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Race for DA features Parisi, Weishaupt

By Curtis Schmidt

With the planned retirement of long-time Dutchess County District Attorney William Grady, two candidates have entered the race – Democrat Anthony Parisi and Republican Matt Weishaupt.

Grady has served in the role of District Attorney for 10 terms and has said he will retire at the end of 2023. Both Parisi and Weishaupt have worked in the office of Dutchess County District Attorney and will face-off in the Nov. 7 election.

The candidates were asked to respond to the following questions.

1. Please list your qualifications and/or accomplishments as they apply to this position.

2. What do you see as the main role/duties of the position of Dutchess County District Attorney?

3. What do you see as the main issues in this race?

4. What are your goals in this position if elected?

Here are their responses. (Since both candidates are running for the office for the first time we present the responses in alphabetical order, with Parisi first.)

Anthony Parisi

Qualifications/accomplishments
I began my legal career in the Dutchess County Public Defender's Office representing indigent clients in criminal matters. Subsequently, for more than 25 years, I have served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Dutchess County District Attorney's Office and am currently the Major Crimes Bureau Chief.

I have handled a broad array of criminal cases from DWI and DWI-related homicides, to cyber crimes, white collar crimes, crimes of domestic violence, drug related crimes, and violent felonies including homicides. I spear headed a "first of its kind" gang investigation in the City of Poughkeepsie utilizing Intelligence Driven Policing ultimately reducing violent crime for two years. I have litigated hundreds of cases. I am an experienced trial attorney having most recently tried a murder case to guilty verdict in February involving the shooting of an innocent father in the City of Poughkeepsie.

I've played a major role in the modernization of the District Attorney's Office, including creating the DWI forms utilized by law enforcement throughout the county, founding the Dutchess County Field Intelligence Group with my law enforcement partners to facilitate interagency cooperation and sharing of information across the county, creating a first of its kind

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ELECTION OUTLOOK: DUTCHESS COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Crucial issues abound for Serino, Zurhellen

By Curtis Schmidt

With former Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro now serving as representative of New York's 19th District in the U.S. Congress and the planned departure of current County Executive William F.X. O'Neil, two candidates have stepped up to vie for the position in Republican Sue Serino and Democrat Tom Zurhellen.

In accordance with the Dutchess County Charter, O'Neil was sworn in on Jan. 3 and is serving the remainder of the current term of County Executive, which ends on Dec. 31.

Serino and Zurhellen will face off in the Nov. 7 election. Both candidates were asked to respond to the following questions. (Since both candidates are running for the role for the first time, responses will be presented in alphabetical order with Sue Serino first.)

1. Please list your qualifications or accomplishments as they apply to this position.

2. What do you see as the main role/duties of the position of County Executive?

3. This position covers a wide range of departments and concerns. How do you plan to work with the many stakeholders involved - both on a daily basis and with short-and long-range goals.

4. What do you see as the main issues in this race?

5. What improvements would you like to see in the county (and undertake) if you are elected?

Sue Serino

Qualifications/accomplishments
I'm running for Dutchess County Executive because I love our county and I believe it deserves the best.

I'm someone who went to work at the age of 15 and never stopped. Before becoming a small business owner, I worked for years as a waitress and restaurant manager, and I spent a portion of my life as a working, sin-



Sue Serino



Tom Zurhellen

gle mom. So when people tell me they're struggling, I truly get it. I know what it's like to live paycheck to paycheck, to make payroll, and navigate through the worst recession in history. My business not only survived, but it thrived due to smart decision-making. It is those experiences that help drive me to always do what is right for our neighbors and to deliver results that ease our cost of living.

I have served on the Hyde Park Town Board, the Dutchess County Legislature and the New York State Senate. I have a deep understanding of government and how it can work for the people.

As a State Senator, I stood out as a staunch advocate for seniors, a fierce supporter of New York's veterans, a steadfast partner for Dutchess County's small business commu-

nity, and was a strong voice for New York's law enforcement and first responders. I also worked tirelessly to help increase education regarding Lyme and tick-borne diseases and fought to deliver funding that would allow more research to be done on this issue.

If elected Dutchess County Executive, I will work hard to make our county a more affordable and stronger community for everyone.

Main role, duties

I will listen, care, and lead Dutchess County by putting our families, taxpayers, and our business community first.

I will listen to people's needs and address the challenges our communities face. I will find solutions to the issues to protect our

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DUTCHESS COUNTY CLERK

Incumbent Kendall faces challenge from Gadsden

By Curtis Schmidt

In the race for Dutchess County Clerk, incumbent Republican Brad Kendall is facing the challenge of Democrat Kenya Gadsden in the Nov. 7 election. Both candidates were asked the following questions.

1. Please list your qualifications and/or accomplishments as they apply to this position.

2. What do you see as the main role/duties of the position of County Clerk?

3. What do you see as the main issues in this race?

4. What are your goals in this position if elected/re-elected?

(In races with an incumbent, we begin with the incumbent.)

Here are the responses.



Kenya Gadsden



Brad Kendall

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quality of life.

I will be a compassionate leader who cares about, understands, and helps people with their challenges. You can count on me to offer guidance, lend a hand, and work collaboratively to address the many important issues that have a significant impact on the well-being of our families and our communities. I will protect your hard-earned tax-dollars, because as a business owner, I firmly believe if you do not have it, you cannot spend it.

I will govern with integrity and transparency, and I will always put the interests of Dutchess County first.

Working with stakeholders

To be successful as County Executive, I will collaborate closely with stakeholders across Dutchess County, just as I've done throughout my career. My experience as a business owner, State Senator, and as a member of this community has prepared me for this crucial role.

Key principles I hold dear are listening, caring, and leading. I'll actively listen to stakeholders, including community and business leaders, to comprehend the county's challenges and address them effectively. I'll be accessible and compassionate, providing guidance and assistance to resolve pressing issues.

Our leadership approach will focus on the well-being of families, taxpayers, and the business community. We'll enhance infrastructure, prioritize safety through partnership with law enforcement and first responders, and create opportunities for an improved quality of life.

Affordability is paramount, and I'll make smart and sound decisions to lighten the financial load on our residents. By eliminating wasteful spending and supporting affordable housing and childcare, we'll help families get ahead.

Furthermore, our local economy will receive attention through workforce development, aligning skills with job opportunities. We'll establish a Business Advancement Team to attract high-quality businesses that offer job opportunities to residents.

Main issues in race

- Healthy, strong and safe communities - A great community is home to opportunity and good-paying jobs, affordable housing, safe streets, and a strong infrastructure. I'll work to ensure our roads, bridges, and sewers are second to none, partner with law enforcement and first responders to keep us safe, and act to improve opportunities that enhance our quality of life.

• An affordable Dutchess County - With

costs on everyday necessities skyrocketing, I'll make sure county government eliminates wasteful spending and makes smart investments so that families can get ahead and stay ahead. I'll start by bolstering affordable childcare for working parents, holding utility companies accountable for bad billing, and connecting neighbors with resources to keep them in our community.

- Growing our local economy - As a former small business owner, I know just how important it is to support local entrepreneurs. As County Executive, I'll partner with job creators to invest in workforce development initiatives that meet the needs of our

community to ensure ours is a stable, robust economy that provides opportunities and growth for all neighbors.

Improvements if elected

If elected as County Executive, I have a clear vision for the improvements I'd like to see in Dutchess County. My primary focus will be on affordability, safety, and prosperity for all our residents.

First and foremost, I aim to make housing more affordable and create good-paying jobs. This involves working with developers and incentivizing the construction of more affordable housing units. Simultaneously, I'll prioritize fiscal responsibility by cutting unnecessary spending and streamlining government operations to ensure efficient resource allocation.

Safety is of utmost importance, and I'll invest in law enforcement, first responders, and crime prevention programs to make Dutchess County a safer place to live.

Furthermore, I'm dedicated to cultivating a strong economy. This means attracting new businesses to the area and supporting the growth of existing ones, thus creating higher-paying jobs. I'll partner with job creators to invest in workforce development programs that meet our community's needs, ensuring a stable and prosperous local economy.

I also want to elevate the County's community engagement so we have a more responsive government. As State Senator, I knew that the only way to learn what our community needed was by being in our neighborhoods to hear directly from our residents. And as County Executive, I plan to continue to host mobile office hours in all corners of our County and to work tirelessly to ensure that our neighbors know that they have a government that is there for them.

Tom Zurhellen

Qualifications/accomplishments

I have a lifetime of leadership and public service to offer as Dutchess County Executive. As a petty officer in the United States Navy, as a teacher and administrator at Marist for the last 20 years, and as the creator of my own non-profit VetZero that helps local veterans

in crisis, I have the leadership experience we need to get the job done.

I'm also on the Board at Hudson River Housing, and I'm on the Board at Grace Smith House, our domestic violence shelter, so I am someone who works every day in our county to help people in need.

Thankfully, I do not have any experience as a career politician. I think we need a change. We need a leader who is not beholden to outside corporations and works for everybody, especially those who have been ignored by our county government for the past 32 years.

Main role and duties

The County Executive really only has two primary duties in our county government: Set the annual budget, and then make sure county residents get the services they are paying for. That's a very important job, but sadly that work has been done behind closed doors, with no transparency, for decades now. I think folks are tired of the photo-op politicians who show up with an entourage, take a picture, and then leave. I think voters want someone who walks the walk, and focuses on the work.

