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Serino kicks off campaign for County Executive



Sue Serino

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

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

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

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

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

"As Dutchess County Executive, I'll build on that foundation and take actions to enhance our community even more," she added. "That means bolstering our job training services, so our businesses can fill vacancies and residents seeking work can find a meaningful, good-paying career. And it means making sure families have affordable, safe neighborhoods with access to the services and programs they need to thrive."

"In the weeks and months ahead, I plan to share a vision for the future of

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101-year-old WWII veteran Giordano honored at ceremony

Carmine Giordano believed to be Beacon's last surviving WWII veteran



Above, local area World War II veteran Carmine "Toot" Giordano was recently honored at the Beacon Elks Lodge in Beacon. The Beacon Historical Society, Beacon Elks, and local veterans organizations recognized Giordano as the last-known surviving World War II veteran in the Beacon area. Pictured with Giordano are veteran Harold Delamater, Beacon Historical Society President Denise Doring VanBuren and Carl Oken with the Beacon Elks Lodge.

Right, Giordano wearing his uniform in 1942.



-Photo by Kristine Coulter

-Courtesy photo from Beacon Historical Society

By Kristine Coulter

U.S. veteran Carmine "Toot" Giordano was honored during a recent ceremony and celebration at the Beacon Elks Lodge, off Wolcott Ave., in Beacon. Giordano is believed to be the last surviving World War II veteran from Beacon, and now lives in Fishkill. He is 101 years old.

Giordano served in the U.S. Army Air Corps/U.S. Army Air Forces (now known as the U.S. Air Force).

"I was underweight [when I tried] to enlist," Giordano explained before the event that celebrated him took place. He was drafted when he was 21 years old.

"I knew I was going to be drafted. I knew I was going to have to go and accepted it," Giordano recalled.

Virgil Capollari, Chair of Dutchess County and Fishkill Veterans committees, said, "I think this is very important that we take the time to honor such a great person who still connects us to the greatest wartime in history. I am very humbled, and we are truly blessed."

Denise Doring VanBuren, president of the Beacon Historical Society (BHS), told of how the historical society asked the community to send in World War II veterans' names from Beacon. The announcement was in the Beacon Free Press. VanBuren said the result was that

Giordano was the only WWII veteran still alive today that could be identified. The BHS reached out to Giordano at that time. The BHS reached out to Giordano then.

"All of Beacon has a new sweetheart," said VanBuren during her remarks. She said Giordano "was raised during the Great Depression" and later made the world safe for democracy. "Less than one percent of these men and women are [still] with us," she said.

Giordano was a local barber and hairdresser for 40 years, it was stated. He will turn 102 on July 14, said VanBuren.

"Let us never forget these men and

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Talent to shine at Beacon High School

By Kristine Coulter

The Beacon High School Chorus and Tri-M Society will present the Beacon High School Talent Show on February 23, at 6 p.m. in the Pete & Toshi Seeger Theater at Beacon High School, 101 Matteawan Rd., in Beacon. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the door. The show is open to the public.

Susan Wright, a music teacher in the Beacon City School District at Beacon

High School, is organizing the show and the acts.

"There are 23 acts including: singing, playing instruments, comedy, karate, dancing and rapping," said Wright.

"The students are really enjoying practicing for this event. They're all being supportive of each other," Wright remarked.

This is the first talent show in the high school since before the pandemic. The last talent show was held in 2019.

"It's a joyous feeling to be able to bring this back. Also, it's amazing to hear what the students themselves come up with," said Wright.

The proceeds from the show go to help make sure all of school's chorus and band students will be able to attend our Broadway trip in the spring, explained Wright.

For more information, visit <https://www.beaconk12.org>.

101-year-old WWII Veteran Giordano honored at ceremony



Clockwise from above left, World War II veteran Carmine Giordano, who was recently honored at the Beacon Elks Lodge, celebrates the recognition with family members. Giordano cuts a cake during the event. Giordano makes remarks during the recent event.

-Photos by Kristine Coulter and Virgil Capollari



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women who preserved for us our American way of life,” said VanBuren. State senator Rob Rolison said Giordano is “such a special person who has done so much for this country.” Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou remarked, “It was truly a world war” and that we “honor those who are still here that help us remember.” John Forman and Brian Wrye, councilmen for the Town of Fishkill were in attendance. Forman said to Giordano that he “appreciates everything you’ve done for this country.” Assemblyman Anil Beephan commented, “We do not have a lot of World War II veterans like Mr. Carmine. We need to focus on every one of them that we can.” Carl Oken, with the Beacon Elks, called attendees’ attention to the apparatuses from the City of Beacon Police

Department, City of Beacon Fire Department, Dutchess Junction Fire Department, and Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps that drive around the parking lot to honor Giordano. Harold Delamater, with American Legion Post 666, said, “Thank you for your service. You are the Greatest Generation.” Veterans from the Marine Corps League, VFW, Rolling Thunder Motorcycle Club, Nam Knights and local Scouts were also in attendance. Certificates were given to Giordano. Giordano’s son, Michael, said, “I want to thank you all for coming.” He thanked all the veterans for their service to the country. He said his father “is a man of few words.” Giordano, during his remarked, thanked his fellow veterans and said, “I want to thank everyone so much.” It was noted that Giordano’s mom called him “Tootsie” and then it was shortened to “Toots” and then “Toot.”

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Current Poughkeepsie mayor Nelson announces mayoral candidacy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Istvan announces candidacy for Fishkill Highway Superintendent

Carmine Istvan, a lifelong resident of Fishkill and Beacon, is officially announcing his candidacy for the position of Town of Fishkill Highway Superintendent.

With over two decades of experience serving the residents of the town and a successful career as a local businessman, Istvan and his family believe that it is time for him to bring his expertise to the Town’s Highway Department. His candidacy has received widespread bipartisan support from residents of Fishkill.

Carmine was raised in Beacon and attended the public school system. His passion for local business started at the young age of 17, when he started working part-time in the snow removal and landscape field. Over the years, he honed his skills by working for a national snow management and landscape company.

Carmine’s hard work and dedication soon earned him a promotion to the role of superintendent, where he was responsible for overseeing snow removal and landscaping operations at several IBM facilities.

It was during this time that Carmine met his wife, Lisa, who became a source of inspiration and encouragement for him to take his career to new heights. Following this encouragement, Carmine founded Eastern View Landscaping in February 2001, at the age of 28, with just a single employee. Through hard work and determination, he was able to grow the business over the course of 22 years, eventually employing a team of 30 individuals and establishing Eastern View Landscaping as one of the leading commercial snow removal and landscaping companies in Dutchess County.

