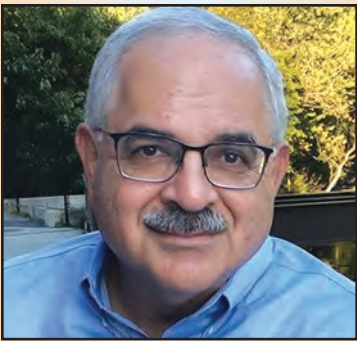


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Kyriacou running unopposed for mayor



Lee Kyriacou

-Courtesy photo

Compiled by Kristine Coulter

Current mayor of the City of Beacon, Lee Kyriacou is running unopposed in this November election. He will be on the Democratic line. Polls open on November 7 at 6 a.m. and close at 9 p.m.

The following questions were sent to Kyriacou. His responses are below.

Lee Kyriacou

1. Why have you decided to run again for mayor?

I have been honored to serve our city across four decades — as city councilman for 18 years starting back in the 90s, and now as Mayor for the last four years. Beacon has made this amazing turnaround over those decades, and much has been accomplished in my first four years as Mayor. But there is more to do. We need to finish the firehouse renovation, continue with our large investments in water, sewer, sidewalk and road infrastructure, manage our growth, and improve our quality of life — while keeping property tax increases to a minimum. I am especially proud of negotiating our new sales tax sharing agreement with the county, which provides millions in sales tax funding for important investments, and relieves pressure on property taxes. So, I humbly ask for the support of the community for another four years, and hope as Mayor I can lead Beacon to an even stronger claim of being a jewel of the Hudson Valley.

2. Why should people participate in the upcoming election?

Local involvement and voting are where we can all make a difference. There are important races for city, county and judicial seats that affect the city we love in direct ways. Think global, vote local.

3. What do you think it says that no one is running against you?

Well, I certainly can't speak for those who might have thought about running. What I hope being unopposed says, is that Beacon residents think the city is in good steady hands, that I truly listen to and try to represent everyone in our community, and that I've provided strong but inclusive leadership. I guess my track record in Beacon elections — 11 races, 11 wins — may also have been a little daunting; I have knocked on every single door in our city multiple times. I would of course welcome competition — that's democracy — which makes us stronger and more inclusive.

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Beacon Bonfire Music + Art Festival to bring hundreds of performers, events November 4, 5

By Kristine Coulter

The Beacon Bonfire Music + Art Festival is set for November 4 and November 5 in the city of Beacon. There will be 400+ performers, 140+ concerts, shows, installations and experiences, 25+ indoor and outdoor venues, plus 7 campfires along and around Beacon's Main St. The festivities begin at noon on Saturday and go on until 10 p.m. Then on Sunday, the hours are noon until sundown.

This year, on Saturday at 8 a.m., there will be the inaugural Beacon Bonfire Fireball 10K Trail Race, which will start at the foot of Mt Beacon and go up to its peak at the fire tower. Participants will take the scenic route past the reservoir and falls, said organizers. To sign up for the race, visit www.beaconbonfire.com.

"The festival is about getting lost and discovering a surprising, unique and lively cultural experience. There's something for everyone, everywhere at all times with this festival. Be curious and explore. It's an opportunity to discover different genres of music, performance arts, workshops, and interactive camps," said Christian Campbell, who is an organizer of the event. "We encourage everyone to 'find your own festival.' This festival is so big there is no way you can see everything. Be adventurous."

So, how did the idea for this festival come about? Well, it was during "the COVID troubles," said Campbell.

Campbell explained via email that he, his wife America, along with Tim Parsaca and Kelly Ellenwood invited a small group of people to a secret location to sit around a campfire in the snow under a full moon.

"It was the safest way we knew at that time for getting people together. Each



The Beacon Bonfire Music + Art Festival is set for November 4 and November 5 in the city of Beacon. Pictured is aerialist Amanda Janec and Ron English from 2022's Beacon Bonfire.

-Photo courtesy of Beacon Bonfire

gathering after that grew until it became clear we were at a crossroads," according to Campbell.

He said, "We learned a lot last year and the artists and community now understand what we are aiming to achieve. Beacon has been incredible in helping

make this happen. We have big plans."

"Festival attendees can expect a vibrant and diverse celebration of art, music, and

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Legislature candidates respond on issues

Compiled by Curtis Schmidt

Dutchess County Legislature candidates are up for election in the 25 districts in the Nov. 7 elections.

Candidates were asked the following questions: (1) List your qualifications as they apply to this position in the legislature. (2) What do you see as the key issues in your district and the county in general?

Candidate responses are given per the areas covered by the Beacon Free Press.

(Responses from incumbents are given first. With two new candidates, alphabetical order is followed.)

District 16 – Fishkill and City of Beacon

Incumbent Democrat Yvette Valdés Smith

Background/qualifications - My husband and I raise our two young sons in

our beautiful community and send them to our public schools. As a former public school teacher and proud union member (NYSUT), I know that hard work and everyday values are worth fighting for. As an educator, I never lose focus on finding solutions and delivering results for our community. I believe that our government should be more inclusive and diverse. And after years of volunteerism and advocacy in our local community, with the support of family and friends, I decided to run for office and was given the honor of a lifetime to serve the people of Fishkill and Beacon as their Dutchess County Legislator (District 16). I am also the Minority Leader of our Democratic Caucus, and I am proud to serve and ready to lead us all to a brighter future.

I've dedicated my life to public service — whether it be teaching students

in the classroom, mentoring fellow colleagues and educators, volunteering to help struggling families, or advocating for local Hudson Valley community initiatives.

I have seen first-hand what concerned citizens can accomplish for one another. Seeing families, friends, veterans, and neighbors struggle throughout the pandemic and record inflation has been an inspiration to help us all do better. But it also showed how much we all care and believe in this beautiful community.

Key issues in your district/county - I believe we must focus on affordability in our area. We are seeing far too many seniors unable to afford to stay in their homes, or our young people able to afford

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Races in local municipalities

The following are races in local municipalities.