As County Executive, I will be all about the work. Making sure all residents, no matter where they live in Dutchess County, get the services they pay for is the most important part of the job for me, and it's a job I am excited to start on Day One. I don't do "photo-ops" - I don't even own a suit that fits!

Working with stakeholders

I think we need to include ALL stakeholders in our county, especially those groups who have been disenfranchised and left out of the decision-making process in Dutchess for the past 32 years. We need to listen to our unions. We need to support our first responders by making sure, by all means necessary, they have the resources they need to keep us safe.

We must invite everyone to the table, not just those who have enjoyed access already. With all the issues facing Dutchess, this year the "D" next to my name stands for Decency. I think everyone can agree, regardless of party affiliation, that we need a change. I look

forward to working with all parties to get the job done.

Main issues in race

I think the biggest issue facing all of us is the housing crisis. Short term, we need to find solutions to keep seniors in their homes, and long term, we must help working families afford their first home to keep them here in Dutchess. You can't have a workforce without workforce housing. I have a plan to do this, with the resources we already have in Dutchess County.

Second, we must address food insecurity for our kids. Too many of our kids in Dutchess rely on their school lunch as the only square meal of the day. Parents are deciding between paying the rent or feeding their kids, and that has to stop. You may have heard this already, but I have donated my entire four years of salary as Dutchess County Executive to fight food insecurity with our kids. It's the right thing to do.

Finally, we must give our high school graduates a chance to follow their dreams right here in Dutchess County. That means creating career paths through job training in areas our kids actually love. Anyone can get a job - we are talking careers, not jobs. Careers that will allow kids to raise their own families right here in Dutchess.

Improvements if elected

We have a lot of work to do. We must find a solution for the homelessness crisis - one that does not include stuffing our homeless folks in the jail. We must tackle the drug addiction epidemic by creating outreach resources to actually change lives and get people in crisis off our streets. We must make sure our local first responders have all the resources they need to keep us safe - that's something that's never been done in the 20 years I have lived here.

Finally, and perhaps most dear to my heart as a veteran myself, we must do a better job of supporting our veterans. We have almost 14,000 veterans living in Dutchess County, and I have devoted my life to helping them. We must devote county resources to helping our heroes get the support they need.

Howland Public Library launches 'Stitchin' for the Kitchen'

"Stitchin' for the Kitchen," a heartwarming community-driven initiative to collect hand-knit hats and scarves for those in need returns to the Howland Public Library in Beacon. This collection drive is part of the Great Give Back, a community service initiative that encourages local libraries to give back to their communities.

Starting in October and running through November 17, the Howland Public Library invites Beacon and the surrounding communities to participate in

"Stitchin' for the Kitchen" by donating handmade hats and scarves. Donations can be made at the library at 313 Main Street in Beacon.

The primary beneficiaries of this drive are Fareground, Beacon Community Kitchen, and St. Andrew's Food Pantry. For more information about "Stitchin' for the Kitchen" and the Great Give Back, please visit beaconlibrary.org or contact Michelle Rivas at 845-831-1134 ext. 101 or community@beaconlibrary.org.

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online subpoena request portal allowing our law enforcement partners to easily request investigatory subpoenas, the creation of a first of its kind targeted arrest notification system (TAN), designed the case management system and digital evidence management system currently used by the office.

If given the opportunity to serve as District Attorney, I will make important reforms regarding transparency, function, and justice.

Main role/duties

The District Attorney plays a critical role in our criminal justice system. The DA represents the People of the State of New York in criminal cases and is responsible for prosecuting individuals accused of crimes. The District Attorney is charged with the duty to seek justice in every case, carefully evaluating the evidence and protecting the rights of the victim and the accused. The District Attorney works closely with law enforcement agencies to investigate crimes, determine whether charges should be filed, and prosecute cases in court. The DA also prioritizes working with victims and witnesses to ensure their rights are protected and they are supported throughout the process.

The role of the District Attorney is critical in maintaining public safety in our communities. The District Attorney also plays an important role in shaping criminal justice policy and works to raise public awareness of important criminal justice issues, such as domestic violence, child abuse, and other forms of violence. The DA serves on the Executive Committee of the Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council. The work of prosecutors is essential to maintaining a fair and just society, and they play a critical role in ensuring that justice is served for all.

Main issues in race

Ending gun violence and protecting our communities is an issue on the minds of everyone. I will diligently work to reduce and end gun violence and protect the citizens of all our communities utilizing the best crime fighting strategies including intelligence-led policing and prosecution.

The perception of prosecutors and the police have suffered in recent years. I will work hard through community engagement and office transparency and accountability to restore public trust between law enforcement and the communities we serve. I will engage with our communities in holding informed conversations about prosecution policies and priorities. I will promote greater transparency across the legal spectrum including referred and charged cases, incarceration rates, plea bargaining, convictions and sentences.

School safety is of vital importance. We must utilize all our law enforcement and crime prevention capabilities, including the latest technology, to protect those in our schools, students and staff alike. We have seen the average number of gunfire incidents in our schools throughout the country quadruple. We need meaningful actions to keep our schools and surrounding communities safe.

Goals if elected

- Make our communities safer by working smarter and preventing crime before it happens



Anthony Parisi



Matt Weishaupt

pens by implementing intelligence driven policing and intelligence driven prosecution. This IDP strategy involves enhanced information-gathering through close coordination with local law enforcement and robust community outreach. This technology-centered intelligence collection and analysis of specific factors driving crime will allow the DA's Office to more effectively and efficiently allocate resources needed to reduce crime throughout the county.

- Keep our Children Safe in their Schools and Daycare Centers: We need meaningful actions to address gun violence in schools. As District Attorney I will form a multi-agency, cross-program Task Force to address the root causes of violence and school shootings to prevent them before they take place.

- Address Domestic Violence: Create a Victim's Contact Web Portal for greater transparency for crime victims, allowing victims to access important information about their cases including, court dates, orders of protection, and case updates.

- Appoint a Hate Crimes Prosecutor: Create a Conviction Integrity Unit to address past wrongs and ensure justice for all by investigating fact-based wrongful conviction claims and/or sentencing inequities. This unit will increase trust in the DA's Office and the criminal justice system as a whole.

• Improve office transparency.

Matt Weishaupt

Qualifications/accomplishments

With nearly four decades of experience as a prosecutor, no one knows the job of District Attorney better.

As the Chief Assistant District Attorney, I currently run all the important aspects of the office. I'm fighting for crime victims and delivering justice against murderers, violent felons, gang members, and drug dealers.

Experienced prosecutor

- Chief Assistant District Attorney: Responsible for all Office Operations

including Administrative, Budget, Investigative, and Trials.

- Special Prosecutions & Administration Bureau Chief; Justice Court Bureau Chief; Narcotics & Gang Bureau Chief.

- Terrorism Coordinator and Liaison Record of real results

- Won Dutchess County's first ever capital murder case; verdicts in six first degree murder cases; verdicts in multiple other murder cases.

- Worked with federal authorities and state investigative commission on several public corruption cases.

- Worked in Special Prosecutions Bureau, responsible for violent felony and major prosecutions

Lifetime of service - Security Patrol Clerk - Federal Bureau of Investigation, Officer - New Paltz Police Department, Deputy Sheriff - Ulster County Sheriff's Department

Main role/duties

My priority will be to ensure the safety and security of all who live, work, and go to school in Dutchess County. This mission starts with a District Attorney who has the experience and knowledge to do the job most effectively. I will ensure law and order, community safety, and the protection of victim's rights using a balanced approach working with law enforcement to establish trusted legitimacy through community engagement.

New York's current bail laws are creating a revolving door for criminals. We need unprecedented prosecutorial experience to ensure criminals do not fall through the cracks and loopholes created by dangerous bail and discovery laws.

Experience is the only defense we have against these laws and we can't afford to compromise our community's safety. I will also support law enforcement in their efforts to enforce our laws and work together through community engagement to rebuild trust in our criminal justice system.

New Yorkers are demanding real action against crime. Our safety and security are

not something we can take for granted or leave to chance. Without a District Attorney with the experience and knowledge to do the job right, we put our community and families at risk.

Main issues in race

The main issues in this race revolve around public safety and the need for a seasoned, capable prosecutor who can address the unique challenges facing our community.

First and foremost, the race is shaped by the impact of New York's bail laws, which have created what many see as a revolving door of crime in Dutchess County. These laws have put our community at risk by allowing repeat offenders back on the streets too easily. Residents are deeply concerned about this issue and are looking for a candidate who can navigate these challenges effectively.

Another pressing issue is the opioid and fentanyl crisis, which is tearing families apart. Dutchess County needs a district attorney who can address this epidemic head-on by cracking down on drug traffickers and providing essential treatment and services to reduce recidivism and save lives.

Additionally, I place a strong emphasis on community safety, from securing our schools and workplaces to reforming bail laws to protect victims and prevent criminals from evading justice.

In summary, the main issues in this race are centered on the urgent need for a District Attorney with the experience, toughness, and dedication to ensure the safety and security of Dutchess County residents in the face of evolving challenges. My extensive experience and commitment to these issues make me the best choice for the role of Dutchess County District Attorney.

