

Battle brewing over resort proposal in Millbrook

by Rich Thomaselli

“Are you trying to get me in trouble?” That was the response – half serious, half in jest – of a business owner in the Millbrook/Town of Washington area who was asked about the most recent hot-but-tion issue inside the village.

See, there is a battle brewing in this eastern Dutchess County area over a project known as Second Mountain, a proposal to build a resort on the 350 acres that surround the famed Migdale Castle.

Migdale is the area’s legendary mansion built in 1927 for the daughter of industrialist Andrew Carnegie. It is currently owned by another prominent New York City family, the Wildersteins, and the mansion is currently for sale for \$14 million.

What the Second Mountain project and its parent company, Janet Farms LLC, is proposing is a resort for “glamping,” or high-end camping. The mansion, with a 45-foot indoor pool, would become the centerpiece of the project and turned into a spa that would also include at least two restaurants and a bar.

But the proposal also includes 23 single-family homes, which would substantially change the landscape and aesthetic of the area near Butts Hollow Road in the Town of Washington.

‘David vs. Goliath’

And that has started an interesting discussion in the town and, especially, the Village of Millbrook. But by all accounts so far, this is “David vs. Goliath,” as one of the business owners we spoke with described it.

The owner asked to remain anonymous, because that’s how one-sided this dispute has been so far – and the Second Mountain project is barely in the proposal stage and hasn’t even come close yet to naming a lead agency nor holding a public hearing.

On one side there is a loud majority, many of them wealthy, of opponents of



The Migdale Castle is the legendary mansion built in 1927 for the daughter of industrialist Andrew Carnegie. It is currently owned by another prominent New York City family, the Wildersteins, and is currently for sale for \$14 million. Courtesy photo

the project who don’t want to see the bucolic nature of the area changed. Or, to be blunt in the case of some of the well-heeled residents, to have their view changed.

On the other side is a mostly silent minority of people who see potential

progress in the proposal. And, certainly, it would mean more tax revenue and more business funneled into the Village of Millbrook.

“Yes, we’re silent because we run businesses here,” said the one business owner. “Am I for the project? I don’t even

know yet, because I haven’t even seen the proposal. We only know what we read and, really, what we hear in town. But I don’t even want to say for the record that I’m interested to hear what

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COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

County comptroller issues update on local impact of American Rescue Plan

by Kate Goldsmith

On March 18, Dutchess County Comptroller Robin Lois released an update to taxpayers on the American Rescue Plan (a.k.a. the COVID-19 Stimulus Package) and its impact on Dutchess. Signed into law on March 11, the \$1.9 trillion relief bill provides \$65 billion in direct aid to counties to help fight the pandemic, make investments throughout their communities and build critical infrastructure.

“This unprecedented ... relief bill

provides much needed aid to fund vaccination programs; funds assistance for small businesses and nonprofit agencies; expands critical assistance for food, housing, and unemployment benefits; and provides help for our schools to re-open safely - to name just a few,” Lois said.

The county comptroller reported that Dutchess anticipates receiving \$57.5 million in relief funding.

“Throughout 2020 the dedicated employees and public officials of Dutchess County worked tirelessly to set up testing operations, conduct contact

tracing, procure and provide PPE [personal protective equipment] to first responders throughout our communities, and to help businesses navigate restrictions and operate safely,” said Lois. “In 2021 the county adds to that list the heavy lift of distributing vaccines. All of this is being accomplished with fewer employees due to the county’s early retirement incentive, while absorbing declining local revenues like sales tax, hotel/motel tax and the loss of state reimbursements.”

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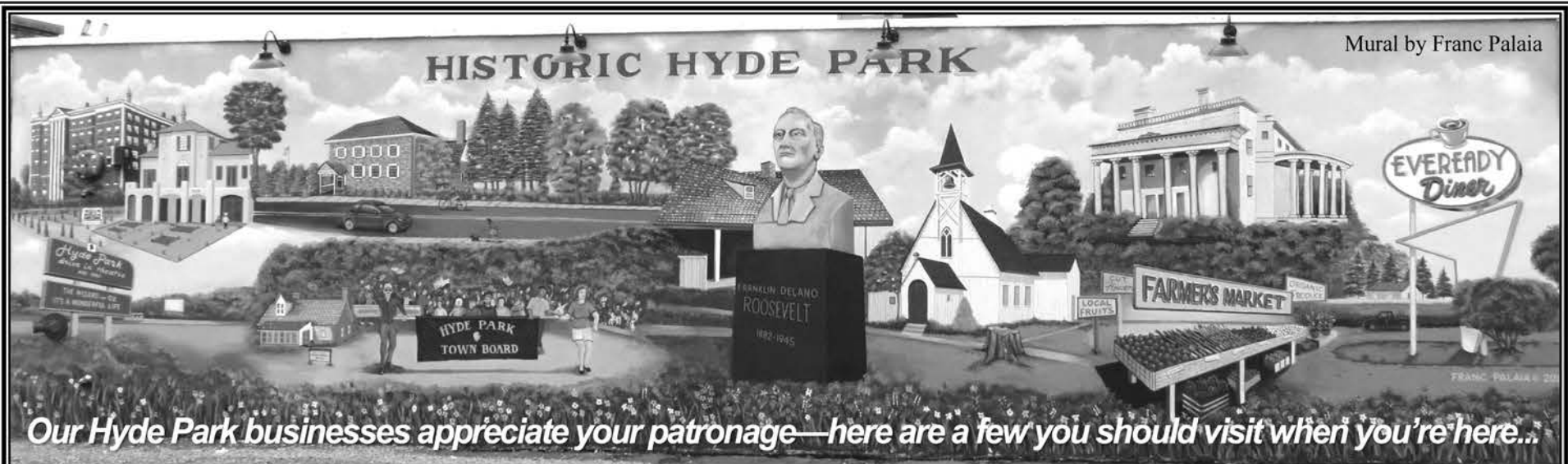
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Legislature adopts Sheriff's Police Reform and Modernization Plan

The Dutchess County Legislature, in a bipartisan 18-6 vote, approved the Dutchess County Sheriff's Police Reform and Modernization Plan on March 8.

Chairman Gregg Pulver (R- Pine Plains, Milan, Stanford and North East) said, "Through an extensive process of policy research and community dialogue, the plan certified this evening is among the best in the State. The County Sheriff's Office is full of passionate civil servants who put together a thoughtful plan to better our community's policing. I'm glad that Sheriff (Adrian 'Butch') Anderson has made the commitment to constantly review policies and procedures in tandem with the County's Criminal Justice Council and Reform Collaborative members."

He added, "Through their actions, which I have personally witnessed, the deputies at the Sheriff's Office have demonstrated their commitment to helping others each and every day.

"Importantly, our goal is to hold a civil service test this Fall with the most diverse and well-prepared set of applicants as possible. Change comes from within; and those who want to make a difference in our community should consider joining law enforcement."

Minority leader Rebecca Edwards (D-Town of Poughkeepsie) said, "The Sheriff's Department has taken a number of very promising steps, from the implementation of procedural justice and implicit bias training, to an expanded community policing unit. A proposal to implement body cameras will be presented to the legislature later this year. I look forward to continued constructive dialogue with the Sheriff's Department about further steps that will protect the officers who serve our community, ensure the most effective response in moments of threat or crisis, and build trust between law enforcement and residents."

No upsets in village elections

by Kate Goldsmith

Incumbents prevailed in village elections set March 16 in Red Hook, Rhinebeck and Tivoli.

RED HOOK

Three Trustee positions were on the ballot: two four-year positions and one two-year term to fill an unexpired vacancy. Incumbents Charles Laing and William Noonan, as well as candidate Melkorka Kjarval, all ran unopposed.

RHINEBECK

Incumbent Mayor Gary Bassett (D) won another term, defeating Rhinebeck Common candidate John Rossi by a vote of 444 to 319.

Current trustees Richard Lewit, who is also deputy mayor, and Lydia Slaby, both Democrats, won another term with 424 and 472 votes, respectively. Rhinebeck Common candidate Roger Quon received

352 votes.

The mayor and trustees were re-elected for two-year terms.

Current Village Justice William Sanchez received a total of 691 votes to serve another four-year term. He received 378 Democrat votes, 257 Rhinebeck Common votes and 56 Republican votes.

TIVOLI

The positions of mayor and two trustees were up for vote this year, each with a term of two years. All ran unopposed.

Incumbent Mayor Joel Griffith received 77 of the 79 total votes cast. Current Trustee Susan Ezrati received 78 votes, and Peter Baldino received 75 votes. Baldino will replace Angela Cole, who chose not to run for re-election.

The Village of Millbrook holds its elections in November, during the general election.

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(the developers) have to say, because I think that's how much of an issue it's going to be. I mean, when you have Bette Midler and other people getting involved, those are heavy hitters."

Indeed, Midler is involved. The multiple Tony, Grammy and Golden Globe award-winning singer and actress – as well as two-time Academy Award nominee – and her family own a home in Millbrook. She sent a letter to the Town of Washington Zoning Board of Appeals opposing the project, but mostly because of the aesthetics.

"As we hope this message makes clear, our concern is not with the project, but rather the required re-zoning and associated lack of community engagement. Having listened to the recording of the meeting held on the 2nd of February (pending release of subsequent meeting minutes and recordings), we welcome and echo Will Guidara's acknowledgement of the natural beauty, diverse and engaging community and restorative influence of the Town of Washington," Midler wrote.

She was referring to restaurateur Will Guidara, who is an investor and the face of Janet Farms' proposal for the resort.

"We're also impressed by, and lucky enough to have enjoyed (Guidara's) hospitality credentials: we love eating delicious food, so would welcome new dining options (though, like Mr. Guidara, we can't get enough of the cheeseburger at the Millbrook Diner)," Midler wrote. "To that end, we suggest that the consortium consider selecting a site for their hotel complex that is within the Village of Washington commercially zoned area; not impacting natural resources and land use; and not eroding the rural and historic character of the town. Perhaps the Town can point Mr. Guidara and his investors to Bennett College, the development of which would have a huge impact on the community."

Bennett College is the abandoned school that has become an eyesore at the Route 82 entrance to the Village of Millbrook.

Zoning board in the middle

The Zoning Board of Appeals held the latest meeting about the project last week. The Zoom meeting attracted 101 participants. It was open to the public, but not

taking public comment, but it clearly showed where the town is leaning.

At one point, one of the ZBA members asked if there was a way to gauge public sentiment during the live meeting. Town Clerk Mary Alex suggested those on the meeting use the chat function to register a simple "yes" if they were for the project or wanted to learn more, and "no" if they were against it.

There wasn't one single "yes" vote.

The purpose of the meeting was about whether or not the proposal would make it out of the ZBA.

"Our role is to consent, or not to consent, for the town (board) to be the lead agency (on the project)," Zoning Board member Frank Redl said.

But two attorneys that were allowed to speak were even against that. John Lyons, an experienced environmental and land-use lawyer representing a group called the "Friends of the Town of Washington," called on the ZBA to name the town Planning Board as the lead agency.

Lyons said the group is comprised of "more than 200 citizens, and that number is growing every day as the awareness of this project grows."

But the other attorney who spoke, Charles Gottlieb, truly encapsulated the "David vs. Goliath" battle this has – or will – become.

Gottlieb represents just three clients – Veronica Bulgari, Stephen Haimo and Alain Wertheimer.

Bulgari is the daughter of Italian billionaire businessman Nicola Bulgari, whose father founded the famous luxury jewelry company. Haimo is believed to be Veronica Bulgari's husband. And Wertheimer is a French billionaire who, along with his brother Gerard, owns a controlling interest in Chanel, the high-end fashion house famous for its fragrances.

Gottlieb described his clients as property owners adjacent to the proposed resort.

"My clients have a direct and concrete injury if this proposal goes through," Gottlieb said, noting what many opponents of the project have said, that it goes against the town's 2015 Comprehensive Plan of "preserving rural, historic and scenic character."

"We would urge this Board to make a

comment that the Town Board should not be the lead agency," Gottlieb said. "The Planning Board should be the one to review the environmental impact. The planning board is not motivated by politics."

That comment caused Town of Washington Supervisor Gary Ciferri to bristle.

"We're certainly far from political. We're treating this as any other applicant that would come before us," Ciferri told the Northern Dutchess News. "I don't know why they would say that. All we said is maybe there's some merit to this and let's take a look. We've got everybody's interest in mind, whether you are

for it or against it. Whatever happens, everybody will be heard. This is not a fast track. We're going step by step."

At the end of the meeting, the ZBA decided it did not have enough information to act on which board, the Town or the Planning, should be the lead agency.

Several members of the ZBA said they still haven't seen a full and complete proposal by Janet Farms. They did say, however, that the public will be heard even if they have to hold the meeting outdoors somewhere to accommodate what is likely going to be an overflow crowd.

