

Truitt announces
2024 Legislative
Committee Chairs,
Vice-Chairs

Dutchess County Legislature Chairman Will Truitt recently announced his slate of committee chairs for the coming year. The legislature is home to six standing committees which consider legislation each month before the meeting of the full legislative body.

Returning to the helm of the Public Works and Capital Projects Committee is veteran lawmaker John Metzger of East Fishkill. Metzger, who is embarking on his fifth term as a legislator, has a professional background in construction and overseeing capital projects. For Vice-Chair, Truitt has selected Legislator Randy Johnson of the City of Poughkeepsie. Legislator Johnson is beginning his fourth term and has a professional background in engineering.

Legislator Steve Caswell of East Fishkill has been tapped to be Chairman of the influential Budget, Finance, and Personnel Committee. Caswell, who has a professional background in finance, is beginning his third term as a member of the legislature. He served as Chair of the Government Services and Administration Committee in the previous legislative term. Joining him as Vice-Chairman will be first-term Legislator Ryan Travelpiece of LaGrange. Travelpiece comes to the legislature with a background in banking and finance.

Leading the Government Services and Administration Committee will be Legislator Doug McHoul of Fishkill. McHoul, a local small-business owner, is a third-term lawmaker who will also be asked to serve as Vice-Chair of the Family and Human Services Committee. Legislator Andrew House of Dover will assume the Vice-Chair of the Government Services and

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Ralph Osterhoudt inducted
into Veterans Hall of Fame

Sen. Michelle Hinchey
presides over ceremony
at the FDR Library
in Hyde Park

By Kate Goldsmith

HYDE PARK – On Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library's Wallace Center, State Sen. Michelle Hinchey (41st District) inducted World War II veteran and Staatsburg resident, Ralph J. Osterhoudt Sr., into the NYS Senate Veterans Hall of Fame. The choice of location – the library of the president who is synonymous with World War II – was not lost on the many family, friends and supporters in attendance to honor Osterhoudt, 97, who not only exhibited bravery and heroism during his military career but has continued to demonstrate a lifelong commitment to his community and fellow veterans.

Speakers included Sen. Hinchey, Hyde Park American Legion Post 1303 Commander Mike Athanas, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, Dutchess County American Legion Commander Dan Morea, Hyde Park Town Historian Carney Rhinevault, Ralph's son Martin Osterhoudt, and Mike Speed, Ralph's



Ralph J. Osterhoudt Sr., a Staatsburg resident and World War II veteran, is pictured with New York State Senator Michelle Hinchey on Saturday, Jan. 13 at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library's Wallace Center after Osterhoudt was inducted into the NY Senate Veterans Hall of Fame. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

friend and founder of Mended Swords, an organization whose mission is “to develop and re-develop the warrior ethos inside all veterans and build the bonds between brothers and sisters who have

served.”

Osterhoudt's service to his country began at 15, when he joined the Ground Observer Corps, a World War II-era Civil

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Hydroponic garden a bountiful
success for Bulkeley students



Students from Bulkeley Middle School in Rhinebeck join School District Food Services Director Larry Anthony with a recent harvest from their hydroponics garden. Courtesy photo

By Stacey vanden Thoorn

In order to address their desire to have fresh locally grown vegetables and fruits available from the school cafeteria throughout the school year, students at Bulkeley Middle School in Rhinebeck have developed a solution that would do just that.

The students are in teacher Henry Frischknecht's prior Seventh and Eighth-grade Civics Enrichment classes.

After much discussion on sustainability, limitations, viable solutions and food accessibility, last year's civic students

conducted research on a variety of agricultural practices that would address the issue and worked together to write a grant application to the Rhinebeck Science Foundation (RSF) with hopes of securing funding for the implementation of an in school hydroponic garden.

Hydroponics is the technique of growing plants using a water-based nutrient solution rather than soil. According to Purdue University's Cooperative Extension Service Vegetable Crops Hotline, hydroponics have been around

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Miles of Hope turns 20

2024 marks the 20th anniversary of the Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation. 20 years of helping people affected by breast cancer within the nine counties of the Hudson Valley. The Foundation provides a variety of support and services services.

“Since 2004, Miles of Hope has given away over \$3.2 million dollars for programs and services for people affected by breast cancer in the Hudson Valley,” said Executive Director Pari Forood. “We are so very proud and honored to be one of the organizations helping to raise the quality of life in our region.”

Forood noted, “The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in increased cancer mortality over the long term due to delayed diagnoses, interruptions or alterations in potentially curative treatment, and the reality that some adults abandoned prior patterns of preventive care.” She added, “Cancer is affecting everyone in our region, whether it is the patient or their family and friends. At Miles of Hope, we recognize that to help the patient is essential but to help the whole family is even better.”

Almost a third of cancer patients have out-of-pocket health care costs totaling 10 percent or more of their family income; and roughly one in nine cancer patients have costs that exceed 20 percent of family income. As a result of such high costs, 11 percent of individuals with cancer reported an inability to pay for food/necessities while paying for cancer treatment.

“Cancer is a physically and emotionally taxing disease for both patients and their families. Almost 20 percent of families experiencing cancer reported its impact led to someone in the household to lose a job, change jobs, or work fewer hours,” Forood said. “Any of these job changes can result in

the loss of employer-sponsored insurance.”

She added, “When we started the Foundation in 2004, we decided to focus on four major areas of funding: a medical gap care program to step in and pay a financial emergency (i.e. rent, gas, food, heat, electricity) for someone in treatment; scholarships to high school seniors whose lives have been affected by breast cancer; peer-to-peer counseling connecting a newly diagnosed patient with a trained survivor; and a complementary medicine program offering alternative therapies like acupuncture, massage therapy and art, dance and music therapies to enhance recovery.”

Miles of Hope holds three annual events: Annual Spring Brunch, Goals for Hope Women's Soccer Tournament, and the Hudson Valley Community Walk for Breast Cancer, as well as other smaller events to raise awareness and funds.

Foundation Co-Founder and Occupational Therapist Cathy Varunok said, “All of the sports competitions that we sponsor are designed to be a friendly message emphasizing the benefits of exercise to all women. They are not about winning or losing but about participating and recognizing that we can be proactive about our health.”

Twenty-seven-year breast cancer survivor and Foundation Co-Founder Dana Effron looks back to 20 years ago when the events and the Foundation were in their infancy: “We had 17 people walk with us on our first Community Walk and in October 2023 we had over 400. Miles of Hope is a dream come true for me as I know firsthand what is available to breast cancer patients and what is missing.”

For more information, visit www.milesofhope.org.

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Bulkeley Middle School students are pictured in the school kitchen. From left are Joe Askin, Wyeth Drake, Lexi Torres, Britta Zeff, Lark Wright and Mila Guerra. *Courtesy photo*

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Administration Committee. House previously served as Deputy Town Supervisor in the Town of Dover, bringing valuable local government experience to the committee.

Taking the reins of the Environment Committee will be Legislator Tony D'Aquanni. D'Aquanni, a second-term lawmaker from the Town of Poughkeepsie, is a successful local businessman with over thirty years of experience in the local community. He served on the Environment Committee during his first term. Truitt has appointed Legislator Lisa Paoloni, a third-term member from the Town of Wappinger as Vice-Chair.

Staying on to lead the Family and Human Services Committee will be Legislator Faye Garito of Beekman.

Garito is entering her seventh year as a member of the legislature, where she has skillfully led the Family and Human Services Committee for the last two years.

Assuming the top spot of the Public Safety Committee will be freshman Legislator Robert Faust of the Town of Wappinger. Faust comes to the County Legislature with two decades of experience as a law enforcement officer in the Hudson Valley. Legislator Chris Rolison, a currently active Hudson Valley police officer, will be Vice-Chair. At a time when public safety is a top concern of people across Dutchess County, Legislators Faust and Rolison bring crucial real-world experience that make them the perfect tandem to lead this consequential committee.

for quite a while.

An entry from 2016 states, "The first research published on the production of spearmint in water was conducted by John Woodward in 1699. Discoveries made in the late 19th century by German scientists Sachs and Knop resulted in the development of the technique of soilless cultivation. This work inspired Dr. W.F. Gericke (University of California) in the 1920's to develop a solution culture technique. Following his work, Hoagland and Arnon (University of California) developed a complete hydroponic nutrient solution in 1938, the 'Hoagland Solution.' The solution was modified several times by different researchers. However, the soilless cultivation technique was first used on a large scale during World War II to produce food for the American troops stationed on the infertile Pacific islands."

Thanks to the well-written proposal compiled and presented by the students, the project was funded by a grant from RSF, which enabled the purchase of a vertical hydroponic soilless, climate-controlled, transformative portable plant cultivation pod that requires less than 10 square feet of space from the Green Bay, Wis.-based company Fork Farms.

The hydroponic garden is maintained by this year's 7th grade Civics students under Frischknecht's guidance. He said the aim was not only to explore sustainable agricultural practices, but also to instill a sense of civic responsibility and environmental stewardship among the students.

"This type of endeavor helps foster collaborative and cooperative relationships between students while introducing them to the world of sustainable agriculture, as well as the available resources outside of traditional farming," said Frischknecht. "It is pretty amazing what positive changes can be accomplished when students work together in science, agriculture, and civic engagement."

The result - literally bountiful. The

hydroponic garden has been successfully harvested twice so far this school year, producing leafy greens of romaine, green star lettuce, Swiss chard, nasturtium, zucchini, and basil to be used as salad greens and cooking greens.

Harvest days at school cannot go unnoticed as a line of students holding containers full of leafy greens and vegetables, proudly walk the halls from the second floor hydroponic garden area to the cafeteria kitchen where the haul is reviewed and evaluated for use in the school cafeteria. Frischknecht is hopeful that more is to come as the students will be trying their hand at growing strawberries and tomatoes as well, along with the possibility for a garden expansion.

"The hydroponic garden is a tremendous asset to the district and Food Service department on multiple levels," said District Food Services Director Larry Anthony. "As the students experiment with various plants, we as a department are able to incorporate them into our menus. Our first harvest of romaine was a huge success with our students. It's very exciting to provide fresh ingredients at the peak of their nutritional, flavor and freshness. We are incredibly fortunate to be part of this learning experience."

Did you know...

