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East Fishkill Library hires Kristen Salierno as new director



Kristen Salierno

By Kristine Coulter

The East Fishkill Library District has a new library director Kristen Salierno. Salierno was recently the library director for the Howland Public Library (HPL) in the City of Beacon. Former East Fishkill library director Gloria Goverman recently retired after two decades of service. Salierno, who the library board of directors appointed, began as director on Feb 5th.

"I am very honored to have been chosen by the Board of Trustees and I greatly look forward to serving this community and the patrons of this beautiful library," said Salierno.

Salierno also previously worked for Blodgett Memorial Library in the Village of Fishkill as assistant library director before she went to work for Howland Public Library.

"The Board of Trustees looks forward to working with Kristen to further the library's social mission, and to bring the library closer to its Strategic Plan goals," Traci Suppa, president of the library's Board of Trustees, said in a statement. "In addition to her impressive qualifications, her familiarity with NYS and MHLS (Mid-Hudson Library System) processes and procedures means she'll be quickly up to speed to serve our community well."

Salierno told Southern Dutchess News, "I am delighted to be the leader of such a wonderful staff."

As far as future plans for the library district, Salierno stated, "The goals of the library's strategic plan will be at the forefront of my efforts, particularly the broadening of programming."

According to the statement from the trustees, Salierno earned a Master of Science in Library and Information Science (MSLIS) degree from Long Island University in 2010, and recently received an Advanced Certificate in Public Library Administration, also from Long Island University. It was also stated in the announcement that Salierno holds a New York State Public Librarian Professional Certificate, and she is a 2019 graduate of the New York Library Association Leadership and Management Academy.

VALENTINE'S DAY LOVE STORIES

Three couples offer viewpoints on five decades of marriage



From left: Michele and Lou Palermo on their wedding day in Yonkers, Westchester County in June of 1973. Mary and Bill Roeder in one of their wedding photos from April 8, 1967 in Astoria, Queens. A wedding photo of Phyllis and Tony Marinaccio on the couple's wedding day in the Bronx on July 19, 1970.

-Courtesy photos

Editor's note: Each year for Valentine's Day, we at the Southern Dutchess News interview couples who have been married for more than 50 years.

By Kristine Coulter

Three local couples recently sat down with Southern Dutchess News to recall the first years of their relationships, marriages and advice for couples getting married in the near future.

Michele and Lou Palermo: 'His smile' and she 'laughed' at all his jokes

Lou and Michele Palermo, East Fishkill residents, have been married for 50 years. They met on a blind date.

"He was dating my girlfriend, and I was dating his friend," Michele said recently. They met in Yonkers in 1969.

"I didn't notice him that much because I was with this other guy," Michele recalled. "The other guy did not drive.

Lou became the driver."

Lou said what caught his eye about Michele was "she laughed at all my jokes."

Michele said, "I knew his mother before I knew him."

Michele shared that Lou's mother worked at the school she was enrolled in in the cafeteria.

So, what caught Michele's eye about Lou?

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Take 'the plunge' Feb. 17 in Fishkill

By Kristine Coulter

Take part in "Freezin' for a Reason" Polar Plunge in Fishkill on February 17. This is the 26th year of this local event that raises funds for the athletes of Special Olympics New York. Organizers suggest all teams and individuals schedule a time to arrive at The Fresh Air Fund's Sharpe Reservation, at 436 Van Wyck Lake Road, Fishkill and take the plunge.

The event last year had more than 700 participants. The participants in 2023's event raised more than \$228,000. The goal is to raise \$250,000 in 2024, said Teresa Gilli, Director of Development for Special Olympics NY.

Gilli remarked, "Every year, it seems like there's more and more" participation in the event.

The \$250,000 will sponsor 500 athletes in one season – so this would be tremendous for Special Olympics NY said Gilli. Gilli and founder of the Polar Plunge in Fishkill Chris Hamel organize the annual event.

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"Freezin' for a Reason" Polar Plunge in Fishkill is set for February 17 at The Fresh Air Fund's Sharpe Reservation.

-Courtesy photo

Three couples offer viewpoints on 5 decades of marriage



From left: Michele and Lou Palermo and Mary and Bill Roeder during a recent stop at the East Fishkill Senior Center. Phyllis and Tony Marinaccio as they celebrated one of their recent anniversaries in Poughkeepsie.

-Photos by Kristine Coulter, courtesy photo

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"I liked his smile. He was always considerate. He was a nice guy."

Lou said he remembers asking Michele's father for permission before proposing to her.

"I just asked her one time. We were in the car," he said. "It was nothing fancy. It didn't make the 11 o'clock news. She responded like she was expecting it." Michele said they had discussed marriage before Lou asked her to marry him.

The two were married in St. Batholomew's Church in Yonkers on June 17, 1973.

It was rainy to begin with, said Michele, "and then it cleared up. It was a beautiful day."

"The pictures that were taken outside all came out very nice," recalled Lou.

The reception was held at Parkway Casino in Tuckahoe in Westchester County. There were about 150 people who attended the wedding.

"It was also Father's Day," said Lou.

The couple lived in Yonkers during their first years of marriage. They moved to Lake Carmel in Putnam County and then to East Fishkill. Lou worked in IT. Michele worked for Putnam County.

They have one son, Christopher, and daughter-in-law, Christina, and three grandchildren (Dominic, Gabriella and Gigi).

They honeymooned in the Poconos.

As for advice they would offer to couples who are engaged, Lous said, "Always communicate so you both can agree a bit on everything."

Michele said, "Don't rush into anything - take your time."

Mary and Bill Roeder: He 'made a splash' and she 'was beautiful'

Mary and Bill Roeder met when they were around 13 years old. They now have been married for 56 years.

"As soon as I saw her that was it. She was beautiful," Bill recalled about seeing Mary in Astoria, Queens when she and her family moved to the neighborhood.

During an outing at a local pool when they were older, Bill swam and put her on his shoulders.

"He made a splash," Mary said, and then to Bill she remarked, "You made a splash."

They began dating as teenagers.

Mary knew a candy store owner and would go to that store. Bill found that out from a mutual friend. One day Bill 'hap-

pened' to go into the candy store and Mary was there.

They talked. "That's what I wished for. It was like a miracle," said Bill.

After dating, they talked about marriage.

Bill was 19 and had to get permission from his parents to get married, he said. Mary was 20. They are 6 months apart in age, they said.

The two were married in Most Precious Blood Church in Astoria, Queens on April 8, 1967.

"The sun came out when we were doing our vows," recalled Bill. They said it was beautiful seeing the sun shine through the stained glass windows in the church.

Bill's parents had a three-family home. They lived on the middle floor in Astoria.

Bill worked for the New York Police Department (NYPD) for 31 years. Mary said she worked for "Ma Bell," the New York Telephone Company. "When I got pregnant, I quit," Mary remarked. She went on to work in the church rectory as the pastoral assistant. She went on to become the first woman trustee of the church.

The couple has 2 children. They have 5 grandchildren.

As for the advice they would offer to couples thinking of marrying or who are

engaged, Bill said, "Try to have things in common." Mary agreed, adding that she and Bill have many things in common.

Phyllis and Tony Marinaccio: 'Bowled' over after meeting

Anthony "Tony" and Phyllis Marinaccio met in a bowling alley in the Bronx. The couple celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary in July 2023.

"We met in Gun Hill Bowling Alley in the Bronx through my cousin," recalled Phyllis. They used to go out in groups with friends, she said.

In 1964 they met, when they were in high school, though they were enrolled at different schools, said Tony.

Asked about their first date Tony replied, "I don't remember." Phyllis responded, "I don't remember either. The first date [I do remember], we went to River Lounge in Yonkers (Westchester County)."

"We're both compatible. We're both from large families," said Tony. They each have five siblings.

As for the proposal.

Tony said, "Oh."

Phyllis said, "Oh, jeez."

It was in 1969 during a get-together for Memorial Day in Queens. They were playing Twister. Phyllis said she went to wash up in the bathroom. Tony went into the bathroom, she said, and asked her to marry him.

The wedding took place at Immaculate Conception Church in the Bronx. Tony was in the Navy. They were married on July 19, 1970. The reception took place at Pelham Manor Catering in Pelham Bay.

After they were first married, they lived in Queens.

Phyllis was a lab technician. When he got out of the Navy, Tony worked for the NY Telephone Company for 30 years.

They have two daughters and three grandsons.

As for their suggestions for people who are getting married this year, Tony said, "Be patient, I guess. Agree on the important things like finance, kids. We agree on all the important stuff."

Phyllis said, "Love is one of the bigger things. Be patient. Talk to one another. Discuss what's most important before you get married."