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New Yorkers can't afford Senate's budget proposal

To the editor:

This year's state budget is one of the most consequential we will likely ever be a part of negotiating, and the number one priority needs to be funding fundamental services while providing tangible relief for New Yorkers who are still reeling in the midst of this pandemic.

While there were some good things in the Senate One House Budget Proposal that I have actively advocated for – including funding to support Community Services for the Elderly (CSE) programs, homecare workers, small business grants, an outright rejection of changes to the STAR program and closures of children and family services facilities that would negatively impact our communities, a continuation of the scheduled middle class tax cuts, and a continuation of Dwyer Veterans Peer to Peer Support Programs (Vet2Vet) – unfortunately, the proposal approved today [March 15] falls short.

Despite the estimated \$12.6 billion bailout coming from the federal government, this proposal does nothing to rein in wasteful spending, and instead uses accounting tricks and tax increases to kick the can down the road to fuel unprecedented spending growth.

Throughout this past year, nearly every aspect of our lives has changed. New Yorkers have reconsidered their priorities, tightened their budgets and too many have made the tough decision to leave the state. But here in the Albany bubble, it is business as usual—tax and spend with no regard for the long-term financial challenges we're leaving for the next generation.

In the coming weeks as we continue to negotiate this critical budget, I urge my colleagues to take a page out of the books of hardworking New Yorkers who have committed to tightening their belts during this time, instead of looking for any excuse to take another dollar out of their pockets.

Sen. Sue Serino
R,C-Hyde Park
State Senate District 41

Renewed request for data sharing and flexibility regarding COVID-19 vaccine administration

Editor's note: This letter was sent to Gov. Andrew Cuomo from Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro and his colleagues across New York.

To Governor Cuomo:

Thank you for providing local health departments with the authority to vaccinate all eligible New Yorkers beginning on March 17th. Eliminating the requirement that local health departments focus their vaccination efforts on specific populations has been a top NYSAC and NYSACHO priority to remove barriers to access and help counties to more equitably serve under-served populations.

We write today to renew our requests for additional data sharing and local control to help us reach our collective goal of vaccinating all eligible New Yorkers as quickly and efficiently as possible. We respectfully request the following:

1. A recurring weekly list of approved vaccine providers and their weekly vaccine allocations from Week 1 to the present, including allocations being designated to state-operated sites;

2. A list of all enrolled vaccine providers, including those that have prebooked vaccine and those who are not yet prebooking vaccine supply in the New York State Immunization Information System (NYSIIS);

3. The current methodology for vaccine distribution;

4. Data indicating how many residents have been vaccinated by zip code, including numbers of those partially (1 dose) and fully (2 doses or completed series) vaccinated;

5. Data indicating how many residents have been vaccinated at each vaccine provider site partially and fully;

6. Demographic data for those who have been vaccinated, including but not limited to their race/ethnicity, age, sex, and employment; and

7. The restoration of local control so vaccine distribution and administration can be done through the local health department infrastructure.

We appreciate your consideration of these requests and look forward to continuing to work with you as partners in the state vaccine administration effort.

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GUEST COLUMN / OPINION

Newspapers 'fortify our democracy'

by Judy Patrick
New York Press Association

Americans learned a lot about government – especially that once-obscure process of impeachment – in the past year. But over time we've lost ground when it comes to understanding and embracing our democracy's basic values.

That loss goes a long way to explaining our political division, brutal lack of civility in public discourse and erosion of trust in our basic institutions.

Many people know basic events and processes of U.S. history. We remember, from our school days, the three branches of government, the concept of separation of powers and how a bill becomes a law.

But Americans themselves are increasingly saying they aren't living up to the democratic ideals and principles on which our country was founded. And fewer people see some principles, such as freedom to peacefully protest, as very important at all.

The fundamental value of our democracy, for example, is self-government. Yet just 62 percent of citizens voted in the 2020 presidential election, turnout

considered high compared to previous elections.

The findings are part of the Pew Research Center's American Trends Panel 2020 study of U.S. democracy. While large majorities of Americans agree on the importance of a number of democratic principles, the survey found clear disagreement about how well the country is doing living up to those principles.

Take the freedom to protest, for example. The share of Americans who say the phrase "people are free to protest" describes the U.S. very or somewhat well fell from 73 percent in 2018 to 60 percent in 2019, according to the survey.

The concept of free speech is easy to love until you hear something especially distasteful. That's why understanding the reasons free speech are important is necessary to give life to the concept. Government transparency seems like a good idea until you're a public school teacher with your salary posted for all to see.

Learning how a bill becomes a law is fairly simple. Understanding the value of hearing all sides of the debate on that bill

is more difficult. Wading through a torrent of misinformation, spin and hyperbole is enough to make most people walk away in frustration.

Certainly there's a need for re-energizing civics education for our schoolchildren. That work has been neglected for far too long. But adults, too, need to work harder at understanding the past, the present and the future of our democratic system. For them, the best learning tool may be the newspaper on their doorstep.

Newspapers do more than report on the village board meeting or school board election. Solid reporting offers clarity. Attention to detail and truth creates trust. The focus on community generates mutual respect. Being a watchdog underscores the value of good government. By listening, we promote dialogue. And by doing all of this edition after edition, they slowly fortify our democracy.

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Delgado's local funding formula in COVID-19 relief bill directs \$57.5M to Dutchess

by Kate Goldsmith

U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado (D-19th Congressional District) recently announced that the American Rescue Plan (also called the COVID-19 Stimulus Package) contains his local funding formula, which delivers \$130.2 billion to local governments across the United States. Delgado has fought for direct federal support for counties, cities, towns and villages since last May when he introduced the first proposal to provide relief, irrespective of population size.

New York's 19th Congressional District, which includes parts of Dutchess County, will receive an estimated \$400 million based on Delgado's formula. Dutchess County as a whole is estimated to receive \$57.5 million.

Dutchess County Comptroller Robin Lois confirmed that Dutchess anticipates receiving \$57.5 million; see the COVID-19 County Update on this page for more information.

Eligible uses of the funds are broad. They include:

- Responding to/ mitigating the public health emergency;
- covering costs incurred as a result of the public health emergency;
- replacing revenue that was lost, delayed or decreased due to the public health emergency;
- addressing the negative economic impacts of the public health emergency.

Counties will receive funding directly from the Department of Treasury within 60 days of the agency receiving the county's Certification of Need.

Federal Treasury guidance for implementation will be issued shortly for cities, towns, and villages. When that happens, municipalities with populations of fewer than 50,000 should receive funding from the state within 30 days.

The state has a deadline of 30 days to

disburse funding; they can request an extension for good reason but no longer than 120 days, according to Delgado. In addition, states cannot change the allocations or impose additional requirements on the funds.

COUNTY INDEPENDENT REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION MEETING SET THURSDAY

There will be a virtual meeting of the Dutchess County Independent Reapportionment Commission on Thursday, March 25, at 5 p.m., on Microsoft Teams at the following link and telephone number:

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The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Brennan Center's Citizen Handbook on Redistricting and Reapportionment, and also to discuss the final report submitted by the Ulster County Independent Reapportionment Commission done after last census, 2011.

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the final impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Dutchess County tax revenues - a \$13 million decrease to revenue across all sources of tax revenue. Largest hit of all was sales tax revenue, which declined \$11 million, a 5.2-percent decrease from anticipated revenues in the 2020 Adopted Budget.

"Dutchess County was fortunately in a strong fiscal position prior to the pandemic hitting our community, which has helped us to sustain and maintain our crucial services to the public," Lois said. "These additional ARP [American Rescue Plan] funds will not only help provide for a quick recovery and enhance the ability to respond to the additional work that needs to be done until this pandemic is over, but also help Dutchess County build back better."

Dutchess expects to receive the \$57.5 million in two payments; the first to be received within 60 days, with the second arriving next year.

"ARP funding may also be used to assist Dutchess County in making important investments in critical infrastructure such as water, sewer, and broadband," Lois said. "As many county residents work from home and children continue to learn remotely, broadband has proved to be an essential need of our communities."

She added, "I hope the County Legislature and County Executive will take advantage of this aid and put a plan

in place to ensure every Dutchess County resident has access to affordable and adequate broadband service."

The American Rescue Plan also includes direct support to Dutchess County residents through extended unemployment insurance benefits, \$1,400 recovery rebate checks to individuals making \$80,000 or less per year (\$160,000 for joint filers), expanded earned income tax credit in 2021, health insurance subsidies with COBRA, and support to multiple employer pension plans experiencing fiscal shortfalls.

The stimulus package also includes:

- Support for education - support for safely reopening, enrichment programs, education technology;
- Public health assistance - for testing, tracing, research, mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment;
- Medicaid - increased support for home and community based services;
- Housing - rental assistance, mortgage assistance, LIHEAP assistance and homelessness support services;
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- Small Business - support for restaurants, Economic Injury Disaster Loans, expanded Paycheck Protection Programs

(PPP) loans, nonprofit and digital media assistance, support for live performance venue operators.

IN BRIEF:

• Dutchess County vaccine metrics have been added to the county's COVID-19 Dashboard that reflects data published on the State's Vaccine Tracker. Go to <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Department%2FDBCH/covid-19-dashboard.htm> for the latest updates.

• Last week, 3,200 doses of COVID-19 vaccine were allocated to providers throughout Dutchess County by the New York State Department of Health (NYS-DOH), County Executive Molinaro said. In addition to its two point of dispensing (POD) sites in Poughkeepsie and Dover, the county continues to host pop-up vaccination sites and partners with primary-care providers in the area to vaccinate homebound and medically frail senior citizens. Additional doses have been allocated by New York State to hospitals and pharmacies in Dutchess County. Updates about these vaccine allocations are posted at [dutchessny.gov/covidvaccine](https://www.dutchessny.gov/covidvaccine).

• The county has expanded access to its vaccination clinics to restaurant and food pantry workers, taxi drivers, and public-facing hotel employees. Employers looking to vaccinate their personnel are encouraged to reach out via email to vaccineappointments@dutchessny.gov for more information.

• In addition, the state has further expanded vaccine eligibility to individuals age 50 and older.

• For residents who are eligible due to an underlying health condition, the county's vaccination sites are now accepting self-certification as proof of eligibility. Residents can now print and sign the new Dutchess County COVID-19 Vaccine Certification of Eligibility (https://www.dutchessny.gov/Department%2FDBCH/Docs/COVID-19_Vaccine_Eligibility_SELF-CERTIFICATION.pdf) form and bring it with them to their vaccine appointment.

• The County's Vaccine Outreach Coalition held its first meeting recently to ensure equitable distribution of vaccine doses throughout the county. And, thanks to a collaboration with area libraries, residents can now call any library in Dutchess County for assistance with signing up for the County's Vaccination Information Request Form.

• Residents who have already been vaccinated and who completed the county's Vaccination Information Request Form can remove themselves from the county's list by completing the form at [dutchessny.gov/GotMyVaccine](https://www.dutchessny.gov/GotMyVaccine) to help expedite notification about appointments available at County sites to others waiting to be vaccinated. Individuals will still receive weekly updates to share with loved ones still waiting for their shot.

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New York launches internet access fund to aid economically disadvantaged school districts

compiled by Kate Goldsmith

Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the Reimagine New York Commission recently announced the launch of ConnectED NY (<https://connectedny.digitalpromise.org/>), an emergency fund to provide approximately 50,000 students in economically disadvantaged school districts with free internet access through June 2022. Funding will be provided by Schmidt Futures and the Ford Foundation and the program will be managed by Digital Promise, a nonprofit which is dedicated to closing the digital learning gap.

"Internet access is an essential utility in the 21st century — a new reality that has only been highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic — and we have a responsibility to ensure our students have the access they need to continue learning during this public health crisis," Cuomo said. "We cannot build back better if we do not foster proper development and a promising future for our children, and this program will help students whose families have limited means to get connected so they can get the education they deserve."

Eric Schmidt, co-founder of Schmidt Futures and Chair of the Reimagine New York Commission, said, "To re-imagine education and create real opportunity, every student needs access to the internet. The ConnectED NY fund will provide hot-spots and data plans for students that need them most. This is a step forward in rebuilding a New York that works for all students, and we're proud to be a part of it."

Darren Walker, president of the Ford Foundation and co-chair of the Reimagine New York Commission's Connectivity Working Group, said, "We believe access to the internet is a fundamental human right. The Ford Foundation is proud to support ConnectED NY to help rebuild a better

New York, where everyone, especially our most vulnerable children, can connect to the internet to learn and reach their fullest potential."

The ConnectED NY fund will help close the connectivity gap by providing free mobile hot-spots and monthly data plans to approximately 50,000 students in economically disadvantaged school districts from May 2021 through June 2022. In unique circumstances where students cannot access reliable internet service through a mobile hotspot, fixed internet options will be made available.

