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Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony set December 7

By Kristine Coulter

On December 7th, inside the Veterans Memorial Building at 413 Main St. in Beacon, at 11 a.m. a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony will take place.

Harold Delamater, commander of the VFW Post 666 in Beacon, said, “a date which will live in infamy” per Franklin Delano Roosevelt.”

“Eighty-two years ago, our Nation was attacked without provocation which led us into WWII. As a result, millions of people were killed,” said Delamater.

According to the Library of Congress website, www.loc.gov, “On December 7, 1941, Japanese planes attacked the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii Territory, killing more than 2,300 Americans. The U.S.S. Arizona was completely destroyed and the U.S.S. Oklahoma capsized. A total of twelve ships sank or were beached in the attack and nine additional vessels were damaged. More than 160 aircraft were destroyed and more than 150 others damaged.”

The information on the site about Pearl Harbor continues: “A hurried dispatch from the ranking United States naval officer in Pearl Harbor, Admiral Husband Edward Kimmel, Commander in Chief of the United States Pacific Fleet, to all major navy commands and fleet units provided the first official word of the attack at the ill-prepared Pearl Harbor base. It said simply: AIR RAID ON PEARL HARBOR X THIS IS NOT DRILL.”

The Library of Congress also contains part of an interview from a woman who lived in California but was in Texas visiting relatives on Dec. 9, 1941. She stated: “My first thought was what a great pity that... another nation should be added to those aggressors who strove to limit our freedom. I find myself at the age of eighty, an old woman, hanging on to the tail of the world, trying to keep up. I do not want the driver’s seat. But the eternal verities—there are certain things that I wish to express: one thing that I am very sure of is that hatred is death, but love is light. I want to contribute to the civilization of the world but...when I look at the holocaust that is going on in the world today, I’m almost ready to let go...”

Delamater, who is a veteran, stated, “Our country changed as a result of the attack at Pearl Harbor. Women entered the work force where men previously held jobs, enemies eventually became allies and trading partners, and certain countries were considered spoils of war and thus the Cold War began.”

Delamater explained a bit about the ceremony that will be held.

“Our ceremony will reflect upon the sacrifices made to secure a free world. Attendees will include the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Am Legion, Marine Corps League, Nam Knights MC and Guardian Revival amongst other Veterans’ organizations. The public is invited to attend the ceremony,” he said.

Relax from the seasonal rush with a holiday tour of Mount Gulian

By Kristine Coulter

Good cheer and good company at the Verplanck family home, known as Mount Gulian Historic Site. The Dutch Colonial home will be open to visitors for the annual Holiday Tours on December 10, and then December 13 – December 17.

All tours days will have tours offered at noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Organizers prefer attendees to make a reservation, but reservations are not required. It was noted walk-ins will be welcomed if spots are available. Reservations may be made by calling Mount Gulian at 845-831-8172 or email at info@mountgulian.org.

“We’ve been doing our Holiday Tours for about thirty years and it’s always a popular event. The home is decorated in several styles, including opulent Victorian and simple rustic, which visitors are always fascinated to see. We have faux candlelight throughout the house, a great, fresh Christmas tree in the dining room, and basically every surface, including the doors and bannisters are beautifully [adorned]. The holiday tours touch on Mount Gulian’s role in American history, with additional information about how the Verplanck family celebrated Christmas, and rarely seen Christmas cards, from the museum collection, are on display,” said Elaine Hayes. Hayes is the executive director of Mount Gulian.

Admission is \$12 adult; \$10 senior; \$6 youngsters (6-18 years of age). Mount Gulian members and children under 6 years may go on a tour for free. Mount Gulian membership is open to the public. See the Mount Gulian website at www.mountgulian.org for more information regarding membership.



Throughout the month of December, Holiday Tours will be held at Mount Gulian Historic Site.

-Courtesy photo

“Visitors have told us they enjoy seeing the house this time of year because the house “comes alive.” The decorations create a comfortable, joyful, inviting environment that makes it easy for our visitors to imagine the Verplancks celebrating the holiday, welcoming family and neighbors, and enjoying each other’s company,” remarked Hayes.

The site’s historic rooms will be decorated in different styles: opulent Victorian style décor adorning the dining room; charming, rustic decor in the study; contemporary holiday displays embellishing

the home’s main room said Hayes.

Hayes added: “The decorations will be up for our Children’s Holiday Tea on December 27th. We haven’t held this event since the pandemic, but we’re looking forward to hosting our young visitors with afternoon tea, dainty sandwiches and delicious desserts. It’s always sold out, so for those who are interested, reservations should be made soon.

For further information please call 845-831-8172 or email info@mountgulian.org. Prepayment for tours is not required.

Hudson Valley Vipers women’s hockey team to play at MJN Center

By Rich Thomaselli

Meet the newest sports team to call Poughkeepsie home.

The Hudson Valley Vipers are a professional minor league hockey team that will call the McCann Ice Arena, part of the re-imagined MJN Center (formerly the Mid-Hudson Civic Center) home.

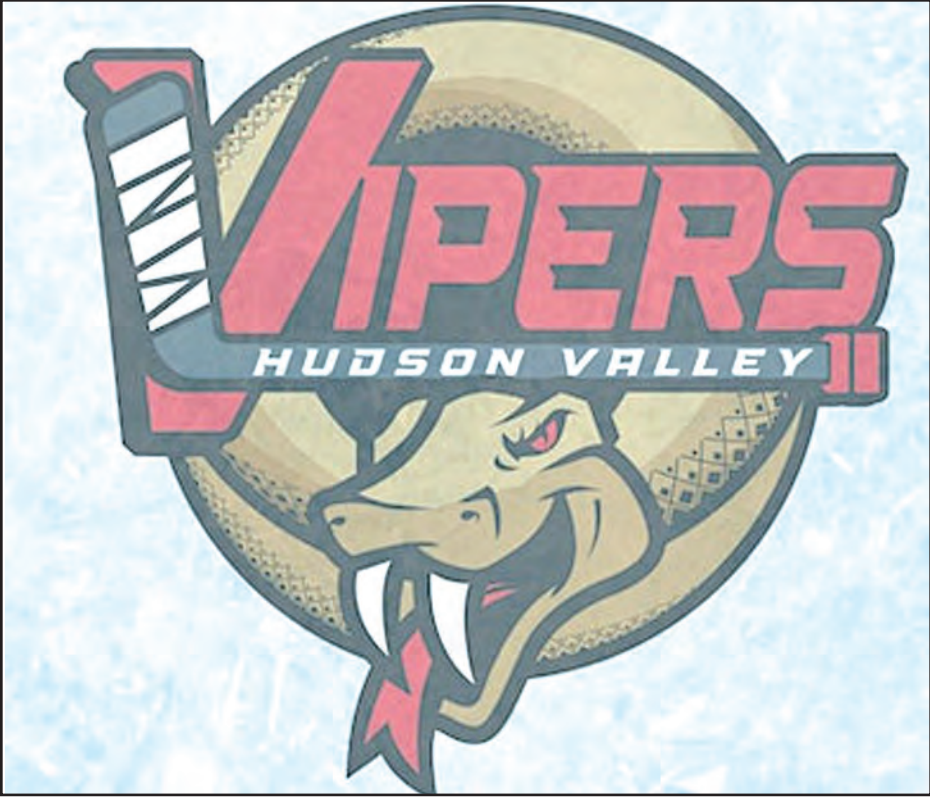
Here’s the cool twist.