DCC President Peter Grant Jordan honored with Tuskegee Airmen Leadership Award

Dutchess Community College President Dr. Peter Jordan received a Major General Irene Trowell-Harris Chapter, Tuskegee Airmen Leadership Award on Feb. 3 at The Villa Borghese in Wappingers Falls.

The Tuskegee Airmen Annual Tuition Assistance Dinner, held every year during Black History Month, honors the legacy of the historic Tuskegee Airmen, the first

African American military aviators in the United States. In addition to raising funds to support educational opportunities for aspiring young aviators and students, it's an occasion to honor one or more community leaders or organizations who have advanced the cause of young people in our area.

President of the Trowell-Harris Chapter

of Tuskegee, Inc. Duane H. Ware stated, "Dr. Jordan's life of leadership and service embodies the values, excellence and perseverance we share with our students. Thank you and congratulations, Dr. Jordan."

DCC Board of Trustees Chairman Michael Dupree said, "Dutchess Community College shares the vision of the Tuskegee Airmen - both the courage they displayed as one of the most decorated groups to fly in the Army Air Corps during World War II and their current commitment to providing scholarships for

deserving students, placing them on a path to productive and fulfilling lives. We are proud to see an exceptional leader and innovator - our President Peter Jordan - recognized by such an organization."

DCC President Dr. Jordan said, "This award symbolizes the courage and strength of purpose embodied by the Tuskegee Airmen, traits shared by the dedicated faculty and staff who inspire and support our students. It means a great deal, both to myself and the College I serve, to be recognized for our work."

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Ribbon-cutting event held for Dynamic Intervention Wellness Solutions in WF



A ribbon-cutting ceremony was recently held for Dynamic Intervention Wellness Solutions, 3 Market St., in the Village of Wappingers Falls.

Wappingers Falls Business Association President Jackie Muller, and founder of Dynamic Intervention Wellness Solutions, remarked, "Our hearts are truly touched by how Wappingers Falls has welcomed us. We are committed to continuing to support our community, roll up our sleeves and do what needs to be done for families, business and local town and village organizations."

Some of the elected officials who were in attendance included Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini and Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, as well as NYS Senator Rob Rolison and Wappingers Falls Trustee John Tyliszczak.

-Courtesy photos

Polar Plunge Saturday in Fishkill



The annual "Freezin' for a Reason" Polar Plunge for Special Olympics New York is set for February 17th at The Fresh Air Fund's Sharpe Reservation in Fishkill.

-Courtesy photo

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Fundraising is "very important" for the Special Olympics, she said.

"This community has come through for Chris and me, year after year, after year, and it makes a big difference," Gilli noted.

There are many new teams, and individuals, participating in taking 'the plunge' in 2024.

"This will help our athletes more than people can imagine," Gilli said. "It's amazing how many people come back year after year and participate."

Some of the businesses taking part again include Adams Fairacre Farms, iHeartRadio, and Mahoney's.

The "Cool School Challenge" is once again happening during the event. This year there are two scholarships for the top two individual students who are the top fundraisers. The two individual scholarships are for \$1,000 each, said Gilli.

"Dutchess BOCES has won several years in the row" for top fundraising school, remarked Gilli.

All the schools compete. The winning school's name will be placed on the trophy. The top school also gets to display the trophy at its school for a year, Gilli explained.

At Sharpe Reservation, participants will plunge into Camp Mariah. Parking will be at Camp Tommy at Sharpe Reservation this year. There will be two buses, said Gilli, that will transport participants and spectators to Camp Mariah. Plunges are 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m., noted Gilli.

Tim Stanley is the executive director for Sharpe Reservation. "The Fresh Air Fund is excited to partner with Special Olympics to host the Annual Polar Plunge at Sharpe Reservation. We are working closely with the organizers of the event. The big question - will the lake have ice or no ice in mid-February? With the wild swing in temperature, it is anyone's guess. Regardless, the water will be cold for an invigorating mid-winter dip," said Stanley.

There will be a food truck, Cider Brothers Roadhouse.

For individuals who raise \$500 and more will be recognized on a banner. Teams that raise more than \$2,500 will have their team names displayed on the banner, too.

"I'm excited. We're still looking for more participants and teams," said Gilli.

One may sign up at polarplungeny.org and click on Fishkill.

Tickets available to the Harlem Wizards game at Beacon High School on Feb. 16

The Harlem Wizards are coming to Beacon High School, Friday, February 16th at 7 p.m. The evening promises to be a fun-filled event that is great for kids and adults and will guarantee to put a smile on one's face! This event is hosted by the Rombout Middle School PTO, the Beacon High School PTSO, and the Beacon High School National Honor Society. They have brought The Wizards into town to raise money for scholarships, events and many other things that benefit the students of the middle school and high school.

The Harlem Wizards have a unique mission: to create awe-inspiring events throughout the country. At a Wizards game, fans will witness amazing basketball talent combined with hilarious comedy. It's two hours of family time where parents, grandparents, and kids can all laugh together. When you're in the stands, you're more than a spectator; you're part of the show with loads of audience participation. Throughout the game, fans will experience a magical display of tricks, coordinated ball handling, fancy passing, and aerodynamic athleticism combined with high-energy comedy and audience interaction. The experience can only be summed up in two words: Awe-Inspiring!

Ticket prices are as follows:

Student General Admission: \$15 in advance (\$20 at the door)

Adult General Admission: \$20 in advance (\$25 at the door)

Reserved Student/Adult: \$25

Courtside Plus Student/Adult: \$50

Courtside Player Student (pre-K-6th): \$125

Reserved ticket holders receive special reserved seating close to the court and free team poster for kids and \$5 souvenir gift certificate for adults.

Courtside Plus ticket holders receive first row seating and meet privately with some of the Wizard players before the game for a meet-and-greet, 1 slice of pizza and drink, souvenir lanyard, color team photo, kids get \$5 discount on replica jersey, and adults get a \$10 souvenir gift certificate.

Courtside Player ticket holders (preK-6th) receive reserved seating, pregame meet and greet with players, 1 slice of pizza and drink, wizards jersey (picked up at game), souvenir lanyard and color team photo for kids, and the opportunity to play in a 3-minute game with the Harlem Wizards during half-time.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.Harlemwizards.com.

The Dutchess County-Poughkeepsie Land Bank Board to meet Feb. 28

The Dutchess County-Poughkeepsie Land Bank Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. on February 28th in person at Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll St, Poughkeepsie, in the library. Members of the public are encouraged and welcome to attend.

To submit comments, for more information, including any requests for reasonable accommodation, including Sign Language Interpreters (requires 5 days notice), please call 845-293-3547 or email info@dcpklandbank.org.

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Celebrate an exciting 2024 season of Dutchess County's sports heritage this spring

To the Editor:

The Sports Museum of Dutchess County (SMDC) exists to ensure that the history of sports in Dutchess County is honored and preserved. Located at historic Carnwath Farms in Wappinger, our "Legends of Dutchess" exhibit features dozens of current and former athletes and coaches with Dutchess County connections. Included are USMNT captain Tyler Adams, 1939 World Light Heavyweight Champion Melio Bettina, and athlete and Dutchess Community College coach Patsy Zerbe.

Highlighting our grand opening on May 4th will be a presentation by baseball historian Robert Mayer. Mayer will discuss "Early Hudson Valley Baseball." Additionally, the SMDC has partnered with the Poughkeepsie Public Library on a program called "Women in Sports Tell Their Stories" to be held at Adriance Memorial Library, 93 Market Street, in Poughkeepsie on March 28th at 7 p.m.

The SMDC is planning other new exhibits and events for the coming year, including additions to our baseball room featuring newly discovered artifacts, a new display on the history of women in sports, and our summer and fall family gatherings featuring food trucks and vendors.

The SMDCS, a non-profit 501(3)c organization, presents these opportunities for our community at no charge. We count on the generosity of members and donors from our community to fund our exhibitions and programs. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the SMDC and continue to show the community's support for our mission and vision.

For further details on the SMDC, please visit our website at www.sportsmuseumofdutchesscounty.org

We can also be reached at sportsmuseumofdutchesscounty@gmail.com or at 845-473-0903.

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BHS names first-quarter Appreciation Recognition Award recipients

The following students were named to the 1st quarter PBIS Appreciation Recognition Awards at Beacon High School. This is a positive behavioral program that is used to inspire students to show Beacon PRIDE (Positivity - Respect - Integrity- Determination - Engagement).