The program will serve students in the most economically-disadvantaged school districts, defined as school districts where the percent of students that are economically disadvantaged exceeds the state average.

School districts will work with Digital Promise, AT&T and other internet service providers as needed to identify eligible students who either do not have at-home internet access or do not have access to sufficient broadband speeds to participate in remote learning. Hot-spots and data plans will be purchased directly by the ConnectED NY fund from AT&T, so there is no financial obligation for students and their families. In circumstances where fixed internet is required, the Program will work with districts and fixed internet service providers to ensure there is no cost to students and their families.

ConnectED NY is a sponsored project of Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors.

IN BRIEF:

- Cuomo announced Monday that New Yorkers 50 years of age and older are eligible to receive the vaccine as of March 23. As of Monday, March 22, 103,425 doses had been administered across New York's distribution network in the previous 24 hours, and more than 1 million doses were administered over the past seven days. More than 1.65 million doses

have been administered through New York mass vaccination sites and FEMA sites to date. Delivery of the week 15 allocation begins mid-week.

- Wedding receptions and catered events can now resume statewide at limited capacity. All venues hosting weddings and catered events must follow the state's health and safety protocols.

- Indoor fitness classes were able to resume at limited capacity on March 22. Indoor fitness classes can begin reopening statewide at 33-percent capacity with health screening and contact information required at sign-in. Classes should be scheduled to allow additional time for cleaning and disinfection between sessions. Local health departments will inspect before or within two weeks of the fitness center opening to ensure compliance.

- Beginning April 5, the 11 p.m. curfew currently in place for casinos, movie theaters, bowling alleys, billiards halls, gyms and fitness centers will be lifted. The 11 p.m. curfew for food and beverage establishments and the midnight curfew for catered events will remain in effect. Both curfews will be re-evaluated in late April.

- On April 1, the New York Mets and New York Yankees can resume playing with spectators in the stadiums. Professional sports in large outdoor stadiums that hold 10,000 people or more will be allowed to reopen at 20-percent capacity. Attendees must show proof of a recent negative test or completed vaccination series prior to entry and are subject to strict state guidance on face coverings, social distancing and health screenings. Vaccination efforts at both Yankee

Stadium and Citi Field will still continue during the MLB season.

- Smaller, regional sports venues can also reopen beginning April 1. These are venues that hold 1,500 people indoors or 2,500 people outdoors and initial capacity will be limited to 10 percent indoors and 20 percent outdoors. Attendees must show proof of a recent negative test or completed vaccination series prior to entry and are subject to strict state guidance on face coverings, social distancing and health screenings.

- Beginning March 29, statewide travel for sports and recreational activities will be permitted. Currently, travel for sports and recreation is limited to contiguous counties and regions in accordance with New York State Department of Health guidance.

- Large outdoor performing arts venues, including stadiums, that hold more than 2,500 people can reopen at 20-percent capacity beginning April 1. Venue capacity for concerts and other performing arts events will continue to increase as the public health situation improves with more New Yorkers receiving vaccinations and fewer COVID-19 cases in the community. Attendees must show proof of a recent negative test or completed vaccination series prior to entry and are subject to strict state guidance on face coverings, social distancing and health screenings.

- The Department of Tax and Finance is extending the New York State income tax deadline to May 17. This aligns with the federal decision to do the same and provides New Yorkers still coping with the complications of the COVID-19 pandemic ample time to file.

Serino pushes for clarity on entertainment-venue reopening guidelines

by Kate Goldsmith

On March 3, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced that events, arts and entertainment venues would be able to resume operating at 33-percent capacity beginning April 2. It was an announcement that many local venue operators had been awaiting for some time; but as the date approaches, the state has yet (as of this writing) provided more specific guidance on how that will work in practice.

"While the announcement was met with great fanfare, over two weeks later, impacted venues are still without the necessary guidance they need to effectively plan for any potential reopening and are unable to get basic questions answered by the state," said State Sen. Sue Serino (R,C-Hyde Park).

Serino said a number of local businesses have contacted her with their concerns. Much of the confusion surrounding Cuomo's announcement centers around venues whose main business is hosting concerts but also operate as restaurants and bars. These venues have not been able to hold ticketed events since March 2020 but have been allowed to provide free "incidental music" for their dining guests. They haven't been allowed to advertise or promote their incidental musical entertainment during this time.

In a March 19 letter sent to Cuomo and shared with Commissioner of Health Howard Zucker and the Chairman of the

State Liquor Authority (SLA) Vincent G. Bradley, Serino called on the state "to put an end to its arbitrary and contradictory message and urging them to take immediate steps to empower these venues to reopen safely."

In her letter, Serino points out that the newly announced rules leave many venues in a gray area as they try to determine whether they must operate under the rules governing arts-and-entertainment venues or bars and restaurants. For example, restaurants are now allowed to operate at 75-percent capacity; it is unclear at what capacity venues falling into both categories would be able to operate.

"Too many hardworking small-business owners and job creators have had to close their doors for good through no fault of their own as a result of New York's often arbitrary pandemic rules, leaving employees without jobs and communities without the institutions that make them what they are," said Serino. "With the vaccine now making its way steadily across our state, everybody is rightfully looking toward the future, yet the state continues to play politics with its reopening rules: cherry-picking industries, leaving others behind, and refusing to answer even basic questions that would help these employers stay afloat. It is not right, and it is time for the state to put an end to its micromanaging and work instead to empower employers to safely reopen their businesses."

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United Way seeks entries for Talent United contest

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region (UWDOR) will host its first Talent United contest. The winner will be announced at the virtual Celebration of Service Awards on June 8. The winner is determined by the most votes. To enter the contest, contestants must fill out the form online and include a link to their talent video.

The contest is open to anyone who lives or works in Dutchess or Orange counties. Adults and children are both eli-

gible. Talent can be musical, dance, magic, comedy or other.

Video entries must be no more than 3 minutes long; entries must be uploaded to YouTube as "unlisted" and shared with UWDOR by link in application form at www.uwdor.org/applicationtalentunited.

Applications and video links must be received by UWDOR by April 15. All contestants must fill-out and upload completed media release form with application.

All videos will be reviewed by a panel

of judges who will determine the top entries, which will be announced on May 6, with the video featured on your special Talent United page on www.uwdor.org/talentunited.

The top entries will be voted on by your community from May 6 to June 6. You can share the link of your page on social media with family and friends.

Voting ends on Sunday, June 6, at 9 p.m. The winner will be determined by the highest number of votes received at

that time.

The top three winners will be notified on June 7, and will be showcased at UWDOR's event on June 8 from 6 to 7 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners, and they will be featured in a UWDOR publicity campaign. They will also receive a donation to their favorite charity in Dutchess or Orange counties.

All top contestants will be listed in UWDOR's online virtual program journal.



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Hallmark Channel celebrity to guest host Miles of Hope Brunch

The 17th Annual Spring "Around the World" Miles of Hope Brunch will be guest hosted by The Hallmark Channel and The Ellen DeGeneres Show's host and celebrity, Kym Douglas.

"We are thrilled that Kym, either in person in the Grandview Tent on May 2, or live from L.A. (depending on COVID restrictions) will help us to recognize the 2021 Honorees: Nuvance Health, WMCHealth-Mid Hudson Regional Hospital, Premier Medical Group and Mrs. Nydia Benitez-Nee," said Miles of Hope Executive Director Pari Forood.

The event will be both in-person in the Grandview Tent in Poughkeepsie with all COVID restrictions strictly observed, and live streamed online on Sunday, May 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"As a recent breast cancer survivor, Kym knows the difficulties and hardships associated with a breast cancer diagnosis," Forood said.

Miles of Hope Breast Cancer is a 501-c-3, public charity, with a mission to fund support services, education and outreach for people affected by breast cancer within the nine counties of the Hudson Valley.

To learn more and purchase tickets for the Spring Brunch, visit <https://milesofhope.org/>.

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<p>Good Friday Ecumenical Service April 2 at 4:00pm IN-PERSON</p>  <p>Gather in Church parking lot with masks & social distancing Walk to Memorial Park for a brief service starting at 4:30pm</p>	<p>Easter Sunrise Service April 4 at 6:30am IN-PERSON</p>  <p>He is Risen! Celebrate the Resurrection with us at Memorial Park as the sun rises with masks & social distancing</p>	<p>Easter Sunday Worship Service April 4 at 9:30am ON ZOOM</p> 

Despite challenges, Molinaro optimistic about Dutchess' future

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro virtually presented his 2021 State of the County Address on March 16 via Facebook, the county's website (www.dutchessny.gov) and Twitter. Molinaro's annual message reflected on the challenges of the past year dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic and looked ahead into 2021 with continued commitment to working together to make Dutchess County a freer, fairer and healthier community for all.

"The race is not won, and challenges must still be overcome, but I am as optimistic as ever for what the future holds," said Molinaro.

While Dutchess County's local economy was hit hard by the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic, Molinaro pointed to multiple indicators demonstrating the economy is rebounding, including a 9-percent drop in the county's unemployment rate since April 2020; \$3.5 billion in construction projects and nearly \$1 billion in new development under way; news of Amazon heading to East Fishkill bringing 500 new jobs; the expansion of ON Semiconductors and 150 additional jobs; and the continued success of IBM's Q commercial quantum computation center in Poughkeepsie.

Local small business felt the hardest economic hit of the COVID-19 pandemic, and Dutchess County continues to work to provide relief to employers, as well as employees, with various initiatives including:

- Providing up-to-date information regarding state regulations and guidance via the Business Notification Network (dutchessbnn.com) in conjunction with the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce.
- Directing federal funding to provide stabilization grants for small businesses negatively affected by COVID.
- Providing bridge loans for local businesses left out of federal relief programs.
- Capping service fees charged by third-party food delivery companies to no more than 15 percent of the cost of the food order.
- Waiving local regulations and requirements via executive order to make it easier for businesses to expand outdoor

dining space and provided access to municipal-owned land.

- Expanding eligibility for childcare assistance and establishing a childcare scholarship.

Dutchess County is slated to receive an estimated \$57 million in funding aid through the federal "American Rescue Plan" (ARP) signed into law on March 11. These funds are designated to help counties rebound from the loss of revenue relating to COVID-19, respond to the negative economic impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic and make necessary investments in selected infrastructure. Additional funds included in the ARP will support many of the county's current programs and services, as well.

Molinaro highlighted a number of initiatives in his State of the County Address that will be supported by the ARP funds, including utilizing the funds to provide faster, more reliable high-speed internet access throughout Dutchess County. Other initiatives outlined by the County Executive as he looked ahead for Dutchess County include:

Housing and Homelessness

Despite record high new apartment construction in 2020, a rental survey conducted last year found Dutchess County continues to have a tight rental market and potentially increasing prices – due to a vacancy rate of just 1.9 percent, 3.1 points below what is considered healthy. The Department of Planning and Development will conduct a for-sale housing survey and develop an updated housing needs assessment that studies the county's existing housing stock and affordability levels, evaluate the gap between existing housing opportunities and housing needs, and look at ways to address meeting these needs, including more affordable housing opportunities throughout Dutchess County.

As the COVID-19 pandemic created new challenges for people dealing with housing insecurity, the county continues to provide support to provide housing stability, prevent evictions, and support individuals experiencing homelessness, including:

- Issuing an emergency order to repurpose vacant temporary housing units

(PODs) at the Dutchess County Jail campus as a centralized and safe emergency shelter for those experiencing homelessness in partnership with Hudson River Housing, Mental Health America and Dutchess Outreach - providing meals, substance-use counseling and other centralized services at the PODs.

- Directing \$1.3 million in federal funding to help families avoid eviction by providing retroactive rent and utility relief for up to six consecutive months for low-income residents.

• Creating a single point of information for eviction prevention programs, in partnership with United Way's 211, providing tenants with consolidated access to support programs offered by various agencies.

Building on the success of these efforts, Molinaro announced a new initiative, planning for a "housing village" to provide temporary housing opportunities, bringing together partners to a single location to address the underlying causes of homelessness and better prepare people for permanent housing by offering centralized job skills and personal finance training, substance use and mental health counseling and case management.

Path to Promise

2021 is a big year for Path to Promise (P2P), the county's youth development framework designed to ensure children and young people have the resources, guidance and support they need to realize their full potential. P2P has joined the Poughkeepsie City School District, Hyde Park Central School District and the Poughkeepsie Children's Cabinet to help implement an Integrated Student Support pilot project, leveraging services and resources available in schools and community agencies to provide a support plan for children in participating schools.

Additionally, P2P is piloting Ready4K!, an evidence-based text messaging service for parents designed to support their children's literacy development.