The Vipers are a women’s hockey team.

The Vipers will be part of the 16-team Union Hockey League whose reach stretches from Michigan to Vermont and down to the Hudson Valley. This year, the season will run January to April with an exhibition game slated for December. In 2024, the season will permanently start in November, which will include additional teams.

The President of the Vipers is Hudson Valley native Patrick Manning, The former state Assemblyman from Fishkill, who was also instrumental in

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The logo for the new Hudson Valley Vipers women’s hockey team.

-Courtesy image

Improvements in Breakneck/ Route 9D corridor help with safety



Trail Steward Station solar panels.

-Photo by Drew Polinsky

According to the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services (PCBES), there have been three rescue calls on Breakneck Ridge since March 2023, which represents a 70% decrease from 2022 and an 80% decrease from 2021.

A combination of factors are likely to have been responsible for the decrease in emergency calls, including HHFT's improvements at Upper Overlook, which were made earlier this year, early safety improvements to the Breakneck train station made in 2022, and the addition of the Nimham Trail, constructed in 2021, which provides an alternative, less strenuous route to the popular Breakneck flagpole.

"Although it is significant to note that the Breakneck trailhead was closed for four months, or roughly half, of the 2023 season, rescue calls are still proportionately way down from the past several years," said PCBES Deputy

Commissioner Ralph Falloon. The Wilkinson, Nimham and Washburn/Cornish trailheads were all open for the full season providing alternate routes to Breakneck Ridge peaks and Bull Hill and were widely used.

Another significant factor in lower emergency calls on the mountain: a larger presence of Parks staff available to assist hikers along the trails, as well as the NY-NJ Trail Conference trail stewards stationed at Breakneck, who orient and counsel hikers before they even begin their ascent.

"Over the last two years, there has been a decrease in emergency responses to the Breakneck Ridge and Mt. Taurus areas in the Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve. This is likely due to an increase in the presence of park staff who can assist with lost hikers and other non-emergency situations," said Cold Spring Fire Company No. 1 Chief Jeff Phillips, Jr.



Safety improvements have been made at the Breakneck Trailhead.

-Photo by Christine Ashburn Photography



Nimham Trail on the Breakneck Ridge.

Photo by Eddie Walsh

Completed in July of this year, the work at the new Upper Overlook at the Breakneck Ridge trailhead included repair of severe erosion and unsafe conditions on the trail, closing of social trails that often led hikers to dangerous areas, and construction of a new Trail Steward Station to support the work of the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference (NYNJTC) stewards and New York State Parks staff.

The Steward Station's green roof was completed in October, with solar panels installed by Heitmann Builders and Pidala Electric. The panels will provide power for New York State Parks staff and NYNJTC trail stewards, as well as first responder communications equipment and a new AED, which will improve emergency response capabilities at this very popular trailhead.

"The creation of the Nimham Trail has been critical in reducing the number of hikers getting lost or injured off trail when

they realize that they are not able to complete the Breakneck ascent,” said Evan Thompson, Director of Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve. “In addition, park staff have created designated loops at Breakneck and Bull Hill that direct hikers safely to their destinations, while offering a variety of hikes from one to four hours long to match the abilities of visitors. We appreciate the infrastructure support provided by HHFT and will continue to work closely with local fire departments and emergency responders to prevent future issues, and respond quickly when they do occur.”

The work at Upper Overlook marks the beginning of Phase 1: Breakneck Connector & Bridge of the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail project. The next phase of construction is slated to begin in early 2024, which will result in closures for the Breakneck Ridge and Wilkinson trailheads, as well as the Breakneck Ridge Metro-North station.

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bringing the Hudson Valley Renegades and minor league baseball to the area 30 years ago.

"The success of the Hudson Valley Renegades is a tale of wholesome, affordable entertainment

that is geared to a family,” Manning said. “I see the same for the Hudson Valley Vipers, filling a fun spot in people’s lives during the winter months. We are looking to create family memories down in the “snake pit” at the McCann, but also to be another piece in the City of Poughkeepsie’s renaissance and one of the jewels on the MJN Center’s crown.”

"We are proud to have the Hudson Valley Vipers playing in our McCann

Ice Arena. Having a competitive minor-league hockey team is a major win for the MJN Center, the City of Poughkeepsie and the Hudson Valley as a whole,” said Michael J. McCormack, Chairman of the Board of the MJN Center. “We ask families far and wide to embrace this wonderful team as we will be doing. The sky’s the limit for the Hudson Valley Vipers in Dutchess County.”

MJN Center President Zeidan Nesheiwat is also looking forward to the new venture.

"We are always looking for new ways to draw people to Poughkeepsie and the Vipers are destined to do just that," he said. "We have a great rink, a tremendous facility, and we look forward to having the minor league Hudson Valley Vipers call the MJN their home."

Marist men's, women's basketball teams going in opposite directions to start season

The men's and women's basketball teams at Marist College are off to disparate starts as we head into the end of semester break.

The men were 4-2 heading into Sunday's game against Manhattan in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference. The Red Foxes were home for the game, but have to go on the road to play Dartmouth on Saturday night.

The women's team is having a tougher start.

Under first-year head coach Erin Doughty, the Foxes are 2-5 after a loss to a strong St. John's team in its most recent game. Doughty was a long-time assistant under ultra successful coach Brian Giorgis, who announced his retirement two years ago and coached his final game in March.

Beacon Elks recognize Students and Teachers of the Month



The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE) Beacon Lodge #1493 presented Certificates of Appreciation to the Rombout Middle School Students and Teachers of the Month for October 2023.

