honored as the SUNYAC Men's Soccer Scholar Athlete of the Year, he has been named to the SUNYAC Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll each season, is a Chi Alpha Sigma National College Athlete Honor Society member and an Omicron Delta Kappa member.

"Tristan has to be the most decorated student-athletes in our program's history, and I look forward to seeing him in our Hall of Fame one day," Byrne concluded.

TAMPA, FL -- Erin Robin of Pleasant Valley earned dean's list honors at The University of Tampa for the Fall 2022 semester. Robin is majoring in Communication Media and Culture BA.

Students must maintain a GPA of 3.75 or higher to be eligible for the dean's list.

POTSDAM, NY -- Evelyn Paige Laferriere of Pleasant Valley received a bachelor of science degree with great distinction in environmental science and policy, honors program, communication minor, literature and the arts minor from Clarkson University on Dec. 17, 2022.

SPRINGFIELD, MA -- Hyde Park resident Andrew Butt has been named to Western New England University's Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester. Butt is working toward a BSE in Biomedical Engineering.

Students are named to the Dean's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.30 or higher.



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Please send resume to [hplibrary@hydeparkfreelibrary.org](mailto:hplibrary@hydeparkfreelibrary.org)  
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# THE HOME IMPROVEMENT HEADQUARTERS



FIND OUT MORE ABOUT  
'FRIENDLY CALLS'  
AND OFA EXERCISE PROGRAMS

The Office for the Aging is holding two information sessions on Monday, March 6th, at 2:30 pm, at the OFA Poughkeepsie Friendship Center at 114 Delafield St. in the City of Poughkeepsie. We'll cover OFA's various exercise and fall-prevention offerings, including basic exercise, tai chi, and "A Matter of Balance." At the same event, there's also an introduction to OFA's new Friendly Calls program, which connects volunteer callers with Dutchess County older adults at risk of loneliness and social isolation for conversations that help maintain a sense of belonging and connectedness for older adults.

Space is limited, so advance registration is required. Call OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555 to find out more.

GET TO KNOW OFA AND 'ELLI\*Q'

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.

View a demonstration at [www.elliq.com](http://www.elliq.com).

CITIZEN'S PREPAREDNESS FOR  
OLDER ADULTS AND CAREGIVERS

The Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response, with the Office for the Aging and Town of Hyde Park, have scheduled a free Citizens Preparedness Training for Older Adults and Caregivers event at Hyde Park Town Hall (4383 Albany Post Rd. (Route 9)), at 10 am on Thursday, March 21st. Space is limited. Dutchess County residents over age 60 and their caregivers can sign up for this event by contacting the Office for the Aging at 845-486-2555 during business hours.

During the training, participants will learn resources and skills necessary to better prepare for any type of disaster, how to respond accordingly in a disaster, and how to recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions. Each household will receive a free Citizens Preparedness Response Starter Kit, along with information on Office for the Aging services.

To keep up with OFA's listings of activities, subscribe to the weekly Aging News e-newsletters by emailing [bjones@dutchessny.gov](mailto:bjones@dutchessny.gov) to be placed on our email list.

For those who are not online, we mail quarterly THRIVE60+ newsletters throughout Dutchess County. If you'd like to get on the mailing list or would

like to update the address we have on file, call 845-486-2555. The Spring 2023 issue will be distributed soon!

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 [dmollica@siloridge.com](mailto:dmollica@siloridge.com).

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](mailto:mc.cls@marist.edu) or calling 845-575-3902. More information at [www.marist.edu/professional-programs/cls](http://www.marist.edu/professional-programs/cls).

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Fresh Air Fund is hiring  
summer camp nurses for its  
sleepaway camps in Fishkill

The Fresh Air Fund is hiring summer camp nurses for an experience of a lifetime at The Fund's sleepaway camps on Sharpe Reservation in Fishkill, New York in Dutchess County. If you (or your friends) are licensed as a Registered Nurse or a Licensed Practical Nurse in New York State, The Fresh Air Fund is looking for you!

In addition, a graduate of a Nursing Program who plans to take the New York State Board of Nursing Exam by September 1st may also qualify.

Located on more than 2,000 acres of spectacular wilderness property with lakes and trails, Fund camps in Fishkill, New York provide free outdoor recreational and educational activities to children from New York City's underserved communities. Since its founding in 1877, The Fresh Air Fund, a not-for-profit youth development organization, has provided life-changing summer experiences to more than 1.8 million New York City children.

2023 could be the summer to challenge yourself and broaden the direction of your career in the nursing profession. The Fund is looking for qualified applicants including RNs, LPNs, retired nurses, school nurses and recent nursing school graduates who are ready for the challenge.

Susie Powers, The Fund's Health and Safety Director and Senior Camp Nurse,

began her journey with The Fresh Air Fund more than 20 years ago. She packed her car, traveled 720 miles, and started a career that taught her about different cultures and lifestyles.

Powers said, "It is an honor to do the work I do. The days are long, the work is hard, but it is all worthwhile to see the smiles on the children's faces and feel the appreciation of their families. No job is more fulfilling than giving children a positive, fun and safe experience."

Camp nurses are the primary medical staff in camp and report directly to the Camp Director and Senior Camp Nurse. They are responsible for all health-related care of campers and staff. Nursing Assistants work alongside Camp Nurses and assist them with daily routines and camper supervision in the infirmary. Camp Nursing Staff work in camp health centers and reside in private rooms.

Duties include: medication distribution; medical needs assessment; emergency care; health education teaching and maintenance; referrals to camp doctor; nursing care of campers and staff requiring short-term bed rest; communication of pertinent medical information to The Fund office and parents, and maintaining medical records and logs.

For more information and to apply for nursing and nursing assistant positions, please visit [www.FreshAir.org/nurses](http://www.FreshAir.org/nurses).

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