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Ryan prevails in 18th; Hinchey defeats Serino

Candidates display civility in wins, losses; statewide environmental proposition approved

by Kate Goldsmith

All across the region, candidates in last Tuesday's General Election weighed in on social media about their wins and losses. While the results are unofficial, most of the races have been called.



Pat Ryan

It was encouraging to read the candidates' official statements, most of which reflected grace and civility in victory and defeat.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES District 17

Five-term Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney (D, WOR) lost his bid to represent the new District 17. With almost all election districts reporting, Maloney trailed his opponent Michael Lawler (R, C) by five percentage points, 46.38% to 51.54%. On Nov. 9, Maloney conceded to Lawler, who currently is the State Assemblyman for New York's 97th District.

Maloney said in a speech that he doesn't like to lose, "but my opponent

won this race, and he won it fair and square. And that means something."

In a statement that was emailed to Lawler's supporters, he said, "I cannot thank you enough for everything you've done to make this happen. This victory belongs to all of us, and I'd be remiss not to thank those that joined our movement to save this state."

Lawler cited "the excesses of liberalism and one-party rule" in New York for adversely impacting residents' lives, specifically calling out "taxes, fees, and the staggering cost of living here" as well

as "no-cash-bail."

"We're going to restore balance and common sense in Washington to lower the cost of living and make our communities safe, and we're going to do it together," said Lawler. "That's what our victory is all about."

District 18

Pat Ryan (D, WOR), who in August was chosen by voters to fill

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Michelle Hinchey

Millbrook Middle School students hear 'true-life' stories from veterans

by Rich Thomaselli

"Was it worth it for you to leave your family and friends to go fight for a country?"

Veterans Day 2022 passed last week, but it forever lives on for Millbrook Middle School physical education teacher Joe Carbone and hundreds of students.

And the veterans they honor annually.

For the 16th year, Carbone coordinated an event at the middle school that brings in U.S. military veterans – and, one year, a foreign veteran to offer a different perspective – to tell the students true-life stories from their service. It's a soul-searching 90 minutes that allows the veterans to

impart the kind of first-hand wisdom the children just won't see or hear in the classroom.

Oh, they will certainly get the education and the nuts and the bolts from teachers. But the true-life stories, the ones that often lead to life-long memories and simply can't be taught out of a textbook, last forever.

"Was it worth it for you to leave your family and friends to go fight for a country?"

The yearly program starts with an informal breakfast in the cafeteria. Students are rotated among the tables to eat with the veterans who share their stories about their time in the service to their country. Carbone was inspired by his own grandparents.

"Both of my grandfathers were veterans," the long-time teacher explained. "We began the program in 2007, had a couple of years off because of the pandemic, but we were determined to keep it going. The veterans ... You don't think about it now but they're mostly from Vietnam. It's hard to think that now, for some of those guys, it's been 50 years since they served. We don't have many Korean and World War II veterans that are still with us, but we have plenty of brave men from the Vietnam era."

Those veterans, many of whom are



U.S. military veteran Bruce Phipps speaks to a group of students during the annual breakfast and reception at Millbrook Middle School on Thursday, Nov. 10. Physical education teacher Joe Carbone leads the event each year. *Courtesy photo*

from the nearby Millbrook Veterans of Foreign (VFW) post that Carbone coordinates efforts with, are now in their 70s.

The September 11, 2001 coordinated attacks on the U.S. by terrorists moved Carbone to think of a program like this.

"I don't think I'm any different than

anybody else," Carbone said. "After September 11, I just looked at things differently. My grandfathers were always important to me, and their service. That took on whole new added important, and meaning, after September 11."

For Carbone. For veterans who served.

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Millbrook Middle School students hear 'true-life' stories from veterans

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Students from Millbrook Middle School listen to a local veteran as he tells them stories from his time in the U.S. military service. *Courtesy photo*

For many.

After breakfast, the veterans are invited to the auditorium for a reception with the students. The veterans are asked if they would like to be on stage and answer questions. Some declined. Most accepted.

And they get important questions.

The kinds that can't be answered from a text book.

Was it worth it for you to leave your family and friends to go fight for a country?"

That was one of the questions.

It was especially important to those from the Vietnam era.

"These veterans, in particular, were not welcomed home as in the past," Carbone said. "I am sure that we teach

our kids that this was not a popular war. But many of the students don't know what they faced when they came home. They don't know these soldiers were called names. They don't know these veterans were spat on. These are the stories they need to hear."

"Was it worth it for you to leave your family and friends to go fight for a country?"

The answer was simple. Short, sweet, heartfelt and important.

The answer to the question from one of the veterans was this: "Yes."

Carbone said the powerful answer resonated with students, and with veterans.

"I think it's almost their obligation to pass their stories, their own history, on to the next generation," he said.

Bank of Millbrook moves Amenia branch to new location

The Bank of Millbrook has moved its Amenia branch from Freshtown Plaza into one of the town's most beautiful historic buildings with deep roots in community banking. The imposing stone edifice located in the center of town at Amenia's Four Corners was constructed for the First National Bank of Amenia when it was founded in 1864.

The Bank of Millbrook, which was founded in 1891, has additional branch locations in Millbrook, Pine Plains and

Stanfordville. The Bank offers a full range of personal and business banking services with 24-hour online access. In addition, its Trust and Investment Services team provides the expertise its customers need to grow and preserve their wealth. For more than 130 years, one thing has remained constant at the Bank of Millbrook: friendly and professional service and a dedication to helping the communities they serve to grow and prosper.



The Bank of Millbrook Amenia branch's new location is a historic building in the center of town. *Courtesy image*

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DC Legislature increases veteran tax exemption

At their Nov. 7 board meeting, the Dutchess County Legislature unanimously passed two local laws to increase the real property tax exemption currently enjoyed by qualifying veterans in Dutchess County.

One law addressed the exemption for Cold War veterans, and the other addressed the standard veteran exemption, legally termed the "Alternative Veteran" exemption. Both exemptions are provided for under New York State Real Property Tax Law 458, which enables counties to set veteran tax exemption levels.

The Dutchess Cold War vet exemption was introduced in 2007, and has never been raised. The Alternative exemption, introduced in 1985, has not been raised since 2005.