Goals if elected

I have released a detailed "Vision for a safer and stronger Dutchess County." My vision encompasses several crucial aspects of our community's well-being.

- Crime Reduction: Prioritize the safety of our residents by reducing crime, focusing on violent offenses, and ensuring that our neighborhoods remain secure places to live.

- Bail Reform: Advocate for responsible bail reform that safeguards public safety while treating individuals fairly within the criminal justice system.

- Opioid Crisis: Address the opioid epidemic head-on by targeting drug traffickers, expanding treatment options, and supporting rehabilitation programs to combat addiction.

- Community Safety: Strengthen the security of our schools, workplaces, and neighborhoods through close collaboration with local agencies and community organizations.

- Victim Advocacy: Be a relentless advocate for crime victims, offering them the support they need while holding offenders accountable for their actions.

- Criminal Justice Reform: Continuously improve our criminal justice system to ensure it remains fair, efficient, and responsive to our community's needs.

For a more in-depth look at my vision, please visit [MattForDutchessDA.com](#). Together, we can build a safer and stronger Dutchess County for all residents.

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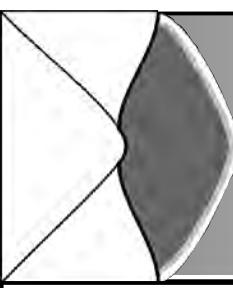
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Parisi is a 'standout candidate' for D.A.

To the Editor:

Anthony Parisi is the standout candidate for District Attorney. He offers a record of experience, integrity and a commitment to victim's rights and crime prevention. He also has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to fairness and justice. Party affiliation is not and should not be a part of the equation, since enrollment in a political party provides no guidance as to a candidate's qualifications for District Attorney.

Voters should do their own homework on each candidate before stepping into the voting booth. Do not pair or group candidates by party affiliation or rely on the number or size of road signs. On November 7th, I urge a vote for Anthony Parisi because he is the best candidate and will bring honor and integrity to the important office of District Attorney.

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The following letter was sent from NYS Assemblyman Anil Beephan (District 105) to airlines about expanding service to the Hudson Valley at NYS Stewart International Airport

Assemblyman writes to airlines about expanding service to New York's Stewart International Airport

To the Editor:

I am writing to underscore the significance of enhancing transportation options for residents of the Hudson Valley region. Please consider the expansion of your services to encompass New York's Stewart International Airport (SWF) in New Windsor, New York. Such an expansion would significantly enhance the accessibility and viability of transportation for the inhabitants and businesses in the Hudson Valley.

The Hudson Valley remains a sought-after destination for tourists and is a vital economic driver. Travelers are drawn to our region by attractions such as the renowned Woodbury Common Premium Outlets, abundant historical landmarks, and some of New York's finest cultural establishments. The region consistently generates billions of dollars in economic activity annually, a figure set to rise with its expanding population and growing commercial enterprises.

Presently, residents face the inconvenience of commuting for over an hour to access a New York City regional airport for travel beyond a limited selection of states. Establishing a presence at SWF would reduce this inconvenience and travel time, making air travel more appealing and practical for these residents.

Furthermore, this anticipated growth presents an opportunity for your company, both in terms of financial gain and strategic positioning, to engage at the ground level and partake in developing a robust aviation hub.

If I can be of any assistance to support these initiatives, please do not hesitate to contact my office. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Anil Beephan
New York State Assemblyman – 105th

Bringing awareness to prevalence of depression

To the Editor:

It is likely that you or someone you care about has been impacted by depression. October is National Depression Awareness Month, a time to bring awareness to the prevalence of depression. According to a Gallup report from earlier in 2023, 29 percent, or about 3 in 10, of U.S. adults report having been diagnosed with depression at some point in their lifetime. This is nearly 10 percent higher than in 2015. The report also found that young adults reported higher rates of depression than any other age group; nearly a quarter of adults under 30 say they are currently depressed.

Symptoms of depression can include feeling hopeless, down on yourself and your life, inability to enjoy things that used to bring you joy, and fatigue or lack of energy. Depression can become severe and take a great toll on families and employers and can even become life-threatening when people become suicidal or complete suicide. However, even those with severe symptoms respond well to treatment. Though close to 80 percent of people improve with treatment, almost two thirds of people who experience depression do not seek out treatment.

Treatment can include therapy or medication, but most people benefit most from combining medication such as selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) and cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT).

If you or someone you know is struggling with depression start by getting connected to trusted family, friends, or other supports as well as a mental health professional. We know that getting connected to help and starting treatment can be challenging. Fortunately, there are organizations like Coordinated Behavioral Health Services (CBHS) that can help; the agencies that are part of our organization provide treatment and other essential support throughout the Hudson Valley, and we can connect you to the care you need. You can also call 911 or contact the Suicide & Crisis Hotline via call or text at 988.

If you or someone you know is being impacted by depression, please reach out. There is help and there is hope!

Mark Sasvary, Ph.D., LCSW
Chief Clinical Officer Coordinated Behavioral Health Services

Retired Poughkeepsie judge supports Parisi for D.A.

To the Editor:

I am proud to support Anthony Parisi for Dutchess County District Attorney. I have known Mr. Parisi as an adversary and litigant appearing before me in Poughkeepsie City Court.

In his many years of public service, Anthony has shown himself to be a hardworking and successful prosecutor with a strong commitment to achieving justice for victims while adhering to the highest ethical standards imposed by the Constitution. His steadfast devotion to the rule of law and, simply, doing what is right, has earned him impressive support for his candidacy, including from members of the legal community, law enforcement and others in the criminal justice system.

As a lifelong Dutchess County resident, attorney and retired judge, I can think of none better than Anthony Parisi to serve us as the next Dutchess County District Attorney. He is the obvious choice.

Please join me in voting for Anthony Parisi in this critical election for District Attorney. Early voting begins on October 28th.

The Honorable John B. Garrity (Ret.)
City of Poughkeepsie Court

Hocus Pocus Parade, ghost stories, lead Halloween activities October 27, 28

By Kristine Coulter

Ready to put on a costume and have some Halloween fun? The festivities begin on October 27 with Main St. Trick or Treating, the Black Cat Scavenger Hunt and Ghost Tours and Stories.

Take part in the annual Hocus Pocus Parade on Main St. on October 28. Line up for the parade is at 1:30 p.m. and the parade steps off at 2 p.m.

"We expect around 1,000 local people of all ages all dressed up and some dogs," said Charlotte Guernsey, with The Gate House Team at Compass.

The Beacon High School Marching Band will lead the parade, said Guernsey, and the general public will follow. "All are welcome to either join the walk down Main St. or watch on the sidewalks. The Beacon police will be in the front and end of the parade controlling a rolling stop for traffic and we will have volunteers at the side streets helping as well," she said.

Asked if there will be any new treats this year for attendees and participants, Guernsey replied, "Yes! We have some exciting new features and enhancements this year! This will be the second year we are doing activities the day before the Hocus Pocus Parade. On Friday the 27th, we will have Trick or Treating on Main St. from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. along with the super-fun Black Cat Scavenger Hunt. Kids find the cat hidden in participating stores, marked with a pumpkin in the window, and then get their passport stamped. Once they get at least 10 stamps, they can redeem it for a prize from our Halloween grab bags found at The Gate House Team at Compass at 492 Main Street."

Beacon Walking Tours will present ghost stories.

"We have ten ghosts of Beacon's history from Bank Square to the Howland Center. Each character will be dressed in period costume and will introduce themselves to the visitors and tell a little bit about them, their history, and interact with the public," Robin Lucas, who runs the tours with local resident Emily Murnane as part of Beacon Walking Tours, LLC.

Guernsey noted, "Hear from a possible femme fatale, a World War I soldier, the Matteawan Ghost who haunts the factory buildings, the second mayor of Beacon, a famous palmist, the widow who sold her land to build what is now Beacon, a candy store owner who haunts the location to this day, and more." Check out hocuspocusbeacon.com for specific locations.

All ages should enjoy this—the scarier characters will be more friendly to the little ones, said Lucas. Information about the event can be found on the Beacon Chamber of Commerce website: <https://www.beaconchamberofcommerce.org/events/hocus-pocus-beacon-listing-91-7876.aspx>.

Lucas noted, "If the adults are interested in a scary ghost walk through the streets of Beacon hearing local lore and legend, visiting haunted houses that have had paranormal investigations, and helping us solve an 1865 murder mystery about the Matteawan ghost, visit BeaconWalkingTours.com."

On Saturday, besides the parade, the Black Cat Scavenger Hunt happens from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

A Monster Jam Party will take place at Memorial Drive, Robert Cahill Drive (off Route 52) from 2:30-5 p.m. There will be food, beverages, and other treats. At the park there will also be vendors to visit and games to play.

"This will be a fun festival with food, vendors and a Frank Sinatra Zombie



The annual Hocus Pocus Parade is set for October 28 in Beacon. Pictured are participants from previous events.

-Courtesy photos



MC hosting our Hocus Pocus Costume Contest with categories such as best scariest, couples, group, handmade, pop-culture, funniest, animal, and witch costumes to name a few. We have lots of prizes lined up for the costume contest (by the Memorial Park pavilion) generously donated from our local Main St. businesses including ten \$100 gift certificates to Carter's. After the contest, professional hip hop dancers will teach Michael Jackson's iconic "Thriller" dance to all who want to join," Guernsey said.