Pictured in the front row are: Teacher of the Month Tristyn Koren, 8th grade student Gabriel Peluso; 7th grade student Divine Morris, 6th grade student Regan Laug, Teacher of the Month Mrs. Jennette Lynch.

Pictured in the back row are: Beacon Elks Lodge #1493 Youth Activities Chair Cathy Oken, Beacon Elks Esteemed Loyal Knight Jeanine McAuley, and teachers Kristen Simms and Laura Brieuhof.

The Student of the Month program is part of the BPOE's Youth Recognition programs. The "Student of the Month" program recognizes outstanding young men and women for achievements in school and seeks to encourage them to always work harder and reach high in their academic achievements. The students are nominated by their respective teachers. The "Teacher of the Month" program allows the Elks to recognize the teachers that are encouraging our youth to work harder and improve academically.

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Legislators seek ‘reprehensible’ pay increase during difficult economic times

To the Editor:

The proposed 2024 Dutchess County budget may include a hefty 68% pay raise to include county legislators and other county officials such as incoming County Executive Sue Serino as well as incumbent County Clerk Kendall.

The budget amendments were approved on November 15th by the legislature’s Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee by a 9 to 3 vote with all Republicans and one Democrat voting in favor and 3 Democrats against. Republican Mike Polasek of LaGrange chairs that committee.

The same old political justifying comment by legislator Will Truitt that it'll attract good candidates is a load of you-know-what. It doesn't work that way and history can prove it. This seems more like tax n' spend, even more so since the current budget proposal includes an increase in the county sales tax rate to 4%.

What the arrogant Democrats, the majority in Albany, did in securing a 29% pay raise for themselves is no different to what the Dutchess County Republican majority are proposing and as Chairman of the Conservative Party this concerns me and my committee.

Although it's understandable that the part-time legislators may be due for a modest raise, it's reprehensible that they're looking at such an increase especially during these economic times.

We endorsed most of these Republicans for reelection because we thought they had conservative values including fiscal responsibility. So, I ask the county Republicans, “Is this your true colors?”

On a positive note, we're pleased to hear that some Republican legislators are against this ridiculous pay hike.

Don Minichino
Chairman of the Dutchess County Conservative Party

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Elks National grant used for food items



The Beacon Elks lodge #1493 used an Elks National Foundation (ENF) Grant to donate nonperishable food for 30 people who utilize the Beacon Community Kitchen. Bags were packed with cereal, soup, peanuts, milk, crackers, apples, hand warmers, tuna and fruit cups for the long holiday weekend. Pictured from left, Exalted Ruler Jenn Velez, Cathy Oken, Kathy Manzi, Patty Lamoree ENF Grant Coordinator, Jeanine McAuley Loyal Knight and Michael Zanzarella, Leading Knight.

-Courtesy photo

Beacon Police Blotter

The following is from the City of Beacon police department.

Nov. 2: Warrant-Municipal Plaza- Corey J. Adams, 34, of Fishkill, was processed on two open bench warrants for criminal possession of a controlled substance & open container.

Nov. 2: Warrant-Municipal Plaza- Eric J. Henderson, 47 of Latham, was charged with DWI and miscellaneous V & T (vehicle and traffic).

11/04 Assistance-Main Street-Officers were dispatched to assist another agency regarding a medical call. Report Taken. Investigation conducted.

11/04 Traffic Stop- Davis Street- Shawn Bedard, 38 of Beacon, was charged with aggravated unlicensed operation vehicle third-degree & miscellaneous V & T.

Nov. 5: Auto Accident- Hit & Run- Long Dock- Caller reported damage to her car as a result of a hit-and-run accident. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Nov. 6: Auto Accident-Fishkill Ave- Caller reported a vehicle /pedestrian Accident. Report taken. Investigation was conducted.

Nov. 7: Open Container-

Fishkill Avenue- Jonathan N. Amoroso, 50, of Beacon, was charged with open container.

Nov. 7: Auto Accident- Hit & Run- Eliza Street-Caller reported damage to his car as a result of a hit-and- run accident. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Nov. 7: Criminal Mischief-Verplanck Avenue- Caller reported damage to door locks as a result of someone trying to gain entry. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Nov. 11: Criminal Mischief-Fishkill Avenue-Caller reported damage to his vehicle. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Nov. 11: Suspicious Auto -Wolcott Avenue- Officers were dispatched for an abandoned crashed vehicle. Report taken. Investigation conducted. Vehicle was impounded. Driver was located.

Nov. 12: Disturbance-North Cedar- Anthony Risicato, 62, of Beacon, was charged with Criminal Contempt 2nd.

Nov. 11: Auto Accident- Hit & Run - South Avenue- Caller reported damage to a parked car. Report was taken. Investigation was conducted.

Number of Calls- 392
Auto Accidents- 23
Domestics- 7.

Elks Lounge Dance Dec. 9

Get On Down at the Elks Lounge Dance Night on December 9 at 7 p.m., at 900 Wolcott Avenue (Rt. 9D), in Beacon. Dance to a vibrant mix of musical styles; song requests welcome. Attire is whatever suits one’s mood – from blue jeans to dazzling sparkles. These dances are informal and even if one comes alone, one can

always find a friendly partner on the dance floor.

There is a \$15 admission, which includes a variety of delicious complimentary snacks, and a full cash bar is available. All are welcome – singles, couples, friends, newcomers.

For more information, call 845-765-0667 or email rhodaja@optonline.net.

NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINES

Beacon Free Press will be on a holiday schedule for the December 27, 2023 and January 3, 2024 issues.

Editorial and Advertising deadlines for the December 27 issue are Thursday, December 21, at 5 p.m.

Editorial and Advertising deadlines for the January 3 issue are Thursday, Dec. 28, at 5 p.m.

Email cschmidt@sdutchessnews.com for more information.

Wappingers Falls officials thank Outback
Steakhouse restaurateur for assisting local families



The Village of Wappingers Falls extends its heartfelt gratitude to Dennis Dominguez, along with his entire staff, family, and friends from Outback Steakhouse. Their extraordinary generosity played a crucial role in supporting our community following the tragic explosion on November 2nd.

Dominguez not only arranged lunch for the village's first responders and highway department but also dispatched meals to the families directly impacted by the incident. In a remarkable gesture, Outback Steakhouse provided each affected family with \$100 and gift cards for future dining.

Taking their support to another level, Dennis opened his restaurant early on November 17th, contributing half of the meal costs to accumulate funds for the affected families' recovery. This exemplary display of compassion truly embodies the spirit of the proverb, "It takes a village," and resonates deeply within the Village of Wappingers Falls.

