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Statewide propositions on ballot November 7

By Kate Goldsmith

When you're voting in the General Election this year, don't forget to turn over the ballot. There are two statewide proposals for all New Yorkers to vote on, both amending the state's constitution; and some municipalities have propositions to increase the budget of their town's library.

The first proposal would create an amendment to remove small city school districts from a special constitutional debt limitation. The proposed amendment to Article 8, section 4 of the Constitution removes the special constitutional debt limitation now placed on small city school districts, so they will be treated the same as all other school districts.

A small city school district is one that includes at least part of a small city. A small city is a city with less than 125,000 people.

The State Constitution limits how much debt a small city school district can incur. Their debt cannot be more than five percent of the value of taxable real estate in the district. There are exceptions for certain expenses. Other school districts are not subject to a constitutional debt restriction, but have a different debt limit provided by state law. State law says their debts cannot be greater than 10 percent of the value of taxable real property.

If this Constitutional Amendment passes, small city school districts would be eligible to have the same debt limit as other school districts enacted via legislative action.

The second proposal would allow an extension to exclude sewage project debt from the debt limit. The proposed amendment to Article 8, section 5 of the Constitution extends for 10 years the authority of counties, cities, towns, and villages to remove from their constitutional debt limits debt for the construction of sewage facilities.

The Constitution limits the debt counties, cities, towns and villages can incur. This debt limit does not include debt for sewage treatment and disposal construction projects. The sewer debt exception expires on January 1, 2024. This amendment extends the sewer debt exception for ten more years until January 1, 2034.

The full text for both proposals can be viewed at <https://www.elections.ny.gov/2023BallotProposals.html>. Visit <https://elections.dutchess-ny.gov/> for sample ballots and more information.

Dutchess County prepares to open new, modern Justice & Transition Center

Facility is \$20M under budget, has expanded space for rehabilitation



Dutchess County Executive William F.X. O'Neil, left, and County Sheriff Kirk Imperati led the speakers on Oct. 10 to announce the completion of the Dutchess County Justice & Transition Center. The 161,987 square foot facility features a larger state-of-the-art medical infirmary, including a women's medical unit with enhanced medical and mental health services, expansive classroom and programming areas, professional, industrial kitchen and laundry and improved staff areas.

-Photos by Curtis Schmidt and courtesy photo

Dutchess County Executive William F.X. O'Neil joined Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati on Tuesday, Oct. 10 to recognize those involved in the development and construction of the Dutchess County Justice & Transition Center (DCJTC), a modern, new facility serving as the cornerstone of Dutchess County's innovative restorative justice efforts, addressing the root causes of criminal activity to rehabilitate offenders for suc-

cessful transition back to the community and prevention of future recidivism.

The more efficient, safer facility will open more than \$20 million under budget later this year and is expected to significantly reduce annual operational costs compared to the former facility.

Sheriff Imperati said, "This new facility enhances the safety and dignity of both those who are incarcerated and our correctional team who work here. It

is the result of the hard work of many people coming together to address long-standing problems. I am grateful to my predecessor Sheriff Adrian 'Butch' Anderson, as well as former County Executive Marc Molinaro and so many others for making the Dutchess County Justice & Transition Center a reality."

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Beacon Flag Football to begin Winter Season in November

By Kristine Coulter

The Beacon Flag Football League is set to begin its winter season in November.

"The age range for the league is approximately 18-25," said Richard Rinaldi, with BFFL. He noted, "We are at full capacity for the upcoming season."

Rinaldi remarked, "There are five teams in the league. The games typically are played on weekends at the Beacon High School turf field. The winter season runs from November through January."

The BFFL is "looking to gain support from our local community before the season begins," explained Rinaldi.

Businesses that are interested in sponsoring the BFFL can reach out to info@thebfft.com or call 845-275-2805. Community members can help by showing support at games, said Rinaldi. To keep up to date with the schedule and everything BFFL, follow BFFL at Instagram @beaconflagfootballleague.

One of the BFFL players is Carter Pedersen. Pedersen is a long-time BFFL player, said Rinaldi. Pedersen said, "I joined because I wanted to have fun and be around my friends while



The Beacon Flag Football League's winter season begins in November. The league is looking to gain support from local businesses.

-Courtesy photo

staying active."

Rinaldi described Pedersen as "a star wide receiver" who has won an MVP award in the past.

Pedersen said he "enjoy[s] the competitiveness of the league while also being able to play with and against lifelong friends."

"The league would also like to shout out the company that we ordered our jerseys from, Those Guys Print, for their quality work and great prices. We would recommend them to anyone looking to order custom merchandise," remarked Rinaldi.

County prepares to open modern Justice & Transition Center



Clockwise from top left, Transition Team members include Col. Gerry Lennon, Investigation Sgt. Will Moore, Corrections Officer Gina Toth, Corrections Officer Shafic Dhalla, Deputy Kate Holder, Corrections Officer Anthony Lewis, Corrections Officer Chion Scott, Deputy Jail Administrator Anthony Pica, Corrections Officer Tim Robinson, Jail Maintenance Supervisor Andrew Richard and his maintenance team, plus Sheriff Kirk Imperati, County Executive William F.X. O'Neil and Public Works Commissioner Robert Balkind. Next photos include a Programming Classroom and the Recreation Area and Meals Area within all housing units.



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County Executive O'Neil said, "The Dutchess County Justice & Transition Center is a testament to persistence – a legacy project. Dutchess County Government has again demonstrated the exceptional collaboration, multi-faceted expertise and a fierce determination to overcome challenges and implement solutions. There are have so

many aspects to this project - unique, progressive design; restorative justice strategy; careful budgeting and financial modelling and tracking; a highly complex construction plan and the ever-changing environment for criminal justice law; public engagement and the economic impacts on construction costs and material and labor availability – and now we stand at the finish line, ready to open this building and serve as a statewide leader for restorative justice."

The new DCJTC will meet the County's

needs for years to come. The 161,987 square foot facility features a larger state-of-the-art medical infirmary including a women's medical unit with enhanced medical and mental health services; expansive classroom and programming areas; professional, industrial kitchen and laundry; and improved staff areas. The design incorporates substantially more natural light than the current facility and is fully climate-controlled, creating a better environment for both incarcerated individuals and the correctional officers charged with their care.

The contemporary design employs the innovative direct supervision strategy used nationally for inmate management, and housing unit design that minimizes the need to move people from place-to-place within the facility, minimizing risk and reducing the number of required correctional officers. Compared to 12 housing units with a separate recreational area in the old building, the new 328-bed facility features six housing units, each with its own recreational area, including one female unit and units specifically designed for the RESTART program. Enhanced security features, additional cameras and improved sight lines also add to the facility's efficiency and help provide a safer, more appropriate workplace for the County's valued Corrections team. These staffing and operational efficiencies will result in lower annual operating costs compared to the old facility, in addition to the savings the County has already reaped from reducing housing out costs and staff attrition.