Istvan said he is committed to bringing new ideas and innovative solutions to the Town of Fishkill Highway Department, utilizing his extensive experience, knowledge and new technology to make a positive impact in the community.

More information about Carmine Istvan and his campaign can be found on his website, CountOnCarmine.com or email CountOnCarmine@gmail.com. This site includes biographical information about Istvan and a calendar of upcoming events, as well as volunteering opportunities.



Carmine Istvan
-Courtesy photo

ARF to host 4-penny social

Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) will be hosting a 4-penny social on Saturday, March 4. It will be held at the VFW Memorial Building, corner of Teller Ave. and Main St., in Beacon. Viewing begins at 1 p.m. and the calling begins at 3 p.m.

There will be many items, such as gift baskets, gift certificates, kitchen items, artwork and more. Snacks and drink will be available.

Call 845-831-5161 for more information.

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

Congressman Molinaro, Representative for New York’s 19th Congressional District, announced he is endorsing Serino for Dutchess County Executive.

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

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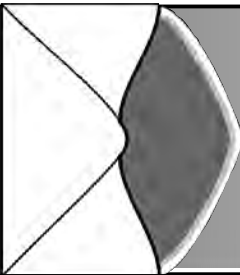
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Privatizing is a better plan

To the Editor:

I believe a precedent has been set, and the opportunity is upon us to privatize the Fire Department! As of last year, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) have been privatized in Beacon and are provided by a for-profit company called “DocGo”. I believe there is much to be learned from this experiment and we should apply this successful model to more city services! Private companies are known to be more efficient.

Even if the government of Beacon didn’t want to privatize, they could instead move to a billing model (like the for-profit sector) to take the burden off the taxpayer. People whose houses catch on fire would be responsible for the cost of the water (per gallon), distance from the station (per mile per truck), and firefighters (per hour). The 2022 adopted city budget lists the overall cost of the fire department at 2.1 million dollars (subtracting \$200,000 for ambulance services.) The Fire Department website boasts “more than 1,900 runs per year” which if you divide their budget of \$2.1 million by 1,900 calls, that leaves a cost of only about \$1100 per run. What’s \$1100 more dollars if your house has already burned down? As of 2021, there were 13,271 people living in the City of Beacon. If you divide the fire department budget by residents, you get an annual cost of about \$150 per person. If that money went back to the people, I could pay for about one half of getting my hair done!

In the near future, this model could be able to be applied to the Police Department and Detectives (which are two different line items even though detectives are just police wearing suits) which cost the Beacon taxpayer just over six million dollars per year. Billing options could include, person hours, K9 hours, successful fingerprint

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hits, and arrests made - all billed back to the person who experienced the crime. If you don’t want to get billed, just don’t call 911!

This model is currently working for EMS in town, where if you have a medical emergency and are going to be spending many many thousands of dollars on hospitalization, the town doesn’t mind saddling you with an extra \$1000 bill from a for-profit ambulance company! I hope you see my point and are just excited as I am to apply this model to many more city services.

Owen Sahnnow
Pittsburgh resident, often visits Beacon

As we mark the one-year anniversary of Russian invasion – Keep supporting Ukraine

To the Editor:

Hats off to this newspaper for continuing to carry the blue and gold banner WE STAND WITH UKRAINE & AMERICA above its masthead reminding us weekly for the last year that our values and our place—the place of The West—in the world are very much linked to a Ukrainian victory and defeat of Russia and its medieval barbarism.

Voices ranging from Sen. Mitch McConnell on FOX News to world leaders at the Munich Security Conference this week echo this refrain: There is nothing more important in the world today than this struggle of rules and values against a brutal dictatorship raping and pillaging a people which simply does not want to be like their aggressor; negotiating with Putin is as nonsensical as was negotiating with Hitler or Tojo in WWII.

So this is “Our Fight” as well as Ukraine’s, and as we mark the first anniversary of Russia’s full-scale invasion, we would like to remember and thank everyone who joined it in any way they could over the past 12 months, whether it was planting the Ukrainian blue and gold in front of their house, writing letters to our politicians, to giving generously, to organizing fundraisers and drives to collect and send emergency equipment and winter clothing. It has been important these past 12 months and remains so today.

Among many other lessons, the last 12 months has highlighted the importance of living in a democracy where one can freely raise one’s voice. We can tell our presidents and leaders to their faces what we think of the job they are doing without the fear of Secret Police coming in the night or having to avoid open windows. To everyone who has done so much, and to those waiting to make their first steps, we ask all to do more, including that simple act of writing another letter or making another call and demanding from our leaders that we meet this moment in history and deliver the equipment and ammunition needed for Ukraine to win this on the battlefield and not lost at a negotiating table.

Thank you again for the banner above the headline. It cheers us each time we grab the newspaper from the library, and its message remains the reminder that we all need for the months ahead.

Mark Lagus & Leevi Ernits
Bangall

Hudson Valley CASH Coalition, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide to provide free tax-preparation services

Hudson Valley residents who need help with a tax return, free tax preparation is available from AARP Foundation Tax-Aide’s IRS trained and certified volunteers through the Hudson Valley CASH Coalition. Last year, 4,218 residents of Dutchess, Orange, and Putnam Counties received help preparing and filing their taxes. This year with volunteers both tenured and new, they hope to assist close to 8,000 individuals, seniors, and families file their tax returns.

To receive help, call 2-1-1 to schedule an appointment through United Way’s Hudson Valley Region 2-1-1 Helpline (or by dialing 1-800-899-1479) from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. A call specialist will review eligibility, make an appointment, and provide directions to the appropriate tax site. This free tax preparation service is provided to all those who are eligible thanks to AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, Hudson Valley CASH Coalition members, United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region, Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County and many other community partners.

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

“We know that people in our community are working diligently, but finding it hard to survive,” Montano explained. “Many of these are the people identified

in United Way of New York’s ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) Report. They’re our friends. They’re the people who greet us with a smile and help us every day at restaurants, day care centers, dental clinics, and offices. The refunds and EITC that they receive thanks to the AARP Tax-Aide volunteer tax-preparers truly make the difference in their very day-to-day survival, and help pay rent, medical bills, buy food and fulfill other basic needs. We proudly support the Hudson Valley CASH Coalition and its partner organizations with grants from the United Way Community Fund, as well as support from KeyBank and IBM Corporation. This program is a great example of how we can all come together to help Mid-Hudson Valley residents gain financial stability, a cornerstone of our mission.”