The development of a state-of-the-art Youth Opportunity Center at the former YMCA in Poughkeepsie will be at the forefront of P2P initiatives, as the new center will serve as the hub for P2P efforts where youth from around Dutchess County can access diverse programs and services.

Modernizing and Reforming Policing

As tragedies throughout the nation propelled calls for reform, Dutchess County partnered with local law enforce-

ment agencies to engage the community, identifying best practices and solutions and taking immediate steps to modernize policing in Dutchess County including removing barriers to diversity, purchase of body cameras for the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office patrol officers as well as procedural justice and implicit bias awareness training for all law enforcement offices in Dutchess.

The Dutchess County Sheriff Office's reform plan, adopted recently with bipartisan approval of the County Legislature, includes these reforms, as well as extensive reporting requirements and a proposal to create a civilian review board.

Additionally, the County Executive highlighted the co-location of HELPLINE and 911 call center services. This more integrated approach will better target services and divert calls away from law enforcement that are more appropriately handled by mental health professionals.

County Parks

Dutchess County Parks have always been treasured assets, never more so than during the COVID-19 pandemic, as residents and families found sanctuary in the safety of outdoor recreation. With increased public interest in expanding park opportunities, Molinaro highlighted numerous improvements planned for the coming year including:

- Planning, designing and permitting of the new, universally accessible Lake Walton Preserve Loop and trail, connecting to the William R. Steinhaus Dutchess Rail Trail in East Fishkill.
- New lighting at Dutchess Stadium, to prepare for the Renegades' first season as an affiliate of the New York Yankees.
- Improvements at Quiet Cove Riverfront Park, including a new Route 9 entrance, enhancements to the interior circulation roads, and a new pedestrian/bike path extending from the new entrance to the riverfront.
- Progress on the urban trail along the former CSX rail corridor in the City and Town of Poughkeepsie that will connect parks, local businesses, restaurants, educational institutions, major development projects and the Walkway Over the Hudson to the Dutchess Rail Trail.
- Improvements to Bowdoin Park's Maple Knoll Lodge and nearby cabins, as well as the maple syrup operation and the surrounding buildings and grounds.

Molinaro's full 2021 State of the County Address is available on Dutchess County's website, www.dutchessny.gov.

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HEALTHY HABITS ARE FOCUS OF NDH DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM

RHINEBECK — The American Diabetes Association recommends everyone age 45 and older get their blood sugar checked for a condition called pre-diabetes.

Pre-diabetes is the body's way of warning about stroke, heart disease and type 2 diabetes, according to Roufia Payman, a nutrition counselor at Northern Dutchess Hospital.

"You can reverse pre-diabetes simply by losing a few pounds," she said.

Payman and fitness trainer Marie Monroe coach the hospital's National Diabetes Prevention Program, founded in 2014. The next session starts Monday, April 5, and may be held virtually or in the cafeteria conference room at the hospital's Rhinebeck campus, 6511 Springbrook Avenue, depending on COVID-19 guidelines.

Two sessions are offered — either 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. or 6 to 7 p.m. — for 16 consecutive Mondays and bi-monthly follow-ups for a year. There is no cost to participate in this community benefit program.

The lifestyle changes implemented through this national program have proved to help participants lose 5 to 7 percent of their body weight, thus cutting their risk of type 2 diabetes by 50 percent, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The program also provides a refresher on nutrition and motivation to add more movement into day-to-day routines.

To find out more, visit www.healthquest.org/diabetes or contact the nutrition department at nancy.walsh@nuvancehealth.org or (845) 871-3318 (TTY: (800) 421-1220).

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

PV Soccer sign-up extended

Pleasant Valley Rec announced that In-House Soccer U5 – U10 registration has been extended. To register or for more information, go to www.pvrec.com. For questions, contact the PV Rec Soccer Director at tracey.santiago.pvrec@gmail.com.

Cary Institute to present virtual science program March 25

Cary President Joshua Ginsberg will hold a virtual Cary Science Conversation with freshwater ecologist Emma Rosi on Thursday, March 25, at 7 p.m. Hear about Rosi's latest research on how pharmaceutical and personal care product pollution impacts the health of our rivers and streams.

This event, free and open to all, will include time for audience Q&A. Registration via Eventbrite is required to access login details. Zoom login info will be sent with registration confirmation.

Fish Fry at Clinton Firehouse

The Clinton Fire Company will host a Fish Fry every Friday during Lent through April 2. The dinners are "take-out only" from 5 to 7 p.m. at firehouse, located at 9 Firehouse Lane in Clinton Corners, just off the Salt Point Turnpike. To order, call (845) 266-5485.

Get 'Sap Happy' at Bowdoin Park

The Dutchess County Parks Division will host a "Sap Happy Maple Weekend" with tasty, educational and fun events for all ages, in collaboration with the Office for the Aging, Poughkeepsie Public Library and Farmers and Chefs restaurant, from Friday, March 26, through Monday, March 29, at Bowdoin Park, located at 85 Sheafe Road in the Town of Poughkeepsie. Learn more and register for events at dutchessny.gov/parks.

Pleasant Valley Rec to hold Easter Goody Bag pick-up

The Town of Pleasant Valley Rec Department will give out Easter Goody Bags to residents at a drive-thru event set Saturday, March 27, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Helen Aldrich Park, Baker Field, 1907 Salt Point Turnpike, Salt Point. Families will be greeted by the Easter Bunny and the Pleasant Valley Fire District.

During the drive-thru event, a box will be available to place donations for the Pleasant Valley Food Pantry. Call PV Rec at (845) 635-1111, ext. 20, for more information.

Easter concert scheduled

"How Can It Be?," An Easter concert featuring local singing, musical and songwriting talents, is set Friday, April 2 and Saturday, April 3 at 7 p.m. at the Hyde Park Baptist Church, at 10 Romans Road in Hyde Park. The journey travels through the week of Christ's passion. For more information, visit on Facebook at Hyde Park Baptist Church or hpbcny.org.

Grace Church Easter Services

Grace Church in Millbrook will have one service at 10 a.m. on Easter Sunday, as well as a 7 p.m. service on Easter Eve (the Great Vigil). Both are online with limited attendance in-person by reservation. An Easter Egg hunt will follow at 11 a.m., outdoors in the memorial Garden and Playground following the service.

Spring Penny Social

Stanford Grange #808 will host its annual Spring Penny Social (revamped for COVID) on Saturday, April 10, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. Due to COVID restrictions, the Penny Social will be slightly different. Prizes for the Penny Table, \$1 Table, 50/50 Drawing, and Theme Baskets will be displayed inside the Grange Hall. Bidding will take place between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; bidders are welcome to come to the Grange Hall to purchase tickets and bid on items of their choice. Numbers for all tickets will be recorded. Only 8-10 bidders will be allowed in the Grange Hall at one time. All health guidelines will be followed. A Facebook Live drawing on Stanford Grange's Facebook Page will take place starting at 7 p.m., and times will be set up for winners to pick up their prizes. For more information, call Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

Amenia Fire Company sets Chicken BBQ

The Amenia Fire Company will be sponsoring a take-out only Chicken Barbecue on Saturday, April 10, at the Amenia Firehouse, 36 Mechanic Street. It will be a drive-thru style event, with diners ready for pickup between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each and are available on a pre-order basis by calling (845) 418-8633.

Heart Walk set April 17

The Dutchess-Ulster Heart Walk is set for Saturday, April 17. It will be a digital experience, with people able to run or walk wherever they are, while raising money for the American Heart Association. A series of digital activities are planned for the week preceding the Heart Walk. Participants can register, build their teams and fundraise at DutchessUlsterHeartWalk.org.

Ham Dinner in Salt Point

The Salt Point Fire Company will hold a Take-out Only Ham Dinner on Saturday, April 17, from 4 to 6 p.m., at the fire house, located at 30 Cottage Street in Salt Point. The dinner will include ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, apple sauce, dinner roll and dessert. Dinners are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and children under 12. Call (845) 266-5177 to reserve your meal.

Farmers & Makers Fair set April 24 in Stanfordville

Big Rock Community Farms Market, at 6031 Route 82 in Stanfordville, will host a Farmers & Makers Fair on Saturday, April 24, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event will be centered on Big Rock's front lawn, but the rest of town is encouraged to join in with outdoor displays and promotional activities. A few of Stanford's farmers and makers will set up booths behind tables with pop-up tents. There will be plenty of space and picnic tables. Contact Adele Craven at adele.bigrock@gmail.com for more information.

Poughkeepsie CAC sets monthly workshops

The Town of Poughkeepsie Conservation Advisory Commission is presenting a series of online workshop on how residents can make a difference to the environment. Titled "It Takes a Town," the workshops will be presented on Zoom, on the fourth Tuesday of each month through June 22. They are open to residents of towns in the county.

Additional programs will also be at 7 p.m. on the following dates: 4/27 - Home Composting, 5/25 - Solar for the Homeowner and Renter and 6/22 - TBA. Check the Town of Poughkeepsie Facebook page for the Zoom link.

ONGOING

The Frederick W. Vanderbilt Garden Association is looking for volunteers to perform all tasks required to plant and maintain the garden. No gardening expertise is needed, we will train as we work. You need to be 18 years old or older and be able to perform, at minimum, basic physical labor such as bending, kneeling and carrying buckets. Garden work is done during the spring, summer and fall months on Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to noon. You are welcome to work as often and on any days that suit your schedule. For further information, e-mail info@vanderbiltgarden.org or call (845) 229-6432.

The United Church of Christ, at 5928 Route 82 in Stanfordville, has reopened its Thrift Shop according to all the CDC guidelines. The Thrift Shop is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call (845) 868-2286 for more information.

Grace Bible Fellowship Church, 6959 Route 9, Rhinebeck. Good Friday Service, April 2 at 7 p.m. Easter Sunday Service, April 4, 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. The church holds Sunday School and Sunday Worship every week. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:30 p.m. Sunday Worship services are at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study and Grace Bible Institute meet on Mondays at 7 p.m. Mid-week Prayer Meetings are on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Call (845) 876-6923 or email cdcfirone@aol.com for more information.

Renegades name manager, coaches for 2021 season



by Rich Thomaselli

The weather is turning warmer, the days are getting longer, and the Hudson Valley Renegades have a new manager and coaches.

It smells like baseball.

The Renegades, High Class-A affiliate of the New York Yankees, have named Yonkers native and resident Dan Fiorito, who enters his fifth season with the New York Yankees organization, as their new manager.

This will be Fiorito's second stint as a manager within the Yankees organization. His debut came in 2019 when he piloted the Gulf Coast Yankees East team. Last year, Fiorito was named the manager of the Staten Island Yankees prior to the season not being played. Fiorito played four years with the Yankees organization, playing in 332 career games.

Pitching Coach Gerardo Casadiego enters his ninth season with the New York Yankees. He started his coaching career in 2014 after a 10-year playing career. Casadiego played for four organizations during that time, including stints with the Expos, Yankees, Rockies and Orioles. He pitched in 297 games, which included 30 starts.

Jacob Hirst has been named the hitting coach for the Renegades for the 2021

season. This is Hirst's third year with the Yankees. He played his collegiate baseball at Central College in Pella, Iowa. The Iowa native graduated with his B.A. in exercise science and his Master's degree in exercise physiology from St. Ambrose University in Iowa.

Aaron Bossi will be the defensive coach for the 2021 Renegades. Bossi, was slated to be the defensive coach last year in AAA Scranton-Wilkes Barre. He played one season with the Yankees in 2016 after playing four years at Marshall University. Bossi has a Master's degree in Business Administration from Columbia College in his home state of Missouri.

Bennington, Vermont native Michael Becker will be the Athletic Trainer for the Renegades. Becker enters his 10th season with the Yankees organization. He graduated from Ithaca College with a B.S. in Athletic Training.

Danny Smith will be the Renegades Strength and Conditioning Coach. This is Smith's fifth season with the Yankees. He earned his Master's degree in Sport and Exercise Science from Gannon University in 2015.

Amanda Brady has been named Advance Scouting Analyst, Mike Triller will be the Renegades Video Manager and Matt Seletsky will be the Renegades Clubhouse Manager in 2021.

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BARRETT RELEASES 2021 WOMEN'S HISTORY BOOKLET TO CELEBRATE CONTRIBUTIONS OF HUDSON VALLEY WOMEN

Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-Dutchess/Columbia) announced that her 2021 edition of "Women's History in the Hudson Valley: Ten Stories from Columbia and Dutchess Counties" is now available. To celebrate Women's History Month, the annual booklet shares the stories and accomplishments of ten women who lived over the past three centuries and made a profound impact on the region, New York State, the country or the world.

The booklets are distributed in collaboration with the Mid-Hudson Library System.