Inflation has, of course, dramatically impacted the value of a dollar since 2005 and 2007. Although the nominal value of these exemptions stayed the same throughout the years, their actual impact decreased year over year because of economic inflation. With these laws, the legislature works to fight the effects of inflation on our residents, and demonstrates its willingness to help our veterans, who have done much to benefit both Dutchess County and our nation as a whole by their military service.

Both laws provide for a staggered increase in the exemption level, with the initial increase to apply as soon as the next tax rolls are prepared, and the second increase to take effect on the tax rolls two years afterward, in 2025. This two-part, staggered increase is intended to minimize fiscal impact on county finances and ensure that our veterans will

retain their financial benefit into the future.

Approximately 8,807 residents enjoy the Alternative Veterans Exemption, and 846 enjoy the Cold War Exemption. Both categories will see this exemption increase apply to their property taxes beginning in 2024, in keeping with the Dutchess County tax roll process. Again, the Dutchess County Legislature would like to voice its appreciation for all those who have served to uphold our freedoms and protect our country.

Chairman Gregg Pulver said, "This law is a great idea, and will provide a much-needed adjustment to our veteran tax exemptions. We've had these exemptions for years, but as inflation continues to take a toll on our economy we have to ensure they continue to have an impact. If we did nothing, eventually inflation would make these exemptions lose all practical value. I know I speak for everyone at the legislature when I voice my appreciation for all who've served to defend our country. I hope this exemption raise helps you in your day to day life."

Legislator Diedre Houston said, "These laws were recommended by the Dutchess County Veterans Affairs Committee, and I am proud to put my name on them. I think this is a much needed helping hand to our vets, and I'm happy to do what I can to show appreciation for their service. Inflation takes a toll on many aspects of the economy, and these exemptions are not immune. I'm also happy the law was enacted as a scheduled increase, making certain the exemption will have a larger impact into the future than if we simply passed a standalone, one-time increase."

State Police issue warning about phone scams

The New York State Police in Westchester County are warning citizens of a phone scam after receiving multiple calls on what is known as an "Imposter Scam." These scams usually involve someone calling and claiming to be from a trusted source such as law enforcement. The caller will claim to be an officer, possibly even using the real name of a local police officer, and could utilize technology that displays the fake name or a number matching the police disguise on your caller ID.

The caller will attempt to convince the victim that they are in violation of the law, have an outstanding warrant, or have a relative involved in an emergency. They will then state money is needed for fines, medical payments, or bail. These scams ask for large sums of money transferred in unusual ways devoid of any face-to-face interaction. Once these thieves have extracted money they may also call back and try to get more.

The New York State Police offer the following tips to protect against the Scams:

- Take a pause. Scammers create a sense of urgency to prey on victims' emotions and their love for family members.
- Verify any supposed emergency by

calling friends and family before sending money. This is especially important if a potential victim has been warned not to do so by the caller.

- If the caller purports to be a bail bondsperson, ask where the relative is being held and contact the facility directly.

- If the caller purports to be a law enforcement officer, get the exact agency name, hang up, and call that department directly.

- Be suspicious of anyone who calls unexpectedly asking to be sent money.

- Never send cash through the mail.

- Never purchase pre-paid debit cards or gift cards for the purpose of transferring money.

- Develop a secret code or "password" with family members that can be used to verify the identity of family members over the phone.

- Ask a question that only the real family member would know the answer to, such as "what was the name of your first pet?"

- Set Facebook and other social media settings to private to limit information available to scammers, such as the names of relatives.

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Arlington School District parents object to far-right activists' donation

To the editor:

My husband and I were both born and raised in LaGrange and are proud members of the Arlington High School class of 1999. Several years ago we purchased my parents' house, in no small part because we have fond memories of our Arlington education. We want our two young sons to benefit from their journey through Arlington schools as much as we did.

Recently, the Arlington Central School District was offered a donation of pocket Constitutions from the far-right activist group Moms for Liberty. This group has been on a well-documented national crusade to strip discussions of race, slavery, and LGBTQIA rights from our schools. Their aim, under the guise of standing up for "parental rights," is to completely ban books and curriculum that explore any viewpoints that differ from those of white, Conservative Christians. Across the country, members of various Moms For Liberty chapters have harassed educators, school board members, librarians, and even students who push back.

On Tuesday November 9th, the Arlington School Board met to vote on the proposed donation. A large group of concerned citizens attended the meeting to voice their concerns. Among them were parents of Arlington students, members of the non-partisan advocacy group Defense of Democracy, and members of the youth group On PAR. All spoke out in opposition to this donation.

After listening to the public comments, the Arlington School Board voted unanimously and correctly to decline the donation.

I am writing this letter for two reasons. Firstly, I would like to express my gratitude to the members of the Arlington School Board for recognizing that a gift from such a destructive group is unwanted, unwelcome, and unhelpful. Secondly, I would like to remind parents across Dutchess County that our children deserve an education that is varied, diverse, inclusive, and empathetic. To allow such a polarizing organization to influence and restrict the materials students are presented with, in an attempt to silence the voices of our most historically under-represented citizens, would do our children a significant disservice. I urge all parents to speak out when groups such as Moms For Liberty seek to exert their influence where it is neither wanted nor needed.

Stephanie Klepeis
LaGrange

Fieldstein concedes, hopes opponent will support constitutional amendments

To the editor:

The results came in on Election Day and I, as the Democratic candidate for NYS Assembly, District 105, came up short of votes. While I am disappointed with the results, I am also filled with an abundance of pride for the honorable campaign we ran, and even more gratitude to the countless dedicated souls who helped me on this journey.

In conceding to Anil Beephan, I wished him great success in representing our district in Albany. As one of his constituents, I am heartened by Anil's assertion made in various publications that he is "an outspoken supporter of each [Constitutional] amendment." I trust this means that Anil will work hard to uphold the First Amendment's separation of church and state and will oppose the efforts of any group, including Moms for Liberty, that seeks to impose their religious beliefs on how our children are taught in public schools.

I also trust this means that Anil will uphold the 14th Amendment's right to privacy and will oppose any efforts to strip away New Yorkers' rights to make choices about our bodies, who we love and how we love. Anil's success in protecting our rights will be a success for us all.

Jill Fieldstein
Dover

Democratic candidate for NYS Assembly, 105th District

Molinaro's budget – a campaign stunt?

To the editor:

Congratulations to Marc Molinaro on his victory in the 19th Congressional District. Although his campaign mirrored the fear mongering about crime that many Republican candidates used to hammer their Democratic opponents, he also managed to leverage his position as Dutchess County Executive in support of his campaign for Congress.