- A 2017 evaluation of FoodCorps conducted by the Tisch Center for Food, Education, and Policy at Teachers College, Columbia University found that in schools that provide frequent, high-quality opportunities for hands-on nutrition learning, students eat up to three times more fruits and vegetables at school lunch, regardless of whether or not that food was grown in the garden.

- The effects extend outside the school day, too. A 2018 randomized control study by Nancy Wells at Cornell University found that children whose schools provided regular school garden lessons had more access to low-fat vegetables and fruit at home than children without that curricula.



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Anderson Center for Autism rebrands ‘Echo Autism Anderson’ initiative

Anderson Center for Autism has revealed details of its newly rebranded ECHO initiative, which will now be referred to as ECHO Autism Anderson. The decision to rebrand the collaborative professional development experience (previously called ECHO Autism: Autism Best Practices) came on the heels of Anderson’s investment into a digital platform called iECHO.

The updated identity will allow the organization to expand its outreach and add new project areas, all while continuing to grow its ECHO Autism Anderson: Education program, which has been building capacity for schools since 2022.

Executives at Anderson report that the online learning opportunities through ECHO Autism Anderson will now be even more accessible to people from all over the world - and that Anderson Center for Autism is better positioned to promote Project ECHO’s work to support inclusive, equitable education and lifelong learning, which are among the United Nations’ Sustainable Development goals.

ECHO Autism Anderson offers online sessions on a number of topics throughout the year to professionals looking to learn, collaborate, have cases reviewed, or discover ways to deliver evidence-based practices. All sessions are conducted virtually, and attendees can have questions answered in real time, regardless of their location.

Patrick Paul, CEO/Executive Director of Anderson Center for Autism, said “ECHO Autism Anderson: Education has been very well-received and successful in supporting colleagues in the field. It allows professionals from all over the world to continue refining their teaching

methodologies by engaging in critically important dialogue with experts from Anderson. And by harnessing the power of the iECHO platform, our team can remotely train people from districts that cannot afford to hire the specialists needed to support the unique needs of their autistic students. That said, we are really doing more than offering professional development opportunities; we are helping to address disparities that exist in society, and supporting students, teachers, school personnel, and families worldwide. Given the capabilities of the iECHO platform, we can also start considering other project areas aligned with our mission that can be rolled out in the future; we’re all very enthusiastic about the possibilities.”

The Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO®) was first developed at the University of New Mexico, when Dr. Sanjeev Arora created a learning model based on the belief that access to information would lead to greater community impact across a number of disciplines. One specialist, for example, can support the professional development of twenty or more local experts, who then bring newfound knowledge and practices to people who might benefit.

Kristin Sohl MD, FAAP, Executive Director of ECHO Autism, expanded that initial ECHO® model to the autism community. The pediatrician, who has extensive experience in neurodevelopmental disorders, serves as site principal investigator for the Autism Intervention Research for Physical Health/Autism Treatment Network (AIRP/ATN) and is the founder of ECHO Autism. Since inception, fifteen states and five countries



Echo Autism Anderson is led by both Tracy Schober, Director of New Program Development at Anderson Center for Autism, ECHO Lead Facilitator/HUB Team Parent Advocate and Pierce Langlois, ECHO Clinic Coordinator at Anderson Center for Autism. *Photo courtesy of Anderson Center for Autism*

have partnered with ECHO Autism to build capacity in order to better care for autistic individuals in their communities.

According to ECHO Autism’s website, “ECHO Autism takes the principles of ECHO and adds the components of interdisciplinary expertise, including the integration of parent expertise. Our interdisciplinary team advises providers across the country and even internationally to support best practices in autism care for medical, behavioral and education concerns. This innovative system allows professionals and caregivers to increase their confidence in identifying and treating autism and expand their knowledge about treatments and solutions.”

Dr. Tina Covington, PhD., BCBA-D, LBA, Chief Operating Officer at Anderson Center for Autism, said “We are so proud to be bridging gaps through our work with ECHO Autism, especially in underserved communities. ECHO Autism Anderson: Education has already garnered great results for the countless schools lacking the resources to hire professionals who specialize in evidence-based practices. Our virtual learning environment helps ensure that educators can acquire the knowledge needed to support better outcomes for autistic students. And we, in turn, can continue learning from others in the field who share our desire to maximize potential for everyone.”

ECHO Autism Anderson: Education sessions are all run by a ‘HUB Team’, which includes specialists such as a licensed psychologist/behavior analyst, a speech and language pathologist with

feeding expertise; a licensed clinical social worker, and others who share very specific experiences and insights. During each session, school personnel present cases that are reviewed by the HUB team, and participants can pose questions that will help them better understand how to apply best practices in the context of their individual situations. Future project areas would likely follow a similar model to this ECHO education program.

Anderson Center for Autism will fund twelve ECHO Autism Anderson sessions in 2024.

Eliza Bozenski, Chief Development Officer at Anderson Foundation for Autism, said, “As Anderson prepares to celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2024 and autism prevalence rates continue to rise, we want to continue to build on our tradition of leadership in the field. ECHO Autism Anderson is one example of how we are working to share our breadth and depth of knowledge in ways that can positively impact people from all over the world. We look forward to adding new projects to the ECHO Autism Anderson initiative, along with continuing to build out all of our other programs and services, for generations to come. Ultimately, we are committed to doing everything possible to carry out our mission of optimizing the quality of life for individuals with autism.”

For more information, email ECHOAutism@andersoncares.org or visit andersoncenterforautism.org/ECHO.

Flowers, Edwards join Vassar College speakers at Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Vassar College honored the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the slain civil rights leader’s birthday with a campus gathering that highlighted the value of community and history as guideposts in the struggles to achieve social justice on Monday, Jan 15.

Vassar President Elizabeth Bradley, along with Deputy to the President Wesley Dixon and Associate Dean Wendy Maragh Taylor, welcomed Poughkeepsie Mayor Yvonne Flowers, Poughkeepsie Town Supervisor Rebecca Edwards, and other speakers to reflect on how the College and its neighbors can work together to uplift all.

“Part of what Vassar is trying to do is really be part of this community of Poughkeepsie,” noted Bradley, “and feel as if we are contributing and also learning from people in the community how Vassar can be even more of a partner.” She also highlighted how important it is for people in public office to “use one’s political power for good” and said, “We have some amazing people in political power right here in this room.” With that, she introduced Flowers and Edwards—on leave from her position as Vassar Professor of History on the Eloise Ellery Chair—who were greeted with enthusiastic applause and cheers from the 100-plus attendees.

Flowers, who began her historic tenure as the city’s first Black mayor just two weeks ago, delved into her own personal history as the daughter of a tireless community activist, John Flowers who, inspired by King’s message “to lead with love,” worked to bring people together to serve the Poughkeepsie community. “My dad knew that unity and love spurred positive change, and he was going to do everything in his power to help provide a space that fostered and promoted unity,” she said. Her voice breaking at times, Flowers vowed to continue her father’s legacy. “Let’s continue to work together to truly

make a difference,” she said.

Following Flowers, Taharqa O. Ramses, Associate Director of the Poughkeepsie community-based residential program Exodus Transitional Community, spoke of the importance of centering voices of marginalized and oppressed people in efforts to dismantle structural racism and create opportunity—“the voices of those who know what they need best.” Said Ramses, “Many times, we do not listen; we do not hear what they say.”

After a rendition of “Summertime,” sung by student Mareme Fall ’25, Edwards—ever the history professor—took the podium to put the work of King and fellow civil rights activists of the 1960s in historical context, beginning with the immediate aftermath of the Civil War and the beginnings of the Jim Crow era “whose legacy we still feel.” Yet through it all, countless protesters were laying the groundwork for the Civil Rights Movement later led by King and his contemporaries, Edwards said. “We are now, I think, in one of those dark and difficult moments that Rev. Dr. King might call a ‘moral midnight,’ that we may lose hope and we may have difficulty seeing what the way forward may be,” she said. “I want to affirm that in that darkest era, in that period where many people lost hope, the foundations of modern mass protests were born.” King, said Edwards, “had hope because his elders had sustained it under perhaps even grimmer and more difficult conditions than he himself faced.”

The gathering concluded with a reflection by student Croix Horsely ’26, who spoke about King’s mentor Howard Thurman and the complexities of Vassar’s history regarding progressivism and race, and Associate Dean Rev. Sam Speers, who offered a prayer for “a war-less world, a better distribution of wealth, for a brotherhood and sisterhood that transcends race or color.”



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Two days of infamy

To the editor:
My father-in-law once said in amazement “I have lived from the ‘Horse and Buggy’ age to see man go to the Moon.”
For me is the realization of having lived - in the words of President Franklin Roosevelt, through two “days which will LIVE IN INFAMY” events. These would be Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941 and 80 years later, the January 6, 2021 U.S. Capital insurrection.
You cannot turn the computer on or look at papers without seeing Donald Trump in some fit of anger and hate that it bewilders me why he has followers at all. I personally see Donald Trump as Adolf Hitler’s Nazism resurrected. His words and hate come right out of Hitler’s words.
He says (at a recent Iowa rally) “I never read Mein Kampf” which led to the killing of about 25 million Jews, Muslims, Jehovah witnesses, homosexuals, gypsies and people with disabilities, all in order to produce his “Aryan Race.”
Trump’s words were not quite true. ABC news referred to an article by Vanity Fair reporter Marie Brenner’s interview with Trump. Trump told Brenner that Marty Davis from Paramount gave him a copy of “Mein Kampf.” Brenner checked with Davis who said it was not “Mein Kampf” but rather it was “My New Order,” Hitler’s speeches. A Business Insider article (Sep 1, 2015) goes on to tell that after the 1990 divorce, Ivana Trump told her lawyer Michael Kennedy “that from time to time (her husband) reads a book of Hitler’s collected speeches, ‘My New Order,’ which he keeps in a cabinet by his bed.”

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City of Poughkeepsie opens application process for Youth Activities & Opportunities grant program

City of Poughkeepsie Mayor Yvonne Flowers has announced that \$440,000 is being made available to community organizations through the city’s Youth Activities & Opportunities Grant Program.
The city created the program in 2018 with \$140,000 in seed money. Over the years, the program has grown dramatically, and grant monies have been distributed for sporting activities, the performing arts, summer camps, tech programs, job skills development, among other essential endeavors.
This year, the city is offering a maximum funding award of \$15,000 for recipients.
“The Youth Activities & Opportunities Grant Program has become a signature initiative in the city, and the city administration and Common Council are grateful to be able to keep the funding in place,

recognizing how important it is to the community,” Mayor Flowers said. “These grants greatly benefit our youth and families, and it’s always a joy for us to see these funds in action – on fields and camps and in programs across the city.”
Applications will be accepted through Feb. 9. The application form, guidelines and other information can be found at the city’s Youth Services Division webpage cityofpoughkeepsie.com/418/Youth-Services-Division.