The construction of the DCJTC followed several years of analysis and research that began in 2012, when then-County Executive Molinaro directed the Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council (CJC) to undertake a comprehensive needs assessment to address the County's long-standing, costly issue of "housing-out" incarcerated individuals in other counties' jails due to lack of capacity in the Dutchess County Jail. The existing jail's capacity was limited to 250 inmates. With daily average population reaching as high as 550, the County was forced to house out hundreds of inmates daily. Housing out was costing taxpayers up to \$8 million annually and had serious, negative implications, including disruption of the judicial process, extended length-of-stay, increased

risk for correctional officers, and limited access to critical programming and family visitation for incarcerated individuals.

U.S. Congressman Molinaro said, "Today, the goal we set 11 years ago has been met. Dutchess County now has a modern facility with the needed space to expand the County's nationally renowned alternatives to incarceration and restorative justice programs, increasing public safety and delivering savings to taxpayers. This new Dutchess County Justice & Transition Center will serve as a criminal justice model that helps individuals get the support and services they need to successfully return to the community. I am proud to have been part of making this day a reality and offer my congratulations and thanks to the many people who it made it possible."

The CJC's Needs Assessment Report, validated by nationally recognized, industry expert Ricci Greene Associates in 2013, called for a two-pronged approach: enhance the County's nationally recognized, innovative work with Alternatives to Incarceration programs to divert people away from the jail and drive down recidivism; and develop a larger jail facility, designed as a transition center campus to expand the County's ability to institute additional evidence-based rehabilitative and re-entry programs.

Following years of developing the design, size and scope of the DCJTC, in partnership with leading experts in criminal justice and social work and with extensive community engagement, including evaluation of multiple site options, including the former Hudson River Psychiatric Center in the Town of Poughkeepsie; in March 2016, the Dutchess County Legislature, in a bipartisan vote, approved \$192.2 million for the design and construction of the new facility – planned, at the time, for a capacity of up to 569 beds. The project planned for the demolition of most of the existing jail facility, except for the section built in 1995, which would be renovated and incorporated within the new building design. The plan required the original Sheriff's Office building be demolished to make room on site. The new 56,000-square-foot Law Enforcement Center, with enhanced design efficiency and greater public access, was built at the site of former Taylor Manufacturing building on Parker Avenue and was opened in 2019.

As the project got underway, the County remained committed to expanding efforts to reduce jail population through its robust alternatives to incarceration programming; the introduction of multiple mental health intervention services, including the Mobile Crisis Intervention Team; and opening the 24/7 Stabilization Center, as well as the addition of the RESTART program.

These efforts, combined with the new Bail Reform laws enacted by New York State in 2020 that drastically decreased cashless bail and the need to remand defendants before trial; enabled the administration to reduce the size and capacity of the DCJTC and reduce the planned cost. Following the New York State Commission of Correction's (COC) final approval of the DCJTC design, construction began in December 2020.

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County to open Justice & Transition Center

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The project has been overseen by Dutchess County Public Works Commissioner Robert Balkind and County Public Works staff. Additionally, a transition team* was appointed by Sheriff Imperati to provide input and guidance throughout the design and construction process and plan for the successful transition between the old and new facility. Key project contractors included LaBella Associates, Architect; Pike Construction Companies, General Contractor; Turner Construction Company, Construction Manager; and Black Creek Integrated Systems Corporation, Security System and Controls Contractor. RicciGreene Associates served as Dutchess County's owner representative throughout the project.

Commissioner Balkind said, “This has been a lengthy project with complicated site design issues that required the project to be completed in multiple phases. It has been one of the most challenging times in history to build such a large-scale project as the construction industry has been intensely challenged by rapidly rising costs and delays due to inflation, supply chain disruptions and labor shortages. Despite these challenges, we reached this milestone of completing the Dutchess County Justice & Transition Center with minimal delay and more than \$20 million less than the approved project funding. I am grateful to my Public Works team, the Transition Team and all our professional contractors who brought this new facility to fruition.”

The planning and construction of both the DCJTC and the Law Enforcement Center have been carefully monitored by Dutchess County Comptroller Robin Lois, who has issued multiple financial update reports over the past several years, all validating the project has remained significantly less than the originally approved funding.

The programs and services offered within the DCJTC make it an example for the future of criminal justice and include:

- **Immersive Rehabilitation and Emphasis on Community Reintegration** - The DCJTC places a strong emphasis on rehabilitation and therapeutic programs, providing incarcerated individuals with the necessary tools to address the underlying causes of their involvement in the criminal justice system, including the County's successful **RESTART - Re-Entry Stabilization Transition and Reintegration Track** program.

An initiative of the CJC's Special Populations Subcommittee, RESTART is a multi-agency partnership between the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, Dutchess County Office of Probation and Community

Corrections, Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health, Family Services and Project MORE that offers an intensive approach to treating the underlying causes of criminal behaviors. Nearly 1,000 have graduated from the program since it began in 2015. The new DCJTC will allow for further expansion of the program, with dedicated space for services including large group areas, office space for staff, and an environment encouraging engagement in program offerings. The new RESTART units allow for deeply immersive programming, doubling the number of classes offered daily to at least six hours per day on topics such as Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT); counseling for grief, loss, or trauma; substance use recovery; the National Institute of Corrections' "Ready, Set, Work!" program; interactive journaling; and anger management, among others.

Those graduating from RESTART are then eligible for comprehensive re-entry programs upon release, including the Re-Entry Community Housing and Resource Guided Empowerment (RECHARGE) program, which helps individuals after incarceration find and maintain safe housing, case management services, employment, education, and more.

- **Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders Services** - Recognizing that many individuals in the criminal justice system require comprehensive care and support, the DCJTC offers specialized mental health and substance use treatment. Dutchess County led New York State with the introduction of Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT), which promotes recovery for those living with opioid use disorder and has been proven to reduce overdoses and future criminal activity. Among other services, recovery support, including Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous' 12-step programs, is also available for those recovering from drug and/or alcohol addiction.

- **Education and Workforce Development Training** - Incarcerated individuals will have access to education and vocational training, equipping them with valuable skills that increase their chances of securing employment upon release. Threshold, for example, educates participants on life's challenges and teaches them how to deal with these challenges appropriately. During this six- to eight-week program, which is run by trained civilian volunteers, incarcerated individuals learn to evaluate their way of thinking and decision-making skills. Dutchess County Community College also offers educational services at the DCJTC, providing Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) preparation, test administration and academic assessment, to assist participants in earning a High School Equivalency (HSE) diploma.

Other programming and services in the DCJTC include parenting skills, religious services, Bible study, and work opportunity programs, many offered in partnership with various community agencies, volunteers and faith-based organizations.

Once the DCJTC is occupied, work to demolish the 1985 portion of the old jail will begin. The existing temporary housing units, known as the PODS, must also be removed to complete site work. The full project is expected to be complete by August 2024.

