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features
Parisi,
Weishaupt***By Curtis Schmidt*

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

Both Parisi and Weishaupt have worked in the office of Dutchess County District Attorney and will face-off in the Nov. 7 election.

The candidates were asked to respond to the following questions.

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

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

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

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

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

ANTHONY PARISI

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

I have handled a broad array of criminal cases from DWI and DWI-related homicides, to cyber crimes, white collar crimes, crimes of

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ELECTION OUTLOOK: DUTCHESS COUNTY EXECUTIVE**Crucial issues abound
for Serino, Zurhellen***By Curtis Schmidt*

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

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

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

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

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

3. This position covers a wide range of departments and concerns. How do you



Sue Serino



Tom Zurhellen

plan to work with the many stakeholders involved - both on a daily basis and with short-and long-range goals?

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

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

SUE SERINO

Qualifications/accomplishments: I'm running for Dutchess County Executive

because I love our county and I believe it deserves the best.

I'm someone who went to work at the age of 15 and never stopped. Before becoming a small business owner, I worked for years as a waitress and restaurant manager, and I spent a portion of my life as a working, single mom. So when people tell me they're struggling, I truly get it. I know what it's like to live

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DUTCHESS COUNTY CLERK**Incumbent Kendall faces
challenge from Gadsden**

Brad Kendall



Kenya Gadsden

EARLY VOTING BEGINS OCT. 28

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*By Curtis Schmidt*

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

Both candidates were asked the following questions.

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

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

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

4. What are your goals in this

position if elected/re-elected?

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

Here are the responses.

INCUMBENT BRAD KENDALL

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

As County Clerk I re-established

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

I've played a major role in the modernization of the District Attorney's Office, including creating the DWI forms utilized by law enforcement throughout the county, founding the Dutchess County Field Intelligence Group with my law enforcement partners to facilitate interagency cooperation and sharing of information across the county, creating a first of its kind online subpoena request portal allowing our law enforcement partners to easily request investigatory subpoenas, the creation of a first of its kind targeted arrest notification system (TAN), designed the case management system and digital evidence management system currently used by the office.

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

Main role/duties: The District Attorney plays a critical role in our criminal justice system. The DA represents the People of the State of New York in criminal cases and is responsible for prosecuting individuals accused of crimes. The District Attorney is charged with the duty to seek justice in every case, carefully evaluating the evidence and protecting the rights of the victim and the accused. The District

Attorney works closely with law enforcement agencies to investigate crimes, determine whether charges should be filed, and prosecute cases in court. The DA also prioritizes working with victims and witnesses to ensure their rights are protected and they are supported throughout the process.

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

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

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



Anthony Parisi



Matthew Weishaupt

incarceration rates, plea bargaining, convictions and sentences.

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

Goals if elected:

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

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

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

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

- Improve office transparency.

MATT WEISHAUP

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

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

Experienced prosecutor

- Chief Assistant District Attorney: Responsible for all Office Operations including Administrative, Budget, Investigative, and Trials.

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

- Terrorism Coordinator and Liaison Record of real results

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

- Worked with federal authorities and state investigative commission on several

public corruption cases.

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

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

Main role/duties: My priority will be to ensure the safety and security of all who live, work, and go to school in Dutchess County. This mission starts with a District Attorney who has the experience and knowledge to do the job most effectively.

I will ensure law and order, community safety, and the protection of victim's rights using a balanced approach working with law enforcement to establish trusted legitimacy through community engagement.

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

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

New Yorkers are demanding real action against crime. Our safety and security are not something we can take for granted or leave to chance. Without a District Attorney with the experience and knowledge to do the job right, we put our community and families at risk.

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

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

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

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

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

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Community support requested for Astor's Adopt-A-Family program



Ruge's Chevrolet supports local youth with Town of Washington contribution



Ruge's Chevrolet is partnering with the Town of Washington on the Chevy Youth Sports program. Courtesy photo

Ruge's Chevrolet is partnering with the Town of Washington on the Chevy Youth Sports program, a partnership program built to position Chevrolet as the Official Vehicle of Youth Sports while providing an opportunity for local youth sports leagues to grow.

The partnership features a one-time monetary contribution to assist the Town of Washington with registration fees, equipment costs, facility maintenance and other administrative fees.

"Sports can help kids develop skills like leadership, cooperation, and sportsmanship while bringing families and communities together to show their support," said Kristin Ruge Hutchins, President and CEO at Ruge's. "Ruge's Chevrolet and Chevy Youth Sports are proud to help the Town of Washington bring so many smiles to kids and families in Millbrook. Chevy believes in the power of play as a way for young people

to build the skills needed to be successful in the future; we are proud to be a part of this larger effort."

The Chevy Youth Sports program gives Chevrolet dealerships the opportunity to provide support for youth athletic programs across the country. In 2023, over 600 Chevrolet dealerships will participate in the program nationwide.

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For more information about Chevrolet Youth Sports, visit www.chevrolet.com/youthsports.com.

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commitment to these issues make me the best choice for the role of Dutchess County District Attorney.

Goals if elected:

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

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

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

- Opioid Crisis: Address the opioid epidemic head-on by targeting drug traffickers, expanding treatment options,

and supporting rehabilitation programs to combat addiction.

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

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

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

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

Dutchess to participate in Halloween crackdown Oct. 27-Oct. 31

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

Be it due to parties, trick-or-treating and other festivities, Halloween night can be especially dangerous on the nation's roadways. Between 2016 and 2020, there were 129 drunk-driving fatalities nationwide on Halloween night, defined as 6 p.m. Oct. 31 to 5:59 a.m. Nov. 1. Adults between the ages of 21 and 34 had the highest percentage (68 percent) of fatalities in drunk-driving crashes on Halloween night 2020. During that same night, 11 pedestrians were killed in drunk-driving crashes nationwide.

Motorists are urged to watch for pedestrians this Halloween — whether they be children trick-or-treating or adults who have had too much to drink. Walking

while intoxicated can also be deadly, as lack of attention to their surroundings could put pedestrians at risk of getting hit by a vehicle. STOP-DWI New York urges residents to download its mobile app, "Have a Plan," which enables drivers to find a safe ride home www.stopdwi.org/mobileapp.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Endorsing Eve Smith for Hyde Park Town Supervisor

To the editor:

Election Day is coming.

I strongly endorse the Democratic candidate for Hyde Park Town Supervisor, Eve Smith.

As the former town supervisor for Hyde Park for 10 years, I know what the job requires and the characteristics that best fit the position. During the course of the campaign, I've had the pleasure of getting to know Eve. She is a person of integrity, intelligence, and tenacity. I know from my own experience and knowledge she will make an excellent town supervisor.

The job of Hyde Park Town Supervisor is a full time one, requiring a strong daily presence in town hall and participation in all our community events. The job requires diligence and passion, level headedness and above all, a commitment to the taxpayers to put their interests first by providing strong fiscal management. Eve understands these commitments and will honor them as Town Supervisor.

I urge everyone to come out and vote for Eve. Early voting starts on October 28th. Election Day is November 7.

Aileen Rohr
Former Hyde Park Town Supervisor

Rhinebeck Highway Superintendent seeks re-election

To the editor:

My name is Robert (Bob) Wyant and I am seeking reelection for the role of Town of Rhinebeck Highway Superintendent.

I have 4 years under my belt as Superintendent and seeking another 2 years. I was a foreman for twenty-two years at the Highway Dept. I love my job and the people of Rhinebeck. I still have some fairly large projects I want to complete in the Town and would like to get them done.

I want to continue with our salt brine program which we started 3 years ago and it really seems to be working; last year was not a good year for brine – too much rain before the snow – but we saved 105 tons of salt using it. I'm still on a learning curve with it.

I usually put in 40-plus hours a week and my door is always open; and I always return calls, which is important to me.

The Town Board works well with me on replacing some older equipment, and we actually recycle some of the parts from older trucks such as dump bodies, if the truck is worn out but the body is still good we exchange it with a body that has seen better days saves us and also the taxpayers around \$20,000, and we do it in-house.

I have a talented crew to work with, which makes my job a lot easier; my mechanic is beyond talented and I swear can fabricate anything. He always amazes me.

So please consider voting for me. I really appreciate it and I promise to keep our roads safe and beautiful.

Robert Wyant
Rhinebeck

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE IS LIVE

The first nationwide three-digit mental health crisis hotline is up and running. It is designed to be as easy to remember as 911, but when you dial 988, a dispatcher will connect callers with trained mental health counselors.

Dialing 988:

- Is a direct connection to compassionate, accessible support for anyone experiencing mental health related distress.
- Provides support: People may dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.
- Help for VETERANS: Veterans can press "1" after dialing 988 and be connected directly to the Veterans Crisis Lifeline.

Bringing awareness to prevalence of depression

To the editor:

It is likely that you or someone you care about has been impacted by depression. October is National Depression Awareness Month, a time to bring awareness to the prevalence of depression.

According to a Gallup report from earlier in 2023, 29 percent, or about 3 in 10, of U.S. adults report having been diagnosed with depression at some point in their lifetime. This is nearly 10 percent higher than in 2015. The report also found that young adults reported higher rates of depression than any other age group; nearly a quarter of adults under 30 say they are currently depressed.

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

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

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

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

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

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paycheck to paycheck, to make payroll, and navigate through the worst recession in history. My business not only survived, but it thrived due to smart decision-making. It is those experiences that help drive me to always do what is right for our neighbors and to deliver results that ease our cost of living.

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

As a State Senator, I stood out as a staunch advocate for seniors, a fierce supporter of New York's veterans, a steadfast partner for Dutchess County's small business community, and was a strong voice for New York's law enforcement and first responders. I also worked tirelessly to help increase education regarding Lyme and tick-borne diseases and fought to deliver funding that would allow more research to be done on this issue.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our leadership approach will focus on the well-being of families, taxpayers, and the business community. We'll enhance infrastructure, prioritize safety through partnership with law enforcement and

first responders, and create opportunities for an improved quality of life.

