

Serino takes
Oath of Office
as DC's ninth
County Exec



New County Executive Sue Serino addresses the audience during her Oath of Office ceremony on Jan. 7. *Courtesy photo*

Despite the region's first storm of the winter season dropping more than a foot of snow on Dutchess County, more than 350 guests, including family, friends, elected officials, community and business leaders, all gathered on Sunday, Jan. 7 to support Sue Serino as she took her Oath of Office as Dutchess County's ninth County Executive.

Hon. James Brands, former justice for the Dutchess County Supreme Court in the 9th Judicial District of New York, administered the oath to County Executive Serino during a ceremonial event held at Dutchess Community College's Aviation Education Center at Hudson Valley Regional Airport in Wappinger.

New County Executive Serino said, "I am so honored and humbled to be with you all as I take my

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Poughkeepsie rowing history
shines in 'Boys in the Boat'



The finish of the Freshman Race won by the University of Washington with the Poughkeepsie shore in the background is shown in this vintage photo from June 22, 1936. Local rowing history, particularly the Poughkeepsie Regatta, is illustrated in the best-selling book and recently released movie "The Boys in the Boat." *Photo courtesy of Archives and Special Collections at Marist College*

By Rich Thomaselli

Poughkeepsie's rich rowing history is a key element in an extremely popular book and movie that was released locally on Christmas Day, 2023.

The best-selling book "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown chronicles the 1936 University of Washington crew team that made it to the Berlin Olympics. The boat had to qualify by first winning the Poughkeepsie Regatta on the Hudson River. The Regatta was a huge sporting

event that was held for more than 50 years at the beginning of the 20th century and seen by thousands of spectators each year who lined the riverbank until it was moved around the country starting in 1949.

The event was considered as big as any prize fight during that era.

"Rowing was very, very popular," says local historian Bill Davies. "It drew a lot of people. And then the colleges became involved, and there was always an attachment to your college. So it even grew in

popularity."

The 1936 crew team from University of Washington that won in Poughkeepsie did go on to win the gold medal at the Berlin Olympics.

"There were only a few schools at first - mostly Ivy League schools," Davies said. "Then more and more became involved and it grew. They were looking for a nice, straight, calm course and the Hudson was perfect."

The film was produced and directed by

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Youngest current Legislator
Truitt elected new Chairman



New Dutchess County Legislature Chairman Will Truitt speaks at the Legislature's annual Reorganization Meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 3. *Photo by Curtis Schmidt*

By Curtis Schmidt

The current Dutchess County Legislature's youngest member is now its leader.

Republican Will Truitt, 28, who represents District Seven (Hyde Park and Pleasant Valley) was elected as Chairman for 2024 by a vote of 16-9 at the Legislature's annual Reorganization Meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 3.

He may be the youngest member, but Truitt is also one of the most senior members of the Legislature - having served since Jan. 1, 2016.

He has served as Majority Leader for the past two years and ex-officio on all legislative committees, and previously

served as Chairman of the Budget Finance & Personnel Committee and Government Services & Administration Committee. His first "Chairmanship" was as Vice Chair of the Public Safety Committee in his first term.

In his address, Truitt acknowledged the many new and recently-legislators saying, "As I look around this room, I notice that only two legislators, my friends John Metzger and Craig Brendli, remain from my first day in office. The rate of turnover serves as a reminder that we are all temporary stewards of this government, with limited time to make an impact. I look forward to working with the leadership of both caucuses."

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Parisi takes Oath of Office as new DC District Attorney

On Tuesday, January 2, hundreds of individuals gathered at Cunneen-Hackett Arts Theater in Poughkeepsie to witness the swearing-in of the first new District Attorney in Dutchess County in 40 years, Anthony P. Parisi.

Parisi started his legal career in the Dutchess County Public Defender's Office before joining the District Attorney's Office and most recently acted as the Bureau Chief of the Major Crimes Unit prior to winning the November election. The new District Attorney said "Growing up, I knew I wanted to serve my community. Never in my wildest dreams did I imagine that one day I would be sworn in as the District

Attorney. I am humbled beyond my ability to express."

Overall, the event had a casual but upbeat feeling with Parisi's two young daughters, Seraphina (4 years old) and Giuliana (2 years old), taking the stage and leading the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati acted as master of ceremonies and commended Parisi on his work with the DA's office and stated that Parisi held all the qualifications to serve as District Attorney and that as District Attorney, Parisi would be "caring, compassionate, firm, and consistent."

Parisi's family, including his wife, Sinead, also joined him for the Oath of Office administered by Judge David Steinberg. Steinberg joked that "this is an important day for Dutchess County legal community and the community at large...for every 40 years, we get a new District Attorney."

Parisi thanked community members for their support and said "This is a time of incredible promise for our County. My hope is to continue to work on our criminal justice system and to build a system that keeps us safe, is fair and earns the respect and the trust of the community we serve."



Judge David Steinberg, right, administers the Oath of Office to new Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony P. Parisi on Jan. 2 at the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Theater in Poughkeepsie. Joining Parisi on stage are his wife, Sinead and daughters Seraphina and Giuliana. Left: New Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony P. Parisi addresses the audience at his Oath of Office ceremony. *Courtesy photos*

Edwards sworn in as new Town of Poughkeepsie supervisor



Rebecca Edwards was sworn in as the Town of Poughkeepsie Supervisor on January 1. On her Facebook page, Edwards posted, in part: "Such an honor today to be sworn in as town supervisor by Rep. Pat Ryan---with some help from my son Ben." Edwards, who is a former Dutchess County legislator, won the November 2023 election against Jon Jay Baisley, who was the incumbent at the time. *Courtesy photo*

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The Honorable Judge James Brands administers the ceremonial Oath of Office to County Executive Sue Serino as she is joined by her husband Mark (center) and her son Anthony and daughter-in-law Kaela on Sunday, Jan. 7. *Courtesy photo*

ceremonial Oath of Office for this position. As I get to work for Dutchess County, I want to thank each and every one of you for the support you have given me and the trust you have placed in me to lead our County. This is not a responsibility that I take lightly, and I could not be more excited and humbled to create a stronger, more united Dutchess County."

Serino highlighted public safety, increased access to mental health, small business creation and retention, affordable childcare, food insecurity, transportation and affordable housing among her top priorities as she takes office. Constituent service and community engagement will be central in all efforts.

A lifelong Dutchess County resident who has lived in Hyde Park with her family for more than 20 years, County Executive Serino was a small business owner for more than a quarter-century. As a businesswoman facing difficulties navigating working with local government, she felt compelled to embark on a career in public service to alleviate such bureaucracy and promote economic development.

She began as a Hyde Park Town Board

member and was then elected to serve in the Dutchess County Legislature, followed by an eight-year tenure in the New York State Senate. A strident supporter of older adults and their caregivers, she served as the Chair and the Ranking Member of the Senate's Committee on Aging, as well as the Ranking Member of the Senate's Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation. A passionate proponent for veterans and their families, she fervently advocated for consistent funding for the Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Program.

Serino said, "I feel so fortunate to call Dutchess County my home and I am grateful to begin this new chapter as County Executive, surrounded by so many family, friends and neighbors today at our Hudson Valley Regional Airport because I believe the sky is truly the limit on all we can accomplish together for Dutchess County."

Video of the County Executive's Oath of Office ceremony will be available on Dutchess County Government's website, or a replay of the live stream can be viewed on the County's Facebook page.



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Yvonne Flowers takes oath of office as first African American Mayor of Poughkeepsie

Yvonne Flowers took the oath of office as City of Poughkeepsie Mayor on Tuesday, Jan. 2, becoming the first African American to hold the position, calling for unity and community support and pledging to work on behalf of all residents for the betterment of the city.

Flowers, a lifelong resident and four-term Common Councilwoman, was sworn in at the Poughkeepsie High School Auditorium, along with members of the Common Council.

“Today we take the mantle and begin the earnest work to push the City of Poughkeepsie to its true potential, to unify our city, to ensure it’s a safe place where all are welcome and can thrive,” said Flowers. “I recognize there is a lot of work to do, and I am calling on members of the community to join me in this work and to understand that change can’t happen overnight, but progress can — and will — be made if we each do our part to help nurture the city we love.”

Flowers presented outgoing Mayor Marc Nelson with a proclamation at the event, praising his work and thanking him for a seamless transition during these past few months following her victory in the November election.

Flowers, a graduate of Poughkeepsie City School District and Dutchess Community College, has served as Chair of the city’s Finance Committee, Co-Chair of the city’s Procedural Justice Committee and has been on the board of directors of numerous organizations, including R.E.A.L Skills Network Inc., Hudson River Housing and the Dutchess County Board of Ethics. She worked at Dutchess Community College for more than 33 years as the college’s Grants and Contracts Finance Officer and former Supervisor of Student Accounts Office.

Flowers became involved in community activities at a young age, working alongside her father John M. Flowers, Sr., who coordinated large community events, including the John Flowers Old Fashioned Easter Egg Hunt, Father’s Day Parade/Celebration and Community Day

Picnic.

Poughkeepsie Common Council members joined Flowers in taking their oaths of office today, including new Councilmember-at-Large Da’Ron Wilson. He is a graduate of Poughkeepsie High School, received his bachelor of arts degree in political science with a minor in pre-law from Virginia State University, and obtained his master’s of science degree from Mercy College in Adolescent Education 7-12. Wilson also served as a sergeant in the United States Army and is an Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran.

Wilson has worked for the Poughkeepsie City School District for more than 20 years as a 7th– 12th grade U.S. History & Global Studies teacher, a Co-Principal, and a co-facilitator of the after-school initiative Brother 2 Brother. He is currently the district’s Executive Director of School Engagement.

Wilson said, “I am honored to begin serving, knowing full well the Common Council is eager to get started and intends to work closely with Mayor Flowers and her administration to address the needs of the city.”

Among her many roles, Flowers will serve on the Poughkeepsie Children’s Cabinet Leadership Council, co-chairing it with Poughkeepsie City School District Superintendent Dr. Eric Jay Rosser. Wilson also will serve on the Cabinet’s Leadership Council.

“Mayor Flowers and Mr. Wilson have done tremendous work for the community, and I am excited about the accomplishments that will be achieved in their new leadership roles,” said Dr. Rosser. “The two of them are perfect examples of what our community can produce when we work together. Both graduated from the Poughkeepsie City School District and understand the community’s role and obligation in preparing the next generation of our community’s citizens and leaders. I look forward to working closely with them as we continue our cradle to career initiatives through the Children’s



City of Poughkeepsie Mayor Yvonne Flowers takes the Oath of Office and delivers the address during ceremonies at Poughkeepsie High School on Jan. 2. *Courtesy photos*



Cabinet. The Children’s Cabinet has worked to bring the school district, the city, Dutchess County, service providers and many others together to give children access to more resources, to enrich their lives and put them on a path for a better future.”

Flowers said public safety, housing, homelessness, economic development and community relations also would be among her priorities.

In addition to Wilson, the 2024 City of Poughkeepsie Common Council members are: Ernest Henry, First Ward; Evan Menist, Second Ward; Terricena Brown, Third Ward; Nathan Shook, Fourth Ward; Ondie James, Fifth Ward; Christopher Grant, Sixth Ward; Nedra Patterson Thompson, Seventh Ward; and Megan Deichler, Eighth Ward.

Five HV non-profits gain grants for public use of parks

Governor Kathy Hochul announced \$1.8 million in grants to support 27 not-for-profit organizations involved with stewardship of state parks, trails, historic sites and other public lands on Friday, Jan 5. The grants support public private partnerships leveraging private funds for new state park amenities, to engage in state park & historic site maintenance and beautification projects, and to provide educational programming and special events. The focus of this round is on the 2024 New York State Park Centennial Celebration, which promotes public use of the parks.

The list included five organizations in the Hudson Valley area.

“Our state parks, trails, forests and historic sites offer some of the best outdoor recreational and cultural opportunities

found anywhere in the world,” Hochul said. “Friends Groups are crucial to helping our State Parks succeed, and these grants will help leverage their hard work to make our State Park system even better for all.”

The Park and Trail Partnership Grant program is funded through the state Environmental Protection Fund. Grants are administered by Parks & Trails New York, in partnership with the Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation and the Department of Environmental Conservation. This ninth round of awards will be matched by over \$350,000 in private funds. Recipients must raise outside funding of at least 10 percent of their total project budgets.

The list of Hudson Valley organizations receiving funding is given below.

- Mohonk Preserve, Inc. (\$41,000) to create a capital improvement plan for the Samuel F. Pryor III Shawangunk Gateway Campground that considers the water system, drainage, septic, trash and recycling, staff housing, parking, and accessibility.

- Friends of Mills Mansion (\$300,000) to restore the walls and ceilings of the mansion’s historic kitchen creating a new space for programming at Staatsburgh State Historic Site.

- Little Stony Point Citizens Association, Inc. (\$30,593) to create safer public access to Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve at Little Stony Point by re-engineering the gateway trail at Fair Street, installing interpretative signage along the way to raise awareness of their mission and the NYS Parks Centennial,

and to provide ADA access to programming at the Volunteer Center and the Park by resurfacing the parking lot and bridge ramp entryways.

- Bannerman Castle Trust (\$107,100) to repair the historic trails from the waterfront dock to the new section of the North Trail. The project includes replacing two floating docks, repairing steps on the staircase, installing a new outdoor classroom/multi-purpose deck, replacing the concrete sidewalk, and installing railing on the middle section of the North Trail.

- Walkway Over the Hudson (\$33,740) to create a strategic plan to guide the next phase of its growth by engaging the public and multiple diverse stakeholders to determine how the Walkway can be a true resource to the community.

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Rolison introduces bill to crack down on reckless driving

To the editor:
Reckless drivers are fast turning our roads into speedways. What can be done? The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has rightly called the up-tick in motor-vehicle-involved deaths a “crisis.” And with an estimated 115 million Americans traveling by car over the holidays – the second-highest number on record – these figures could jump again.
Recently I introduced S.7717, a Senate bill to crack down on reckless driving that threatens pedestrians and other motorists. The legislation is simple: it provides discretion to prosecutors and judges to charge a suspect with aggravated reckless driving, a felony. Individuals driving uninsured or unregistered cars, trucks, motorcycles or ATVs, or guilty of three reckless-driving violations, would face forfeiture of their vehicles and other penalties. The measure is necessary because impaired and/or reckless drivers (including marijuana users) pose a threat to others each time they get behind the wheel. If our roads aren’t safe, Hudson Valley residents can’t feel secure about traveling around our region and state.
I’m encouraging my colleagues to join me in supporting and passing S.7717 during this session of the New York State Legislature. We need safe streets again. Our hardworking residents and families deserve no less.