Village of Wappingers Falls officials offer a heartfelt thanks to Dennis, Charlie, and the entire Outback team for playing a vital role in our community's recovery efforts.

-Courtesy photo

‘Warm Up’ at Washington’s Headquarters
on December 9 in Orange County

As the days get chillier, all are invited to “Warm Up at the Washingtons’.” Stop by Washington’s Headquarters State Historic Site, in Newburgh, on December 9, at noon until 3 p.m. Historic interpreters in each seasonally decorated room will greet visitors and learn about when the Washingtons occupied the Hasbrouck farmhouse during the last winter of the Revolutionary War. Listen to live 18th century music as you learn about events that happened while General Washington was headquartered here, the longest stay at any of his wartime headquarters, and how the Hasbrouck House became the first publicly owned historic site in the nation.

Admission is free for this open house,

compliments of the Friends of the State Historic Sites of the Hudson Highlands. Call 845-562-1195 for details and directions.

Rain/Snow date for this event is December 10. Please call 845-562-1195 for more information.

While in the neighborhood visiting us, stop in and see the homes in the Newburgh Historic District featured on the Candlelight Tours. Contact Crawford House at 845-561-2585 for more information and ticket prices.

For more information about the Washington’s Headquarters’ grounds, museum and historic Hasbrouck House call 845-562-1195.

25th anniversary Christmas concert
to benefit Fishkill Food Pantry

Saint Mary's Mother of the Church will be presenting its 25th anniversary Christmas Food Pantry Fundraising Concert. This concert will take place on December 10 at 4 p.m. Participating in this year’s event will be the Saint Mary's Children's Choir, the St. Mary's Adult Choir, the Saint Mary's Bell Choir and the St. Mary's Contemporary Choir, along with special guest performers.

They are looking again to aiding the Food Pantry providing for those in need during this special season. The concert will be at Saint Mary's, Fishkill, 106 Jackson Street.

So far, they have raised close to 90,000 for the food pantry!

Martha and Douglas Sturomski 25-year Choral Director and Accompanist for this event

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Local residednt to perform in concert

December 10 in NYC and live stream

By Kristine Coulter

Dutchess County resident Debra Kaye will be performing at the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights concert at 3 p.m. on December 10 at Christ & St. Stephen’s Church in New York City. One can live stream the concert.

Kaye recently explained, “The idea for the show was a natural outgrowth of the work of Amnesty International’s Group 11, based in Manhattan’s upper west side. The concert will honor Narges Mohammadi (an Iranian journalist and activist), a Prisoner of Conscience and Recipient of the 2023 Nobel Peace Prize, who Group 11 has sought to free from prison in Iran.”

What can one expect if one attends the performance?

“You can expect to hear music celebrating freedom and human rights with texts that speak to many of the issues facing our world today. The program begins with an invocation for peace, by Kim D. Sherman. The text is the phrase “Make peace on all your lands” and the word “Peace” sung in 14 different languages. You’ll hear the world premiere of Judith Shatin’s “La Frontera” in its version for soprano and piano. With text by a prisoner in detention at the Southern border who remains anonymous because he’s a minor,” she said. “Niloufar Nourbakhsh’s “Veiled” for cello and electronics, speaks to the violation of women’s rights in Iran, the hijab requirement and the ban of solo female singers.” A second piece by Nourbakhsh sets text from the executive order proclaiming the Muslim ban, along with quotes from Philip Roth’s novel, ‘Nemesis.’”

She states: “In Debra Kaye’s Ukraine 2022,” the text by Roger Aplon asks a question that applies to many of today’s conflicts - “What is it eviscer-

ates morality, invites the birth of a beast where a taxi driver, plumber or an accountant, once lived a humane life?”

“The piano reflects on the writer’s words in a postlude that combines strains of the Ukrainian national anthem, “We Shall Overcome” and Bach’s “Wachet Auf.” In an unusual twist, two of the six composers on the program are men, Kaye said. “You’ll hear the beautiful cello and piano movement from Messiaen’s “Quartet for the End of Time,” that he wrote and premiered in a prisoner of war camp. The program closes with music of Ernst Toch whose career was upended by the Nazis.”

“During intermission a choral setting of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by Antoine Miannay will play on video screen and audience members will have the chance to join in a letter writing campaign in support of human rights activity in various countries,” Kaye noted.

Kaye was asked how living in Dutchess County and NYC influences her performances.

“Sharing my time between Dutchess County and New York City enriches/influences my musical life and performances through their cross pollination. For example, Composers Concordance, a collaborative presenting organization that I’m affiliated with in NYC now does an annual spring concert at the Howland Center, which is a collaboration between Beacon and NYC musicians.” She continued, “An example on the other side of that, Hudson Valley native, flutist Carl Gutowski, sometimes comes to the city to perform my music. Occasionally a piece may specifically reflect the influence of one or the other, but more than that, this blending influences me as a person and that influences me musically.”

Kaye remarked, “If Dutchess County



Debra Kaye

-Courtesy photo

was a person, I’d say it’s well-rounded, I love the beauty and peace of the Hudson Valley, the access to the arts and to NYC. NYC on the other hand, is intense, diverse, dramatic, and contains the heights of artistic excellence. My dose of Dutchess County allows me to be in New York City in a more peaceful way, and that blend makes me more ready to make music.”

Performing at the concert – Sara Paar, soprano, Clara Cho, cello; Roger Aplon,

poet/narrator; pianists Marcia Eckert & Debra Kaye; and Blue Door – Deborah Gilwood, piano; Arthur Cook, cello.

“Big shout out to pianist Marcia Eckert who has been producing this concert for 8 years! This annual benefit concert is Group 11’s only source of income,” noted Kaye.

One can donate or purchase tickets here. (\$30, \$20, seniors & students, \$15, livestream & donations).

For more information, or to donate, visit, www.DebraKayeComposer.com.

Meditation progarm to be held in East Fishkill

There will be a free program on Meditation at the East Fishkill Community Library on December 12 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Rev. Susan Olin-Dabrowski, BS, CHt Certified Consulting Hypnotist & Reiki Master Teacher will lead this program on meditation.

The free meditation workshop is offered each month on the second Tuesday of the month at the East Fishkill Community Library. This program is also offered online through Zoom.

Space is limited to 20 participants. Register online through the web calendar at <http://www.EFLibrary.org> or call the library at 845-221-9943.

Holiday Hoot set for Dec. 17

Deck the Halls! with musical fun at the annual Holiday Hoot, where the multicultural diversity of the City of Beacon is celebrated with Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa enchantment.