The Hocus Pocus fun takes about six months to plan said Guernsey.

"This has been a really fun event for years. I remember going to my first Hocus Pocus Parade in 2015 with my then 9-month-old who was dressed as "Yoda" in a stroller. It's just such a great day to get out and have fun, mingle, be creative and soak up this gorgeous Main St. that we have here in Beacon. The kids all see their friends, families, and bond over getting dressed up, and the community really comes together. These moments end up being priceless and it's one of the things that makes Beacon special. We're so thankful to the local businesses and sponsors such as Beacon Walking Tours, Beacon Homes Hudson Valley NY, The Gate House Team at Compass, Hudson Valley Renegades, Joker Ink, Lambs Hill Bridal Boutique, Law Office of Dennis R. Vetrano, Jr., Pedego Electric Bikes, as well as our host the Beacon Chamber of Commerce for helping make this a great event," Guernsey remarked.

For adults, a comedy show will be held at the Happy Valley Arcade Bar from 5:30-8 p.m. on Oct. 28th.

For more information, visit HocusPocusBeacon.com or on Facebook.

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Incumbent Kendall faces challenge from Gadsden

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Incumbent Brad Kendall

1. Qualifications

I have served as Dutchess County Clerk since December 29, 2006. Prior to that, I served on the Dutchess County Legislature for 13 years, the last seven as Chair. I have extensive experience in County government that allows me to provide unmatched service to the residents of Dutchess County.

As County Clerk I re-established the County Department of History, exploring and conserving our earliest records. I have also assumed responsibility for the County Records Management Department.

As County Clerk I have served as President of the New York State Association of County Clerks, receiving recognition as Clerk of the Year in 2018 and the Lifetime Achievement award in 2019. Our work has also been recognized with the NYS Archives Award for excellence.

I am very pleased to be endorsed this year by the CSEA, the Dutchess County Sheriff's PBA and Employee Association and the NYS Supreme Court Officer's Association.

2. Duties of the position

The position of County Clerk dates to 1715 and is established by the NYS Constitution. The County Clerk is responsible for the land records of the county as well as the legal records of the County Court and the Dutchess County Supreme Court.

Since 1921, County Clerks have served as the agent for the NYS Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for DMV services locally. As such we maintain offices in Poughkeepsie, Wappinger, Millbrook and Beacon.

The County Clerk is the chief notary of the County and oversees the Department of History, Records Management, the acceptance of passport applications, oaths of office, corporation notices and the Naturalization of our newest citizens.

I'm also pleased to have initiated the "Return the FAVOR" program for Dutchess County veterans. This service offers a safe repository for discharge papers and issues a Dutchess County ID card which is honored by 250 businesses across the county.

3. Main issues

Experience and Leadership - As County Clerk, I have gained the experience and demonstrated the leadership that makes our office a leader in provision of customer services in New York State.

Nothing demonstrates this better than our response to COVID-19. Other agencies and governments shut down or ZOOMED in from home. We worked hard to stay open and provide services to our constituents. When NYS ordered DMVs to close we fought to reopen, bringing in employees (safely) to answer phones and process drop off and mail work. Then we fought NYS to reopen. Our investments in electronic filing and land recording allowed us to continue providing services to the public.

My commitment has been to improve the customer experience from small things like providing pens for forms to big things like providing unmatched access to our office electronically.

We have a great team of employees doing good work for our customers.

4. Goals if re-elected

1. To expand e-Filing to the criminal courts in Dutchess County. E-filing in civil cases has resulted in ease of access to the courts, better security of documents and demonstrated saving to the taxpayer in greater efficiency and less paper. Having successfully done this in the civil courts I look forward to working with the new district attorney and public defender to bring e-Filing to the county court.

2. Manage the transition in DMV services. NYSDMV is aggressively working to move more and more transactions to the internet. This year NYS county clerks achieved a milestone in a renegotiated funding formula that will make us whole financially. As local DMVs move from processing routine transactions to more and

more problem solving, we need to provide employees with the tools to help our customers navigate the bureaucracy.

3. To continue to provide excellent customer service in the most cost-efficient manner possible.

Challenger Kenya Gadsden

1. Qualifications

I have lived in Fishkill for the past 16 years. I have served on the Beacon City School Board and I served on the Fishkill Town board. I currently serve as President of the Dutchess Democratic Women's Caucus and was a lead for Open Arms Christian Ministries International food pantry that operates out of Beacon. I have my Bachelor's degree in Human Behavior and Developmental Disabilities from Concordia College and I have worked for the past 30 1/2 years in the nonprofit world serving adults with Intellectual Abilities.

In caring for adults with intellectual abilities my responsibilities range from fiscal accountability, oversight and managing staff in nine facilities. Each facility has a budget and operates as an entity within the organization. I am a certified instructor that teaches Strategies for Crises Intervention and Prevention to all incoming employees and I assist with recertifying the current staff.

2. Duties of the position

The main roles or duties of the Clerk is the Custodian of the records for Dutchess County. The Dutchess County Clerk's office may not be the most well-known branch of county government, but it touches residents' lives in many ways. The Clerk should have excellent administrative and organizational leadership to carry out or direct team members on the best method to meet the needs of the residents and tax payers. The Clerk's office is responsible for overseeing the records for deeds, mortgages, judgments, liens, and maps to name a few areas. The office provides drivers licenses, registrations for automobiles and other motor vehicle transactions can be conducted in the office. Management of the records along with processing passports is also part of the Clerk's

job. I see the Clerk's office as the "front door" to Dutchess County as the Clerk administers the Oath of office to newly naturalized citizens.

3. Main issues

The issues with the race are the lack of transparency and sharing which has led to many residents not knowing the services and functions of the Clerk's office. Dutchess County continues to lag in technology and service for all. The Clerk's office should embrace social media and invest in real time response for questions asked. The website should include handicap parking guidelines and accessibility, travel for service can be a 2-3-hour commute for some residents. Precious documents that should be stored in a State-of-the-art facility continue to sit in a building with the possibility of deteriorating. The Clerk's office could utilize its brick and mortar to connect needed services to the community by way of displays. The Clerk's office has missed opportunities to create educational opportunities on prevention of scams and fraud for all. It is my belief that the areas of concern are fixable if addressed.

4. Goals if elected

If elected I plan to work with the existing leadership and staff to create the welcoming "front door" for all. The priorities I listed from my campaign will be put into motion starting with improving the DMV services by upgrading the appointment system and website to get questions and needs answered faster. I will work within the existing budget to find ways to bring County Clerk services out of the central office and into communities to make them easier to access.

Lastly, I will work on creating a welcoming "front door" for new citizens. The process will include linking newly naturalized citizens to their local library, businesses, and community organizations to support their integration into their new communities. The concept is to build stronger communities by bringing together the new and the existing residents of each municipality.

County to participate in Halloween crackdown October 27 – October 31

Various law enforcement agencies throughout Dutchess County are participating in a special enforcement effort to crack down on impaired driving during Halloween weekend. The STOP-DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign begins Friday, Oct. 27th and runs through Tuesday, Oct. 31st.

Be it due to parties, trick-or-treating and other festivities, Halloween night can be especially dangerous on the nation's roadways, according to officials. Between 2016 and 2020, there were 129 drunk-driving fatalities nationwide on Halloween night, defined as 6 p.m. Oct. 31st to 5:59 a.m. Nov. 1st. Adults between the ages of 21 and 34 had the

highest percentage (68 percent) of fatalities in drunk-driving crashes on Halloween night 2020. During that same night, 11 pedestrians were killed in drunk-driving crashes nationwide.

Motorists are urged to watch for pedestrians this Halloween — whether they be children trick-or-treating or adults who have had too much to drink. Walking while intoxicated can also be deadly, as lack of attention to their surroundings could put pedestrians at risk of getting hit by a vehicle.

STOP-DWI New York urges residents to download its mobile app, "Have a Plan," which enables drivers to find a safe ride home www.stopdwi.org/mobileapp.

Dutchess County-Poughkeepsie Land Bank Board to meet Oct. 25

The Dutchess County-Poughkeepsie Land Bank Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. on October 25th in person at Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll St., Poughkeepsie, in the library. Members of the public are encouraged and welcome to attend.

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

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Hope to hear from you! Thanks!

Register for helicopter candy drop in Fishkill

By Kristine Coulter

Fall Fest will take place at Sarah Taylor Park in the village of Fishkill on October 28, from 2-5 p.m. This year will include a "high-flying" treat – a helicopter candy drop!

"We wanted to give back to our community while bringing them together in a family-oriented event," said Flor Najera, the digital director for Fusion Church.

Fusion Church, Vineyard Church, Faith Assembly and Hopewell reform Church joined together to host the event, which will include a pie eating contests, carnival games, bounce houses, food, face paint-

ing, farm animals and arts and crafts.

"This year's festival promises an unforgettable experience. This event is totally free for families and anyone from our community," stated a press release.

"People can expect carnival-style games, bounce houses, food, candy, a helicopter candy drop and so much more," remarked Najera.

There are no age restrictions and "this event is for families with children," said Najera.

In order to attend the event, one needs to register at <https://fusionchurchny.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/167/> responses/new.