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

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

Main issues in race:

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

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

- Growing our local economy - As a former small business owner, I know just how important it is to support local entrepreneurs. As County Executive, I'll partner with job creators to invest in workforce development initiatives that meet the needs of our community to ensure ours is a stable, robust economy that provides opportunities and growth for all neighbors.

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

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

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

Furthermore, I'm dedicated to cultivating a strong economy. This means attracting new businesses to the area and

supporting the growth of existing ones, thus creating higher-paying jobs. I'll partner with job creators to invest in workforce development programs that meet our community's needs, ensuring a stable and prosperous local economy.

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

TOM ZURHELLEN

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

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

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

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

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

Working with stakeholders: I think we need to include ALL stakeholders in our county, especially those groups who have

been disenfranchised and left out of the decision-making process in Dutchess for the past 32 years. We need to listen to our unions. We need to support our first responders by making sure, by all means necessary, they have the resources they need to keep us safe.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Early voting starts Oct. 28

Information courtesy of the Dutchess County Board of Elections

Early voting is available to Dutchess County voters from October 28 through November 5. Voters may cast their ballot at any of the locations listed. Please note that your Election Day poll site is likely closed for early voting. Hours vary by day, so please see below for details.

Locations:

Mid-Hudson Library Auditorium, 105 Market Street, Poughkeepsie;
Boardman Road Library, 141 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie;
Rhinebeck Town Hall, 80 East Market Street, Rhinebeck;
Wappinger Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls;
Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill;

Cornell Cooperative Center, 2715 US-44, Millbrook;
Board of Elections Training Facility, 4280 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park.

Hours:

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Tuesday, October 31: 8AM – 4PM
Wednesday, November 1: 9AM – 5PM
Thursday, November 2: Noon – 8PM
Friday, November 3: 9AM – 5PM
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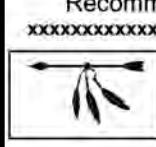


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Red Hook School District achieves NYS 30% Farm-to-School Initiative

The Red Hook Central School District is among the first school districts in the Hudson Valley to achieve the New York State 30% Farm-to-School Initiative. The Red Hook School Food Service Director, Larry Anthony, has achieved this through years of building relationships with local producers and putting new foods on the school lunch menu, according to officials at Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Some of the local foods that students and families may have seen on the menu in the past few years include Hudson Valley Fresh milk from a cooperative of local dairy farms in Dutchess, Ulster and Columbia Counties; eggs from Feather

Ridge Farm in Elizaville; Issa's Pita Chips from Buffalo; beef products like burger patties or hot dogs from Smith Packing in Utica; and a wide variety of fresh produce from farms around the Hudson Valley.

While these items were regularly incorporated into the menu, last year a monthly "NY Thursday" lunch was offered that highlighted local producers and often featured new foods, for example a roast beef sandwich with NYS roast beef from Slate Foods and bread from Our Daily Bread in Chatham, baked with New York State flour.

The NYS 30% Initiative, colloquially

known as "the 30%", encourages New York State school districts to include foods grown and harvested in New York State on the school lunch menu. When a school district achieves the 30%, the following year they receive a higher reimbursement of \$0.25 per lunch from New York State, up from \$0.06 per lunch. The 2022-23 school year was the 5th year of the NYS 30% Initiative, and over 60 school districts across the state have been successful. However, until now, no school districts in the Hudson Valley region have successfully reached the 30%. Other Hudson Valley school districts that qualified for the 2022-23

school year are Pawling, Livingston Manor, and Middletown.

Farm-to-School programs support farms and producers in the Hudson Valley and New York State, and bring fresh, nutritious food to all students eating school meals. Anthony plans to expand their farm to school work in the 2023-24 school year by continuing local procurement, working toward the 30% in the other districts he oversees, Rhinebeck and Pine Plains, and continuing to partner with the Harvest NY Regional Farm to School Coordinator through Cornell Cooperative Extension.

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Incumbent County Clerk Kendall faces challenge from Gadsden

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

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

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

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

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

The County Clerk is the chief notary

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

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

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

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

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

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

Goals if re-elected:

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

2. Manage the transition in DMV services. NYSDMV is aggressively working to move more and more transactions to the internet. This year NYS county clerks achieved a milestone in a renegotiated funding formula that will make us whole financially. As local DMVs move from processing routine transactions to more and more problem solving, we need to provide employees with the tools to help our customers navigate the bureaucracy.

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

CHALLENGER KENYA GADSDEN

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

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

Duties of the position: The main roles or duties of the Clerk is the Custodian of the records for Dutchess County. The Dutchess County Clerk's office may not be the most well-known branch of county government, but it touches residents'

lives in many ways. The Clerk should have excellent administrative and organizational leadership to carry out or direct team members on the best method to meet the needs of the residents and tax payers. The Clerk's office is responsible for overseeing the records for deeds, mortgages, judgments, liens, and maps to name a few areas. The office provides drivers licenses, registrations for automobiles and other motor vehicle transactions can be conducted in the office. Management of the records along with processing passports is also part of the Clerk's job. I see the Clerk's office as the "front door" to Dutchess County as the Clerk administers the Oath of office to newly naturalized citizens.

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

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

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

New Chess Club in Hyde Park

Every first and third Tuesday of the month, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., the new Hyde Park Chess Club meets at the Hyde Park Library Annex on 2 Main Street. Players of all levels and ages are welcome for friendly games. If you have it, please bring your own chess board and pieces. Free admission. Any questions, please email Steve at ssoifer@gmail.com.

Rhinebeck Garden Club sets monthly meeting

The Rhinebeck Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 10 a.m., at Rhinebeck Village Hall, 80 East Market Street. Program to discuss soil health as well as water sheds and non-point sources of pollution. Presented by the Dutchess County Soil and Water Conservation Department. Refreshments will be served. Visitors are welcomed. Every year the Rhinebeck Garden Club puts together a series of meetings, field trips and events which are mostly open to the public. For information, call (914) 263-5298 or log into Facebook. Time for Trunk or Treat!

'Trunk or Treat' event Oct. 28 at New Beginnings

Don't want to chase your children around the neighborhood while they lug their candy bags from door to door? Then plan to stop at the New Beginnings Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 28, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Car trunks decorated for the season will be stocked with candy and activities. Youngsters will be given a bag for collecting goodies, and everyone is welcome to come in costume. Snacks and small crafts will also be provided, and it's all free.

Don't despair if the weather turns wet and stormy, the fun just moves inside the big gym. Mark your calendar for a fun family outing at New Beginnings, 35 DeGarmo Road in Poughkeepsie. All are welcome.

Visit www.newbeginningscma.org for more information.

Halloween Open House set at Mill Site Museum on Oct. 28

The Pleasant Valley Historical Society will host a Halloween Open House on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Mill Site Museum, 1624 Main St. (between McDonald's and Veterans Memorial Park), Pleasant Valley. There is no charge to attend this fun event suitable for ages 5 and older, featuring Halloween treats, quick exhibit tours, and activities with an historical theme. Contact Pleasant Valley Recreation at (845) 635-1111, ext. 203, or visit <http://www.pvrec.com/> for more information.

Pomona Grange #32 to hold Penny Social Nov. 4

Dutchess County Pomona Grange #32 will host a Penny Social on Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and calling begins at 7 p.m. There will be penny items, \$1 table, homemade baked goods, theme baskets, 50/50 drawing, and door prizes. The Grange Youth will have refreshments for sale; no

outside food, please - it takes money away from the kids. Total proceeds benefit the Dutchess County Pomona Grange's "Kids Helping Kids" Projects. For more information, contact Marilyn Brands at 845-223-5717 or Melissa Traver at 845-891-9779.

Anderson 'Pay It Forward' Gala set Nov. 4

Anderson Foundation for Autism will host its Annual Gala on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., at The Grandview, 176 Rinaldi Boulevard, Poughkeepsie.

Attire: Black Tie Optional.

The evening will honor Barry R. Feirstein and the Legacy of Holly Peyton Good Feirstein and include a presentation of the V.V. Anderson Community Service Award and Above & Beyond Award.

RSVP is required; visit <https://www.andersoncenterforautism.org/gala/>.

Poughkeepsie Knights of Columbus to host Veterans Breakfast Nov. 5

Knights of Columbus Bishop Mestice Council #15698 will hold their 10th annual Veterans Breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Holy Trinity School Gym, off the Arterial at 775 Main St., Poughkeepsie. The cost is \$10 for adults, with children age 10 and younger eating for \$5 each. All are invited, and Veterans eat free. Attendees are asked to consider sponsoring a Veteran for breakfast.

Rhinecliff Soup Sales schedule

It's time for Fall Rhinecliff Soup Sales. Sponsored by Rhinebeck Grange #896.

Mark your calendar: Thursday, Nov. 16; and Thursday, Dec. 14.

\$10/quart, takeout only, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Rhinecliff Firehouse, corner of Shatzell and Orchard, Rhinecliff. Pick up at the side window on Orchard. Email JoBaer2@gmail.com to get the soup choices for each month and to preorder online; or call Joe Baer at (845) 876-6488 for more information.

Millbrook Historical Society meetings

Millbrook Historical Society hosts programs on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m., at the Milbrook Library, unless noted otherwise. The schedule for the remainder of the year includes:

Nov. 16: The Bacons: A Local Gentleman Farmer and a Celebrated Actress of the 20th Century. Speaker Ezekiel Sanger, Marist College graduate.

For more information, contact Robert McHugh, President, at (845) 677-4381 or millbrookhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

Meeting schedule for

County's Mental Hygiene Board

The Dutchess County Mental Hygiene Board meets on the third Monday of each month except for January, February and June (which due to holidays are held the fourth Monday of those months) and there is no meeting in August.

Upcoming meetings will take place at 230 North Road, Poughkeepsie, on Nov. 20 and Dec. 18. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, contact (845) 486-2754.