“We believe it’s important for people to attend the information session, so we can guide people through the process. We know these funds help them provide healthy activities for our youth and make a big difference to our community,” said Youth Services Director Karen Williams.
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Shaner Hotel Group opens Inn at Bellefield

Shaner Hotel Group, LP, an award-winning international hotel owner and operator, has opened the Inn at Bellefield Residence Inn by Marriott International, a 136-room all-suite hotel in Hyde Park across Rt. 9 from the Culinary Institute of America (CIA).

Reservations are now welcome at the Inn at Bellefield, offering sophisticated amenities and elite lodging. A grand opening celebration is set for Spring 2024. Free tours are now available weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 25 Old Vineyard Place, Hyde Park. “The Inn at Bellefield is a signature addition to the Shaner Hotel Group’s diverse portfolio,” said Lance T. Shaner, Chairman and CEO, Shaner Hotel Group, LP. “With a superb location in the center of Dutchess County, the Inn at Bellefield appeals to business and leisure travelers valuing luxury, comfort, sophistication and superb convenience. A special experience awaits.”

Located on a natural rise with dynamic views, the Inn at Bellefield is minutes from the CIA, Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum, Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site, Walkway Over the Hudson and local colleges. “The Inn at Bellefield imparts a unique, memorable lodging experience that will surpass guests’ top-flight expectations,” said General Manager Adam Pregno. “For example, the hotel will be curating multiple experiences for our guests, such as mixology classes, cooking classes and partnering with local attractions to provide wine- and sake-tasting tours, among many other experiences.” Pregno also emphasized the Inn at Bellefield’s reverence of Hyde Park’s renowned history. Tributes include sycamore wood in the hotel, repurposed

from a 230-year-old sycamore tree on the property, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s fireside-chat recordings playing alongside outdoor fire pits.

Additional amenities include full kitchens and distinct living and sleeping rooms, complementing ergonomic workstations, an upscale fitness center and state-of-the-art conference spaces. The Grand Ballroom accommodates 150 guests. The Storyteller, a Farm to Table bar/lounge, offers eclectic dining featuring specialty craft beers and spirits. Its menu, a homage to the rich tapestry of storytelling, excites the imagination and tantalizes the senses. Most ingredients are sourced from local farms, including grass-fed Bettinger Farms beef, Bulich Farm produce, Rockland Farms honey and others. In addition, Eleanor’s Market, honoring First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, offers snacks and sundries.

The Inn at Bellefield is a \$55 million project. Bellefield at Historic Hyde Park will feature restaurants, breweries, a performing arts center, a second hotel, an amphitheater and 801 residences. “The Inn at Bellefield propels Hyde Park’s reputation as a worldwide tourism destination,” said Thomas Mulroy, Chairman and CEO, T-Rex Capital Group, LLC, which is orchestrating the Bellefield campus’ full development. “We’re proud to partner on this premier hotel.” Michael Oates, President of the Hudson Valley Economic Development Corp., praised the Inn at Bellefield’s economic significance. “This hotel’s opening is a landmark moment,” he said. “Construction created 200 jobs; there are 35 permanent jobs. Lodging and payroll will fuel the economy for generations. This is a magnificent addition.”

DCC Nursing Dept. reports 94% of students pass RN Licensing exam

Dutchess Community College’s (DCC) Department of Nursing has reported impressive results for first-time takers of the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX). The pass rates for DCC’s 2023 graduating class were 93.55% in Quarter 3 and 94.44% YTD (Quarters 1-3).

The first-time NCLEX pass rate is one of the most important measures of success for nursing programs in the U.S. Not only do DCC’s results represent a marked improvement from last year (the YTD pass rate at the end of Quarter 3 last year was 83%), but the numbers also exceeded nationwide totals reported by NCLEX (2023 pass rates for students enrolled in associate degree nursing programs were 90.8% in Quarter 3 and 87.74% YTD).

Nursing Department Chair Dr. Treesa Scaria said, “DCC nursing graduates consistently perform above the national and New York State NCLEX passing rate every year. The high achievement demonstrates the rigor and quality of the educational experience students receive, making our nursing program one of the best in the Hudson Valley region.” She added, “We were able to achieve this commendable outcome by providing a state-of-the-art nursing lab experience, exceptional clinical experience, tutoring

services, NCLEX-compatible practice tests and exams.”

DCC President Dr. Peter Grant Jordan commented, “The NCLEX results reflect the hard work of our nursing students and the dedication of our nursing faculty. We are proud of the role DCC’s nursing program plays in fueling our healthcare system, contributing to the health and vibrancy of our region.”

A senior faculty member Assistant Professor of Nursing Nancy Moskowitz stated, “The results are even more significant as the NCLEX licensing exam has been modified to include even more complex test questions to prove the newly licensed are competent to practice as a registered nurse.”

Graduates of DCC’s nursing program are highly sought after by hospitals throughout the Hudson Valley, and most are employed within a year of graduation. Admission is open to students in New York State, and preference is given to residents of Dutchess and Putnam counties.

For more information about the nursing program, visit sunydutchess.edu/nursing or email Janette McCoy at janette.mccoy@sunydutchess.edu or Brianne Reznicek at brianne.reznicek@sunydutchess.edu.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Rowe Methodist Church changes worship time, welcomes new pastor
The Rowe Methodist Church, at 1376 Route 199 in Milan, is pleased to welcome their new pastor, Pastor Nan Ernst. They are changing their worship time to Sunday at 10 a.m. All are invited to celebrate with them.

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 required; visit www.rhinebeckchamber.com to register. Admission is \$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.

Family Havdallah & Pizza Night at RJC Jan. 20
The Rhinebeck Jewish Center (RJC) will host a Family Havdallah & Pizza Night on Saturday, Jan. 20, at 6:30 p.m., at the RJC, 102 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. It promises to be a fun and cozy evening with fresh pizza, crafts and music. Reservations are requested to RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com.

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.

Hygiene Board to meet at noon on Jan. 22
The Dutchess County Mental Hygiene Board will be holding a regularly scheduled meeting on January 22, at noon at the Community Mental Health Center, at 230 North Road, Poughkeepsie. One may participate via Microsoft Teams Meeting or phone in by dialing 1-516-268-4602 and enter Conference ID number 261 140 008#.

Prayer Service set Jan. 25 at St. James’
The Hyde Park Area Clergy is hosting an ecumenical prayer service for worldwide week of Christian Unity on Thursday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m. It will be held at St. James’ Episcopal Church, 4526 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park. All are welcomed and members from the Hyde Park churches will participate.

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

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 further information, visit our website at <http://www.vanderbiltgarden.org> or call 845-229-6432.



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Ralph Osterhoudt inducted into Veterans Hall of Fame

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Defense program under the US Army Air Force that recruited civilian volunteers to monitor the skies over the Hudson Valley, with the task of reporting potential enemy aircraft sightings to the Roosevelt Estate.

Shortly before he was due to graduate from FDR High School, Osterhoudt was drafted into the Army, first deployed to Scotland and later to France and Germany as part of the 575th Field Artillery Battalion. He was one of the first 30 liberators of Auschwitz, and his unit played a pivotal role in the Battle of the Bulge, shelling Nazi bridges and fuel supplies as they endured relentless bombardment and traveled treacherous terrain.

Osterhoudt is the recipient of the French Medal of Honor, three Bronze Star medals and the Purple Heart.

Hinchey noted that when she was seeking nominees for this year's Veterans Hall of Fame, "one name consistently emerged: Ralph J. Osterhoudt Sr." Among his accomplishments, she cited Osterhoudt's important role in helping to save Castle Point VA Medical Center in Wappingers Falls, when it was threatened with closure a few years ago.

Athanas spoke at length about Osterhoudt, the longtime Treasurer of the Hyde Park Legion. He lauded Osterhoudt's outreach to the USS Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, Dutchess County's adopted ship, which developed into a years-long relationship that exists to this day. Osterhoudt was on the Steering Committee for the USS Roosevelt crew's visit to Hyde Park in 2012, and he was part of a small group of Hyde Park community members who visited the Roosevelt when she was in port at Mayport, Fla., several years ago.

Also in 2012, Osterhoudt was on the first Honor Flight in Dutchess County. Athanas noted that Osterhoudt is one of

the few veterans from that trip still remaining.

When the Hyde Park Legion Post took a trip to Normandy, Athanas said Osterhoudt "took the bull by the horns" and arranged a meeting with the 1st American Legion in Paris as well as a personal tour of the Normandy American Cemetery – "things that a regular tourist would never have seen."

It was "all thanks to Ralph," said Athanas.

Athanas credited Osterhoudt for organizing the Post's floats for the town's Memorial Day and July Fourth parades, some of which even took trophies.

Serino spoke briefly to read part of the induction Proclamation and praised Osterhoudt's energy and commitment to veterans.

"You show up to so many events, I don't know how you do it," she said.

Dan Morea, Commander of the Dutchess County American Legion, called Osterhoudt "an amazing friend ... and an amazing leader."

Town Historian Carney Rhinevault recalled the visit to the USS Roosevelt in Mayport, when Osterhoudt navigated nine flights of stairs on the ship despite health issues. He also read an interview he did with Osterhoudt for one of his books.

Martin Osterhoudt, who Hinchey credited with much help in organizing the ceremony at the Wallace Center, spoke very briefly. He expressed gratitude to Ralph and his wife, Ethel, for adopting him when he was five days old.

Mike Speed of Mended Swords was the final speaker. Having been Osterhoudt's nurse for 11 years at Castle Point, the two developed a warm friendship. He credited Osterhoudt for being instrumental in the creation of



Above, Ralph Osterhoudt Sr. is pictured with a large crowd after being inducted into the NY Senate Veterans Hall of Fame on Saturday, Jan 13. Below, Osterhoudt waves to the audience. Speakers at left included Hyde Park Town Historian Carney Rhinevault, Hyde Park American Legion Post 1303 Commander Mike Athanas, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and Mike Speed, Ralph's friend and founder of Mended Swords. Photos by Curtis Schmidt



Mended Swords and for bridging a gap between older and younger veterans.