Rob Rolison
NYS Senate, 39th District

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Red Cross: Emergency blood shortage may delay medical procedures

The American Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood shortage as the nation faces the lowest number of people giving blood in 20 years. The Red Cross blood supply has fallen to critically low levels across the country, and blood and platelet donors are urged to make a donation appointment to help alleviate the shortage and help ensure lifesaving medical procedures are not put on hold.
Over the last 20 years, the number of people donating blood to the Red Cross has fallen by about 40%. When fewer people donate blood, even small disruptions to blood donations – such as the nearly 7,000-unit shortfall in blood donations the Red Cross experienced between Christmas and New Year’s Day alone – can have a huge impact on the availability of blood products and dramatic consequences for those in need of emergency blood transfusion. Blood products are currently going to hospitals faster than blood donations are coming in, and in recent weeks, the Red Cross has had to limit distributions of type O blood products – among the most transfused blood types – to hospitals.
To make an appointment, download

the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).
The Red Cross and the National Football League (NFL) are partnering this January, during National Blood Donor Month, to urge individuals to give blood or platelets and help tackle the emergency blood shortage. Those who come to give blood, platelets or plasma in January will automatically be entered for a chance to win a trip for two to Super Bowl LVIII in Las Vegas. For details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl.
Upcoming blood donation opportunities in January
Columbia County
Germantown: 1/13/2024: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Palatine Park and Youth Activity Building, Palatine Park Rd
Hudson: 1/11/2024: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Hudson Elks Lodge No. 787, 201 Harry Howard Ave.
Hudson: 1/24/2024: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., CMH Support Services Bldg, 65 Prospect Ave.
New Lebanon: 1/20/2024: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., New Lebanon Firehouse-, 523 Rte. 20

Wappingers Falls: 1/18/2024: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., New Hackensack Reformed Church, 1580 Route 376
Greene County
Ashland: 1/29/2024: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Town of Ashland Ambulance, 12094 Route 23
Orange County
Goshen: 1/15/2024: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Orange County Sports Club, 1743 NY-17A
Harriman: 1/26/2024: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., The Journey Church, 95 Maher Ln
New Windsor: 1/11/2024: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., New Windsor Community, 555 Union Ave
1/24/2024: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Atlantic Marine Corps Communities, 46 Sluga Drive
1/29/2024: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., New Windsor Community, 555 Union Ave
Newburgh: 1/25/2024: 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Newburgh Armory Unity Center, 321 S William St
Port Jervis: 1/30/2024: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Port Jervis Elks Lodge 645, 35 US-6
Putnam County
Carmel Hamlet: 1/25/2024: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Kent Volunteer Fire Department, 2490 NY-301
Ulster County
Ellenville: 1/19/2024: 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Ellenville Public Library, 40 Center St
Highland: 1/19/2024: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Highland Hose Company 1, 25 Milton Ave
Kingston: 1/11/2024: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., SunCommon, 1455 Flatbush Rd
1/22/2024: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars, 708 E Chester St
New Paltz: 1/11/2024: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 21 South Putt Corners Road
Saugerties: 1/26/2024: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church Barclay Heights, 32 Church St
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Aging in Place program at Stanford Free Library
On Saturday, Jan. 13, at 1 p.m., the Stanford Free Library (6035 Route 82, Stanfordville) will present "Home is Where the Heart Is: Secrets to Aging in Place." Learn strategies to live your best life at home from professionals at Ashe Organizing Solutions. Registration is required at stanfordlibrary@optonline.net or (845) 868-1341.

Clinton residents can recycle their Christmas trees Jan. 13
If the incoming snowstorm inspires you to take down your Christmas decorations this weekend, don't throw away your live Christmas tree, recycle it! Residents can drop off your live Christmas tree to the Town by Friday, January 12, at noon for the Town of Clinton's Annual Bonfire being held the next day, Jan. 13th at Fran Mark Park at 5:30 p.m.
Drop off your tree outside the highway garage fence on the south side of Town Hall Campus. For more information on the Bonfire or any Recreation program, email Dawn Harkenrider, Asst. Recreation Director: clintonrec@townofclinton.com.

MLK Day of Engagement set Jan. 13 at Red Hook Community Center
On Saturday, Jan. 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Red Hook Community Center (RHCC) will host the third annual MLK Day of Engagement. Join Bard Center for Community Engagement and RHCC on this special day of celebration in the spirit of compassion and engagement. Activities will feature:
• The Red Hook Repair Cafe: bring your household items that are broken or in disrepair, and meet with a community volunteer to get them working again. Sponsored by the Town of Red Hook CAC.
• Ceramic Bowl Basics with Teeka: come make a bowl to benefit RHCC's Chili Bowl Warm-Up.
• Flowery Cheer: join Abloom in creating hand-made cards. Cards will be delivered throughout our region to spark feelings of compassion and dignity in those who need it most.
Open to all ages. RHCC is at 59 Fisk St. in Red Hook. Email signup@redhookcommunitycenter.org to register for any program. Visit redhookcommunitycenter.org to view all upcoming programs.

State of Rhinebeck set Jan. 18
The Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce presents the State of Rhinebeck on Thursday, January 18, from 5 to 7 p.m., at The Beekman Arms. Hear from local officials about the state of the community and find out what's ahead in 2024. Guest speakers this year include Village of Rhinebeck Mayor Gary Bassett, Rhinebeck Deputy Supervisor Chauncey Walker, and the Superintendent of the Rhinebeck Central School District, Albert Cousins.
Mingle beforehand with community members and friends. Light appetizers provided. Cash bar. Advance registration is required; visit www.rhinebeckchamber.com to register. Admission \$20 per member, \$25 per non-member.
Copake Grange sets Chili Cook-Off Jan. 20
On Saturday, Jan. 20, Copake Grange 935 will host a Chili Cook-Off. Spice it up and stay warm at our chili cook-off night, 5-7:30 p.m. Tastings, judges and prizes for best chili. Enter your own, or just come and enjoy. To enter, bring your chili to the Grange by 4:45 p.m. to set up. Please bring it in a crockpot if you have one, and label your chili with a title and ingredients listing. Free entry. All chili for sale to eat in or take out. Contact copakegrange@gmail.com for more info. (Snow

date: Sat., Jan. 27.) The Grange is at 628 Empire Road in Copake.
Repair Cafe set Jan. 20 in Hyde Park
There will be a Repair Cafe on Saturday, Jan. 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the United Methodist Church, 1 Church St. in Hyde Park. Bring your "beloved but broken" items for free help and advice. Visit ClimateSmartHydePark.org for more information.

Stanford Grange sets Winter Soup Dinner Jan. 20
Stanford Grange will host a Winter Soup Dinner on Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville, at 5 p.m. all dinners are take-out only. The menu will consist of your choice of a quart of homemade soup (chicken orzo, split pea with ham, or winter minestrone), your choice of bread (cornbread, French bread, or raisin bran bread), garden salad with dressing, and apple galette for dessert. Donation is \$17 per dinner. For reservations, please call Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869. Please note which kind of soup and bread you would like when you call to order.

DC Works at Red Hook Community Center Jan. 21
Get one-on-one assistance with resumes, applications, interview skills, and online job searching at the Red Hook Community Center (59 Fisk St.) on Sunday, Jan. 21. This monthly opportunity is led by Tashena Dixon from DC Works (formerly Dutchess One Stop). Register in advance at signup@redhookcommunitycenter.org to reserve a half-hour session. Walk-ins are also welcomed.

Defensive Driving Course to be offered at Stanford Grange Jan. 27
Stanford Grange #808 will host a Defensive Driving Course on Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$38 per person. This course allows New York drivers to receive a 10% discount off their collision and auto liability insurance and remove up to 4 points on your license for any violations incurred in the last 18 months. The class includes festive classroom participation and informative movies as well as a delicious homemade lunch served by the Grange Dinner Committee with a free will offering asked. For more information or to request an application for the course, contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869

Repair Cafes set in Stanford
The Stanford Free Library will host a series of Repair Cafes on April 6, July 6 and Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring clothes, furniture, electrical appliances, toys and more to be repaired, instead of throwing them away. The cost is a voluntary donation. The library is at 6035 Route 82 in Stanfordville. Visit repaircafe.org for more information.

ONGOING
The Frederick W. Vanderbilt Garden Association is looking for volunteers to perform all tasks required to plant and maintain the garden. No gardening expertise is needed, we will train as we work. You need to be eighteen years old or older and be able to perform, at minimum, basic physical labor such as bending, kneeling and carrying buckets. Garden work is done during the spring, summer and fall months on Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to noon. You are welcome to work as often and on any days that suit your schedule. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.vanderbiltgarden.org> or call 845-229-6432.

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He added, "As I look around this room, it is hard not to recognize that this is a time of change for county government. More than a third of this body is made up of new faces, and we have just welcomed a new County Executive in Sue Serino, District Attorney in Anthony Parisi, and Comptroller in Gregg Pulver. I believe this moment provides truly special opportunities. While we will continue to build on the good work of the past, we will also keep an eye to the future as we explore creative new ways to make county government work more efficiently for everyone."

Speaking to residents of the county, he listed major challenges being the illegal drug crisis, opportunities for youth and the unfunded mandates from the state.

"We must address the (illegal) drug crisis in our backyard with every tool available at our disposal," said Truitt. "I look forward to this Legislature partnering with the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, the District Attorney's Office and local law enforcement agencies across the County to crack down on those who would dare traffic and sell (illegal) drugs on our streets that are causing irreparable harm to our children and families."

He added, "Further, we must be bold in our investments in youth programming, as well as in our local parks and recreation to enhance the quality of outdoor and physical activities for our children who would greatly benefit from these opportunities to spend less time on their phones, video games and television screens."

He said an additional major challenge Dutchess County will face, along with every other County across the State of New York, is "the financial burden of ever-increasing unfunded mandates placed upon us by politicians in Albany who are desperate to claw back revenue and push costs down onto local municipalities to cover their absurdly bloated annual budget. We will stand strong and be a fearless voice for our Dutchess County taxpayers in opposing new mandates that are proposed by Albany, and will actively seek to partner with sur-

rounding County Governments and NYSAC (New York State Association of Counties) in expressing our opposition."

In regard to his overall approach in working with legislators and people of the county to address problem areas, Truitt said, "I will maintain an open and active line of communication with all members of our legislative body, as well as with our County Department Heads and Commissioners to ensure everyone's voice is heard and effective solutions are sought to the critical issues that face us in every community and municipality in Dutchess County."

In seeking to further "working together" relations with fellow legislators, Truitt said he plans bring back the "100 cups of coffee" event early this year to the Legislature "to signal our commitment in this county to getting back to civil, respectful discourse."

He explained further, "100 Cups of Coffee" seeks to bring members of the County Legislature together, to put aside our partisan differences, and to give us an opportunity to get to know one another on a personal level. Before we are Democrats and Republicans, we are Americans and we are human beings. In order to get started on the right foot, I look forward to working with Dutchess County's own Jodi Miller in coordinating this event in the Chambers of the Legislature early on in 2024 so that we may get to know one another and to appreciate each other's backgrounds and the communities that we represent."

Truitt also said the Legislature is "lucky to have many boards and committees tackling the issues facing Dutchess County, from Veterans, to the Airport, to the EMC, to the Tick Task Force and everything in between. This is only made possible by the citizen volunteers who sacrifice their time and give of their talents to help inform our policy making decisions. I am committed to utilizing these boards as much as possible. We will recruit far and wide to make sure that these boards are filled and remain active and vibrant."

Local HS teams in state rankings

By Rich Thomaselli

Several local high school basketball programs, both boys and girls, have cracked the New York state rankings.

In Class AA boys, Our Lady of Lourdes was rated No. 22. Spackenkill was 15 and Red Hook 22 in Class A.

As usual, girls basketball in the area was the dominant of the two.

In Class AAA, three teams made the rankings. Lourdes was No. 10, Ketcham was 15 and John Jay 18.

Red Hook was ranked No. 8 in Class A, while Millbrook was No. 14 in Class C.

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Poughkeepsie rowing history shines in ‘Boys in the Boat’

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George Clooney from the book of the same name. None of the rowing scenes, including the Regatta, were shot in Poughkeepsie, or even on the Hudson River. The movie has a limited run in theaters. Most observers believe it was released on Christmas Day in order to qualify for the Academy Awards.

According to Davies, the Regatta was inaugurated in the 1700s when the British came over with a crew team and challenged anyone to the equivalent of \$1,000. Back then, there was obviously no love lost between the Brits and the new country here in America.

That’s how it began and continued to grow. There was even wagering on the races.

“It drew thousands of people,” Davies said.

On Thursday, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. Davies is scheduled to give a lecture at the Beacon Sloop Club’s 2024 Lecture Series entitled “Competitive Rowing in the Hudson Valley,” discussing rowing as a competitive sport in the Hudson Valley from the 18th to the 21st century. Of course, it will include the Poughkeepsie Regatta, once known as “the greatest one-day sporting event in America.”

Individuals seeking more information on local rowing history can check out “The Poughkeepsie Regatta 1891 - 1950,” by Elizabeth Clarke and Ann Sandri. A collection of vintage photos can also be found at the Archives and Special Collections at Marist College website.

Many schools constructed boat houses along the banks of the Hudson to house their equipment. Today the Mid-Hudson Rowing Association (MHRA) is bringing back the tradition.

Davies began his rowing career on the lightweight crew at Wesleyan University and used his first paycheck after college to buy a single rowing shell. He began rowing his single shell on the Hudson River in 1983 and continues to row competitively at the Masters level.