The more than 30 tax preparation locations are conveniently located throughout Dutchess, Orange, and Putnam Counties and will be staffed by AARP Tax-Aide volunteers, six days-a-week, including evenings and weekends from February 1st through April 14. Assistance will be available for the hearing-impaired. The tax service is open to area residents of all ages who meet eligibility guidelines. AARP membership is not required.

In Dutchess County, there are 14 free AARP Foundation Tax-Aide sites located in: Beacon, Dover Plains, Fishkill, Hopewell Junction, Hyde Park, Millerton, Pleasant Valley, Poughkeepsie, and Wappinger Falls.

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When the circus came to Amenia



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

By Melodye Moore

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

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

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

thorough success.”

Newspaper articles and fair reports included in a ledger owned by the Dutchess County Historical Society reveal that the Amenia fairs included all the usual attractions: the showing of cattle and horses; displays of agricultural machinery, a floral hall, displays of ladies handiwork and exhibits of fruit and vegetables. In 1886, declared by the officers to be the “biggest affair of the kind ever held in eastern Dutchess,” an emphasis was placed on trotting and mule races, footraces, daytime fireworks, games of baseball and all the sights and amusement of the sideshows.”

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

An elephant and armadillo

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

Isaac A. Van Amburgh, born in Fishkill, is credited with developing the first trained wild animal act in modern times. Van Amburgh began his career as a cage cleaner in the Zoological Institute of New York, a tiny traveling menagerie. Isaac showed a talent for training the wild animals and in 1833, at the age of 22 astonished the country by entering a cage of wild cats at the

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Hyatt Frost is shown in an 1885 advertisement for the Van Amburgh Circus.
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Zoological Institute. His reputation established, by the next year Van Amburgh had his own traveling menagerie and by the mid-1840s his show was the largest show in England where he performed for Queen Victoria and Prince Albert in 1844. After Van Amburgh’s death in 1865, Hyatt became the sole proprietor of the circus, retained the Van Amburgh name and traveled all over the United States and Canada with his wagon show. In 1866 Hyatt entered into a partnership with P.T. Barnum and established a combined Barnum and Van Amburgh Museum and Menagerie on Broadway. In 1868 a fire destroyed the museum and killed some of Van Amburgh’s animals. The partnership with Barnum ended but Frost continued travelling under the name of Van Amburgh and Co.

Frost, the ‘showman’

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

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

The 1877 season began in March and continued until January of 1878 when it closed down for the year in Louisiana. In its heyday, the company included

over 100 principal equestrians, acrobats and athletes in the profession, 212 horses used to transport the circus itself, and 185 men, women and children, including performers.

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

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

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

Melodye Moore is a long-standing Board member of DCHS, Chair of its Collections Committee, regular contributor to the DCHS Yearbook, and develops a wide range of programs. For more information, visit <https://dchsn.org/>.

Diversions

SUDOKU

Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.

The object of the game is to fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers.

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

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

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

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Suguru

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

ACROSS

1. Clutch

6. Many

10. Explosive

14. Nook

15. Touch on

16. Of a historical period

17. To no __; fruitlessly

18. Part of a wedding cake

19. Female animal

20. Those who eat on the house

22. Handsome man

24. 1109

25. Pittsburgh __

26. Tropical fig tree

29. Clergyman

30. Fifth or Pennsylvania: abbr.

31. Approaches

33. Bicycle part

37. __ like; appear to be

39. Malice

41. Word on a banana

42. Typo

44. Chairs and benches

46. Green expanse

47. Western movie

49. Rush

51. Sufferings

54. Defeatist's word

55. Eat like a mouse

56. Thought about

60. Palm, for one

61. Broad ditch

63. Similar

64. " __ deal!"

65. Border

66. __ with; carrying

67. One of Noah's boys

68. Poor marks

69. Flowers-to-be

DOWN

1. Pesky insect

2. Tear apart

3. Hertz Rent-__

4. Ragtime dance in which the whole body shakes

5. Louisiana's state bird

6. Rubber glove material

7. Waist items

8. Part of each week: abbr.

9. Tax to the utmost

10. Lamented

11. Praying figure

12. Guillotined queen

13. Ask divine favor for

21. Utensil parts

23. Let fall

25. Italian staple

26. Low

27. State positively

28. __-do-well; bum

29. Emotional one

32. Domed projections

34. Numskull

35. Away from the wind

36. Skinny

38. Night light

40. Green Mountain Boys' leader

43. Metal bar

45. Footwear

48. Swarmed

50. Engraved pillars

51. Those who lobby against a measure

52. Circumference

53. Quite heavy

54. Dove shelters

56. Summon electronically

57. Roller coaster, for one

58. __ out a living; got by

59. Cozy rooms

62. " __ on a Grecian Urn"

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

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

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

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

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

The Board of Directors has started an extensive search process to find the right next executive director, a leader who is



Rachel Johnson
-Courtesy photo

community-minded, passionate about the safety of children, and has the skills and experience to fulfill the role.

Club Green Teen visits Howland Public Library



Club Green Teen members pose in the teen space at the Howland Library. From left: Crew Leader Desirae Smith, Tyler Evans, Jayden Ortiz, Luna Yawman, Shannon Colandrea, Thalia Rodriguez, Youth Librarian Stephanie Montesanto, and Crew Leader Aidon George. In front: Jude Williams and Payton O’Connell.
-Courtesy photo

Club Green Teen, the new after school offshoot of Cornell Cooperative Extension’s Green Teen Beacon Program, was invited for a tour of the Howland Public Library last month. Participants included seven youth, ages 12-13, led by Crew Leader Aidon George, 15, and Crew Leader Assistant Desirae Smith, 14. The Club was guided by youth librarian Stephanie Montesanto and through the library, including its teen-centered YA space. Participants were invited to a Q+A

about librarianship, including an opportunity to learn about the different kinds of libraries and what libraries do for their communities.

This visit is fourth in a series of eight field trips for Club Green Teen’s winter session, which is focused on civic engagement and building community.

For more information and pictures of the visit, and updates about future activities, follow Green Teen Beacon on Facebook and Instagram.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ‘FRIENDLY CALLS’ AND OFA EXERCISE PROGRAMS

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

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

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USB announces promotions



Michael Janasiewicz



Jesse Wyble

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Ulster Savings Bank has announced the promotions of two team members: Michael Janasiewicz and Jesse Wyble. Each of the employees has been recognized for their outstanding achievements.