EAST FISHKILL
State Supreme Court Justice (vote for 4)
Francesca E. Connolly, Democratic, Conservative
Charley Wood, Democratic, Conservative
Rolf. M. Thorsen, Democratic, Conservative
Larry J. Schwartz, Democratic, Conservative
John A. Sarcone, III, Republican
Karen A. Ostberg, Republican
Susan M. Sullivan-Bisceglia, Republican
John Ciampoli, Republican
County Clerk
Kenya Gadsden, Democratic, Working Families
Bradford Kendall, Republican, Conservative
District Attorney
Anthony Parisi, Democratic, Working Families
Matthew A. Weishaupt, Republican, Conservative
Family Court Judge
James Rogers, Democratic, Working Families
Joseph A. Egitto, Republican, Conservative
County Executive
Tommy Zurhellen, Democratic, Working Families
Susan J. Serino, Republican, Conservative
Town Clerk
Peter Cassidy, Republican, Conservative
Receiver of Taxes
Ann Goldsmith, Republican, Unified East Fishkill
Members of Town Board:
Cynthia McCallion-Mas, Democratic
Craig Arco, Republican, Conservative
Marianne B. Flores, Republican, Conservative

FISHKILL
State Supreme Court Justice (vote for 4)
Francesca E. Connolly, Democratic, Conservative
Charley Wood, Democratic, Conservative
Rolf. M. Thorsen, Democratic, Conservative
Larry J. Schwartz, Democratic, Conservative
John A. Sarcone, III, Republican
Karen A. Ostberg, Republican
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John Ciampoli, Republican
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James Rogers, Democratic, Working Families
Joseph A. Egitto, Republican, Conservative
County Executive
Tommy Zurhellen, Democratic, Working Families
Susan J. Serino, Republican, Conservative
Town Justice
Jacqueline Bardini, Democratic, United Fishkill
William Laham, Democratic, United Fishkill
Raymond P. Raiche, Republican, Conservative, Working Families
Theoni S. Salotto, Republican, Conservative, Working Families
Superintendent of Highways
Carmine Istvan, Republican, Conservative
Supervisor
Ozzy Albra, Democratic, United Fishkill

John Forman, Republican, Conservative
Member of Town Board
Don Przytula, Democratic, United Fishkill
Gregory Totino, Democratic, United Fishkill
Brian C. Wrye (Incumbent), Republican, Conservative
Douglas M. DelliPaoli, Republican, Conservative

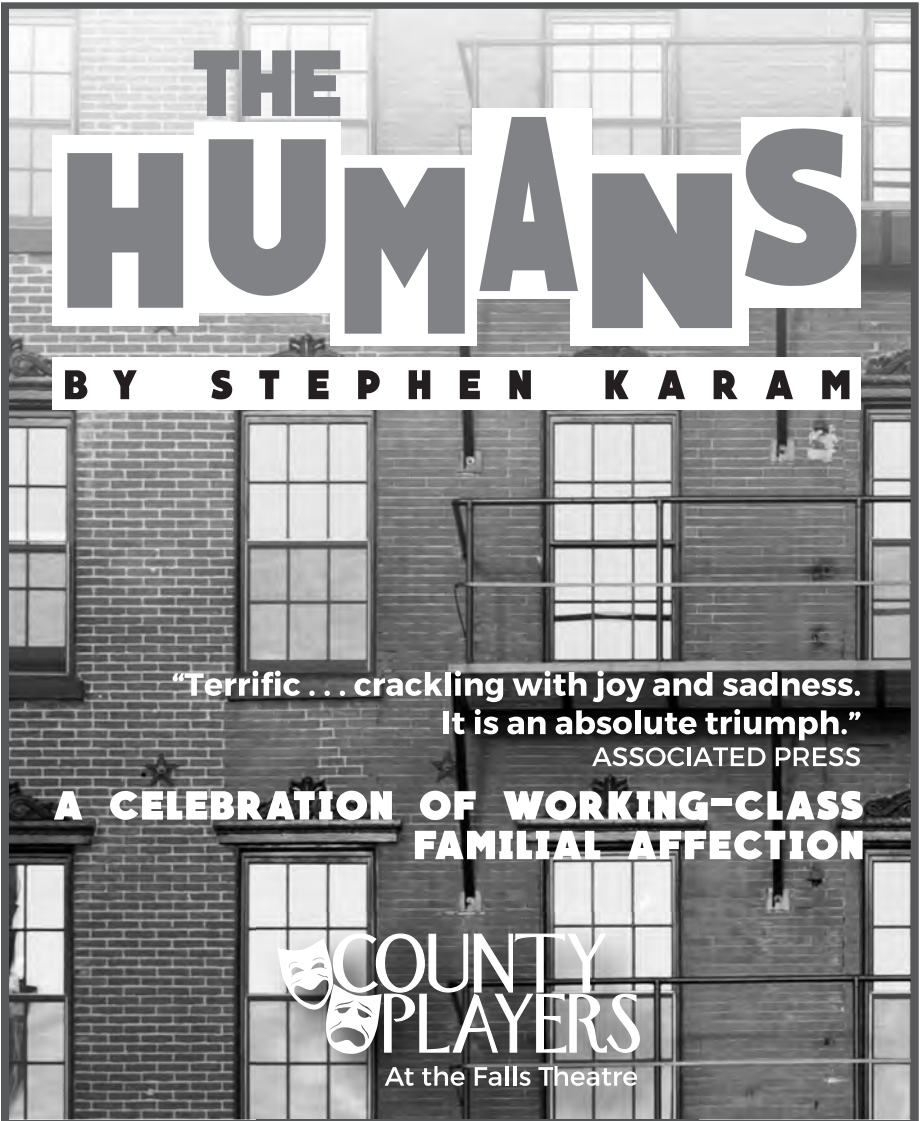
WAPPINGER
State Supreme Court Justice (vote for 4)
Francesca E. Connolly, Democratic, Conservative
Charley Wood, Democratic, Conservative
Rolf. M. Thorsen, Democratic, Conservative
Larry J. Schwartz, Democratic, Conservative
John A. Sarcone, III, Republican
Karen A. Ostberg, Republican
Susan M. Sullivan-Bisceglia, Republican
John Ciampoli, Republican
County Clerk
Kenya Gadsden, Democratic, Working Families
Bradford Kendall, Republican, Conservative
District Attorney
Anthony Parisi, Democratic, Working Families
Matthew A. Weishaupt, Republican, Conservative
Family Court Judge
James Rogers, Democratic, Working Families
Joseph A. Egitto, Republican, Conservative
County Executive
Tommy Zurhellen, Democratic, Working Families
Susan J. Serino, Republican, Conservative
Town Clerk
Joseph Paoloni (Incumbent), Democratic
Town Justice
Nicholas Maselli, Jr., Republican, Conservative
Town Supervisor
Robin Licari, Democratic, Working Families
Joseph D. Cavaccini, Republican
Highway Superintendent
Michael Sheehan, Democratic, Republican
Councilmember Ward 1
Dino Alexander, Democratic, Working Families
William H. Beale (Incumbent), Republican, Conservative
Ward 2
Heather O'Dell, Democratic, Working Families
Angela Bettina (Incumbent), Republican, Conservative
Ward 3
Christopher Phillips (Incumbent), Republican
Ward 4
Linda Kleinhenz, Democratic
Alfred J. Casella (Incumbent), Republican, Common Ground

CITY OF BEACON
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County Executive
Tommy Zurhellen, Democratic, Working Families

Susan J. Serino, Republican, Conservative
Mayor
Lee Kyriacou, Democratic
Councilmember At Large
Pamela Wetherbee, Democratic
Paloma Wake, Democratic, Working Families
Councilmember Ward 1
Molly Rhodes (Incumbent), Democratic
Ward 2
Jeffrey Domanski, Democratic
Ward 3
Wren Longno (Incumbent), Democratic
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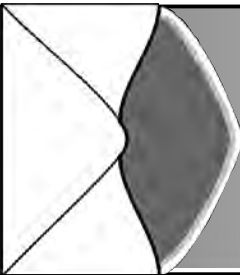
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Parisi will make an ‘outstanding’ D.A.