St. Nicholas Bazaar

set Dec. 9 at Grace Church

Grace Church, at 3328 Franklin Avenue in Millbrook, will hold its annual St. Nicholas Fine Craft and Holiday Cookie Sale on Saturday, Dec.

9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Artisans will showcase their crafts throughout the upper and lower levels of the parish hall. Free admission, door prizes, and home-made holiday cookies. More info at www.gracemillbrook.org.

FARMERS MARKETS

Arlington: Vassar Alumnae Lawn, 123 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. Thursdays, 2-6 p.m., through Oct. 28. www.arlingtonhasit.org

Copake/Hillsdale: Roeliff Jansen Park, Hillsdale. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., through Nov. 18. copakehillsdalefarmersmarket@gmail.com

Hudson: Corner of 6th St. & Columbia St., Hudson. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., through Nov. 18. (518) 300-3496

Hudson Thursday Market: 7th Street Park, Hudson. Thursdays, 4-7 p.m., through Oct. 26. upstreetmarket@gmail.com

Hyde Park: Paul's Hyde Park Farmers Market, 4390 Rte. 9 (across from Town Hall), Hyde Park. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. through October. (845) 229-9336 or oakgreen@optonline.net

Millbrook: 3263 Franklin Ave., Millbrook. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. through Oct. 28. millbrookmarketmanager@gmail.com

Millerton: Millerton Methodist Church, 6 Dutchess Ave., Millerton. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., through Dec. 30. paul@neccmillerton.org

Rhinebeck: Municipal Parking Lot, 61 E. Market St., Rhinebeck. Sundays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., through Dec. 17. www.rhinebeckfarmersmarket.com

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

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

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

"We have raised approximately \$3,000

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

Landolt's wife, Rachel, will be the artist donating her time to lead the event to benefit the DAV chapter. Sean noted that "When we were stationed in Thailand, she started a successful business where she would host adult and children parties, which were always a huge success. We thought doing a fundraising

event to add to the money V4V has raised for the DAV would be just as successful. We were right. The class filled up almost instantly and we will have raised another \$1,000."

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



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Jacobson to host one-on-one billing assistance meeting with Central Hudson Oct. 26 in Poughkeepsie

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

Jacobson said, "For nearly two years, my constituents have experienced every type of billing disaster, from excessive charges and wildly inaccurate estimated bills to late or missing bills and more. That's why I am bringing Central Hudson representatives directly into the community, so customers can talk face-to-face with a real person and finally get solutions to their billing problems.

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

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

Community support requested for Astor's Adopt-A-Family program

With the holiday season approaching, Astor Services, a non-profit organization providing mental/behavioral health and educational services to thousands of children, adolescents, adults and their families throughout the Hudson Valley and the Bronx, is seeking monetary donations to continue its successful annual Adopt-A-Family program, which helps families in need locally.

For more than 30 years, the Adopt-A-Family program has paired children enrolled in Astor programs and their families (ages 18 and under) with donors who purchase gifts for them during the holidays. Since 2020, when safety modifications were made to the program due to the pandemic, Adopt-A-Family has sought donations to purchase gift cards, a format that was well-received by all. This year, like the last three years, instead of wrapped gifts, gift cards will be sent directly to the families of the children registered.

"During the holiday season, many of the families we serve struggle to meet their children's needs and holiday

wishes," said Yvette Bairan, chief executive officer of Astor Services. "For these families, a gift card is truly more than just a gift. It empowers families to choose what is right for them and their children and strengthens a family's bond. Gift cards enable families to experience joy as their children open a gift chosen personally for them."

Last year, through the generous donations received from individuals, local businesses, and foundations, Astor's Adopt-A-Family program provided gift cards to more than 2,100 children in the Hudson Valley and the Bronx. Astor hopes that, with the community's generosity, it will once again be able to provide some holiday joy to families in need.

For more information about the program, or to sign up to donate, visit www.astorservices.org/adopt-a-family or contact Dana Valdez at dvaldez@astorservices.org. Matching corporate donations are also greatly appreciated, as they increase the impact of this program.



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Habitat for Humanity celebrates Marshall St. groundbreaking

Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the newest construction project on Marshall St. in Poughkeepsie on October 18. By giving a "hand up, not a handout" we are engaging people in their own housing solutions and involving the community in construction projects that allow us to grow our ability to build a better future.

"Habitat for Humanity is a partnership. Habitat's homeowner families buy the houses that Habitat builds and renovates with a financially sustainable mortgage. Community financial support will help families continue building with

Habitat in your community and around the world," said Maureen Brennan Lashlee, CEO.

They invite one to help them build brighter futures in partnership with future homebuyers who are in need of a financially sustainable place to call home. They also invite one to inspire others to help create more first-time homeowner-ship opportunities.

To join them and create a world where everyone deserves a place to live visit www.habitatdutchess.org, email jessica.miuccio@habitadutchess.org, or by phone at (845) 297-0806, option 5.



Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for its newest construction project on Marshall St. in Poughkeepsie on October 18. In attendance, from left, were Assemblyman Jacobson Jaclyn Greenwald Senator Rob Rolison Homebuyer Bola Mayor Nelson Board Chair Pete Carr. Courtesy photo

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Dance and Theater Arts sets grand opening in Red Hook

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



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

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

Students range in ages from mid-20s to 92. "It is a joyous, inclusive and safe environment in which to learn, make new friends and enjoy all that the arts offer," said Rotella. "Come experience the variety of offerings and celebrate the dance and theater arts in the Hudson Valley."

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

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



Dance and Theatre Arts in Red Hook offers classes for adults of all levels and abilities. The grand opening event is set from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28. The studio is under the direction of Mary Rotella (pictured, left). Courtesy photos



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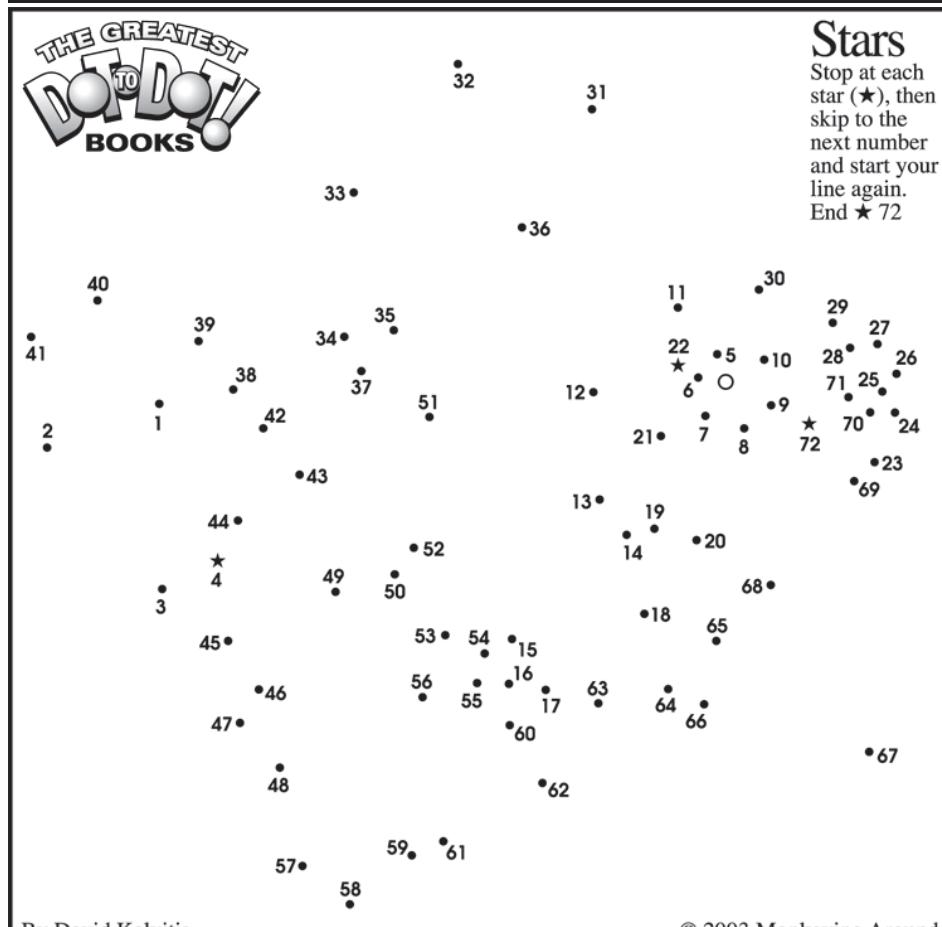
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"Unlock Secrets to Matching Stitches and Threads" on November 1, at the Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, 1168 Rte. 55, Lagrangeville. Skyllkill, a local chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America, presents Ellen Johnson via a Zoom program on confidently matching embroidery stitches with threads. Ellen does blogs and teaches online classes in different aspects of needlework, most notably canvas work. She will discuss options in choosing threads and stitches to best enhance your work. This program begins at 12:30 p.m.

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

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Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra to present 'Latin Itinerary' season opener with pianist Yalin Chi

Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra will commence its 18th season with "Latin Itinerary," a musical journey concert set to enchant audiences, on Sunday, Oct. 29, at 3 p.m., at the Marriott Pavilion located at Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park. The concert will feature pianist Yalin Chi.

"Latin Itinerary" is a captivating voyage that begins in Veracruz, Mexico, with the vibrant and rhythmic "Huapango," celebrating the folk and dance music of the region. The program then ventures into the enchanting piano concerto "Nights in the Gardens of Spain." The second half of the performance sweeps audiences to the majestic Andes Mountains in Peru with "Elegia Andina," followed by the charming Brazilian masterpiece, "Little Train of the Caipira." The musical odyssey concludes with a return to Veracruz with the powerful and rhythmic "Danzon No. 2."

Tickets are priced at \$38 per person, with special discounts available for seniors and students. For the first time, Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra is introducing a season subscription

option for the 2023/2024 season, offering patrons a ticket to each concert with a 15% discount. To secure tickets or explore the season subscription, and for further details about the concert, visit www.ndsorchestra.org or call (845) 635-0877.