Jacobson to host billing assistance meeting with Central Hudson Oct. 26

Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson (D-104) is sponsoring an in-person billing assistance meeting with Central Hudson where customers can get one-on-one help with a Central Hudson representative to resolve their billing issues. It will be held on October 26th from 4-6 p.m. at the Adriance Memorial Library, 93 Market Street, in Poughkeepsie.

Jacobson said, "For nearly two years, my constituents have experienced every type of billing disaster, from excessive charges and wildly inaccurate estimated bills to late or

missing bills and more. That's why I am bringing Central Hudson representatives directly into the community, so customers can talk face-to-face with a real person and finally get solutions to their billing problems.

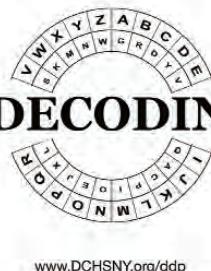
Jacobson hosted a similar event in Newburgh last month. "At the first event in Newburgh, most people had their problems resolved," said Jacobson.

Central Hudson customers can sign up for an appointment or call 845-763-7011 for more information.

Leaf pick up in Village of Fishkill on November 14

The Village of Fishkill will be having its annual leaf pick up on November 14. Note: this will be a one-day only service and only bagged leaves at curbside will be pick up.

Please have the bagged leaves (paper only, no plastic) at curb site the night before. Royal Carting Services Co. provides this service.



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In a few days children of all ages, robed as everything from pirates to witches, will take to the streets, feverishly striving to fill their sacks with candy. The "holiday" has become so cherished in America that according to the National Retail Federation more than \$10 billion was spent last year on costumes, decoration and huge bags of chocolates of all kinds.

Halloween or Hallowe'en is celebrated in many countries on October 31, the eve of the western Christian festival of All Saint's Day, a day dedicated to remembering the dead. Authorities claim the celebration originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain when people lit bonfires and wore costumes to ward off ghosts. One of the more recent traditions associated with Halloween is the cemetery tours that are held throughout the county in the last few weeks of October. Where better to find a ghost that will earnestly conjure up the past. A booklet recently rediscovered in the collections of the Historical Society may just be the earliest "cemetery crawl."

In 1906, 18 years before the Dutchess County Historical Society published Old Gravestones of Dutchess County, New York, Laura Roosa of Fishkill wrote a paper entitled "A Grave Matter" that was later published in book form for the Melzingah Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She undertook this task to improve upon the work previously undertaken by Elias Van Voorhis to record tombstone inscriptions from the churchyard of the First Reformed Church of Fishkill.

As Van Voorhis' compilation was for private distribution only, Roosa felt motivated to familiarize herself personally with those whose last resting place was in the churchyard. To do so she determined to study the epitaphs but her work was constantly interrupted by amiable neighbors and "trolley visitors from Newburgh or Poughkeepsie" straying into the yard and asking questions.

While she pronounced the encounters pleasant, they delayed her work. The solution suddenly came to her - "I was pondering over the matter, late one night, as I sat on the porch, with the moonlight streaming through the trees, and the thought came to me: Why not go up now? It is very light, and no one is ever disturbed in a graveyard at midnight, by human beings at any rate. I resolved to go. Now all my lifelong I have been afraid of ghosts; but these fore-fathers had come to seem like real flesh and blood, and not at all like departed spirits." With that revelation Laura set off alone up the silent street. Finding a comfortable seat on the chapel steps with the tombstones nearby she wrote that "the past came visibly before me."

Throughout the night she made her way through all the tombstones and entered into conversations with many of the deceased. One of her encounters was with Domine Benjamin Meenema and his wife. She described him as "clerical looking" and she as "fair." Upon Laura's request the Domine told her he has been born in Holland and educated there. He shared that he found life very different here from what it was in the Netherlands. She would have liked to have learned more from the Domine but while they were conversing she observed Colonel John Brinckerhoff had arrived at her back. He shared stories of his times with General Washington.

Wishing to have "tarried longer with this courtly old soldier and his warm-hearted wife" she was beckoned on by other "friends for her to see." Her next encounter was with Jacobus Swartwout. "Are you General Jacobus Swartwout?" she questioned. "No, no, my child, I am his father. He lies buried in a family vault at Swartwoutville, and was a greater man than I."

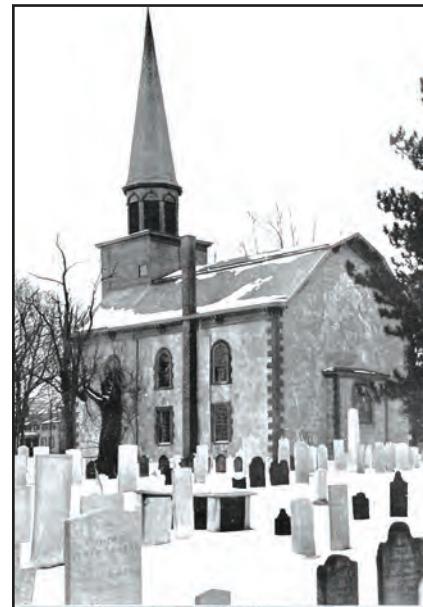


Photo of the Fishkill Graveyard by Margaret DeMott Brown in 1924.

-Image courtesy of DCHS Collections

Her encounter with William Walmsley, measurer of grain in the city of New York, proved enlightening. He died at Fishkill on August 24, 1803 and was laid to rest beneath an imposing tomb-table. The epitaph carved into the gravestone was lengthy but Laura commented "Mr. Walmsley, it looks as if there might have been another verse here." "Yes," he said, quite indignantly, "there was. When I died I left a small sum of money to the church to keep my stone in repair; the yard became very much run down and my tomb was broken and defaced. When the church people came to their senses, they ordered it repaired; but between neglect and the repairer the last stanza was somehow lost. I will tell it to you, however, so that you in your turn may repeat it to others. She included it in her paper.

As she continued through the graveyard she encountered Major William Roe Van Voorhis, a man of fine appearance, nearly six feet in height, his whole bearing showing him to be a man of genial disposition. Pausing before the stone of Jacob Du Bois she let him tell his own story and then next saw some children - four from the same family. One calm, moonlight night Grandmother Shear appeared before her and told her that she was married to her first husband, Francis Hasbrouck, when she was only thirteen. John N. Bailey recalled that when he was a boy about ten years old he caught smallpox from soldiers in the nearby encampment. His father prevailed upon health officers to allow John to be cared for at home "with the assistance of a negro slave named Caesar." John recovered and lived to be seventy-nine years old. She found the Van Wyck family genealogy to be confusing so upon nearing their graves she pleaded with them "Will you please help me get your family straightened out in my mind, for I can never remember which of you built the Wharton House?"

As the night grew to a close Laura looked to the east and "fancied I saw the first faint streaks of dawn." She saw the rooster on the church steeple "spreading his wings and making vigorous preparations for his early proclamation." Knowing that no spirits would be stirring in the daylight she ended her tour.

Her paper concludes with the following: "My friends, you may think I have dreamed all this; but I am enough of a spiritualist to believe that I held direct communication with the departed; but if you doubt it, come and visit the churchyards some night with me. Perhaps you will hear stranger stories than any I have told, and you may be able to win wonderful words from some who refused to unseal their lips when I questioned."

Encounters with the Passed: A Grave Matter

By Melodye Moore



The 1906 publication by Laura Roosa for the Melzingah Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution she called A Grave Matter. Inset: title page. Background: handmade cover.

-Image courtesy of DCHS Collections

Laura died on February 8, 1938 at the age of 75. At her death she had \$5,000 of personal property and \$5,000 of real estate. Among the bequests in her will was \$1,000 for the Endowment Fund of the First Reformed Dutch Church of Fishkill. Perhaps she was thinking of all her friends in the graveyard when she made out her will. I wonder where she is buried.

Happy Halloween. May all your

ghostly encounters be as friendly as those of Laura.

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



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Garden club to host 'Autumn Evening of Wine and Cheese' cocktail party

The Tioronda Garden Club is hosting An "Autumn Evening of Wine and Cheese" cocktail party" on November 8 at 6 p.m. at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., in Beacon. The club will be honoring past president Norman McLeod, who has served as the Civic Beautification Chairman for more than 30

years. Through his efforts and supervision, there are the iconic hanging flower baskets, Christmas wreaths and the many public gardens the club maintains.

Tickets are \$20 and may be obtained from any garden club member or by contacting Vice President Gary Barrack at gbarrack@gmail.com.

'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.

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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Family Services' TRAC receives \$10,000 grant from KeyBank Foundation



KeyBank and Family Services leaders gather with TRAC teens to celebrate KeyBank's support. Adults pictured from left: Trish Prunty, Family Services VP, Philanthropy; Anthony Guzzo, KeyBank Branch Manager, Irene Provenzano, KeyBank Area Retail Leader; Brian Muse, TRAC Youth Services Coordinator; Dan Butler, TRAC Youth Outreach Worker; Rita McPeck, KeyBank Senior Service Officer; Whitney Humphrey, Family Services VP, Community Programs.

-Courtesy photo

KeyBank employees recently visited Family Services Inc.'s Teen Resource Activity Center (TRAC) in Poughkeepsie to meet with students and present the nonprofit with a \$10,000 grant from KeyBank Foundation, the bank's charitable foundation. The grant supports Family Services' holistic approach to meeting the recreational, social, and emotional needs of Poughkeepsie youth. TRAC provides a free, trauma-informed place for teens to receive mentorship and support after school.