The 1995 portion of the current Dutchess County Jail will remain and be repurposed for other uses such as transitional or affordable housing. In the short term, it is expected to be utilized as the temporary location for the County's Emergency Housing Facility, currently located in the PODS, which will enable the County to safely house homeless individuals and most importantly, begin the critical programming that is not possible to conduct in the current PODS location. The County will be able to offer critical wrap-around services, including mental health, substance use, housing case management and vocational assistance as work continues toward the development of a permanent location for the Emergency Housing Facility.

Moving forward with the Dutchess County Justice & Transition Center has enabled the County to reduce costs and redirect dollars to a multitude of other critical endeavors, all while reducing the amount of property taxes collected from taxpayers. A sampling of the initiatives and expansion of services undertaken since the funding for the DCJTC was approved in 2016, include:

- Investment in and development of the countywide youth center, the Youth Opportunity Union (or the YOU), to be built on the site of the former YMCA building in the City of Poughkeepsie, to be the physical hub of Dutchess County's innovative "Path to Promise" initiative and other expanded youth services. Dutchess County has committed \$25 million to invest in the YOU;

- New state-of-the-art Office for the Aging senior center in Poughkeepsie;
- Expansion of mental health and substance use disorder programs, including

establishment of the County's Empowerment Center at 230 North Road in Poughkeepsie, and a partnership with WMC Health to create a Behavioral Health Center of Excellence at MidHudson Regional Hospital;

- Growth of the Dutchess County Drug Task Force and School Resource Officer programs, embedding law-enforcement officers in the community to increase public safety;

- Expansion of award-winning Dutchess County Parks system, including the Northside Line urban trail connecting the city and town of Poughkeepsie, addition of Upper Landing Park, the acquisition of the Lake Walton Preserve, extension of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail and the installation of pickleball courts at Quiet Cove Riverside Park;

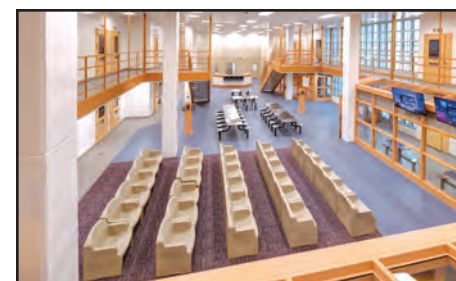
- Continued investment in countywide infrastructure, including County roads and bridges:

- The creation of Dutchess County's Housing Trust Fund to aid implementation of affordable housing projects;

- Dutchess County's Police Reform & Modernization Initiative, with funding for procedural justice, implicit bias and crisis intervention training for law-enforcement officers; body cameras for Dutchess County Sheriff's Office deputies and initiatives to develop a more diverse candidate pool for police agency hiring.

- \$30 million investment in Coordinated Countywide Emergency Response Communications radio project

Dutchess County Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver concluded, "With the construction of the new Justice and Transition Center, we have been able to create a facility that will be a criminal justice model and help people get their lives back on track. I applaud the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office - in particular the transition team - and all those other partners who were involved in ensuring that this facility best serves both the population it houses, but also the officers who dedicate their careers to protecting our community."



The Female Housing Unit including Female RESTART Housing Unit and the Male Housing Unit.

-Courtesy photos

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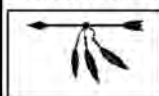


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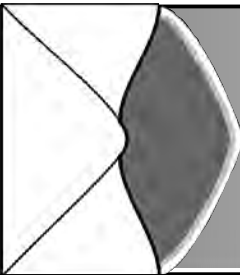


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EDITOR'S NOTE: We appreciate the passion that people feel for their candidates and their political parties, but encourage letter-writers to express support for their candidates in a positive and instructive manner. It is easy to criticize others, but at the local level, we know that great things can be accomplished through cooperation. We have faith that our readers, and our communities, can rise above the partisan fray in this election season, and emphasize the good that their candidates will do.

Latino Democrats endorse Parisi for DA

To the Editor:
Latino Democrats of Dutchess Court are pleased to endorse Anthony Parisi for Dutchess County District Attorney. It is time for Dutchess County to elect a DA who truly represents the people of our County.
Our communities have seen significant change over the past few decades. We need someone who is responsive to these communities, which is why we need to elect Anthony Parisi. Having served as a public defender AND a prosecutor Anthony has seen both sides of the table enabling him to be an innovative thinker and the champion we need to bring fundamentally needed change to the office of the District Attorney.
He has overseen the dismantling of gang activity through intelligence driven prosecution, he knows how to stop illegal activity in our neighborhoods before it starts - without destroying livelihoods.
I am confident that Anthony Parisi will be a leader who will work every day to keep our communities safe and will become a powerful ally for equity, safety, and justice. It's time to turn the page and elect Anthony as our next District Attorney.
As always in solidarity and hope!

Anibal Garcia
Chair, Latino Democrats of Dutchess County

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Vote to re-elect Valdés Smith' she 'supports our values'

To the Editor:
I will be voting to re-elect Yvette Valdés Smith this November as our County Legislator. Yvette takes care of our community as she does for her own family, or her prior classrooms. Her dedication can't be measured. She has worked tirelessly to bring sales tax reform to the forefront of the debate in the Dutchess County Legislature and has proposed having the county cover the cost for concurrent tuition for high school students to attend Dutchess Community College. She proposed hiring a countywide climate smart coordinator which would help expand composting and environmental protections in the county. She has prioritized lowering property taxes, cosponsoring a bill to lower property tax rates. She works hard and is always looking out for us- the taxpayer.
If you re-elect Yvette, she will continue to work to support our values and fight to lower taxes. She not only sees you, she hears you.

Raquel Verdesi
Beacon

Weishaupt will ‘keep our community safe’ if elected District Attorney

To the Editor:
I served as a member of the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department for 40 years, including 13 years as Chief of Detectives, prior to my retirement. During my career, I often worked on cases with Chief Assistant District Attorney Matt Weishaupt. In my opinion, he is one of the best trial lawyers in the Dutchess County District Attorney's office. He was always prepared and knew how to help juries understand complicated prosecutions.
In over 35 years in the courtroom, Matt obtained over 100 convictions after verdict. He led the efforts to shut down 3 dangerous street gangs: Mad Drama, Partners N' Crime and the Latin Kings. His hard work, perseverance and attention to detail were instrumental in keeping our community safe during his tenure as a trial prosecutor.
Matt Weishaupt is now running to succeed Bill Grady as our next D.A. I know I speak for many in the law enforcement community who are supporting Matt's candidacy. As the Republican/Conservative nominee, voters do not need to be concerned that Matt is a George Soros-backed prosecutor. He is a true law and order man, who will hold criminals accountable for their actions.
Vote for Matt Weishaupt for District Attorney!