Speed also read a speech Osterhoudt had written for the occasion, which talked about his life from volunteering with the Ground Observer Corps, through his service in World War II and into his civilian life, when he started Osterhoudt

Electric in Hyde Park.

Osterhoudt is still an active member of Hyde Park American Legion Post 1303 and continues to participate in the parades.

Every year, each NYS Senator selects a veteran from their district to be honored in the Veterans Hall of Fame.



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A Year in Review



Every December, I look back on the past year, wonder where all the time has gone and assess if our efforts are meeting the needs of those we serve. In essence, what changes need to take place to stay on the cutting edge in meeting the ever changing needs of our veterans in Dutchess County?

Looking back on 2023, with improvement always our goal, I found it extremely satisfying to retrace all that came to fruition – largely through the efforts and vision of key people who share the goal of enhancing the lives of our hometown vets.

In the past year, I have been given the extraordinary opportunity to write this column for the Southern Dutchess News family of publications, allowing me to highlight the many programs, events and sacred holiday ceremonies we offer and reach those we may have missed. It gives our office a tremendous forum to publicly address some of the important topics and challenges our veterans face on a day-to-day basis.

Of course, a monumental event last year was April's official grand opening of Mental Health America's (MHA) Dutchess County Veterans One Stop at 1335 Route 44 in Pleasant Valley. The

event gathered over 150 community leaders, elected officials and veterans to tour the new facility and see first-hand how the One Stop concept has made meeting with counselors and gaining access to programs significantly more efficient.

We saw a three-fold increase in walk-in traffic since the One Stop opened, and we at Dutchess County Veterans Services hired two new employees to help serve the influx and enhance our counseling capacity and outreach efforts. Members of our team MHA staff now personally visit numerous churches, synagogues, mosques and other houses of worship to identify veterans in those congregations who may need our services. As a result, religious leader now come tour the facility and prompt their congregations to bring supplies to the One Stop's on-site veteran food pantry and clothing and supplies room.

The Global Center for Social Entrepreneurship Network, creators of TV series "Veterans Playbook," were so impressed with the One Stop's layout and synergy they experienced when shooting part of an episode there, they not only decided to feature our facility as one of the episodes in the series and moved their entire operation to the location.

With the support of the County Executive, Dutchess County awarded \$150,000 in one-time microgrants to 11 local non-profit veteran's organizations to enhance activities and programming that address veterans' needs. This included, among other improvements, infrastructure upgrades to roofs and kitchens at our county's VFW and American Legion facilities, as well as the purchase of new kayaks and other equipment to enrich the outdoor activities the Veteran's Sportsman Association offers.

Another bright spot of the year was our 2nd Annual "Red, White, and You!" Veterans Appreciation Picnic, a free event that attracted nearly 400 vets and their families to Dutchess County's Camp Nooteeming for a day of appreciation and camaraderie, featuring outstanding food, music and activities.

Dutchess County's Veterans Treatment Courts initiative was formed to help adjudication of cases involving our veterans, including those who may be trying to navigate trauma, addiction and/or mental illness related to their service.

The VetZero program, in conjunction with Hudson River Housing, continued to provide free door-to-door transportation to help veterans get to and from medical visits, other critical appointments. We

also continued work with Mental Health America Dutchess County to provide the ongoing Vet2Vet, job placement and suicide prevention programs available at the One Stop.

This past fall, we announced the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall coming to Dutchess County in September 2024 as a reminder of the sacrifice many soldiers made during the Vietnam War. This will give access to scores of veterans and their families who have never been able to visit the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C.

As we head into 2024, we are excited to continue all these programs and hope to add new ones, including the launching of our Challenge Coin Initiative that will honor Dutchess County veterans, both past and present, throughout the year.

I can't thank enough the many agencies and community partners with whom we collaborate, who have it in their hearts to serve our veterans in the most efficient way possible and help us in our work at the Dutchess County Veteran Services.

Remember, we are here for you. Call us Monday through Friday at 845-486-2060 for an appointment or get more information at dutchessny.gov/veterans.

We sincerely wish you all a happy, safe and prosperous New Year!

Rhinebeck Grange sets bonfire, soup sales for community

On Saturday, January 27, beginning at 4 p.m., the Rhinebeck Grange #896 will hold its 7th Annual Winter Bonfire, at Firemen's Field, in Rhinecliff, in partnership with the Rhinecliff Volunteer Fire Company and Morton Memorial Library.

Those attending are encouraged to dress warmly and come celebrate winter around a bonfire made from local holiday trees. Trees (cleared of all decorations) can be dropped off at Firemen's Field by the parking area in front of the picnic shelter.

If you are in the Rhinecliff Protective

Fire District, we offer free pickup. Simply email Joe Baer at JoBaer2@gmail.com to make arrangements or set the tree at the end of your driveway for pickup on Saturday, January 27, from 8 a.m. to noon.

The event takes place from 4 - 7 p.m. Last year we burned a total of 45 trees. Members of the Rhinecliff Volunteer Fire Company will be on standby to assure a safe environment. In case of inclement weather, we have a snow date set for the following Saturday, February 3.

Cynthia Baer, president of the Grange, says, "I am happy to be a part of this event, now in its seventh year. We started doing it because the hamlet was laden with trees lying around driveways for months after the holidays. The bonfire was a perfect solution, plus a way to have a little fun and connect with each other."

Speaking of connecting with the community, did you know that the Rhinebeck Grange clocked about 375 hours of community service in 2023? Based on an average value of \$31.80 per hour for community service, this equates to \$11,925 of community impact.

To help reach the financial goals, the Rhinebeck Grange hosts homemade soup sales from September through March.

The winter series of sales begins Thursday, January 18. Soup is sold for \$10 per quart, takeout only, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Pickup is at the side door of the Rhinecliff Firehouse, at the corner of Shatzell and Orchard. If you'd like to be notified of soups available so you can preorder online, contact Joe Baer at JoBaer2@gmail.com. Quantities are limited. Grange VP Joe Baer will greet you at the door and have your order ready to go. Says Baer, "I enjoy visiting with the people that come by once a month to get their soup. I like getting to know them and hearing their thoughts regarding the prior month's offerings."

All proceeds go to the general fund of the Rhinebeck Grange, which provides

\$1,250 in annual scholarships as well as donations to food pantries, educational programs, people experiencing financial strain from unexpected events such as fires or accidents, and for other local needs. To learn how you can become involved with the Rhinebeck Grange, visit www.RhinebeckGrange.org or email Cynthia Baer at csaniewski1@gmail.com.



Rhinebeck Grange VP Joe Baer will greet residents at the door and have your Soup Sales ready to go. *Courtesy photo*

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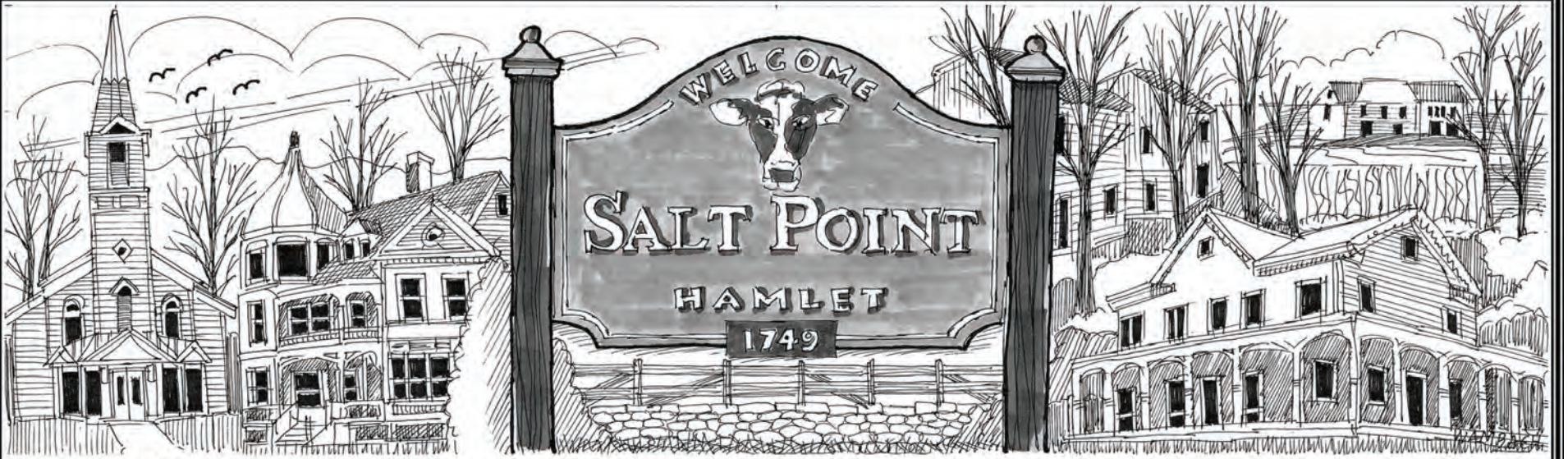
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Magazzino

Mark and Sue discover a museum in Cold Spring showcasing modern Italian art in the United States.

If you’ve ever been to the Magazzino Italian Art Museum, you can skip this article...Okay, so you haven’t. Chances are you’ve never heard of it. But there exists a marvelous collection of postwar and contemporary Italian art housed in a redesigned 20,000-square-foot warehouse on five acres just down the road in Cold Spring. I thought I’d seen everything in Cold Spring – Stonecrop Gardens, Glynwood, Breakneck Ridge, Juan Murphy’s. At a neighbor’s Christmas Eve gathering, a guest, Sonya Vechnyak, who works in the museum’s research library, told Sue and me about Magazzino. Intrigued, we stopped in for a visit on December 27.

Magazzino Italian Art is a museum and research center dedicated to advancing scholarship and public appreciation of postwar and contemporary Italian art in the U.S. When I think of “postwar and contemporary” art, I picture Jackson Pollock, Andy Warhol, Louise Nevelson or Ai Weiwei. But evidently there was an avant-garde movement in 1960s Italy called Arte Provera, a reaction to political upheaval. The artists associated with the movement – Michelangelo Pistoletto, Jannis Kounellis, Marisa Mertz, among others – are well represented in the muse-

um galleries.