TRAC offers its after school program weekdays at The Family Partnership Center at 29 N. Hamilton Street in Poughkeepsie. The program provides caring mentoring in a safe and supportive space and gives teens access to a variety of activities and enrichment, including tutoring services, athletics, music and art programs, nutrition and cooking instruction, community service opportunities, CPR training, entrepreneurial workshops, field trips, and more. TRAC also provides violence prevention and life skills workshops to develop resiliency and offers opportunities for leadership and youth voice. In addition, Youth Outreach Workers mentor the highest risk youth and implement risk reduction plans to address teen violence and provide resources and other social services.

Local KeyBank leaders toured the center and spoke with students about their personal journeys, career aspirations, and the value of having caring adults in their lives. "I never miss an opportunity to spend time with the youth in our community, because they are our future," said KeyBank Area Retail Leader, Irene Paul Provenzano. In addition to her bank leadership role, Provenzano serves as chair of Key's African American employee resource group and leads many of the bank's local Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion outreach initiatives. "I came today because I know my presence can be impactful to these

teens. Representation matters, and it's important for kids to see people who look like them in leadership roles."

KeyBank Red Hook Branch Manager Anthony Guzzo spoke to the students about his career journey. "I started at community college and worked all through school to pay for my education and achieve my goals." He encouraged the students to pursue their own career dreams and take advantage of the resources that the TRAC program offers them.

Rita McPeck, KeyBank Business Banking Senior Service Officer had a personal connection to teen center. "I went to high school in this very building and it's wonderful to see the good things happening here," she said. "I emphasized to the students how valuable it is to have counselors who care about them and their well-being, especially those who had gone through the program themselves and came back to be mentors, as a number of the counselors have."

KeyBank has been a long-time supporter of Family Services and the clients it serves. Leah Feldman CEO of Family Services said, "We are so grateful for KeyBank's steadfast commitment to the youth in our community. Their generous support enables us to continue our vital work at the Teen Resource Activity Center (TRAC), where we nurture not only young minds but also the hopes and dreams of the next generation. Together, we are creating a brighter future for Poughkeepsie's youth, ensuring everyone has the right to thrive."

KeyBank Foundation's grant is part of its philanthropic efforts targeted toward education, workforce development, and safe, vital neighborhoods. In 2022, KeyBank Foundation donated more than \$1.1 million in charitable grants to nonprofit organizations supporting low- and moderate-income populations and communities throughout Key's Hudson Valley and Metro New York market.

Learn about the Lenape Native Americans at Mount Gulian Historic Site on November 4

A talk about the local history of the Lenape Native Americans, the first inhabitants of the region, will be held on November 4 at 1 p.m. at Mount Gulian Historic Site in Beacon.

For more than 12,000 years, the ancestors of the Lenape culture lived and thrived in Lenapehoking, the land of the Lenape, which included the Hudson Valley. Local tribes such as the Wappinger, Esopus and Tappan encountered Henry Hudson along the Mahicanituck in 1609, changing things dramatically forever.

Mount Gulian property was identified as the site of temporary Lenape encampments, and was also the site of the Rombout Patent of 1683, the Indian Deed selling much of Dutchess County to colonial settlers. Interaction with the Europeans forced the Lenape to develop

survival strategies, resulting in a remnant leaving the area to live elsewhere.

The talk, given by Harvey Hilowitz, Contributing Scholar for the Maritime Museum in Kingston, will focus on Lenape life-ways before the contact period and delve into the Lenape diaspora, and current renaissance and return to the area.

Reservations are preferred but walk-in will be accommodated if space allows. Light refreshments will be served. Admission: \$12/adults; \$10/seniors; \$5 children (5-15 years).

Mount Gulian members are free; membership is open to the public. To make a reservation call 845-831-8172 or email info@mountgulian.org. Payment may be made the day of the event.

This event is sponsored by the Hudson River Valley National Heritage area.

Costumes, fun highlight annual Halloween Parade in the Village of Fishkill



The Village of Fishkill held its annual Halloween Parade on Main St. in the village on October 22. A fire truck from the Village of Fishkill Fire Department, and a police patrol car from the Village of Fishkill Police Department, led off the parade. Parade participants dressed in a variety of costumes. Village of Fishkill Mayor Kathy Martin waves to paradesgoers.

-Photos by Kristine Coulter

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.

Craft Fair set for Nov. 4 at St. Columba

Altar Rosary Society's 50th Holiday Craft Fair set for St. Columba School Hall, Route 82, East Fishkill on November 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be more than 50 tables of handcrafted items. There will be numerous raffles, baked goods table and more,

Citizens Preparedness Training Nov. 1 in Beacon

Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response and the Beacon Lions Club invites community members to a Citizens Preparedness Training on November 1 at the Veterans Memorial Building, 413 Main

St., in Beacon. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the program begins at 7 p.m.

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Obituaries

Pete (Brian Peter) Dowd



WAPPINGERS FALLS - Pete (Brian Peter) Dowd crossed over the Rainbow Bridge holding the hand of his wife of 49 years Ginny (Virginia Marie) Perre-Dowd at VBMH on October 5, 2023. Born in Brooklyn, NY on March 23, 1937 to Francis Patrick Dowd and Nona Veronica Dowd (née O'Brien), Pete joined and was honorably discharged from the USMC as Lance Corporal, specializing in radio technology. He relocated to Poughkeepsie in the IBM migration wave of 1960, and moved to the Village of Wappingers where he resided since his marriage on December 16, 1973.

He was a great lover of classical music, jazz, poetry, philosophy, fig newtons and theatre (an actor on and volunteer with Wappingers Falls County Players). He was

a member of The Toastmasters' Club; a volunteer of Friends of Seniors and Big Brothers Big Sisters Association. He will be remembered for his wit and peculiar sense of humor. He enjoyed hiking and wandering trails, seeking community theaters in his travels, and loved to toast the sunsets on Cape Cod.

In addition to his beloved wife, Ginny, to whom he is eternally indebted for constructing this obituary, Pete is survived by their daughter Alicia (Seashell) Renée Perre-Dowd, (Jean-Philippe Lemieux) ~ son Michael Brian Dowd, (Connie Barlow), Michael's children Sheena Aileen Stevens, Shane Michael Dowd (Daniella), Miriam Joy Dowd-Eller, (Trevor) - grandchildren Ayela Renee, and Anjali Sirona; daughter Kathleen (Pidgey) Patricia Newbold (Patrick), their children Taryn Patrice Gordon (Jeffrey), Kyle Evan (Jessica), and Sean Christopher - grandchildren Hailey Ginny and Madison Patrice; son Kevin Joseph Dowd (Karen), their children Hannah Rene and Christopher Joseph; and son Shawn Patrick Dowd. A warm hearted thanks to Pete's first wife, Barbara Plotner, who is largely responsible for the wonderful human beings mentioned above in this paragraph.

Pete is also survived by his sister Margaret Agnes Dunleavy (Barry), their children and grandson, his sister-in-law and brother-in-law Louise and John Blakley, their children and grandchildren. Also surviving are several cousins, nephews, his closest lifelong friend Edward Ganz (Maureen Wing), and his grand orange friend, Cream Puff, who misses him dearly but can't resist being delighted to have his whole half of the bed.

Our special gratitude is extended to those who aided in Pete's care in his final months ~ Tavia Grant, and from Hudson Valley Hospice, Gizelle.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Brian (Pete) Dowd to Hudson Valley Hospice of Poughkeepsie, 374 Violet Avenue, Poughkeepsie NY 12601.

Graveside services were held at Wappingers Rural Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were under the care of the Delehanty Funeral Home, Wappingers Falls, NY www.delehantyfuneral.com.

Hochul makes solidarity visit to Israel



Governor Kathy Hochul continued her solidarity mission in Israel on October 19. During day two of her trip, the Governor visited the Western Wall and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the Old City of Jerusalem, visited Shaarei Tzedek Hospital, toured the HQ for United Hatzalah, met with President Isaac Herzog and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and toured Kfar Aza kibbutz. Governor Hochul also delivered remarks to a gathering organized by the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations.

Hochul learned that her father, John Courtney, died during the second day of her trip.

-Courtesy photo

Giovanna Battista



WAPPINGERS FALLS - Giovanna Battista, 92, an area resident since 1996 and formerly of Mount Vernon, died on October 17, 2023 at The Grand at Pawling following a long illness.

Born in Casalciprano, Italy on August 19, 1931, she was the daughter of Giuseppe and Maria Assunta (DeLuca) Colitto. Giovanna was a talented seamstress who worked in Mount Vernon. She enjoyed baking and cooking. She never drove a car, and her family remembers her walking home each day with four bags of groceries in her hands. Another fond memory was when she took her children to see Santa Claus each year at the Cross County Mall in Yonkers.