Michael Janasiewicz has been named First Vice President of Bank Operations at the bank's Kingston headquarters. Mr. Janasiewicz oversees the bank's loan operations, deposit operations, customer service, and the collections department.

Michael holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from The College of Saint Rose in Albany, New York. He is also a graduate of the Ulster Leadership Development Institute, a leadership skill development program provided by the Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce.

He is an active member, as well as the immediate past president of the Kiwanis Club of Kingston, a local chapter of Kiwanis International, a volunteer organization that is dedicated to helping children in need throughout the greater Kingston area. Mr. Janasiewicz joined Ulster Savings Bank in 2001.

Jesse Wyble, an employee of Ulster

Savings Bank since 2019, has been promoted to Branch Manager of the bank's Lake Katrine location. Mr. Wyble, a Saugerties resident, will manage the operations of his branch and further develop community relations.

He is a graduate of the Certified US Professional Banking Program as well as a graduate of the Ulster Leadership Development Institute. Jesse is a member of Red Hook Responds, a volunteer support program, and a pending board member for Young Ulster Professionals. In addition, he helped raise money for the Ulster Leadership Class of 2022 and collected donations for the bank's Red Hook branch's Spring Cleaning = Spring Donations event. This event collected donations for 10 local nonprofit organizations for the months of May and June.

“We’re so pleased to announce the promotions of Mike and Jesse,” said Ulster Savings Bank President and CEO Bill Calderara. “They have demonstrated the values of topmost importance for the bank – a passion for hard work and making their communities a better place to live.”

Nordahl named firm partner of RBT CPAs

RBT CPAs LLP has named Kurtis Nordahl, CPA, of Modena, as being admitted to the Firm as a Partner.

Kurtis has a bachelor's degree in math, a bachelor's degree in accounting and an MBA from SUNY New Paltz. He joined RBT in Client Advisory Services in the Newburgh office in 2012 and earned his CPA in 2014. Kurtis is currently treasurer of the local Southern Ulster Rotary. He also serves as treasurer for ARC of the Greater Hudson Valley and is on the finance committee for the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan.

Kurtis grew up in the Hudson Valley, where his father ran a small business and his two sons – Zakary and Lukas – currently attend the same school district he and his wife Ashley did growing up. In his free time, he enjoys long distance running and cross-country skiing, as well as being an active and involved dad.

He is excited to begin his new role at RBT and says, “We’re innovative. We listen to our clients and team members and try to implement change when we can. I also believe in our commitment to quality. You can get taxes done anywhere, but we really care about the work and getting it done right.”



Kurtis Nordahl, CPA

-Courtesy photo

Managing Partner, Michael Turturro adds, “Kurtis keeps his eye on the prize and works tirelessly to achieve what he sets his mind to. He will undoubtedly deliver a lot of value to our company, clients, and team in the years ahead.”

Train with the Pros at Cadets Player Development Academy

Sing up Train with the Pros during Cadets Player Development Academy. Times are 10 a.m. to noon for 10-12 year olds and from noon to 2 p.m. for 13-17 year olds.

Fielding Like a Pro on Feb. 26 with Kevin Baez, who in 1988 was drafted to the NY Mets. He is a former Mets shortstop and managed the Rockland Boulders. He was a manager and third base coach of The Long Island Ducks.

Hitting Like a Pro on March 5 with Luis Lopez, a former MLB Player. He was on the 2001 Toronto Blue Jays, 2004 Montreal Expos, and in 2005 Nippon Professional Baseball for the Tohoku Rakuten Golden Eagles.

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

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

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

“We’ve experienced an incredible response from the community since Maria Fareri Children’s Healthcare Services at MidHudson Regional Hospital launched in 2020. This inpatient service expansion and environment upgrade will help us provide inpatient pediatric services to even more families in the Poughkeepsie area and surrounding communities,” said Michael Gewitz, MD, Senior Vice President, Clinical Operations for WMCHHealth as well as the Executive Director and William Russell McCurdy Physician-in-Chief at Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital. “In many regions across the country, there is limited access to inpatient pediatric care, and this expansion demonstrates WMCHHealth’s continued commitment to investing in specialized services that benefit our entire community.”

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

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

Since WMCHHealth launched Maria Fareri Children’s Healthcare Services at MidHudson Regional Hospital a little over two years ago, the hospital has recorded more than 1,100 inpatient discharges and

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

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

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

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

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

Dutchess County to host sensory-friendly storytelling show at Bardavon in March

Dutchess County invites residents of all abilities and their families to a free sensory-sensitive, live storytelling performance titled “Cuentos: Tales from the Latino World” with renowned storyteller David Gonzalez on Thursday, March 16th at 6 p.m. at the Bardavon 1869 Opera House, located at 35 Market Street in Poughkeepsie. The theater will adjust the lighting and sound to make this ThinkDIFFERENTLY event more enjoyable for those who experience sensory issues. Individuals, families and support agencies are all invited to this free event. Seating is limited; registration is required and can be completed at dutchessny.gov/show.

A storyteller and experienced performer familiar to audiences with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Gonzalez will bring his casual and simple staging to this multi-cultural performance. “Cuentos” paints a vivid picture of the people and

rich cultures of the Spanish-speaking world with colorful tales from the Caribbean, South America and the Bronx. Mr. Gonzalez performed a similarly sensory-sensitive show, “Talking Birds and Golden Fish,” at the Bardavon in December 2022 – one of three ThinkDIFFERENTLY events held at the historic theatre last year.

County Executive O’Neil said, “I am pleased to continue our work with the Bardavon to host sensory friendly events that make entertainment accessible to our residents of all abilities. I will carry on the ThinkDIFFERENTLY initiative and strive to continue making our community a more inclusive and welcoming place for persons of all abilities. This storytelling performance embodies that mission and is sure to be fun for all. I hope many can attend the invigorating evening.”

“Cuentos” introduces the audience to

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

Upcoming events at Blodgett Memorial Library announced

The following are upcoming events at Blodgett Memorial Library, Broad St., in the village of Fishkill

The schedule follows:

- Friday, February 24 at 6p - Karaoke Night
- Saturday, February 25 at 3p - Self Defense Class at Anthony Quatrochi’s Martial Arts Institute (Registration Required)
- Sunday, February 26 at 1:30p - Travels with Gigi: Croatia
- Sunday, February 26 at 2p - Hooked on Dutchess Crochet Guild.