William Siegrist
Pleasant Valley

Retired judge backs Parisi for DA

To the Editor:
As Dutchess County District Attorney, Anthony Parisi will:
Prioritize public safety and prevent crime through Intelligence Led Policing
Improve office transparency
Keep our children safe in their schools
Address Domestic Violence
Appoint a Hate Crimes Prosecutor
Establish a Conviction Integrity Unit
Reform policies on charging adolescents
Demand the highest ethical standards for all prosecutors
Anthony will be independent-minded and keep politics out of the District Attorney's Office. He values fairness and justice and has the experience needed to be an outstanding District Attorney.
I urge you to vote for Anthony Parisi to be our next District Attorney.

The Honorable David Steinberg
Retired Hyde Park Justice

Anti-semitism in America must not continue

To the Editor:
Over the past few years several of my friends and I have noticed an increase in anti-semitism. Individuals on college campuses, including Bard, falsely accuse Israel of “war crimes” and divestment. The cry to do anything to damage Israel has exploded. These types of “Blood Libels” have been led by many groups such as The Democratic Socialists of America. This past weekend this group held a rally in New York City with verbal and written messages supporting a horrific attack. They even showed swastikas and claimed support for Nazis.
Innocent unarmed civilians were murdered at an outside music festival featuring peace as a message. Families were savagely annihilated at point blank range in front of their children. These are the worst actions that humanity can commit.
The world Jewish community and the State of Israel have a right to exist in peace and defend themselves. Being from a Jewish family whose grandfather had to run down the street when his parents were burned alive in their home as a teenager, I grew up with my father telling me of his war experiences with the Nazis in Europe. My mother-in-law hid in a chicken coup when her own mother was dragged away and killed in a concentration camp. I can't believe these evil acts of terror are repeating themselves today.
I am calling for the resignation of any of our political leaders that support or are connected to the Democratic Socialists of America.
“If you are against Israel, you are against the Jews”- Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr.
Mark Klein
Ulster County

‘Appalled’ Democratic Club did not march in parade

To the Editor:
As a longtime member of the Beacon Democratic Club, I was appalled to learn that the Club decided not to march in our annual parade citing a lack of club members and candidates' interest. The parade was never meant to be a political event. It was started to bring racial harmony to the community.
I hope that the lack of participation was not an unintended consequence of the local candidates running unopposed.
The Democratic Party has always championed social justice. I hope that continues in Beacon.

Ron Ray
Former Dutchess County Legislator

Beacon Police Blotter

‘At 80 – A Retrospective’ at The Lofts through October

The following is from the City of Beacon Police Department:

September 16: Neighbor Dispute- Spencer Lane-Caller reported his neighbor damaged his property. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

September 16: Lost Plate- Municipal Plaza- Caller reported a lost license plate. Report taken.

September 17: Animal Complaint- Spring Valley- Caller reported a deceased animal on the side of the road. Report taken.

September 18: Dispute- Municipal Plaza- Caller reported a Landlord/Tenant dispute. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

September 18: Traffic Stop- DeWindt Street-Sergio D. Silva, 27, of Beacon, was charged with Aggravated unlicensed Operation 2nd & Miscellaneous V & T.

September 19: Traffic Stop- Davis Street-Kayden L. Dommermuthmackey, 23, of East Fishkill, was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 2nd, Obstructing Governmental Administration 2nd & Miscellaneous V & T.

September 20: Fraud- Main Street-Caller reported money fraudulently taken from his bank account. Report taken.

Investigation conducted.

September 22: Larceny- Tompkins Terrace- Caller reported lawn furniture taken from her property. Report filed. Investigation conducted.

September 23: Traffic Stop-Main Street-Christopher Carmona age 33 of Brooklyn, was charged with DWI 1st, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 2nd & Miscellaneous V & T.

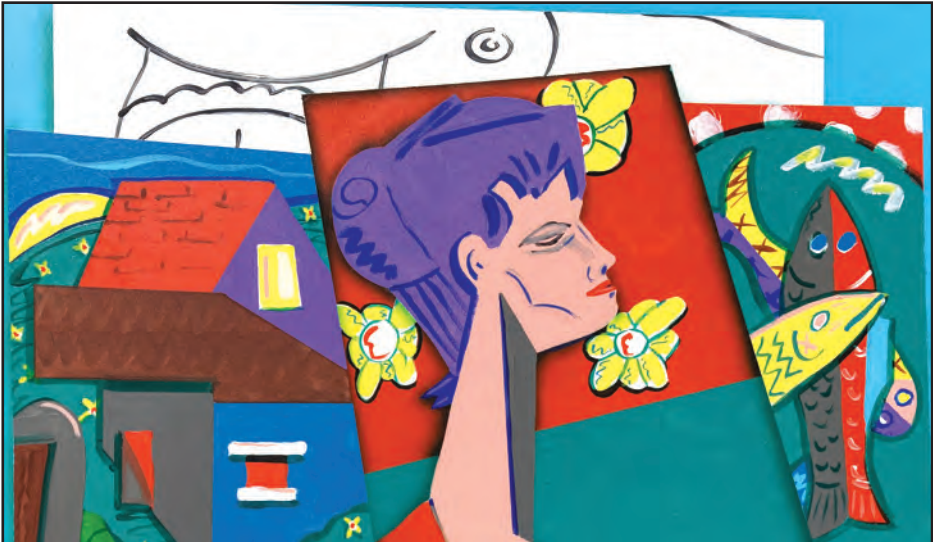
September 28: Traffic Stop- Eliza Street- Timothy L. Leggiero, 34, of Poughkeepsie, was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 2nd & Miscellaneous V & T.

September 29: Traffic Stop- Fishkill Avenue-Mary E. A. Grice, 31, of Poughkeepsie, was charged with DWI & Miscellaneous V & T

September 29: Lost Plate- Miller Street-Caller reported a lost license plate. Report taken.

September 30: Unattended Death-Beacon- Officers responded to a call for an unattended death. Report filed. Investigation conducted.

Number of Calls-382
Auto Accidents- 13
Domestics-9



In celebration of his 80th birthday, The Lofts at Beacon Gallery will present the exhibition “At 80—A Retrospective” by Beacon artist Robert W. Paschal. On view from October 14-31, a sample of over 50 years of work will be on view in various media from pen and ink to acrylics to airbrush and mixed media. Most of these works are of the hard-edge expressionistic genre and were influenced largely by his environment, as well as philosophically influenced by Dadaists and artists such as Man Ray and Picasso.

Paschal holds an MFA in painting from SUNY New Paltz. He has taught and coordinated myriad art workshops at conventions and trade shows throughout the U.S., Canada and Bermuda. He is the author/co-author of two books (Van Nostrand Reinhold Co.) and has received awards from the former American Artist magazine and Airbrush Action magazine. For many years he served as an independent senior art consultant to Anest Iwata-Medea Inc. Paschal’s work has been exhibited at San Jose State U., U. of Wisconsin, W. Virginia State College, The Silvermine Arts Center (CT) and other places.