To the Editor:

I am writing to convey my enthusiastic support for Anthony Parisi, who will be an outstanding District Attorney! He is deserving of the support of ALL voters, regardless of party.

Anthony knows Dutchess County and what our community needs as he’s lived here for his entire life, growing up in Millbrook and currently serving as the District Attorney’s Major Crimes Bureau Chief and as a Senior Assistant District Attorney before that. Collectively, Anthony has served in the District Attorney’s office for twenty-five years and, as an experienced prosecutor, he is committed to pursuing justice for victims, keeping our communities safe and working for a fairer criminal justice system. I know this about Anthony as I worked under his supervision in the District Attorney’s Office.

I was an Assistant District Attorney for four years and during my time there, Anthony provided me with vital training and support. I was also able to witness firsthand his leadership and unwavering commitment to public service. I know he will serve the people of Dutchess County with great distinction and integrity. Our community would be lucky to have someone with Anthony’s prosecutorial experience AND motivation to improve our justice system serving as our county’s top law enforcement official.

Voting is a privilege we enjoy in our democratic society. I urge all registered voters of Dutchess County to vote and elect Anthony Parisi as our new District Attorney.

Erin J. Ginty, Esq.
Rhinebeck

Serino’s passion is to help her community

To the Editor:

While in college, I had the unique opportunity to intern for then (NYS) Senator Sue Serino, and it was an experience that had an incredible impact on me professionally and personally.

It was evident that Sue Serino’s passion for public service came from her desire to help her community. Whether that was helping a resident with their inaccurate Central Hudson bill, fighting for better resources for veterans, or checking in daily with seniors, Sue made sure that her office was there for whatever our community needed.

As Dutchess County Executive, I know that Sue will bring that same passion that I witnessed in her Senate Office because she truly does care. She listens to the needs of our community and is willing to do whatever she can to deliver results that make a positive change and impact.

More importantly, as a young person looking to plant my own roots in Dutchess County, I trust Sue Serino to make decisions that will make it affordable for me to do so. I trust her to bring new opportunities here that will allow all of us to succeed. And I trust her to always think of our community’s best interests when taking any kind of action.

I hope you will join me in supporting Sue Serino this Election Day, because she truly does listen, care, and lead.

Stella Capparelli
Wappingers Falls

Parisi ‘deserves support’ to become D.A.

To the Editor:

Dutchess County will elect a new District Attorney in November. Anthony Parisi is the clear choice to assume this vital position as our County’s chief law enforcement officer.

Justice Robert Jackson spoke about the qualifications of District Attorney when he said, “The qualities of a good prosecutor are as elusive and as impossible to define as those which mark a gentleman. And those who need to be told would not understand it anyway. A sensitiveness to fair play and sportsmanship is perhaps the best protection against the abuse of power, and the citizen’s safety lies in the prosecutor who tempers zeal with human kindness, who seeks truth and not victims, who serves the law and not factional purposes, and who approaches his task with humility.”

As an experienced prosecutor and committed public servant for a quarter of a century, Anthony Parisi has demonstrated his commitment to the above ideals. He is very deserving of the support of all Dutchess County voters.

I unequivocally endorse Anthony Parisi for Dutchess County District Attorney.

The Honorable Katherine A. Moloney (Retired)
City of Poughkeepsie Courts

Parisi ‘best choice’ for D.A.

To the Editor:

On November 7th, Dutchess County voters will elect a new District Attorney due to an upcoming retirement. The position of District Attorney is of great importance as the chief law enforcement officer in our County prosecuting all crimes including the most serious felonies. It is critical that the District Attorney be experienced, non-partisan and ethical. Thankfully, Anthony Parisi seeks this very important position!

Anthony’s experience as a Major Crimes Bureau Chief with over 25 years as a prosecutor makes him the best choice for District Attorney. He has dedicated his career to fighting gun violence and preventing crime before it happens through intelligence-led policing and prosecution.

Regardless of your political affiliation, it’s easy to see that Anthony Parisi is the best choice for District Attorney.

Patricia Mensler
Poughkeepsie

Keep Kendall as Dutchess County Clerk

To the Editor:

Everyone knows Brad Kendall.

Mr. Kendall's experience and leadership go unmatched. His government record is impeccable.

Mr. Kendall's leadership was tested to the extreme during COVID-19, and he delivered with flying colors for the residents of Dutchess County.

Re-elect Brad Kendall for Dutchess County Clerk. There is no need to fix what is not broken. Mr. Kendall has earned and deserves another term.

Robert MacAvery
Fishkill

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Beacon Bonfire Music + Art Festival to bring hundreds of performers, events November 4, 5



Bees in the Barn from last year’s Bonfire.
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Beacon Bonfire 2022.
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community. Over 400 artists[will be] participating in 150 concerts, shows, exhibitions, installations, short and feature films and activities across 25 venues on and around Main Street, the event offers a rich tapestry of experiences,” according to Campbell.

Organizers noted this is a walking, biking, public transportation festival. The Beacon Free Loop bus will be running that weekend. One may park at The Metro-North train station in Beacon or at the Municipal Building lot, 1 Municipal Plaza, where City Hall is located.

“The festival offers a diverse array of entertainment, spanning world music, jazz, dance, performance art, mentalism, theater, comedy, drum and percussion, spoken word, folk, rock, indie, electronica, fire dancing, aerialists, ambient, African, traditional Mexican, Americana, funk, Cajun, soul, and blues. This year we’ll also be featuring local filmmakers with a shorts and feature length film program at the Masonic Hall,” Campbell stated.

“When we started the Beacon Bonfire during COVID it was to bring our community together safely during at a time when the world was feeling disconnected. We want to provide the perfect weekend to embrace a more authentic in-person experience with friends and strangers

alike. With its focus on cozy campfires, artistic expression, and community interaction, the festival offers a chance to disconnect from screens and reconnect with the joy of live music, creativity, and shared moments. And s’mores,” he said.

All Access Festival Passes are \$59 for a 2-Day Pass, \$39 for a 1-Day Pass.

Festival Passes grant access to all Bonfire venues and events around Beacon (10K race is an additional cost). There are also color-coded wristbands that may be purchased for single events on Saturday and Sunday.

One may purchase a Festival Pass at BeaconBonfire.com. This is a rain or shine festival with a rain plan in place.

A \$99 Premium Patron Pass is also being offered, which grants access to the Artist & Patron Lounge at the Dutchess Inn & Spa as well as a festival goody bag.

Only want to attend a single venue? You can purchase a wristband at the door of that venue.

Children 12 and under get into venue events for free. Many events are family-friendly (including pets); however, not all venues allow pets and not all events may be appropriate for children, and alcohol may be present at some venues or locations, according to organizers, according to organizers.

“Whether you’re a local or a visitor, you can look forward to an unforgettable, music-filled weekend,” said Campbell.