From trailblazers in the art and medical fields to community activists, the booklet recognizes a diverse group of women who overcame barriers and helped advance progress, from Poughkeepsie-born Sara Josephine Baker, a pioneering doctor and child health advocate to Barbara Jeter-Jackson, the late Dutchess county minority leaders; to Columbia County's; Elizabeth "Betty" Young, former Taghkanic town supervisor and Teresa "Dolly" Farinacci, a devoted Stuyvesant community member.

Visit your local library to pick up this year's "Women's History in the Hudson Valley: Ten Stories from Columbia and Dutchess Counties" booklet. You can also visit Barrett's website at nyassembly.gov/Barrett to read more about these women and view the seven previous Women's History in the Hudson Valley booklets.

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Arlington senior drums up interest with Eagle Scout project

by Kate Goldsmith

As a percussionist in the Arlington High School Marching Band, senior Nicholas Kusior couldn't help noticing that the closet where the drums are stored had room for improvement. Lacking shelves to store the instruments, the drums had to be stacked in their cases on the floor, creating a "cumbersome" process, according to Nicholas' mother, Nancy. In addition, she said, "At times the concrete floor would be damp, and all the instruments would have to be moved to a different room."

Nicholas is also a member of Boy Scout Troop 82 in Lagrangeville; for his Eagle Scout project, he decided to renovate the drum closet space to make preparation for practice easier and more efficient.

The project involved putting in an elevated ventilated floor tile, repainting the walls and building two cabinets – one for the tenor and bass drums and one for the snare drums – so that the drums could be stored safely off the floor and without their cases.

The entire project, from the first planning stages in December 2019 to the earning of the Eagle Scout rank in December 2020, took about a year, said Nancy.

"The project was supposed to start in April 2020; but with the COVID

pandemic and school closure, the start was postponed until September 2020," Nancy said.

With the help of Mr. Matthew Backus, woodworking teacher at Arlington High School, and in coordination with Mr. John Orcutt, executive principal of Arlington High School, Nicholas was able to arrange two-hour sessions once a week through September and October 2020, following COVID precautions, involving a small group of Scouts from Troop 82 and friend volunteers, and supervised by two Scout leaders, including Mrs. Vivian Tucker who documented the entire project with photos.

Nicholas thanked Mr. Backus for his guidance and expertise in woodworking, Mr. Orcutt for being supportive and working with the group to coordinate dates and times to allow them into the school, Mrs. Vivian Tucker for documenting the project in photos, Mr. Keech for approving the project, the 20 volunteers involved in the project, his parents for their support and Orthopedic Associates for donating all the materials.

A total of 200 volunteer hours were logged to complete the project.

Nicholas earned his Eagle Rank on Dec. 14, 2020. To earn the Eagle Scout rank, the highest achievement rank in Scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service and outdoor skills.



Arlington High School student and Boy Scout Nicholas Kusior chose to renovate the Marching Band's drum closet for his Eagle Project. A member of Boy Scout Troop 82 in Lagrangeville, Nicholas worked with fellow scouts and friends, and was supervised by teachers and Scout leaders, to complete the project. The photos show, from top, the closet before and after the project, and some of the crew that helped. Photos by Mrs. Vivian Tucker

Agricultural scholarship applications now available

The Dutchess County Dairy Committee (a not-for-profit organization) provides undergraduate, agricultural scholarships to Dutchess County students.

The Dutchess County Dairy Committee Agricultural Scholarship provides \$2,500 for the first year and \$1,500 each academic year thereafter, (for a total of four years).

Priorities are given to, but not limited by those students pursuing a career related to agriculture. Those careers may include agriculture education, agricultural engineering, agronomy, agriculture economics, animal science, pre-vet, communications, and environmental courses of study.

The criteria for the scholarship are as follows:

- The Applicant must be a Dutchess County High School senior accepted to an undergraduate two or four-year program at an accredited institution of higher learning. Also, consideration will be given to Dutchess County returning college students.

- Must include the applicant's current transcripts

- A Completed two-page application form, and

- Provide a hand-written paragraph as requested on the application form.

All forms must be completely filled out and received no later than May 20. Scholarship applications are available from senior guidance counselors or on the web at: ccdutchess.org/youth-4h/4-h-club-program/4-h-member-resources.



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Pi Day in LaGrange held via Zoom

by Irvin M. Miller

On Sunday, March 14 – known as Pi Day – a half-dozen children, out of many, awed their parents, teachers, principals, superintendents, school board members and elected officials with their confidence that grew from their love and understanding of mathematics. The Pi Day event, presented by the Math & Physics Exploration and held at LaGrange Town Hall, was happening, again, during a pandemic that was threatening the foundations of education.

Dr. Michelle Cardwell, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction for the Wappingers Central School District, had been nurturing a program in the district that had its roots in the City of Poughkeepsie school system eight years ago. This program brought together all of the magnificent fundamentals of education and concentrated them in explaining why mathematics worked rather than just memorization of rules that had little meaning to us.

The students at first did not realize that this program was being driven by them as it metamorphosed to ensure that they understood it and were encouraged to challenge it from day to day.

The students were asked to write essays that were shared with U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer, Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro, Congressmen Antonio Delgado and Sean Maloney, State Sen. Sue Serino, Assemblyman Kieran Lalor, Dutchess County Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver, and their superintendents and town supervisors, who then showered them with praise and encouragement. This acknowledge of the students and their accomplishments is important to helping them grow and feel confident with themselves through through the praise of those who themselves are accomplished people.

Wappingers Superintendent Dwight Bonk had experienced the program firsthand with his own children several years back, and has seen and encouraged it with



The annual Pi Day was held again virtually this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Participants included students, parents, teachers, school administrators, school board members and elected officials. First Row: U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer, Wappingers Central School District (WCSD) Superintendent Dwight Bonk, WCSD Assistant Superintendent Michelle Cardwell, student Aiman Rizwan, U.S. Rep. Sean Maloney. Second Row: U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado; Jai & Sneha Thomas, Abhishek Thomas, Highland Centra School District Superintendent Thomas Bongiovi and students Janvera, Sahar and Alisha Mokal. Third Row: State Sen. Sue Serino, Andre and Kaia Barnett, Irvin Miller, Jenny Cabas, Nicolas. Fourth Row: Parent Aimee Simeus, student Kennedy, computer software professional Ray Polivka, Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro, and the certificate presented to students. *Courtesy image*

his students in the Wappingers school system.

Superintendent Thomas Bongiovi of the Highland Central School District heaped praise upon sisters Alisha and Sahar, who had taken this program from kindergarten and first grade to eighth and 10th grades.

With delight, Dr. Cardwell referenced the essay from sixth-grader Aiman, in which Aiman expressed her intellectual growth in mathematics and read her mother's comments on seeing that growth. Abishek added spark to the program as he expressed that this program had been so important to his intellectual growth that he was willing to make the great sacrifice of excitingly getting up earlier than accustomed. His parents, who work at IBM and who are extremely suc-

cessful in their profession careers, were absolutely delighted to see the tremendous growth in intellect and character of their son.

Jenny Cabas and Aimee Simeus, each of whose children go to a private school, also expressed their delight with the impact on their daughters in the second grade who are learning material taught well beyond the fifth grade. Jenny's son and Aimee's daughter then dramatically followed up with their viewpoint.

Other students such as Kelsey and Sahana also wrote essays describing their growth and excitement with the program.

County Executive Marcus Molinaro, who has attended almost all of these Pi Day events, concluded the ceremony with praise of the students and the program; followed by stating the digits of Pi, but not quite all of them. County Executive Molinaro also has familiarity with the program through some of his second cousins who went to the summer camp and participated in the program beyond that.

This ceremony, for the first time, had an international audience as relatives of the students were able to watch it on Zoom.

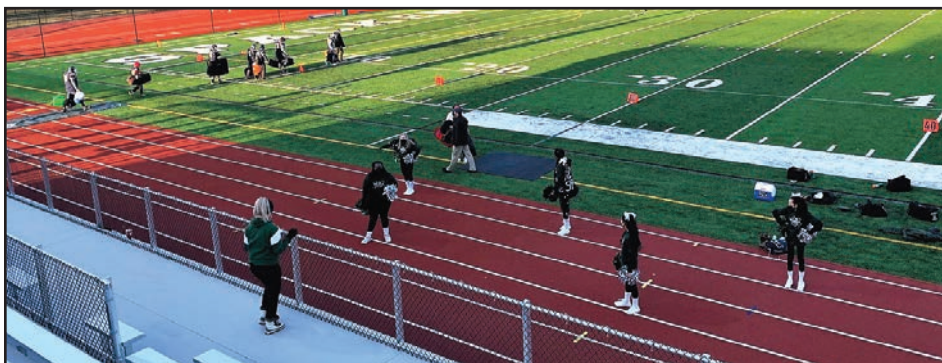
At the end of the Pi Day event, the students – those who attended via Zoom as well as others who participate in the math program in their schools or at the Math and Physics Exploration in LaGrange – received certificates of recognition from the elected officials, their school superintendents and town supervisors.

The Pi Day event may also be seen on youtube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_8JNN-opXg

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Dr. Irvin M. Miller is the Director of The Math & Physics Exploration which is one of two math museums in the United States and about 54 worldwide.

PINE PLAINS SPOILS DEBUT OF SPACKENKILL'S NEW FIELD



The new field at Spackenkill High School is part of a \$24 million capital improvement bond passed by the district in late 2017. *Courtesy photo*

by Rich Thomaselli

They had been waiting for this for ... well, for ages, because there's only so many decades you can play on a grass field that sometimes turns to a muddy quagmire.

Even in sunlight. We can laugh about it now because the renovated, artificial turf at Spackenkill High School is downright gorgeous, albeit six-and-a-half months after they had hoped to use it.

But when the football went to christen it, along came Pine Plains and the Bombers edged the Spartans on Friday night, 20-18, in an Eight-Man League opener for both teams.

The new field was part of a \$24 million capital improvement bond passed by the district in late 2017, although actual construction of new stands and a press box, as well as installation of the field, didn't begin until 2019.

And then, of course, there was no fall 2020 season due to the coronavirus

pandemic.

Pine Plains was led by Andrew Speedling's 144 yards rushing on 13 carries. He also scored a two-point conversion.

Sebastian Burmester added 52 yards on 10 carries and scored twice.

Sid Stracher had 68 yards on eight carries and scored the game-winning touchdown with 1:58 left on a 32-yard run.

"We challenged our offensive line all week and they performed very well," Pine Plains coach Rob Scott said of Devon Hurst, Jason Michetti, Dalton Burns and Ryan Martin.

Defensively the Bombers were led by Sebastian Burmester with 10 tackles. Stracher and Speedling had eight each, and Hurst had six.

"Spackenkill is an excellent team and this was an absolute war tonight," Scott said. "Two well-coached physical teams going after one another every play of the game. I am very proud of this team – we were gamers tonight."

DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

See page 15 for finished puzzle (no peeking!)

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By David Kalvitis

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Upcoming events at Clermont

Clermont State Historic Site will host the following events:

“On the Record with Mrs. Livingston McVitty”

Saturday, March 27, 2 p.m.
Facebook Live

Honorina Livingston McVitty, the eldest daughter of Alice and J. H. Livingston, resided at Clermont until her death in 2000. Recently rediscovered interviews shine a light on the integral part she played in preserving her family’s legacy. Join Clermont staff as they listen to Honorina’s story—in her own words. This is a free Facebook Live event.

Registration is recommended, so staff may apprise participants of any technical problems or changes, but it is not required. To join the program, visit <https://www.facebook.com/ClermontSHS>

“Henry Beekman Livingston at Valley Forge”

Sunday, March 28, 2 p.m.
Clermont State Historic Site
1 Clermont Avenue, Germantown

Come sit around the fire with Henry Beekman Livingston as he talks about his experience of the hard winter at Valley Forge. Listen to his pleas to anyone who listen, for clothes and food for his men. Find out his thoughts on the mysterious Baron Von Steuben when he arrived in camp.

This program is FREE, but visitors must register in advance at www.friendsofclermont.org. Attendance will be limited to aid in social distancing. Dress for the weather.

Clermont follows all NYS Department of Health guidelines for safety during the

COVID 19 pandemic. Masks and social distancing will be required of all tour participants until these guidelines are lifted by New York State Parks.

“The Dirt on Soil Blocks and Seed Starting”

Saturday, April 10, 1 p.m.
Clermont State Historic Site
1 Clermont Avenue, Germantown

Spring is finally here, and what better way to welcome the warmth than by getting our hands dirty? Soil-blocking is an innovative and resourceful “new/old” method of seed starting. While the history of humans planting in soil cubes goes back 2,000 years, this tried-and-true technique has many benefits for the modern gardener. Unlike pots and trays, soil blocks do away with expense, storage clutter and waste - making them environmentally friendly. The space between the blocks allows seedling roots to naturally air-prune, encouraging them to establish in the ground more quickly than those grown in a container.