The Lofts at Beacon light-filled gallery,18 Front St., Beacon. Call for more information, 845-202-7211.

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Rhinebeck Bank to participate in National Make A Difference Day with pet supply drive, shelter assistance

Rhinebeck Bank branches are collecting donations of pet supplies for Hudson Valley animal shelters through the month of October. Bank employees will also work at two shelters on National Make A Difference Day, October 28.

“This year, our employees expressed a strong desire to support animal-related causes as part of our National Make A Difference Day participation,” said Rhinebeck Bank SVP, Human Resources Jeanine Borko. “happy to lend support to our furry friends and are excited to partner with some great local nonprofit organizations to positively impact our community.”

The pet drive, which will support the Dutchess County SPCA, Ulster County SPCA, Animal Rescue Foundation and Take Me Home Pet Rescue, will be held through October 27. Donation collection bins are available at all 14 Rhinebeck Bank branches in Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster counties.

In addition to the pet supply donation drive, Bank employees will assist with clean-up and animal care at the Ulster County SPCA in Kingston and the Animal Rescue Foundation in Beacon on October 28.

For details regarding the pet drive, visit www.rhinebeckbank.com/communitysupport or stop by any Rhinebeck Bank branch during regular business hours.

Latin dancing set for October 26 in Beacon

“Feel the Heat - A Night of Latin Dancing” will be presented by Beacon Dance Beat on October 26 at 7 p.m., at the Towne Crier Café, 379 Main Street, in Beacon. The event is produced, deejayed and hosted by Rhoda Averbach, and Alba Verg. Music includes the enticing rhythms, modern and traditional, of Salsa, Cha-Cha, Tango, Merengue, Bachata, Cumbia, Guajira and more. All are welcome: couples, singles, friends, newcomers.

The restaurant specializes in mid-priced, farm-fresh cuisine using local ingredients whenever possible, and desserts are made fresh daily by acclaimed pastry chef Mary Ciganer. Full bar service is available.

These dances are informal and even if one comes alone, one can always find a friendly partner on the dance floor. Attire is whatever suits one’s mood - from blue jeans to dazzling sparkles. Admission is \$10 and can be paid for at the door.

For reservations, please call the Towne Crier at 845-831-5500

For further information about the music, or for a special Song Request, please contact Rhoda at: 845-765-0667 or rhodaja@optonline.net.



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Fall Gathering on the Hudson
October 22 at Carnwath Farms

‘The Murderous Monster Mash-up’ by
Murder Café October 18 in Rhinebeck



The Sports Museum of Dutchess County and the Friends of Carnwath Farms Historic Site & Park will host a family-friendly Fall Gathering on the Hudson from 1-4 p.m. on October 22 at Carnwath Farms Historic Site & Park in the Town of Wappinger.

The Fall Gathering will feature guided nature walks of the property, along with tours of the Sports Museum. Families will get into the fall spirit with a pumpkin painting table and cider donuts and drinks (donated by Adams Fairacre Farms and Fishkill Farms).

Sports Museum President Bill Ponte said that he is “very happy to co-sponsor this event with the Friends of Carnwath. Visitors can see the history of Dutchess County sports at the Sports Museum, and enjoy the beauty of the grounds in the Fall.”

Carnwath Farms Historic Site & Park is a public park owned by the Town of Wappinger. The 99-acre property includes historic buildings, Wappinger Greenway trails, and beautiful views.

Jessica Sarrantonio, Treasurer of the Friends of Carnwath, is “excited to partner with the Sports Museum to offer this event to the community and to create awareness of both of our organizations and the Carnwath Farms Site & Park.”

For more information contact Bill Ponte at 845-473-0903 or email Jessica Sarrantonio at treasurer@friendsofcarnwath.org. Please check social media for event status if the forecast is looking unfavorable. [@friendsofcarnwathfarms](#) on instagram/facebook [@sportsmuseumdc](#).

-Courtesy photo by Richard@aspire



Murder Café is back with its 25th anniversary season of spooky, scary, mystery and fun. This year they will present an original whodunit called “The Murderous Monster Mash-up.” It’s a Halloween reunion of your favorite guys and ‘ghouls,’ but things seem tense between them.

The show will be performed in various venues. One show is on October 18 at The Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck. Another performance will take place at Restaurant Six at Curry Estate in East Fishkill on October 27.

Costumes are not required but there will be prizes for the best costumes and for those who can identify “the murderer.”

For more information, visit <https://www.murdercafe.net/>.

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WF Trunk or Treat, Halloween Parade October 21

Wappingers Falls Trunk or Treat and Children’s Halloween Parade will take place on October 21. The parade starts at noon on Main St. Then trunk or treat

after the parade. There will be a costume contest for younger than 5 years and then five years and older.

Village of Fishkill Halloween Oct. 22

Village of Fishkill Halloween Trick or Treat will take place on October 22. Line up on Main St. and Bedford Ave at 12:30 p.m. The parade steps off at 1 p.m.

There will be candy, awards and plenty of costumes. The parade ends at the Village of Fishkill Firehouse.

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Obituaries

James Jerome ‘Jerry’ Williams



James Jerome “Jerry” Williams, devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, passed away peacefully at Cortlandt Healthcare, Cortlandt NY on Oct 1, 2023. He was 91 years old.

Jerry was born in Los Angeles, CA, on Aug 3rd 1932 to James Cullen Williams and Lucile (O’Brien). He grew up in Inglewood, CA, with his loving parents and sisters, Marian and Margaret, attending Mt. Carmel High School.

From an early age Jerry embraced the outdoors. He was an Eagle Scout, inspired by his time hiking, camping and fishing in the surrounding California mountain ranges, as well as summers spent with his father and grandfather in Panguitch, Utah. He served in the Navy Reserves from 1954 to 1958.

His journey into oil exploration began with a Masters in Geology from UCLA in 1955 and work with Marathon Oil in Ventura, CA. He had adventurous assignments mapping the North Slope in Alaska, flying to remote areas, landing on small lakes, and walking the wilderness. As a young man he enjoyed California life— surfing off Solimar Beach, playing his ukulele, skiing and taking the “Snowball Express” to Sun Valley, Idaho. He savored the folk music of Kingston Trio, Limelighters, Joan Biaz along with classical symphonies and guitarists.

It was at this time that he met his beloved wife of 61 years, Patricia Marie Kennedy. In early 1962 he took an assignment to Libya working for Oasis Oil Co. That same year, he married Patricia in Tripoli, and it was while living in Libya that his 2 children, Sheila and Terence, were born in Valletta, Malta.