Brittain Ashford during the 2022 Beacon Bonfire.
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Firedance from Beacon Bonfire in 2022.
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‘An Autumn Evening of Wines and Cheese’ set November 8

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 gbarrack1@gmail.com.

Give Life

Give Blood

Celebrate heart health for women during luncheon Nov. 16 in Hyde Park



A group of attendees and participants during a previous event. This year’s event is set for November 16 at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park.



Penny Schouten



Monique Corcoran

-Courtesy photos

By Kristine Coulter
The Go Red for Women Luncheon is set for November 16, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at The Culinary Institute of America, 1946 Campus Drive, in Hyde Park. For tickets, and more information, go to HudsonValleyGoRed.heart.org.
“The American Heart Association is working to create a Nation of Lifesavers – people who are trained in Hands-Only CPR. Only 70 percent of Americans feel comfortable performing CPR if they see someone suffer sudden cardiac arrest. We all saw that the quick reaction saved Damar Hamlin’s life when he suffered sudden cardiac arrest during the January Buffalo Bills football game. We want everyone to be comfortable starting CPR if necessary, because that doubles or triples the chances of survival,” said Monique Corcoran, Director of

Operations, Nuvance Health, and chair of the 2023 Hudson Valley Go Red for Women Celebration.
The Go Red for Women luncheon are held annually to bring attention to ending heart disease and stroke in women, according to the AHA.
“The Go Red for Women Celebration is an uplifting, heartwarming event that brings women together to change the statistic that cardiovascular disease is the No. 1 killer of women in America,” said Corcoran.
The Festival of Red, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., is when guests may bid on silent auction items, including the popular “Purse-Onalities,” and learn Hands-Only CPR thanks to Laerdal.
“Nuvance Health will be doing blood pressure checks. High blood pressure is known as the silent killer, so knowing if you have a healthy blood pressure can

save your life. We’ll have a Go Red selfie station, and a Tribute Wall where people can honor those they’ve lost to heart disease, or those fighting heart disease. We’ll also have a Survivor Gallery that showcases the people who live with heart disease. And of course, people can enjoy culinary delights from the CIA,” Corcoran remarked.
The program begins at 12:30 p.m.
“We’ll celebrate the Women of Impact, three women who participated in a peer-to-peer fundraising campaign last winter. Karen Turvey, NP, of Nuvance Health, will be our keynote speaker, who will talk about ways women can improve their health. Penny Schouten of Wappingers Falls will share her story of surviving a heart attack. Schouten had symptoms for a week, which were first misdiagnosed as anxiety. We will also acknowledge two Youth Heart Ambassadors from local

schools. Attendees will go away with a deeper understanding of heart disease in women, and how they can live heart-healthy lives,” said Corcoran.
Penny Schouten, a resident of Wappingers Falls, will be the survivor speaker.
“She is a very healthy woman who lived an active lifestyle and ate well. While visiting a friend’s mother in the hospital, a nurse heard her talk about chest pains, and insisted she go to the emergency department. Penny was stunned to learn she’d had a heart attack,” stated Corcoran.
This will be the second year that Corcoran is the chair for the Go Red for Women Celebration.
People should register by November 9 at HudsonValleyGoRed.heart.org or by emailing Janet.Eliopoulos@heart.org.

State legislators, domestic violence groups call to close loophole by passing Melanie’s Law

Led by Assemblymembers Brian A. Cunningham (D-Brooklyn) and Anil Beephan, Jr. (R,C-East Fishkill) in the Assembly and New York State Senator Michelle Hinchey (D- 41st Senate District), a bipartisan group of elected officials, joined service providers for survivors of domestic violence to support the passage of Melanie’s Law (S.6288/A.6026). This bill would close a loophole related to orders of protection, allowing courts to extend such orders to all of the named victim’s family and

household members.
The legislation is named after Melanie Chianese, a 29-year-old mother and health coach from Dutchess County, who was brutally murdered in 2022 by her mother’s ex-boyfriend following a pattern of stalking and harassment. While a judge granted an order of protection to Melanie’s mother Cheryl and Melanie’s son, Melanie’s request was denied because she was not a minor.
The press conference on October 26, addressed wider issues of domestic vio-

lence in New York during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, with host organization Neighbors In Action providing resources for survivors, families, and community members.
Melanie’s Law is the result of a bipartisan partnership between Beephan, who was Melanie’s representative in the New York State Assembly, and Cunningham, who introduced the bill as a member of the Assembly majority conference. The bill’s supporters emphasize the importance of collaboration across party lines to implement life-saving policy changes.
Beephan (R-East Fishkill) stated, “My heart goes out to those impacted by domestic violence. Raising awareness about domestic violence has been at the forefront of my focus during my first year in the New York State Assembly. Through working with Assemblyman Cunningham on Melanie’s Law, I remain committed to addressing existing loopholes that only exacerbate the danger faced by those impacted by domestic violence. I call on the New York State Assembly to pass Melanie’s law when we return to Albany and thank the Senate for their unanimous support of the bill.”
Senator Michelle Hinchey said, “Melanie’s Law, championed by her courageous mother Cheryl and developed in her memory, will provide a critically needed expansion to orders of protection to shield more family and household members from dangerous individuals. This common-sense legislation will close a glaring loophole in law, and I am com-

mitted to working with my colleagues to get it passed this session so we can better protect victims of domestic violence and abuse.”
State Senator Rob Rolison (R-Poughkeepsie) said, “After the legislation cleared the Senate earlier this year, I said I would continue to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to get this critical measure to Governor Hochul’s desk. Together, we can enhance the safety and well-being of our residents by permanently fixing a dangerous legal loophole.”
“Domestic Violence offenders want their victims to endure a lifetime of pain and suffering. Melanie Chianese lost her life at the hands of my offender because of WHO she was, my daughter. Melanie’s Law NEEDS to be passed so that everyone in the household is protected regardless of age. This will close a dangerous loophole so this horrific tragedy, which shook our community, NEVER happens again,” said Cheryl Chianese-Cavalli in a release.
“Melanie Chianese’s murder was a tragedy that not only devastated her family; it exposed the deficiency in our courts’ ability to impose restraining orders in domestic violence cases. Melanie’s Law will allow orders of protection to extend to all members of a victim’s household — whether or not they are related, and regardless of age. It is a necessary correction to our criminal and family court laws, and will protect innocent New Yorkers,” said Assemblymember MaryJane Shinsky (D-Tarrytown).

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Beacon resident celebrates 102nd birthday



George McKie was celebrated at BJ's Restaurant on Main Street in Beacon. Mr. McKie turned 102 years old on October 26. Mr. McKie was born in Georgia in 1921. -Courtesy photos

that's italian!

by luigi coppola



Pop's golf lesson

Golf is supposed to be relaxing...

About 25 years ago my father retired for the third time. This time he was determined to make it “work.” He bought a condominium in Florida with my mother and spent that first winter there.

Unfortunately, Pop was bored out his mind and Mom missed her children and grandchildren. Pop was determined to spend that winter there but needed to find something to do. I had sent down my golf clubs in order to have them there when we visited, and I urged Pop to go to the driving range. Maybe take a lesson.