In this family workshop, participants will mix, press and plant-up the building blocks of their gardens. Perfect for ages 8 and older.

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‘Bridge Music’ installations reopen



The public can enjoy Joseph Bertolozzi’s “Bridge Music” at listening stations on the Mid-Hudson Bridge’s pedestrian sidewalks. Photo by Ed Thompson

“Bridge Music,” Joseph Bertolozzi’s musical opus celebrating the iconic Mid-Hudson Bridge (and sister project to “Tower Music” from the Eiffel Tower in Paris) opens its 12th season April 1. Free and open to the public, this sound-art installation is located at each of the bridge’s towers, accessed from the Mid Hudson Bridge’s pedestrian sidewalks near 34 Gerald Drive, Poughkeepsie and Johnson-Iorio Park in Highland. The sidewalks are open from dawn to dusk April 1 through Oct. 31.

Additionally, the same music plays year-round, 24/7 in the parks flanking the bridge on 95.3FM. Safe distancing and masking protocols are still in order on the bridge sidewalks.

Tara Sullivan, acting executive director of the New York State Bridge Authority, said, “The New York State

Bridge Authority is proud to continue our partnership with Joseph Bertolozzi and ‘Bridge Music.’ The Mid-Hudson Bridge contains not only the ‘Bridge Music’ listening stations, but also historic interpretive panels and connections to the Walkway Loop Trail. We hope area residents will be able to go out for a stroll and get an up-close appreciation for this bridge and the art and music it has inspired.”

Bertolozzi said, “I hope as people emerge from the past year’s confinement they can find some enjoyment from this musical offering and inspiration from the open air views and the Mid Hudson Bridge itself, which over 90 years later is still an engineering marvel.”

For map and more information, go to bridgemusic.info.

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Royal and colonial women made their mark on 'The Dutchess's County'

by Melodye Moore and Bill Jeffway

Since March is Women's History Month, it seems like a good time to take a look at the fate of three of the women in the earliest days of the creation of Dutchess County in the 17th and early-18th century.

Until 1713, owing to the very few inhabitants of the area, Dutchess County was committed to the care of Ulster County. One of the 12 original counties of the Province of New York, Dutchess was the fifth named in an act passed by the colonial legislature on November 1, 1683 that yielded some familiar county names like Orange, Ulster, Queens and Westchester.

Originally called, "The Dutchess's County," it was named for Maria Beatrice D'Este, known as Mary of Modena, or the Dutchess of York. Mary was born a princess in the Italian Duchy of Modena, the daughter of the Duke of Modena. A strict and observant Catholic, she was married to the Duke of York, and therefore became the Dutchess of York in 1673, keeping the title until 1685 when her husband became King and she became Queen.

She was Queen from 1685 to 1689, at which point the couple was deposed in order to restore Protestantism to the monarchy. She ended up exiled in France, and despite all the bright prospects of her earlier life, she died a pauper and in isolation in 1718.

"Duchess of York" (the modern spelling drops the "t") is the courtesy title of the wife of the Duke of York. The Duke of York is the title reserved for the second son of the reigning monarch. Since the time of the "Dutchess" for whom our county was named, there have only been three later Duchesses. The three are the mother, and paternal grandmother, of the current Queen Elizabeth II, and Sarah Ferguson, who lost

the title after her divorce from the Duke of York in 1996.

At the time of its creation, the county was much larger than it is today, extending northward into present-day Columbia County to the Roeliff Jansen Kill, and southward to include all of present-day Putnam County.

One year after Dutchess was deemed to have sufficient residents to warrant administration independent of Ulster, the first colonial census was taken and enumerated 447 residents living in 67 households. Thirty of the residents were identified as slaves. The households were located in the first three areas of the county to be settled – Fishkill, Poughkeepsie and Rhinebeck. Nearly equidistant from one another, the number of households in each area was also almost equally divided with 18 families in Fishkill, 22 in Poughkeepsie and 27 in Rhinebeck.

Forty-six percent of the population in the first census (207) were women and 11 of those women were enslaved, four being under the age of 16. Coming from places like Albany and New York City, the rugged remoteness of Dutchess County must have felt challenging, but the colonial women who were the first to arrive in the county worked side-by-side with their husbands to tame the wilderness and lay down the foundations of the Dutchess County we know today.

The good news is that by contrast to the fate of the Dutchess of York, this introduces you to two women who, through their own efforts, thrived in a most rugged and challenging early wilderness before the 1776 creation of the United States.

Helena Schemerhorn Van Den Bogaardt

was the wife of Myndert Harmense Van Den Bogaardt. He was baptized in New Amsterdam in 1643 and sometime later his surgeon father moved to Beverwyck (Albany), where he acted as commissary.

Myndert grew up in Beverwyck and prospered as a gunstock maker and trader. He married Helena Schemerhorn around 1679. Born circa 1660, she was the daughter of Jacob Janse and Jannetje Schemerhorn.

Myndert prospered in Beverwyck and in 1686, in partnership with Robert Sanders, he purchased a substantial amount of land in what would become Poughkeepsie. He is believed to have relocated to his new land in 1692 with Helena and their children and settled in the vicinity of what is now North Bridge Street.

It might be said that Helena was the "first lady" of Poughkeepsie. Ultimately Myndert and Helena were said to be the parents of at least six sons and four daughters. He died sometime between September 1710 and August 1712, leaving Helena, then around 50 years old, to manage their holdings with the help of her sons.

Helena is listed as "Elena" in the 1714 census as head of a household that included 10 people. She did not own slaves. In the first tax list for Poughkeepsie in 1717/18, she is listed as "De Weden Van Myndert Harmense" and assessed at over 52 pounds, surpassed only by "De Weden Van Baltus Van Kleeck," the widow of another prominent early Poughkeepsie settler.

She had obviously managed their land holdings and their assets well. She lived until 1733 and was buried in Old Reformed Dutch Cemetery. Her numerous children continued to live in or near Poughkeepsie.

Another woman of early and extraordinary success was Catharyna Rombout Brett. She was a business woman and patent settler. In 1709, Roger and Catheryna Brett, with their children and slaves, emigrated from New York City to Dutchess County to claim Catharyna's inheritance, a third of the 85,000 acres in her father's 1685 land patent. They hired a Long Island architect to build a Dutch-style house.



This portrait of Mary Modena, the Dutchess of York, was painted in 1680, three years before she gained the honor of having "The Dutchess's County" (today's Dutchess County) named for her. Despite an opulent start, rising to Queen of England, her Catholicism led to her exile in France. There she died in poverty and obscurity in 1718. *Image courtesy, the Yale Center for British Art*

The house is today called the Madam Brett Homestead, the oldest house in Dutchess County, and is meticulously maintained by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Early widowhood and challenges raising sons in a wilderness urged diplomacy with local Indians. She subdivided land holdings to multiply neighbors while retaining the Brett mill and landings as a cash supply. This strategy became the successful county development paradigm.

You are invited to read the full story of "Madam Brett" which was the entire focus of our 1992 Yearbook, and the 1999/2000 Yearbook dedicated entirely to women's history in the county at: www.dchsn.org/yearbook.

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Melodye Moore is a Trustee of DCHS, head of its Collections Committee, and involved in the development of its programs and exhibitions.



The Madam Brett Homestead in Beacon is the oldest house in Dutchess County and is meticulously maintained by the Daughters of the American Revolution. It was home to a woman who, despite early widowhood and children, created a settlement and business paradigm as a first settler that was emulated by those that followed. *Image courtesy of DCHS Collections*

TWO OF US PRESENTS 'RABBIT HOLE' ON MARCH 27

The Two Of Us Productions, the award-winning theater company based in Columbia County, will present "Rabbit Hole" by David Lindsay-Abaire on Saturday, March 27, as a Virtual Live-Staged Reading starting at 7 p.m.

"Rabbit Hole" received a Pulitzer Prize for Drama. This play deals with the ways family members survive a major loss, and includes comedy as well as tragedy. "Rabbit Hole" premiered on Broadway in 2006, and has also been produced by regional theaters in cities such as Los Angeles, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

Becca and Howie Corbett have a comfortable family life in the suburbs of New York City until a random, tragic accident takes the life of their 4-year old son. Soon after, Becca's younger, irresponsible sister, Izzy, announces that she is pregnant: there will now be a new child in the family. As Becca and Howie grow apart, Becca's mother Nat badgers Becca about her grieving process while Shauna, the young driver who killed their son, continually shows up to ask forgiveness.

"Rabbit Hole" delves into the complexity of a family navigating deep grief, and learning what it means to live a fruitful life when things fall apart. We have a front-row seat as they travel a bumpy road to healing with no road map to guide them.

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

ACROSS

1. Extend across
5. Sassy one
9. Lacking freshness
14. Capital city
15. Gambler's destination
16. Blanket
17. Tiny particle
18. Vane direction
19. Della __
20. Fancy desserts
23. Piece of cookware
24. High-pitched bark
25. Refreshing spot
28. Hotel employee
32. A, B or C
34. FDR's mom and others
35. Hair division
37. River in Italy
38. Run
39. Transparent pieces
40. Brooches
41. Word with nurse's or teacher's
42. Archaic, archaically
43. Shelter made of animal pelts
44. Company
46. Counseled
48. M and M
49. Suffix for old, bold or cold
51. Crawling insect
52. "How are you?" and "Isn't the weather lovely!"
58. Paragon
61. Outer coat
62. Like a leaky pen
63. Spear
64. Icelandic literature
65. Place with many trees
66. Go into
67. Whiskered animal
68. Layers of turf

DOWN

1. Bacon portion
2. Middle East bread
3. Run __; go wild
4. Identifying markers
5. Out of __; exhausted
6. Artificial's opposite
7. Handle
8. Hotsy-__
9. Skin, as one's knee
10. Digits
11. "__ Maria"
12. Man's nickname
13. Prior to
21. Paper money: abbr.
22. Brae apparel
25. 1 of 13 on Old Glory
26. Wrote
27. Got out of bed
28. Silver-white element
29. Wears away
30. Semiprecious stone
31. Black-and-white creature
33. Wall hangings
34. Word after up or back
36. Clarinet, for one
39. Sheriff's team
43. Do a beautician's job
45. Check casher
47. Destructive one
50. Weight allowances
52. __ oneself; work steadily
53. 1 of 8 on an octagon
54. "...__ partridge in a pear tree."
55. Of an Asian nation: pref.
56. __ out a living; got by
57. Wee, tiny and minute: abbr.
58. __ de France
59. Rather, for one
60. Ending for absorb or depend

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The solutions to these puzzles can be found on page 16



Hand-me-down blues

Luigi was tough on clothes, but he met his match in a certain old coat.

With spring in the air and winter clothes going into the closet for another season, my memories of my childhood drift to the hand-me-down closet. We had a big plywood closet in our basement that held all of the clothes that my older brothers outgrew. Pants, shirts, jackets and coats all were hung in this closet for the next sibling.

As I was the most rambunctious of my brothers, I went through the most clothes; so this cabinet became my personal closet. When you are number four of five boys, you usually are the recipient of many hand-me-downs. Not only that, you are NOT the recipient of many new clothes. My little brother, Vinny, usually got new clothes because nothing would last through me.

Pants, shirts and jackets were usually pretty standard. Jeans, sweatshirts and sweatpants typically were pretty good. However, there was the infamous coat-situation that left a deep scar on my soul.

It was late fall. You know those days, when the mornings are cold but the days still get into the 50s. The afternoons are too warm for winter coats, but the mornings are too cold for the summer windbreaker. This particular morning, mom was downstairs in the hand-me-down closet looking for a coat for me to wear, because she was convinced it was too cold for me to wait outside for the bus.

I wasn't sure which coat she was going to get for me, because I pretty much knew everything that was in there

and I didn't think there was anything big enough for me to wear. Mom was reaching into the back of the closet, way back against the wall. I could hear her grunting as she was reaching for something. She knew exactly what she was looking for. Just then I heard her say, "There it is!" and out she came with a coat.

I use the word "coat" loosely. It looked more like an old brown leather couch, and not in a good way. It was by far the ugliest thing I had yet seen in my 11 years on this earth. I took one look at that coat and blurted out, "I'm not gonna wear that!" Mom took one look at me, grabbed me by my collar and somehow threw the coat onto my body. I am not sure how it happened, but in an instant, I found myself with this lumpy, smelly, mothball-scented coat on my body. Not only was it shiny imitation leather, like one would find in a 1960s Oldsmobile, but it also had an imitation fur collar on it. I was pretty sure it was a woman's coat.

Mom looked at me and seemed satisfied that it would keep me warm. She then fished into the closet once again and pulled out a hand-knitted wool scarf and hat for me to wear with my woman's coat.