- Cecilia Allee
- Lauren Antonucci
- Anabelle Arginsky
- Emanuele Bagala
- Atlas Baltz
- Jude Betancourt
- Aadriyah Dabbs
- Jason David
- Kayden Durkin
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- Ethan Maignan
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- Josue Pintado
- Savannah Ray
- Leena Rodrigues
- Kiarra Rodriguez
- Sabina Shafi
- Brandon Soria
- Madison Thompson
- Jayla Vasquez
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- Fabiola Vogrincic
- Brandon Warren
- Kayteena Wilkins
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- Isabella Amundson
- Molly-Rose Archer
- Emma Bellis

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- Isabel Bunker
- Serenity Bunn
- Levi Cheyne
- Avery Davis
- Christopher Diaz
- Ethan Diaz
- Chiara Fedorchak
- Willa Freedman
- Ayham Ghazzawi
- Maliah Graham
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- Pearl Kirigi
- Gabrielle Kuka
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- Markus Louis
- Josephine Mallon
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- Jayden Quintana
- Jenna Rojas
- Dominic Sceppaquercia
- Rihanna Taylor
- Kiarra Tice
- Alex Trama
- Vinicius Trichinato
- Sortia Tripaldi
- Michael Varian
- Lila Welsh
- Kendall Alston
- Beckett Anderson
- Eduardo Arellano
- Charlotte Bowen
- Piper Bruno
- Catherine Calle-Ortiz
- Aiden Claudio
- Zamaya Cone
- Misleidy Cruz Cruz
- Jensen del Puerto-Vitti
- Chelsea DerBoghossian
- Enis Dika
- Daniel Echevarria
- Teo Fairbanks
- Lucas Foret
- Abigail Geter
- Gabriel Godbee
- Anissa Hall
- Mercer Jordan
- Nicholas Lentini
- Myasia Lewis
- Tania Lindsay
- Adelina Llamas
- Evan Lombardo
- Mary Lopez
- Kylie Maloney
- Stephen McDowell
- Jaylen Mitchell
- Brandon Morales Rivera
- Gia Morgan
- Ash O'Leary
- Amelia Padilla
- Bella Ridore
- Jalaysia Robinson
- Daveya Rodriguez
- Trevi Romanelli
- Jeremiah Sellers-Richards
- Jax Spodek
- Serena Stampleman
- Amya Thompson
- Rachel Thorne
- Matthew Tumidaj
- George Walker
- Ri'Kya White
- Jon-Paul Wood
- August Wright.

Sign up for Women Empowering Women event at Locust Grove on Feb. 28

Women Empowering Women will host a discussion and celebrate the impact women have on the community. They will be joined by keynote speaker Marie Hickey, and emcee Anne Marie Leamy. All funds raised from this event will be invested back into our community to support women's programs.

There is still time to become a sponsor or purchase ad space in the program journal.

The program will take place at Locust Grove, 683 South Road, in Poughkeepsie on Feb. 28, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. It is \$100 per person.

Ticket sales are limited.

Second-quarter BHS honor roll students named

The Beacon High School administration released the names of students on the 2nd quarter honor roll for the 2023-24 school year. The students are:

9th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll

Maayan Alon, Atlas Baltz, Charlotte Bowen, Danica Brennen, Jerry Chen, Terry Chen, Shannon Colandrea, Emily Coldrick, Theodore Concepcion, Zamaya Cone, Travis Dickston, Ka'Dera Elliott, Fionn Fehilly, Lily Figlia, Khloe Franklin, Emilio Guerra, Alyson Guobadia, Elma-Taherin Hassan, August Hayes, Miguel Herrera, Shaun Jabar, Ruby King, Wenang Kobarsih, Katelyn Kong, Mary Lopez, Molly Lyons, Lily Mack, Kylie Maloney, Ash Marcus, Ethan Maxaner, Victoria McKay, Isaac McKible, Lily Murr, Stella Reinke, John Rose, Charlotte Rossi, Finch Simons, Elias Smith, Elliott Thorne, Gavin Troiano, Isaac Tschang, Jesse Vermeulen, Fabiola Vgrincic, Lila Welsh, Parker White, Julie Whittemore

High Honor Roll

Mikayla Acevedo, Cecilia Allee, Emma Bellis, Savannah Brace, Juniper Breault, Mateo Cruz, Jason David, Magdalena del Puerto-Vitti, Abigail Durkin, Elijah Epps, Khordae Facey, Adriana Fazioli, Hailey Fish, William Flynn, Hudson Fontaine, Valeria Garcia, Kayla Gerardes, Julian Hannah, Abigail Haydt, Ryan Huynh, Penelope Lipari, Yadriana Manzano Cabello, Shyanne McNair, Gianna Mercer, Sarah Ramkalawon, Lillian Ray, Abdul-Rahman Sayibu, Jeremiah Sellers-Richards, Katherine Sendelbach, Stella Sheehy, Caeleb Smith, Tabitha Smith-White, Januario Stageman, Savannah Steinman, Harper Strang, Farrah VanCott, Nolan Varricchio, Rudolph Vergolina, Aslynn Way, Aine Woods

Honor Roll

Savannah Acuti, Jay Adams, Molly-Rose Archer, Tamirnes Bernstein, Giovanna Bottiglieri, Giovanni Bowley, Casey Brandstrom, Aniyah Brown, Myasia Burch, Jayden Concepcion, Misleidy Cruz Cruz, Angeleah Decker, Ethan Diaz, Kayden Diaz, Victoria Diaz, Naim Dika, Tyler Evans, Madison Flagler, Brandon Fremer, Maliah Graham, Elidonya Hudson, Hailee Jennings, Teanna Jennings, Gabriel Khan, Syeira

Kozlik, Ryan Mowen, Lakota Newman, Luna Neyra, Dilan Novas Mendez, Madelyn Pellerin, Brady Philipbar, Bella Ridore, Julian Rivers, Sebastian Roquel, Noah Sanderson, Kiarra Tice, Andrew Whittemore, Ny'el Woods, Piper Yewchuck

10th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll

Nadeen Ahmed, Alianna Alijaj, Farhana Antora, Alexander Browning, Skylar Clair, Christian Clay, Peter Cohen, Tye Elias, Jonah Espinosa, Teo Fairbanks, Marisah George, Samiha Golden, Zenia Haris, Sa'yon Harrison, Alina Joseph, Oren Kelleher, Gabrielle Khalil, Griffin Kitzrow, Savana Kush, Irene Loza Argudo, Brayden Manning, Alma Mart, Oscar McKible, Mira Miller, Liliana Rybak, Mikaela Sanchez, Kayla Selander

High Honor Roll

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Honor Roll

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12th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll

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O'Leary, Emilia Pastorello, Vanessa Piciacchio, Nahari Powell, Henry Reinke, Nina Rivers, Kiarra Rodriguez, Elizabeth Ruffy, Matthew Sandison, Kasey Senior, Rachel Thorne, Emily Wei, Wallace Wei

High Honor Roll

Myah Aguilar Montano, Imroz Ali, Anthony Borromeo, Emma Campagiorni, Sophia Campagiorni, Douglas Capawana, Rubio Castagna-Torres, Nicole Coliman, Nora Folkes, Sara Gonzalez, Keira Istvan, Georgia Kane, Zuhir Kasem, Gabrielle Kuka, Meara Kumar, Shy'anne Kush, Olivia Lapaz, Tiannah Lindsay, Amerie Madigan, Alexandria McCollum, Stephen McDowell, Nico McKible, Gia Morgan, Liam Murphy, Vanessa Murphy, Cameron O'Dell, Elisa Pahucki, Ricardo Ramirez Paredes, Kyla Richardson, Merilyn Rinaldi, Luis Rivera, Keira Robinson, Owen Skorewicz, Riley Slosson, Michael Varian, Peter Vermeulen, Brandon Warren, Jahzara Watkins, Jon-Paul Wood, August Wright, Noelle Young, Ryan Zingone Redfield

Honor Roll

Jack Antalek, Wiles Assael, Jackson Atwell, Caleb Bennett, Daniel Benson, Aidan Cleveringa, Ayla Cruz, Eleanor Cunningham, Ava DelBianco, Grace Delgado, Damani Deloatch, Luke DeLuise, Chelsea DerBoghossian, Kiana Dugger, Jayden Featherstone, Derek Fortes Jr., Shadaya Fryar, Jessica Gonzalez, Max Goodhill, Sienna Gorey, Alexander Guobadia, Isabella Haydt, Emma Joyce, Devyn Kelly, Zakary Krachy, Nicholas Lentini, Leonides Lopez IV, Owen Lynch, Anthony Marzovilla, Lauren McDermott, Aryah Montefusco, Jayden Quintana, Arden Ragone, Jenna Rojas, Jackson Shrawder, Brandon Soria, JonAy Taylor, Allison Thomas, Xiomarys Williams

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Honor Roll

Ayanna Dennis, Zakary Krachy, Ryann Meyer, Codi Reinoehl, Siddiq Umrao, Michael VanBuren, Brayden Vlasty, Sevana West.