Pianist Yalin Chi is a highly accomplished performer with a prestigious repertoire. She has graced renowned venues such as Alice Tully Hall, Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, Kumho Art Hall in Seoul, Korea, and Zhongshan Park Music Hall in Beijing, China. Yalin has had the privilege of collaborating with esteemed musicians on a global scale, including Joseph Alessi of the New York Philharmonic and Philip Cobb of the London Symphony Orchestra. Her remarkable musical journey includes extensive studies at the Juilliard School and the Yale School of Music, as performing in orchestras such as the Albany Symphony and the New Jersey Festival Orchestra, and has held the principal keyboard position at the Hudson Valley Philharmonic since 2014.

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Pianist Yalin Chi performs with the Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra this Sunday, in a program featuring Latin music. Courtesy photo

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Spooky cookie

These crisp, spicy biscuits are just right for Halloween.

Although it must be said that my thoughts tend toward the spooky, eerie and Gothic all year long, now is finally the true season to let those tendencies shine. Halloween, All Hallows Eve, Samhain, call it what you will; but the history is a rich one with many of the things we still do to celebrate it - and the dead - strongly tied to the past. Read on, if you dare, mortal friends, because, fair warning, history can indeed be too dark for some. But then, it IS Halloween...

You no doubt know that the origins of Halloween can be traced back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. (A quick side note to put something to rest once and for all: the Celtic, and true, pronunciation is SAH-win. It is Gaelic, after all, and it literally translates to summer's end.) To summarize, Samhain marked, well, the end of summer, the final harvest and getting ready for the dark half of the year, and was celebrated with feasts, revelry and bonfires. It was the separation of summer and winter, plenty and decay, lightness and dark.

It was also believed to be the time when the veil between the living and the dead was thinnest. This meant that mortals were vulnerable to visitations from the dead and preparations were made to placate these spirits while showing respect and maybe currying some favor for next year's harvest. But let's face it, this was a scary thought, and so precautions were taken to protect the living, who often wore costumes to disguise themselves. Much like the Mexican Day of the Dead, it was a time to honor one's ancestors, tell their stories and remember. Think of it as their New Year celebration. But with dead people on the guest list. Customs changed over time, but food always played a major role. Feasts from the harvest were common and often food was laid out for the dead. Some even set places at their tables for any otherworldly visitors that might happen by. (I can't help thinking that if I ever come back that's exactly what I'd want!)

With the rise of Christianity, the pagan festivals changed. Renamed All Hallows Eve, the holiday now marked the night before All Saints Day and was celebrated with fires and harvest feasts but now also prayers for the dead. Spiced, shortbread-like soul cakes would be given to anyone

who knocked on your door, a holdover from when pagan revelers would go door-to-door wearing disguises, begging for something to eat. Soul cakes were given in exchange for prayers for the family's departed, in theory helping to save their souls. Before there were soul cakes there was another way to save the dearly departed. For that, we'll travel back to medieval times. Tolerated but not sanctioned by the Church, God-fearing people throughout Europe took it on themselves to do all they could to purify their loved ones, and hopefully themselves one day, by freeing them of sin to make the passage to Heaven.

Following the death of a loved one during this time, it was a common practice to have in attendance a unique, though often reviled, individual paid a pittance to perform an important ritual. Food, usually bread, was placed on the chest of the recently deceased with the intent of it absorbing any unconfessed sins. The bread would then be consumed by this paid individual – a Sin-Eater – who would symbolically then take those sins into himself, putting his own soul in jeopardy so that the deceased could move on. (This was certainly preferable to and likely symbolically replaced, eating the corpse itself as some early cultures did. Sorry, but I did warn you). After performing this act, the family would chase the Sin-Eater away. Despite being deemed necessary, he would forever be considered a social outcast and pariah, utterly detested and unsavable. A high price to pay for a pittance and a meal.

This practice continued into the early 1900s, but it would by then more than likely be performed by a grieving family member willing to sacrifice their own souls for those of their loved ones. In the Victorian age, mourning practices became more civilized, and Sin-Eaters were replaced by other symbolic traditions.

All of this is well and good and certainly explains a lot of the Halloween traditions of today, but it also speaks to our fear and awe of the mystery that is death. It further proves we mortals have always placed importance on food in our celebrations. But my favorite of these food traditions, and one you may not know about, is what I'm most excited to share.

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Funeral Biscuits have a long history associated with the celebration we call Halloween. Below: Make sure to imprint the cookies while they are still warm, as they crisp up quickly. Photos by Vicki Frank Day

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Our Favorite Farmer

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

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

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

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

Elizabeth is a founding member of the Union Square Farmer's Market and a pioneer in the hard cider industry. Her orchards maintain a long-standing commitment to sustainable agriculture and

local green economies.

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

- Farm distilleries should be allowed to ship spirits (vodka, whiskey) through the mail, as wine is allowed to be shipped.
- Farm Bureau supports the "Strengthening Local Processing Act," a proposed federal law that will build greater capacity among independent meat processors (slaughterhouses) to meet the demand for locally grown beef and pork.
- Reduce the taxes for locally grown marijuana. The 35% tax (including sales tax) makes it almost impossible for small local growers to compete with big corporations and unlicensed backyard gardeners.
- Overhaul the payment system that farmers markets use to redeem SNAP and FMNP coupons. Local farmers wait months to claim the money from products they have worked hard to grow and sell.

Both of the candidates for Dutchess County Executive attended our annual meeting, just two weeks ahead of the November 7 election day. As expected, both Sue Serino and Tommy Zurhellen professed their love for family farms and



Elizabeth Ryan with local Farm Bureau President Isaac Coon. Photo by Diane Lee. Left: Don't vote for the guy in the middle! Mark is joined by the candidates for County Executive. Photo by Sue Adams

their commitment to local agriculture, and I have no reason to doubt their sincerity.

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

Services administers funds for the N.Y. Office of Children and Family Services. Young people throughout the county are in need of support.

Are you listening, Sue and Tommy?

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

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Learn about the Lenape Native Americans at Mount Gulian on Nov. 4

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Arts Mid-Hudson announces Empowered Artist awardees

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

The Empowered Artist Award addresses the critical need for artists to access unrestricted funds that enable them to continue their artistic practice, elevate their careers, and enhance their visibility

within their communities. These funds empower artists to create new works, acquire essential equipment, access educational opportunities, and meet their financial obligations.

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

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

somewhere new."

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

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

Dutchess County artist Gwen Laster received an Empowered Artist award from Arts Mid-Hudson. The award provides unrestricted funds to support artists in pursuing their creative journeys. *Courtesy photo*



Love to Cook

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It may interest you to know that, when it comes to mourning, the food we partake of may have origins in the once-popular and integral part of any respectable Victorian funeral, the funeral biscuits that essentially replaced the Sin-Eaters while launching an entire industry that catered to the dead, although, let's be honest; it really was all about the living left behind.

Ah, the Victorians and their, dare I say, obsession with death. Who can blame them, really? This was a dark time, especially in 1850s England, with life expectancies of the working class averaging 40 years for men and 43 for women. Children working in factories might make it to 15. The gentry had it slightly better with maybe 20 extra years. Queen Victoria herself is the undisputed Queen of Mourning after losing her beloved husband, Albert. She was in mourning for 40 years after his death and until her own, wore black for the rest of her life and is responsible for most of the elaborate funereal practices of the day. Mourning became an art form and started a tradition of etiquette that spawned an industry. Bakeries specialized in and boasted of their biscuits, and huge full-service funerary establishments sprang up that offered everything from elaborate banners and wreaths to caskets and carriages and the biscuits that served as obituaries of their day. Think Warehouses of Death and you wouldn't be wrong.

I found lots of mentions and even old ads for funeral biscuits, but an actual recipe was elusive. Some articles spoke of lady fingers while others shortbread or gingerbread. They could be presented as rounds or cut into shapes, like coffins. At times they were served to mourning guests at the service or given as favors, but later it seems to have been more common to send them as invitations to the funeral. Maybe the best part was the presentation: two cookies wrapped in white paper, sometimes with death-related verses printed on it, tied with black ribbon and sealed with black wax. On reading that I knew I had to make them. And, of course, I would make them in the shape of coffins.

Of all the descriptions I found, the one I went with was gingerbread. It's dark, slightly bitter, spicy and not too sweet, more befitting the occasion and perfect for this time of year. But not just any gingerbread. What vague recipes I was able to find looked, on paper, to yield a crispier cookie, or biscuit as the English say. And baking times and lengths were all over the map, if there at all. This meant a LOT of experimentation to get a result that tasted good, could be cut into the desired shape and wouldn't break your

teeth. Three times proved a charm, and this is the result.

FUNERAL BISCUITS

I present to you crisp, dark, gingery cookies, with a lovely molasses bitterness and just enough sweetness, lovingly cut into coffin shapes and imprinted with skulls, hearts, crosses (just what I happened to have). The flavor is amazing, spice-forward with pleasing bitter notes. Pay heed to the thickness and baking times lest you end up breaking your teeth! These will spread while baking, no matter that you chill them first, so your devotion to re-cutting them immediately after they've baked will surely reward you in the Afterlife.

INGREDIENTS

2 sticks butter
1 cup molasses
3.5 cups flour
1 cup sugar
1 tablespoon ground ginger
1 tablespoon ground cloves
1 teaspoon baking soda
A pinch of salt

METHOD

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Lightly grease a baking pan and set aside.

Melt the butter. Add molasses and stir to mix. Don't worry that it won't blend terribly well. It all comes together in the end.

In a large bowl, whisk dry ingredients together. Pour in butter/molasses mixture and mix just to combine. Dough will be slightly soft. Turn dough onto parchment and form a disc. Wrap and chill in the refrigerator for a few hours to firm it up a bit.