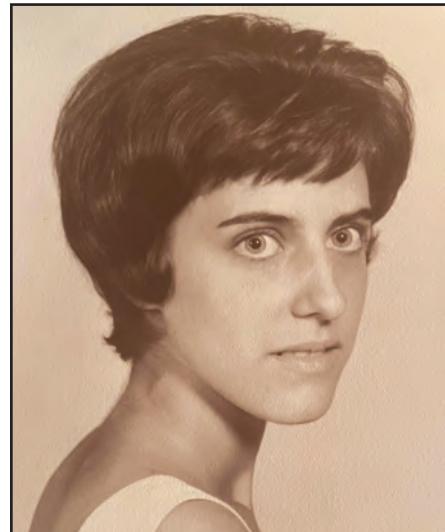
Giovanna is survived by her husband of 67 years, Donato Battista; her children

and their spouses, Gerald Battista, Lucio and Elizabeth Battista, Joseph and Carol Battista, and Maria Russo; her grandchildren, Danny Lagana, Kim Lagana, Lucio and Katy Julia Battista and Giuseppe Russo; her great-granddaughter, Rosalina Maria; and her siblings, Michael Colitto and Teresa Petrucci. In addition to her parents, she was also predeceased by her sister, Nicolina Lombardi.

Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Columba Church, 835 Route 82, Hopewell Junction followed by interment in St. Denis Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Sandra Lee Ritter Hall



Sandra Lee Ritter Hall passed away peacefully at the age of 76 with her family at their ranch in Austin, Texas on October 14, 2023 after a 30+ year battle with bipolar disorder and almost two years of fighting non-Hodgkin lymphoma. Sandra was born on September 13, 1947 to Joseph Ritter and Margaret Pearce in Beacon, New York. She was the first of three including her brother Robert Ritter and sister Lesley Aron-Bayof.

Her mother abandoned the family when Sandra was nine years old leaving her as a young matriarch. She was raised by her grandparents, Jacob and Sara Ritter, founders of the Beacon Hebrew Alliance (<https://www.beaconhebrewalliance.org>), and went on to live in Phoenix, Arizona where she met her husband, Sigourney Hall.

As an Air Force wife, Sandra moved duti-

fully from base to base taking care of the family while volunteering for local charities. Sandra completed her undergraduate degree at Louisiana State University and achieved her Masters of Psychology at St. Mary's University. She dedicated her life to helping others first working as a therapist at a battered women's shelter. She went on to Lutheran Social Services where she pioneered the practice of open adoption, facilitating communications between birthmothers and their child's adoptive parents. Sandra also served in the Civil Service and later finished her career at Long Island University (LIU Post) as an academic and career counselor.

Sandra is survived by her brother and sister, son Dennis Hall (Annaleise), grandchildren, Ella Hall, Ian Hall, Rebecca Kight and two great grandchildren. Services will be held on Saturday, October 28th in Beacon, New York. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the National Alliance on Mental Illness at www.nami.com in her memory.

Viscount Wines and Liquor begins 'V4V' program to benefit DAV

Viscount Wines and Liquor in the Town of Wappinger has initiated a "Veterans for Veterans" (V4V) program to give veterans the opportunity to "pay it forward" to other veterans.

The program allows all military (active, reserve, guard, veteran and retired) the option of receiving their well-deserved discount, or the option of donating it to the local Disabled American Veterans (DAV) chapter 144, run by John Masselli and his dedicated staff.

"We have raised approximately \$3,000 in under six months, and plan to present a check to the local DAV chapter at our Paint and Sip event being held on the Oct. 29 at the Lomola Civic Center," said Sean Landolt.

Landolt's wife, Rachel, will be the artist

donating her time to lead the event to benefit the DAV chapter. Sean noted that "When we were stationed in Thailand, she started a successful business where she would host adult and children parties, which were always a huge success. We thought doing a fundraising event to add to the money V4V has raised for the DAV would be just as successful. We were right. The class filled up almost instantly and we will have raised another \$1,000."

Landolt added, "As a retired Air Force veteran, it means a lot for me to come home to where I grew up and make positive changes. I hope perhaps our V4V program will catch on and perhaps other businesses will adopt similar programs which can help to serve any number of communities."

TINTYPES AT WILDERSTEIN NOV. 4

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by mark adams

Our favorite farmer

DPW Farm Bureau honors Elizabeth Ryan as 'Favorite Farmer of the Year.'

She was born in Wyoming. But that's not the only reason Elizabeth Ryan was chosen as "Favorite Farmer of the Year" at the Dutchess/Putnam/Westchester Farm Bureau annual meeting.

Elizabeth Ryan owns six farms in the Hudson Valley, soon to be eight, including Breezy Hill Orchard in Dutchess County, home to 50 varieties of apples, pears, peaches, plums and nectarines. Elizabeth comes from a long line of farmers that skipped a generation. Growing up, she couldn't wait to get back on the land. While pursuing a degree in pomology at Cornell University, she took a class on agriculture policy, leading to a two-year detour as an activist in Washington, D.C. But Elizabeth soon realized that the truest form of activism was to become a farmer, instead of just talking about it.

Now she does both, and it is her work in public policy that cinched her favorite farmer award, specifically a meeting that she hosted at her orchard in Stone Ridge featuring a discussion with congressmen Pat Ryan and Marcus Molinaro about the upcoming farm bill.

Elizabeth is a founding member of the

Union Square Farmer's Market and a pioneer in the hard cider industry. Her orchards maintain a long-standing commitment to sustainable agriculture and local green economies.

Farm Bureau is a member-supported organization with a mission to serve and strengthen agriculture. At our annual meeting we discussed current issues including:

- Farm distilleries should be allowed to ship spirits (vodka, whiskey) through the mail, as wine is allowed to be shipped.
- Farm Bureau supports the "Strengthening Local Processing Act," a proposed federal law that will build greater capacity among independent meat processors (slaughterhouses) to meet the demand for locally grown beef and pork.

- Reduce the taxes for locally grown marijuana. The 35% tax (including sales tax) makes it almost impossible for small local growers to compete with big corporations and unlicensed backyard gardeners.

- Overhaul the payment system that farmers markets use to redeem SNAP and FMNP coupons. Local farmers wait

months to claim the money from products they have worked hard to grow and sell.

Both of the candidates for Dutchess County Executive attended our annual meeting, just two weeks ahead of the November 7 Election Day. As expected, both Sue Serino and Tommy Zurhellen professed their love for family farms and their commitment to local agriculture, and I have no reason to doubt their sincerity.

Farm Bureau has policy calling for a working relationship with Cornell Cooperative Extension in support of maintaining a viable food and agricultural industry in New York. To help achieve this goal, we are hoping for support from the Dutchess County budget, especially for 4H. The county's Division of Youth Services administers funds for the N.Y. Office of Children and Family Services. Young people throughout the county are in need of support.

Are you listening, Sue and Tommy?

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



Elizabeth Ryan with local Farm Bureau President Isaac Coon.
-Photo by Diane Lee

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REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-69-23

Sign Shop Materials
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 16th day of November 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 a dditional information, call 845-486-3613.

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Electric Transit Bus Infrastructure Study for Dutchess County
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EXTENDING LOCAL ORDERS 1,2&3 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 5/2023

EXTENSION TO DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDERS DECLARED BY DUTCHESS COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Please take notice that on October 20, 2023 at 12:00 am., pursuant to Article 2B of the New York State Executive Law, Article III of the Dutchess County Charter and Administrative Code Section 3.05, Acting Dutchess County

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Executive William F. X. O'Neil extended Local Emergency Order #1, Local Emergency Order #2, and Local Emergency Order #3 in furtherance of Executive Order No. 5 of 2023, dated May 18, 2023. The text of the declaration of state of emergency and local emergency orders is available at www.dutchessny.gov.

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of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. A Walkthrough is scheduled for 9:00am Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at Emergency Response Center, 392 Creek Rd., Poughkeepsie. All parties interested in bidding must apprise themselves of the site conditions immediately prior to bidding. Questions will be accepted by the close of business November 9, 2023 and emailed to Diane McKenna at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov and cc'd dmckenna@dutchessny.gov

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DUTCHESS COUNTY EARLY VOTING FOR THE 2023 GENERAL ELECTION LEGAL NOTICE

POLLS ARE OPEN FOR EARLY VOTING AS FOLLOWS:

Saturday, October 28:	9AM – 5PM
Sunday, October 29:	9AM – 5PM
Monday, October 30:	Noon – 8PM
Tuesday, October 31:	8AM – 4PM
Wednesday, November 1:	9AM – 5PM
Thursday, November 2:	Noon – 8PM
Friday, November 3:	9AM – 5PM
Saturday, November 4:	9AM – 5PM
Sunday, November 5:	9AM – 5PM

At any of the following locations:

Mid-Hudson Library Auditorium, 105 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12601
Boardman Road Library, 141 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12603
Rhinebeck Town Hall, 80 East Market Street, Rhinebeck, NY, 12572
Wappingers Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, NY, 12590
Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524
Cornell Cooperative Center, 2715 US-44, Millbrook, NY 12545
Board of Elections Training Facility, 4280 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY 12538