Robert Olnick was a famous real estate developer (not quite famous enough to have his own Wikipedia page) with a love of Italy and art. He and his wife Sylvia had a unique partnership – to repair and improve the world, supporting charities and championing living artists. After her parents’ death, daughter Nancy Olnick and her husband Giorgio Spanu continued the legacy by funding Magazzino, which opened in 2017, housing 80 paintings, sculptures and photographs from the Arte Provera artists.

Highlights include “Mappa,” an embroidered map of the world conceived by Alighiero Boetti who outsourced the execution to local women in Afghanistan. According to the brochure, the work “questions the conventional models of authorship.” Also, Pistoletto’s “Autoritratto con quaderno,” a self portrait on highly polished stainless steel.

Just last September, Magazzino opened the adjacent Robert Olnick Pavilion, with an additional 13,000 square feet of exhibit space. Three opening exhibitions by Mario Schifano, Ettore Spalletti and Carlo Scarpa are on display. Walking the grounds, Sue and I were sur-

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Works featured at Magazzino in Cold Spring include “Untitled” by Caroline Clowes and (facing page) Pistoletto’s self photo. *Photos by Mark Adams*



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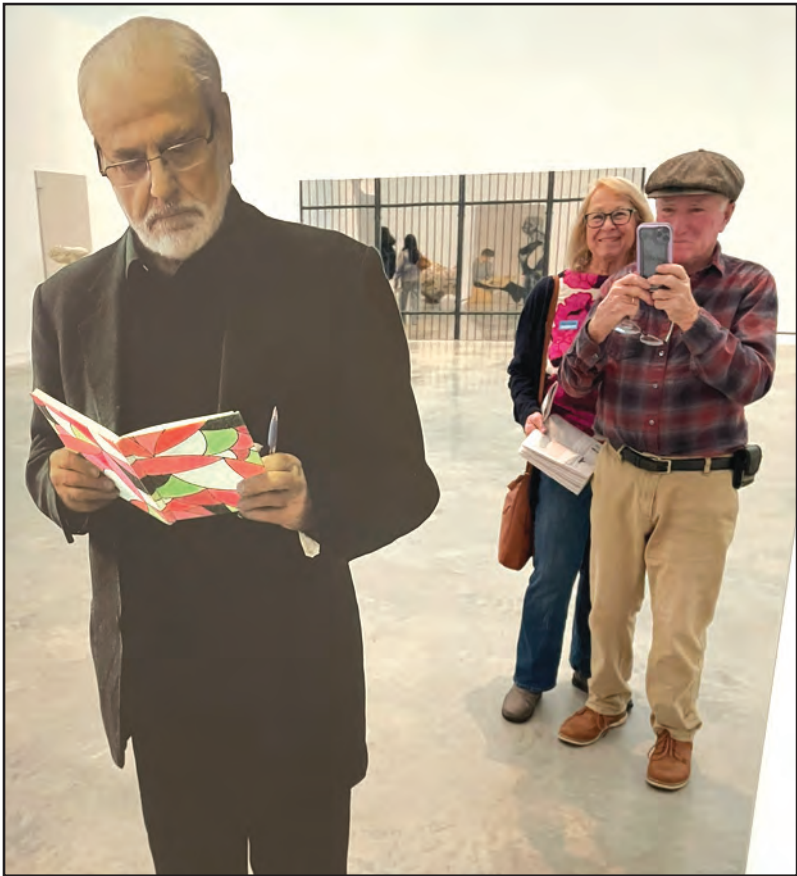
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prised to see a vegetable garden still growing kale and Chinese cabbage, a few outdoor sculptures, and a barn and pad-dock populated by Sardinian donkeys.

A little bit closer to home, the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center at Vassar College has a nice collection of Hudson River School artists, including works by Asher B. Durand, Frederic Church and George Innis, including the Innis master-piece “The Valley of the Shadow of Death.” A recently installed exhibit show-cases four precious oil paintings by Town

of LaGrange native Caroline Clowes (1838-1904). Evidently, she achieved an international reputation, completing numerous special commissions and dozens of paintings, working from her home. She was well known at the time Vassar founded the college in 1865, and frequently collaborated with Vassar’s first professor of art, Henry Van Ingen.

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

DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

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THEME: WINTER FUN

ACROSS

1. Mulligatawny and gazpacho, e.g.

6. Half of NFL

9. "Oscar" of sports

13. Relating to sight

14. Sargasso _____

15. Dugout glider

16. Not fresh

17. First H in HRH

18. Face-to-face exams

19. *Ice fishing shelter

21. **"Polar" activity

23. *Type of Christmas tree

24. Diagonal

25. Tax return professional, acr.

28. Kind of cola

30. Diaphragm spasm

35. Scepters' partners

37. Of two minds

39. _____ Jean Baker

40. *Rabbit's winter one is white

41. Sheik's bevy?

43. Type of dam

44. Butcher's refuse

46. Etna's emission

47. Secret disclosure

48. Stellar

50. Chap or fella

52. Diabetic ketoacidosis, acr.

53. A or O, to blood

55. Unit of electrical resistance

57. *Finger warmers

60. *Certain sleigh ride

63. Courtroom excuse

64. Gobbled up

66. Train runners

68. Land of taekwondo

69. "Caroline in the City" Thompson

70. Relating to Scandinavia

71. Not home

72. *Last winter mo.

73. Klondike river

DOWN

1. Acronym in a bottle

2. Chooses

3. Colorado's neighbor

4. a.k.a. pilau

5. Like a longer route?

6. Grayish

7. ATM extra

8. Carpus, pl.

9. Bring home the bacon

10. Unforeseen obstacle

11. *Skier's aid

12. Da or oui

15. Jenny McCarthy to Melissa McCarthy

20. Engagement, archaic

22. _____-di-dah

24. Onslaught

25. *Warming drink

26. Faculty members, for short

27. Behind a stern

29. *Frosty's eyes

31. Type of hood

32. Apollo of "Rocky"

33. Inuit skin boat

34. *a.k.a. anorak

36. *Betelgeuse, e.g.

38. *Snow, in Italy

42. Lord's estate

45. Lithuania's neighbor

49. NaOH

51. Like a rosebush

54. Church song

56. Meow, alt. sp.

57. _____-in-the-dark

58. Milano moolah

59. Toe the line

60. Product of lacrimation

61. Michael Douglas' dad

62. "The Sun _____ Rises"

63. *What clues #4 and #34 Down have in common

65. High affair

67. Barack Obama, pre-pres.

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The solutions to both the Sudoku & Crossword puzzles can be found on page 19

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Chicken Paprikash

Silky, creamy comfort food for a cold night

One of the best things about winter (if you aren't a skier, that is) is serving up comforting meals and, friends, I LOVE me some comfort food! My latest craving had me in the kitchen mixing up a batch of creamy, lovely, flavorful chicken paprikash, a delightful dish I haven't made in a while. Having everything I needed on hand made it almost fate, so of course I felt inclined to share my version with you.

If you don't know, this official dish of Hungary is, simply put, chicken cooked in a rich, silky sauce of sour cream and lots of paprika. Served over egg noodles it is divine, hitting all the right notes, and just the thing for a chilly winter night.

Traditionally it's made with bone-in, skin on chicken pieces but I, more often than not, make it with boneless, skinless chicken. Browning the chicken first in oil or butter gives you the flavor without having to pick out bones, a plus in my recipe book. The real key is the sauce, and here the quality and freshness of the paprika makes all the difference. You can use sweet paprika or, if you can find it, Hungarian paprika, which has a little heat. I prefer the smoked variety, which adds a little complexity, but mixing varieties works too. Whatever you choose, if what you have in your spice rack is more

than two years old, please toss it and buy a new jar. If this goes the way I think it will and you love it, you'll likely never have it sit that long again.

CHICKEN PAPRIKASH

Traditionally this calls for bone-in, skin on chicken pieces, which does add more complexity of flavor. Thighs are great for this, but I often use boneless breasts cut into pieces with onions and chicken stock to add some richness, so use what you prefer. I also sometimes dredge the chicken in a mixture of flour, paprika and salt before adding to the skillet, with the thought that it adds another layer of flavor. But this, more straightforward recipe seems to get the job done just fine.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 package wide egg noodles
- 3 tablespoons butter or vegetable oil
- 1lb chicken (breasts or thighs), cut into 1-2 inch pieces
- Salt and pepper to taste (start with 1/2 teaspoon of each)
- 1 medium yellow onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup chicken stock
- 1 (14oz) can diced tomatoes (not drained)
- 2 tablespoons paprika
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1/4 cup heavy cream

- 1 cup sour cream
- Fresh parsley, chopped (optional)

METHOD

Prepare egg noodles according to package directions. You can do this while making the sauce. Drain and set aside.

Heat butter or oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken, season with salt and pepper and cook until browned, about 4 minutes, then flip and cook another 4 minutes. Add onion and cook until soft and beginning to brown, about 6 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add chicken stock and stir to deglaze the pan. Stir in diced tomatoes and paprika and continue cooking until chicken is cooked through, 10-15 minutes. (It's done when there's no pink in the middle and juices run clear when cut. It would read at least 165 degrees on a meat thermometer.) If chicken is done at this point, remove it and set aside.

In a small bowl, whisk together sour cream, heavy cream and flour until smooth and well combined. I like to sift the flour over the creams before whisking to avoid lumps. Add to the sauce in the skillet, whisking to blend, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low. Season with more salt and pepper as needed and

continue to cook until thickened, about 5 minutes. If you removed the chicken, add it back in and give it a stir.

Serve over prepared noodles. Sprinkle with parsley, if using. Makes about 8 servings.

I'm so glad I rediscovered this dish. If you've made it before, maybe you're lucky enough to have a traditional family recipe. Though not necessarily traditional, this version still warms the heart like a rich, velvety blanket in food form. Don't let its rustic simplicity fool you: It's company-worthy for sure and a delicious way to make everyone feel welcome at your table. Or just treat yourself to a bowl of it by the fire and let it bring you comfort on a wintry night. We all deserve to feel that loved. Enjoy!