Dutchess Outreach hosts inaugural Food Pantry Gathering



Dutchess Outreach recently held the inaugural Food Pantry Gathering in Millbrook. -Courtesy photo

Dutchess Outreach, the largest food security organization in Dutchess County, hosted the inaugural Food Pantry Gathering in January. Food pantries representing all regions of the county were invited to the Carey Institute in Millbrook to come together and discuss common goals and priorities to end food insecurity.

Natasha Pernicka, who is the executive director of the Alliance for a Hunger Free New York (AFHNY) initiative, was the keynote speaker of the event, and explained the priorities of AFHNY. The group also discussed current and proposed legislation, and what it means for the people they serve on a daily basis.

"We have to stop calling food 'charity.' It's not 'charity', it is a basic human right" Dutchess Outreach's Executive Director

Renee S. (Fillette) Miccio said. "This country has enough food for people not just to eat, but to eat well."

The Food Pantries that gathered together at this inaugural event service 9,000 people throughout the county every month, representing only a portion of emergency food providers. Dutchess Outreach is excited to continue their work with the other food pantries, and work together to address the food security issues of the community. There is a \$15,912,000 meal gap in Dutchess County, and 25,540 neighbors in Dutchess County are facing food insecurity, as do 25% of adults in the entire State of New York.

To learn more about Dutchess Outreach or to donate, please visit dutchessoutreach.org.

Towne Crier Dance Jam set for Feb. 22

Get On Down at the Towne Crier Dance Jam on February 22 at 7 p.m., 379 Main Street, in Beacon. Dance to a vibrant mix of musical styles; song requests welcome. These dances are informal and even if one comes alone, one can always find a part-

ner on the dance floor.

All are welcome – singles, couples, friends, newcomers. There is a \$10 admission fee.

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Sarah Morgan wins American Legion Post 1758 contest



American Legion Post 1758 in Hopewell Junction held an oratorical contest for high school students recently. Contestants were required to present an oration on some aspect of the U.S. Constitution.

During the Post's January meeting, a certificate and a check for \$200 was awarded to the contest winner Sarah Morgan, a senior at John Jay High School in the Wappingers Central School District. Winners of post contests can go on to a district competition then to state, then national. The prize money for winning contestants increases at each level. At the national level, the first-place prize is a \$25,000 scholarship.

The purpose of The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program "A Constitutional Speech Contest" is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States among high school students. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, rights, and privileges of American citizenship.

Pictured (from left) are Dan Oberhauser, oratorical chairman; Elaine Morgan, mother of Competition winner Sarah Morgan; Sarah Morgan, oratorical winner, and Jim Reynolds, post commander.

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Wappingers Congress of Retired Teachers offers Susan Roger Scholarships

The Wappingers Congress of Retired Teachers (WCRT) will again be offering scholarships to Wappingers Central School District seniors this spring. The WCRT Executive Board has again authorized funding for three awards, one at each high school in the district. Each recipient this year will receive a \$1,000 check from the WCRT to be used for tuition, books, or other college related expenses.

The WCRT Executive Board has named the scholarships after Susan Roger, former long-time president of the WCRT. Susan died in 2023 and the Executive Board believes that naming the scholarships in Susan's honor is an appropriate way to recognize her many years of service to the WCRT and to public education.

Also, this year, each of the three scholarships will double, from \$500 to \$1,000 each. The WCRT Executive Board will be working with Roy C. Ketcham (RCK), John Jay (JJ) and Orchard View guidance counselors to determine the recipients of the award. Criteria for the award, developed with input from the current profes-

sional staff, is listed below:

1. The award will go to one senior at RCK, JJ and Orchard View. Applicants should have a high school average of 80 or better; seniors pursuing a career in education or an education related field will be given additional consideration.
2. Preference will go to students who have financial need.
3. Guidance Departments at each high school will recommend candidates.
4. Applicants will submit an essay of no more than 350 words, titled "An Educator Who Influenced My Life" or "Why Education Is My Chosen Career." Essays will be reviewed by the WCRT sub-committee, and top candidates will be referred back to the guidance counselors who will make a final choice.
5. Each award will be \$1,000.
6. Information about the scholarship is available in the guidance offices, and the deadline to apply and submit an essay is April 17. Interested students should contact their guidance counselor for information.



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SPORTS REPORT

Renegades announce plans to host athletes from nation of Bhutan

By Rich Thomaselli

Athletes from the small Southeast Asia nation of Bhutan are coming to the Hudson Valley.

And it's all related to baseball, of all things

The Hudson Valley Renegades, the High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees, and the Bhutan Baseball and Softball Association announced a first-of-its-kind event in Minor League Baseball as the organizations have partnered to create "Bhutan Night," a cultural program aimed at growing the game of baseball in the Kingdom of Bhutan.

Athletes from Bhutan will be given a VIP experience for the Renegades' game on Tuesday, Aug. 20 against the Wilmington Blue Rocks, part of a days-long baseball, sight-seeing and cultural enrichment journey in New York in partnership with Dutchess Tourism.

"When we first learned about baseball in Bhutan last summer, our first instinct was 'How can the Renegades be a part of this?'" said Zach Betkowski, General Manager of the Renegades. "After our first conversation with Matt DeSantis from the Bhutan Baseball and Softball Association, it was clear that this had the potential to be truly special, and the event took off from there."

"With over a decade of baseball being

played in Bhutan, having this extraordinary opportunity for young Bhutanese to play ball in the very valleys where I first fell in love with the game is a heartfelt moment. We hope it inspires them to continue their journey in the sport," said DeSantis, a native of Fairfield County, Connecticut who introduced baseball to Bhutan, and currently chairs the Bhutan Baseball and Softball Association. "We are grateful to the Renegades for their commitment to growing baseball and providing opportunities for kids near and far to learn about the professional acumen of the sport, both on and off the diamond."

As part of their multi-day excursion to the United States, the Bhutanese athletes will participate in a baseball clinic at Heritage Financial Park and a Business of Baseball panel, showcasing career opportunities in sports outside of being an athlete. They will also embark on a sight-seeing tour of Dutchess County organized by Dutchess Tourism before their VIP experience at a Renegades game, including the ability to watch batting practice on the field, throw out a ceremonial first pitch, and more.

After their trip to the Hudson Valley, the athletes will spend time in New York City, touring Major League Baseball's offices and going on a sightseeing tour throughout NYC before returning home.

Pelish tops 2,000-point mark as Lourdes girls defeat FDR

By Rich Thomaselli

It was a milestone night.

Our Lady of Lourdes High School basketball star Simone Pelish put on a show last week in front of family, friends and fellow students.

Pelish scored 40 points in a 74-39 victory over Franklin D. Roosevelt.

But it wasn't so much her exploits in a single game. It was a celebration of

her career.

Pelish cemented her status as one of the greatest players in OLL history by topping the 2,000 point mark.

She joins Dr. Mylaine Riobe, Karen Lounsbury, Jenna Viani and Maddy Siegrist atop the school's girls basketball scoring list. All four have had their numbers retired by the school.

HS Wrestling championships set at Westchester County Center

Attention wrestling fans!

Better known as a place for making basketball memories, a different kind of post-season action awaits at the Westchester County Center in White Plains.

The Section 1 Executive Committee has approved the Westchester County

Center as host of the 2024 Division I (large school) and Division II (small school) Wrestling Championships.

The announcement now gives local high school wrestlers a place of stature that matches its growing popularity.

Beacon Elks to host free luncheon for veterans, guests on Feb. 24

The Beacon Elks Lodge #1493 Veterans Committee will host a free luncheon for veterans and their guests on Feb. 24 at the Elks Lodge, 900 Wolcott Ave., in Beacon. Lunch is at noon. The guest speakers

will discuss bills presented by the NYS Assembly and Senate, as well as farm-to-table healthy eating.

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For your Valentine or any time

When I realized this article would break on Valentine's Day and may not be read by most of you until days after, my first thought was 'Oh well. There's always next year,' quickly followed by 'Not so fast.' What at first I perceived as a missed opportunity quickly turned into a chance to make a gentle point that's near and dear to my heart so this will, hopefully, pay homage to love and inspire you to find ways to show it all year long.

Valentine's Day is meant to celebrate romantic love, a time to make grand gestures and declarations that we might forego all the other days of the year. I am all about romance, but when I remembered that Valentine's Day started out, as many of our holidays do, with a pope making a feast day out of a pagan ritual, it kind of took the romance out of it, which left me with the bigger picture – love. On further contemplation I realized that, while the holidays we celebrate are meant to reinforce important values like gratitude, honor, kindness and generosity, they all pretty much share a common thread, which is also love, just in different forms.