The festive two-hour variety show takes place Sunday, December 17th, at 6 pm, doors opening at 5:30 p.m. It features “hipster groove/party band,” GG & the Shades. Also on board are the X-Tremes, Christmas Carol singalong finale, and Kwanzaa poetry. A gorgeous gift-basket from Viscount Wines and Liquor will go home with a lucky raffle winner.

Hosted by Miss Willa Bugnon, Maestro Tom McCoy is on piano. Stage manager is Justice McCray.

The event is held in Northcutt Hall, in the 1872 Howland Cultural Center, located at 477 Main Street, in Beacon. This majestic, Victorian gothic architectural masterpiece — originally Beacon’s library—has been home to art, culture, and history, since 1979. It is operated by a dedicated board and staff—all volunteer—whose generosity towards established and emerging artists, knows no bounds.

Adult beverages will be available, as well as tasty treats for the youngsters.

Admission: \$20/advance, \$20/door, \$10/kids. For tickets go to www.howland-culturalcenter.org. Call 845-831-4988 for more information.

Afternoon book club to meet in EFCL

The EFCL Afternoon Book Group will meet at the East Fishkill Community Library on Wednesday, December 13, at 1 p.m. to discuss this month’s selection, “The Time Keeper” by Mitch Albom. Copies of the book are available within

the library system. All are welcome to come and join in the discussion of this work.

The library is at 348 Route 376 in East Fishkill.

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Living Nativity program set for December 9-10 in East Fishkill

By Kristine Coulter

The Hopewell Reformed Church, 143 Beekman Road, in East Fishkill will be having a “Living Nativity” display from 4:30- 7p.m. on December 9 and December 10. It is a free and fun way to “remember the reason for the season,” according to organizers.

“I got the idea in December of 2020, during COVID. So many people were still sheltering in place at that time and I wanted our church to offer a way for the community to experience the spirit of Christmas. About 60 members of the church and I developed the concept of a drive-thru nativity, so that people could get out of their homes and experience the joy of Christmas without leaving their cars. After COVID, many people were asking if we would keep the concept going. The event has grown each year. We had over 1,400 visitors two years ago and nearly 2,000 visitors last year,” said Doug Leonard, pastor for the Hopewell Reformed Church.

What can people see if they attend?

“There are six scenes from the Bible depicting the birth of Christ. It takes about ten minutes to drive through the scenes. Just scan a QR code on your phone to hear a narration of the scenes. There are live actors and animals with a live choir singing Christmas carols and a bell choir. Volunteers from both Hopewell Reformed Church and our satellite congregation Odyssey (a congregation for people with special needs) volunteer together to bring the joy of Christmas to the community,” explained the pastor.

It takes about 60 volunteers (actors,

choir members and behind-the-scenes workers) over two nights to host this event, according to Leonard.

There are also the animals -- llamas, a donkey, a pony, cows, goats and sheep. The animals are rented from Aly's Ponies in Highland.

One of the actors this year is Jack, who is a member of the Odyssey congregation. In the first year of the drive-thru living nativity in 2020, Jack played the part of a shepherd at the manger. He was proud of his part. At the end of the last night of the nativity in 2020, Jack said, “Maybe next year I can be a King,” Leonard told Beacon Free Press.

Asked why attending the drive-thru scenes is a good reminder of the true meaning of Christmas, Leonard replied, “This is a way of helping people who struggle in our community. One hundred percent of the donations given go to purchasing food and Christmas gifts for children and families in need in Dutchess County. Last year, the donations enabled us to purchase Christmas gifts for 50 children in need.

We also hope this free event brings the joy of Christmas to people. Life is sometimes a strain for so many people. The story of Christ's birth points us to our source of hope and joy, that in the middle of life's challenges God is with us. The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 1, verse 23 says: “Behold, the virgin shall bear a Son, and they shall call his name Immanuel,” which means, “God with us.””

For more information, visit www.hrcr-ca.org visit Facebook, or call the church office at 845-221-9542.



A Living Nativity will be held at Hopewell Reformed Church on Dec. 9 and 10 in East Fishkill.

-Courtesy photo



A Living Nativity program will be held at the Hopewell Reformed Church on December 9-10 in East Fishkill.

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EFCL Art Club to meet Dec. 13, 27 in East Fishkill

The EFCL Art Club will meet on December 13 and December 27, at 1:30 p.m. at the East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376. This group meets two Wednesdays a month. Bring one's own supplies and work on a still life pro-

vided or work on one's own project. This program is for adults ages 18 and up. No registration required, drop-in and open to artists of all levels of experience and mediums. Call the library at 845-221-9943 for more information.

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Hundreds honor ‘Beacons of History’



The Beacon Historical Society recently held its annual “Beacons of History” Awards. Pictured clockwise from top left: Ian MacDonald and family; Beacon Volunteer Firefighters, with 50-year members seated in the front row; Beacon Historical Society President Denise VanBuren with Bill Plimley, president of Lewis Tompkins Hose, Gary Van Tassell, vice president of Beacon Engine and Matthew Naughton, president of Mase Hook and Ladder.

-Courtesy photos



More than 200 participants enjoyed the Beacon Historical Society’s seventh annual “Beacons of History” awards on November 9. The awards were presented to a couple and a group who have made substantial contributions to Beacon and helped to preserve its history and sense of community:

Individual Honorees:
Joanne and Ian MacDonald

Ian and his late wife Joanne have made many significant contributions to Beacon, most notably to the Beacon Historical Society, a passion they shared. Joanne taught at Sargent Elementary for 20 years. Ian, a Beacon native, served as Assistant City Judge for 10 and County Attorney for 17 years. Outside of their professional careers, both volunteered their time to organizations supporting the beauty and culture of the city. Joanne was a long-time member and president of the Tioronda Garden Club. Ian served as trustee and president of the Howland Library Board of Trustees. Both have given generously of themselves to better and beautify Beacon.

Organizational Honorees:
**Beacon Volunteer Firefighters
Past and Present**

The proud tradition of volunteer fire-fighting began in the Twin Villages as early as 1840, and since that time, thousands of brave men and women have

answered the alarm to save lives and properties through selfless (and often dangerous) service to the rest of us. The three current volunteer companies, Beacon Engine, Mase Hook & Ladder and Lewis Tompkins Hose Company, have protected our community for decades but now face unprecedented 21st-century challenges and pressures. These dedicated neighbors were honored for their volunteer spirit, selfless service and admirable courage on behalf of the residents of Beacon.

The cocktail party was held at the Roundhouse as both a friend- and a fundraiser for the Historical Society, which is headquartered at 61 Leonard Street. Funds raised will be used to assist the Society in paying its headquarter expenses, establishing new displays and caring for its vast collection.