His career as an “oil finder” was a rich and well-traveled one. Spanning over forty years, he settled for various lengths of time in California, the UK, Colorado, and Albania. He was both a company man – with Occidental Petroleum – and entrepreneur, forming Warrior Resources in Colorado, and Isramco in Israel. His optimism, knowledge and enthusiasm enabled him to play a key role in the oil industry from explorations and discoveries in the US, Libya, the North Sea, Guatemala, Adriatic and Eastern Mediterranean Seas. He was known as a negotiator: from talks with tribes in the Fezzan over water wells; to the British government over North Sea concessions; to consulting with the Angolan & Gambian governments on writing their petroleum laws.

His sense of adventure and travel never ceased: organizing 50 geologists on a remote expedition across the Sahara into Chad; and introducing his family to the Alps through his love of skiing. A legacy of travel was passed onto his wife and children, all of whom reaped the rewards and continued in that pursuit themselves.

In 1997, Jerry retired with Patricia to his favorite destination: the mountains in Breckenridge, Colorado, where they lived on and off from 1981. He then moved to New Mexico, and, finally, the Hudson Valley, NY to be near his son, grandchildren and sister-in-law, Lisa McMurdo.

Jerry was diagnosed with severe Rheumatoid Arthritis in the UK in the late 1970s, and bravely fought the condition for over 40 years, which he suffered through until his final years of immobility, long cared for by his devoted wife.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Patricia; their two children Sheila Lucas (Anthony Lucas) and Terence Williams; six grandchildren Francesca, Monique, Natalie and Antonia Lucas, Sasha and Lena Williams; two sisters, Marian Achenbach and Margaret Hawes; in laws; Lloyd Hawes, Lisa McMurdo and Robert and Judy Kennedy as well as much loved nieces, nephews and cousins.

Jerry’s Family will gather to remember his Life with a Catholic Mass on Friday, October 20, 2023 at the St. John the Evangelist Church, 31 Willow Street, Beacon, New York.

Memorial donations can be made in Jerry’s memory to Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation (<https://www.helpfightra.org/donations/>) or to Doctors Without Borders - who are assisting with the recent floods in Libya - (<https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/get-involved/ways-to-give>)

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of the LIBBY FUNERAL HOME, 55 Teller Avenue, Beacon, New York. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.LibbyFuneralHome.com.

Frank Ritter



POUGHKEEPSIE - Frank Ritter passed away peacefully at the age of 76 in the presence of family on October 13, 2023 at his home in Poughkeepsie, NY after a 9 month battle with pancreatic cancer. He was the son of Louis and Helen Ritter and was born and raised in Poughkeepsie. He attended the Oakwood Friends School where he discovered his passion for photography which he pursued throughout his life. He received a B.A. from Syracuse University in photo-journalism and completed additional studies at the School of Visual Arts, and NYU Film School.

Frank followed his passion for photography to New York City where he pursued a 40-year career as professional photographer specializing in architectural interiors. His photos were published in Architectural Digest, Interior Design Magazine, e-Oculus, and Art in America. His work has

been exhibited at the National Arts Club, the New York Design Center, Guild Hall in East Hampton, and the Cunneen-Hackett Arts in Poughkeepsie.

While living in New York he was a first-hand witness to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Forever changed by this experience, Frank has continued to document the aftermath and rebuilding efforts by visiting the Ground Zero site every year on the anniversary of 9/11 for more than 20 years. This work culminated in the release of a photo book entitled “9/11 Remembrance Renewal Hope - A Twenty Year Journey” (still available at www.911weremember.com).

Frank is survived by his son James Ritter (Lucy), grandchildren Vivian and Miles, as well as his sister Judith Marks Netter (Fred) and nieces Jaime Fredman and Kate Marks.

Services were held Sunday, October 15th, 2023 at Temple Beth-El, 118 S. Grand Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Burial followed at Temple Beth-El Cemetery in Poughkeepsie.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wm. G. Miller & Son FH, Inc. If you wish to send an online condolence, please visit www.wgmillerfuneralhome.com.

John J. ‘Jack’ Robinson



WAPPINGERS FALLS - John J. “Jack” Robinson, 88, of Wappingers Falls, NY, loving father, grandfather, and great grandfather passed away suddenly on October 12, 2023.

He was born on December 26, 1934 in Poughkeepsie, NY, the son of Leroy Robinson and Ella Mae Lent.

John was a graduate of Poughkeepsie High School. During his senior year, he was selected to join the IBM Tool & Die maker apprenticeship. During this time he was drafted into the U.S. Army and became an expert marksman while serving his country from 1957 to 1959.

On December 27, 1958, he married his beloved wife Phyllis J. Dornath at St. Michaels Church in Myrtle Point, Oregon. They remained married until her death in January 2023.

John continued to work for IBM as a Mechanical Engineer until his retirement in

1987. He was a member of the Mid-Hudson Radio Control Club, IBM Quarter Century Club, and a member of the American Veterans Historical Museum.

John has left behind quite a legacy. Not only was he a true hero and helper to so many, but he exemplified many amazing characteristics. Always strong, giving, determined and beyond intelligent. He excelled in anything and everything he put his mind to. Everyone knew he was the person to come to for a repair or helping hand. His love for his hobbies was endless. From radio-controlled airplanes, military shows and their re-enactments, Friday garage sales, and flea markets. He loved the hunt for that special item and all the people he met along the way.

John is survived by his children, Debra and Daniel Garlock of Wappingers Falls, NY, Brian Robinson of Wappingers Falls, NY, Michele Giewat of Wappingers Falls, NY and Kimberly and Christopher Griggs of Poughkeepsie, NY; grandchildren Sarah M. Robinson of Wappingers Falls, NY, Alex B. Robinson of LaGrangeville, NY, Karter C., Carsen K., and Kolten B. Griggs of Poughkeepsie, NY; great grandchildren Kameron C. Robinson of Wappingers Falls, NY, Kaedyn K. and Khloe C. Whyte of Wappingers Falls, NY.

John was predeceased by his brothers Leroy and Louis Robinson of Coquille, Oregon and his beloved sister Mary Ann Sundblom of Poughkeepsie, NY.

Calling hours were on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 East Main Street in Wappingers Falls.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12 noon on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at St. Mary’s Church, Clinton Street in Wappingers Falls. Entombment will then follow at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery Mausoleum, South Avenue in Poughkeepsie, NY.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in honor of John to Tunnel to Towers (T2T.ORG), Disabled American Veterans(helpdav.org) or USO (www.uso.org)

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Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival honors Harley, Kulleseid; raises \$200,000 at annual gala

Gratitude filled the air at the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival's (HVSF) annual gala held at The Garrison on Sunday, October 8.

Honoring the remarkable contributions of Margot Harley and Marit Kulleseid, long-standing leaders and mentors to the HVSF community, the evening was a symphony of live music, cocktails, dinner and auctions, both live and online. Raising nearly \$200,000, the funds will directly support HVSF's onstage productions, arts education programming, and community engagement initiative.

Margot Harley, co-founder of The Acting Company and a Hudson Valley resident, and Marit Kulleseid, co-founder and founding president of HVSF, were each celebrated for their significant impact on the theater community and the organization. Harley, renowned for her Broadway productions and mentorship, played a pivotal role in shaping the careers of many HVSF performers, while Kulleseid's outstanding leadership has helped nurture the vibrant arts community in the region.