So let's look at love, shall we? We throw the word around pretty casually and sometimes with little reverence for how important it is. We love sports, our dog, our children, going to the movies, pizza, friends, sunny days, our parents, ice cream, our spouse, all very different kinds and degrees of love that get lumped under one little word. It hardly seems fair, but there it is. Sure, we can help it out by throwing in an adjective – romantic, platonic, endless, brotherly, obsessive, maternal, passionate – but that just further proves the absurdity of having one word for so many feelings.

Then again, I've noticed that Valentine's Day has gotten away from being exclusively romantic. Look in the greeting card aisle and you'll see categories like Friendship, Daughter, Husband and From The Dog. And you know what? I think that's just fine. Why not celebrate all the love? It's one of the things we humans are best at and certainly what makes life worthwhile.

Which brings me back to the point of deciding to write this for publishing after Valentine's Day, so thanks for staying with me. When it comes to showing someone you love them, you don't need an excuse or a deadline. Or a holiday for that matter. I'm not saying you shouldn't get flowers or a card for the actual day – my father still picks out perfect Valentine cards as he's done my whole life and I cherish every one – but maybe keep those expressions going all year, even in little ways. One day can't possibly do justice to the best emotion we have, just as one all-encompassing word isn't enough to reflect the many nuances of love. A love note tucked into a lunch box, the surprise of someone's favorite cake just because, a card in the mail to let someone know you're thinking of them, heck, just doing the dishes, are all little things that say a lot and keep the love light burning strong for everyone in your life any time. Or how about a simple sit-down meal made extra special with little touches, like fancy china, candlelight and the addition of hearts to the presentation, like this kid-friendly casserole!

CHEESEBURGER ANYTIME-VALENTINE CASSEROLE

What kid doesn't love cheeseburgers? Treat them to a different version and make

it extra special by cutting hearts out of hash brown patties for an edible Valentine any time that the beloved little ones in your life are sure to love. To make this easier this recipe calls for a 15oz can of tomato sauce, but I had leftover home-made spaghetti sauce on hand, so I used 2 cups of that instead. It's tasty either way. I took inspiration for this from Ree Drummond, The Pioneer Woman's recipe.

A note about the hash browns: I didn't specify the package size because there are many brands out there in different quantities, so get what you like and can find. Most come in 10-20 count packages. Putting the frozen patties in the fridge overnight will thaw them enough to cut into shapes and also makes them crispier when baked because you're eliminating excess moisture. (Just be sure to use up any extra within a day or two. You don't want to refreeze them). If you don't have a small-medium heart-shaped cookie cutter, you can use a knife to cut freehand hearts or make a heart template out of cardboard.

INGREDIENTS

1 package frozen hash brown patties, thawed in the fridge overnight
 1 tablespoon olive oil
 1 medium onion, chopped
 2lbs ground beef
 Salt and pepper to taste
 1 (15oz) can tomato sauce
 1 tablespoon mustard powder (like Coleman's)
 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
 1 (8oz) block Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
 1 (8oz) block Cheddar cheese, shredded
 1 (oz) can diced tomatoes, drained
 ~1/3 cup dill pickle slices (I bought whole pickles and cut them because I like the smaller results)

METHOD

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Grease a 9x13 baking dish and set aside.

Lay thawed hash brown patties on a work surface, pat dry with a paper towel and cut into heart shapes. The number you get depends on the size of your cutter. (I made 22 2-inch hearts). Set aside.

In a large skillet, heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Add onion and cook over medium heat until translucent, stirring occasionally. Add ground beef, break up with a wooden spoon and season with salt and pepper. Cook until no longer pink, stirring occasionally.

If there's excess grease in the pan, drain it or use a spoon to remove some. Add tomato sauce, mustard powder, Worcestershire and Monterey Jack and mix to combine. Continue cooking until cheese melts, 2-3 minutes more.

Transfer to the prepared baking dish. Evenly sprinkle Cheddar on top, then arrange hash brown hearts however you like.

Bake until cheese is bubbly, 35-40 minutes, remove from oven and top with diced tomatoes and pickles.

Makes 10-12 servings.

Sure, it's nothing fancy, just a simple meal made with love for those you love. But if it gets everyone to sit together at the table to share some quality time it becomes something special – a love note to express the best of what life has to offer for those we hold most dear. Love doesn't need a holiday. Love IS a holiday. Enjoy!

Vicki Frank Day's background includes over two decades in various aspects of the



A delicious Cheeseburger Anytime-Valentine casserole.

-Photo by Vicki Frank Day

food service industry. In addition, she has over 27 years' experience in marketing, graphic design, copy writing, food styling and research. She believes cooking should

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'The Long Grey Line' Feb. 17 at West Point



The West Point Band is thrilled to announce a multimedia concert, "The Long Gray Line," taking place on Feb. 17 at 2 p.m. at Eisenhower Hall Theatre in West Point, NY. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will move to February 18. This performance is free and open to all; no tickets are required. For more information, visit westpointband.com.

Join the West Point Band for a unique and captivating performance that weaves the story of West Point through music. Featuring a diverse repertoire ranging from the iconic compositions of John Williams to the contemporary sounds of Coldplay, "The Long Gray Line" is a celebration of West Point's traditions, innovation, and impact. The West Point Band invites the community to experience an unforgettable afternoon of music and history.

For West Point Band concert information, cancellations, and updates, visit www.westpointband.com, or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and X.

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Free tax-preparation service available in Dutchess, Orange, and Putnam counties

Free tax preparation once again is available from AARP Foundation Tax-Aide's IRS certified volunteers through the Hudson Valley CASH Coalition. Last year, 5,817 residents of Dutchess, Orange, and Putnam Counties received help preparing and filing their taxes.

A volunteer-run service, the program is designed for low to moderate income individuals and families. The tax service is open to area residents of all ages who meet eligibility guidelines. There are no age restrictions and AARP membership is not required.

To schedule an appointment, call 2-1-1 (United Way's Hudson Valley Helpline) or 1-800-899-1479 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments are available in February through mid-April.

In Dutchess County, there are 14 free AARP Foundation Tax-Aide sites located in: Dover Plains, Fishkill, Hopewell Junction, Hyde Park, Poughkeepsie and Wappinger Falls. This year there will be a new tax site at the Tivoli Library.

In Orange County, there are 15 free AARP Foundation Tax-Aide sites located in: Chester, Cornwall, Goshen,

Greenwood Lake, Middletown, Monroe, Montgomery, Newburgh, New Windsor, Pine Bush, Port Jervis, Walden, Warwick, and Washingtonville. In Putnam County the Tax-Aide volunteers provide assistance from three locations.

"We know that people in our community are working diligently, but finding it hard to survive," commented Jeannie Montano, President and CEO of United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region. "Many of these are the people identified in United Way of New York's ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) Report. They're our friends. They're the people who greet us with a smile and help us every day at restaurants, day care centers, dental clinics, and offices. The refunds that they receive truly make the difference in their very day-to-day survival. We proudly support the Hudson Valley CASH Coalition and its partner organizations with grants from the United Way Community Fund. This program is a great example of how we can all come together to help Mid-Hudson Valley residents gain financial stability, a cornerstone of our mission."

GNSO to perform in Newburgh on Feb. 17

The Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra (GNSO) will perform a special concert on February 17 at 4 p.m. at Aquinas Hall on the Mount Saint Mary College campus in Newburgh. Two distinguished pianists will perform concertos by Romantic composing giants Saint-Saëns and Rachmaninoff as well as a vocal soloist on marvelous melodies from Puccini, Handel, Mozart and Rossini.

Commenting on the Concert of Concertos Maestro Russell Ger stated that "Camille Saint-Saëns clearly revered music of the past, his Second Piano Concerto bearing the overt imprints of Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, and Chopin. The opening is thoughtfully reflective, the second movement is playful, filled with wit and humor, while the finale is an opportunity for the pianist to show off during a turbulent movement that ends in a blustering whirlwind of chords and fiery arpeggios."

"A wonderful and novel inclusion in the program is a vocal soloist who performs arias from four operas," Ger continued. "We have a beautifully lyrical Baroque love aria from Handel, Rossini's virtuosic late Classical aria also about love, Mozart's light-hearted

aria about how young women must know how to manipulate their men, and finally Puccini's lushly Romantic aria from "La Rondine." Finally, Rachmaninoff's Third Piano Concerto is one of the most technically forbidding in the repertoire - richly melodic, it alternates between moments of great delicacy and shattering power. It is one of the most beloved concerti in history."