“We are so grateful to the outstanding and deserving honorees, attendees, sponsors and supporters – thanks to them, the event was a huge success by every measure,” said Historical Society President Denise VanBuren, noting that it is the Society’s single largest fundraiser of the year. “Beacon is changing so much, and we are committed to commemorating the history that made this such a special place through the generations. All are welcome to join that mission – simply visit www.BeaconHistorical.org and click the support tab for membership information.”

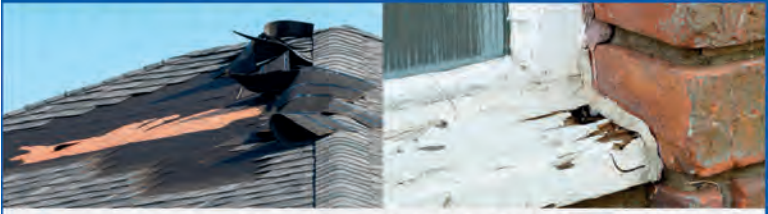


Sheriff’s Office: Three arrested in separate incidents

The Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office reports the arrests of the below individuals in connection with separate incidents at the Dutchess County Jail. All three were incarcerated at the jail at the time the incidents and arrests, and remain there at the time of this writing. Isaiah Walker, 38, of Yonkers, Westchester County, was arrested on Nov. 29th and is accused of violating an Order of Protection by contacting a protected party via phone calls, according to the Sheriff’s Office. Walker has been charged with aggravated family offense (felony) and criminal contempt 2nd degree (misdemeanor), and is due to appear before the City of Poughkeepsie Court for arraignment on Dec.5th. Adena Isaac, 22, of Poughkeepsie, was arrested on Nov. 29th and is accused of allegedly violating an Order of Protection by contacting a protected party via phone calls. Isaac, according

to the Sheriff’s Office, has been charged with aggravated family offense (felony) and criminal contempt 2nd degree (misdemeanor), and is due to appear before the City of Poughkeepsie Court for arraignment on Dec. 13th. Mark Supple, 45, of East Fishkill, was arrested on Nov. 29th and is accused of allegedly violating an Order of Protection by contacting and threatening a protected party via phone calls. Supple, according to the Sheriff’s Office, has been charged with criminal contempt 1st degree (felony), aggravated family offense (felony), and aggravated harassment 2nd degree (misdemeanor). He is due to appear before the City of Poughkeepsie Court for arraignment on Dec. 11th. As with any criminal case the charges described above are merely accusations and all three defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Obituaries

Delroy S. Graham



POUGHKEEPSIE - Delroy Sylvester Graham, 58 of Poughkeepsie, NY and formerly of Jamaica, West Indies passed away in the early morning hours of November 5, 2023, at Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital in Poughkeepsie NY, surrounded by his loving family. His passing is intensely felt by all who knew him.

Delroy affectionately known as “Track” was born on May 29, 1965, in Barbican, Jamaica, West Indies to parents, Justin and Lillian Graham. He attended New Day All Age School, then went on to Papine High School. In his early teens he became an ardent member of the Scouts Association of Jamaica. In

1989 Delroy migrated to the United States searching to expand on his life’s dreams. He first resided in Brooklyn, NY then settled in Poughkeepsie, NY for over 30 years where he met his beautiful bride Marvarine, and wed her on May 19, 2012.

Delroy “Track” had a tireless work ethic, he worked as a pool engineer for Husted Pool Company for over 25 years. He was passionate about his job and was greatly loved by the clients, and touched many lives with his skills and knowledge. He will forever be remembered as one of the best in the Pool industry. Beyond his professional life Delroy had a passion for music, with his passion he created his own music system known as Black Force and was the first to host a block party on Lent Street, in Poughkeepsie, NY. Delroy loved music so much that he became an event planner. Again, he paved the way and made it possible for the first Caribbean Parade in Poughkeepsie NY. However, Only one thing Delroy, “Track” loved more than music, is his FAMILY. He enjoyed spending time and traveling with his family. One of his monthly trips was at Monticello Casino. Delroy was compassionate/selfless, he made time to help his friends or anyone who needed help in spite of all his demanding obligations. His friends know that no matter how much he enjoys their company, his immediate family is his first priority. This is how he got his second nickname “Track” the family man.

Delroy is one in a million and larger than life. Farewell Delroy, “Amtrak, Track, Family man”. He will be greatly missed. Although our hearts are forever broken, his legacy of devotion, kindness, compassion and humor will live on in our hearts forever. Sleep in peace Delroy and know that we will forever cherish your memories and you will always be remembered with love, great admiration, respect, and one of the greatest men that touched this world.

Delroy is survived by his fantastic, devoted wife Marvarine Graham who selflessly cared for him as his health declined. Additionally, his three sons: Dwayne, Antonie, Justin and his only daughter Amelia. Four grandchildren Allayna, Kai-Lee, Xavier, Jamiyah. He is also survived by his four sisters: Angella, Jasmin, Joycelin and Monica, Two brothers: Dennis and Patrick, Brother-in-Laws and Sister-in-Laws, Aunts and Uncles, treasured nieces, nephews, Cousins, and a host of friends. He is predeceased by his father Justin Graham and mother Lillian Graham. He is remembered and loved by many and will be greatly missed.

In honor of Delroy, it was asked that everyone wore black and white attire.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Poughkeepsie High School Music Band.

Family and friends gathered and Celebrated the Life of Delroy on Friday, December 1, 2023, at The Gathering at Faith Assembly, 25 Golf Club Lane Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Funeral Service was held at the church. Interment at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery, Poughkeepsie, NY. Reception was held at Club Maroon 189 Church Street Poughkeepsie NY 12601. Professional services entrusted to Rhodes Funeral Home, 43 Fairview Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY. “Committed To Being The Very Best.”

Jacobson applauds proposed EPA rule requiring replacement of lead water lines

Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson (D-104) commended the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposal requiring all lead service lines be replaced. While the EPA has water standards regarding lead, this is the first time that the agency would require all lead-contaminated lines to be eliminated.

Among its many risks, lead poisoning impedes brain and bone development in children, and contributes to cardiovascular and fertility issues in adults.

“There is no safe level of lead. The EPA’s proposed rule will ensure that all children grow up lead-free,” said Jacobson.

Jacobson has been a strong advocate of removing lead from drinking water. He led the fight in Albany to increase funding for New York’s Lead Service Line Replacement program and co-sponsored the Lead Pipe Right to Know Act, requiring municipalities to identify any lead

contamination in their water systems.