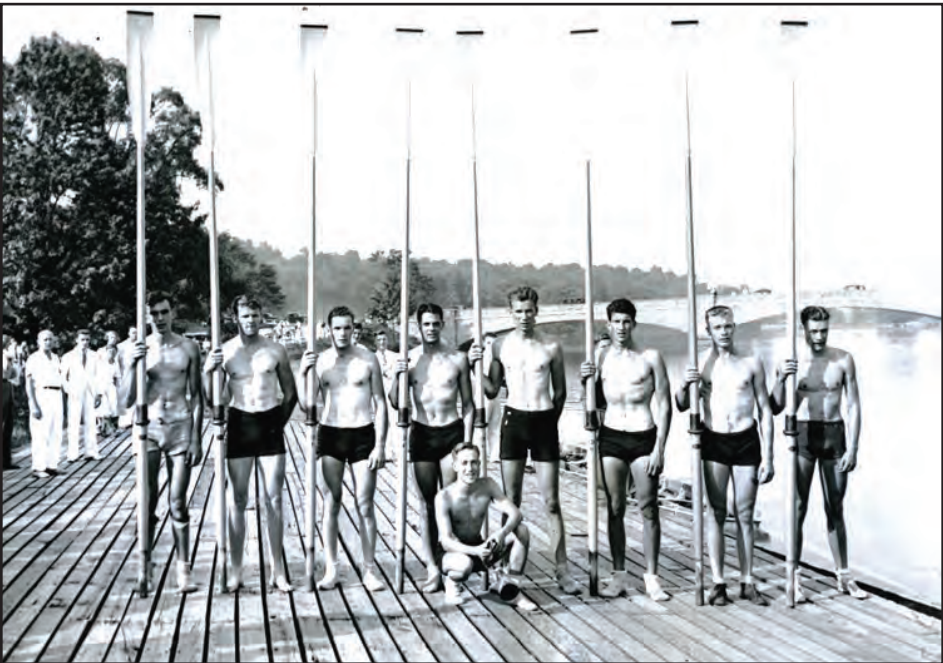
He has coached at the Craftsbury Sculling center in Vermont and the novice boy’s and girls’ crews for Our Lady of Lourdes High School during their program start-up. He is a past president of Mid-Hudson Rowing Association and started their sculling clinic in 2003, which he runs every summer. He is currently an assistant coach for the Vassar College crew, as well as head coach for the sweeps and sculls programs at MHRA.

Davies has seen “The Boys in the Boat” movie and said it presents a very accurate description of the race and the times, including the construction of the University of Washington boathouse.

“It was very well done, although they had to cut out a lot of details in the book, I’m sure, because of time reasons,” he said. “It didn’t quite replicate the look of Poughkeepsie at the time, because it was filmed in England. For anybody who has rowed on the Hudson, he knew the presentation wasn’t the same. But it was very well done.”



Clockwise from top left, Regatta Row with Boat Houses along the shore of the Hudson River in Poughkeepsie. The University of Washington crew team is pictured at the Berlin Olympics in 1936. University of Washington Coach Alvin “Al” Ulbrickson stands with a megaphone and the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge in the background. Photos courtesy of Archives and Special Collections at Marist College



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Serino names first woman to lead County’s Public Defender’s Office

Maragret M. Walker to be considered by Legislature on Jan. 16

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino announced on Jan. 3 her selection of Margaret M. Walker as Dutchess County’s next Public Defender, following the recent retirement of longtime county Public Defender Thomas N.N. Angell. Walker, who currently serves as a Bureau Chief and the Office’s Director of Training, will be the sixth Public Defender in Dutchess County history.

“Margaret’s breadth of education, experience and passion to serve others make her the ideal person to serve as our next Public Defender,” said Serino. “In addition to her well-deserved reputation as a capable leader and legal mind, she brings her education and prior work experience in community and counseling psychology, which is critically important in helping to meet client needs and assist them in rebuilding productive lives. Our community will be well-served with Margaret Walker as our Public Defender.”

Walker brings a wide range of experience as she prepares to lead the Public Defender’s Office, having served in various roles in both the public and private sectors, including multiple roles in Dutchess County Government.

Her experience with the County began early in her career, with an internship with the Office of Probation and Community Corrections in 1994, as she studied for her Master’s degree in Community/Counseling Psychology from Marist College. Following her graduation from Marist in 1995, she worked for community organizations such as the Putnam Associated Resource Center in Carmel and the Community Rehabilitation Center in Kingston. She also served as an educator for the former Domestic Abuse Awareness Classes for Men program at Family Services, Inc. She later worked as a Domestic Violence Outreach Aide for the Dutchess County District Attorney’s Office, where she assisted victims of domestic violence with support and referrals, acting as liaison with the prosecutors handling criminal cases.

She began her role as Bureau Chief and Director of Training in the Public Defender’s Office in 2019. She developed the office’s first formal attorney training program, and her expertise helped guide and train all attorneys and staff. As Director of Training, she also attended new attorneys’ court appearances, client interviews, and assisted with attorneys’ first experiences with litigation, in addition to handling her own criminal caseload.

Walker will be the first woman to serve as Dutchess County Public Defender. In her new role, she will lead a team of more than 35 lawyers, social workers, investigators and other pertinent staff, all of whom are dedicated to providing quality legal representation to indigent clients in Criminal and Family courts.

Walker said, “I am honored to be part of the incredibly talented team at the Dutchess County Public Defender’s Office. I look forward to continuing the Office’s reputation for providing a high standard of quality legal representation and continuing Tom Angell’s legacy of client-centeredness, as we help those in need strive to better their lives. I appreciate the confidence County Executive Serino has placed upon me, and I am excited to begin a new chapter of working toward greater fairness and equity in the criminal justice system in Dutchess County.”

County Executive Serino has forwarded a resolution confirming her appointment to the Dutchess County Legislature for consideration and approval at its January 16 board meeting.

Dine Out for History returns with North East Historical Society



Borden Condensed Milk Co. plant by the Harlem Railroad line on North Center Street in Millerton in the early 20th century is pictured above. A history of farming in the region will be the subject of a talk given during the first Dine Out for History night on Sunday, Jan. 21, at The Millerton Inn. *Courtesy photo*

The North East Historical Society’s popular Dine Out for History series returns this month. This year two more dining establishments will participate, bringing the total to five.

On select dates from Jan. 21 through March 11, participating Millerton restaurants will host their own Dine Out for History night, where 10 percent of the proceeds from all patrons that night will be donated to the historical society to support its research, digitize its collection and make historic content more available to the public, particularly educators.

“This collaboration is so important to the historical society because it helps people understand the importance of pre-

serving the region’s past,” said Edward Downey, president of the North East Historical Society. “And just as critical, this also benefits local restaurants at a time of the year when business can be slow. Our supporters have been terrific in the past about turning out for these special nights, and we hope they do the same this year.”

Diners can go whenever they want at dinnertime on the designated nights, but they are encouraged to mention Dine Out for History to the hosting restaurant.

The historical society will launch the series at The Millerton Inn, 53 Main Street, on Sunday, Jan. 21. An optional brief presentation on the history of farm-

ing in the region will be at 5:30 p.m. for those who want to come early. It will be offered with a glass of wine, and guests can enjoy their dinners at the inn after that. Dinner reservations are requested.

The other participating restaurants and dates are listed below.

- February 4, Sunday, Oakhurst Diner, 19 Main Street, 5-8 p.m., (518) 592-1313.
- February 15, Thursday, Willa, 52 Main Street, 5-9 p.m., (518) 789-0252. Reservations requested.
- February 26, Monday, Round III, 5523 NY-22, 5-9 p.m., (518) 592-1240.
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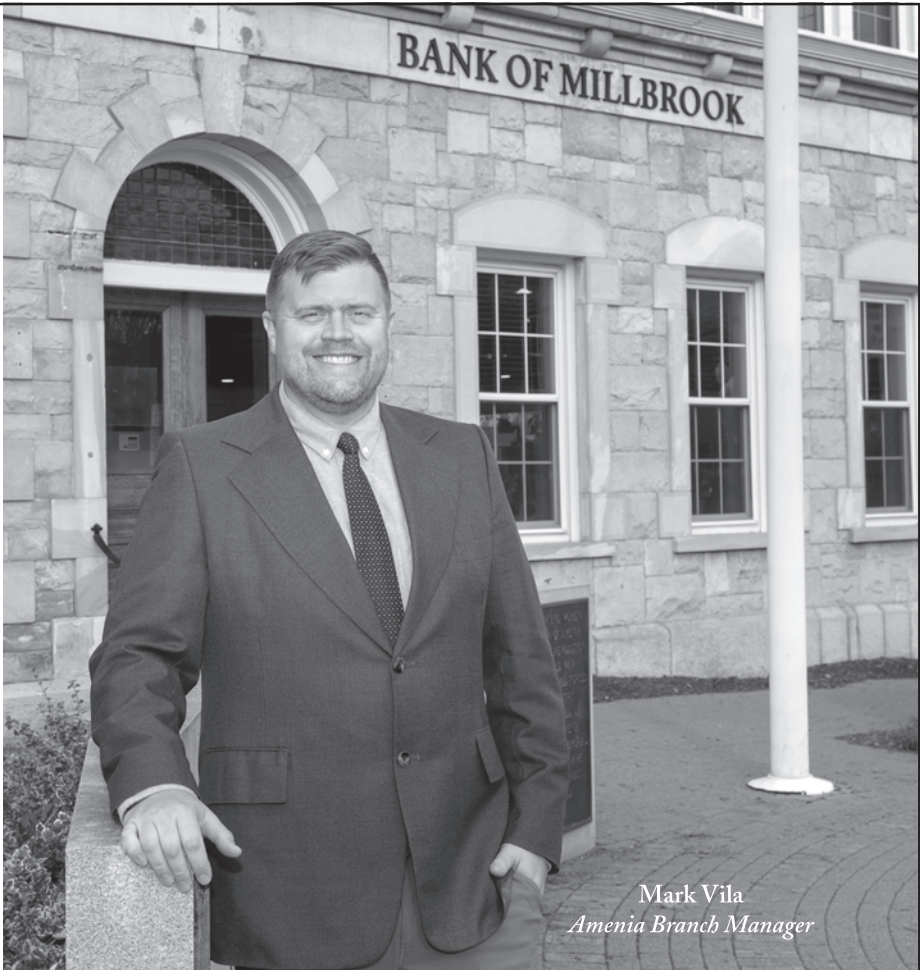
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Mid Hudson Construction Management builds first Hudson Valley Hospice House

Facility now accepting patients

Hudson Valley Hospice, the premier private, not-for-profit healthcare agency, in conjunction with contractors Mid Hudson Construction Management (MHCM), has announced that it is now accepting patients.

Construction is complete and all of the necessary approvals have been received at the first-of-its-kind inpatient facility in Dutchess and Ulster counties located in Hyde Park.

With (14) 400-square-foot private suites featuring large ensuite bathrooms, individual room temperature control, and convertible chairs and sofas for loved ones to stay comfortably overnight, Hudson Valley Hospice offers patients a residential option that feels like home, where they can live comfortably while receiving the specialized end of the care and support that hospice provides.

“Compelled by our mission, we are guided by a vision that continues to build Hudson Valley Hospice’s reputation as the premier provider of hospice and palliative care in both Dutchess and Ulster counties. As such, we took this important step to add this much-needed component to the constellation of healthcare services we provide to the community,” said

Michael S. Kaminski, president and CEO of Hudson Valley Hospice, regarding the new facility.

The construction of Hudson Valley Hospice House is expected to offer care to over 1,000 patients and their families per year. In addition to its private suites, the facility also features designated common areas, such as spacious dining facilities, family and patient lounges, and gathering rooms with coffee stations, microwaves, and refrigerators for family use.

Along with a meditative garden, offering patients and their loved ones the opportunity to enjoy a tranquil outdoor environment, the Hudson Valley Hospice House provides a safe, welcoming, and nurturing facility to the patients of Hudson Valley Hospice and an innovative solution to a previously unanswered community need.

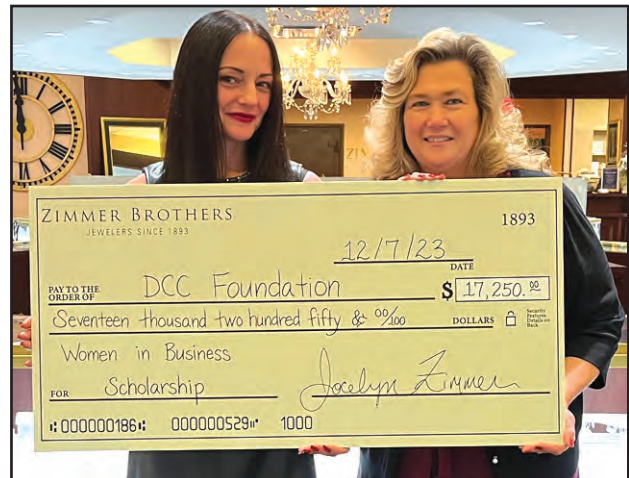
“When our team was tasked with building the first freestanding hospice inpatient facility in Dutchess and Ulster counties, we took the project to heart and wanted to create a place where residents and their families could feel at home while receiving the best care possible,” said Ray Travis, president and CEO of MHCM. “As we worked alongside Hudson Valley Hospice, we were proud to be able to offer our community a warm and welcoming center where families could bring their loved ones.”



Hudson Valley Hospice House offers patients a residential option that feels like home, where they can live comfortably while receiving the specialized care and support that Hospice provides. *Courtesy photos*



ZIMMER BROTHERS JEWELERS ANNOUNCES DCC WOMEN IN BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP



On the heels of its 130th anniversary, Zimmer Brothers Jewelers recently announced the establishment of an endowed scholarship with the Dutchess Community College (DCC) Foundation. As a DCC alumna and the fifth-generation business’ first female president, Jocelyn Zimmer recognizes the importance of elevating the next generation of women in business and intends for

the scholarship to help young women reach their full potential. The \$750 scholarship will be awarded annually to a full-time DCC student pursuing the Business Administration Transfer Program or related field. To learn more about the scholarship, and to view the application, visit suny dutchess.awardspring.com.

Above Jocelyn Zimmer, president of Zimmer Brothers Jewelers, presents Zimmer Brothers Jewelers’ three-year pledge totaling \$17,250 to Diana Pollard, executive director, Dutchess Community College Foundation. *Courtesy photo*

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Renegades begin prep work for 30th anniversary season

By Rich Thomaselli

As evidenced by just looking out the window, it’s not quite baseball season yet. That doesn’t matter to the Hudson Valley Renegades.

The High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees has begun celebrating its 30th anniversary in the area as soon as the New Year started.