This concert is not a part of the season subscription but represents the fifth year of a unique partnership between the GNSO and Moxart, Inc., a Philadelphia-area non-profit organization whose mission is to provide accomplished, non-professional musicians with opportunities to play a concerto with a fine orchestra. A concerto is any piece for solo instrumentalist and orchestra. After their great success in Philadelphia, Moxart continued to expand by reaching out to the GNSO in the Hudson Valley.

Tickets are Balcony \$75, Center Reserved \$60. General \$50, Senior Citizen \$30 - can be purchased at the door. Call 845-913-7157 or visit www.newburghsymphony.org. Students are admitted free to General seating. Snow date is February 18.

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Hudson Valley Seeds

Everything you need to know about sowing seeds now and in the upcoming weeks.

Let's get the jump on spring! We sow flower and vegetable seeds indoors now so the transplants will be ready to go into the garden in May. This gives the plants time to mature before the growing season ends in late September.

To get some expert advice on seed starting, I visited Hudson Valley Seed Company across the river in Accord, N.Y. Since its origination at the Gardiner Library in 2004, Hudson Valley Seed has grown into a trusted and respected source for garden seeds. The selection of heirloom and open-pollinated seeds are curated by founders K Greene and Doug Muller. A third of the varieties in the extensive online catalog are grown on their own farm.

I met with sales and customer service manager Crimson Krier-Glading at the company's retail store on Route 209 in Accord, and right away I learned some new information even though I've been starting seeds for almost 65 years (yes, the April 25 entry in my 1959 diary reads "planted onions in my garden"). Crimson told me that onion seed should be sown indoors in early February. Now I know. As Thomas Jefferson famously wrote - "I may be an old man, but I'm a young gardener."

Here's a rundown of some seed starting tips, some from Crimson, and some from a Hudson Valley Seed blog:

• Heat: Pepper and tomato seeds prefer consistent temperatures of 80-85 degrees Fahrenheit. Keep your trays on a heating mat, put them by a wood stove, or place them on a windowsill that's kept warm by the sun. Try to avoid prolonged temperatures below 65 degrees, since seeds may rot. If you don't have an ideal indoor setup, start your seeds 2 weeks earlier than

you otherwise would and over-sow. You can also place covers over your trays to trap heat, but they should be removed after seeds germinate.

• Light: This goes for all seedlings, really: make sure they are getting consistent light. A windowsill might not be enough; consider purchasing a grow light.

• Water: Specifically, a balanced amount of it. All seeds prefer consistent water for germination, and they should never be let to dry out. However, over-watering can be just as perilous, since it can cause rot or damping off, a fungal infection that preys on new sprouts. Keep your trays moist but not wet. Most seeds are small and delicate and don't like to be disturbed, so instead of watering directly with a hose or watering can, fill up a spray bottle and spritz regularly.

• Air Flow: Place your trays somewhere where they'll have plenty of air to breathe. If you have a small fan, you can even hook it up near your trays. This will help combat any extra moisture, and it will also encourage your seedlings to develop sturdy stems which will help them when they enter the real world of the garden bed.

• Protection: Be wary of rodents: they love pepper seeds especially. If you think there's a risk of rodent infiltration, protect your trays with a covering or caging. Just be sure to remove any covers that block airflow once the seeds have sprouted to avoid damping off.

• Space: Seedlings planted too close together will compete for resources and can become stunted and stressed. Similarly, if the seedlings are sown in small cells, they should be repotted into larger containers once they have four true leaves. Pinch off the baby leaves (cotyledons), remove the plants

carefully (a spoon can help dislodge the roots without disturbing them), and replant in the new pot, burying the stem up to the leaves. This last step is crucial: tomatoes have tiny hairs along the stem that, when placed in soil, form new roots. The deeper you replant, the stronger a tomato's root system will be.

There are plenty of vegetables and a few flowers, that can, and even should, be grown from seed, sown directly into garden soil:

April - radishes, peas, carrots, beets, spinach

May - sweet corn, beans, zinnias
June - Squash, melons, cucumbers

We talked about growing sweet corn in a home garden. You need to plant several rows, so the wind can properly blow the pollen down onto the silk, or the kernels won't develop properly. Hudson Valley Seed offers some interesting sweet corn varieties: "Double Red," the dwarf "Blue Jade," and "Martian Jewels." Crimson also recommends cucumber "Tokiwa," poppy "Mother of Pearl" and a hardy hibiscus.

The seed packets at Hudson Valley Seed are gorgeously illustrated, many by local artists like Julia Whitney Barnes and Wendy Hollander.

A local gardener, Alan Zapolsky, was browsing in the shop. I asked him for a comment. He loves the local aspect and raved about the "creamy" fingerling potatoes he harvested last season.



Crimson Krier-Glading, sales and customer service manager at Hudson Valley Seed Company.

-Photo by Mark Adams

If you don't want to drive to Accord (It's a nice ride through Rosendale and High Falls), you can buy Hudson Valley Seeds at a few Dutchess County garden centers, including The Phantom Gardener (in a week or two) and Adams Fairacre Farms.

Mark Adams is an agricultural advisor to the Dutchess County Executive, Dutchess County B.O.C.E.S. and Cornell University.

Film screenings set on oral history film project

"Lines of Demarcation: Memories from Beacon's Black Communities of the 20th Century" is an oral history film that documents some of the life experiences of long-time Beacon residents who lived in Beacon and nearby neighborhoods, which have drastically changed and or no longer exist. "Lines of Demarcation" will be Feb. 24 at 2 p.m. at St. Andrew & St. Luke Episcopal Church; and Feb. 29 at 6 p.m. at Howland Public Library.

Developed as a partnership between The Rise Up Project at St. Andrew & St.

Luke Episcopal Church and The Foundation for Beacon Schools, the film brings together Beacon High School students and adults with lived experiences in the Black communities. The students learn about migration to Beacon, race relations, struggles, and successes from the mid 1950's and beyond.

The film screenings are free. Reservations are recommended particularly for the Feb. 29 screening at Howland Public Library which will feature a Q & A session following. Foundationforbeaconschools.org/local-history-projects.



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Lucy G. Rado



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

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

Lucy married Edward J. Rado, a local hair stylist and World War II Veteran, on Sunday, June 24, 1951, at St. Mary's Church in

Wappingers Falls. Edward predeceased her in 2009. In her later years, Lucy worked as a senior buyer at All Sport Health and Fitness Center in Fishkill.

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

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

Relatives and friends were invited to attend a visitation at McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Roue 82, Hopewell Junction on Saturday, February 10, 2024. The Mass of Christian Burial will be offered in the spring on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 12pm at the Church of St. Mary's, 11 Clinton Street, Wappingers Falls.

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

Rudolph Godoy, Sr.



WAPPINGERS FALLS - With profound sorrow, we announce the passing of our dearly loved father, Rudolph Godoy, SR, on January 31, 2024. He was born on November 28, 1945. He is survived by his wife, Erika Godoy, his brother Edward Godoy and his children Rudolph Godoy, Timothy Godoy, Heidi Godoy and Tanya Godoy-Rathbun. His legacy lives in his grandchildren Andrew Rathbun, Alexander Rathbun, Jack Godoy, Ella Godoy, Aiden Rathbun, Harper Wescott, Cooper Wescott, and his great grandson Caleb Rathbun.

Rudy's greatest joy was his family, playing the piano, and teaching students his craft. His bright smile and joyful laugh will be missed.

His life was celebrated on Friday February 9th at St Mary's, Lady of the Falls,

Wappingers Falls, NY.

Celebration of his life followed at the VFW in Wappingers Falls, 8 School Street, Wappinger Falls.

Nancy Brownell



Nancy Adeline Rossi Brownell, our dear wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend, passed away on February 7th, 2024, surrounded by her family in Cortland Manor, New York. She was 58.

Nancy was born on March 9, 1965 in Port Chester, New York to loving parents, Jerome Rossi and Stella Grimes Rossi. A lifelong Hudson Valley resident, Nancy grew up alongside her sister, Catherine, in Cold Spring. She attended Franciscan High School in Mohegan Lake and Ithaca College, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Broadcast Journalism, Business Administration and Political Science in 1987. After graduation, Nancy joined her father's company, Rossi Walling X-Ray Corporation, in Peekskill.

Around the same time, she met her ador-

ing husband, Richard Brownell, and the two wed on November 2, 1991. They went on to have two sons, Tyler Brownell and Justin Brownell. An avid chef and entertainer, Nancy turned every meal into a phenomenal, multi-course feast that was always able to feed far more people than were in attendance. Nancy was also a passionate gardener, as demonstrated by her Presidency of the Garden Club of America (Orange and Dutchess). She was an accomplished skier, an ardent traveler, including to her family favorites of Lake George and Hilton Head Island, and an icon of style and taste. She was also a lifelong philanthropist, contributing to her community in every way she could, and demonstrated through her passion for giving back via volunteer positions at organizations including the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation, Vassar Brothers Medical Center, Estate Planning Council of Putnam County, the Powelton Club and Ithaca College. Most recently, she was the Vice President of Putnam County at the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, a role she held since 2015.