“No, Ima a wine maker,” he said. “Whata the hell am I gonna do with those bastoncino (sticks)?” I assured him that he would love it, but he just continued to tell me that it was unproductive and stupid.

I left him alone for a few day then called him again. I asked him what he was doing.

Pop: Listena. Ima gonna tell you something but you no laugh ata me.

Me: Okay?

Pop: I lika to giocare (play) the golf. Ia tried and Ia lika it.

Me: Great Pop! Maybe you can take a lesson so they can teach you how to play.

Pop: Lezione (lesson)? Im gonna try. Ia letta you know.

So I left him alone for a few days and

decided to wait for him to call me. When a week went by and I didn't hear from him, I called him.

Me: Hi Pop! I'm just checking in on you.

Pop: Luigi. Did anyone call you?

Me: No. What's the matter?

Pop: The golf maestro (teacher). He noa calla you?

Me: No, why?

Pop: Well, Ia went to the driving range and I boughta the lezione.

Me: Yeah?

Pop: I gave him the business card so he would knowa Ima in the restaurant.

Me: OK?

Pop: Well hea tried to teach me how to swing the bastoncino.

Me: What happened?

Pop: Wella he getsa behind me and he tries to benda me down and he movsa the arms and I yella at him.

Me: Why did you yell at him!?

Pop: I tolda him just showa me howa to swing the bastoncinos. I noa want all that other stuff.

Me: Pop, that's how you have to swing, he was showing you how to stand.

Pop: Ima no a stupida. I cana stand.

Me: (sigh) Then what happened?

Pop: He told me howa to puta my head down and looka ata the ball.

Me: Oh no. What did you say?

Pop: Ia tolda hima to teach me something I don'ta know!

Me: Then what happened?

Pop: Itsa no my fault.

Me: What happened?

Pop: Hea startsa to cry and he says he no want to teacha no more. He gave me my money and hea left.

Me: Geez Pop. Golf is supposed to be relaxing. It's not the restaurant. You can't yell at people.

Pop: Oh come on. I no yell.

Me: Pop, you have to go say you're sorry. Maybe bring him something.

Pop: (sigh) Okay, Ima gonna go and bringa him some caponata and soma mya wine.

Me: Good.

After I got off the phone with him, I was actually scared about what I would hear from the state of Florida regarding my father. In the meantime, enjoy this recipe for caponata.

Caponata Ingredients

- 5 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 1.5-pound eggplant, peeled, cut into

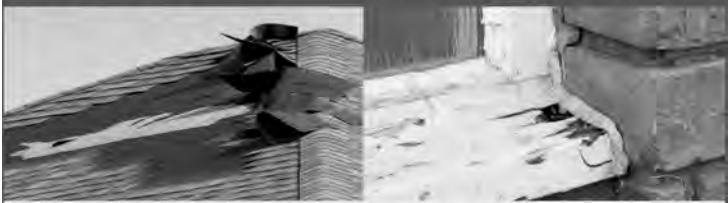
- 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 medium onion, cubed
- 4 large garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 32 oz. Jar Coppola's Tuscan Sauce
- 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons drained capers
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh basil
- Toasted pine nuts

Method

Heat olive oil in a large pot. Add eggplant, onions and garlic and sauté until the eggplant is soft, about 10 minutes) Add Coppola's Tuscan sauce, vinegar and capers and simmer for 15 minutes longer stirring occasionally until the eggplant is soft. Stir in the basil and pine nuts. Serve over pasta, with Italian bread or with both.

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

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Arts Mid-Hudson announces Empowered Artist awardees

Arts Mid-Hudson recently announced the recipients of the 2023 Empowered Artist Award, a prestigious recognition bestowed upon exceptional artists in Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster counties. This annual award, created in honor of Linda Marston-Reid, the former executive director of Arts Mid-Hudson, provides unrestricted funds to support artists in pursuing their creative journeys.

The Empowered Artist Award addresses the critical need for artists to access unrestricted funds that enable them to continue their artistic practice, elevate their careers, and enhance their visibility within their communities. These funds empower artists to create new works, acquire essential equipment, access educational opportunities, and meet their financial obligations.

In Dutchess County, the award went to Gwen Laster, an improviser and visionary artist.

“As improvisers, we respond musically to who we are, where we come from, and where we are going for the adventure of landing somewhere unknown,” Laster said. “Feeling comfortable and trusting enough to listen and respond freely will, for sure, take the musical conversation



Gwen Laster -Courtesy photo

somewhere new.”

She added, “I find healing in vulnerability and curiosity as the driving force for my artistic expression.”

Jill Enfield was the recipient for Orange County, and Jean-Marc Superville Sovak for Ulster County.

Beacon Elks conduct coat drive for veterans



The Beacon Elks Lodge #1493 conducted a coat drive to benefit the Castle Point VA Clothing Pantry. The lodge collected 106 new or gently-used coats for veterans and families who receive clothes from the clothes pantry.

-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.

Lift Up Your Voice: The Importance of Making Your Health Care Choices Known

Join us for a Lunch and Learn or Dinner in Dutchess County on November 8th or Ulster County on November 9th for a complementary meal, screening of the award winning film, *Honoring Choices*, and a conversation with Pastor Corey Kennard about the importance of making your health care choices known.

The Hospice and Palliative Care Association of New York State and Hudson Valley Hospice believe end-of-life care decisions should be available to all regardless of ethnicity, race, or religion.

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**Guest Speaker
Pastor Corey Kennard,
MACM, CPXP**

Pastor Corey Kennard, is a National Leader in Advance Care Planning Education & Outreach and serves as an activist in the field of healthcare. He is the Pastor of Amplify Christian Church and Director of Patient Experience at Ascension St. John Hospital in Detroit, Michigan.

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DCHS annual Autumn Auction scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 5

By Antonia Mauro

This year the Dutchess County Historical Society Autumn Auction catalog offers unique opportunities to discover private historic properties that include tours with receptions.

Walking tours in historic districts in Poughkeepsie, and of the Vassar College Campus, bring you back in time while viewing remarkable period architecture.

Ready for a trip rich in history, fine art, antiques and verdant landscapes? We suggest you begin bidding on memberships to Lyndhurst Mansion, Kykuit, The Newport Preservation Society, Olana, The Thomas Cole National Historic Site and many more.

From overnight stays at premium locations in Dutchess County to Estes Park Colorado, the DCHS catalog also offers winery tastings and health and fitness memberships.

Reidinger and Caire have produced pottery in Poughkeepsie in the 19th century. One of their handsome 19th century open crocks, donated by Judge Jim Brands, can be yours when you begin bidding now.

Antique lover? Add to your collection with the original 1886 Martha Washington \$1 Silver Certificate Note or, the early 19th century American Primitive "Walking" Spinning Wheel.

With the holidays around the corner, the Autumn Auction catalog offers a variety of gift cards to restaurants and businesses. Start your shopping with DCHS and finish with pizza! Bid on any one of our pizza packages from numerous Dutchess County cities and towns.