Place some of the chilled dough on a piece of parchment with a slight dusting of flour and roll to 1/2-inch thickness. Cut into desired shapes, keeping in mind you will have to re-cut them after baking. Lay cut cookies in on parchment, layering with more of the same, and stick in the freezer for 5-15 minutes, making sure they lay flat.

Place chilled cookies on prepared baking sheet at least 1-inch apart. Bake for 11 minutes. They will be soft at first but crisp up quickly, so you need to work fast. They will have spread, losing some of their shape. Carefully transfer cookies to a cutting board and re-cut. You can press or cut shapes into them, like crosses or skulls, while still warm, being careful to press just hard enough to leave a clear imprint. Transfer to a cooling rack and start baking the next batch.

When completely cool, cookies will be crisp. Wrap 2 at a time in white parchment or vellum, with or without a gloomy verse or image, and tie with black ribbon. If you can find black sealing wax,

drip some on and press into it the appropriate emblem of your choosing. Give to those you wish to save or impart with advice for the Hereafter. Or the Here-And-Now, for that matter.

And that, dear mortal friends, is a bit of history worth sinking your teeth into. A most delicious Halloween to you all.

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.



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Through Nov. 19: **The Big Read**, various locations. This year's selection is "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown, the true story of the rowing crew that represented the United States at the 1936 Summer Olympics in Berlin, Germany, under the dual historical contexts of the Great Depression and the rise of Nazism. Schools across the region will study the Big Read through author visits. Younger readers can join the Big Read with "The Boys in the Boat: Young Readers' Adaptation" by Gregory Mone and "River" by Elisha Cooper, both available at participating libraries. Copies of the book will be available in local school districts. For a complete schedule of events, call (845) 485-3445, ext. 3707, or visit <https://poklib.org/big-read/>.

Oct. 27: Autumn Stroll, Vassar Barn, 50 Vassar Farm Lane, Poughkeepsie. Guided nature walk hosted by the Environmental Cooperative and the Preserve at Vassar, 4-5 p.m. Explore the breathtaking fall colors of the preserve and learn about the diverse trees in the area. Free. Dress comfortably for the walk. RSVP is requested; visit <https://www.farmproject.org/>.

Oct. 27: Halloween Dance, Symphonic Hall in the Murray Student Center of Marist College 3399 North Rd., Poughkeepsie. Swing lesson, 7-7:30 p.m., followed by an electrifying dance session to Joe's DJing until 10:30 p.m. Expect Haunted Hustles, Cursed Cha Chas, Frightening Foxtrots, Scary Salsas, Terrifying Tangos, Wickedly Weird West Coast Swings, and unworldly Waltzes too, 7-10:30 p.m. Costumes are appropriate for this dance and are encouraged, but not required. Admission: \$20/person covers the evening, including

some of Joe's favorite snacks. Free for Marist students, faculty, and staff. \$10 for students from other schools. joe@ballroomjoe.com

Oct. 27: Scary Stories in the Barn, Mount Gulian Historic Site, 145 Sterling St., Beacon. It's been 10 years since Mount Gulian last opened its creaky historic barn doors to children and their families to hear the delightfully spooky and creepy tales told by master storyteller Lorraine Hartin Gelardi. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the live performance by Hartin Gelardi will begin at 6:30 p.m. The stories are recommended for children age 5 & older. Guests are urged to dress warmly, as our historic barn is not heated. Admission is \$15 for adults; \$8 for children (ages 5 through 15). (845) 831-8172 or info@mountgulian.org

Oct. 27: The Sophie Florence Trio Concert, Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. The Trio celebrates songs from the Great American Songbook (1940s to '60s), 7 p.m. This event is a benefit for Winnakee Land Trust; all donations will be matched by a friend of Winnakee. Tickets: A suggested donation of \$10 per person. (845) 876-2903

Oct. 27-29: The Haunted Fortress of Stanford, 11 Creamery Rd., Stanfordville. Fri. & Sat., 6:30-9:30 p.m.; Sun., 6:30-8:30 p.m. Admission: Adults \$15, Children age 10 & younger \$10, Seniors \$10. Cash only. www.townofstanford.org/hauntedfortressofstanford; for updates, weather cancellations and sensory-friendly tour dates, call (845) 868-7782 or check Facebook and/or Instagram pages

Oct. 27-29: "The Iceman Cometh," The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck,

661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. Eugene O'Neill, who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1936, is generally considered to be one of our greatest playwrights. And The Iceman Cometh is considered by many to be his finest work. The play is set at Harry Hope's rundown saloon and boarding house in 1912, and tells the story of a group of aimless patrons and boarders whose empty lives underscore the human need for dreaming and hope. It opens with the ragtag group awaiting the arrival of their favorite visitor, charismatic salesman Theodore "Hickey" Hickman. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$25. (845) 876-3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

Oct. 27-29: Live Music at the Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. Oct. 27: Slaid Cleaves and Robbie Fulks, 8 p.m. The music of Texas-based singer/songwriter Slaid Cleaves is rooted in traditional country and folk forms, but is distinct enough to have held interest amidst a sea of singer-songwriters since the 1990s. Robbie Fulks is a singer, recording artist, instrumentalist, composer, and songwriter. Tickets \$30 advance, \$35 door. Oct. 28: Back To The Garden 1969: A Hippie Halloween! 8 p.m. Back to the Garden 1969 is America's premier Woodstock tribute band, featuring renditions of hits by Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young, Joe Cocker, Sly & the Family Stone, Santana, Janis Joplin and many others who took the stage on that historic weekend in August 1969. Tickets: \$30 advance / \$35 door. Oct. 29: Tret Fure, 8 p.m. A prolific artist in the contemporary singer-songwriter arena, Tret has released 17 albums and CDs over the course of her 51-year career. In addition to being a gifted songwriter, Fure has engi-

nereered and produced countless recordings by a variety of artists, including her own work. Tickets \$20 advance, \$25 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

Oct. 28: Harvest Tea, Wilderstein Historic Site, 330 Morton Rd., Rhinebeck. Celebrate the cherished tradition of teatime at Wilderstein, 1-3 p.m. Featuring fine teas from Harney & Sons plus an assortment of homemade sweet and savory treats. Tickets for the tea are \$50. Register at www.wilderstein.org or call (845) 876-4818.

Oct. 28: Hudson Valley Boo Ball, MJN Convention Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. The biggest Halloween Party in the Hudson Valley returns after more than 5 years, 8 p.m. Featuring live music from The Hype, plus DJ, food, vendors, drinks, \$1,000 Costume Contest and more. Must be 18 to enter, 21 to drink. Visit www.midhudsonciviccenter.org for tickets and more info.

Oct. 28: Living History Cemetery Tours, Old Dutch Church Cemetery, 272 Wall St., Kingston. For their Fall 2023 "living history" presentation Theatre on the Road and the Old Dutch Church offer a new perspective on the Burning of Kingston. There will be five female characters and they'll range from an enslaved person to the wife of a general. Each will deliver a message that is centered around the theme that war, even in victory, has consequences. Tours will be conducted on Saturdays in October at 7 p.m. Tickets \$15 per adult, \$10 students & seniors; 12 and under are free. Advance purchase required at www.livinghistoryny.com. More info: (845) 475-7973

EXHIBITIONS

Art Gallery 71, 71 E. Market St., Rhinebeck. **Through Nov. 5:** View playful mosaics created by featured artist Jenny Strohm. Strohm is especially known for using vintage china, pottery, antiques, and found objects to form whimsical, colorful works depicting birds, flowers, landscapes and portraits. <https://www.artgallery71.com>

CO, 6571 Spring Brook Ave. (off Rte. 9, across from the Dutchess County Fairgrounds), Rhinebeck. **Through October:** "Big Polaroids," an exhibit by noted artist Franc Palaia. Featuring large-scale color photographs based on Palaia's award-winning hand-colored SX-70 Polaroids. Palaia is the recipient of two Polaroid Sponsorships for his original technique of hand coloring SX-70 Polaroids with oil-based crayons. He is a painter and photographer who treats his photographs like paintings. The original Polaroids are only 3 inches by 3 inches in size, but after Palaia's hand colors the photographs, they resemble miniature oil

paintings. His process continues by scanning the small Polaroids and enlarging them to 3 by 3 feet. The final results are large vibrant and colorful images with the appearance of blended oil paintings with gestural brush strokes and textured pigments. coworkwith.co

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. Through October: Featured in the Hancock and Reception Galleries at 12 Vassar St. will be photographer Frank Ritter whose exhibit is based on his highly-acclaimed book, "9/11 Remembrance Renewal Hope: A Twenty Year Journey," and showcases a collection of visually stunning and sensitive photographs. Mixed-media artist, Morgan Kennedy, brings her Haunt Couture exhibit to the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. that reflects on her experience as a late-in-life diagnosed Autistic woman. Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access to the galleries. cunneen-hackett.org

Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. **Through Jan. 28, 2024:** "Silver Linings: Celebrating the Spelman Art Collection," the inaugural show in a five-stop, nationwide tour, made possible through the Art Bridges Foundation. Through the work of nearly 40 artists, Silver Linings uplifts the legacy of artists of African descent spanning the 20th Century through the contemporary moment, many of whom have been overlooked by mainstream art museums. (845) 437-5632 or <https://www.vassar.edu/thelob>

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum, 4097 Albany Post Rd. (Rte. 9), Hyde Park. **Through Dec. 2024:** Developed in collaboration with a distinguished committee of scholars, "Black Americans, Civil Rights, and the Roosevelts, 1932-1962" centers the historical voices of many Black community leaders, wartime service members, and ordinary citizens who engaged the Roosevelt administration directly and who pushed for progress. Within this context, the exhibit examines the political evolution of both Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt regarding racial justice. [www.fdrlibrary.org](http://fdrlibrary.org)

Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. **Through Oct. 30:** Homage to the Fiber Creators Exhibition, quilts, embroidery, rugs, handmade garments, knitting, spun wool, fiber collage, and more, created by members of the community. (845) 876-2903