Specifically, the budget calendar for Dutchess County provided Mr. Molinaro with the opportunity to make a splash as a fiscal conservative, and he didn't let that opportunity pass him by. His proposed budget and the press release that formed the basis for over 60 column inches of coverage in the Northern Dutchess News ("Molinaro releases 2023 Executive Budget with 12% County Property Tax rate cut") trumpeted a huge cut in property taxes.

This is not a serious proposal. It is extremely unlikely that the budget emerging in the months after Molinaro has assumed his new duties as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives will include such a headline grabbing tax reduction. For one thing, the effects of inflation will increase the cost of emergency services, road maintenance, and many other County operations. A 12% cut in revenues, combined with 8% inflation, would require 20% cuts in County spending, not something the Dutchess County Legislature is likely to seriously consider.

Politicians make unrealistic promises all the time. That's what they do. As citizens, we rely on a free press to fact check and analyze their claims. I hope the Northern Dutchess News will follow up on Mr. Molinaro's proposed budget and ask the tough questions necessary to determine if it was anything more than an eleventh hour campaign stunt.

Rob Abbot
Staatsburg

United Way offers free rides to and from necessary appointments

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region is partnering with Lyft to offer free rides to individuals needing transportation to and from necessary appointments, including those for COVID-19 vaccine appointments and boosters, and through Ride United for appointments for health, employment, education, food access, legal, housing, and economic stability.

The program covers up to \$50 round trip. The individual must cover any expenses beyond \$50. Go to www.uwdor.org/freerides to access applications for these rides.

The program is open to Dutchess and Orange residents in Newburgh and Poughkeepsie. There are different provisions for each of the rides. Please read the information carefully.

To sign up to receive your unique code start at uwdor.org/freerides and then click on the appropriate link and apply. The code you receive can be applied to a round trip.

NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINE

Due to a holiday press schedule for Thanksgiving, the Nov. 23 issue of Northern Dutchess News will have an early deadline. All editorial must be received by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16; and all ads must be received by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17.

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the unexpired term of former District 19 (and fellow Democrat) Congressman Antonio Delgado, narrowly won the race to represent the new District 18. (Delgado was appointed lieutenant governor by Gov. Kathy Hochul upon the resignation of Brian Benjamin.)

Ryan received 49.35% of the vote; his opponent, Assemblyman for District 99, Colin Schmitt (R, C) received 48.57%. According to media reports, Schmitt called Ryan to concede in the early hours of Nov. 9.

"From day one, we made it clear: our fight is to protect fundamental freedoms and democracy. To deliver relief and results for families," Ryan stated on his Facebook page. "Twice in as many months, we stood together on the side of freedom."

"I am honored to continue serving you in Congress. Thank you, NY-18."

Schmitt posted on his social media, "After a hard-fought campaign the people of our district made their choice and I respect their decision. I wish the best for Pat Ryan and hope he will do great things for our Hudson Valley families."

STATE SENATE

With all districts reporting, current Poughkeepsie Mayor Rob Rolison (R) defeated Julie Shiroishi (D, WOR) to represent the new **District 39**. The tally is 51.3% for Rolison, 44.84% for Shiroishi.

"Thank you to everyone who voted, knocked doors and made phone calls. I am excited to be the next Senator from the 39th District!" Rolison said on his Facebook page.

Shiroishi said, "While the outcome was not what we hoped, I am proud of all we achieved in such a short time. I have zero regrets and am truly humbled to have received so much love and support."

She noted that on Nov. 10 she called Rolison "to congratulate him and wish him well."

"This is where I am raising my family and I want him to succeed so our communities can thrive," she said.

District 41 saw two incumbents – Sue Serino and Michelle Hinchey – pitted against each other, due to the newly drawn maps. Serino had represented the old District 41 and Hinchey the old District 46. With all election districts reporting, Hinchey has prevailed with 51.63% of the vote, to Serino's 47%.

Hinchey declared victory in a statement released Nov. 9.

"Our campaign had the strength of the Hudson Valley behind it — Labor, farmers, working families, law enforcement, environmental partners, advocates, veterans, young people, and first-time voters. I am tremendously grateful to everyone in the 41st District who put their trust in me to be their voice in Albany, and I will continue to fight every day for the future we deserve," Hinchey said. "At a time of deep division in our country, we ran a campaign for Upstate Equity and took everyone with us; a campaign that focused on opportunity, truth over untruths, solutions over fear-mongering, and a real record of getting things done for our community to back it up. I look forward to continuing our progress in the new term, and I'm humbled to have the support."

Serino posted on Facebook: "While we did not see the result we so hoped for on Election Day, I want to thank our community from the bottom of my heart."

"Serving the residents of the current 41st State Senate District has been the highest honor of my life, and I am incredibly grateful to the new friends we have gained in Columbia, Greene, and Ulster counties. While I am heartbroken to close the door on this truly amazing chapter, I always say, our personal stories propel us forward, and I am looking ahead to all that will come next."

STATE ASSEMBLY

In **District 103**, Sarahana Shrestha (D, WOR) resoundingly defeated Patrick

Sheehan (R, C) with 58.7% of the vote; Sheehan received 38.21%, with all districts reporting.

In June, Shrestha beat longtime Assemblyman Kevin Cahill in her quest to represent the district in Albany.

"Just as almost 8,000 primary voters took a chance on hope and possibility when they voted for me in June, 35,493 voters went to the polls this midterm election to protect a vision of the world that is rooted in kindness and justice," Shrestha stated on her Facebook page. "Despite the constant misrepresentation of this vision by the opposition, and the disfiguring of it into fear and hatred, we won by an overwhelming margin."

"This win belongs equally, if not more, to our volunteer team members who showed up after the primary to continue building our movement through the general election, who did not at all slow down for the final stretch, and the thousands of District 103 residents who spoke to us in earnest and cheered us on," she continued. "The future must be beautiful, and I am so honored to have the opportunity to build it with you."

In **District 104**, incumbent Jonathan Jacobson (D, WOR) ran unopposed and received 60.59% of the vote.

There was no incumbent running in **District 105**, as Assemblyman Kieran Lalor had set term limits for himself. With all districts reporting, Anil Beephan (R, C) prevailed over Jill Fieldstein (D, WOR) with 58.9% of the vote. Fieldstein received 38.57%.