Founded in 1987, Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival (HVSF) is a critically acclaimed (The New York Times, The New Yorker, The Wall Street Journal), professional, non-profit theater company. The Festival has established a reputation for lucid, engaging, and highly inventive productions staged in rotating repertory under an iconic, open-air theater tent overlooking the Hudson River. In recent years, the Festival has also ventured beyond the tent, touring its work to other venues throughout the Hudson Valley as part of its HVSF On the Road series, transferring productions to other theaters, engaging its community through radically participatory art-making, and reaching over 50,000 students and educators annually through its year-round education programs.

For more information, visit: hvshakespeare.org or follow HVSF on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and Twitter.



From left: HVSF's Artistic Director, Davis McCallum, HVSF's Board President, Robin Shelby Arditi, Gala Honorees, Marit Kulleseid and Margot Harley, and HVSF's Managing Director, Kendra Ekelund.

-Courtesy photo

'A Tree Grows in Beacon' set for November 5

Community members are invited to the inaugural human Christmas tree – “A Tree Grows in Beacon” – at Memorial Park, at the pavilion across from Ron's Ice Cream, on the first Sunday, November 5th at 4 p.m. The rain date will be the second Sunday, November 12th at 4 p.m.

Here is the idea - wear a dark coat or an “ugly” holiday sweater (which is optional) and bring a lantern or flashlight. Businesses are welcome to participate. All ages are welcome.

The Pop Warner Field House will be open with refreshments available. This will be a fundraiser for them.

Contact Dennis Pavelock, event coordinator, at 845-416-5330 for more information.

Martial arts students, instructors, families raise \$1900 for American Cancer Society



Anthony Quatrochi's Martial Arts Institute instructors, students and family members put their muscle to the test to benefit the American Cancer Society on October 1. The group raised \$1,900 in donations to enter the 2023 Hudson Valley Plane Pull, which was held at Stewart Airport. The school had two teams participate; some members pulled a full-sized passenger plane 100 feet twice in succession in the endeavor.

The school encourages community groups to join them next year at this unique, challenging and meaningful event.

-Courtesy photo

Women's Parish Club to host annual Fall Garage and Rummage Sale

The Women's Parish Club of the Church of St. Joachim-St. John the Evangelist in Beacon will be holding its Annual Fall Garage and Rummage Sale. The sale will be held October 26th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; October 27th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and October 28th from 9 a.m. to noon. in the St. Joachim gymnasium, 61 Leonard Street, in Beacon. Come in and shop – there will be values galore!

Lunch will also be available.



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Pop goes to the DMV

Re-registering the car turns out to be quite the adventure.



A couple of weeks ago, my father told me he had to go to the DMV to re-register his car.

Pop: Luigi listen, I gotta geta the car registered.

Me: That's easy Pop, you can just mail it in.

Pop: No, Ia waited too long and itsa gotta be done in two days.

Me: You want me to go do it for you?

Pop: No. Ima gonna go. Is it ina the same place.

Me: Yeah Pop right on Market Street. But Pop you've got to make an appointment now.

Pop: Nonja you worry. Ima gonna be fine.

Me: Pop you gotta make an appointment.

Pop: Yeah. Yeah. Whatta you thin, Ima the olda man?

Two hours later he walks back into the restaurant.

Me: Wow! That was fast! How did you do it so fast?

Pop: I noa getta done. I waited a half hour just for a the parking space. Ia tried to get go inside and the girila shea yella at me. I tolda her, Ima old. Shea tells me I have to make an appointment.

Me: Oh God. Then what happened.

Pop: She let me inside and there were no a lotta people there. So I tried to walka

up to the desk and they yelled at me to get a ticket and waita my turn. I said ima old. They no care. I wenta to taka the ticket and I push all kinds ofa buttons and I get 5 tick-ets. The guard hea yellsa ata me. I askda hima for help. I tolda him Ima old man and he told me I hava to waita my turn.

Me: So what did you do.

Pop: I saida some things in Italian and hea understood me. He yella at me, so Ia left.

Me: That lasted two hours?

Pop: No. I lefta the parking lot and I mada the right. Did you know itsa one way?

Me: Oh God.

Pop: The police hea stopsa me. I said Ima sorry. Ima old. So he yellsa at me. I turna the car around with all the other cars yelling and push their horns.

Me: That lasted two hours.

Pop: No I wenta up Main Street and Ia maka the right downa a Liberty Street. You know that ita no a street? Ita only a sidewalk now?

Me: Oh God. So what happened?

Pop: The sama policeman he come over and hea starta yelling ata me again. I tella him Ima old. He giva me a ticketa.

Me: So then you came here?

Pop: Yeah. Hersa the registration anda the ticketa. Cana you do it for me?

Me: Yeah Pop no problem. (I look at the registration) Hey Pop? What month is it now?

Pop: June why?

Me: This registration isn't due till July.

Pop: Somnagum!

Tip of the day. When you need to regis-ter your car, make sure you have the cor-rect date. In the meantime, here is a nice recipe with mushrooms.

Three Mushroom Sauce

Ingredients

2 tablespoons Extra Virgin Olive Oil
1 pound crimini mushrooms, sliced
1/4 pound fresh shiitake mushrooms, sliced
1/4 pound fresh morel mushrooms, sliced
5 cloves garlic, minced
2 ounces white wine
1 cup chicken stock
1 cup heavy cream
8 ounces of your favorite pasta
1 1/2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme
1 1/2 teaspoons chopped fresh chives
3/4 cup freshly shredded Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese
Salt and ground black pepper to taste

Method

Heat a large skillet over medium heat and add the olive oil. Add the mushrooms and season with salt and pepper and cook until golden browned, about 10-12 minutes.
Stir the garlic into mushrooms and cook for 1 minute; pour in white wine and cook

until wine is nearly evaporated. Mix chicken stock into mushroom mixture; season with salt and pepper. Bring to a simmer, reduce heat, and cook until slightly thickened, about 5 minutes.

Pour the heavy cream into mushroom mixture and stir to combine. Simmer for 5 minutes until the mixture starts to foam.

While the mushrooms are finishing cooking, fill a large pot with water and bring to a rolling boil. Stir in the pasta and cook until al dente, about 8 minutes. Drain but do not rinse pasta; transfer to a large serving bowl and keep warm.

Stir thyme and chives into mushroom sauce and turn off heat; mix 1/2 cup Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese into sauce until cheese has melted.

Pour all the mushroom sauce and half the mushrooms over pasta, reserving about half the mushrooms in the skillet. Toss pasta in sauce until coated; top with remaining mushrooms and remaining Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese for garnish.