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Obituaries

Marilyn J. Imm



FORMERLY OF WAPPINGERS FALLS - Marilyn Jean (Connolly) Imm, formerly of Wappingers Falls New York, passed away peacefully at Joe Raso Hospice in New City, New York on February 12, 2023. Marilyn was born to John Connolly and Rosella (Smalley) Connolly on March 20, 1940 in Ossining, New York. Marilyn was predeceased by her husband, her parents and two older brothers; Richard and Robert. Family was very important to Marilyn and she grew up surrounded by many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Her favorite memory was being on the Hudson River with her dad on his boat. Sadly, in 1956 her father died. However, this was the same year she met the love of her life, Ellsworth Imm, who was from Croton, New York. They married on April 26, 1958 at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Scarborough, New York. She and her husband welcomed their only child, Jennifer Ann, into this world on February 15, 1969. “Mar” and “Ellie” made their home in Wappingers Falls, New York. She cared for her mother Rosella, who also made her home with them.

Marilyn enjoyed being a mother, wife and homemaker. She was so proud of her home in Royal Ridge and lived there for almost 50 years. Her doors were open to friends and family where the coffee pot was always on and there was always a hot meal to serve or freshly baked goodies to share. She was especially famous for her Christmas cookies. Marilyn and her family enjoyed annual summer vacations in Cape Cod and sitting on the back deck of their home with friends. She was an avid reader and never lost a game of scrabble.

After 40 years of marriage, Marilyn lost her husband in 1998 to pancreatic cancer. Once widowed, Marilyn discovered a love for travel and took many cruises, visiting several countries in her lifetime. She also made annual trips to visit family in Florida and California.

Marilyn’s greatest joy by far was becoming a grandmother to Zachary Cox and Kaitlin Cox. Once she became a grandmother, she was lovingly referred to as “Ama” by everyone. Ama never missed a concert, awards ceremony, tennis match or theater performance. Ama was involved daily in the lives of her daughter and grandchildren. She also made time to go to a movie or out to lunch with her friends. Marilyn loved dogs and had many in her lifetime. She leaves behind her dog Bella who is being lovingly cared for by her devoted niece, Elizabeth Connolly.

Marilyn only worked for a short time as she spent her life caring for others. She extended this caring nature to include volunteer work for the Mental Health Association and the Office for the Aging. She was a devoted volunteer for Friends of Seniors until 2018.

Family and friends joined her daughter Jennifer Green, son-in-law Danny Green, grandson Zachary Cox and granddaughter Kaitlin Cox and said a final farewell to a woman we dearly loved at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 East Main Street in Wappingers Falls on Friday, February 17, 2023.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to United Hospice, 11 Stokum Lane, New City, NY 10956 for Joe Raso Hospice Residence.

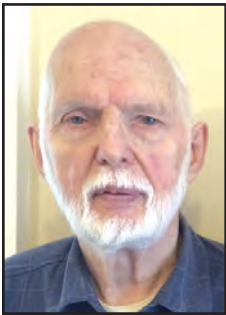
To send a personal condolence, please visit our website at www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.

Nicole Jean Ashbaugh



Nicole Jean Ashbaugh, 42, an area resident since 2019 and formerly of Washington, died on February 14, 2023 at Northern Manor Multicare in Nanuet following a long illness. Born in Elmira on April 27, 1980, Nicole was employed in customer service at BJ’s Wholesale Club in Wappingers Falls. She LOVED New Kids on the Block, and she also enjoyed baking. On August 17, 1999 in Spartanburg, SC, Nicole married Darrell Matt Ashbaugh who survives at home. As a military family, they traveled and lived all across the United States. She is also survived by her children, Kathryn, Matthew and Darrick; her granddaughter, Milia Mitchell; her mother, Odalys Ponce and her husband Joseph Cantwell; her siblings, Derek Cantwell and Cortney Cantwell; and her aunt, Gayle

MacWhinnie. Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. There was a service.



Keeler Pulling

WAPPINGERS FALLS - Keeler Pulling, 86, a long time resident of Wappingers Falls, went home to the Lord after a short illness on Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

Keeler was born on March 24, 1936 in Arthursburg, NY, son of the late George and Lola (Keeler) Pulling. He married Ann (Martino) Pulling on October 5, 1963 in Tuckahoe, NY. Keeler was preceded in death by his loving wife of 53 years and also by his brother Charles Pulling. Keeler is survived by his children, Daniel Pulling and his wife Kathleen of Milton, VT and Lynn Miller and her husband Andy of Poughkeepsie, NY; his grandchildren, Joshua Miller and his wife Brianna, Bethany Miller and Danielle Pulling, many nieces and nephews and close friends.

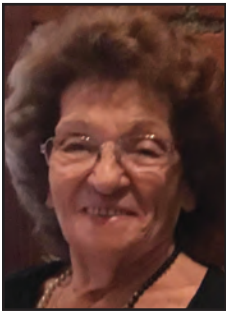
He was employed by IBM for 33 years, just 6 days after his high school graduation from Somerville, NJ. Starting his career as a draftsman before moving on to the model shop, he then spent the next 20 years as Site Locksmith for all 52 IBM Poughkeepsie buildings. During his early employment at IBM, he was drafted into the US Army and was proud to serve his country from 1959-1963. He enjoyed being on the IBM Poughkeepsie Rifle & Pistol Team. As a locksmith and enthusiast, he was a lifetime member of Associated Locksmiths Of America.

He was an active member of the Century Museum Village & Collectors Association and liked to demonstrate how antique engines worked during the Dutchess County Fair each summer. He loved to tell stories about his time growing up on the farm, his time serving in the Army and the 8-week trip across country with his family in 1976. Together with Ann, their house was always open for informal front porch visits to large holidays gatherings. He was a faithful and longtime attendee of New Beginnings Church.

Calling hours were held on Saturday, February 18th at New Beginnings Church, 35 DeGarmo Road, Poughkeepsie, NY. The funeral service followed at New Beginnings Church. Interment will be private at Wappingers Rural Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to New Beginnings Church, 35 DeGarmo Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

Grace M. Ruggiero



FISHKILL - Grace M. Ruggiero, 91, a resident of Fishkill since 1968, passed away peacefully at home on February 13, 2023. She was born in the Bronx, NY on October 16, 1931 to Carmelo and Angelina Mastropolo. On June 14, 1953 at Mt. Carmel in the Bronx, she married the love of her life Ralph J. Ruggiero, who predeceased her on April 4, 2018. Grace worked as a Legal Secretary for Kemper and Lumbermans in Manhattan before moving to Fishkill with Ralph. She then worked for over 20 years at John Jay Senior High School in East Fishkill as a School Monitor. Grace was a parishioner of St. Mary, Mother of the Church in Fishkill, NY as well as a Secular Franciscan. She loved all types of music, was an avid bowler and loved cooking for her family. Grace is survived by her children,