The Dutchess County Historical Society recently relocated to Rhinebeck and continues to be committed to being the most meaningful source of Dutchess County history. They do this through the responsible archival stewardship of tangible objects, modern interpretation and creative presentations of its history to the public. This includes the Oral History Project and local history workshops with area schools and educators. Through its' range of publications, virtual programs, the Yearbook and Annual Meeting, the Dutchess County Historical Society continues its mission to preserve our local history.

The DCHS 2023 Autumn Auction is the organization's single, major fundraising event of the year. DCHS does not receive any regular Federal, State or County funding. They rely solely on donations, membership dues and private sponsorships from people like you. Please support the 100-plus year old mission of DCHS to collect, preserve, interpret, and share the history of Dutchess County from the period of the arrival of the first indigenous peoples until the present day.

If you are not able to attend this year's Autumn Auction, please consider becoming a member or making a donation to DCHS here: <https://dchsnny.org/short/>. View the DCHS Autumn Auction catalog on the Absolute Auctions website at: <https://aarauctions.com/servlet/Search.do?auctionId=6523&page=1&perPage=20&orderBy=>



Walking Tour of Innisfree Gardens in Millbrook is one of the items in the DCHS auction. This exclusive 90-minute walking tour will be led by Innisfree Gardens curator Kate Kerin. The winning bidder will receive a gift basket of wine and cheese for the group to enjoy.

-Courtesy photo

Howland Chamber Music Circle to present 'Jewish Voices' Nov. 12

The Howland Chamber Music Circle (HCMC) presents violinist Arnaud Sussmann and pianist Michael Stephen Brown, with their program "Jewish Voices." The five works in this repertoire were composed by Jews who either perished in or fled from the Holocaust. The concert will be held on November 12, 4 p.m. at The Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main Street, Beacon. This program pays homage to and was inspired by Sussmann's grandfather who survived the Holocaust.

Sussmann has been a soloist with orchestras and chamber music groups around the world. Born in Strassbourg, France, he trained at the Conservatoire de Paris and The Juilliard School in New York City, where he did a two-year post-graduate stint as a teaching assistant with Itzhak Perlman. Sussmann now teaches at Stony Brook University on Long Island and was recently named Co-Artistic Director of Music@Menlo's International Music Program.

Michael Stephen Brown returns for his third appearance with HCMC. Brown is a

distinguished performer and composer, who has the pleasure of including at this HCMC concert a work by one of his composition professors, Samuel Adler. Adler taught at The Juilliard School, having fled Nazi Germany as a child to settle in the US. Brown has performed in internationally renowned venues, both in solo recitals and as a soloist accompanying notable orchestras. Among other awards and recognition, Brown has won the Concert Artists Guild Competition (2010) and a Bowers Residency (2015-2018) from the Chamber Society of Lincoln Center.

New in the 2023-2024 season, HCMC has introduced a pricing structure to include music lovers who may have been unable to afford our tickets in the past. A limited number of tickets will be available on a pay-what-you-wish basis. These tickets will be released one week prior to the concerts. They are making tickets available in this way to welcome a broader audience.

For more information on this performance, and on the entire 2023-2024 HCMC season, please visit howlandmusic.org.



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Bloom promoted at Rhinebeck Bank

Jamie Bloom has been promoted to executive vice president, chief banking officer and chief operating officer at Rhinebeck Bank.

During her financial services career of more than 30 years, Bloom has held numerous management roles, showcasing her dedication and expertise. Most recently, she served as the bank’s chief operating officer, overseeing Rhinebeck’s IT, deposit operations, loan operations, human resources, residential lending and retail banking departments. In her new role, Bloom will assume responsibility for all sales functions, including retail banking, lending departments and Rhinebeck Asset Management, while retaining oversight of the bank’s operations functions.

“I am excited to take on this new role at Rhinebeck Bank. I am committed to driving growth and success for the bank while ensuring exceptional service for our clients. Together with our dedicated team, we will navigate the evolving banking landscape and deliver innovative solutions to meet the needs of our customers,” said Bloom.

“Jamie has been a key member of our executive management team for more than a decade,” said Rhinebeck Bank President and Chief Executive Officer Michael J. Quinn. “Her exemplary leadership, strategic acumen, and natural talent for coaching and mentoring our employ-



Jamie Bloom

-Courtesy photo

ees are invaluable assets that will greatly benefit the Bank. We are committed to maintaining the high standard of attention and superior service that has defined us over the years.”

Bloom is a graduate of the American Bankers Association’s National School of Banking at Fairfield University and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance from Marist College.

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.

The service runs 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. All collected hats and scarves will be distributed to individuals and families in need throughout the Beacon area, ensuring that they stay warm and cozy during the colder months ahead. “Stitchin’ for the Kitchen” is a wonderful opportunity for community members of all ages to come together and make a meaningful impact. Whether one is an experienced knitter or just starting to learn, your hand-made creations will help them make this winter a bit warmer for our neighbors.

Here’s how one can get involved:

- Knit or crochet: Create warm and stylish hats and scarves at home. Feel free to use favorite patterns and colors.
- Drop off the donations: Bring a hand-knit hats and scarves to the Howland Public Library between October



Howland Public Library is holding “Stitchin’ for the Kitchen.”

-Courtesy photo

1 and November 17. Donation boxes will be located at the community engagement desk.

Spread the word: Share one’s participation in “Stitchin’ for the Kitchen” on social media using the hashtag #StitchinForTheKitchen and encourage friends and family to join in.

- Support local businesses: Consider purchasing the knitting supplies from craft stores to further support the community.

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.

Apply for Home Energy Assistance Program starting November 1

Qualified customers can apply for Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) grants, a federally funded program that provides regular and emergency assistance to help pay heating and utility bills beginning November 1. HEAP grants are available through local Department of Social Services (DSS) offices, at Offices for the Aging and online at mybenefits.ny.gov.

“Inflationary pressures continue to have an impact on residents of the Hudson Valley – especially our most vulnerable neighbors – and we are pleased that additional assistance is available for those families in need,” said Anthony Campagiorni, Senior Vice President of Customer Services and Gas Operations. “We encourage all customers who are eligible for these benefits to apply.”

The amount of the HEAP grant depends on family income and size guidelines. For example, a family of four with natural gas heating and an annual income of \$70,056 would qualify for a \$400 grant. Central Hudson customers who receive HEAP grants or qualify for other assistance programs will also receive additional bill credits for up to 12 months on their Central Hudson bill.

Campagiorni added, “Households receiving a HEAP benefit for non-utility

heating fuels such as oil, propane, wood/wood pellets, kerosene, coal or corn are also eligible for a monthly credit on their electric or non-heating gas bill.”

Customers who heat with non-utility heating fuels should email their current Notice of Decision letter to Central Hudson at careunit@cenhud.com to be enrolled and receive the bill credit.