"I am humbled by the outpouring of support across the 105th Assembly District. Thank you to every voter, volunteer, and neighbor who placed their trust in me and our message – each of you made tonight's election a resounding victory," Beephan said in declaring victory.

In thanking the voters via Facebook, Beephan took a moment to acknowledge Fieldstein.

"A special thank you to my opponent for her civility and for keeping this race focused on the issues at hand."

Fieldstein posted on Facebook, "...while we came up short of votes, we are nonetheless filled with an abundance of pride for the honorable campaign we ran, and even more gratitude to the countless dedicated souls who helped me on this journey. Please join me in sending congratulations to Anil Beephan and wishing him great success in representing our District."

"Be well, my friends, and thank you for all of your support!"

Current 106th Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D) will retain her seat, having received 52.78% of the vote. Barrett's opponent, Brandon Gaylord (R, C) received 44.86 of the vote with all districts reporting.

Barrett thanked the voters of the **106th District** on social media.

"I am humbled by your continued trust in me and honored to continue serving you and advocating for our beautiful Hudson Valley region, our families, farms, and communities," she stated.

In his statement on social media, Gaylord said, "I cannot tell you how much I appreciate all the messages wishing me luck, the kind words I've received over the last 24 hours, and the friendships I've made. My wife and I opened our private lives up to the public this last year and we're going to close that back up now that this venture was unsuccessful."

"I want to wish my opponent good luck moving forward. ... Lastly, thank you everyone, truly, for everything. As I've always said, the best part of campaigning has been meeting the incredible people that call this assembly district home and your friendships are invaluable to me."

SHERIFF

Kirk Imperati (R, C), who has been Acting Sheriff since Butch Anderson's

death last year, defeated challenger Jillian Hanlon (D, WOR), a former Deputy Sheriff with nearly four decades of experience in various aspects of public safety. Imperati received just over 58% of the total votes, with Hanlon receiving nearly 42% with all districts reporting.

Imperati, whose campaign motto was "Everyone's Sheriff," posted a simple statement to Facebook:

"It is the honor of a lifetime to have been elected your Dutchess County Sheriff," he said.

Hanlon was gracious in her loss. Late on Election Night, she noted on Facebook that she had called Imperati "to congratulate him for a well fought race."

"Although we didn't win, I'm not disappointed. I worked hard, faced significant challenges in fundraising, and I didn't have the advantage of the incumbency. What I did have was an amazing group of highly dedicated activists who put their heart and soul into this race. I take full responsibility for this loss. None of these amazing people who supported me should feel that they let me down, quite the opposite."

She added, "You know who did win? The voters. For the first time in more than 50 years, the voters had a legitimate choice between two highly qualified candidates. Kirk and I kept our promises to keep it above the belt and on the issues."

"And for all of that I am deeply grateful. As I said to Kirk just before we hung up, 'I'll see you in four years.'"

STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE (9TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT)

The seven Democratic candidates are currently leading their opponents on the Republican and Conservative lines.

The Democrats are Anne E. Minihan

(7.52%), David J. Squirrell (7.09%), Amy S. Puerto (6.75%), Keri A. Fiore (6.80%), Elena M. Goldberg-Velazquez (7.14%), Sherri Eisenpress (6.93%), and David S. Zuckerman (7.13%). The Republicans are Linda M. Murray (5.68%), Richard J. Guertin (5.52%), Robert S. Cypher Jr. (5.21%), Joseph I. Farca (5.28%), and Michael J. Grace (5.24%). Running on both the Republican and Conservative lines were John A. Sarcone III (6.10%) and John Ciampoli (5.99%).

Statewide proposition passes

New York voters decisively approved the Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 to address and combat the impact of climate change and damage to the environment. The result was 59.28% for, 28.7% against, with 12% leaving the question blank on the ballot. The Act authorizes the sale of state bonds up to \$4.2 billion to fund environmental protection, natural restoration, resiliency, and clean energy projects.

Turnout slightly lower than predicted

According to data from the New York State Board of Elections, Dutchess County has 214,975 who are registered to vote. Based on information at the county's Board of Elections website, approximately 113,000 participated in the Nov. 8 General Election, or about 52% of eligible voters. This number was slightly lower than the average in years with gubernatorial races, according to DC Republican Commissioner Erik Haight, who was interviewed for this paper last month. The norm for such elections is about 60%, Haight noted.

League of Women Voters successfully sues to create Vassar College voting site

by Rich Thomaselli

A local chapter of the League of Women Voters, along with a Vassar College student group, and a Vassar professor, successfully sued the county in Dutchess County Supreme Court to make Vassar College a polling site in time for last week's mid-term and local elections.

The ability to make the Town of Poughkeepsie college a polling site had been a bone of contention between Democrats and Republicans. County Republican Commissioner of Elections Erik Haight had been reluctant to approve the request, saying the college missed the August 1 deadline to apply, even though the state Legislature had voted that a college with more than 300 registered voters could become an official polling site.

Hence the origin of the lawsuit. The ruling allowed a Vassar voting site to be open in time for last week's elections on November 8.

In a press release, the League of Women Voters said that Haight "refused to abide by the state law, triggering the lawsuit. Despite the ruling, Commissioner Haight has failed to obey the court order and is seeking to prevent the polling site from being placed on the Vassar campus."

"We wrote to the Elections Commissioners on September 28," League spokesperson Jennifer Clark said in filing the suit last month, "and to County Executive Marcus Molinaro and Chair of the Legislature Gregg Pulver on October 24, urging them to act. We've received no response."

Haight had previously told the Northern and Southern Dutchess News that he was originally open to a mutually agreed upon solution, but said that never materialized.

"There are other sections of the law that relate to the poll site, and the one that relates to the challenge with Vassar is if you have a poll site serving another district, they have to be adjacent and contiguous," Haight explained, pointing out that Vassar covers an election district and two Town of Poughkeepsie Wards. "At Vassar, there are three legislative districts that carve up the campus, including the two Town of Poughkeepsie ward lines. Those are separate election districts. The Board of Elections can't move those lines; those are hard lines established by a legislative body. Vassar can't have its own poll site without violating that section of the law."

The county Supreme Court ruled otherwise, however.