Marie Obee of Lagrange, Ralph Ruggiero and his wife Doreen of Wappingers Falls and Valerie Ruggiero and her partner Glorvina Constant of Fishkill; her grandchildren, Grace, Loretta and John; her sister-in-law, Josephine Mastropolo; and many nieces, nephews and friends. In addition to her parents and husband, Grace was predeceased by her brothers, Salvatore, Joseph, Peter and Anthony Mastropolo; her sisters, Anna Facchiano and Ida Giametto; and her grandson, Duncan Obee. Calling hours took place on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill, NY followed by burial at Fishkill Rural Cemetery. Donations may be made in memory of Grace to Hudson Valley Hospice www.hvhospice.org Please visit Grace’s Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

City of Poughkeepsie releases Community Development Block Grant Application

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

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is a federally funded formula-based grant allocated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to eligible cities. It provides funds to improve the quality-of-life of low- and moderate-income residents through the planning and development of municipal infrastructure and public amenities. This grant award allows the city to carry out a wide range of community development activities directed toward program administration, city infra-

structure, revitalization of city neighborhoods, rehabilitation of existing housing, homelessness and homeless prevention, youth services, health services, economic development, and providing community facilities and services. All applicants are encouraged to contact the Division of Social Development with any questions and to discuss program eligibility. Applications must be submitted by March 15, 2023 either via email or to the following address: Jaclyn Greenwald, City of Poughkeepsie Director of Social Development, City Hall, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., 12601. Contact Greenwald at 845-451-4046, email jgreenwald@cityofpoughkeepsie.com.

County seeks proposals for 2023-24 Youth Program funding

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

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

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

Programs will be expected to demonstrate knowledge of and have staff trained in Positive Youth Development. Agencies will also be expected to show how the program addresses one of Dutchess County’s “Path to Promise” domains/value areas. Programs must serve Dutchess County youth up to 21 years of age for the program year October

1, to September 30, 2024. Eligible applicants should be either a county municipality or a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, community-based organization with a federal identification number and charity registration number, operating in Dutchess County with the ability to meet the County’s insurance requirements.

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

- Tuesday, March 7
- Thursday, March 9

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

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

Funding is made available through the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. In 2022, 20 programs were awarded a total of \$266,691 in funding. The amount of funding will be subject to the availability.

Free program for long-term cancer survivors Feb. 27

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

Open to people nationwide who were

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

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BIDS FOR EMERGENCY CONTRACTOR WORK

The Village of Wappingers Falls is accepting bids for emergency plumbing work and separate bids for emergency electrical work and HVAC work. Your hourly rate for emergency work can be submitted to John Karge, jkarge@wappingersfallsny.gov or mailed to 2582 South Ave., Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 Attn: Village Clerk. Q's call Village Clerk 845-297-8773 x 5. Last date to submit bid is 3/10/23.

Unemployed?

HELP WANTED : Part-time Library Clerk

The Hyde Park Library, located at 2 Main Street in Hyde Park, is seeking a Part-time Library Clerk to join our circulation staff. 12-15 hrs. per week.

Qualifications: Must be friendly and courteous and provide outstanding customer service. Strong computer skills as well as some knowledge of print and electronic information resources. Ability to perform detailed and repetitive work accurately. Ability to stand for long periods, use stairs , bend and lift up to 25 lbs. High school diploma or equivalency required. Duties Include: Checks library materials in and out and places system holds for patrons. Creates and updates patron records. Assist patrons with copiers, faxes, and computers. Provides reference assistance. Sorts, inspects and processes all library materials. Other duties as assigned.

Please send resume to hplibrary@hydeparkfreelibrary.org
Att: Library Director or stop in and drop it off at the Hyde Park Library Circulation Desk.

Administrative Openings Monticello Central School School Building Principal (2 positions) The Monticello CSD is seeking forward thinking and dynamic School Building Principals who can lead MCSD's highly engaged faculty, staff, parents, students and community. The successful candidate will have a vision of educational excellence, be highly motivated and demonstrate the ability to impact student learning. Starting salary: \$125,000, commensurate with experience. NYS SDA/SDL/SBL Certification Required plus 2 yrs. of previous administrative leadership and 5 yrs. exp. as a classroom teacher preferred. Please apply online by March 5th at <https://monticelloschools.tedk12.com/hireEOE>

100 Help Wanted

VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS Highway Department Laborer
Full time position, CDL driver's license / Municipal water experience a plus. Interested parties send resume to Attention, **Village Clerk, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590** jkarge@wappingersfallsny.gov. Resumes accepted to 4/4/2023

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THE HOME IMPROVEMENT HEADQUARTERS

Mental Hygiene Board to meet Feb. 27

The Dutchess County Mental Hygiene Board will be holding their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, February 27, at noon at the Community Mental Health Center located at 230 North Road, Poughkeepsie or one may participate via Microsoft Teams.

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

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ATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; and "JOHN DOE" and "JANE DOE," the last two names being fictitious, said parties intended being tenants or occupants, if any, having or claiming an interest in, or lien upon the premises described in the complaint, Defendant(s). TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America shall not expire until sixty (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH

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THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Michael G Hayes, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Dutchess County, granted on the 21st day of December, 2022, and filed with the Complaint and other papers in the office of the County Clerk of Dutchess County. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by ROBERT RYAN A/K/A ROBERT L. RYAN A/K/A ROBERT LEE RYAN, SR. and ANN L. LOWN-RYAN A/K/A ANN RYAN to AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, bearing date November 23, 1999 and recorded in Instrument Number: 01 1999 14960 in the County of Dutchess on December 9, 1999, which was assigned to U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-SC1, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS by assignment executed November 21, 2019 and recorded November 25, 2019, in Document #: 01-2019-51595A. Said premises being known as and by 12 Neighborly Lane, Dover Plains, NY 12522, bearing tax map designation Section: 7063, Block: 06, Lot: 342917, which is more fully described in the Schedule "A" attached to the Complaint. Aldridge Pite, LLP, Attorneys for the Plaintiff, 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747 File 1221-4489B

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING BOARD TOWN OF WAPPINGER DUTCHESS COUNTY, NY
Project Name: Torregrossa Subdivision
Location: 271 All Angels Hill Road
Application: No.: 22-5222
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Town of