Vicki Frank Day's background includes over two decades in various aspects of the food service industry. In addition, she has over 27 years' experience in marketing, graphic design, copy writing, food styling and research. She believes cooking should be a fun adventure, that food should be an experience and that every day can be a special occasion. Email her at vickiloves2cook@gmail.com.

Volunteers present \$500 check to PV Community Gardens

The weather may be dreary and cold, but volunteers at the Pleasant Valley Community Gardens are hard at work, readying for the first green shoots of spring, and supporting the local food pantry through the winter.

Launched last year, the non-profit vegetable and flower garden donated more than 1,500 pounds of fresh produce to the Pleasant Valley Food Pantry. And on Jan. 10, garden volunteers presented a check for \$500 to the Food Pantry, generated from the community garden's own fundraising efforts.

"It felt really good to be able to give something to the pantry in the winter months," said Gwen Davis, treasurer of the Pleasant Valley Community Gardens. "We'd like to be able to support it through the year."

This time of year the food pantry is often stretched for resources, particularly as food prices remain high, says its director Steve Gessner. "We have this perfect storm of increased demand, flat donations, and increased prices, so it's really started to put some tension on our budget," he said. About 120 families a month rely on the Pleasant Valley Food Pantry.

All donations of produce, food or money go directly to sustain the food pantry, he said. "These donations from the garden are so critically important."

The community garden volunteers have looked for other ways to support the food pantry during winter when the garden must sus-

pend its weekly delivery of fresh vegetables. In January, its volunteers contributed canned goods. Future monthly donations will focus on personal hygiene products, pastas and sauces and hot and cold cereals. Throughout the year, the garden group also contributes toys, games and coats that families in need can access through the food pantry.

Meanwhile, plans for the 2024 garden, located on town property on Salt Point Turnpike, are already under way. Volunteers are selecting seed types, laying out the garden plan and organizing the gritty work of starting seedlings indoors. Master gardeners from Cornell's County Extension program help oversee the efforts.

Garden organizers meet at the Pleasant Valley Library monthly. Volunteers who want to support the local food pantry or learn more about vegetable gardening are welcome. "We'd love to get many more people involved," said Gwen Davis.



Gwen Davis, left, treasurer of Pleasant Valley Community Gardens, presents a \$500 check to Steve Gessner of Pleasant Valley Food Bank, alongside Jean Curlee, a volunteer at the gardens. *Courtesy photo*

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Arlington girls trounce Carmel

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

By Rich Thomaselli

Don't sleep on the Arlington High School girls basketball team. The Admirals blew out Carmel, 66-14, to open league play. Arlington was led by Ellia Bailey with 13 points. Olivia Mrazek added 11 in the win. Arlington jumped out to a 16-2 lead and never looked back.

In defeat, Carmel was led by sophomore Kylie Murphy with five points. Carmel senior Iyanna Mateo had 10 rebounds.

Lourdes boys basketball team tops Arlington for Davis title

By Rich Thomaselli

The state-ranked Our Lady of Lourdes High School boys basketball team avenged a two-point loss to Arlington in the finals of the Duane Davis Memorial Tournament by capturing the title this season against the Admirals, 61-51.

Patrick Faughnan had 16 points, 13 rebounds and five assists and was named tournament MVP. Zach Hart had 17 points, nine rebounds and two steals. The game was played at Lourdes.

The in-season tournament serves as something of a de facto Dutchess County championship.

Jacob Jerome scored 24 points and Mike Rescigno had 10 points and 14 rebounds for the Admirals, who jumped out to an 11-1 lead. The Warriors came back to lead by three at halftime.

Tommy Simpson had 12 points for the Warriors on four three-point shots.

At one point during the comeback from its first-quarter woes, the Warriors had scored 58 of 93 points.

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

Connect Dots:
• 1 - 75

By David Kalvitis

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'League Season' arrives for local high school teams

By Rich Thomaselli

Now comes the most important time of the year for local high school sports teams, particularly in basketball.

Technically, there is no basketball line of demarcation between the first half of the season and the second. But everybody - from the coaches to the players to the scorekeepers - knows there is a clear line of division when it comes to the season.

We are now in "League Season."

Most of the holiday tournaments are over. Most of the non-league season is over. Schools are pretty much done with experimenting with lineups and trying to create good chemistry. The league season can make up for a lot of ills from the first half of the season.

There is much to remember, of course. But there is also much to forget. It's like working with a clean slate now.

Teams that go on to win the league season and get into the state tournament in the second half of the season rarely remember what they did in the second game of the year back in December.

This is a time for renewal and optimism, and this is true of most major team sports at almost every level of competition. This is when 2-8 teams can go 8-2. It's a chance at a fresh start. In many respects, it's a new day.

So carpe diem!

Renegades again stressing commitment to community

By Rich Thomaselli

The Hudson Valley Renegades are looking to perform in the community in 2024 just as they did in 2023.

One of the most impactful ways the team accomplished this was through the award-winning Renegades Community Program presented by Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHealth).

The Renegades donated well over \$100,000 through monetary and in-kind donations to local organizations.

"Having a strong commitment to the community is extremely important to us as an organization," said Zach Betkowski, General Manager of the Renegades. "I am extremely proud that no other Minor League Baseball team does as much in and for its community as we do in the Hudson Valley."

That includes:

- Youth Field Betterment Initiative: Renegades and Heritage Financial Credit Union, the team's naming rights sponsor, employees renovated Sauter Field at Spratt Park for City of Poughkeepsie Youth Baseball in April.
- Education Program: Renegades and HFCU employees visited three local elementary schools, educating over 200 students on the importance of financial literacy and teamwork.
- Community Star Award: Honored six community members in a special on-field ceremony who encompass dedication, service, and commitment to their community.
- Outstanding Student-Athlete Award: Celebrated five Outstanding Student-Athletes from local middle and high schools, who were awarded and acknowledged for their academic and athletic achievements.

Throughout the 2023 season, the Renegades partnered with local organizations to create one-of-a-kind experiences for the community including the Make-A-Wish Lil' Renegades All-Star Team. The Renegades partnered with Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley to introduce the inaugural Lil' Renegades All-Star Team.

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SAFE WINTER WALKING,
PENGUIN STYLE

(Article not to be read while walking in icy conditions!)

When snow and ice arrive, even the smoothest sidewalk can become a treacherous path for walkers of all ages. It’s a particular challenge for older adults, who are most prone to injuries from falls.

Staying indoors until springtime isn’t a practical fall prevention option, although some shopping trips can be avoided with the help of online merchants and friendly caregivers who might be able to make a trip to the shop on your behalf.

Wait just a minute here, Todd. I didn’t get to be 88 years old by being scared of everything.

Duly noted. So what’s an independent-minded older adult to do to avoid taking a spill when they want to go for a walk in that bracing winter air?

Let’s turn to the world’s undisputed expert in safely navigating slippery surfaces: the penguin. Even though they spend much of their lives walking on ice, we rarely see a penguin tumble. How do they do it, and what can we humans learn?

Starting from the safety of home, pick out the right footwear. Go with shoes or boots with large treads for better traction and consider wearing ice cleats or grippers. Put your phone in your pocket and leave it there while you’re walking. Put on some warm gloves because you’ll need your hands to help maintain balance. Outside your home, put down some rock salt or calcium chloride on walking areas that get slippery, especially between the front door of your home and the front door of your car.

If you’ve got a buddy to walk with, bring them for safety in numbers.

With advance preparations complete, it’s time to summon our inner penguin and walk.

- Bend slightly forward; walk flat-footed, keeping your center of gravity over your feet;
- Point your toes out slightly to the sides, with your feet slightly wider apart than usual;
- Take short steps and shuffle or waddle. This may look silly, but when it’s silly and it works, it’s not silly;
- Keep your arms at your sides and hands out of your pockets; and
- Walk no faster than what you feel is safe.

If you’ve driven somewhere and there’s ice on the ground at your destination, don’t be in a hurry to get out of your vehicle. Swing both feet out of your car, together if possible. Place your feet firmly on the ground. Hold on to your car if you think you need the support and stand up...slowly.

PLANNING FOR WINTER WALKS
YET TO COME

With good planning, you can avoid many falls and be less likely to be taken by surprise when a fall does happen. Sign up for an “A Matter of Balance” class with OFA and you’ll learn to view the prospect of falls in a different light. For more information about “A Matter of Balance” and other exercise options, visit dutchessny.gov/seniorexercise or call 845-486-2555.

HOME DELIVERED MEALS
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OFA’s East Fishkill Friendship Center is seeking volunteer drivers who can bring meals to Home Delivered Meals clients in the East Fishkill / Hopewell / Wappinger / Beekman area. If you are available to volunteer during middays on any weekdays, please email jdennis@dutchessny.gov or call OFA

during business hours at 845-486-2555.

FREE COVID TEST KITS VIA COVID.GOV

If you’ve been looking for COVID test kits, the federal government has again made a limited supply of free test to all households, via www.covid.gov. You’ll be directed to a U.S. Postal Service website for ordering test kits.

No one will call, text, or email you from the federal government to ask for your information to “help” you order free kits. Don’t give out your credit card, bank account, or Social Security number. Do not respond. Instead, report it to the Federal Trade Commission at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

SENIOR PARK PRINTS ARTS SERIES –
STILL SOME SPOTS LEFT!

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 Senior Park Prints art classes, co-hosted by OFA and Dutchess County Parks:

- 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
- (ONE SPOT LEFT AS OF 11am JANUARY 12th!) 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.

AARP FOUNDATION TAX-AIDE
STARTS TAKING APPOINTMENTS

AARP Foundation and the CA\$H Coalition are about to begin another season of free tax preparation for low- and

moderate-income taxpayers, families and individuals.

The service begins taking appointments after January 17th. Appointments can be made by calling 2-1-1, or 800-899-1479.

No age restrictions, and AARP membership is not required.

371 POUNDS OF UNNEEDED MEDICATIONS
COLLECTED AT 2023 PICNICS

The Dutchess County Traffic Safety Board reports that 371 pounds of outdated and unneeded medications were collected for safe disposal during the 2023 OFA Summer Picnic season. That’s medication that did not get into our groundwater, was not ingested by mistake, and could not be stolen by individuals with addictions.

Medication drop-offs are available at every OFA Summer Picnic, as well as at 12 law enforcement headquarters throughout Dutchess County. Most (but not all) are open 24/7; you can find a printable list of drop-off points at www.dutchessny.gov/aging.