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Local veterans honored during ceremonies



Ceremonies honoring local veterans were held all over the county on Veterans Day. Below, 96-year-old World War II veteran Ralph Osterhoudt salutes during the playing of "Taps" at ceremonies held at the Town Hall in Hyde Park. Speaking at the bottom is Mike Athanas of the Hyde Park American Legion post. The photos at the left show scenes from the event held at the Brookmeade Community in Rhinebeck. Top, residents and the public cheer at the veterans' parade in the hall at the Brookmeade Pavilion. Receiving pins are U.S. Navy veterans Michael Donham, left, and Julius Mannino. At the bottom, Brookmeade CEO and administrator Karen Zobel accompanies Navy veteran William Sleight Jr. in leading the Pledge of Allegiance. *Photos by Curtis Schmidt*





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December dates announced for cancer support groups

Support Connections announces breast, ovarian, gynecological support groups in December

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Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, support groups have been transitioned to virtual platforms (ZOOM or toll-free teleconference). Virtual groups are accessible to women from the com-

fort of their homes, regardless of where they live, and the organization does have a nationwide reach.

All groups are open to new members as well as past participants. Advance registration is required: call 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290 to register.

To view support groups in the calendar, go to <https://supportconnection.org/calendar/>

Please also note: Support Connection's Peer Counselors are available for unlimited, one-on-one individual counseling and assistance via phone and email: call 800-532-4290 or submit an online request at supportconnection.org/contact-a-counselor.

The following virtual support groups

are scheduled for December:

Breast, Ovarian, & Gynecological Cancer Zoom Support Groups:

- December 1 at 10 a.m.
- December 7 at 7 p.m.
- December 13 at 10 a.m.
- December 15 at 7 p.m.
- December 21 at 7 p.m.
- December 28 at 7 p.m.

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NDSO's holiday concert will feature classic story 'The Snowman'

The Northern Dutchess Symphony's winter concert, "Holidays with Family" will be fun for children of all ages, whether you are 9 or 99! Under the direction of William Stevens, the concert will feature the classic story "The Snowman," a collection of holiday favorites, and a sing-along. Bring the whole family – Saturday, December 3, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. at the Marriott Pavilion at The Culinary Institute of America.

Playing on the big screen with the orchestra accompanying, is the classic tale "The Snowman" of a boy who builds a snowman who magically comes to life

on Christmas Eve. The concert will also include a celebration of holiday favorites sung by our boy soprano soloist Finn DeWitt and his parents Erin Stewart and David DeWitt including White Christmas, The Very Best Time of Year, and Hanukkah Medley. We will then have everyone join in on the fun with a sing-along of seven well-known Christmas Carols.

Guest vocalists, David, Erin & Finn are so very happy to be performing together for the first time as a family with the Northern Dutchess Symphony! Erin & David first met on the Broadway

National Tour of The Phantom of the Opera 19 years ago and are tickled pink to now be sharing the stage with their son who will be making his singing debut. Holiday music is some of their favorite music to sing.

Tickets for the concert are \$38 for adults, \$30 for seniors, and \$10 for children/students. To buy tickets and get more information about the concert, go to www.ndsorchestra.org or call 845-635-0877. The concert will be held at the Marriott Pavilion at The Culinary Institute of America located at 1946 Campus Dr, Hyde Park, NY 12538. A snow date is scheduled for Sunday,

December 4 at 3:00 p.m. in the unlikely event of inclement weather, we will announce on social media and our website if we are using our snow date.

The Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra was formed in 2006 to bring live orchestral music to northern Dutchess County and the surrounding Hudson Valley area. Now in its seventeenth season, the orchestra offers the best possible live performances of classical music at family-affordable prices. Since the beginning, the orchestra has been conducted by Kathleen Beckmann who also serves as artistic director.

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4-H'ers excel in State Shooting Sports Competition

Four Dutchess County 4-H'ers traveled to Camp Wyamoco, Varysburg, NY to compete against youth from all across the state in the New York State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships.

The Dutchess County Long Rifles were led by Kelsey Jenks who took the overall small-bore rifle and pistol championships. Kieran Read was awarded reserve small-bore pistol winner. Jack Alfaro and Samuel Gonzalez also placed in their divisions including archery, air rifle and small-bore rifle.

4-H Pumpkin Patch Fun

Winners of this year's pumpkin carving challenge include Alo Kogan (educators pick), Tavin Pennock (misfit), Madison Spaccarelli (animal), Mackenzie Phillips (spooky) and Abbey Delaney (lol).

While we can't name all the entrants her, they all deserve a shout out for their talent and for bringing a smile to the faces of everyone who drove by and admired their work

Elementary Agriculture

Every week starting in November, 4-H Educators Allie Jeffrey and Mary Mashburn, in partnership with Grace Year Fellow Ben York, will conduct an after-school program at Wingdale Elementary School.

Over 20 1st and 2nd graders will learn about grown-in-NY products linked to our food chain and healthy eating. Pumpkins, apples, popcorn and eggs are featured in the first sessions.



Dutchess County Long Rifles performed well at the New York State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships. From left are DCLR co-Leader Sean Klay, 4-H'ers Kieran Read and Kelsey Jenks and DCLR Leader Bob Jenks. Courtesy photo

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Exciting new 4-H programs gain interest

Several new programs started this month, increasing the opportunities for more youth to participate in 4-H.

SP-IN (short for SPecial INterest) Monthly is a series of short programs on a variety of subjects. These programs are open to 4-H'ers and non-members.

The series will start in December with "The Science of Pies" where kids will learn about culinary science while baking holiday pies. Next will be an "Intro to Robotics," and then "The Buzzing World of Bees." Kids can sign up for one or all sessions.

"Equine Explorers" launches this week offering an incredible selection of activities to engage and teach kids about horses, ponies and all things equine.

As the year progresses, they will learn about horse health and care, take trips and have the chance to compete in horse bowl and hippology competitions. This program does not include riding, so is affordable for all.

"Dutchess County Dairy" will be run by 4-H Educator Emma Jenks. 4-H members of our existing Dairy Clubs will come together with other youth who are interested in the dairy industry but don't have access to cows yet. The first activity is to take part in the NYS Ag in the Classroom "The Dairy Innovation Challenge."

For information on any of the above activities please contact us. We welcome new members as well as volunteers who would enjoy helping these kids be their best selves.

Visit our website at dutchesscounty4h.weebly.com/ or call 845-677-8223 to learn more.