Olana State Historic Site, Rte. 9G, Hudson. **Through Oct. 29:** "Terraforming: Olana's Historic Photography Collection Unearthed," an exhibition focusing on Olana's remarkable trove of nearly 5,000 19th-century photographic prints, collected by the artist Frederic Church between 1850 and 1900. An installation of 48 original photographs within Olana's Sharp Family Gallery will include original and historically significant works by pioneering early photographers, including Eadweard Muybridge, William James Stillman, and Claude-Joseph Désiré Charnay. (518) 828-1872 or www.olana.org

Rhinebeck Bank, 6414 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. **Through Nov. 17:** "Teen Visions," works by students in The Art Effect's 2023 summer programs. <https://thearteffect.org/>

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through Nov. 12:** "Surrealism, Fantasy & Abstraction," the artist's creative imagination reigns supreme in this highly anticipated event. Surrealism, Fantasy & Abstraction overlap in this exciting exhibit exploring the artist's play with reality and the subconscious. (845) 757-2667 or <https://tivoliartistsgallery.com/>

WomensWork.art, 4 S. Clinton St., Poughkeepsie. **Through Nov. 18:** "Divina Diosa." Artists' Talk: Sat., Nov. 4, 3-5 p.m. [www.womenswork.art](http://womenswork.art)

ATTENTION ART GALLERIES

Email exhibition listings to

creativeliving@sduchesternews.com

County awards \$294K in youth services grants

Funds support young people in areas of development, education, athletics

The Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services' Division of Youth Services has awarded \$294,034 to local municipalities and non-profit community-based organizations to fund 24 programs that enhance the lives and safety of young people throughout Dutchess County through the New York State Youth Development Program (YDP) and Youth Sports and Education Funding (YSEF) Program.

Funded programs support the County's "Path to Promise" initiative by addressing one of the New York State Office of Children and Family Services' six life areas, which are: Economic Security, Physical and Emotional Health, Education, Citizenship/Civic Engagement and Family and Community.

The County has used the "Path to Promise" framework to compare the needs of its young people to current activities in the community, enabling it to better understand the domains and/or age groups with the most resources, as well as which areas require additional investment. Grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 were awarded to programs that provide free, direct services designed to improve youth and community outcomes.

2023-24 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING

(\$237,315 TOTAL ALLOCATED)

Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps., \$16,781: Junior Corps Member Program — Comprehensive training and mentorship programs to equip members, ages 15 to 17, with the knowledge and skills needed to excel in the field of emergency medical services and the goal of developing members into confident and capable leaders. Junior Corps members learn about emergency medical procedures, patient care and communication skills. Leadership development opportunities, such as team-building exercises and leadership workshops, are available to help members build strong leadership skills that can be applied in all areas of their lives.

Beekman Library, \$7,000: Youth Empowerment through Service (Y.E.S.) — Thirty-five high school-age teens will contribute to their community and gain leadership skills by acting as library volunteers. Teens may apply to serve as volunteer shelvers or academic mentors to younger children. Volunteer shelvers will learn library classification systems; academic mentors will serve as "Reading Buddies" or "Homework Helpers" to children in kindergarten through 6th Grade.

Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, \$18,000: Personal Safety Program — Provides free, classroom-based safety workshops to students, faculty and staff about abuse and bullying prevention. The program serves grades Pre-K to 8th Grade, providing students with tools and resources for identifying and reporting physical, emotional, sexual abuse and neglect, bullying and "digital dangers," while also providing faculty and staff with resources and protocol for identifying and reporting all types of abuse.

Chamber Foundation, Inc., \$14,547: Next Gen Summer Academy — A 3-week STEAM-focused career readiness program for 14–18-year-olds to learn about 21st century skills and computer literacy, utilizing virtual/augmented reality, robotics, Artificial intelligence, game design/development and coding — integrating these

immersive technologies into an educational and work readiness setting and prepare youth to enter current high-demand STEAM careers.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County, \$20,000: Green Teen Workforce Development Community Gardening — The Green Teen program prepares youth, ages 10 to 20, for college and careers through employment set in the context of community gardening, teaching the skills and behaviors employers seek. Education in areas such as communication, financial literacy, resume writing, nutrition and social justice is provided.

Dutchess Community College Foundation, \$10,000: DCC Cares—Surviving to Thriving — Program will provide postsecondary education dropout prevention and increase the retention and graduation rates of Dutchess County students between 17 and 21 years who are housing insecure, lack material basics and struggle with mental health issues. A Student Resource Navigator will assist 40 students with direct support such as emergency housing, transportation, technology access and access to basic materials; and a mental health counselor will provide monthly workshops on basic life skills, coping and work readiness support, as well as individual follow-up.

Dutchess County Pride Center, \$8,000: Intergenerational Get Togethers — Monthly intergenerational get-togethers between LGBTQ+ youth and their families and other LGBTQ+ adults, including monthly dinners, and quarterly family field trips to local museums and historic sites around Dutchess County. Events also include a lecture series on topics relating to the LGBTQ+ community and the various intersections of other marginalized communities, such as dealing with racism, classism, ableism and more; lecture series will also include education on LGBTQ+ issues and how to be supportive to the community.

Family Services, \$8,000: Teen Resource Activity Center (TRAC) — Offers a supervised place for youth to come after school at the Family Partnership Center at no cost to participants. Serving youth ages 11 to 18, TRAC operates four days a week, and offers sports, performing arts, academic support, pro-social/emotional workshops, nutritious dinner and relaxation with friends, as well as exposure to positive adult role models.

Foundation for Beacon Schools, Inc., \$8,000: 2024 Beacon City School District Student Film Festival — Annual event open to all district children from kindergarten to 12th Grade, as well as non-district children who partner with a BCSD student to make a short film project. The Foundation partners with community organizations and local professional filmmakers to offer a variety of free filmmaking workshops across the community in the months leading up to the festival submission deadline. Participants receive a resource kit to help them get started on their short film project using a smartphone.

Friends of Peach Hill, Ltd., \$10,000: The Peach Hill Young Engineers Empowerment Program — Program will train youth to design, build and monitor a stormwater management rain garden on the down-slope Peach Hill Park's new education pavilion, "Outreach at the Peach." Students, ages 14 to 18, will become young engineers as they work with an Environmental Engineer and a retired state-certified sci-

ence teacher. Students will design and build their own original rain garden and create educational displays about their work on site and hold a community event to showcase their project.

Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum, \$10,000: Traveling Science — A series of portable workshops geared to early elementary grades, Traveling Science entails six weekly sessions at a camp or after-school program, serving up to 100 children each visit. Traveling Science serves children throughout the County and is targeted at schools or community groups that lack resources for field trips and are not able to come to the museum site.

Northeast Community Council, Inc., \$20,000: Community Partnership with Schools and Businesses (CPSB Teen Jobs) — Free workforce development program for high school youth, ages 14 to 20, who become paid interns at 20 local businesses, where they are trained and mentored by adult employees. NECC's Teen Food Futures, Food Access and Summer Food Service Program also provide internship opportunities to youth interested in food justice, culinary arts and food access. Interns benefit from workshops such as general job skills, resume writing, job interview skills and college planning.

Poughkeepsie Farm Project, \$20,000: Green Jobs for Youth — Poughkeepsie Farm Project prepares youth, ages 16 to 20, for careers in farming, gardening and food education; increases local economic and food security; and supports youth in job searches and placement by connecting them with potential employers. Program serves 17 youth who learn to grow, harvest, prepare and distribute food within their community.

Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church, \$10,000: Harriet Tubman Academic Skills Center (HTASC) — After-school program and a summer program to at-risk children who live in or near the Tubman Apartment Complex in the City of Poughkeepsie. Program's mission to facilitate academic success, develop strong character and create independent thinkers with a love of learning. Program accommodates 30 children in kindergarten through 5th Grade, emphasizing the successful completion of homework assignment and taking part in engaging, age-appropriate activities focusing on STEM, literacy and character development.

R.E.A.L. Skills Network, \$15,000: Peer Mentors — Program offers low-income teens in the City of Poughkeepsie a safe after-school program to learn life skills through positive interactions with adult mentors and subsequently mentor younger children. Program works with community partners to offer six activity blocks during the school year: Anti-Violence, Mediation Skills, Babysitting, CPR, Health Topics and Job and Academic Skills.

Red Hook Community Center, Inc., \$7,500: RHCC Teen Group — Provide teen programming to 32 youth, ages 11 to 17, in northern Dutchess County, as a teen-designed, teen-led and teen-staffed program guided and facilitated by RHCC staff to promote creative and pro-social group participation. Group activities to focus on emotional and mental wellness using art, food, service projects and recreation to connect participants with peers and staff in safe and meaningful ways.

The Art Effect, \$19,500: Spark Studios — Workforce development program offers a safe and engaging learning environment

where underserved local youth, ages 14-19, gain valuable skills in film editing, sound, lighting and video production while receiving immediate economic support.

Town of East Fishkill, \$8,987: Too Good for Drugs — Elementary school-based drug prevention program designed to reduce students' intention to use alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs, while promoting pro-social attitudes, skills, and behaviors. Program builds self-confidence of students, so they are better prepared to make healthy choices and achieve success, reaching more than 250 students.

Town of Pleasant Valley, \$6,000: Children's Garden Camp — Program will be held two days a week for six weeks in summer 2024, as children learn how to create a community garden, plant seeds and care for seedlings, building vegetable and flower beds, learning how to construct a garden, the insects that pollinate it and pests. Children will learn to use the food for different cultural dishes, as well as reusing and recycling to help the planet.

NYS OCFS YOUTH SPORTS AND EDUCATION FUNDING (\$56,719 TOTAL ALLOCATED)

City of Beacon, \$5,000

Beacon Swim Academy — Program runs for eight weeks as four 2-week sessions, each serving 24 children, ages 6 months to 12 years, with a total goal of 96 youth served.