In August, Jacobson joined a meeting arranged by Congressman Pat Ryan with officials from the EPA, the Department of Health, and the City of Poughkeepsie to discuss additional funding from the Federal Infrastructure and Inflation Reduction acts. He then followed up with the Cities of Newburgh and Poughkeepsie to ensure that they successfully applied for the funds.

“Given the current state and federal funding available, I expect that all lead-contaminated lines in the Cities of Newburgh and Poughkeepsie will be replaced well ahead of the EPA’s proposed 10-year deadline,” said Jacobson.

One may learn more or register for public information sessions at: epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/proposed-lead-and-copper-rule-improvements.

Barbara Ann Broas



POUGHKEEPSIE - Barbara Ann Broas, 85, a lifelong Poughkeepsie resident, passed away peacefully at home on November 27, 2023. She was affectionately known as “Sarge” to her family.

Born in Poughkeepsie on April 6, 1938, she was the daughter of the late John and Marion Cole McCombs.

A 1958 graduate of Poughkeepsie High School, Barbara worked at IBM Poughkeepsie for many years until her retirement.

She enjoyed reading and spending time with her “luncheon friends”.

On April 17, 1960, in St. Mary’s Church, Poughkeepsie, she married Robert Broas. Her husband predeceased her in 2008.

Survivors include her daughter, Dorothy Young, and husband, George

Young Jr., of Hyde Park; four grandchildren, Danielle Gonzalez and Rebecca Jones, both of Poughkeepsie, Megan Young (Shawn Mullen) of Saugerties, and Joseph Young (Jackie Picard) of Hyde Park; and great granddaughter, Drew Hazel Mullen.

She is also survived by her brother, Jack McCombs, and wife, Helen, of Hyde Park; niece, Kathy Morales, and husband, Dan, of Clintondale; nephew, John McCombs, and wife, Deborah, of LaGrange; and great nieces and nephews, Jack and Maria Morales, and Jillian McCombs.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by her daughter, Gyna Gonzalez, in April 2021, and sister-in-law, Rebecca Allen.

Barbara’s family would like to thank Hospice of the Hudson Valley (especially nurse, Lawrence), and her live-in aide (her angel), Theresa Young, for all their compassion and care.

Calling hours were on Thursday, November 30th at Sweet’s Funeral Home, Rte. 9, Hyde Park.

Funeral services were held on Friday, December 1st at the Funeral Home.

Entombment followed in the Community Mausoleum of Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery.

The family respectfully requests memorial donations to the Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation, 80 Washington Street, Suite 204, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (www.hvhospice.org), or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105 (www.stjude.org).

To send an online condolence, please visit Barbara’s obituary page at www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

Joanne ‘Jody’ Burruby



POUGHKEEPSIE - Joanne “Jody” Burruby, 89, of Poughkeepsie, and formerly of Daytona Beach Shores, FL died on Monday, November 27, 2023, at home with her family by her side.

Born December 21, 1933 in Bangor, Maine, she was the daughter of the late Benjamin James Dorsky and Priscilla Raynes Dorsky.

Jody loved sitting on the beach, watching Florida State football, spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

On April 7th 1956 in Bangor Maine, she married Paul Burruby. Mr. Burruby predeceased her in 2001.

Later in life she enjoyed doing jig saw puzzles and was known for her love of using technology to keep up to date and in touch with her family.

Jody was a registered nurse who began her career at the Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie before working for various doctors in New York and Florida

Jody is survived by her three children, Benjamin, and wife Adrienne, Jo and partner Margaret Pineiro and Jill; four grandchildren, Shannon Burruby, Zachary Burruby, Jacob Burruby, and Tucker Burruby and girlfriend Samantha; 4 great grandchildren: Sophia Burruby, Jack Murray, Presley Burruby, and Benjamin Murray.

She is also survived by her siblings, Priscilla Dorsky, Ronald Dorsky, Thomas Dorsky, and Donrick Dorsky and several nieces, nephews and her furry companions Jetty and Chewy.

Along with her husband she was also predeceased by her son William Burruby(2000), a brother Stephen Dorsky and sister Benita Davis.

The family would especially like to thank her niece Margo Bradley and husband Bill who were always close by to offer a helping hand, allowing her to live in Florida for as long as she could.

In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place.

Memorial calling hours were held on Monday, December 4, 2023, at Sweet’s Funeral Home, 4365 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park, NY. A memorial service took place during the calling hours.

Jody’s family respectfully requests memorial donations to Hudson Valley Hospice, 80 Washington Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

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Mount celebrates the holidays with annual Christmas tree lighting

Mount Saint Mary College students, staff, and faculty got into the holiday spirit at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting on November 30th. Fr. Gregoire Fluet, Interim President of Mount Saint Mary College, offered the tree his blessings. Participants sang classic Christmas carols and were wowed by the elegant tree. They also stayed warm by the bonfire (lit far, far away from the tree). An ice-skating rink and festive photo ops rounded out the night. For more information, visit www.msmc.edu

-Courtesy photos by Lee Ferris

Home Depot volunteers team up with local veterans on school project



Students and staff from James S. Evans Elementary School in the Wappingers Central School District received a grant from The Home Depot to beautify the school playground with benches and to build a new picnic area complete with four new tables. The Home Depot volunteers partnered with local veterans from VFW Post 5913 for the installation.

-Courtesy photo



Photos with Santa Dec. 10

The Sons & Daughters of Italy Lodge in Beacon will be hosting Photos with Santa on Dec. 10, from 2-4 p.m. at St. Joachim's Catholic Church gymnasium, 51 Leonard St., in Beacon. There will be a chance to win prizes. Dogs are welcome. Tickets are \$10 each and include picture with Santa, snacks, drinks and crafts. Raffles are from local businesses.

this week's puzzle solutions

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

This week's answer
SUDOKU

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4	1	2	3	2	1
2	3	4	1	4	5
1	5	2	5	3	1
3	4	1	4	2	5

Sudoku solution

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LEGAL NOTICE FOR ANNUAL ELECTION 2023: Please take notice that the 52nd annual election of Dutchess Junction Fire District will take place on December 12, 2023, 6:00pm to 9:00pm, at the Dutchess Junction Fire house located at 75 Slocum Rd Beacon, NY 12508 for the purpose of electing a commissioner for the term of Jan. 1, 2024 to Dec. 31, 2028. All residents of the Dutchess Junction Fire Dist. Duly registered with the Dutchess County Board of Elections as of Nov. 21, 2023 shall be eligible to vote. Candidates for office filed their names with the fire district Secretary in person or at DJ Firehouse at 75 Slocum Rd. Beacon, NY 12508 no later than Nov. 24, 2023.