4-H'er Jackie Ciulla demonstrates her love of baking during the annual Food Festival. Courtesy photo

Creative Living

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Sheep and Woolgrowers tour highlights six farms on Nov. 26

The Dutchess County Sheep and Woolgrowers Association, based in Red Hook, will host a Fall Farm Tour on Nov. 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., highlighting six member farms.

There is no charge to take the tour, and it is self-guided. Wear sturdy shoes, and please leave your pets at home.

Here are the participating members:
• **Wine and Wool Studio at Arrow M Southdowns**, 158 Prospect Hill Road, Clinton Corners, (845) 549-3510. sales@arrowmsouthdowns.com

The farm features Southdown sheep, Farm store with yarn, fiber, Christmas stockings, sheepskins, wool dog beds, wool bedding.

1 p.m. a reading of "Charlie Needs A Cloak," followed by a felt soap workshop.

• **Patchwork Pastures**, 475 N. Quaker Lane, Hyde Park
Patchworkpastures475@gmail.com

A small family farm featuring Corriedale sheep. A 10 a.m. popsicle stick weaving demo is planned.

• **Clover Brooke Farm**, 175 Ruskey Lane, Hyde Park
(845) 444-6066, cloverbrookefarm.com

Clover Brooke Farm will offer free farm tours, "Meet the Producers" at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m., highlighting llamas,

alpacas, sheep and baby Pygora goats.

The farm store will be open selling handmade fiber products, yarn, hand-crafted soaps, and much more for your holiday shopping pleasure.

• **Point of View Farm**, 41 Ludlow Woods Road, Stanfordville, Finnsheep.net

The farm features Finn sheep, a farm store with yarn, felted gnomes, sweaters, wool duvet inserts, maple syrup, lamb, sheepskins, ceramic pottery, whimsical sheep mobiles, holiday ornament needle-felting kits.

Demonstrations will be held at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.: How to needle-felt holiday ornaments.

Throughout the day there will be additional activities, such as how to hand make yarn from sheeps' wool, and information on how to dye wool with a wild botanical found in NY.

• **Buckwheat Bridge Angoras**, 111 Kozlowski Road, Elizaville NY 12523
Dan-melamed@mail.com

This is a solar and wind powered farm. It features Cormo sheep, Angora goats. The farm store includes yarn, dyed angora locks and lamb.

• **Lime Kiln Farm**, 523 Lime Kiln Road,



The Dutchess County Sheep and Woolgrowers Association Fall Farm Tour on Nov. 26 will feature six farms with a variety of farm store products and tours of the farms. *Courtesy photo*

W. Coxsackie. info@limekilnfarm.com, (518) 350-9494

This farm features a 1790 Farmhouse, Dorper sheep.

Meet Tix the horse! Farm store prod-

ucts include maple syrup, baked goods, goat milk soaps, pickles, sauces, aged raw cows' milk cheese, eggs, seasonal flowers and pumpkins. Hosts group horse rides on 7.5 miles of trails at selected times of year.

Festival of Lights parade returns to Town Center in LaGrange



This year's Festival of Lights parade in LaGrange will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26. *Courtesy photo*

The Festival of Lights Parade returns this year to LaGrange Town Center and the holiday buzz surrounding this event is ramping up. The parade is planned for Saturday, Nov. 26, with the first float rolling onto the route at 6:30 p.m. Line-up begins at 5:30 p.m. at Arlington High School.

The parade will exit the front of the school and travel West on Route 55 to its end at Freedom Road.

The parade is organized by the town highway and parks departments. Parks and Recreation Director, Sandy Washburn, commented on this collaboration.

"Years ago Mike Kelly, our Highway Superintendent, came to me with the idea of the parade and wanted to team up to make it happen. It has become something we take great pride in and have fun doing. The highway and parks crews are stellar with the coordination of logistics with our local law enforcement agencies. And they build some pretty great floats. It gets a little competitive."

Kelly's highway crews decorate the Route 55 Town Center corridor for the holidays with banners and wreaths, and

the parade has brought a festive feel to the community that had been missing.

"So many people have commented to me that the holiday parade made them feel part of this community and how much their family enjoyed it," Kelly said. "That's what it's all about. That's why we do this."

Parade attendees can expect some holiday fun both before and after the parade right along the route. While waiting for the parade to begin, highway and recreation staff and volunteers will be walking among the crowd passing out candy. Costume characters will also be there to say hi to the kids. After the parade, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the tent in front of Lexington Plaza for pictures. Be sure to bring your camera. Living Waters Church will also be providing a refreshment table.

For detailed information, including parade entry application, go to the town website at lagrangeny.gov, or call the recreation office at (845) 452-1972. Be sure to follow the LaGrange Parks & Recreation Department on Facebook and Instagram.

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Italian hand gestures

Getting your message across without words

Italians are famous for talking with their hands and much like the language dialects, hand gestures mean different things depending on where you're at in Italy. For example, to point up to your eye signals someone who is a cunning manipulator. Swiping the hand under the chin in a forward motion means I do not give a damn. There are easily 250 hand gestures, which are understood by most of the Italian population. Below are some of the most popular hand gestures and their meanings.

Today we will be once again teaching and translating Italian. Please imagine the following is a language video.

In a throaty whisper the female narrator begins the lesson.

"Today we will be learning to speak in Italian hand gestures. I will describe the hand gesture, then give you its meaning."

-beep- toss something behind back: "A long time ago," "Way back when..."

-beep- index finger spins forward in circle: "Later," "See you later"

-beep- drill finger into cheek: "Good!" "Beautiful!" "Delicious!"

-beep- kiss fingertips and toss away: "Wonderful!"

-beep- pinch fingers, draw straight line: "Perfect!"

-beep- hands together in prayer: "Please," "I beg you"

-beep- straight hand taps stomach: "I'm hungry"

-beep- make pistol with thumb/index finger, rotate: "There isn't any more"

-beep- tug lower eyelid: "Watch out," "That guy is sneaky"

-beep- turn large imaginary knob: "(Someone is trying) to steal"

-beep- upturned hand, pinch fingertips together: "Full," "Crowded"

-beep- stirring imaginary bowl with fingertips: "Something secret/illicit is going on"

-beep- thumb slices down cheek: "That guy/gal is really sharp"

-beep- chin flick: "I don't give a damn"

-beep- index finger/hand taps head: "You/he/she is crazy!"