“We are thrilled to be celebrating our rich, 30-year history of providing affordable family fun and entertainment to the Hudson Valley in 2024,” said Zach Betkowski, General Manager of the Renegades. “We have so many exciting new initiatives and special events in the works to pay tribute to the great players, teams, and memories of Renegades baseball.”

Saturday nights throughout the year at Heritage Financial Park will be full of nostalgia as the Renegades take the field in 1994 throwback jerseys in the original maroon-and-green color scheme. It will

be the first time that the Renegades have worn that jersey since they were retired as the primary kit following the 2003 season.

Additionally, every Saturday night will feature a 30th anniversary-themed giveaway. The giveaways, which will be announced at a later date, will pay tribute to all eras of Renegades baseball from the inaugural 1994 team, to the New York-Penn League Championship clubs of 1999, 2012 and 2017, to the modern Yankees era.

The Renegades have planned several alumni appearances throughout the season, including on July 6 where the team will retire Wade Davis’ jersey number. Davis pitched for the Renegades in 2005 and had a 13-year career in MLB with Tampa Bay, Kansas City, Chicago Cubs and Colorado, during which he was a three-time American League All-Star and twice finished in the top 10 in Cy Young Award voting. It will be the first player jersey retired by the Renegades since the team retired Kevin Brown’s #45.

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Heroes recognized for actions taken during WF gas explosion in November

By Kristine Coulter

Just over two months after a gas explosion in the Village of Wappingers Falls, members of the local fire departments, police agencies, other first responders and community members were recognized at S.W. Johnson Station #2 in the Village. The actions of those who helped that day were told by Congressman Pat Ryan on the Congressional Record when he read about the incident and their response on the Floor of the House of Representatives. A morning event on Jan. 4 was held with Congressman Ryan to honor the heroes.

There was also a moment of silence held in honor of East Fishkill Police Sgt. Daniel DiDato. DiDato died from injuries sustained in a single-car accident on Dec. 18 on the Taconic State Parkway. DiDato was on duty and on his way to Westchester County to interview a victim who was in a separate car accident earlier that day.

Ryan thanks those who risked lives

Ryan thanked everyone who was in attendance for coming. He said this was something “I don’t think we do enough of” and that it is important to recognize those who save lives.

During the event, nine first responders from the Wappingers Falls Fire Department, the Wappingers Falls Police Department, and the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office were honored.

“I know everybody in this room played a part in the response,” said Ryan.

It was early in the afternoon on November 2, 2023, that a gas explosion occurred on Brick Row. Injured were 15 individuals, including five first responders. Eight adults and two children, who

were in the apartments at the time of the explosion, were rescued and airlifted to the burn unit at Westchester Medical Center. A spokesperson for Central Hudson said in November that what was known is that a contractor employed by Central Hudson appears to have struck a ¾ service line.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino spoke during the event. She noted she once lived on Brick Row and thought about how it was back then.

Serino said her heart goes out to those families who were affected, the injured and those still in the hospital.

“Thank you from the bottom of my heart,” she told those in the firehouse.

Emergency responders recall incident described as ‘controlled chaos’

One of those honored was Raquan White. White is with the Village of Wappingers Falls Fire Department.

“I arrived on scene the chief then notified us we had two victims trapped in a manhole,” said White. He said with the Village of Fishkill and Hughsonville fire departments help, he was able to get one of the contract workers out. White said he and his partner then placed the victim in an ambulance and he drove with them to the hospital. White said it seemed like it took hours to help the victim, but it was just less than an hour.

“I really was at the point where I had a job to do and I did the job,” said White.

Captain Alex Bravo is with the Village of Wappingers Falls Fire Department. He has been a firefighter for a decade, seven of those years with the Village of Wappingers Falls Fire Department.

“I responded out from Highland Falls,” Bravo recalled about that day. “I remember coming across the Newburgh-



Congressman Pat Ryan is pictured with firefighters and law enforcement officers who were recognized on January 4 at the S.W. Johnson Station #2 in the Village of Wappingers Falls. Photo by Kristine Coulter

Beacon Bridge and seeing smoke. When I got there (on scene), everyone was still trapped. It was a lot of controlled chaos.” He continued: “Nobody was questioning what we did. They did what we needed to get done.”

Lieutenant Stephen Reverri Jr. is with the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office. He remarked after the program, “I remember a coordinated effort of first responders working together to face a chaotic situation.” He said it was because of the coordination that there was to be a tremendous outcome.

One first responder who was honored but wanted to offer an anonymous quote, said, “It does mean a lot to us that a guy in Congress, who makes it to Congress, comes back [to recognize us] -- that means a lot and he says ‘thank you’ for what you do.”

White said, “It’s a great honor. We don’t do it for the ‘thank you,’ but it is a great honor to be recognized.”

Village of Wappingers Falls Police Commissioner Paul Italiano said, “I probably could not be more proud of these people. They’re phenomenal. They are

phenomenal, not only the day of but with fundraising.” Italiano noted that Village of Wappingers Falls Det. Sgt. Jennifer Farrell “has worked nonstop, continuous hours, making sure the kids and families [affected] had a good Christmas. She took that on herself and the PBA. I could not be prouder of this department,” he said.

Moment of Silence for East Fishkill Sgt. DiDato

A moment of silence was held for East Fishkill Sgt. DiDato.

“I just want to ask everybody to take a moment to please join me in a moment of silence for East Fishkill Department police officer Daniel DiDato, his family and the entire community for his loss,” said Ryan.

Community owes debt of gratitude

Ryan said, “Our Hudson Valley community owes you a debt of gratitude we can never repay.” He noted, “It was my honor to do that (read his statement about the incident and the response into the Congressional Record) and my honor to recognize you today.”

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Hinchey, Kelles bill to create Agrivoltaics Research Program at Cornell signed into law

Senator Michelle Hinchey has announced that her bill with Assemblymember Anna Kelles (S7081/A4911) to establish an Agrivoltaics Research Program within Cornell University's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS) has been signed into law.

Agrivoltaics is an emerging combination of technologies that maximize land use for both food cultivation and renewable energy production. Applied research is required to identify the optimal design and installation of agrivoltaics across a range of conditions in New York State.

Cornell CALS' Agrivoltaics Research Program will provide science-backed guidance on effectively co-locating a diverse range of crops with solar arrays, balancing the need for increased renewable energy and local food production.

Hinchey and Kelles secured \$1 million through the FY '24 budget to create the Agrivoltaics Research Program, which is set to begin at Cornell CALS in the spring.

Hinchey said, "The path to solving the climate crisis requires expanding renewable energy projects to achieve our clean energy goals; however, this effort has historically harmed our local food

supply, often taking prime farmland out of production and putting farms out of business. The new Agrivoltaics Research Program at Cornell CALS will help change this dynamic by pioneering strategies and technology to facilitate vital collaboration between the renewable energy and agriculture industries. This innovative approach holds promise for ensuring a stable local food supply while advancing our clean energy transition, and I thank Assemblymember Anna Kelles and Cornell CALS for their partnership in developing this science-based climate solution."

Dr. Benjamin Houlton, the Ronald P. Lynch Dean of the Cornell College of Agriculture and Life Sciences said, "The Center for AgriVoltaics will leverage our extension networks and faculty expertise to create a dual-use economic opportunity for farmers, who are critical allies in meeting New York's renewable energy goals. I'm grateful to Governor Hochul, Senator Michelle Hinchey, and Assemblymember Anna Kelles for their leadership in establishing this research center, which will pursue science-based solutions that generate co-benefits for rural communities, our state, and the planet."

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Here are just a few of the community service activities our 4-H Clubs engaged in over the holiday season.

Top Dogs 4-H'ers had a busy season. They decorated gingerbread houses courtesy of Millbrook Firehouse then hosted a doggie meet-and greet with Santa to raise funds.



Cool Critters members collected food for local animals in shelters. They also supported the Toys for Tots drive at the Farm and Home Center.



Pigs for Kids members set up a stall at Taste of New York at Todd Hill to raise money to support a local food pantry and a dog rescue.



Members of the 4-H Teen Ambassadors Club baked and iced 130 cookies. They individually bagged them and delivered them to Troop K and the DC 911 Response Center to show appreciation for those who keep us safe.

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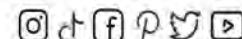
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Taste of NY and 4-H make a great partnership

On Sunday December 17th, five 4-H Clubs set up stalls outside the CCEDC-run Taste of NY store at Todd Hill.

The weather could have been kinder, but as always, the 4-H'ers, leaders and families persevered creating a wonderful seasonal market which showcased their skills. Equine Explores sold hand-made woolly hats and dog treats; Dutchess Dairy cooked grilled cheese and hot cider; Crafty Quilters offered hand-quilted pot holders and baked goods; Goats and Glory promoted goat milk products. These clubs



Goats and Glory had an impressive array of goat milk products to sell.

raised money to support their educational activities, while Pigs for Kids sold seasonal goods to support their community!

4-H Cloverbuds are Amazing!

When we tell people that our youngest 4-H'er Cloverbuds (ages 5-7 years old) can already give public presentations, they are often skeptical. But it is true! Pictured below are the participants in the Cloverbud Workshop which took place at the Farm and Home Center in December. The children developed confidence and presentation skills through a series of games designed to help them "Learn by Doing". Poise and posture, for example, was practiced by balancing books on their heads and learning the 4-H Pledge as they stood tall and steady. Program Leader Jane Rodd led the event and had just as much fun as the kids!



Our youngest 4-H members, the Cloverbuds, enjoy a lively public speaking workshop, gaining lots of life skills while having fun! Courtesy photos



Snow shoveling

Mom makes a point about doing a thorough job.

As I have written many times, growing up there were always chores to do. Whether it was working in the garden or mowing the grass or working in the restaurant, there was always something to do. Winter was no different. Mom and Pop had three apartment buildings which we were expected to shovel out before we could go sleigh riding.

Now you would think that shoveling the sidewalk would be a pretty much cut-and-dry chore. If you are told to shovel the sidewalk, chances are that is what you would do. My brother Vinny and I didn't quite translate that sentence the way you would think. Don't get me wrong, we would shovel the sidewalk. Just not the ENTIRE sidewalk. We would shovel a path just wide enough for someone to walk through. We would claim the snow was too heavy, too cold, too wet, too light, too warm, too windy, too sunny, or too dark. The shovel would be too wide, not wide enough, too heavy, too light, too big, too small, or broken. Any excuse we would could use, we would.

I remember one time in particular after Vinny and I finished "shoveling" the sidewalk, Mom questioned us when

we thought we were done, after she watched us.

Mom: So youa finished with the *marciapiede* (sidewalks).

Me: Yes Mom. Can we go sleigh riding now?

Mom: Youa do thema nice?

Me: Yes Mom. Can we go sleigh riding now?

Mom: (sigh) Youa eata breakfast thisa morning?

Me: What? Um, yes Mom.

Mom: Youa maka the toast?

Me: Yes Mom.

Mom: Youa maka the toast brown?

Me: Yes Mom.

Mom: Youa putta the toast on the plate, si?

Me: Yes Mom.

Mom: Youa putta the butter ona the toast?

Me: Yes Mom.

Mom: Youa getta the milk?

Me: Yes mom

Mom: You eata the toast?

Me: Yes Mom.

Mom: Youa drinka the milk?

Me: Yes Mom.

Mom: You clena the dish when youa done?

Me: Yes Mom.

Mom: Youa washa the glass when youa done?

Me: Yes Mom.

Mom: So ifa you do alla that, whya you only shovel a little bit on the *marciapiede* (sidewalks)?

Mom and Pop had a heck of a way to teaching us.

TUSCAN BEEF STEW

Ingredients

8 teaspoons olive oil
2 cups diced onion
1/2 cup diced carrot
1 tablespoon minced garlic
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
2 lbs. boneless chuck roast cut into cubes
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon black pepper
1 cup dry red wine
1 jar Coppola's Marinara
2 cups fat-free, lower-sodium beef broth
1/2 cup water
2 teaspoons oregano
2 teaspoons thyme
1 bay leaf
8 oz. mushrooms
2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
1 tablespoon chopped parsley

Method

Heat a large pan over medium-high heat. Add 1 teaspoon oil to pan. Add onion and chopped carrot; sauté 8-10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add garlic; sauté for 45 seconds, stirring constantly. Remove from pan.

Add 1 tablespoon oil to pan. Dredge beef in flour and brown in the pan using 1 tablespoon of oil.

Add wine to pan, and bring to a boil, scraping pan. Cook until reduced to 1/3 cup (about 5 minutes). Add vegetables and Marinara sauce. Stir for 5 minutes then add remaining ingredients. Simmer, uncovered, for 1 hour or until meat is very tender, stirring occasionally. Discard bay leaf. Served with sliced crusty Italian Bread and the remaining red wine.

RICE CROQUETS

Ingredients

1 cup diced pancetta
1/2 teaspoon salt
4 cups salted water
2 cups long grain white rice, uncooked
2 cups grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 cup Coppola's marinara sauce
1/4 cup dry bread crumbs
2 large eggs
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
1 cup dry bread crumbs for coating
vegetable oil for frying

Method

Bring rice and water to a boil in a saucepan over high heat. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and simmer until the rice is tender, and the liquid has been absorbed, 20 to 25 minutes.

Spread cooked rice onto a baking sheet to cool, about 5 minutes. Transfer rice to a large bowl.

Mix in pancetta, grated Parmesan cheese, Coppola's marinara sauce, 1/4 cup bread crumbs, eggs, parsley, salt, and ground pepper. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 1 hour.

Remove rice mixture from refrigerator and form 2-inch, football shaped croquettes. Roll croquettes in bread crumbs and place on a baking sheet.

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat; cook breaded croquettes until browned on all sides, about 10 minutes. Transfer to a plate lined with paper towels to absorb excess oil.

Serve with Coppola's Marinara Sauce for dipping.

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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Rhinebeck Garden Club reflects on 2023

submitted by Brenda Klaproth

The Rhinebeck Garden Club wrapped up another successful year – our 96th. Thirteen new members joined, which appears to be a record number. Club meetings address a variety of topics related to gardening, conservation, and public service while providing fun and social interaction.

2023 was packed with learning opportunities and social activities: meetings with excellent speakers, tours of both public and members' gardens, a hands-on wreath making workshop where we were shown how to create showstopping wreaths, ending with our annual holiday luncheon at The Beekman Arms.