Mid-Hudson Aquatics, \$17,719

Dutchess County Swimpact — Provide 60 children, ages 3-13, six 45-minute free learn to swim classes, as well as 20 outreach swim team candidates, ages 5-18, a free swim team membership consisting of seven months (up to four days a week) training with Mid-Hudson Heatwaves USA Competitive Swim Team, swim meets and USA Swimming membership.

Ramapo for Children, \$12,000

SEL-Based Experiential Programming for Youth — Will offer four half-day retreats for 80-160 students and staff from Dutchess County public schools, utilizing active, hands-on experiences to strengthen youth's social and emotional learning (SEL) skills and encourage physical activity.

Town of Hyde Park, \$7,000

Learn to Swim Program — Provide youth the opportunity to achieve life-long skills through the instruction of certified American Red Cross Swimming Lesson staff. The program will provide them the opportunity to learn to swim and exercise in a fun, safe and positive environment.

Town of Red Hook, \$15,000

Town of Red Hook Recreation — Town of Red Hook Recreation offers more than 16 different recreational programs to over 500 youth (ages 0 to 21) who live within the boundaries of the Red Hook Central School District.

Grants are awarded annually. The application period generally opens in March.

The Division of Youth Services will host two grant workshops for the 2024-2025 grant cycle for nonprofit agencies and municipalities to review the application process. Workshops are tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 2024; and Thursday, March 7, 2024. Additional information is available on the Division of Youth Services webpage: visit www.dutchessny.gov and go to Departments-Youth Services.

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REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF DUTCHESS RHINEBECK SAVINGSBANK, Plaintiff against - VERVA PARKER A/K/A VERVA AHDRERS, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on August 28, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in the rear lobby of the Dutchess County Courthouse, 10 Market Street, City of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York on the 3rd day of November, 2023 at 2:30 PM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of North East, County of Dutchess and State of New York.

Premises known as 4608 Route 199, Millerton, NY 12546. (SBL#:
7170-00-740940 & 719998)

Approximate amount of lien \$30,477.63 plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.

Index No. 2021-54208. Raymond A. Cote, Esq., Referee. Stein, Wiener & Roth LLP

Attorney(s) for Plaintiff

1400 Old Country Road, Suite 315 Westbury, NY 11590 Tel. 516-742-1212

PARKER AKA AHDRERS-80355 Dated: September 11, 2023

During the COVID-19 health emergency, bidders are required to comply with all governmental health requirements in effect at the time of sale including but not limited to, wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing (at

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least 6-feet apart) during the auction, while tendering deposit and at any subsequent closing. Bidders are also required to comply with the Foreclosure Auction Rules and COVID-19 Health Emergency Rules issued by the Supreme Court of this County in addition to the conditions set forth in the Terms of Sale.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN OF MILAN ZONING BOARD PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Zoning Board of the Town of Milan will hold a public hearing in accordance with Town Law for a new driveway/two car garage at the request of Diane Goetz for property located at 430 Academy Hill Road, tax grid number 6572-00-525331 located in the A3A zoning district.

SAID HEARING will be held at the Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at which time all interested persons shall be given the opportunity to be heard. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. and this application will be heard in the order at which it appears on the agenda.

Dated: October 16, 2023
By Order of Town of Milan Zoning Board

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY 2024 BUDGET MEETING DATES

The Pleasant Valley Town Board will hold their 2024 Budget meetings at Town Hall 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, NY on the following dates:

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

- Monday, October 30, 2023 at 6:00PM

PURPOSE: Town Board Review of the

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2024 Budget Lines
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 5:30PM

PURPOSE: Release of the 2024 Preliminary Budget

The PUBLIC HEARING for the 2024 Preliminary Budget

will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 6:00PM. The Workshop Meeting originally scheduled for Monday, November 6, 2023 at 7:00PM is now rescheduled for Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 7:00PM.

Mary Beth Muir,
Town Clerk
Town of Pleasant Valley

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I, Mary Beth Muir, duly elected Town Clerk of the Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, New York hereby certify that a notice regarding a

PUBLIC HEARING "NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE TOWN OF PLEASANTVALLEY 2024 PRELIMINARY BUDGET"

to be held on the **8th day of NOVEMBER at 6:00PM**

was posted on the sign board at the entrance to my office on the **23RD day of OCTOBER 2023** and also at the Post Office in Pleasant Valley, the Post Office in Salt Point, and on the bulletin board in the Pleasant Valley Firehouse.

Further, due notice has been published in the Town's official newspaper, the Northern Dutchess News on the **25TH day of OCTOBER 2023** and the **1ST day of NOVEMBER 2023**.

Mary Beth Muir,
Town Clerk
Town of Pleasant Valley

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

Sign Shop Materials Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 16th day of November 2023 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid#RFP-DCP-66-23

Electric Transit Bus Infrastructure Study for Dutchess County Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 22nd day of November 2023 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.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCB-19-23 Rebid

Geothermal Valve Vault Relocation at Emergency Response. Multi Prime Bids shall be received for the following classes of work: General Construction, Mechanical and Electrical. The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-

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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, 8am to 4pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may 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 due on or before **11:00am Thursday, November 16, 2023**, and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that

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DUTCHES COUNTY EARLY VOTING FOR THE 2023 GENERAL ELECTION LEGAL NOTICE

POLLS ARE OPEN FOR EARLY VOTING AS FOLLOWS:

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

At any of the following locations:

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

HANNAH R. BLACK and ERIK J. HAIGHT, COMMISSIONERS
DUTCHES COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
112 DELAFIELD STREET, SUITE 200 POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK 12601 845-486-2473
www.elections.dutchessny.gov

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timewillnotbeaccepted. 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. The bid opening for this solicitation will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below, in-person attendance at a bid opening will not be allowed. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All callers will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 847 183 288#. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic 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 Walkthrough is scheduled for 9:00am Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at Emergency Response Center, 392 Creek Rd., Poughkeepsie. All parties interested in bidding must apprise themselves of the site conditions immediately prior to bidding. Questions will be accepted by the close of business November 9, 2023 and emailed to Diane McKenna at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov and cc'd dmckenna@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2023012206. 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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OBITUARIES

Raymond Heady, Jr.

RHINEBECK - Raymond Heady, Jr., 84, of Rhinebeck, NY and previously of Germantown and Brick, NJ, passed away on Friday, October 13, 2023 at the Ferncliff Nursing Home in Rhinebeck, NY with his loving wife by his side.

Born on January 20, 1939, in Poughkeepsie, NY he was the son of the late Raymond and Marie (Mower) Heady, Sr. Ray married Rose Marie Contarino on December 27, 1959 in St. Stanislas Church in Pleasant Valley, NY.

Ray proudly served in the United States Army from 1960 to 1962 in Germany.

For much of his career, Ray was a Sheet Metal Fabricator with EAI Corporation in Long Branch, NJ. He also spent time working in Heating & AC at AAA Heating and Cooling and in his later years, after retirement he worked as a security guard at Vassar Hospital in Poughkeepsie.

Ray, a devoted Catholic, had been a dedicated member of the Good Shepherd Church in Rhinebeck for many years and had previously been part of the congregation at St. Mary's in Hudson. In his leisure time, he held NRA membership, expressing a deep passion for firearms, hunting and fishing. Additionally, he developed a strong fascination for shortwave radio. While residing in New

Jersey, Ray relished exploring flea markets, engaging in the buying and selling of various items. During what his family fondly recalls as his "last adventure," Ray discovered his wild side, thoroughly enjoying motorcycle rides and proudly displaying his Betty Boop tattoo.

Ray is survived by his loving wife, Rose Marie Heady of Rhinebeck, NY; his daughter, Lisa (Craig) Stellman of Florida; his granddaughter, Crystal (Kitch) Hines of North Carolina; his great grandchildren, Brecken and Harper Hines; his step grandchildren and great grandchildren; his siblings, Ken (Evelyn) Heady of Poughquag, NY, Christine (Marvin) Clina of Pleasant Valley, NY, and Mary (Roger) Dalton of Stanfordville, NY; in addition to extended family and friends.

His son, Raymond James Heady, and his siblings, Barbara Knickerbocker and Leo Heady predecease him.

A Mass of Christina Burial was held on Friday, October 20, 2023 at Church of the Good Shepherd, Rhinebeck, NY, with Fr. Jeffrey Maurer. Burial followed at St. Peters Cemetery, Poughkeepsie.

Friends called at the Burnett & White Funeral Homes, Rhinebeck on Thursday, October 19, 2023. Memorial donations may be made in Raymond's memory to The Church of the Good

Shepherd, 3 Mulberry St. Rhinebeck, NY 12572.

Arrangements are under the direction of Burnett & White Funeral Homes 91 E. Market St., Rhinebeck, NY. To sign the online guest book, please visit www.Burnett-White.com.

Clifton A. Tynes

HYDE PARK - On September 27th, 2023, Clifton A. Tynes, 61, left his earthly home to attend to his heavenly father. Clifton was born on March 18th, 1962, to his parents, William and Flossie Tynes, of Norfolk Virginia. He was born the youngest of five children.

Clifton graduated high school from Norview Senior High School and went on to complete a four-year degree in accounting from Hampton University, Hampton, Virginia. Upon graduation, he had several corporate offers for employment. He chose IBM, Fishkill, N.Y. and remained a Dutchess County resident throughout his life. It was shortly thereafter he met his life partner, Stephen Barnum, of over 38 years, who survives at their Poughkeepsie home with their schnauzer, Katie.

Most of his career was divided between IBM, Reader's Digest, and Central Hudson Gas and Electric. Intermittent posts included Gretag MacBeth, Aris-Isotoner, Laerdal, Pepsi and Coke. Over the past two decades he was part of

multiple LGBTQ organizations. More recently, he volunteered for Puppies Behind Bars where he helped provide outside socialization for puppies being trained by prison inmates to become service dogs. His love of animals ran through his life with fish, birds, cats and especially dogs.