As you practice these hand gestures, remember to use them properly and in the right context. This recipe for Ciabatta bread calls for you to let part of the dough sit overnight. This will give you more time to practice. Caio!

CIABATTA BREAD

Make the biga, also called sponge today, and tomorrow you can bake two loaves of this wonderful, somewhat tart, rustic Italian bread with a hearty crust.

For the Biga (sponge)

- 1/8 teaspoon active dry yeast
- 2 tablespoons warm water (110 degrees F/45 degrees C)
- 1/3 cup warm water
- 1 cup bread flour

For Bread:

- 1/2 teaspoon active dry yeast
- 2 tablespoons warm milk (110 degrees F/45 degrees C)
- 2/3 cup warm water
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 cups bread flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt

1. To Make Sponge: In a small bowl stir together 1/8 teaspoon of the yeast and the warm water and let stand 5 minutes, or until creamy. In a bowl stir together yeast mixture, 1/3 cup of the water, and 1cup of the bread flour. Stir 4 minutes, then over bowl with plastic wrap. Let sponge stand at cool room temperature

for at least 12 hours and up to 1 day.

2. To Make Bread: In a small bowl stir together yeast and milk and let stand 5 minutes, or until creamy. In bowl of a standing electric mixer fitted with dough hook blend together milk mixture, sponge, water, oil, and flour at low speed until flour is just moistened; add salt and mix until smooth and elastic, about 8 minutes. Scrape dough into an oiled bowl and cover with plastic wrap.

3. Let dough rise at room temperature until doubled in bulk, about 1 1/2 hours. (Dough will be sticky and full of air bubbles.) Turn dough out onto a well-floured work surface and cut in half. Transfer each half to a parchment sheet and form into an irregular oval about 9 inches long. Dimple loaves with floured fingers and dust tops with flour. Cover loaves with a dampened kitchen towel. Let loaves rise at room temperature until almost doubled in bulk, 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

4. At least 45 minutes before baking ciabatta, put a baking stone on oven rack in lowest position in oven and preheat oven to 425 F (220 degrees C).

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A surprising side to Samuel F. B. Morse

by Bill Jeffway

(The fact that the exhibition “Fertile Ground: the Hudson Valley Animal Paintings of Caroline Clowes” is taking place at Poughkeepsie’s Locust Grove, the former home of Samuel F. B. Morse (1791-1872), the inventor of the telegraph and Morse code, might at face value seem to involve the story of two persons in very different spheres. Although both are local, one is a woman of art. The other is a man of science.

But the historian Allan Nevins writes in a biography of Morse called “The American Leonardo,” - “Had [Morse] never touched a piece of mechanism, he would be remembered as an eminent portrait-painter and the founder of the National Academy of Design.”

There is a wonderful symmetry and coincidence to the fact that Clowes was born on March 3, 1838, two months after Morse conducted his first public presentation of the telegraph having just put down canvas and brushes for good.

Clowes (1838-1904) was a full generation younger than Morse. She benefited tremendously from the National Academy of Design, which was founded in 1826, and led by Morse as president until 1845.

The exhibition of Clowes’s work at the

Academy started in 1865 and was facilitated by her private teacher Frederick Rondel. This was a watershed moment that quickly raised her profile nationally. The Academy was a formal place of learning, and a way for Clowes to connect with collectors and other artists.

In addition, Clowes benefited from the changes in the field of art that the Academy had brought about. Unlike Morse, who trained in Europe as any serious artist would at the time, Clowes did not go to Europe, nor did she need to. Given that a central goal of the Academy was to create a truly American style of art, certainly Clowes’s elaboration on the uniquely American Hudson River School style, shows that Morse and Clowes had a shared vision on this fundamental concept.

While studying religion, philosophy, mathematics and science at Yale, Morse earned money by painting portraits on the side. He settled in London and was accepted into the prestigious Royal Academy. His better known portraits include John Adams, James Monroe, and the Marquis de Lafayette.

Historical paintings

Morse preferred to paint earnest historical paintings that could educate



DCHS founder and photographer Margaret DeMott Brown took this photograph of Locust Grove Estate in 1932, which was published in that year’s DCHS Yearbook which you can find at dchsn.org/morse. An article about the location was written by Helen Wilkinson Reynolds, a personal recollection of Miss Leila Livingston Morse, granddaughter of Samuel F. B. Morse who was born at Locust Grove, was also published. *Courtesy photo*



the public; but his works of that type were not well received. Among the better-known examples of this type is his 1822 “House of Representatives,” a seven by eleven-foot painting of the interior of the chamber carefully depicting specific individuals. His 1833 “Gallery of the Louvre” is a six by nine-foot oil on canvas that accurately depicts 38 paintings such as da Vinci’s “Mona Lisa.” Both failed to gain attention or result in any income for Morse. As a result, he had to rely on portrait painting for income. His painting career collapsed when he was turned down for a commission to paint a historical painting for the U.S. Capitol building in 1837.

Even with his brushes and canvas firm-

ly left behind in December of 1837, Morse maintained an artistic eye for the rest of his life. In a trip to Paris in 1839, he met Louis Daguerre, the inventor of the daguerreotype which was the early photographic process that created and reflected enormous detail, albeit in a somewhat other-worldly hazy glass, rather than paper. Morse was attracted to the idea as an aid to painting portraits. Rather than seeing this emerging technology as a threat to art as many did at the time, he thought it could be useful. He is credited with the earliest experiments with the daguerreotype in the United States.

From the proceeds of his inventing the telegraph, Morse bought the Locust

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Decoding Dutchess' Past

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Grove estate in 1847, and started a process of remodeling (see photograph) and became a visible member of Poughkeepsie society.

In August of 1855, Morse stopped in the photo studio of Samuel Walker, which was located on Garden Street, a short distance north of Main Street. Samuel L. Walker was one of the country's most highly regarded and accomplished daguerrists. Walker married a Poughkeepsie woman and together they raised their children in a home that was also on Garden Street.

Walker reports in an advertisement published in the local newspaper in 1855 that Morse looked at his daguerreotypes and declared that if Walker had entered a recent contest for the best daguerreotype, where Morse was a judge, Walker would have won the top prize of a silver pitcher. Walker claims that he did not know about the contest, despite it being published through the leading national photographic journal at the time. In any case, what is revealed here is that Morse was playing an important role in national conversations about early photography in 1855.