Part of our mission is giving back to the community which we do by designing, maintaining, and purchasing new plants as needed for two gardens in the Village. Every December we create thirty-five wreaths as a fundraiser for The Starr Library. Philanthropy was met this year by donating funds for a picnic table at the Fireman's Pavilion in Rhinecliff.

Early fall was our annual plant sale


which featured a limited number of house plants and hundreds of perennials donated from members' gardens.

Meetings are usually held at the Rhinebeck Village Hall at 10 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month. We don't meet in January or August. Members are expected to participate in the Club by volunteering for or chairing a committee; suggesting or arranging a speaker or trip; presenting horticulture topics; serving on the board; signing up for refreshments; or opening their garden for member viewing as available.

Planning is under way for 2024. Our yearbook that lists the calendar of events, a membership directory, and more will be available at our February meeting. We hope to see current members as well as new folks at our first meeting where we welcome Sue Sie, environmental advocate, architect, leader of the Rhinebeck Community Garden, and founder of "Dirty Gaia," <https://www.dirtygaia.org>. Visitors and guests are welcome, so please join us for our 97th year! For information, call Hannah at 914-263-5298, or Log into Facebook.



Members of the Rhinebeck Garden Club got together for their annual holiday luncheon at The Beekman Arms in December. *Courtesy photo*



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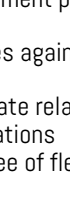
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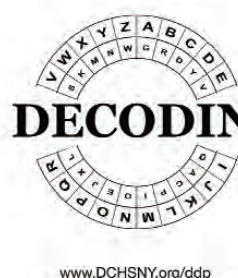
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DECODING DUTCHESS PAST



The case of the missing cow - an Ancient Documents story

By Will Tatum

With the new year now upon us, thoughts tend to turn to what lies ahead. It is a time for resolutions, for hopes and dreams, and for seeking signs that confirm this year will be one of triumph. Auguries come in all forms, and not all of the fates they presage are good ones.

Today we will journey back in time through the Dutchess County Ancient Documents Collections, the surviving filings of the colonial county courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions. An example is an unfortunate augury for one resident of 18-century Rhinebeck. What fate did a missing cow predict for Sylvanus Garlick?

The date was October 15, 1743. At this point in Dutchess County's past, Rhinebeck was roughly twice the size it is today, including all of modern Red Hook, with a substantially smaller population. The residents, a mix of Germans, Dutch, and English, were spread across that area, living in modest wood frame houses with a few stone structures thrown in.

The west bank of the Hudson River did not see as much building in stone as the east bank, especially in Ulster County, which is famous for its multitude of early stone houses. There were small concentrations of settlement - a cluster of houses with a store and church here and there, but the social landscape was radically different.

In contrast to the modern map, the major communities (less than hamlets by modern standards) could be found at places like Rhinecliff (where the Rondout Ferry crossed), Old Rhinebeck (immediately north of the Ruge's Chrysler Dodge Jeep), Staatsburg, and Wurtsburg. It is likely that the old small town stereotype of everyone knowing everyone else was especially true, since the population was so small at the time. The modern villages of Rhinebeck, Red Hook, and Tivoli were still years to decades away from their initial foundations.

Our window into this early period of settlement in Northern Dutchess is Ancient Document #1656, a coroner's inquest on the body of Sylvanus Garlick and potentially the only surviving evidence of his existence.

How it began

On that fateful day in the middle of October, probably in peak leaf season, Garlick visited his friend Jacob Sornsborgh. Garlick's official purpose was to reclaim a milk cow that he had loaned to Sornsborgh, but it is highly likely that the two men shared some conversation over strong drink (the period term for hard alcohol) before Garlick began his journey home. Frans Neher, a neighbor, saw Garlick leading his cow along the road to his home later that day, and later testified that he thought Garlick was probably drunk. One can easily imagine the weaving gait of a man deep in his cups and overdue at home.

Neither Garlick nor his cow appeared on the evening of October 15, so the next morning neighbors began a search of the route between the Garlick and Sornsborgh houses. First they found the cow. Then they found Garlick's stone-cold corpse, with "a great holl in his head," which today's investigators would probably describe as a wound from blunt force trauma.

In accordance with period practice, the neighbors summoned the county coroner, who immediately formed a jury to investigate the affair, probably calling on the same men who had gone out to search for Garlick that morning. In these days before criminal scene investigators (CSI) or truly professional law enforcement officials of any kind, the jury had to conduct the investigation themselves. A careful walk over the scene revealed a blood trail leading back in the direction of Sornsborgh's house, with blood spots on stones and wood along the road.

Accidental death ruling

Having seen the evidence firsthand, and after interviewing Neher, the jurors concluded that Garlick's death was an accident. Garlick had been intoxicated when he left Sornsborgh's home and had fallen somewhere along the route, smashing his head against a rock, piece of wood, or some other debris on the ground. Garlick then crawled some distance (unspecified) before finally collapsing.

The chill temperatures of a mid-October night, back in the days when winter was much harsher than today, did the rest. Such accidental deaths were an infrequent, though not uncommon, feature of

life in early Dutchess County, appearing with far greater frequency than murder. The land was largely undeveloped with people living at significant distances from one another, daily work was hard and unencumbered by OSHA regulations, and the climate and weather offered much greater challenges than the ones we face today. Sylvanus Garlick's unfortunate fate is a reminder of the many hurdles that past residents of Dutchess County have overcome to grant us the relatively comfortable lives we lead today.

If you want to learn more about Garlick's story, see other coroner's inquests to learn about accidental death in Dutchess, or seek windows into other aspects of Dutchess County's past, please visit the Ancient Documents Search Portal at www.dutchessny.gov/ancientdocuments.

For the past 11 years, staff from the Dutchess County Clerk's Office have

been busily processing the surviving filings of the Dutchess County Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions, preserved today in the Ancient Documents Collection, which date back to 1721.

This collection provides an unparalleled opportunity to delve into daily life in Dutchess County preserved by the early courts. Generous funding from the New York State Archives has supported Dutchess County's digitization of 167,000 pages of documents, now online and available through the Ancient Documents Search portal. We look forward to bringing you more stories like Sylvanus Garlick's in future editions.

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County Players announces auditions for the May musical 'Ragtime'

County Players, one of the longest-running community theatre companies in the area, will hold open auditions on Sunday & Monday, Jan. 14 & 15 at 7 p.m., for the musical "Ragtime," with a book by Terrence McNally, with lyrics by Lynn Ahrens and music by Stephen Flaherty; and based on the novel by E.L. Doctorow. This Main Stage production is scheduled for May and will be directed by Anna Marie Paolercio. Open auditions for all roles will be held at the County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main Street in the Village of Wappingers Falls.

Performances are scheduled for Fridays and Saturdays, May 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18 at 8 pm. with 2 p.m. matinees on Sunday, May 12 and 19, and Saturday, May 18.

This musical tapestry depicts an African-American family, a Jewish immigrant family, and a wealthy white suburban family in turn-of-the-century America, who collide in pursuit of the American Dream. Nominated for 13 Tony Awards® including "Best Musical," and winning for "Best Original Score" and "Best Book of a Musical," Ragtime is a powerful portrait of life during the turn-of-the-century, exploring America's timeless contradictions of freedom and prejudice, wealth, and poverty, hope, and despair.

DIVERSE CASTING: a total size of approximately 30-35 men, women, and children, actors of all ages, genders, and ethnicities are encouraged. For complete audition information, including a detailed cast, character breakdown with descriptions, audition form, and a DRAFT rehearsal schedule please visit countyplayers.org/shows/auditions/. The online audition form may be downloaded, filled out, and printed from the County Players AUDITIONS page; you may bring the form with you, and will also be available from the Stage Manager at auditions.

SCHEDULE: Be prepared to list all possible conflicts. The rehearsal schedule will be respectful of performers' time and conflicts.

AUDITION PROCESS: PREPARE 16 bars from a Broadway show tune in similar style to "Ragtime", and bring sheet music (piano accompaniment will be available; piano conductor score will be available at auditions), PLEASE DRESS in comfortable clothing for a movement audition - TBD, SCRIPT READINGS will be for only those the casting team determines for principal roles and will be assigned from the MTI script.

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Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through Feb. 29:** Featured in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. is Stacy Pearl; and at 12 Vassar St. is Jane Ehrlich in the Reception Gallery and Rebecca Zeh in the Hancock Gallery. **Free Public Art Opening Reception:** Fri., Jan. 12, 5-7 p.m. for Stacy Pearl at 9 Vassar St.. Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access. More info: cunneen-hackett.org

Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. **Through Jan. 28:** "Silver Linings: Celebrating the Spelman Art Collection," the inaugural show in a five-stop, nationwide tour, made possible through the Art Bridges Foundation. Through the work of nearly 40 artists, Silver Linings uplifts the legacy of artists of African descent spanning the 20th Century through the contemporary moment, many of whom have been overlooked by mainstream art museums. (845) 437-5632 or <https://www.vassar.edu/theloeb>.

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum, 4097 Albany Post Rd. (Rte. 9), Hyde Park. **Through December:** Developed in collaboration with a distinguished committee of scholars, "Black Americans, Civil Rights, and the Roosevelts, 1932-1962" centers the historical voices of many Black community leaders, wartime service members, and ordinary citizens who engaged the Roosevelt administration directly and who pushed for progress. Within this context, the exhibit examines the political evolution of both Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt regarding racial justice. www.fdrlibrary.org

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Olana State Historic Site, Hudson. **Through March 24:** "Spectacle: Frederic Church and The Business of Art," a 21st-century way of viewing Frederic Church's great masterwork, "The Heart of the Andes," and this exhibition highlights the showmanship and marketing that Church used to promote the debut of this work in 1859. For more information and to purchase tickets visit olana.org/spectacle

Rhinebeck Bank, 6414 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. **Through Feb. 9:** "Here, There and Eclectic," paintings by Richard Trachtman.

Super Secret Projects (Back of Hyperbole), 484 Main St., Beacon. **Jan. 13-Feb. 3:** "Visual Memoirs: Portraits, Self-Portraits, and Selfies," a curated group show of work that explores the art of portraiture. **Opening:** Sat., Jan. 13, 6-9 p.m. supersecretprojects.com

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Jan. 12-Feb. 11:** "Figures & Faces Show," 2-D and 3-D work depicting figures and faces. **Opening reception:** Sat., Jan. 13, 5-7 p.m. (845) 757-2667

Bard student artwork exhibited in Hudson, Red Hook

Bard Community Arts Collective and the Center for Civic Engagement recently announced the installation of several student artworks in Dutchess County and Columbia County.

"How Long Will We Be Driving" by Bard student James Wise '26 is on view at a billboard located at 3391 US-9, Hudson, NY 12534 through January 17. This work is presented through a partnership with Shandaken Projects' public art initiative 14x48, which has exhibited new work by contemporary artists on billboards across New York State since 2021.

Additionally, works from students in the Studio Arts Program at Bard have been temporarily installed in Richard Abraham's Memorial Park in Red Hook, as part of a pilot partnership with the Village of Red Hook's Public Spaces Initiative Committee.

These projects originated in an Extended Media course taught by artist Julia Weist in the Studio Arts Program at Bard. This class explores the potential of

presenting art in an expanded field of engagement, including in the public realm, asking students to consider how the interpretation of their work changes when it is experienced in a mass media or civic context.

In addition to exercises and instruction in the classroom, students visited the offices of Shandaken Projects and met with the Village of Red Hook's Chair for the Public Spaces Initiative Committee, Ash Bradley-Rickard, and the Red Hook Village Board to learn more about opportunities for artists in the public sector. Each student created a two-dimensional billboard proposal, reviewed by Shandaken Projects, and a three-dimensional public art proposal, which was presented at a Village Board meeting on November 13, 2023. One billboard proposal was selected by Shandaken Projects for production, and every student proposal was approved for temporary installation in Richard Abraham's Memorial Park.

The selected billboard, created by

James Wise, was created by layering more than 50 AI-generated images. At first glance from the vantage of a moving car, the image appears to be a standard insurance ad. A closer look reveals that the uncanny advertisement includes only one legible question—"How long will we be driving?"—along with other text-like elements that are distorted and nonsensical. The billboard's question highlights several challenging issues related to emerging technologies and the future of our planet, such as the loss of human autonomy that may come from an increased reliance on AI (including through self-driving cars) and the impact of driving carbon-polluting cars on a warming climate.

Wise said of the project, "Making a piece for the public takes what I've been doing within a class environment to a larger, more diverse audience, so I approached it as such. I sought to create something with enough depth to conjure a diverse array of reactions, regardless of what I intended, and I hope to see that reflected in

public feedback to the project."

The student artwork installed in Richard Abraham's Memorial Park spanned a variety of materials, from sculptures made from wood and steel to large format photographic prints. Each was developed with the park's landscape and context in mind. Several of the pieces are interactive and all were made to be installed without impacting the local habitat native to the site. Although the temporary installation was not open to the public, this project served as a pilot program allowing the Village and Bard Community Arts Collective to imagine future collaborative opportunities.

A student in the course, Elena Schneider '27, said of the project, "Being able to make something to be displayed in the landscape where we live pushed me to create something I really care about and am proud of. I put a lot of work into my sculpture and it was very rewarding to see it come to life in such a beautiful place. I hope to have more opportunities to present student work in public places."

Clay Hammond named new board president of Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome

The Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome has announced that Clay Hammond is the new Board of Trustees President.

Hammond is a familiar name, ringing through the records and stories of the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome for well over 40 years.

Bill Hammond served as Chief Pilot and Director for many years under Cole Palen. Charlotte played Trudy Truelove, among other roles and their children, Nate and Clay are both talented pilots with careers in aviation.

Clay Hammond, trustee and Chief Pilot, took his first airplane ride when he was just five weeks old on his mom's lap in the family's J-3 Cub, flying out of Old

Rhinebeck.

A professional pilot and aviation salesman by trade, he has specialized in aircraft sales, ferry and delivery of aircraft new and old.

Clay said, "Cole Palen had a natural ability to empower others to do great things. His enthusiasm for vintage aircraft preservation was infectious and his special brand of 'keep 'em flying' was central in kick-starting the vintage aviation restoration movement."

He credits Palen with an ability to entertain audiences with colorful characters, zany antics, and a comical story line, in the process providing an education that simply isn't taught anywhere else and

showing the aircraft and vehicles in their natural environment.