‘FRIENDLY CALLS’ ORIENTATIONS
THIS MONTH

Interested in becoming a volunteer for OFA’s Friendly Calls program? We have orientations scheduled throughout January at OFA headquarters (114 Delafield St., Poughkeepsie). Pick one:

Thursday, January 18th – 1:30 pm

Monday, January 22nd – 3:00 pm

To schedule your orientation and learn more about Friendly Calls, call OFA at 845-486-2555 during business hours or email bjones@dutchessny.gov.

More orientations will be scheduled, so check for updates at www.dutchessny.gov/calendar.

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COLLEGE NOTES

ANNVILLE, PA -- Liam Hogan of Poughkeepsie is one of nearly 900 Lebanon Valley College students named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2023 semester. Dean’s list students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.4 out of 4.0.

Hogan is pursuing a bachelor of science in business administration and international business at The Valley and is a graduate of Arlington High School.

MANCHESTER, NH -- It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Fall 2023 Dean’s List. The fall terms run from September to December. Local students on the list include Justin Beatty of Hyde Park, and Skyla LaFumee of Hyde Park.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

MANCHESTER, NH -- Sarah Ware of Staatsburg has been named to Southern New Hampshire University’s (SNHU) Fall 2023 President’s List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

CORTLAND, NY -- A total of 814 SUNY Cortland students earned President’s

List honors for the Fall 2023 semester. Among those honored were:

Nadiya Grossman of Rhinebeck (Political Science)

Kerry Hare of Red Hook (Inclusive Ed Child (Wait))

Ginamarie Kirk of Stanfordville (Exercise Science)

Sadie Kubsch of Red Hook (Inclusive Education Childhood)

Nuala Seabrook of Rhinebeck (Outdoor Recreation)

To qualify for the President’s List, students must earn a grade of A- or better in each of their classes while carrying a course load of 12 hours or more.

CANTON, NY -- Harol Quintero, a SUNY Canton Cybersecurity major from Wassaic, earned a spot on the SUNY Canton Dean’s List during the fall 2023 semester.

Dean’s List recognizes full-time students with a GPA between 3.25 and 3.74 during a single academic semester.

CANTON, NY -- SUNY Canton President Zvi Szafran recognizes area students for earning a spot on the fall 2023 President’s List.

The President’s List includes the following students:

Megan E. Cowles, a SUNY Canton Crime Analysis major, from Hyde Park.

Crystal E. Cooper, a SUNY Canton Early Childhood major, from Pleasant Valley.

Charlotte S. LaPierre, a SUNY Canton Emergency Management major, from Pleasant Valley.

Hanlon Crane, a SUNY Canton Criminal Justice major, from Red Hook.

Christopher Sowinski, a SUNY Canton Cybersecurity major, from Red Hook.

To earn a spot on the President’s List, full-time students must earn a 3.75 or greater GPA during a single semester.

CANTON, NY -- SUNY Canton recognizes Alexander McPhee, a SUNY Canton Emergency Management major from Hyde Park, for earning Part-Time Honors during the fall 2023 semester.

The college created this award to recognize students who earned at least a 3.25 GPA in 6 to 11 credit hours of coursework. It stands alongside the college’s Dean’s List and President’s List as one of the top awards given for academic success during a single semester.

NEW PALTZ, NY -- SUNY New Paltz announces its Dean’s List for the fall 2023 semester, a recognition for students who excel academically and earn at least a 3.3 grade-point average in a semester with a full-time course load.

Local students on the list include Joshua Ackley of Staatsburg, Kiersten Barkstrom of Red Hook, Jaylen Beliveau of Pine Plains, Taylor Bodo of Hyde Park, Sydney Bonelli of Hyde Park, Tiffany Bonk of Clinton Corners, Mary Boyce of Salt Point, Kevin Briccio of Salt Point, David Brown of Pleasant Valley, Jacob Buessem of Pleasant Valley, Danielle Bunn of Pleasant Valley, Olivia Burgevin Hallstein of Tivoli, Antonio Castellanos of Rhinebeck, Michelle Castellanos of Staatsburg, Alyssa DiBartolo of Staatsburg, Brianna DiLoreto of Red Hook, Carolina Dickens of Rhinebeck, Caroline Dockstader of Red Hook, Colleen Doherty of Tivoli, Jared Fais of Pleasant Valley, John Forbes of Red Hook, Skyler

Fountain of Millbrook, Isabella Fraleigh of Red Hook, Alyssa Franzken of Pleasant Valley, Heydi Gonzalez Lopez of Pleasant Valley, James Gordineer of Pleasant Valley, Frank Gunsch of Pleasant Valley, Allie Hammell of Pleasant Valley, Morgan Hammell of Pleasant Valley, Morgan Hawley of Hyde Park, Matthew Hoffman of Staatsburg, Olivia Huffman of Millbrook, Pavan Kang of Hyde Park, Maya Kardas of Millbrook, Madeline Kerzner of Red Hook, Mitchell Langley of Pleasant Valley, Garrett Linnane of Salt Point, Makayla Lowe of Tivoli, Caitlin MacCutcheon of Rhinebeck, Alexandra McKenzie of Pine Plains, David Miller of Rhinebeck, Trinity Miner of Red Hook, Sofie Morton of Wassaic, Libby Mosher of Rhinebeck, Eitan Neustadt of Rhinebeck, Michael Newport of Pleasant Valley, Charlotte Norton of Hyde Park, Ian O’Connor of Rhinebeck, Raphiel O’Connor of Red Hook, Victoria Odescalchi of Salt Point, Lacy Parsons of Red Hook, Emily Rivas of Hyde Park, Timothy Roach of Clinton Corners, Charli Robinson of Rhinebeck, Rita Ruggerone of Clinton Corners, Heidy Ruiz of Pleasant Valley, Julianne Salerno of Pleasant Valley, Leah Schmid of Stanfordville, Marissa Scuderi of Pleasant Valley, Erin Sheehan of Millerton, Olivia Skelly of Hyde Park, Joshua Smith of Rhinebeck, Cori Spillane of Red Hook, Sophia Stanton of Salt Point, Saige Stephney of Pleasant Valley, Nola Storms of Amenia, Erica Taylor of Salt Point, Paris Tretola of Red Hook, Benjamin Van Kleeck of Red Hook, Sarah Vena of Pleasant Valley, Danielle Walsh of Red Hook, Alan Wattoff of Hyde Park, Jake Wilber of Millbrook, Sean Wilk of Hyde Park, Brenden Wisniewski of Pleasant Valley, Julianna Wisniewski of Pleasant Valley.

Legislation announced for Post Office in Holmes to be named after Sheriff Adrian ‘Butch’ Anderson

Congressman Mike Lawler (NY-17) announced legislation honoring former Dutchess County Sheriff Adrian “Butch” Anderson by designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 298 Route 292 in Holmes as the “Sheriff Adrian ‘Butch’ Anderson Post Office Building.”

Lawler announced the legislation at a press conference where he was joined by Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, Sheriff Kirk Imperati, Pawling Town Supervisor James Schmitt, East Fishkill Town Supervisor Nick D’Alessandro, Beekman Town Supervisor Mary Covucci, other county and local officials, and members of Sheriff Anderson’s family.

“Sheriff Anderson lived a life marked by commitment, bravery, and an unwavering sense of duty,” said Lawler. “His life is a tapestry of service, woven with the threads of courage, leadership, and community spirit.”

“This is not just a recognition of his service but a tribute to a life that has profoundly impacted our community,” Lawler continued. “In renaming the Holmes Post Office, we ensure that future generations will know the name Sheriff Butch Anderson, not just as a law enforcement hero, but as a pillar of Dutchess County, a role model of public service, and a true hero of our community.”

“He was larger than life and he really lived by the mantra ‘treat people the way you would want to be treated,’ said Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino. “He treated each and every one of us like family.”

“He was a tremendous man. He loved Pawling. He loved Dutchess County. He loved being a cop. He loved being Sheriff,” said Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati. “He was a man’s man. He led from the front and not from behind. He was a great boss and a great friend. He taught me so many things, and I owe a lot of my success to him and my parents.”

“From fifty plus years of being in law enforcement, he was a man who if he dedicated to something, he poured his whole heart and soul into it,” said Pawling Town Supervisor James Schmitt. “We are truly blessed forever to have known him and to have been able to serve by him.”

“He was everybody’s sheriff. He was there for all of us,” said East Fishkill Town Supervisor Nick D’Alessandro. “He made this county great. He continues to have an impression on all of us. And he epitomized what it is to be a sheriff.”

“Today (Jan. 8) honors Sheriff Anderson but also all the men and women who serve and protect our communities,” said Beekman Town Supervisor Mary Covucci. “It is with



Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati makes remarks during an announcement about the “Sheriff Adrian ‘Butch’ Anderson Post Office Building” in Holmes on Jan. 8. *Courtesy photo*

deep appreciation we thank the good Lord for blessing us with their unselfish service to our communities.”

Anderson began his career in law enforcement in 1970 when he was appointed Deputy Sheriff in the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office. He served in the Uniform Patrol Division and was promoted to Detective in 1974. In 1983, he was elected Mayor of the Village of Pawling

and served in that capacity for eight years. Anderson was elected Dutchess County Sheriff in 1999. He passed away on September 29, 2021, during his sixth term.

New York’s 17th Congressional District is just north of New York City and contains all or parts of Rockland, Putnam, Dutchess, and Westchester counties.

OBITUARIES

Kathleen M. Callahan

POUGHQUAG – Kathleen M. Callahan of Poughquag, NY, passed away peacefully in her Dalton Farm townhome on January 7, 2024. She was born on February 23rd, 1942 in the Bronx, NY, the daughter of Mae V. Best and Herman J. Lang.

At one-year-old, her father was killed in a car accident, she was then raised by her mother and grandmother in Yonkers, NY. Kathy was at Con Edison for 37 years as Human Resources Supervisor. She married John F. Callahan (who predeceased her in 1998) in 1963. Following his death Kathy moved to Poughquag in 2000 where she later met Jerry DeCarlo to whom she was a constant companion until his passing in April 2020.

Kathy is survived by her brother-in-law and niece.

Graveside Memorial was held at The Church of St. Denis in Hopewell Jct. on Jan 12.