EXTENDING LOCAL ORDERS 1, 2 & 3 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 5/2023 EXTENSION TO DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDER 5/2023 BY DUTCHESS COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Please take notice that on No-

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vember 29, 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 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.

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST NOTICE The County of Dutchess, Department of Public Works, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed responses for: #RFEOL-DCB-20-23 Request For Expression Of Interest (RFEOL) Professional Services For Planning, Design, Construction Documents, And Grant Administration For The Airport Support Buildings Project At Hudson Valley Regional Airport 263 New Hackensack

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Road, Wappingers Falls, Ny 12590 Responses will be received until 3:00 p.m. on the 22nd day of December 2023 at the Dutchess County Public Works, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, New York 12603, Attn: Contract Specialist, Diane McKenna. Specifications and RFEOL forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities" or www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york-county-of-dutchess. For additional information, call 845-486-2121.

EXTENDING LOCAL ORDERS 1, 2 & 3 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 5/2023 EXTENSION TO DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDER 5/2023 BY DUTCHESS COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Please take notice that on December 4, 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 Executive William F. X. O'Neil extended Local Emergency Order #1, Local Emergency Order #2, and Local Emergency Order #3 in fur-

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therance 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.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-78-23 Parts for Heavy-Duty Vehicles for Dutchess County Public Transit Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 21st day of December 2023 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS- RFB-DCH-2023-26 NAME OF PROJECT: BOWDOIN PARK PLAYGROUND INSTALLATION Project Description: furnish all labor, material, equipment and other facilities and items neces-

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sary or proper for incidental to the installation of playground equipment furnished by Owner at Bowdoin Park. The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york-county-of-dutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york-county-of-dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities." For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public Works at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard

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copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. All Addenda will be posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids for the above project will be received by: Caroline Miller, Contract Specialist Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 on or before 11:00AM Friday, December 22, 2023, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be attended through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud via Teams, will need to call into the phone number listed below. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All calls will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 250 757 409 036 Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond,

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certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Questions will be accepted by the close of business Friday December 15, 2023 and emailed to Caroline Miller at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. The anticipated start of construction is August 1, 2024; the anticipated substantial completion date is November 1, 2024. Failure to meet these dates may result in liquidated damages. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2023013225 View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

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

Suguru

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

THEME: THE 1980s

ACROSS

1. *"Heaven's on Fire" band
5. *Setting of "Cheers" TV show
8. Derive
13. "I'm ____ you!"
14. Gas station brand
15. Affirmatives
16. Image in Orthodox Church
17. *Robert Wagner or Stephanie Powers, on TV
18. *Vote for H.W. Bush, e.g.
19. *Weird Al's last name
21. Forum, pl.
22. Dog-____ book
23. Clingy plant
24. Spiky succulent
27. Accumulates (2 words)
31. Turkish military leader
32. Consequence
35. *Wintour of Vogue
36. Zoroaster follower
38. E in B.C.E.
39. #53 Down, third person singular
40. Do like exhaust pipe
41. Hertz' offering
43. Extra cost
44. Expert, in U.K. (2 words)
46. *Ricky Martin's boy band
48. Arrival time acronym
49. *Piano player Lee Curreri on "Fame"
51. *Baltimore player
53. *Mikhail Gorbachev's policy
56. Recipient of money
57. *Umberto Eco's "The ____ of the Rose"
58. Oration station
60. Some tournaments
61. In the thick of
62. Place, in French
63. Not at all good
64. Bitty
65. Other than what is

DOWN

1. Ornamental pond dweller
2. Deep black
3. Greek promenade
4. Shakespeare's output
5. * Lou Reed's "Home of the _____"
6. Like thick smoke
7. Campus military org.
8. Attractive to look at
9. * "Back to the Future" car
10. One on drugs
11. Cecum, pl.
12. Is, in Paris
14. "A horse is _____, of course, of course"
20. Resin-producing tree
23. Took the bait
24. * Christopher Reeve's sartorial style in "Superman II"
25. Old World lizard
26. Indigenous person from Suriname or Guyana
27. Surveyor's map
28. Mix-up
29. Not married
30. Promenade in Spain
33. Tournament ranking
34. Remains container
37. * Washington's volcano Mount _____
39. * Close of "The Big Chill"
41. Genetic initials
42. Entertained
45. Affirm to be true
47. Cavatappi or udon, sing.
49. Scapegoat's due
50. Fiber crop variety
51. Head of family
52. Deed hearing
53. Chew on
54. Schooner canvas
55. * TV's "Family _____"
56. Sound of explosion
59. * "Peggy _____ Got Married"

CROSSWORD

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Family Services' Felman receives Athena Award from chamber of commerce

Family Services announced that its CEO Leah Feldman has been awarded the prestigious Athena Award by the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce. This award recognizes leaders who embody the Athena Leadership Model, emphasizing strong leadership traits exemplified in women, such as collaboration, courage, and advocacy.

Throughout her tenure at Family Services, Feldman has passionately focused on combating domestic violence, embodying her commitment to the organization's mission. Her role has been pivotal in elevating the agency's impact in the Hudson Valley, from her initial position as a Victim Advocate to her leadership as CEO.

Feldman's dedication extends beyond her professional responsibilities. She co-founded "The Brave Project," a program that addresses real-life issues faced by young girls, such as cyberbullying, building healthy relationships, and self-defense. This initiative not only empowers young girls with essential life skills but also fosters leadership qualities, reflecting Leah's holistic approach to serving her community.

Feldman's commitment to these causes and her recent 50-mile fundraising run for Family Services, showcases her dedication to raising awareness and funds for the organization. This event, which took place on the scenic trails of Ulster and Dutchess Counties, not only highlighted her personal commitment to the cause, but raised over \$50,000 that will be directly used to fund Family Service programs.

The receipt of the Athena Award is a testament to her exceptional leadership, her impact on the community, and her dedication to improving the lives of oth-



Leah Feldman

-Courtesy photo

ers, especially in advocating for and empowering women and girls.

We congratulate Leah Feldman and all the remarkable women receiving this recognition on their well-deserved honor and look forward to their continued leadership and impacts.

A ceremony and celebration of all nine 2023 Athena Award honorees occurred November 29th at the Villa Borghese in Wappingers Falls.

For more information about Family Services and its programs, please visit www.familyservicesny.org.

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39 Glenford Ave.	2	2/0	2,648	\$680,000
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