However, most importantly, Nancy was a wonderfully caring and selfless mother, wife, sister, daughter, aunt, cousin and friend. Her eternal beauty, sharp intellect, passion, vigor, energy, humor and thoughtfulness will be deeply missed by the countless people that she touched throughout her life and cherished by the many people that loved her deeply.

Nancy is survived by her husband, Rick Brownell; sons, Tyler Brownell and Justin Brownell; mother, Stella Rossi; sister, Catherine (Joseph) Platt; daughter-in-law, Madeline Jecklin; god-son, Andrew Platt; god-daughter, Abigail Platt; grand-dog, Dingo; and grand-cats, Sirius and Luna. Nancy was pre-deceased by her father, Jerome Rossi, who passed away in May 1991. Though her life was unfairly cut far too short, her family is extremely grateful for the wonderful memories they shared together recently, including trips to London to visit Tyler, Madeline and Dingo; trips to Austin to visit Justin, Sirius and Luna; and many adventures, celebrations and holidays surrounded by her dear family and friends.

The family is welcoming any donations in her name to the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley (<https://cfhvny.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/list>).

Calling hours will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, February 16 at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. A funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 17 at the Fishkill United Methodist Church, 38 Broad Street, Fishkill, NY. Interment will follow at Fishkill Rural Cemetery.

For online tributes, you can visit Nancy's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Dangerous winter weather intensifying emergency blood shortage

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The American Red Cross continues to experience an emergency blood shortage as severe winter weather has further impacted the ability to rebuild the blood supply. Blood and platelet donors are urged to give now to help ensure lifesaving medical procedures are not delayed.

The national blood supply remains at critically low levels. Blood drives have been canceled in nearly every state where the Red Cross collects blood. As a result, nearly 15,000 blood and platelet donations have gone uncollected this month alone. In addition to dangerous road conditions, many Americans have dealt with flight and shipping delays, and the Red Cross is no different. Snow, ice and extreme temperatures have made it tougher to move vital blood products across the Red Cross network, affecting deliveries to hospitals in locations.

As much of the country warms up this week, individuals are urged to make an appointment now to give blood or platelets by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). As a thank-you, all those who come to give Feb. 1-29, 2024, will receive a \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. Visit RedCrossBlood.org/Heart for details.

The nation is currently facing the low-

est number of people giving blood in 20 years. When fewer people donate blood, any disruption to blood donations – like recent weather systems – can have a huge effect on the availability of blood products and dramatic consequences for those in need of emergency blood transfusion. Generous blood donors are vital to ensuring those in need of transfusions have access to lifesaving care.

New Blood Donor Rewards program

Since announcing an emergency blood shortage earlier this month, thousands of donors across the country have answered the call to help. In appreciation for all those who take the time to help save lives, the Red Cross is pleased to launch an all-new Blood Donor Rewards program. This program offers a new way for the Red Cross to say thank-you for the generous donations that are critical to patients counting on lifesaving care. All donors will now earn points for their donations that accumulate each time they roll up a sleeve to give. Donors automatically started earning points on Jan. 1, 2024, and they can redeem points any time of year to receive e-gift cards or save them to redeem and claim an exclusive Red Cross merchandise item in the next calendar year.

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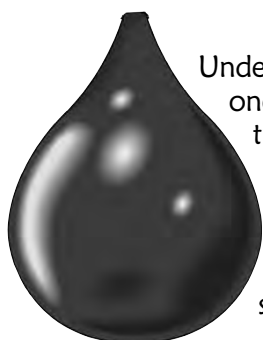
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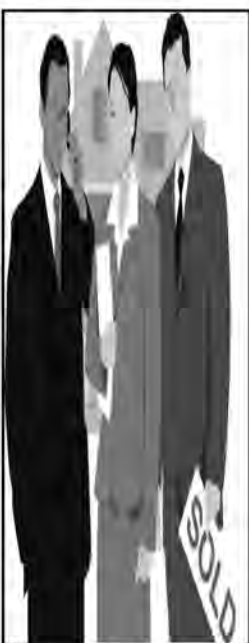
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In Flight, Inc. honors Exemplary Employees and pays tribute to departed colleagues

In Flight, Inc., a distinguished non-profit organization dedicated to supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the Hudson Valley & Capital Region, proudly celebrated the outstanding contributions of its employees at its recent annual Holiday Party. The event not only recognized the exceptional dedication of current staff members but also paid heartfelt tribute to two departed colleagues through the presentation of commemorative awards.

The first award, the Star of Excellence Award In Memory of Bonnie Hoelt, was bestowed upon Bill Powers, a devoted facilities worker whose unwavering commitment to excellence embodies the spirit of the late Bonnie Hoelt. As the Chief Financial Officer of In Flight from August 2012 until her passing in May of 2019, Bonnie Hoelt left an indelible mark on the organization with her exceptional leadership, professional integrity, and unwavering support for her colleagues' growth and success.

Matthew Bateman, CEO of In Flight, expressed his admiration for Bonnie, stating, "Bonnie is one of the people I never want to forget because she got us where we are, so in her honor, we decided to create an award that reflects her caring and unwavering commitment to the organization." Dr. Sarah Branham, Vice President of Clinical Services, nominated Bill Powers for the

award, describing him as "the most delightful person" and a shining example of professional excellence.

The second award, the Heart of a DSP Award, in Memory of Jon Thomas Tolbert who passed in 2023, was presented to Dan Lewis, in recognition of his embodiment of the principles and characteristics exemplified by the late Jon Thomas Tolbert. Jon, a dedicated Direct Support Professional (DSP) at In Flight, exemplified the values of person-centered services, integrity, positive relationships, and active participation in society throughout his tenure.

Jon's legacy lives on through the award, which honors DSPs who demonstrate a similar commitment to serving others with compassion and dedication. Dr. Branham commended Dan Lewis, the recipient of this year's award, stating, "Anyone who knows Dan Lewis, knows he will do anything for our guys."

Upon receiving their awards, both Bill Powers and Dan Lewis expressed heartfelt gratitude to their colleagues and the organization. Bill Powers humbly thanked everyone for the honor, while Dan Lewis acknowledged the individuals supported by In Flight, stating, "My experiences help me to connect with you guys, I appreciate you guys very much, and this award is for you guys."

New Wappinger gateway sign reinforced



Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini, Wappinger Councilman Al Casella, and Dutchess County Legislator Lynne Miele-Versaci recently announced that one of the Town's gateway signs on Route 376, which was damaged two years ago, has been replaced. This new sign has been reinforced, according to Cavaccini. -Courtesy photo

Celebrate Washington's birthday at Orange County headquarters

Come to Washington's Headquarters State Historic Site and help us celebrate George Washington's Birthday!!! The three-day event will be held February 17th, 18th and 19th, from noon - 3 p.m. each day. Admission is free for all those three days, though donations are welcomed.

Sing "Happy Birthday" to General

Washington (reenactor John Koopman) as he cuts into the birthday cake, officially starting the day's festivities. Have a piece of cake and prepare to enjoy all that each day offers: history, music, demonstrations of 18th century military and camp life, a take-home craft and more.

After enjoying his cake, the General will

meet visitors at his Headquarters. Mrs. Martha Washington (reenactor Sandy Spector) will join him Sunday and Monday. Each day, balladeer Thad McGregor will offer musical entertainment, and youth of all ages can create a take-home craft and play with 18th century toys and games! On the grounds, Revolutionary War reenactors will

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DCC Black History Month lineup includes free interactive panels and discussions

In celebration of Black History Month, Dutchess Community College will host a series of events on the College's main campus – covering a range of subjects from Science, Technology and Engineering (STEM) to reproductive rights and supporting justice-involved youth and featuring award-winning author Dr. Emily Bernard.

The Black Solidarity Reads Lyceum will be held in the James & Betty Hall Theatre on Feb. 15 at 12:30 p.m. The speaker, Dr. Emily Bernard, is a Green and Gold Professor of English at the University of Vermont, 2020 Andrew Carnegie Fellow and author of the essay collection, "Black is the Body: Stories from My Grandmother's Time, My Mother's Time, and Mine," which won the 2020 LA Times Isherwood Prize for Autobiographical Prose. Bernard will discuss two essays from her book and the role the college classroom can play in the larger project of interracial understanding.