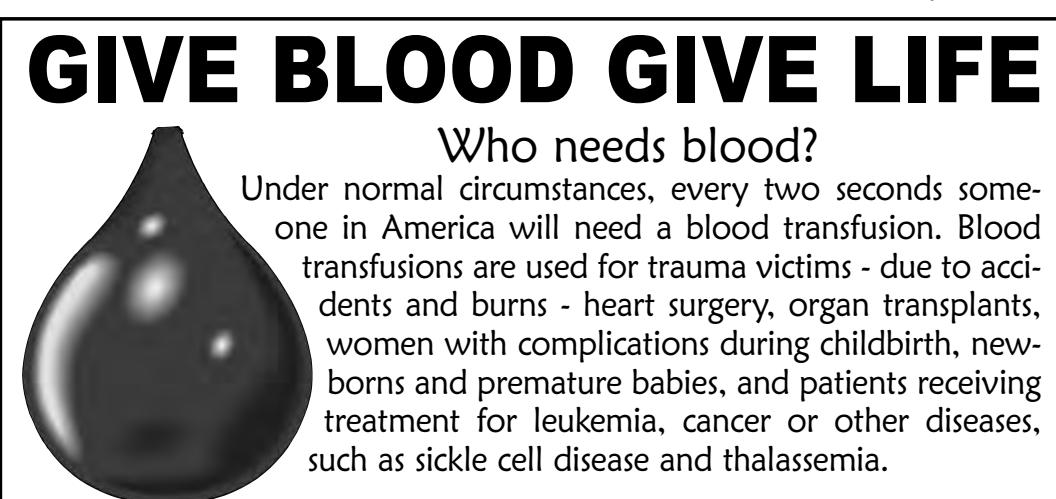
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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-120 of the New York State Election Law, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be a General Election held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 in Dutchess County. The polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	We, Erik J. Haight and Hannah R. Black, Commissioners of Elections for the County of Dutchess, State of New York, do hereby certify the following offices and propositions that may be lawfully voted for in the said election.	The offices and propositions to be voted on are listed below:	(1)TOWN JUSTICE (2)TOWN BOARD MEMBERS (1)SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS TOWN OF AMENIA (1)TOWN SUPERVISOR (2)TOWN BOARD MEMBERS TOWN OF BEEKMAN (1)TOWN SUPERVISOR (1)TOWN CLERK (2)TOWN JUSTICE (2) TOWN BOARD MEMBER TOWN OF CLINTON (1)TOWN SUPERVISOR (1)TOWN CLERK (1)TOWN JUSTICE (1)SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS (1)TAX COLLECTOR (2)TOWN BOARD MEMBERS TOWN OF DOVER (1)TOWN SUPERVISOR (1)TOWN CLERK (1)TOWN JUSTICE (1)SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS (2)TOWN BOARD MEMBERS (1)TAX COLLECTOR TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL (1)RECEIVER OF TAXES (1)TOWN CLERK (2)TOWN BOARD MEMBERS TOWN OF FISHKILL (1)TOWN SUPERVISOR (2)TOWN JUSTICE (1)SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS (2)TOWN BOARD MEMBERS TOWN OF HYDE PARK (1)TOWN SUPERVISOR (2)TOWN JUSTICE (4) TOWN BOARD MEMBERS TOWN OF LAGRANGE (1)TOWN CLERK (1)TOWN JUSTICE (1)RECEIVER OF TAXES (2)TOWN BOARD MEMBERS TOWN OF MILAN (1)TOWN SUPERVISOR (1)SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS (2)TOWN BOARD MEMBER (2) TOWN ASSESSOR TOWN OF NORTH EAST (1) TOWN SUPERVISOR (1)TOWN CLERK (1)TOWN JUSTICE (2)TOWN BOARD MEMBER (1)TOWN BOARD MEMBER – UNEXPIRED TERM TOWN OF PAWLING (1)TOWN SUPERVISOR (1)TOWN JUSTICE (2)TOWN BOARD MEMBERS VILLAGE OF PAWLING (1)TRUSTEE – UNEXPIRED TERM (1)TRUSTEE – UNEXPIRED TERM TOWN OF PINE PLAINS (1)TOWN SUPERVISOR (1)TOWN CLERK (1)TOWN JUSTICE (1)HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT (2)TOWN BOARD MEMBERS (2) TOWN ASSESSOR TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY (1) TOWN SUPERVISOR (1) TOWN CLERK (1) TOWN JUSTICE (1)SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS (2)TOWN BOARD MEMBERS TOWN OF RED HOOK (1)TOWN SUPERVISOR (2)TOWN JUSTICE (1)SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS (2)TOWN BOARD MEMBERS TOWN OF RHINEBECK (1)TOWN SUPERVISOR (1)TOWN JUSTICE (2)TOWN BOARD MEMBERS (1)SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS TOWN OF STANFORD (1)TOWN SUPERVISOR (1)TOWN CLERK			
					NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND SPECIAL USE PERMIT STAR OF BETHELHEM BAPTIST CHURCH PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Chapter 150, Sections 150-97B. and 150-109 of the Code of the Town of Fishkill, the Town of Fishkill Planning Board (Planning Board) will hold a Combined Public Hearing on Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible in the Francois R. Cross Meeting Room located in the lobby of the Town of Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524 for the proposal known as Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church, located at 37 Lamplight Street, identified as Tax Map Parcel No. 5955-04-768471, consisting of 2.1 acres in the RB (Restricted Business) Zoning District for the following approvals: * Site Development Plan Approval and Special Use Permit Approval (Town Code Chapter 150, Sections 150-97B. and 150-109) to utilize the existing building located at 37 Lamplight Street for a house of worship to assemble, congregate and offer biblical studies. Worship services shall take place weekly on Sunday mornings, occasional bible study sessions shall take place mid-week, and there are no plans to alter or change the existing building footprint. All interested persons will be heard by the Planning Board of the Town of Fishkill at the public hearing to be held as aforesaid. For any persons unable to attend the public hearing, email comments may be submitted in advance to d c o l o n n a @ fishkill-ny.gov. BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FISHKILL, NEW YORK Debbie Colonna, Planning Board Secretary	



Dance and Theater Arts sets grand opening in Red Hook



Dance and Theatre Arts in Red Hook offers classes for adults of all levels and abilities. The grand opening event is set from 11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28.

-Courtesy photo

Dance and Theater Arts of Red Hook will officially open its doors with a day of class demonstrations followed by a showcase at the studio located in Hardscrabble Plaza at 7270 South Broadway.

The Adult Program For Body Mind and Spirit grand opening and open house will run from 11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on October 28.

Under the direction of former Broadway performer/director/choreographer and master teacher Mary Rotella, the studio offers classes for adults of all levels and abilities.

Students range in ages from mid-20s to 92. "It is a joyous, inclusive and safe environment in which to learn, make new friends and enjoy all that the arts offer,"

said Rotella. "Come experience the variety of offerings and celebrate the dance and theater arts in the Hudson Valley."

She added "Most importantly, we focus on adults. There are so many opportunities for youth to explore the performing arts, but adults and seniors are often forgotten or must resort to taking beginning classes for teens and adults. This can be intimidating and can cause injury if the level leans toward teen ability. Dance and Theater Arts is all about you - the adult dancer, actor and singer."

All the instructors are professionals with degrees, certifications in their fields and all have performance experience.

Rhinebeck Bank, Betsy Jacaruso Gallery partner to support Grace Smith's Clothesline Project

Rhinebeck Bank and the Betsy Jacaruso Gallery are partnering in support of Grace Smith House's 2023 Clothesline Project, a powerful visual display of t-shirts decorated by survivors of domestic violence or their loved ones.

A nationwide movement, The Clothesline Project aims to increase awareness about domestic and sexual violence, something particularly impactful during October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. For 42 years, Grace Smith House has provided victims of domestic violence with several critical services, including crisis intervention and information, 24/7 emergency shelter, transitional housing, counseling, support groups and much more.

Grace Smith House will host a Clothesline Project exhibition at the Betsy Jacaruso Gallery, Rhinebeck Courtyard, 43 East Market Street #2, Rhinebeck, from October 20th – 22nd with an opening reception and donation collection on Saturday, October 21st, 5-7 p.m. Rhinebeck Bank will continue to collect monetary donations (cash or check) and personal hygiene products in support of Grace Smith House between Monday,

October 23rd and Friday, November 3rd at its 6414 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck branch. (Please visit Grace Smith House's website at <https://www.gracesmithhouse.org/how-to-help/donate-items.html> for a comprehensive list of items they need for their in-house pantry.)

"We're so grateful to have this opportunity to support our friends at Grace Smith House," said Sharon Whiteley, assistant vice president and branch manager at the Bank's Rhinebeck location and Grace Smith House board member. "The Clothesline Project is a truly powerful display – one that helps those impacted in their healing process, while also educating and making our community more aware of the prevalence of domestic and sexual violence problems happening around us."

For details regarding donations to Grace Smith House, please see Sharon Whiteley at the Bank's Rhinebeck branch during regular business hours. Additional information about the Clothesline Project is available on the Grace Smith House website at <https://www.gracesmithhouse.org/news-events/clothesline-project.html>.

Skyllkill presents 'Unlock Secrets to Matching Stitches and Threads' November 1

"Unlock Secrets to Matching Stitches and Threads" on November 1, at the Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, 1168 Rte. 55, Lagrangeville. Skyllkill, a local chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America, presents Ellen Johnson via a Zoom program on confidently matching embroidery stitches with threads. Ellen does blogs and teaches online classes in different aspects of needlework, most notably canvas work.

She will discuss options in choosing threads and stitches to best enhance your work. This program begins at 12:30 p.m.

Join other needleworkers for fun and learning beginning at 10 a.m. (bring your own morning project and a bag lunch) or, come for this program only beginning at 12:30. For more information visit www.facebook.com/SkyllkillEGA or email to EGASkyllkill@gmail.com.

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