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

Tioronda Garden Club makes donation to Veterans Memorial Building beautification



In anticipation of the 100th anniversary of the Veterans Memorial Building on main St. in Beacon, the Tioronda Garden Club donated a check to be used for beat-ification of the building and grounds. Presenting the check to John MacEnroe, Major (Retired) and treasurer of the American Legion in Beacon, are Tioronda Garden Club President Geraldine Fuller and past presidents, who are veterans, Robert Haight and Norm McLeod.

-Courtesy photo

Blood, platelets donors to receive \$10 gift card October 21 – November 9

Since announcing a national blood and platelets shortage a month ago, thousands of donors across the country have rolled up a sleeve to help rebuild the American Red Cross blood and platelet supply. As that generosity continues, the Red Cross is working around-the-clock to ensure patients have access to lifesaving transfusions and must collect 10,000 additional blood and platelet donations – over and above expectations – each week over the next month to sufficiently meet hospital needs. Donors of all blood types are urged to book a time to give now, especially those with type O blood or those giving platelets. To make an appointment, use the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

To encourage more blood and platelet donations, the Red Cross is offering new incentives to donors over the next month. All who come to give Oct. 21-Nov. 9 will receive a \$10 gift card by email to a restaurant merchant of their choice to enjoy lunch on the Red Cross. They'll also be automatically entered to win a \$5,000 gift card. There will be three lucky winners – one chosen at random each week. Details are available at

RedCrossBlood.org/Lunch.

Flu and COVID-19 vaccines don't affect donor eligibility

As cold and flu season quickly approaches, the Red Cross is reminding donors that they can still give blood or platlets after receiving a flu vaccine, so long as they are feeling healthy and well on the day of their donation. Likewise, there is no deferral or wait time for those receiving the updated COVID-19 vaccine.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities Oct. 21-Nov. 9:

Poughkeepsie

October 30: 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., The Atrium at MidHudson Regional Hospital, 1 Webster Ave, The Atrium at MidHudson Regional Hospital

October 30: 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Elks Lodge 275, 29 Overocker Rd

November 7: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Poughkeepsie Galleria, 2001 South Road

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November 6: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Grace Bible Church, 158 Myers Corners Rd

November 7: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., New Hackensack Reformed Church, 1580 Route 376.

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New sensory playground opens in Town of Fishkill



Students and staff from Fishkill Elementary School in the Wappingers Central School District joined Town of Fishkill officials for the opening of a new sensory playground.

-Courtesy photos

By Kristine Coulter

The Town of Fishkill opened its new playground, Fishkill Sensory Playground, earlier this month. The playground, which has been in the planning stages for more than two years, is behind Doug Philips Park, near the intersection of Route 82 and Route 52.

The first playground “guests” were from Fishkill Elementary School in the Wappingers Central School District (WCSD). The students are in Bonnie Muller’s class. The students and their parents joined Fishkill elected officials and employees during the dedication. Also in attendance was Richard Zipp, who is the WCSD assistant superintendent student support services.

“The introduction of a sensory playground for the families and children of our community is a wonderful development. Such playgrounds provide numerous benefits for children of all abilities, but especially for children with sensory needs and other abilities,” said Zipp in an email to Southern Dutchess News.

The project was spearheaded by Town of Fishkill Councilmember Louise Daniele and former board member Kenya Gadsden with Fishkill Supervisor Ozzy Albra. The project was completed with the assistance of Councilmember Carmine Istvan. The Fishkill building and grounds team, led by Brandon Knapp, helped from beginning to end to make it all possible, Daniele said. There was a balloon arch to welcome those who attended which was created by Maryann vonEgypt from the Fishkill

Recreation Center.

“We hope the playground will be a fun place for all children to play and express themselves freely for years to come” Daniele told Southern Dutchess News.

Zipp explained, “The sensory playground has been designed to be inclusive, ensuring that children with various sensory needs can play and have fun together. This fosters a sense of belonging and helps promote understanding and empathy among children and toward others. In addition, sensory play is known to stimulate cognitive development, as children can engage with various textures, sounds, colors, and shapes, enhancing their problem-solving skills and creativity. These experiences will have a positive impact on their learning and development.”

He added: “The calming and stimulating elements of the sensory playground will provide a safe and enjoyable environment for our children and will hopefully become a hub of activity for families in the community. It’s a great place where parents and caregivers can meet, support each other, and build a strong sense of community.”

Muller said, “This playground gives students with special needs an absolutely wonderful opportunity to run, jump, play without physical restrictions. This sensory playground is a wonderful addition to the Fishkill community.”

Zipp remarked, “The new sensory playground will be a valuable addition to the Town of Fishkill community, and I hope it brings joy and growth to the children who use it.



A new sensory park opened in the town of Fishkill earlier this month. It is off Route 52, behind Doug Philips Park.

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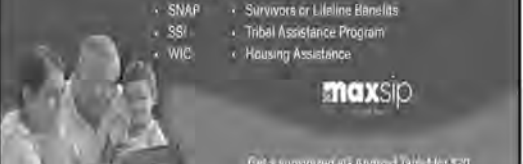
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1. Beverage container

6. Room in Acapulco

10. Preposition

14. Electronic servant

15. Not up

16. Fruit holder

17. Sports ____

18. Awe

20. Still

21. Ring

23. Spinning

24. Pearl Buck heroine

25. Glove

compartment items

27. Series of light, quick taps

30. Prefix for skilled or circle

31. Animal enclosure

34. He was: Lat.

35. Bitter

36. Excessively

37. "____, all covered with..."

41. Never, in Nuremberg

42. Think the world of

43. Blue Bonnet, for one

44. "Certainly!"

45. Ending for love or for

46. Poplar trees

48. Song subject that "ain't what she used to be"

49. French dairy export

50. Traditional

peasant's shoe

53. Orange-red jewelry

54. Tumor: suff.

57. Grover, for one

60. County in Texas

62. Italian town

63. Away from the wind

64. Leave out a syllable

65. Iowa's state flower

66. Form of "to be"

67. Places
- DOWN

1. Hair color

2. Learning

3. Help a burglar

4. Family member

5. Metal fastener

6. Transparent covering

7. Early murder victim

8. Third biblical book: abbr.

9. Beverage

10. Declares formally

11. Utensil part

12. Formerly

13. Part of an apple

19. Section of a river

22. Kernel holder

24. Director Preminger

25. Late actress Oberon

26. Surrounded by

27. Showy flower

28. ____ Palmer

29. Late actress Sharon and others

30. Contempt

31. Shoplifted

32. Symbol

33. Things that go up & down

35. Prefix for mentioned

38. Taste

39. Garlic's giveaway

40. Feel sorry for oneself

46. Departure's opp.

47. Moves in a stealthy way

48. Flick

49. Half of a German city?

50. Operation memento

51. Additionally

52. Risky transactions

53. Large knife

54. Neglect

55. Manufactured

56. Greek deity

58. Science student's milieu

59. Foamy liquid

61. Heavyweight

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