Preservation, education and teaching historical awareness through entertainment remains a cornerstone of the Aerodrome experience, and it is Clay's hope that he can help to ensure this for decades to come.

Clay Hammond. *Courtesy photo*



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Jan. 11-14: Live Music at the Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. Jan. 11: Here Comes the Sun: Celebrating the Music of The Beatles, five-person band of multi-instrumentalist/vocalists from Broadway, Lincoln Center, and the Trans-Siberian Orchestra create a fresh, vibrant, and one-of-a-kind concert experience that celebrates ten years of music from the Fab 4, 7 p.m. Tickets \$30 advance, \$35 door. Jan. 12: The Whiskey Treaty Roadshow, a collaborative band that brings together five Massachusetts singer-songwriters in the vein of Americana, rock and folk music, 8 p.m. Tickets \$25 advance, \$30 door. Jan. 13: Chris O'Leary Band, Chris O'Leary's musical background includes duties as lead singer and front man for rock and roll hall of famer and Grammy award winner Levon Helm's band, The Barnburners, 8 p.m. Tickets \$25 advance, \$30 door. Jan. 14: Last Minute Soulmates, originals and covers, 5:30 p.m. Led by Russ St. George with his original songs/vocals and guitar, the band includes Carla Springer vocals, Harry Lawrence bass, Mitch Florian drums, and guitarist Rik Mercaldi. No cover; \$15 minimum purchase of food & beverage. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

Jan. 14: The Howland Chamber Music Circle's Piano Festival, Howland Cultural

Center, 477 Main St., Beacon. The winter Piano Festival kicks off with Jonathan Biss, 4 p.m. Following the concert, audience members can meet Mr. Biss and enjoy a refreshment. All ticket holders are invited to the reception. To purchase a ticket, visit howlandmusic.org.

Jan. 14: Movie & Soup: "In the Heat of the Night," Copake Grange 935, 628 Empire Rd., Copake. n commemoration of Martin Luther King Day, see this 1967 mystery drama which was nominated for 7 Academy Awards, 3:30-7 p.m. When a wealthy visitor to a small Mississippi town is found murdered, suspicion quickly centers on a black Philadelphia police detective (Sidney Poitier) who is just passing through. The white police chief (Rod Steiger) soon learns that Poitier's character is an expert homicide detective and enlists him to help solve the case. Lee Grant and Warren Oates round out the cast, with music by Quincy Jones. Classic Film Series organizer, Lenny Barham, will provide commentary and insights. Stay after the movie for dinner: soup, salad, bread and dessert. Movie admission is by donation. Dinner is \$10. copakegrange@gmail.com

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Virtual Live-Staged Readings set Jan. 13

The Two Of Us Productions, the award-winning theater company based in Columbia County, will open its Virtual Live-Staged Reading for 2024 on Saturday, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m., in collaboration with Roving Actors' Repertory Ensemble (RARE) Inc. The first installment features two exciting radio dramas from Suspense Theater: "A Murderous Revision" and "Fugue in C Minor."

In "A Murderous Revision" we meet ambitious Chris Turner, a busy author who resents, really resents, the continual nit-picking editing of his "wonderful" radio drama scripts by his producer Mr. Ken Avery. Chris has reached his boiling point with Ken's latest changes and is

determined to put a stop to his endless meddling, FOR GOOD!

"Fugue in C Minor" introduces to a certain Miss Amanda Peabody, who has come to deal with a family crisis only to find that her sister has picked the "perfect" husband her. Concert pianist Theodore Evans and his two children David and Daphne are recovering from the death of Theodore's wife. Amanda hopes that she can fill this void for all of them in the eerie "Fugue in C Minor."

To learn the rest of these stories you'll have to R.S.V.P to www.TheTwoOfUsProductions.org and then see these thrilling dramas in the comfort of your own home.

Submissions sought for March 'monologue' Madness at Morton Library

Morton Memorial Library & Community House presents the second annual March "monologue" Madness on Saturday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m.

Original submissions are requested for the event. All genres welcome; original work only, 10 minutes (or less) in length (include the approximate time length of piece).

Scripts or video clips to be received at Morton by January 31. Email to sandy@mortonrhinecliff.org; or bring in person or via snail mail to: 82 Kelly ST, PO Box 157, Rhinecliff NY 12574.

Accepted play authors notified by March 1.

Another L² Production

United Way welcomes new board members

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region (UWDOR) has welcomed two community leaders committed to making a difference as board members. In addition, two members of the Board of Directors will move into new positions.

Tim Eisentraut, Director of Applications Development at UPS, is moving up into the position of 1st Vice-Chair of the Board. Candy Davies, a licensed clinical social worker, recently retired from SUNY New Paltz, has moved into the position of 2nd Vice-Chair.

UWDOR is proud to welcome two accomplished professionals from the community as board members.

Heather Bell, an accomplished and resilient leader with a diverse background in business, entrepreneurship, community engagement, and philanthropy. She has a strong educational foundation, having earned an AAS in Business Administration with a concentration in Customer Service from Berkeley College and a BAS in Organizational Management from Nyack College, where she achieved a 4.0-GPA while balancing work and single parenthood.

Her career began at Heineken USA in corporate affairs, where she honed her skills in community and government affairs. However, after her sons joined the United States Marine Corps, Heather decided to pursue her entrepreneurial passion and founded A Perfect Plan, a successful event planning business that received several prestigious awards. In 2019, Heather joined the Orange County Chamber of Commerce team as the Director of Membership and was later promoted to Interim President & CEO in 2021, with the permanent appointment shortly thereafter.

Giving back to the community has always been a priority for Heather, inspired by her early experiences with her mother's involvement in Meals on Wheels, she

actively volunteers for many organizations.

Christopher Gilbert, the Director of Research & Development and Innovation at Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, has a rich history with the company, including roles in substation design engineering and corporate strategic planning. As the Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) lead, Chris plays a key role in developing clean energy strategies that support the company's decarbonization objectives.

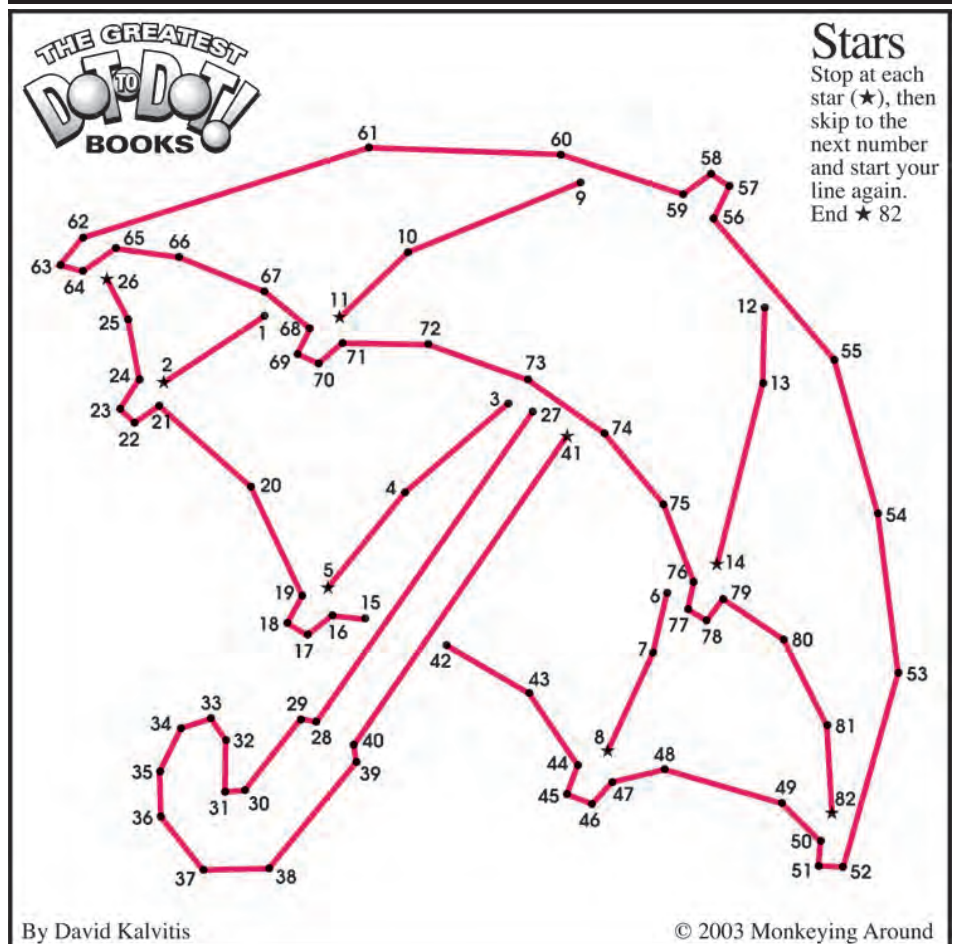
His academic accolades include a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from SUNY New Paltz and a Master of Science in Engineering Management from Clarkson University. Beyond his professional accomplishments, Chris is deeply committed to his community. His association with Abilities First began in 2018 and he furthered his commitment by joining the Board of the Foundation for Abilities First NY in 2020. Driven by a profound passion for mentorship, he has assumed various roles to foster the development of local youth. As a dedicated contributor to the United Way since 2011, his imprint on the community is considerable.

Residing in Lagrangeville, Chris enjoys cherished moments with his wife Alysse, their children

UWDOR thanks these members of the board for their impeccable service to the community and welcomes the next generation of board members.

UWDOR fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in our community. In 2022-23, charitable contributions from individuals, businesses and organizations to United Way's Community Fund supported nonprofit partners in delivering services to 214,688, residents of Dutchess and Orange Counties. For more information, go to www.uwdor.org.

Answer to this week's Dot to Dot (puzzle on page 10)



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SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Join Darlene Pedrosa for a new series, which will provide attendees with valuable insights into the fundamentals of retirement planning, address common misconceptions, and empower them with practical tools to embark on their retirement journey with confidence. Darlene Pedrosa, a financial advisor with Pedrosa Wealth Management based in Rhinebeck.

- January 22: Basics of Investing
- January 29: Basics of Estate Planning
- February 5: Basics of Retirement Planning
- February 12: Basics of Social Security

Do you love the Library? Are you interested in giving back to your community? Join us on Tuesday, January 23rd to discuss how we can grow a Friends of the Library group. Refreshments will be served.

With inspiration from Lynda Barry, join Cyd on Wednesdays from 4:00 - 5:30 for Drawing Gym, a guided drawing and writing practice. Each week, Cyd will help you play with your creative process through prompts and exercises that will build your confidence and connect with your personal meaning. Writing and drawing provides a sense of peace. Doing it with others in this guided setting will be fun and transformative.

This program is designed to be inclusive and accessible to individuals of varied ages and artistic backgrounds. Whether you're a seasoned artist or a complete novice, you'll find a welcoming space to experiment, play, and discover fun new ways to express yourself.

Program starts on Wednesday, January 10, in the Community Room.

FOR FAMILIES:

Come join Ms. Sonia and Mr. Alex in the Children's Library every Monday at 10:30 a.m. for Tunes and Tales! This fun and interactive program features activities such as read aloud stories, songs, rhymes and fingerplays. This program introduces children to listening skills, picture books and the joy of reading. Stay after to socialize. Birth- 24 months

Join Ms. Crystal every Wednesday at 10:30 for new stories and crafts.

Lego Club will continue to meet every Tuesday. Didn't finish your design in one sitting? No worries, we save your designs so that you can pick up where you left off each session.

Make and Takes are back twice a month! Stop by the Children's Library to

pick up new take-home crafts while supplies last.

Sewing classes and the Library's zine project will return in late January and early February. Dates TBD.

FOR ADULTS:

Chair Yoga has once again been extended throughout the month on Mondays at 11. Registration required.

This month's book club selection is "The Code Breaker" by Walter Isaacson. Pick up your copy at the Library and then join the discussion on Monday, January 22.

Join us on Fridays at 11 a.m. for weekly Eng-lish as a Sec-ond Lan-guage (ESL) class-es in our community room. During each class, Azal will guide you through different lessons to assist you in improving your English language reading, writing, listening and speaking skills.

Need help with a knitting project? Want company while you pearl? Join the Knitting Group on Tuesdays from 4 to 6 p.m.

ALL ABILITIES

All-Abilities Adults and Teens are back in September. All Abilities Adults and All Abilities Teens are an hour of social fun in the Community Room for adults and teens, respectively, with intellectual, cognitive and/or developmental disabilities. Our activities range from seasonal crafting to games, but friendship and community are constant. The program meets in-person – there are limited spots available and registration is required. To register, please email allabilities@redhooklibrary.org. Paid for in part by Dutchess County.

You can register for any program on our website's calendar: <https://redhooklibrary.org/calendar/>

STANFORD FREE LIBRARY

Registration required for events unless noted otherwise. Please email stanfordlibrary@optonline.net or call 845-868-1341.

Preschool Storytime
Tuesday Mornings *Please note time changes*
Preschoolers (Age 3-4) 9:30 am — 10:15 am
Toddlers (Age 18 months-2 years) 10:30 am - 11:15 am
Babies (Birth-18 months) 11:30 am— 12:15 pm
Stories, songs and free play every week!

Game Time for Grownups
January 10th 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
We have a growing collection of games available or bring your own! Coffee and tea provided but feel free to bring a snack to share!No registration

necessary.Games for adults will be held on the second Wednesday of each month.

Cookbook Club with Lenny
January 10th 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Choose a recipe from Cook this Book: Techniques that Teach and Recipes to Repeat by Molly Baz. Prepare the recipe and share it at the meeting. No need to register - just come with your cuisine and enjoy!

Chair Yoga
January 12th 1:00 – 2:00 pm
This is gentle yoga with a chair to support and aid seated and standing postures.

Secrets to Aging in Place
January 13th 1:00 pm
Learn strategies for doing so safely and comfortably from professionals at Ashe Organizing Solutions. Great Hints, Simple tips, Favorite local resources.

Meditation Class
January 17th 10:00 am In-Person or via Zoom
Susan Olin-Dabrowski will lead this one-hour monthly meditation program. First timers and experienced meditators are welcome! Headset or earbuds recommended. Link sent upon registration.

Full STEAM Ahead!
January 18th 3:45 pm -4:45 pm
Students in Grades Pre-K – 1
January 25th 3:45 pm -4:45 pm
Students in Grades 2 -5
In this after school workshop we will continue to explore all of the exciting new materials and equipment made possible by Dutchess County's Learn, Play, Create Grant.