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Wappinger Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing on the **6th day of March, 2023**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger Falls, NY pursuant to Section 276 of the Town Law, at which time all the parties shall have an opportunity to be heard with regard to the application of **22-5222 Torregrossa Subdivision:** To discuss a Subdivision application. The applicant is proposing a 3-lot residential subdivision for an existing residential parcel which includes an existing residence on 5.67 acres in an R-40 Zoning District. The property is located at **271 All Angels Hill Road** and is identified as **Tax Grid No.: 6257-02-986805** in the Town of Wappinger.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Planning Board has not made a determination of significance pursuant to The Environmental Conservation Law and hereby reserves its right to make such determination after the conclusion of the public hearing. All interested persons will be heard by the Planning Board of the Town of Wappinger at the public hearing as stated above.
Signed: Bruce Flower, Chairman
Town of Wappinger Planning Board
Date: February 14, 2023

NOTICE TO BIDDERS ROMBOUT FIRE DISTRICT, FISHKILL, NEW YORK
Sealed proposals marked BID, will be received by the Rombout Fire District, P O Box 401, Fishkill, NY 12524, until March 8, 2023, for furnishing the following in accordance with the specifications on file at the Secretary's office.
LANDSCAPING CONTRACT
Copies of information for Bidder and Specifications may be obtained by qualified bidders at the Secretary's home, 83 Derrick Drive, Fishkill, NY. Phone number 845-896-6095. The Bid is to awarded March 8, 2023 at 7 PM at district

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headquarters, 901 Main Street, Fishkill. Jill Muller Secretary
Dated February 14, 2023

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-09-23
Transportation of Preschool Children with Disabilities
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 7th day of March 2023 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the County Attorney of Dutchess County in the County Office Building, County Attorney's Conference Room, 5th Floor, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, on the **1st day of March 2023 at 10:00 am**, on the following local law: A LOCAL LAW FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE-FIGHTER AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE MEMBERS. At said time and place, all parties interested will be heard.
DATED: February 16, 2023
Poughkeepsie, New York
William F. X. O'Neil
Acting County Executive

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TOWN OF WAPPINGER DUTCHESS COUNTY
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Town of Wappinger Zoning Board of Appeals will

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conduct a public hearing on the **28th day of February, 2023** at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger Falls, NY pursuant to Section 240-37 of the Zoning Law of the Town of Wappinger to consider the following area variance: **Appeal No.: 22-7770 (Area Variance) Joseph and Dena White:** Seeking an area variance Sections 240-37 and 240-53 (B) (4) of District Regulations in an R40 Zoning District.
- Where an accessory apartment cannot exceed 35% or 1,000 sf. maximum, the applicant is proposing to add an accessory apartment addition of 1427 sf on 1.03 acres, thus requesting a variance of 427 sf.
The property is located at **63 Gold Road** and is identified as **Tax Grid No.: 6358-03-003388** in the Town of Wappinger. All interested persons will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Wappinger at the public hearing as stated above.
Signed: Peter Galotti, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals
Town of Wappinger
January 30, 2023

Notice of Public Hearing New Hackensack Fire District Town of Wappinger, New York
Notice is hereby given that the New Hackensack Fire District will conduct a public hearing on March 7, 2023 at 7:00pm at New Hackensack Fire District Headquarters, 217 Myers Corners Road, Town of Wappinger, New York, at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard regarding the proposed adoption by the New Hackensack Fire District of the real property tax exemption for volunteer firefighters pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a. Please take further notice that Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a is available for review on the internet at "NY Laws 2022

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Chapter 670." Dated February 7, 2023
By Order of the Board of Fire Commissioners
New Hackensack Fire District

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TOWN OF WAPPINGER DUTCHESS COUNTY
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Town of Wappinger Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the **28th day of February, 2023** at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger Falls, NY pursuant to Section 240-37 of the Zoning Law of the Town of Wappinger to consider the following area variance: **Appeal No.: 23-7780 (Area Variance) Ketchamtown Land Development, LLC (Dylan Aguado),** Garth Bosman & Kathleen Patrick: Seeking an area variance Sections 240-37 and 240-20.B of District Regulations in an R40 Zoning District.
-Where 50 feet wide flag lot access strip to street frontage is required, the applicants can provide a minimum of **36 feet** for a proposed subdivision and lot line re-alignment, thus requesting a variance of **14 feet.**
-Where 25 feet to the side yard property line is required, the applicants can provide **3 feet** for a proposed subdivision and lot line re-alignment, thus requesting a variance of **22 feet.**
The property is located at **Ketchamtown Road and 86 Ketchamtown Road** and identified as **Tax Grid Nos.: 6157-03-070275 (34.40 acres) and 6157-03-150311 (2.00 acres)** in the Town of Wappinger. All interested persons will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Wappinger at the public hearing as stated above.
Signed: Peter Galotti, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals
Town of Wappinger
February 1, 2023

Meals on Wheels of Wappingers Falls has new home

By Kristine Coulter

Volunteers with Meals on Wheels (MOW) of Wappingers Falls have been settling into their new location. The new site is at the Zion Episcopal Church on Satterlee Place.

“They’ve been very, very good to us,” said Christina Contelmo, who coordinates the volunteers for the MOW program in Wappingers Falls. The program is open five days a week, she said. They serve approximately 50 clients.

“We have six routes,” said Contelmo.

Board members meet once a month, said Contelmo. Darlene Shepherd is the presidents of the MOW in Wappingers Falls. Each day there are approximately 12 volunteers to deliver meals.

Richard Herodes, with MOW, said about the new location, “I love it. It is working out well. It has been a smooth transition.”

MOW’s former location for decades was at the First Presbyterian Church, off South Ave., in Wappingers Falls. Contelmo said MOW has been at the Presbyterian church since the 1970s.

“When we moved in there, we were about two years old,” she said of MOW. At that time, the organization has approximately 10 clients.

During the last service at the Presbyterian church, Contelmo said they offered MOW a generous donation.

“Some volunteers have been doing this almost since the beginning,” Contelmo remarked.

The organization provides meals to people who are unable to cook or shop for themselves, she explained. Most of the clients are seniors but some clients have physical issues and live alone, she noted.

“The volunteers amaze me,” said Contelmo. “The clients are so happy to [see the volunteers]. It’s to check on them and to give them a quick visit.” Contelmo mentioned she suggests to the volunteers to give the clients “a thought for the day,” something that they can think about that day.

Contelmo said she wants it known how much MOW “appreciated our years at the Presbyterian church.”

The Zion Episcopal Church officials, stated Herodes, “appear to be terrific hosts.”