I was dead. I begged my mother to let me wear anything else. I told her that it was a ladies coat. Naturally, she disagreed. Next I said, I thought I was allergic to the smell of the mothballs. She told me I would be outside with it on, and the fresh air would blow away

the odor. I next said that the fake fur collar made my neck itch. She followed that the scarf would keep the fur off my neck. Needless to say, I did not win the argument.

When the bus came, my brother Vinny and I walked onto the bus, and I was wearing the genuine pleather ladies fur neck lined coat with hand-knitted hat and scarf. When I came up the bus stair, the entire bus went silent. I took the first seat on the bus because I didn't want to have to walk through all the kids staring at my wonderful, shiny, brown, gopher fur coat.

Luckily, my stop was the last one before school, so my bus torture was short-lived. Unfortunately, I had to walk into school, through the halls and into the classroom with everyone staring at my mothball-smelling, chocolate-colored, faux-fur collared, ladies coat. What a long day. Recess was especially bad, because Sister Cecelia made sure we were all bundled up to go outside to play.

Well, needless to say, the ladies coat was stuffed into my book bag for the return trip home. When I got home from school, my mother didn't ask where the coat was. She simply removed it from my book bag and hung it up. I was so depressed and exhausted after a day of never-ending torture.

I sat at the kitchen table to begin my homework. I was just going through the motions, trying to figure out how I was going to get out of going to school the next day. Mom reached into the oven and pulled out some homemade bruschetta.

Wow! I was so concerned about my woodchuck fur-lined shiny brown vinyl ladies coat, that I didn't even smell that there was something in the oven. Mom put the plate in front of me. I bit into the bruschetta, and all my worries were forgotten. My mood lightened and I was feeling better. Mom told me to go get changed before I started my homework.

I went into my room, which I shared with my brothers Vinny and Anthony to get changed. As I took off my school uniform, I noticed something in a bag on my bed. I picked up the bag and opened it up. There in the bag was a new winter coat.

So as you enjoy the recipe for bruschetta, just remember that no matter how much your parents have embarrassed you by making you wear hand-me-downs, it could always be worse. You could have had to wear a coat for the opposite sex.

Buon Appetito!

TOMATO BRUSCHETTA WITH BALSAMIC VINEGAR

Ingredients

- 8 plum tomatoes, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh basil
- 1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 loaf French bread, thickly sliced
- 1/4 cup shredded mozzarella

Preparation

In a bowl, toss together the tomatoes, basil, Parmesan cheese, mozzarella cheese and garlic. Mix in the balsamic vinegar, olive oil, kosher salt and pepper. Spoon out the tomato mixture onto your sliced bread and place into a preheated 350 degree oven for 10 minutes or until the edges of the bread are crispy.

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.

Answer to this week's Dot to Dot (puzzle on page 11)

THE GREATEST DOT TO DOT BOOKS!

No Dots
Connect Numbers:
1 - 201

Tip: Aim for the middle of each number.

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Hudson River Valley Greenway to give \$636,000 in grants

The Hudson River Valley Greenway announced a total of \$636,000 is available through three Hudson River Valley Greenway grant programs. For 2021, a total of \$136,000 is available for Planning and Compact Grants and \$500,000 is available for Trail Grants. For 2021, applications are due by close of business on May 7, Sept. 10 and Nov. 8. Grant program guidelines and applications are available on the Greenway website at: <https://hudsongreenway.ny.gov/grants-funding>.

The Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant Program provides approximately \$136,000 in funding to participating Greenway Communities to further a regional planning strategy consistent with the five Greenway criteria: regional planning, natural and cultural resource protection, economic development, public access, and heritage and environmental education.

Greenway Planning Grants are open to municipalities that have adopted a local board resolution to become a designated Greenway Community. Greenway Compact Grants are open to municipalities that have adopted an approved Greenway Compact Plan.

These matching grants fund have been awarded to projects including comprehensive/master planning, open space inventory/preservation, natural resource inventory/preservation, and cultural resource and economic development. The maximum grant award for single community projects for both of these programs is \$10,000. Cooperative multi-community proposals may be funded at higher rates.

The Greenway Trail Grant Program offers approximately \$500,000 in funding for land/water trail construction, planning and design, rehabilitation, amenities and interpretation. There will be \$50,000 designated for water trail projects along the Hudson River Greenway Water Trail, a National Water Trail. Municipalities and not-for-profit organizations within the designated Hudson River Valley Greenway area and who do not have a currently open grant in this program are eligible to apply.

These grants are funded by the state's Environmental Protection Fund. Gov. Andrew Cuomo's proposed 2021-22 Executive Budget includes sustained record funding for the EPF at \$300 million.

On Dec. 31, 2020, Gov. Cuomo

announced completion of the Empire State Trail, now the nation's longest multi-use state trail. The trail spans 750 miles, from New York City through the Hudson and Champlain Valleys to Canada, and from Albany to Buffalo along the Erie Canal. The Greenway Conservancy Trail Grant Program prioritizes links from existing Greenway Trails to the Empire State Trail.

In addition to the above grants, there is an ongoing program of federally funded Heritage Development Grants available from the Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area (NHA). These grants are intended to provide seed money to organizations for the purposes of programming, interpretation, and marketing that support the mutual goals of the NHA and applicants. Approximately \$20,000 is available for

this grant program. These grants are typically capped at \$5,000 per award. For eligibility and guidelines visit <https://www.hudsonrivervalley.com/heritage-development-grants>.

The Hudson River Valley Greenway was established by the Greenway Act of 1991 to continue New York State's commitment to the preservation, enhancement and development of the world-renowned scenic, natural, historic, cultural and recreational resources of the Hudson River Valley, while continuing to emphasize appropriate economic development activities and remaining consistent with the tradition of municipal home rule. The Hudson River Valley Greenway also manages the federally designated Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area.

Visit www.hudsongreenway.ny.gov for more information.

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Gladys Fell

RED HOOK - Gladys M. Fell, 94, a lifelong resident of Red Hook, NY, passed away on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at her home surrounded by her loving family. Born on Jan. 19, 1927, in Red Hook, NY, she was the daughter of the late Frederick G. and Florence Mae (Marshall) Lown. Gladys married Harold T. Fell, Sr. on July 4, 1946 in Barrytown, NY and he predeceased her on July 13, 2011. In addition to raising her family, Gladys worked as a telephone operator with Red Hook Telephone, as a waitress at the Parkway Diner, and as a clerk at former Grand Union. Always active, Gladys had a love of gardening was a longtime member of Ulster County Rose Society. She also was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary at the Red Hook VFW Post 7765. She is survived by her two sons, Harold "Butch" (Linda Alamia) Fell, Jr. of Nevis, NY; and David (Elaine Lanyi) Fell of Red Hook, NY; her loving grandchildren, Sandra & Noah Simmons, Scott & Jennifer Fell, and Stephen & Stacy Fell of Red Hook, NY; and seven great-grandchildren; along with extended family and numerous friends. In addition to her husband and parents, a brother, Clarence "Sonny" Lown predeceased her in 2009. Funeral services and interment will be private in family plot at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in Red Hook, NY. Memorial donations may be made in Gladys' memory to the Red Hook Fire Company, PO Box 100, Red Hook, NY 12571 or to the Red Hook Post #7765 Veterans of Foreign Wars, 30 Elizabeth St., PO Box 5, Red Hook, NY 12571. Arrangements are under the direction of Burnett & White Funeral Homes, Red Hook, NY. To sign the online guest book, please visit www.Burnett-White.com.

William L. Martin

CLINTON - William L. Martin, 79, a lifetime resident of Clinton, passed away at Vassar Brothers Medical in Poughkeepsie on March 15, 2021. Born in the family farmhouse in Clinton, NY on Jan. 31, 1942, he was the son of the late Ralph and Edith (Burton) Martin. "Bill" was a graduate of Rhinebeck High School in 1959. He attended SUNY Cobleskill for a short time before being drafted into the Coast Guard in 1961.

He remained in the Coast Guard until 1965. After serving in the Coast Guard, he returned home and worked in several Post Office locations around Dutchess County until he became a Dock Supervisor for the US Postal Service in Newburgh. An active member of the community, Bill was on the Town of Clinton CAC Board, a life member of the West Clinton Fire Company where he served as 1st Lieutenant and Vice President, coached for Town of Clinton Little League, managed the Rhinebeck Farmers Market for many years, and worked with his son Tim at Country Side Stoves. Bill is survived by his wife, Ernestine (Taylor); his sons Timothy of Clinton, Todd and his wife Rebecca of Clinton, Brandon and his wife Michelle of Red Hook, and David and his wife Jennifer of Clinton; six grandchildren, Ashley (Corey Rathjen), Amanda, Nicholas (McKenzie), Joshua, Taylor, and Troy; a great grandchild Mason Scott Rathjen, a daughter-in-law Christine Martin, and many friends in the community. Memorial Calling Hours were held at the Dapson-Chestney Funeral Home, Rhinebeck on Friday, March 19. Services will be private and at the convenience of the family. Memorial Donations in honor of Bill can be made to the West Clinton Fire company, 219 Hollow Road, Staatsburg, NY 12580. To sign the online register, please visit dapsonchestney.com.

Sherwood (Skip) Charles Pitcher

MILLBROOK - With heavy hearts we said goodbye to our Father, Pop-Pop, Uncle and friend, Sherwood C. (Skip) Pitcher, of Millbrook, NY passed away on March 16, 2021. The son of Sherwood and Hazel Pitcher. He was born on Jan. 12, 1939. On Nov. 23, 1958 he married the "love of his life," the late Eleanore Pitcher. Together they enjoyed 61 years of marriage before her passing in January 2020. Sherwood is survived by his son and daughter-in-law Greg and Kathy Pitcher; daughter Susan and son-in-law Charles Zwart. He was the beloved Pop-Pop to Jessica Pitcher (Michael Churton), Sara Pitcher (Victor Goldberger), Adam Miller (Kari Spielberg-Foley), Ben Miller, Hannah Knapp (Dan and their daughter Kayleigh). Sherwood was an amazing Uncle to Tim Baldwin, Becky Baldwin, David Baldwin, Katie Swedstedt, Laura Ahlf Lettieri and Patty Ahlf Sarvis. He was predeceased by his wife Eleanore Pitcher, his sister Shirley Ahlf, his brother Robert Pitcher and his parents Sherwood and Hazel Pitcher. Sherwood had worked at Western Publishing until its closing. He then worked at IBM until his retirement. Through the years Sherwood enjoyed golfing and fishing. He was known for his incredible clambakes. Sherwood will be missed by his golfing friends and his friends in Englewood, FL. In lieu of flowers we

would ask people to hug a bit tighter, say I love you a bit louder and call a family/friend to say hello. At this time because of COVID services will be private. A celebration of Sherwood's life will be given in the summer.

Marion Reed

PLEASANT VALLEY - Marion Reed 89 of Pleasant Valley, NY died at Northern Westchester Hospital on Feb. 19, 2021. Born in Baltimore Maryland on March 13, 1931, she was the daughter of Edward Harris and Maggie Jeffries. Marion was a retired Counselor, she work for ARC of Ulster County. Marion is survived by children Gene Williams and his wife Bertha May of Kingston, Russell Reed and his wife Terry of Maryland, Pam Dawkins of Beacon, John Lewis of Albany, Calvin Ware of Poughkeepsie, Kim McFadden and her husband Michael of Pleasant Valley and Melody Ware of Poughkeepsie. Marion is also survived by many grandchildren and she is predeceased by her son Andrew Reed and her sister Mary Elizabeth King. Services are private and at the convenience of the family. Arrangements were handled by the Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home, Poughkeepsie, NY. To leave an online condolence, please visit www.doylefuneralhome.com.