Please note that the school is currently not able to provide transportation to our programs.

IMPORTANT: If the Pines Plains Central School District has a snow day or an early dismissal the program will be rescheduled.

Minute to Win It Games
January 19th 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Tweens and Teens Ages 10 +
Join the fun! Come have a hilarious time with a variety of 60 second challenges.

Yoga for Homeschool Kids with Amy
January 23rd 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Ages 5+
Please bring a mat and a water bottle and be sure to wear appropriate clothes.

STARR LIBRARY ADULTS

Monday, January 22nd, 10am-1pm - Starr Stitchers Embroidery Club - Revised schedule for January only. Always open to newcomers!

Tuesday, January 23rd, 11:30am-12:30pm - Beginner's Knitting: Drop In, Cast Off

Thursday, January 11th, 6:30-8pm - Fiction Workshop with Lilliana Kahan - Just a few spots left!

Saturday, January 13th, 3-5pm - But Today is Different: Art Opening with Mimi Graminski and poet Sarah Stern

Tuesday, January 16th, 6:30-8pm - Memoir Workshop with Michelle Montalbano - Join waitlist!

Thursday, January 18th, 10:30am-11:15am - Good Vibrations: Guided Sound Meditation with Anna Kaselis

Tuesday, January 23rd, 2-3pm - Rhinebeck at Home at Starr presents Stroke Awareness and Prevention with Northern Dutchess Hospital

Thursday, January 25th, 5:30-7pm - Starr Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Friday, January 26th, 6pm - Live Taping of The Back Room with Andy Ostroy: A Conversation with Ruth Ben-Ghiat at Morton Memorial Library

Plus: The Local History Room is open every Tuesday and Thursday, Chair Yoga with Barbara Eichin every Friday at 10:15am, and weekly meetups and games including Scrabble Club, Mahjong, and Brain Games. Virtual play reading and meditation, too!

YOUTH AND FAMILY

Sundays beginning on January 21st, 1:30-2:30pm - Family Yoga with Miss Rianna - NEW!

Every Tuesday morning at 10:15am - Story Time with Robbie! One Session for Everyone

Mondays, January 22nd & 29th, 10:30am-11:30am - Connect & Play with Early Childhood Educator Jane Korn

Thursdays, January 11th & 25th, 10:30-11:15am - Music & Movement with Terry Watson: One Session for Everyone - Space and instruments are limited. Please register to attend!

Every Tuesday at 4pm - Super Lego Hour

BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, January 30th, 7pm - Starr Library Book Club: Gilead by Marilynne Robinson

EVERYONE

All Saturdays in January, 1-3pm - Teen Tech Support

LIBRARY CLOSURES

Monday, January 15th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Answers to this week's diversions

(puzzles on page 16)

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TIPS TO AVOID COVID-19 & OTHER ILLNESSES

Dr. Livia Santiago-Rosado, Dutchess County's Health Commissioner, reminds us that NYS Department of Health's current guidance for preventing serious illness and spread of COVID-19 (as well as other illness) continues to be:

- Get vaccinated and boosted when eligible;
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- Avoid touching the eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick;
- Cover coughs and sneezes;
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects;
- Stay home if you are sick;
- Consider wearing a mask to reduce your chance of exposure.

OBITUARIES

William Donohue

HYDE PARK - On December 30th, 2023, William Donohue went to Heaven to be with his loving family members and friends. William (Bill) was born on May 18, 1930, in Albany, NY to Francis and Mary Mahan Donohue. He was the fifth child of ten Donohue children of Cardinal Ave, Albany NY. He was predeceased by his parents, siblings and their spouses: Francis (Bun), Donohue (Joyce Kent), Mary Lou Gerard, (William), John (Jack) Donohue, Lorraine Heeran (Vincent), Thomas Donohue, Joseph Donohue (Patricia Toolan), Richard Bender and Francis (Red) Dayter and niece, Madonna Heeran, nephews, Thomas Dayter and William Gerard. He is survived by his sisters Grace Bender, Jeannine Dayter and brother Edward Donohue (JoAnn Wells) and nieces and nephews.

William was a student and member of St. Theresa's Parish on New Scotland Ave, Albany, NY. He graduated from Christian Brothers Academy, CBA, in June 1948 and graduated from Siena College, Loudonville, NY in the Class of 1952 with a BS in Pre-Medical. He was Class President for three years and the President of the Student Council for the fourth year.

William graduated from New York Medical School in the Class of 1958 with a Doctor of Medicine degree. He interned at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany NY and was a Resident in Psychiatry at Albany Hospital. In 1963, he proceeded to a Fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Albany Medical College and Albany Child Guidance Center. William was a board certified Adult, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist.

William was an active member of the New York State National Guard. He served in the US Army under the Berry Program in 1963 as a Captain of the Medical Center at Fort Benning, Georgia. He received an Honorable discharge after his two-year commitment in 1965.

On May 31, 1958, Bill married Mary Schmitzer at St. John's Church in Beacon NY. William and his family moved to Columbus Georgia for two years and then to Hyde Park, NY in 1965. He was a staff Psychiatrist for the Astor Home for Children in Rhinebeck NY. William was a consulting Psychiatrist from 1965 to his retirement in 2014, at the Kingston Home for Children, St. Catherine's Home for Children, NYS Eleanor Roosevelt Development Services in Albany, NY, Poughkeepsie Children's Home, Anderson Home for Children, and Mother Cabrini Home of Children in Ulster County. Bill also had a private practice in Hyde Park, NY. He is a Life Fellow Member of the American Academy of Child Psychiatry and a Fellow of the American Orthopsychiatric Association.

William leaves his wife Mary of 65 years and family Kathleen Donohue (Scott Richards), Bernadette Donohue, William F. Donohue (Michelle Chevallier), Maureen Aurigemma (Vincent), Matthew Donohue (Diane), Bridget Russum (Michael), Timothy Donohue (Lorraine) and 16 beloved grandchildren: Andrew and Kelly Richards, Shannon, Erin and Liam Friberg, Caroline, Vincent and Rebecca Aurigemma, Christopher, Brendan and Carter Donohue, William, Timothy, Abigail and Emily Russum and Caitlin Donohue.

Bill was a humble man with a strong work ethic, who had a deep love of his faith, family, and friends and who found joy and satisfaction in helping others. Bill's Irish eyes were always smiling throughout his beautiful life.

Heartfelt thanks to the staff at AccentCare,

Poughkeepsie, Hudson Valley Hospice and Mrs. Lisa Murray of Red Hook, NY for their tender love and care. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to Dutchess Outreach, 29 North Hamilton St., Suite 220, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, Joslin Diabetes Center Gift Program, PO Box 411032, Boston, MA 02241, and Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation, 80 Washington Street, Suite 204, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

Visitation hours were held Friday, January 5th at Sweet's Funeral Home, Rte. 9, Hyde Park, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Fr. Jeffrey Maurer on Saturday, January 6th at Regina Coeli Roman Catholic Church, Rt 9, Hyde Park, NY.

Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family.

To send an online condolence, please visit Bill's obituary page at www.sweetsfuneral-home.com.

Sharon Ann Filippini

STORMVILLE - Sharon Ann Filippini, 72, a lifelong area resident, died on December 31, 2023 at the Hudson Valley Hospice House.

Born in Poughkeepsie on March 7, 1951, she was the daughter of the late George and Thelma (Van Anden) Speedling. Sharon was a graduate of Carmel High School. She was a business owner with her husband of Hopewell Hardware in Hopewell Junction for over 15 years, and later of Express Depot in Fishkill for over 20 years.

Sharon was a life member of Hopewell Hose Company. She had also served as the treasurer for Troop 1, Boy Scouts of America in Carmel for many years. She was a member and Past Chapter Regent of Melzingah Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and served as a senior leader for Highland Pass Society, Children of the American Revolution. She was an avid cook and lover of American history, from diving into the evolution of the American flag, to researching antiques and family history, to helping to restore the Madam Brett Homestead.

On August 28, 1971 in Carmel, Sharon married Robert Henry "Bob" Filippini, who predeceased her on March 28, 2020. She is survived by her son Jeffrey and wife Heather (Rose); her son Johnathan and wife Christina (Cherra); her grandchildren, Alyssa and Henry; and her sister Linda and husband Gordon Yarema.

On Saturday, January 6, 2024, there was a joint Memorial Service to celebrate the lives of both Sharon and Bob at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. Calling hours were held with a service.

Memorial donations may be made to Hudson Valley Hospice, East Fishkill Rescue Squad, or Madam Brett Homestead.

Donna Hosier

PLEASANT VALLEY - It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Donna Hosier, age 75, on December 31, 2023. She lived a full and vibrant life, marked by a profound dedication to her community, an unwavering love for her family and a deep appreciation for the simple joys of life.

She was a graduate of Roosevelt High School and prior to her retirement, she was employed at the Hudson River Psychiatric Center for many years as an occupational therapist. Donna was a proud member of both the Elks Club Auxiliary and the American Legion Auxiliary, where she was involved in various projects focusing mainly on the children. In her earlier days, she was involved with the Girl Scouts as a camp leader. Donna had many interests including camping and

fishing with the family in the Adirondacks, and her love of Bingo and Scratch Offs always paid off. She loved people and was always happy to meet up for coffee or a long chat. Her sense of humor always made you smile.

Donna married her beloved husband, Ed Hosier on Sept 26, 1968, whom survives at home. Donna is survived by her daughter, Erika (Jamie) Rogers; granddaughter, Sarah (Dan) Gemmel; grandson, Phil (Grace) Rogers; granddaughter, Jillian Rogers; and her new great-grandson, Logan Gemmel, who filled Donna with so much love. Donna is also survived by her sister-in-law, Linda (Sparky) Ferris; and her sister, Judith Lane who resides in Texas. She is predeceased by her brother, Steve Lane; her father, Frank Lane and a brother-in-law, Bill Hosier.

Visitation was held at Allen Funeral Home, 1605 Main St., Pleasant Valley, on Tuesday, January 9, 2024. Graveside services will be held at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery, 342 South Ave, Poughkeepsie, on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 10am. The procession to the cemetery will start at 9:30 from the funeral home.

To leave an online condolence and for directions please visit www.HudsonValleyFuneralHomes.com.

Deborah Dee Kuffner

HYDE PARK - Deborah Dee Kuffner (née Taylor), 75, passed peacefully surrounded by family on December 26, 2023 at home in Maricopa, AZ. Her cause of death was a glioblastoma brain cancer.

Deborah, or Deb or Debbie, as her friends called her, was born July 25, 1948, in Poughkeepsie, NY, the second daughter of Donald Taylor and Dorothea "Dot" Taylor (née DuBois). She lived her entire life in Poughkeepsie and Hyde Park until moving to Arizona this past September.

Debbie graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1966. In 1969, she earned her RN degree from St. Peter's Hospital School of Nursing in Albany and took her first job as an Operating Room nurse at St. Francis Hospital in Poughkeepsie.

That same year, 1969, Deb met Daniel P. Kuffner, her future beloved husband of 53 years at an end-of-the-school-year teacher's picnic hosted by Deb's Mom (who was not-so-secretly trying to arrange a meeting!). Deb and Dan married on April 25, 1970, at Regina Coeli Church. They had four children together between 1970 and 1981,

While raising her young children, Debbie worked a number of nursing positions including with teenage girls at the Hudson River Psychiatric Center, in the psychiatric ward at St. Francis Hospital, and, from 1982 until 1986, as head evening nurse at the Baptist Home at Brookmeade in Rhinebeck. In 1982, Deb enrolled at Marist College part-time then full-time in 1986 to pursue becoming a special education teacher. She graduated in 1989 with a Bachelors in Educational Psychology, later earning her Masters in Special Education in 1995.

Deb taught for a year at Sheafe Road Elementary School in Wappingers before being hired by the Hyde Park Central School District in 1990 as a special education resource room teacher. She spent the majority of her career at Ralph R. Smith Elementary School until she retired in 2008. Deb absolutely loved teaching. She specialized in working one on one with students, taking time to understand what each child needed on their unique learning journey.

Debbie was a devoted Christian, with a deep spiritual connection. She grew up

attending the Poughkeepsie Baptist Church where her father was in the choir and where she was baptized at age thirteen. As a young mother, Deb found a close knit circle of friends and mentors in Bible Studies at the Hyde Park Community Church. She later attended the Faith Assembly of God Church before becoming a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Poughkeepsie for 30 years.

Deb was known for her subtle charm, her natural beauty, introverted softness, compassionate advocacy and occasional dry wit that could catch you off guard. She was an extraordinary mother who developed unique, rich relationships with each of her children and grandchildren. She was the first person the family would ask about treatments for any ailments and thrived at caring for sick kids and preparing nourishing meals to exact dietary specifications! Her gluten free and dairy free gingerbread men and Honey Dijon Chicken will be long remembered!

Deborah also loved to dance. As a young girl, she studied ballet with Estelle and Alfonso Dance Studio. In high school, she captained the FDR cheerleading team. In later years, she and Dan enjoyed ballroom dance lessons. Deb also loved nature, the star lit sky and sitting on the back deck of their house on Roosevelt Road in Hyde Park reading, praying, and enjoying all the sounds of life. She had a special knack for epic puzzles, a passion for Children's Books and yearly beach vacations to Maine.

Debbie is survived by her husband Dan, her 4 children- Jill (Andrew) Chuckas, Geoffrey Kuffner, Aaron Taylor (Maya Galbis) Kuffner, Jonathan (Samantha) Kuffner- her 7 grandchildren who affectionately know her as Mimi- Alex Chuckas, Nick Chuckas, Hannah Chuckas, Dominic Kuffner, Maxwell Kuffner, Sabine Galbis-Kuffner and Coco Corazón Galbis-Kuffner-as well as numerous family relations from the VanNorstrand, Kuffner, Taylor and Peelor families.

Deb was preceded in death by her parents Dot and Don in 2001 and 2003, respectively, and her sister Donna VanNorstrand in 2008.

Calling hours will be held at Sweet's Funeral home (4365 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park, NY) on Saturday January 13, 2024, from 4pm - 7pm followed by Funeral Services at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church (55 Wilbur Blvd, Poughkeepsie, NY) on Sunday, January 14th at 2:30pm.