Yves Joseph Chardavoine

RHINEBECK - Yves Joseph Chardavoine, 66, of Rhinebeck, NY, went peacefully in the arms of his beloved savior while being held by his loved ones on January 6, 2024, at Vassar Bros. Med Center, Poughkeepsie, NY. He was Born on January 23, 1957, in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti, to the late Gerard J. and Carmel St. Julien Chardavoine.

He came to the United States as a young man. His sharp intelligence, charismatic nature, and servant heart led him to a passionate career in Engineering as well as a dedicated religious leader/mentor. Yves, a smart and talented engineer, retired from KMA in Poughkeepsie, NY, where he was a manager. He was a family-oriented man who loved his family deeply and his lord; a loving father, a loving husband, an avid knowledge seeker, and a peacemaker. He was beloved by anyone he encountered and has left lasting impacts on all the lives he touched. His immense strength and strong faith allowed him to conquer countless proud accomplishments. On Saturday, December 14, 1991, he married his beloved wife Nicole Salerno Chardavoine, at Holy Innocents Catholic Church, Brooklyn, NY. The two were lovingly married 32 years with a God-given love that brought four precious children that will forever cherish him

and continue his legacy; Victoria Chardavoine, Alexandria Chardavoine, Andrew E. Chardavoine, and Jonathan I. Chardavoine all of Rhinebeck.

Lovingly known as Loulou to many, He was the brother of Marie G. Pierre-Louis of Red Hook and Jean Chardavoine of Rhinebeck. Other family members that will affectionately cherish him are; His mother-in-law Elida Salerno, his sister-in-laws Margaret Blanchard and Family, Maryse Salerno, Guilene Fils and family, and Adeline Chardavoine and family. His brother-in-laws Jean Antoine Salerno and Family, Raymond Dorcin and Family, and Jacques Blanchard and family. Many nieces and nephews including John and Jean Pierre Louis and family, Gilbert and Angelique Chardavoine. Many cousins including; Carole St. Julien and family, Armelle Lubin Maceus and family, Thomas Lubin and family, Marise Lubin and family, Martha Lubin and family, Delourdes Lubin and family, Dr. Alexandre Lubin and family. Also the families of Chardavoine, Salerno, Blanchard, Dorcin, Fils, Menard, Pierre-Louis, St. Julien, Joseph, Bristol, Lubin, Lemaire, Monchais, and Hermantin.

A period of visitation was held on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at Sweet’s Funeral Home, Inc., Rte. 9, Hyde Park, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at Good Shepherd Church, 3 Mulberry St., Rhinebeck, NY.

Entombment followed at the community Mausoleum at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery.

The Chardavoine family respectfully request memorial donations to the American Brain Tumor Association, 8550 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. #550, Chicago, IL 60631 (www.abta.org).

Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet’s Funeral Home, Inc., Rte. 9, Hyde Park. To send an online condolence, or for directions, please visit www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

Elizabeth Joy Gross

RHINEBECK - Born Elizabeth Joy Landrum in Beattyville, Kentucky on January 22nd, 1928, Joy Gross passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 6th at the age of 95 at Tenbroeck Rehab Center in Lake Katrine, sur-

rounded by her daughters, after a years long struggle with dementia.

Joy, the eldest daughter of Genevieve and Oren Landrum, a Presbyterian minister, grew up in the South. Her family moved as her father’s ministry dictated, living in Waynesville, NC, Tifton, GA, Montreat, NC, then nearby Asheville where she got her first job as a telephone operator.

She and her husband, Robert R. Gross (deceased), moved with Joy’s three children, Louis, David, and Betsy, and his son, David, to the Rhinebeck area in 1959 and Joy remained a local resident ever since.

She and Bob founded The Pawling Health Manor, a pioneering health retreat, the same year. Trailblazers in their field, they helped thousands of guests with various ailments regain vitality and retain lifelong health through a whole plant-based lifestyle for over three decades. A nutritionist and passionate vegetarian since the age of 14, Joy inspired thousands of people, authoring five books on the subject (including a cookbook published at age 87, “Living Younger Longer”). She was a founding member and, for many decades, a leader of the American Natural Hygiene Society (now known as the National Health Association), a nonprofit founded in 1948 championing a plant-based food lifestyle. Joy was active in many philanthropic organizations, and staunchly advocated for the local community she loved so much. She served on the board of directors of Rehabilitation Programs Inc, which promoted improved resources for the mentally disabled, for over a decade; she served on the Gala Committee of Winnakee Land Trust for several years, working to preserve and protect open land throughout the Hudson Valley.

Joy was also passionate about Rhinebeck’s rich history and served on the board of directors of Rhinebeck Historical Society for over ten years. She was also involved in the effort to preserve and promote historic Wilderstein in Rhinecliff, home of President Roosevelt’s beloved cousin, Daisy Suckley.

An avid reader, Joy loved to write, cook, sew, garden (she cherished her peonies), travel, dance, and play the piano. Inspired by her

daughter, Betsy, a prominent Hudson Valley artist, Joy, a talented painter in her own right, enjoyed painting landscapes & still lifes. She parlayed her love of “antiquing” into a gift shop called The Vital Connection in the village of Rhinebeck. Joy was also a proud member of her local bridge group for over forty years.

After converting to Judaism in the late 1960’s, the preacher’s daughter became a member of Temple Beth El in Poughkeepsie. In later years, her religious affiliation became more secular through humanistic Judaism.

Joy is survived by her sister Genevieve Ransom, her brother James MacDonald Landrum (Donna), children Louis, David, and Elizabeth (Betsy) Jacaruso (David Foster), Deborah (Gross) Rodriguez (Hector Rodriguez), and Wendy (Gross) Maitland, grandchildren Cara Joy Hamill (David Ifill), Emma (Jake Hanly) and Matthew Maitland, Eric and Sarah Rodriguez, great grandchildren Seychelle and Soren Ifill, several nieces and nephews, and many cousins. Joy is predeceased by her brother Owen Landrum, ex-husband Louis A. Jacaruso, husband Robert R. Gross, 18-year partner Ben Reifler and stepson David Gross.

A non-denominational service in memory of Joy and in celebration of her life was held on Saturday, January 13th, at The Church of the Messiah in Rhinebeck, NY. Fellowship and refreshments followed the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Joy’s honor to the Rhinebeck Rotary Club. Checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 607, Rhinebeck, NY 12572, or made online at <https://rhinebeckrotary.square.site/>. All gifts are tax deductible and will benefit the Church of the Messiah’s Jayne Brooks Food Pantry providing food to those who are food insecure in our community and Grace Smith House whose mission is to enable individuals and families to live free from domestic violence, the Rhinebeck Historical Society, and Winnakee Land Trust.

Arrangements under the direction of the Dapson-Chestney Funeral Home, Rhinebeck, NY. To send an online condolence, please visit www.dapsonchestney.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

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Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-11-24
On-Call Professional Services for Hazardous Material(s): Surveying, Sampling, Testing, Reporting, Abatement Design and Project Management, Air Monitoring
Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 2nd day of February 2024 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and proposal 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.

EXTENDING EMERGENCY ORDER 5/2023 TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 5 OF 2023
DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER DECLARED BY DUTCHESS COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Please take notice that on January 14, 2024 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. The text of the declaration of state of emergency and local emergency orders is available at www.dutchessny.gov.

EXTENDING LOCAL ORDERS 1, 2 & 3 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 5/2023
EXTENSION TO DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDER DECLARED BY DUTCHESS COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Please take notice that on January 13, 2024 at 12:00 am., pursuant to Article 2B of the New York State Executive Law, Article III of the Dutchess County Charter and Administrative Code Section 3.05, Acting Dutchess County Executive William F. X.

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

NOTICE TO BIDDERS- RFB-DCB-01-24
NAME OF PROJECT: Temporary Homeless Shelter at 150 N. Hamilton St, Poughkeepsie.
Multiple Prime Bids shall be received for the following classes of work: General Construction, Electrical, HVAC and Plumbing. Project Description: The conversion of existing jail building to a homeless shelter, work including selective demolition, reconstruction, alterations to electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems of existing Jail building. The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities." For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public Works at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may

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review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. All Addenda will be posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids for the above project will be received by: Diane McKenna, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Bids due on or before 11:00am February 15, 2024, and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be attended through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All calls will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 347 954 002#. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. A pre-bid meeting will begin at the Dutchess County Jail, Main Front Entrance, 150 North Hamilton, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 at 10:00am on January 24, 2024 or January 31, 2024 to review the scope of the work. Vendors must Pre-register by submitting a copy

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of a driver's license/state ID & Waiver form for ALL those attending the walk-through 48 Hours in advance, so that a background check can be performed. Due to limited space, there is two dates to choose from and will be on a first come first serve basis. All participants must pre-register by emailing the required information to Diane McKenna dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov and cc'd

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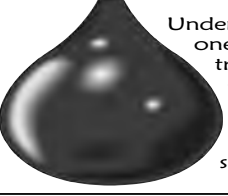
d m c k e n n a @dutchessny.gov, and the information will be forwarded to the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office. ID will also be required at the time of the walk-through. Questions will be accepted by the close of business February 8, 2024 and emailed to Diane McKenna at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov and cc'd to dmckenna@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Ad-denda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2023014472. View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

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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:

AYE	NAY
Councilwoman Adams	_____
Councilman Degan	_____
Councilman Rifenburgh	_____
Supervisor Albrecht	_____
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:	
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:

AYE	NAY
Councilwoman Adams	_____
Councilman Degan	_____
Councilman Rifenburgh	_____
Supervisor Albrecht	_____
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Answers to this
week's diversions

(puzzles on page 12)

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This week's answer

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

United Way announces Stanet to receive Durkin Scholarship

The John J. Durkin Scholarship has been awarded to Marist College Junior, Raven Stanet. Stanet, a Hopewell Junction resident, is a Social Work Major and plans to become a Clinical Social Worker.

Each year, the Durkin Scholarship award rotates between one of three local colleges: Dutchess Community College, Marist and Vassar.

"We at United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region congratulate Raven Stanet and her dedication to helping the community," stated Jeannie Montano, President & CEO of United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region.

For more information about United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region, go to www.uwdor.org. For Dutchess Community College, Marist and Vassar students interested in the Durkin Scholarship, please contact your school's scholarship office.



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