Regular HEAP grants for the fall and upcoming winter are available between Nov.1, and March 14, 2024, or until funding is exhausted. Emergency HEAP grants will be available between Jan. 2, 2024, and Mar. 15, 2024. These benefits are designed to meet an eligible household’s immediate energy needs. The Heating Equipment Repair or Replacement (HERR) program is also available to assist customers who have primary heating equipment that is either inoperable or unsafe. HERR grants are currently available and will remain so through Sept. 30, 2024.

For more information on HEAP eligibility requirements and benefits, visit www.CentralHudson.com/HEAP or <http://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/program.asp>; and for more on all of Central Hudson’s assistance and billing programs, visit www.CentralHudson.com, and click on “My Account.”

HV CASH seeks volunteers for tax preparation services

In an annual collaboration, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is partnering with the Hudson Valley CASH Coalition to deliver cost-free tax preparation services for eligible residents of Dutchess, Orange, and Putnam counties. This initiative primarily caters to seniors and low-to-moderate income households, providing an accessible and affordable solution for tax filing.

As the 2024 tax season approaches, both the Hudson Valley CASH Coalition and AARP Foundation Tax-Aide are actively recruiting volunteers to support this valuable community service. Free training sessions are providing during the fall 2023 and early winter 2024. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please reach out to Linda Eddy at leddy@dutchesscap.org or call 845-475-7500.

“The CASH program is invaluable to our community,” said Melissa Clark,

Vice President of Community Impact at United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region. “The volunteers pour their heart and soul into their work, ensuring over 5,000 local households receive their refund. CASH Volunteers are dedicated, giving of their time and lift up the financial stability of their neighbors.”

Last year alone, the program assisted 5,827 residents, resulting in over \$4 million in tax refunds and credits benefiting families and individuals within the community while saving almost \$1.7 million in tax preparation fees.

There is a wide array of volunteer opportunities available, catering to various skills and interests. A background in accounting or finance is not a prerequisite for volunteering; administrative and support roles such as tax site greeters, program marketing, and appointment support are also available for those who prefer non-mathematical assignments.

Individuals with computer proficiency and a genuine desire to assist others are strongly encouraged to join the volunteer team. Prior experience with filing taxes is advantageous, but not mandatory. Tax volunteer classes will provide comprehensive training and culminate in IRS certification upon successful completion. It is worth noting that the Hudson Valley CASH Coalition is actively seeking bilingual volunteers to better serve Spanish-speaking clients.

For further details on volunteering, please contact Linda Eddy at 845-475-7500 or leddy@dutchesscap.org, or visit www.hv-cash.org.

this week’s puzzle solutions

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Obituaries

Vera Romani



EAST FISHKILL - Vera Romani, age 78, passed away peacefully on October 22, 2023 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. She was born in the beautiful Bronx on November 8, 1944 to the late Jose and Maria (Mas) Collazo. She married her beloved husband Robert Romani on August 13, 1963. The two have known each other since they were 13 years old and have been married for 60 years. Robert survives at home.

Known for her impish sense of humor, she loved to make people laugh. That was her defining characteristic. She worked for Pizza Village as a server for over 30 years and treated her customers as her family. Which meant they were not excluded from her joking. This is how she expressed love. She was also a creative person. She made

countless Halloween costumes, loved to decorate her house, and do various crafty projects.

In addition to her beloved husband Robert Romani, Vera is survived by her children: Valerie Steblein and her husband Roger; Denise Evans and her husband Paul, Roberto Romani and his wife Mary, and Michele Romani and Wayne Weidenbenner; her grandchildren: Robert Cocuzza (wife Kim), Angela Cerilli (husband Mike) and Paul Evans (fiancée Deidre), Rocco and Marco Romani, and Heidi and Emmalina Weidenbenner; her 2 great-grandchildren: Leighton Cocuzza and Sterling Cerilli; her sister Frieda Lugo and her beloved nieces and nephews.

Vera was predeceased by her brothers Jose and Jackie, and her sisters Marie and Marcia.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday October 25, 2023 at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc. 895 Route 82 Hopewell Junction. A Mass of Christian Burial took place on Thursday October 26, 2023 at St. Denis Church in Hopewell Junction, followed by interment in St. Denis Cemetery.

Vera donated to many causes, but she was very supportive of those that helped children. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Vera's name to Saint Jude's <https://www.stjude.org/donate>.

Trish (Patricia) Adams



Trish (Patricia) M. Adams passed peacefully Monday, October 23, 2023 surrounded by family. Born January 14th, 1939 to Ethel and Basil MacIntosh in Elmira , NY. She graduated 1956 from Elmira High School, then attended Elmira College for a Bachelor's Degree. She married Herbert L. Adams May 30th, 1959. Her Husband of 64 years survives at home. Trish is survived by two beloved sons, David (daughter-in-law Ren) of Millbrook, NY , and Keith of Hyde Park, NY. She has two grandchildren; Tara, 30, Brooklyn, NY, and Ian, 28, who suffered a traumatic brain injury at 15 and is cared for at home. She lost her younger brother, Donald MacIntosh 24 years ago. She is also survived by two nephews, Scott and Todd MacIntosh and their families in Ovid, NY. , sister-in-law Winn Adams ,

Bellingham, WA., cousins Dr. Edward Brann (Rick Mixon), Georgia , Dennis Brann(Nancy), Florida , and several cousins in Canada. Trish held several professional positions including Marketing Director of United Way of DC, Acting Director of Community Relations at Dutchess Community College, Director of Development Bardavon Opera House, Managing and Development Consultant to Mid Hudson Civic Center, then formed her business Trish Adams Associates, since retired. Trish volunteered for many organizations including Poughkeepsie Chamber of Commerce, DC Boy Scouts council VP, Red Cross, Poughkeepsie Rotary, and many more. Trish was very creative and talented artistically and had a love for animals and gardening. Trish's favorite passion were her horses, an avid equestrian, she instilled the sport with her granddaughter Tara, who rode competitively. In lieu of flowers, Trish wished for Memorial Donations to benefit her Grandson Ian Adams (check payable to Lyall Community Church, PO Box 426, Millbrook NY, 12545), or Hudson Valley Hospice, www.hvhospice.org. A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, November 12th, 2023 at 2pm at Lyall Community Church, 30 Maple Ave., Millbrook, NY, 12545, reception to follow. For those unable to attend please visit Lyall Community Church. Org and click on the LIVESTREAM button.To send an online condolence please visit www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com .

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Jane Cole Geisler was born June 20, 1923 and grew up in Hyattsville, Maryland. After graduating from Oberlin College with a degree in Botany in 1944, she met H. John Geisler on an American Youth Hostel bicycle trip. They married in 1945 and moved to Urbana Illinois, where daughters Carol and Emma were born while John completed a degree in electrical engineering on the G.I. Bill. They then moved to Dutchess County, New York, where John worked at IBM until retirement. Jane had a son, Warren, in 1950, and while the three children were growing up she enjoyed being a Girl Scout leader and Jane and the whole family enjoyed ice-skating, skiing, swim-

ming, and gardening at the Hillside Lake home. Then they all moved to Verbank where John's mother lived with them in a two family house on Milewood Road. Jane led a senior Girl Scout group for several years. After her children left for college, she spent more time on environmental education projects, organized day camps, and led many other hikes and activities involving nature study. She was an Appalachian trail maintainer and was active in the Union Vale Historical society, conservation committee, ADK and the Waterman Bird club for many decades. She was also an avid reader and loved to play scrabble. She created trails and activities at Tymor Park, attended many town meetings and Cary Arboretum events. She also spent time with relatives at South Wellfleet, Massachusetts each year, swimming, shell fishing and walking. She was active and walking, almost daily, up until a month before she died.