Answers to this week's diversions (puzzles on page 14)

Suguru solution

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This week's answer

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a vote will be taken upon the following proposition to appropriate the funds necessary to meet the estimated expenditures of the Howland Public Library for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to be held at the Howland Public Library, 313 Main Street, Beacon, New York, on April 29, 2021, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m.:
 Proposition #1
 "Shall the sum of \$1,221,376.00 be appropriated for the annual support of the Howland Public Library for the fiscal year 2021-2022 and shall the Beacon City School District be authorized to levy the taxes necessary to raise such amount?"
 NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that at the same time and place, a vote to elect three (3) members to the Board of Trustees: two for a term of five (5) years, one for a term of two (2) years.
 NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of trustee of the Howland Public Library must be filed with the Library Election Clerk not later than 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 29, 2021.
 Each petition must be directed to the Library Election Clerk, must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the Howland Public Library District, must state the residence of each signer, and must state the name and residence of the candidate. Petition forms may be obtained from the Library weekdays between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
 NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Board of Registration will meet on April 15, 2021, between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of preparing a register of the qualified voters of such Library District at the offices of the Howland Public Library, 313 Main Street, Beacon, New York. Anyone not presently registered will be registered in accordance with Section

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2014 of the Education Law. Any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration, he/she is known or proven to the satisfaction of such Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school meeting or election for which such register is prepared.
 Voters registered for general elections under Article 5 of the Election Law are eligible to vote at the April 29, 2021, budget vote and election without further registration. Voters who have been previously registered for any annual or special meeting or election and who have voted at any such annual or special meeting or election held or conducted during the last four calendar years preceding 2020 are eligible to vote at the April 29, 2021, budget vote and election without further registration. The register prepared will be filed in the office of the Library and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the Library District between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on each of the five (5) business days prior to the election. The register will also be available for inspection on the day of the election at the polling place.
 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the Library office. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed application must be received by the Library Election Clerk no later than 4:00 p.m., prevailing time, seven (7) days before the annual library budget vote and election. If the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter, the completed application must be received by the Library Election Clerk no later than 4:30 p.m., prevailing time, one day before the annual library budget vote and election. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection weekdays between 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., prevailing time, at the Library office on each of the five (5) business days before the annual district vote and election
 By order of the Board of

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Trustees of the Howland Public Library
 Julie Beyer
 Library Election Clerk

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Notice of Complete Application
 Date: 03/12/2021
 Applicant: NYS DEPT OF CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION, THE HARRIMAN STATE CAMPUS, 1220 WASHINGTON AVE, ALBANY, NY 12226
 Facility: GREEN HAVEN CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, ST RTE 216 & GREEN HAVEN RD, STORMVILLE, NY 12582
 Application ID: 3-1328-00275/00001
 Permits(s) Applied for: 1 - Article 17 Titles 7 & 8 P/C/I SPDES - Surface Discharge
 Project is located: in EAST FISHKILL in DUTCHESS COUNTY
 Project Description: The Department has received an application to renew and modify the existing State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit (SPDES ID NY0071153) for the Green Haven Correctional Facility, which authorizes a discharge of 0.5 million (500,000) gallons per day of treated sanitary sewage to Fishkill Creek [DEC Waters Index No. H-95, Class C(T)]. The proposed modification consists of a change to the final compliance date within the schedule of compliance. Aside from renewal of the permit term, no other changes to the permit are proposed. The draft permit and fact sheet may be viewed and printed from the Department website at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6054.html>.
 Availability of Application Documents: Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person.
 State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR)

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Determination: Project is not subject to SEQR because it is a Type II action.
SEQR Lead Agency: None
Designated State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination: The proposed activity is not subject to review in accordance with SHPA. The application type is exempt and/or the project involves the continuation of an existing operational activity.
DEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29): It has been determined that the proposed action is not subject to CP-29.
Availability for Public Comment: Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 04/16/2021 or 30 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later.
Contact Person: CHRISTOPHER LANG, NYSDEC, 21 S Putt Corners Rd, New Paltz, NY 12561, (845) 256-3096

ROMBOUT RURAL CEMETERY, FISHKILL, NY BURIAL SECTION RECLAMATION NOTIFICATION
 Research is currently being performed in an attempt to find any legal direct descendants for the below section deed signers/purchasers with negative results. NO BURIALS HAVE BEEN PERFORMED IN ANY OF THESE SECTIONS. Should no legal descendant(s) be found, by May 1, 2021, an application will be submitted to the New York State Division of Cemeteries (NYSDoC) to reclaim them.
 Upon approval from the NYSDoC to officially reclaim them, the plots will not be sold but will be offered to local funeral homes for the burial of indigent persons.
SECTION: DEED PURCHASER: DATE PURCHASED:
 #13 Charles D. Sherwood October 28, 1899 (b. 09/18/1854)
 #14 Alexander H. Dudley October 28, 1899 (b. 04/24/1830)
 #15 Francis Burroughs October 28, 1899 (b. 01/10/1844)
 #16 John Waldo October 28, 1899 (b.

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06/02/1846)
 Last known descendant: Matthew R. Coleran
 Last known address/location: California (No known address)
 #17 John LaDue October 28, 1899 (b. 1823)
 If you have any information regarding direct descendants who may be legal heirs of these sections/plots, please contact Rombout Rural Cemetery at rombournruralcemetery@gmail.com, via our Facebook page (Rombout Rural Cemetery Association), or call (845) 393-4793.

NOTICE TO OWNERS OF VIABLE FARMLAND IN DUTCHESS COUNTY
 Pursuant to Section 303-b of the NYS Agriculture and Markets Law Article 25AA, the Dutchess County Legislature has designated the period April 15 through May 14, 2021 during which Dutchess County landowners who own "predominately viable agricultural land" may request that their land be newly included in one of the County's four existing Agricultural Districts. In order to be considered for such inclusion, an application must be on file with the Dutchess County Soil and Water Conservation District on or before May 14, 2021. Only parcels judged to be "predominately viable agricultural land" will be included. To receive an application, contact the District at 845-677-8011 ext. 3. A copy of the application can also be downloaded from the District's website: <http://dutchessswcd.org>. Landowners whose parcels are already included in an Agricultural District are not required to apply as part of the annual inclusion process.
 Inclusion in an Agricultural District provides right-to-farm protections for farm businesses, including protection against laws that unreasonably regulate farm operations in agricultural districts, limited protection from private nuisance claims, and notification of property buyers about farming practices prior to purchase of property in agricultural districts. Applications must be on file with the Dutchess County

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Soil and Water Conservation District on or before May 14, 2021. The Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board will review applications and submit a report to the Dutchess County Legislature, which will hold a public hearing and forward any approved applications to the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for certification. Only parcels judged to be "predominately viable agricultural land," pursuant to Section 303-b of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law will be included.
 To receive an application, contact the Dutchess County Soil and Water Conservation District at 845-677-8011, ext. 3. A copy of the application can also be downloaded from the District's website: <http://dutchessswcd.org>. Landowners whose parcels are already included in an Agricultural District are not required to apply as part of the annual inclusion process.
 LEIGH WAGER
 CLERK, DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE
 March 17, 2021

NOTICE OF VISUAL DEMONSTRATION (BALLOON TEST) FOR A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER FACILITY TOWN OF FISHKILL ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
 The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Fishkill is considering an application by Tarpon Towers II, LLC and Verizon Wireless to construct a wireless telecommunication facility consisting of a new one-hundred and ten foot (110') tower, with the top of the proposed antennas at 110'; and associated access, leased area and equipment compound on the property located at Route 9D and the Eastbound off-ramp from Interstate 84 (I-84) east of the toll plaza, in the Town of Fishkill, New York. The Zoning Board of Appeals has requested that Verizon Wireless conduct a public visual demonstration also known as a balloon test at the proposed location to assess the visual impact of the proposed

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tower on the community. The balloon test is scheduled for Saturday, March 27, 2021 from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM. The inclement weather date will be Saturday, April 3, 2021 from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM. The balloon will be raised from the proposed tower location in the central portion of the property located at Route 9D at the corner of 9D and the Eastbound off-ramp from Interstate 84 (I-84) east of the toll plaza, Fishkill, NY 12508 (tax parcel ID: 5955-04-822276).
 During the test, an approximately three-to-four-foot (3'-4') diameter red helium balloon tethered to a rope will be raised so that the top of the rope will be at a height of 110' above ground level. The purpose of raising the balloon and the rope to this height is to allow the Zoning Board of Appeals, the public and the Applicant's Representatives to identify the approximate location and height of the proposed tower from various locations in the surrounding area. Views of the balloon during the test will assist the Zoning Board of Appeals and the public in assessing the visibility and potential visual impact of the proposed new tower. Members of the public may view the simulation but must follow health rules issued by the Governor and County Executive, including maintaining appropriate personal physical distance.
 The Zoning Board of Appeals has not yet scheduled a public hearing on the application. The application, plans and supporting materials in connection with this proposal are on file in the office of the Town of Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals; can be found on the town's website at www.fishkill-ny.gov on the home page under Quick Links/Notice of Visual Demonstrations (Balloon Tests)/Public Hearings/Site Visits and are available for public inspection by advance scheduling.
 BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE TOWN OF FISHKILL, NEW YORK
 Debbie Colonna, Secretary
 March 18, 2021

Residential brush-burning prohibited through May 14

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced on March 16 that the annual statewide ban on residential brush-burning is in effect through May 14.

"While wildfires are more visible in the western part of the country, the start of spring brings an increased risk of wildfires right here in New York," said New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos. "In an effort to protect our communities and natural resources, New York prohibits residential burning for two months starting on March 16, when dry conditions are highest. Help DEC put safety first and continue to reduce the number of wildfires in New York's communities by following the burn ban."

Even though some areas of the state remain blanketed in snow, warming temperatures can quickly cause wildfire conditions to arise. DEC will post a Fire Danger Map rating for the 2021 fire season on DEC's website (<https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/68329.html>) once there is a moderate risk anywhere in the state.

Open burning of debris is the largest

single cause of spring wildfires in New York State. When temperatures are warmer and the past fall's debris and leaves dry out, wildfires can start and spread easily and be further fueled by winds and a lack of green vegetation. In 2020, DEC Forest Rangers extinguished 192 wildfires that burned a total of more than 1,122 acres. In addition, local fire departments, many of which are volunteer, all too often have to leave their jobs and families to respond to wildfires caused by illegal debris fires.

New York first enacted strict restrictions on open burning in 2009 to help prevent wildfires and reduce air pollution. The regulations allow residential brush fires in towns with fewer than 20,000 residents during most of the year, but prohibit such burning in spring when most wildfires occur. Campfires using charcoal or untreated wood are allowed, but people should never leave these fires unattended and must extinguish them. Burning garbage or leaves is prohibited year-round.

Some towns, primarily in and around the Adirondack and Catskill parks, are

designated "fire towns." Open burning is prohibited year-round in these municipalities unless an individual or group has a permit from DEC. To find out whether a municipality is a designated fire town or to obtain a permit, contact the appropriate DEC regional office. A list of regional offices is available on DEC's website.

Forest rangers, DEC environmental

conservation police officers (ECOs) and local authorities enforce the burn ban. Violators of the state's open burning regulation are subject to criminal and civil enforcement actions, with a minimum fine of \$500 for a first offense. To report environmental law violations call 1-800-TIPP DEC (1-800-847-7332), or report online on DEC's website.

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STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT : COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

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

PETITION AND NOTICE
OF FORECLOSURE

Index No. 2019-54520

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

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

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

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

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

LAST DAY FOR REDEMPTION: THE LAST DAY FOR REDEMPTION IS
HEREBY FIXED AS MAY 28, 2021.

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

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

Dated: February 19, 2021.

Enforcing Officer:

Handwritten signature of Heidi Seelbach
HEIDI SEELBACH, Commissioner of Finance
County of Dutchess
22 Market Street
Poughkeepsie, New York 12601
Tel. No. (845) 486 - 2025

STATE OF NEW YORK)
ss:
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS)

I, HEIDI SEELBACH, being duly sworn, depose and affirm under penalty of perjury:
I am the Enforcing Officer for the County of Dutchess. I have read this Petition and No-
tice which I have signed, and I am familiar with its contents. The contents of this Petition
and Notice are true to the best of my knowledge, based upon the records of the office of
the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance. I do not know of any errors or omis-
sions in this Petition and Notice.

Handwritten signature of Heidi Seelbach
HEIDI SEELBACH, Commissioner of Finance
County of Dutchess

Sworn to before me this
19th day of February, 2021.

JACQUELINE INGRAM
Notary Public, State of New York
Reg. No. 0116387643
Qualified in Dutchess County
Commission Expires 02/19/2023

Attorney for Tax District:
CAROLINE M. BLACKBURN
Dutchess County Attorney
22 Market Street, 5th Floor
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

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Town of Stanford Recreation is currently looking to hire an **Assistant Recreation Director** for Summer 2021 ! This is a seasonal position that would run from late June - early September and would be responsible for assisting the Recreation Director in running the summer programming and supervising staff. Qualifications for the Assistant Director include :

Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma **AND EITHER :**

- A. One year of responsible experience in planning or directing recreation activities;
- B. One year of study at a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with major work in physical education or recreation;
- C. Any equivalent combination of training and experience within the limits of (A) and (B)

If interested, please email your resume and/or any questions to recreation@townofstanford.org

LAWN MAINTENANCE WANTED

The Hughsonville Fire District located at 88 Old Hopewell Road, Wappingers Falls, New York is looking for quotes for lawn maintenance for the summer and fall of 2021. Lawn maintenance consists of mowing property located at 88 Old Hopewell Road, Wappingers Falls, New York and the adjacent lot, weed wacking property, repair and seed any lawn damage, and removal of debris and clippings from entry doors and parking lot.

Quotes may be sent to:

Hughsonville Fire District
Board of Fire Commissioners
PO Box 545, Hughsonville, NY 12537
Or email to: secretary@hfd45.org
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