The Kuffner family requests if you are interested in making a donation in Deborah's name, please consider the following:

Hospice of the Valley. During her brief but serious illness, Deborah was cared for by the incredible staff of HOV's East Clinical Office Team Z One at her home in Maricopa, AZ. To support, mail checks to: Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix, AZ 85014, ATTN: Fund Development. Write "Deborah Kuffner" in the memo. (to donate via credit card, go to: www.HOV.org/donate)

The Hyde Park Teachers Association Scholarship Fund who will honor, in Deb's name, a graduating senior of the class of 2024 who has been accepted at any college to pursue a degree in teaching students with special needs. Mail checks to: Hyde Park Teachers Association, P.O. Box 393, Hyde Park, NY 12538 with "Deborah Kuffner" in the memo. (to donate online through GoFundMe: <https://gofund.me/e411d57d>)

To send an online condolence or for directions, please visit Deborah's obituary page at www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

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NOTICE OF TAX COLLECTION 2024 TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY, NEW YORK PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that I, Mary Beth Muir, the undersigned Collector of Taxes of the Town of Pleasant Valley, County of Dutchess and State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Pleasant Valley for the year 2024, and that I will attend at Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, in the said Town of Pleasant Valley from today to February 29, 2024 at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon on **TUESDAY and THURSDAY and FRIDAY** collection hours will be 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon. **MONDAY and WEDNESDAY** 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon. **MARCH, APRIL and MAY** collection hours will be 9 o'clock in the forenoon to 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon with the exception of **FRIDAY** collection hours will be 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon, except **SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS and LEGAL HOLIDAYS** for the purpose of collecting the taxes listed on the said roll. **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that taxes may be paid on or before February 29, 2024 without charge or interest. On all taxes received after such date, there shall be a 2 percent added interest if paid on or before March 31, 2024 and an additional 1 percent for each additional month or fraction thereof thereafter until such taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid taxes to the county treasurer pursuant to law. **TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that pursuant to the provisions of law the tax roll of the Town of Pleasant Valley will be returned to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance on the 1st day of June, 2024. **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, a reminder of unpaid taxes will be sent on or before May 01, 2024. A fee of \$2.00 will be added to your tax bill during the full month of May. **DATED:** January 1, 2024
Mary Beth Muir
Tax Collector
Town of Pleasant Valley

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE
The Purchasing

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Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-02-24
REBID El Dorado OEM Replacement Parts for Dutchess County Public Transit Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 16th day of January 2024 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.

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The following entitled bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on December 18, 2023, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Dutchess, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is each available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.
Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York,
January 5, 2024

LEIGH WAGER
Clerk, County Legislature

RESOLUTION NO. 2023226
BOND RESOLUTION DATED DECEMBER 18, 2023.
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,166,651 SERIAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COST OF THE CULVERT REPLACEMENT ON COUNTY ROUTE 49 (TITUSVILLE ROAD), IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY.

Specific object or purpose: Culvert replacement on County Route 49 (Titusville Road) over Wappinger Creek Tributary (Town of LaGrange)

Period of probable usefulness: 20 years
Maximum estimated cost: \$2,666,651
Maximum amount of bonds to be issued: \$1,166,651 bonds
Other monies: \$1,500,000 grant monies from State
SEQRA status: Type II Action.

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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 103/2024 RE: 2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley annually establishes the paid holidays for those employed by the Town in accordance with Section 801 of the Town of Pleasant Valley Employee Handbook; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the paid holiday schedule for 2024 is as follows:

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| New Year's Day | Monday, January 1 |
| Martin Luther King Day | Monday, January 15th |
| Presidents' Day | Monday, February 19th |
| Good Friday | Friday, March 29th |
| Memorial Day | Monday, May 27th |
| Juneteenth | Wednesday, June 19th |
| Independence Day | Thursday, July 4th |
| Labor Day | Monday, September 2th |
| Columbus Day | Monday, October 14th |
| Veterans' Day | Monday, November 11th |
| Thanksgiving Day | Thursday, November 28rd |
| Day after Thanksgiving | Friday, November 29th |
| Christmas | Wednesday, December 25th |

MOTION: Councilman Rifenburgh
SECOND: Councilwoman Adams
DATED: January 1, 2024
ROLL CALL:

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| Councilwoman Adams | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> |
| Councilman Degan | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> |
| Councilman Rifenburgh | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> |
| Supervisor Albrecht | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> |
| Carried. | | |

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cept for November and December when there will be no optional Workshop. Workshop meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. and they will be held at District Headquarters. By order of the Pleasant Valley Board of Fire Commissioners: Jennifer Broas District Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE
PLEASE BE ADVISED that the Milan Town Board will hold their Regular Town Board meetings on the third Monday of each month. Said meetings will take place at the Milan Town Hall. By order of the Milan Town Board Catherine Gill, Town Clerk

EXTENDING LOCAL ORDERS 1, 2 & 3 OF

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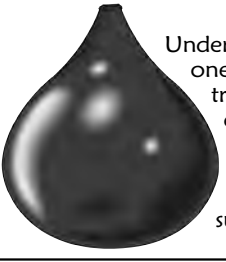
EXECUTIVE ORDER 5/2023
TO
DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDERS DECLARED BY DUTCHESS COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Please take notice that on January 3, 2024 at 12:00 am.,

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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

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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.



GIVE BLOOD GIVE LIFE

Who needs blood?

Under normal circumstances, every two seconds someone in America will need a blood transfusion. Blood transfusions are used for trauma victims - due to accidents and burns - heart surgery, organ transplants, women with complications during childbirth, newborns and premature babies, and patients receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or other diseases, such as sickle cell disease and thalassemia.

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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 102/2024 RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF TOWN HALL HOURS FOR 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, the regular hours for Town Hall and the following offices for the Town of Pleasant Valley for the year 2024 shall be:

Town Clerks Office & Town Supervisor's Office: Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM & Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Assessor's Office: Assessor; Monday & Wednesday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Assessor Clerk; Monday through Thursday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Building, Planning & Zoning: Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM & Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Recreation Department: Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Justice Court: Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Closed on Fridays
MOTION: Councilman Rifenburgh
SECOND: Councilwoman Adams

DATED: January 1, 2024
ROLL CALL:

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| Councilwoman Adams | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> |
| Councilman Degan | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> |
| Councilman Rifenburgh | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> |
| Supervisor Albrecht | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> |
| Carried. | | |

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 101/2024 RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF TOWN BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, that subject to the schedule set forth below the regular meetings of the Pleasant Valley Town Board will take place on the third (3rd) Monday of each month for the year 2024 at 7:00 PM in the main meeting room of the Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that subject to the schedule set forth below the Town Board Workshops will take place on the first (1st) Monday of each month for the year 2024, at 7:00 PM in main meeting room, and that special meetings will be scheduled and advertised by posting the announcement on the front door entrance of the Town Hall, with notification to the press (time permitting); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2024 meeting dates are as listed below:

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| January 1 | Re-Organizational Meeting |
| January 8 | Workshop Meeting |
| January 22 | Regular Meeting |
| February 5 | Workshop Meeting |
| February 21 (Wed) | Regular Meeting |
| March 4 | Workshop Meeting |
| March 18 | Regular Meeting |
| April 1 | Workshop Meeting |
| April 15 | Regular Meeting |
| May 6 | Workshop Meeting |
| May 20 | Regular Meeting |
| June 3 | Workshop Meeting |
| June 17 | Regular Meeting |
| July 1 | Workshop Meeting |
| July 15 | Regular Meeting |
| August 5 | Workshop Meeting |
| August 19 | Regular Meeting |
| September 4 (Wed) | Workshop Meeting |
| September 16 | Regular Meeting |
| October 7 | Workshop Meeting |
| October 21 | Regular Meeting |
| November 4 | Workshop Meeting |
| November 18 | Regular Meeting |
| December 2 | Workshop Meeting |
| December 16 | Regular Meeting |

And;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any changes to the above-mentioned schedules will be posted at the Town Hall entrance as necessary, with notification to the press.

MOTION: Councilman Rifenburgh
SECOND: Councilwoman Adams
DATED: January 1, 2024
ROLL CALL:

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| Councilwoman Adams | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> |
| Councilman Degan | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> |
| Councilman Rifenburgh | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> |
| Supervisor Albrecht | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> |
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| <p>EXTENDING EMERGENCY ORDER 5/2023</p> <p>EXTENSION TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 5 OF 2023</p> <p>DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER DECLARED BY DUTCHESS COUNTY EXECUTIVE:</p> <p>Please take notice that on December 29, 2023 at 12:00 a.m., 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 Executive Order 5 of 2023 dated May 18, 2023. 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The text of the declaration of state of emergency and local emergency orders is available at www.dutchessny.gov.</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>The following entitled bond resolution has</p> | <p>been adopted on December 18, 2023, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Dutchess, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.</p> <p>Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York, January 5, 2024</p> <p>LEIGH WAGER</p> <p>Clerk, County Legislature</p> <p>RESOLUTION NO. 2023225</p> <p>BOND RESOLUTION DATED DECEMBER 18, 2023.</p> <p>A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$15,352,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, TO PAY part of THE COST OF the reconstruction of the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems at the county courthouse and county office building, IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY</p> <p>WHEREAS, the capital project hereinafter described, as proposed, has been determined to be a Type II Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, which it has been determined will not have</p> | <p>any significant adverse impact on the environment; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2019107, a bond resolution dated May 13, 2019, duly adopted on said date, the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess, New York, authorized the issuance of \$16,665,000 bonds of said County to pay the cost of the reconstruction of the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems at the County Courthouse and the County Office Building on Market Street, including interior reconstruction thereof, as well as original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, in and for said County, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, it has now been determined that the maximum estimated cost of such class of objects or purposes is \$32,017,000, an increase of \$15,352,000 over the \$16,665,000 previously authorized; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the issuance of an additional \$15,352,000 bonds of said County for such class of objects or purposes; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess, New York, as follows:</p> <p><u>Section 1.</u></p> <p>The reconstruction of the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems at the County Courthouse and the County Office Building on Market Street, in and for the County of Dutchess, New York, including interior reconstruction thereof, as well as original furnishings, equipment, machin-</p> | <p>ery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, in and for said County of Dutchess, New York, is hereby authorized at a revised maximum estimated cost of \$32,017,000.</p> <p><u>Section 2.</u></p> <p>It is hereby determined that the plan for the financing of said class of objects or purposes is as follows:</p> <p>a. by the issuance of the \$16,665,000 bonds of said County authorized to be issued pursuant to a bond resolution dated and duly adopted May 13, 2019 as described in the preambles hereof; and</p> <p>b. by the issuance of an additional \$15,352,000 bonds of said County hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.</p> <p><u>Section 3.</u></p> <p>It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is 25 years, pursuant to subdivision 12(a) of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, calculated from the date of issuance of the first serial bonds/bond anticipation notes for said class of objects or purposes.</p> <p><u>Section 4.</u></p> <p>The faith and credit of said County of Dutchess, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said County a tax sufficient</p> | <p>to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.</p> <p><u>Section 5.</u></p> <p>Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Commissioner of Finance, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.</p> <p><u>Section 6.</u></p> <p>Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the County of Dutchess, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the Commissioner of Finance and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted or impressed thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the County Clerk.</p> <p><u>Section 7.</u></p> <p>The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as she shall deem best for the interests of the County; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, she shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the</p> | <p>Commissioner of Finance shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.</p> <p><u>Section 8.</u></p> <p>All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the County by the facsimile signature of the Commissioner of Finance, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the County), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the Commissioner of Finance. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the County not to impose and collect from registered owners of such serial bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be</p> | <p>in such form and contains such recitals in addition to those required by section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Commissioner of Finance shall determine.</p> <p><u>Section 9.</u></p> <p>This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 - 2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.</p> <p><u>Section 10.</u></p> <p>The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:</p> <p>1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said County is not authorized to expend money, or</p> <p>2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or</p> <p>3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.</p> <p><u>Section 11.</u></p> <p>This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in full in The Poughkeepsie Journal and the Southern Dutchess News, the official newspapers of said County, together with a notice of the Clerk of the County Legislature in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.</p> |

The deadline for Legals is every Friday @ 12 noon for a Wednesday Publication* *When a public holiday falls on a Monday the deadline becomes Thursday at noon.

GOLDEN LIVING

Note: the Office for the Aging and OFA Friendship Centers are closed on Monday, January 15th, the national Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

2024 OFA CALENDAR ALREADY BUSY

We’ve heard that midwinter is the “slow” time of year for older adults. We’ll only allow that this is what it may look like at a brief glance, but take a closer look. Behind the scenes we’re laying ground for a 2024 OFA activities calendar that’ll be every bit as full as the 2023 calendar, and then some.

First on the 2024 calendar is the annual Senior Park Prints series, co-hosted by OFA and Dutchess County Parks. If you’re a Dutchess County older adult (60+) who’s looking to develop a new

skill, register and join us at one of the following free classes:

- Thursday, January 18th - 2:30-3:45pm - Office for the Aging, 114 Delafield St., Poughkeepsie
- Thursday, February 1st - 2:30-3:45pm - Millerton Northeast Millerton Library Annex, 28 Century Blvd., Millerton
- Thursday, February 15th - 2:30-3:45pm - East Fishkill Community Center, 890 Route 82, Hopewell Junction

Space is limited to 12 registered older adults per event. Call OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555 to register. All art supplies will be provided, and each artist can take home their new masterpiece after class.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

If we had a magic wand to make one

challenge of aging disappear, we’d choose preventing falls every time. Older adult falls just in New York State cost over \$3 billion in medical costs annually, between out-of-pocket costs and those borne by taxpayers via Medicare and Medicaid. The loss in quality of life due to falls is immeasurable, given that both falling itself and the fear of falling can lead to older adults limiting their physical activity and social engagements. When an older adult pulls back from their fullest possible life in this way, further physical decline, depression, social isolation, and feelings of helplessness can follow.

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Call OFA to find about classes near you and check out dutchessny.gov/ senior exercise for more information about “A Matter of Balance” along with all our exercise offerings for older adults.

WHAT IF IT SNOWS?

While this winter so far has been mainly snow-free, Dutchess County has recorded many an unseasonably warm day immediately followed by a nor’easter dumping a foot or more of snow.

When winter weather disrupts OFA activities, find out about it by following

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- Southern Dutchess News
- Beacon Free Press
- Northern Dutchess News

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