She is survived by her three children, Carol Schlentner, Warren, Geisler, and Emma Stamas, and grandchildren, Tonya Schlentner, Paula Hicks, Laura Stamas, Jed Stamas and Jeremy Stamas; also six great grandchildren, Wesley Hicks, Katie Hicks, Luca Mnookin, April Mnookin, Bodie Katsoras and Mira Stamas.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 4th from 12 - 5pm at Tymor Park Barns....Come any time.

Instead of flowers, please send a donation to your favorite environmental cause.

Arrangements are under the direction of the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc. Please visit her Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Raffaele Bertoldi



EAST FISHKILL - Raffaele Bertoldi, 84, long time Hopewell Junction resident, passed away in his home surrounded by family on October 23, 2023.

He served in the US Army for 3 years before becoming a computer programmer for Reader's Digest where he worked for 31 years.

He married Barbara (Lyons) Bertoldi on May 8, 1965 and they had 2 children together. He was a family man who devoted his life to caring for his loved ones. He was a caring man who gave help to anyone in need and never asked for anything in return. He enjoyed golf, gardening, working on projects and building beautiful furniture for family and friends. Raffaele was a devoted Catholic who gave much of his time to the churches of St. Columba and St. Denis.

Raffaele is survived by his wife, Barbara; son, Ralph; daughter, Dawn; grandson, Michael; granddaughter, Ashley Turpen and her husband, Kaleb; two great grandsons, Karson and Waylon Turpen; and two sisters, Connie Court and Theresa Bertoldi. He will be missed by everyone whose life he touched.

Calling hours were held on Thursday, October 26th at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Friday, October 27th at St. Columba Church, 835 Route 82, Hopewell Junction followed by burial at St. Denis Cemetery with military honors.

Donations may be made in his memory to Angels of Light (www.angelsoflightv.org), a local organization that assists children and families with life threatening illnesses. Please visit Raffaele's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Maura Kelly Giorgio



Maura Kelly Giorgio passed away on October 22, 2023 at the age of 64. She was born in Bridgeport, CT on April 24, 1959.

For many years, Maura owned and operated a housekeeping business. She enjoyed her retirement by spending time with her friends and her dog Frankie at the lake. She loved to spend time with her grandchildren as well. Maura will be remembered as a very outgoing person who loved to laugh.

She is survived by her children: Philip, Alicia, and Ryan Giorgio; her grandchildren: Mia, Philip Jr., and Ava Giorgio; and by her brother Sean Tynan; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Maura was predeceased by her husband Philip Giorgio Jr, and by her parents Timothy and Alicia Clifford.

Calling hours were held on Sunday

October 29th, 2023 at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc. 895 Route 82 Hopewell Junction. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Kateri Tekakwitha, 1925 Route 82, Lagrangeville.

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

Suguru

Suguru

A 6x6 Suguru puzzle grid. The grid is composed of 36 cells. The numbers in the cells indicate the size of the regions to be formed. The numbers are: 3 (top-left), 2 (top-middle), 5 (top-right), 1 (middle-left), 5 (middle-right), 5 (bottom-left), 4 (bottom-right).

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

CROSSWORD

CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1. Dylan lyric, "There was music in the _____ at night and revolution in the air"
6. *Many scientists have this
9. Alpha Centauri B, e.g.
13. Measured in kilowatt-hours, on electric bill
14. Ring of flowers
15. TV's "_____ Blinders"
16. Make believe
17. Public promotions
18. Appropriate for Halloween
19. *F unit of capacitance named in whose honor?
21. *Marine biologist and "Silent Spring" author
23. L.A. baller
24. Not on a rolling stone?
25. Value added reseller
28. New Zealand fruit
30. Option at a hot dog stand, adj.
35. One's final notice
37. Without, in French
39. Time being
40. Toy construction set brand
41. Turning token taker
43. Jewish month
44. Jab on field of play
46. A ride up ski hill
47. Short for Milton
48. *A unit of electric current named in whose honor?
50. Home to Zion National Park
52. Wood-shaping tool
53. Morays, pl.
55. One little piggy
57. *A telescope was named in his honor
60. *Primatologist and world's foremost expert on chimpanzees
64. Popular snorkeler's attraction
65. Have a cold
67. Sphere in Las Vegas, e.g.
68. Pond buildup
69. To and _____
70. Gives off
71. Goes with a rod
72. Small dog's bark
73. Tears down

DOWN

1. Take into custody
2. On a deck?
3. So-so
4. a.k.a. tent caterpillar or lappet moth
5. Maurice of "Where the Wild Things Are"
6. Eugene O'Neill's creation
7. He had
8. Popular 70s genre
9. Witnesses
10. Hawaiian tuber
11. Similar
12. Kind of bourbon
15. P in POI
20. Out of whack
22. Cleopatra's killer, according to legend
24. Not a full size bus
25. *V unit of electric potential named in whose honor?
26. Crosswise, on deck
27. Build temporarily (2 words)
29. *W unit of power named in whose honor?
31. Type of rich soil
32. Most populous country
33. Burn with water
34. *Synonymous with unit of frequency and a car rental company
36. Muscle quality
38. Floor plank
42. Muse of love poetry
45. The _____makers of "Pitch Perfect"
49. #53 Across, sing.
51. Vacuum cleaner, in U.K.
54. Like kale or spinach
56. Swelling of human organs
57. Golfer's destination
58. Desires
59. Ancient Semitic deity
60. Lump of stuff
61. Black tropical cuckoos
62. Guitar forerunner
63. Is it really more?
64. *Carl Benz invented the first practical modern one in the 1880s
66. Retirement plan, acr.

The solutions to the Sudoku, Crossword puzzle and Suguru can be found on page 10

Hocus Pocus Parade highlights fun, costumes in Beacon



The Hocus Pocus Parade took place on Main St. in Beacon on October 28. The Beacon High School Band plays music during the annual event.
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The event is presented by the New York Theatre Organ Society, and sponsored by the MHA Dutchess Veterans Program with additional support from Vincitore’s Hudson Valley Piano Center, and the Central Hudson Valley American Guild of Organists.

Baratta is a native of New Jersey. After graduating from high school, he attended Jersey City State College. There he studied piano and organ, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music education. He has retired from teaching instrumental and vocal music in the public school system with 32 years of service. At present, he serves as the Minister of Music for The Old Dutch Church in Kingston where he is organist, choir director, and handbell ensemble director.