Some of the brown-bag lunches that were being prepared during a recent visit to Meals on Wheels at Wappingers Falls in its new location at the Zion Episcopal Church.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

Free program for long-term cancer survivors Feb. 27

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

Open to people nationwide who were

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

Give Life  Give Blood

Work to begin on Breakneck trailhead March 1

Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, Inc., New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), Metro-North Railroad (MNR), and New York-New Jersey Trail Conference (NYNJTC) announced that initial work to relocate the Breakneck trailhead farther up the ridge and repair eroding trail surfaces will begin on March 1, 2023 and is scheduled to be completed by July 1, 2023. During this construction phase, OPRHP will close the Breakneck Ridge trailhead to the public.

During this period, the Wilkinson Memorial trailhead is expected to remain open, along with the Metro-North Railroad train station, however additional utility relocation work by Central Hudson along the Route 9D corridor may make

some additional closures necessary. The duration and scope of any additional closures will be communicated when scheduling is finalized.

The scope of this initial work, which launches Phase 1: Breakneck Connector & Bridge of the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail project, includes a new series of stone steps at the initial ascent of the Breakneck Ridge trail, repair of existing erosion conditions, closure and restoration of unauthorized social trails, and the construction of a new trail steward station further away from busy Route 9D. Tahawus Trails and JIG Builders will complete this work.

From March 1 through July 1, 2023, hikers wishing to access the viewsheds at the peaks of Breakneck Ridge will need to

take alternate routes, including Wilkinson to the Nimham Trail, or the Cornish/Brook/Undercliff Bypass/Undercliff trails from the Washburn parking lot. No descent through the construction zone will be permitted.

With potentially reduced parking available in the Breakneck area during this period, hikers are encouraged to take the Metro-North Railroad train to the trail, when possible.

The complete scope of work for the Breakneck Connector & Bridge phase of the Fjord Trail, which completed its SEQRA environmental review process in December 2022, will take place in the area just north of the tunnel on Route 9D to the Metro-North Railroad train station in the Town of Fishkill, NY. Slated to

begin in winter 2023/2024, the remainder of work at Breakneck will include the construction of a shared use trail parallel to Route 9D from the train station to trailhead, new and improved parking areas, enhanced crosswalks, two trail bank areas, stormwater management enhancements, new ADA restroom facilities, and a comprehensive replanting of the area with a native plant palette.

The main Breakneck Connector construction will occur in tandem with the Breakneck Bridge project. The Breakneck Connector construction will be managed by HHFT and its selected construction manager, Consigli Construction Company. The Breakneck Bridge construction project will be managed by OPRHP. Both projects are scheduled to be substantially complete by the end of 2025. Related closures to specific affected trailheads, interruptions of service at the Breakneck Ridge train station, and roadwork along Route 9D will be announced when details are finalized.

The mission of the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail is to develop and operate an accessible linear park, in cooperation with the State of New York, located between Cold Spring, NY and Beacon, NY. The Fjord Trail, envisioned by locals over fifteen years ago, aims to address safety, manage visitation, and respect the landscape. It will add organized parking, public restrooms, trash/recycling collection, and distribute users of the park along a 7.5-mile route with six main access points. Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail is a subsidiary nonprofit of Scenic Hudson, Inc.

this week's puzzle solutions

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

This week's answer
SUDOKU

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Suguru solution

New photography on display at Grinnell Library in March

The work of artist Wayne Beaumont will be on display at Grinnell Library in Wappingers Falls. The display will run throughout March.

The artist's statement follows:
I've been interested in photography since well before the advent of digital. With film however, there's only so far you can go without doing your own film processing. The introduction of digital photography, opened up a world of possibilities. The medium advanced at a dizzying pace to the point where today, everyone carries a camera in their pocket. To me, digital photography represents the perfect blend of art and technology. Having the ability to experiment with images and produce something truly special makes this blend of tech and art very satisfying.

Without traveling to exotic places, I concentrated my efforts at floral photography. Opportunities found right in the backyard. Marveling at the ever-changing flowers as they appear during the spring and summer into fall. Day to day, always presenting something different to photograph.

I'm a member of the Mid Hudson Photo Club and have resided in Wappingers since 1978.

For more information, contact the library at 845-297-3428. Grinnell Library is at 2642 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls.



Photographs by local artist Wayne Beaumont will be on display at Grinnell Library in Wappingers Falls in March.

-Courtesy image

Poughkeepsie AAUW offers scholarship for young women

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

NCCWSL provides a platform to help college and university women develop leadership skills. Young women meet accomplished female leaders and choose from a variety of workshops designed to inform and inspire. In addition, the young women participate in community service activities and tour Washington DC. This year the conference will be held on May 31 to June 3.

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

Applications are available on our website. Application deadline is March 20.

For further information contact Marcine.humphrey@gmail.com.

Musical hit 'Nunsense' seeks cast members; auditions set for March

The Bannerman Castle Trust, Inc. with offices at 150 Main Street in Beacon, has announced that it will be holding auditions for the Off-Broadway musical hit "Nunsense." Performances are scheduled to be performed on historic Bannerman's Island this summer.

Directed by Award-winning director, Donald Brenner. Tom McCoy is Musical Director. The show will be produced by Bannerman Castle Trust's Executive Director Neil Caplan.

Auditions will be held on March 18, from 11a.m. – 4 p.m. at Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church at 1168 Route 55, Lagrangeville. Callbacks will be held the next day on March 19.

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

If selected, rehearsals will be held from July 3 - July 18. If one would like to speak to Neil Caplan directly, he can be reached at 845-831-6346 or at neilcaplan@aol.com.

The performances will take place July 19 - July 23 (rain date, July 24) on Bannerman's Island.

Learn needlework March 1 in Lagrangeville

Needlework in American Revolution Museum will be held on March 1 at the Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, 1168 Rte. 55, Lagrangeville. Skyllkill, a local chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America, will showcase needlework crafted by school-girls and held in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Museum.

Christine Crawford Oppenheimer, Hyde Park, will present this program beginning at 12:30 p.m. Join other needleworkers for fun and learning beginning at 10 a.m. or, come for this program only beginning at 12:30.

For more information visit www.facebook.com/SkylkillEGA or email to EGASkylkill@gmail.com.

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Friends of Carnwath to meet Feb. 25

Friends of Carnwath will meet on Saturday, February 25, at 10 a.m. at Wappinger Town Hall. There was a nice turnout at the first meeting of the year and organizers want to keep that momentum going. If one can't make the meeting, but one is interested in joining, email President Donna Lenhart - dllehart@verizon.net or Secretary Todd Bowen - tcbow14@gmail.com.



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