On Feb. 22 at 12:30 p.m. in the Ritz Lounge, there will be a STEM Job/Internship Panel and Networking Event. Participants will hear from high-achieving STEM professionals who will speak about their academic and career experiences in addition to providing advice for students interested in entering the field upon graduation. Attendees will also have the opportunity to meet the panelists and ask individual questions during the networking portion of the event. Representatives from GAP Inc., Nuvance



Emily Bernard

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Health, Orange and Rockland Utilities, Labella Associates and IBM are scheduled to speak on the panel.

A panel titled "Reproductive Justice in Minority Communities" will take place

on Feb. 29 in Dutchess Hall, room 101. Community health experts from Planned Parenthood will discuss reproductive rights in minority communities.

DCC's Black History Month events

were curated and organized by the Black History Committee: Chair and Assistant Professor of English Willie Morris, Assistant Professor of History Shalon Hallager and Associate Professor of Accounting Ahmed Ismail.

Chair of the Black History Committee and DCC English Professor Willie Morris said, "The positive impact of these events extends well beyond the month of February. It's about making an academic connection and introducing the discipline of Black Studies – to DCC students as well as middle and high school students, teachers, faculty, staff and the broader community. We do this because it furthers the academic and social mission of the College."

DCC President Dr. Peter Grant Jordan said, "Especially as we navigate these uncertain times, marked by divisiveness and social unrest, it's so important that our community comes together to learn and celebrate our diversity. As Dutchess County's community college, we are proud to offer events such as these that underscore our commitment to strengthening systems to advance diversity, equity, inclusion and social justice."

This year's programming comes with the kind support of the DCC Foundation, DCC Writing Center and DCC's Francis U. and Mary F. Ritz Library.

DCC's BHM events are free and open to the public. A full calendar with more details can be found at www.sunydutchess.edu/bhm.

New programs offered at Grinnell Library

Join staff at Grinnell Library for some new programs:

Textiles & Tea: Every Tuesday from 2 - 3:30 p.m. through February 27. Join us for needlework and a cup of tea! All are welcome -whether you cross stitch, crochet, knit, embroider, or more, you're welcome to join. Please bring one's own supplies. Adults of all ages. No registration required.

Strengthen, Stretch, and Stabilize: A movement/mat class for all adults: Every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. through February 29. A community fitness class geared for all levels, incorporating yoga, Pilates, and functional movement patterns in a gentle, all-inclusive design. Chelsea Acree, movement specialist, will lead the class through a series of exercises to move and warm the body, which will

leave you feeling longer, taller and connected. Wear comfortable clothes and make sure to bring a mat/towel! No registration required.

Art Buddies: Every Thursday from 4 - 4:45 p.m. through February 29. National Art Honor Society students will create art together with younger students. Ages 5 and up. No registration required.

"Frozen" Party: Wednesday,

February 21 at 2 p.m. Join Miss Molly for a special Frozen party featuring snacks, songs, and activities. Participants are encouraged to wear their favorite "Frozen" costume! All ages. No registration required.

For questions and registration, contact the library at 845-297-3428. Grinnell Library is at 2642 East Main Street in Wappingers Falls.

E-mail us at newsplace@aol.com

this week's puzzle solutions

6	5	8	7	4	2	9	3	1
7	4	1	6	9	3	8	5	2
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SUDOKU This week's answer

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Sudoku solution

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Suguru

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

THEME: SUPER BOWL

ACROSS

1. Desert bloomers
6. Request for tailor
9. Paul Bunyan's companion
13. Delivered by plane
14. Boiling emotion
15. Match play result?
16. Like the North vs. the South war
17. Bag, à Paris
18. Nymph of lakes and springs
19. *Team that never made it to Super Bowl
21. *Last year's Super Bowl winner
23. *Safety value
24. Disfigure
25. *Birthplace of NFL
28. Roofed colonnade
30. Dr. Seuss' Yertle
35. Auctioneer's final word
37. Sea eagles
39. Popular winter boot brand
40. Largest ethnic group in Rwanda
41. User's destination
43. Like Twiggy's skirt
44. Former anesthetic
46. Not all
47. Death notice
48. Like r in American English
50. Luau souvenirs
52. Opposite of WSW
53. Vatican's head
55. Cattle prod
57. *AFC's top seed
60. *Host state of this year's Super Bowl
63. Like allergy spray
64. Second person of be
66. Pleasant odor
68. Fervent
69. Grazing ground
70. "When pigs fly!"
71. Modeling material
72. *NFL Honors' announcement

73. Trento's Council of _____

DOWN

1. Chlorofluorocarbon, abbr.
2. Alight, past tense
3. Boat mooring spot, e.g.
4. Short for betwixt
5. Wife's parents
6. Serpenterium noise
7. Time period
8. Hajj destination
9. Hillside, in Scotland
10. "Dream on!" (2 words)
11. Constricting snakes
12. * _____ zone
15. Bad blood
20. Post-it user
22. Not miss
24. Street opening
25. *Half-time show entertainer
26. Compass point
27. In spite of the fact, arch.
29. Loads from lodes
31. *CBS announcer and former QB
32. Native American group
33. Famous Bolshevik
34. *Like the Super Bowl players
36. Sonny & Cher, e.g.
38. Ditto
42. Neutral shade
45. With mature appearance
49. Bamboozle
51. Learned one
54. Religious song
56. Defier
57. Not top-shelf
58. On the ocean
59. Deviate
60. Type of tide
61. Peace symbol
62. End of grace
63. *49ers' conference
65. Short for one time around
67. Short for Arthur

CROSSWORD

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The solutions to the Sudoku, Crossword puzzle and Suguru can be found on page 14.

County Players to present 'An Ideal Husband'

Oscar Wilde's classic comedy runs through Feb. 24

County Players, one of the longest-running community theatre companies in the area will present the classic comedy by Oscar Wilde "An Ideal Husband." This Main Stage production directed by Michael J. Frohnhoefer runs through February 24. Performances are scheduled for Fridays and Saturdays February 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, and 24 at 8 p.m., with matinees on Sunday, February 18, and Saturday, February 24 at 2 p.m. with performances held at the County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main Street, in the Village of Wappingers Falls.

This witty and still topical play brings an act of political sin into the heart of the English home. An ambitious government minister, Sir Robert Chiltern's smooth ascent to the top seems assured until Mrs. Cheveley appears in London with damning proof of his previous financial chicanery.

The production features the local talents of Veronica Acevedo, Connie Boden, Mike Boden, Craig Brown, Mark Colvson, Donna Conway, John Leinung, Keller Mickle, Glen Morrice, Rebecca Nagle, Peggy Ringwood, Amy Schaffer, and Robert Yarnall.

Of this production director Frohnhoefer said, "Oscar Wilde's "An Ideal Husband" takes a satirical look at society and politics through the lens of relationships and integrity. This play, written over 120 years ago is still quite relevant, exploring concepts of wealth and power, love and forgiveness and the expectations of men and women. Oscar Wilde's wit and humor shines through the play, contrasting richly with his social commentary. Come in from the cold and enjoy a rich, warm and witty romantic comedy."

Please visit countyplayers.org for up-to-date information on theater restrictions and protocols as COVID-19 restrictions and mandates are evolving daily. The box office will once again open for in-person ticket sales on performance days. Individual tickets are available online in advance of the performance dates. Accessibility: If one requires wheelchair accessibility, please contact our Box Office at 845-298-1491.

This production of "An Ideal Husband" is made possible by Bronze Sponsor: Stissing Center. Hudson Valley Credit Union proudly sponsors County Players' 66th Season.



The cast of "An Ideal Husband." Performances of Oscar Wilde's classic comedy will run through Feb. 24 at County Players in the Village of Wappingers Falls. -Courtesy photo by Louisa Vilardi Photography

Pianist Conrad Tao to perform on Feb. 18 at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon



Conrad Tao will play in the Howland Chamber Music Circle Piano Festival on February 18 at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon. -Courtesy photo

The Howland Chamber Music Circle continues its winter Piano Festival with pianist Conrad Tao on February 18 at 4 p.m. at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon. Following the concert, audience members can meet Tao and enjoy complimentary refreshments. All ticket holders are invited to the reception. To purchase a ticket before they are gone, visit howlandmusic.org. The Howland Cultural Center is at 477 Main Street.

New to the 2023-2024 season, we are introducing a pricing structure to include music lovers who may have been unable to afford our tickets in the past. A limited number of tickets will

be available on a pay-what-you-wish basis. These tickets will be released one week prior to each concert.

In his first performance on our stage, Tao's program will interweave the six Intermezzi by the timeless master Johannes Brahms, with works by leading contemporary composers David Fulmer, Todd Moellenberg, and Rebecca Saunders. He rounds out the program with the Maurice Ravel's monumental Gaspard de la nuit.

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