In addition to his life partner, he is survived by his sister, Brenda Smith, and husband, Joe, of Virginia; his oldest brother, William Tynes, and wife, Ann, also of Virginia; and a brother, Waverly Tynes, and wife, Li, of Texas. There are multiple nieces and nephews including Lisa Bares; two God sisters, Tina and Toni; along with a multitude of close friends. He is predeceased by both his parents and his oldest sister, Lula.

Cremation has taken place. There will be memorial calling hours from 4 to 7 PM on October 26th at Sweets Funeral Home, Rte. 9, Hyde Park.

A committal service will be held at 6 PM, Friday, October 27th at Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll St., Poughkeepsie.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 2649 South Road, Suite 101, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. (www.alz.org/hudsonvalley). To send an online condolence or for directions, please visit Clifton's obituary page at www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

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ALL POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 6:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 7, 2023

GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-120 of the New York State Election Law, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be a General Election held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 in Dutchess County. The polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

We, Erik J. Haight and Hannah R. Black, Commissioners of Elections for the County of Dutchess, State of New York, do hereby certify the following offices and propositions that may be lawfully voted for in the said election.

The offices and propositions to be voted on are listed below:

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE- 9th DISTRICT

(4) JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

DUTCHESS COUNTY

(1) COUNTY CLERK

(1) DISTRICT ATTORNEY

(1) FAMILY COURT JUSTICE

(1) COUNTY EXECUTIVE

(25) MEMBER DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

TOWN OF AMENIA

(1) TOWN SUPERVISOR

(2) TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

TOWN OF BEEKMAN

(1) TOWN SUPERVISOR

(1) TOWN CLERK

(2) TOWN JUSTICE

(2) TOWN BOARD MEMBER

TOWN OF CLINTON

(1) TOWN SUPERVISOR

(1) TOWN CLERK

(1) TOWN JUSTICE

(1) SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

(1) TAX COLLECTOR

(2) TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

TOWN OF DOVER

(1) TOWN SUPERVISOR

(1) TOWN CLERK

(1) TOWN JUSTICE

(1) SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

(2) TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL

(1) RECEIVER OF TAXES

(1) TOWN CLERK

(2) TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

TOWN OF FISHKILL

(1) TOWN SUPERVISOR

(2) TOWN JUSTICE

(1) SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

(2) TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

TOWN OF HYDE PARK

(1) TOWN SUPERVISOR

(2) TOWN JUSTICE

(4) TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

TOWN OF LAGRANGE

(1) TOWN CLERK

(1) TOWN JUSTICE

(1) RECEIVER OF TAXES

(2) TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

TOWN OF MILAN

(1) TOWN SUPERVISOR

(1) SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

(2) TOWN BOARD MEMBER

(2) TOWN ASSESSOR

TOWN OF NORTHEAST

(1) TOWN SUPERVISOR

(1) TOWN CLERK

(1) TOWN JUSTICE

(2) TOWN BOARD MEMBER

(1) TOWN BOARD MEMBER – UNEXPIRED TERM

TOWN OF PAWLING

(1) TOWN SUPERVISOR

(1) TOWN JUSTICE

(2) TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

VILLAGE OF PAWLING

(1) TRUSTEE – UNEXPIRED TERM

(1) TRUSTEE – UNEXPIRED TERM

TOWN OF PINE PLAINS

(1) TOWN SUPERVISOR

(1) TOWN CLERK

(1) TOWN JUSTICE

(1) HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

(2) TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

(2) TOWN ASSESSOR

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY

(1) TOWN SUPERVISOR

(1) TOWN CLERK

(1) TOWN JUSTICE

(1) SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

(2) TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

TOWN OF RED HOOK

(1) TOWN SUPERVISOR

(2) TOWN JUSTICE

(1) SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

(2) TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

TOWN OF RHINEBECK

(1) TOWN SUPERVISOR

(1) TOWN JUSTICE

(2) TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

(1) SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

TOWN OF STANFORD

(1) TOWN SUPERVISOR

(1) TOWN CLERK

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(1) TOWN JUSTICE

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PROPOSITIONS:**PROPOSAL NUMBER ONE, AN AMENDMENT**

The proposed amendment to Article 8, section 4 of the Constitution removes the special constitutional debt limitation now placed on small city school districts, so they will be treated the same as all other school districts. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

PROPOSAL NUMBER TWO, AN AMENDMENT

The proposed amendment to Article 8, section 5 of the Constitution extends for ten years the authority of counties, cities, towns, and villages to remove from their constitutional debt limits debt for the construction of sewage facilities. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

AMENIA

Shall the annual contribution of the Town of Amenia for the operating budget of the Amenia Free Library be increased by Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) Dollars to the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand (\$225,000) Dollars annually?

BEEKMAN

Shall the annual contribution of the Town of Beekman for the operating budget of the Beekman Library be at Five Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Nine (\$538,889) Dollars annually?

PINE PLAINS

Shall the annual contribution of the Town of Pine Plains for the operating budget of the Pine Plains Free Library be increased to the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$166,900) annually?

PLEASANT VALLEY

Shall the annual contribution of the Town of Pleasant Valley for the operating budget of the Pleasant Valley Free Library be at Five Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$525,000) annually?

POUGHKEEPSIE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

Shall the 2024 Library District budget, as submitted by the Board of Trustees of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District, be approved and shall the Board of Trustees authorize estimated expenditures of \$11,056,505 for Library District operations for the year January 1–December 31, 2024, which includes \$1,241,676 of previously authorized combined debt service for the year of January 1–December 31, 2024 and, further, shall the Board of Trustees be authorized to instruct the City of Poughkeepsie and the Town of Poughkeepsie to collect taxes on its behalf for the financing of Library District operations and debt service as prescribed in the Library District's special legislation as amended in 1994, 1997, 2006 and 2016?

RHINEBECK

Shall the annual contribution of the Town of Rhinebeck for the operating budget of the Starr Library be increased by Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) to the sum of Four Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$464,800) annually?

ERIK J. HAIGHT and HANNAH R. BLACK

Commissioners of Elections

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**EXTENDING LOCAL
ORDERS 1, 2 & 3 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER
5/2023**

EXTENSION TO DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDERS DECLARED BY DUTCHESS COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Please take notice that on October 20, 2023 at 12:00 am., pursuant to Article 2B of the New York State Executive Law, Article III of the Dutchess County Charter and Administrative Code Section 3.05, Acting Dutchess County Executive William F. X. O'Neil extended Local Emergency Order #1, Local Emergency Order #2, and Local Emergency Order #3 in furtherance of Executive Order No. 5 of 2023, dated May 18, 2023. The text of the declaration of state of emergency and local emergency orders is available at www.dutchessny.gov.

**NOTICE OF
SUBMISSION OF
QUESTION TO THE
VOTERS OF THE
TOWN OF PLEAS-
ANT VALLEY AT
THE NEXT GEN-
ERAL ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to NYS Education Law §259(1)(13), and in accordance with the provisions of the NYS Election Law, the following question will be submitted to the qualified voters of the Town of Pleasant Valley at the General Election to be held on the 7th day of November, 2023:

**SHALL THE
ANNUAL CONTRI-
BUTION OF THE
TOWN OF PLEAS-
ANT VALLEY FOR
THE OPERATING
BUDGET OF THE
PLEASANT
VALLEY FREE
LIBRARY BE AT
FIVE HUNDRED
TWENTY FIVE
THOUSAND DOL-
LARS (\$525,000)
ANNUALLY?**

Further notice is hereby given that the said election shall be held at the following locations in the Town of Pleasant Valley:

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Mary Beth Muir
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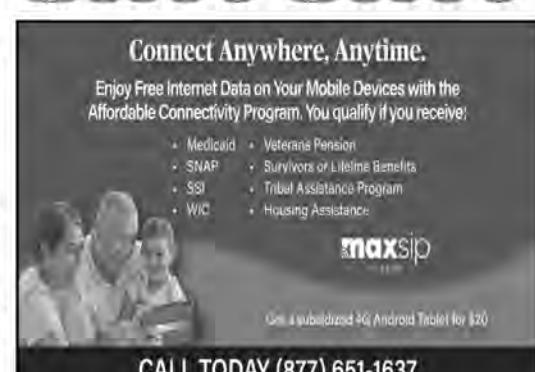
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Annual Locust Grove Car Show raises \$10K for historic site

By Jim Donick

This year's annual Locust Grove Car Show had to deal with more rain than they had ever experienced at the event before. Still a crowd of enthusiasts, admittedly smaller than recent years, filled the grounds of the historic Locust Grove Site with cars of every age. The result of the effort, \$10,000, was recently presented to Locust Grove's Executive Director Ken Snodgrass by officers of the organizers, the Hudson Valley Auto Enthusiasts.

"We always enjoy hosting this event," said Snodgrass, "and we make good use of the annual donation. This year we expect to be putting it toward some safety issues on the grounds by pruning some of our historic old trees. We may also earmark some of it for roof work on our carriage house."

"With the rain, this year," said Hudson Valley Auto Enthusiasts president Mike Butler, "we weren't able to match our

biggest donation of a couple of years ago. It was \$14,000 that year. Considering the weather we faced, we are delighted to have raised this much. We hope for even better in 2024."

"The Locust Grove Show is a very special event for us," said Tom Weisman, Chairman of the Hudson Valley Auto Enthusiasts. "The grounds are the perfect backdrop for the cars and Locust Grove, itself, is an amazing community resource that deserves our support."

Plans for the 2024 event are now underway. "We will hold the event next summer on July 14th," said Butler. "That's also Bastille Day for the French," added event chairman Herb Lorenz, "so one of our friends has promised a prize for the best French car at the show. We'll also have all of our traditional awards as well as music and food as well as tours of the house and access to the grounds of this most beautiful site enhanced for that one day with some of the most beautiful automobiles ever built."

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Locust Grove Executive Director, Ken Snodgrass, left, accepts the \$10,000 donation from officers of the Hudson Valley Antique Auto Enthusiasts. From left are Mike Butler, President, Herb Lorenz, Event Chairman and Tom Weisman, Chairman. Photo by Jim Donick

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