Morse was named a Trustee by Matthew Vassar in the January 1861 founding documents of what was initially

called the Vassar Female College. The role was far from ceremonial. Much work needed to be done to establish the College to the standards Vassar expected in a society exhausted by the Civil War, and suspicious of risks that would come with the higher education of women.

Greatest impact

Arguably Morse's greatest impact was through his being one of five men on the Arts committee, who were charged with establishing the first of its kind for an American college or university: an art department to teach students, and a gallery and collection of art of its own. The committee succeeded in bringing in Henry Van Ingen, the Dutch artist who was teaching in Rochester at the time, to lead the initiatives in art.

Van Ingen quickly became a friend and collaborator with Clowes. Letters show that he regularly brought students to Clowes's home and studio in LaGrange.

Morse died in 1872, but we find connections between Clowes and Morse's widow, Sarah Griswold Morse. Caroline Clowes was on a committee of five who created the inaugural art exhibition at the newly opened Vassar Brothers Institute on Vassar Street. The building stands today among the buildings of the



A permanent exhibition of paintings by Samuel F. B. Morse is open at Locust Grove on weekends. If you visit Locust Grove on a Saturday or Sunday from 1-5 p.m. through Dec. 30, you will be able to see both the Clowes exhibition, and the Morse exhibition. *Courtesy photo*

Cunneen-Hackett Center.

Mrs. Morse ensured that Samuel F.B. Morse was well represented. A painting by Morse, called "St. Francis," was exhibited. A portrait of Morse by George A. Baker, and a statuette of Morse by an unspecified artist were featured. Two paintings from the Morse family collection, one by F. Hilden and one by Oswald Achenbach, were loaned.

The weaving of Morse's artistic and scientific careers is beautifully revealed when we learn that the major exhibition of his paintings at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City in 1932, was prompted by the 100th anniversary of his 1832 trip on a ship from France to New York where he conceived of the idea of the telegraph.

Generally speaking, when federal censuses are taken every ten years, the occupation of the counted person is provided, as stated, by the person being counted. We find that in the 1850 federal census taken in Poughkeepsie, Samuel Morse said his occupation was "historical painter." Being a historical painter was,

of course, his very early dream, a dream he very quickly came to find was not working out for him. Perhaps he was stating an aspiration that remained buried deep inside him. If he had said "portrait painter" we could understand why, given his success in this field.

Like every good historical investigation, we do not get "final answers," but instead get "better questions."

You are invited to see the paintings of Caroline Clowes at Locust Grove Estate, South Road, Poughkeepsie through December 30, Wednesday to Sunday, 1 pm to 5 pm, except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day. The permanent exhibition of the works of Samuel Morse can be seen any Saturday or Sunday in that timeframe if you would like to see both. Both are free of charge.

Bill Jeffway is the Executive Director of the Dutchess County Historical Society and can be reached at bill.jeffway@dchsny.org or (845) 293-7711.



DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

See page 21 for finished puzzle (no peeking!)

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A&E Calendar

arts and entertainment happenings

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Nov. 18

Faded Rose; also the Jason Gisser Band, Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. Up and coming indie-alternative band Faded Rose has a distinct sound that spans multiple genres. The Jason Gisser Band is a favorite at many venues and festivals in the region and beyond, 8 p.m. Tickets \$20 advance, \$25 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

Richard's Rhinecliff Acoustic Show, Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Featuring Ernie Mortuzans, Ann Teed with Eric Garrison, Rich Lloyd with Pat Slater, 8-10:30 p.m. Donations suggested. More info: (845) 876-7007

Nov. 18-19

Christkindlmarkt, Germania of Poughkeepsie, 37 Old DeGarmo Road, Poughkeepsie. Annual authentic, festive, family-friendly German Christmas market, featuring home-baked German food and desserts, gifts, crafts, vendors, raffles, Advent calendars, holiday sing-along, and more. Held rain or shine indoors & under tents. Free parking & admission. Hours: Fri., Nov. 18, 4-8 p.m.; Sat., Nov. 19, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. <https://germaniapok.com> or (845) 471-0609

Nov. 18-20

"Kinky Boots," The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. Winner of 6 Tony Awards, including 2013 Best Musical, "Kinky Boots" is based on the 2005 British film of the same name inspired by a true story of a struggling Northampton shoe factory. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$27. (845) 876-3080 or centerforperformingarts.org

The Great Jack O' Lantern Blaze, Van Cortlandt Manor, 525 S. Riverside Ave., Croton-on-Hudson. Features illuminated, individually hand-carved Jack o' lanterns in elaborate displays which are professionally lit throughout the landscape of the manor in various themed areas. All admissions are by advance purchase only. Online tickets start at \$32 for adults and \$24 for children 3-17, and are free for children 2 and under. Held rain or shine. Buy tickets online at www.hudsonvalley.org or by calling 914-366-6900 (\$2.50 per ticket surcharge for phone orders).

Veterans Art Showcase, Henry A. Wallace Center, Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library & Home, 4079 Albany Post Rd. (Rte. 9), Hyde Park. This week-end-long Veteran Arts Showcase features works by local artists, photographers, and authors with military backgrounds. The event will kick-off with a reception on Friday, Nov. 18, at 5:30 p.m., followed by two full days (No. 19-20) of exhibits, presentations and performances. Hours: Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Closing Ceremony, 4 p.m. Visit veteranartsshowcase.org for times and details. Free public event.

Nov. 19

Jay Ungar & Molly Mason, The Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. Jay Ungar & Molly Mason are masters of music and storytelling who generously share their lives and their music with audiences. There are so many moments and strands to savor in the course of an evening of their music. 7 p.m. Ticket \$25 advance, \$30 door. thestissingcenter.org

Cappella Festiva: "Love is Love is Love is Love," Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll St., Poughkeepsie. The three choirs of Cappella Festiva will perform a variety of music for their upcoming annual fall concert, 2 p.m. Featuring Cappella Festiva Chamber Choir, Treble Choir and Cor Capriccio Children's Choir. Tickets General Admission \$17 advance, \$20 day of concert; Senior Citizen \$12 advance, \$15 day of concert. Student tickets \$5. www.cappellafestiva.org, (845) 853-7765 or info@cappellafestiva.org

Movies with Spirit: "Prayers for the Stolen," Redeemer Lutheran Church, 90 Rte. 32, New Paltz. Captivating tale of three girls in a Mexican village whose strong friendship helps them survive opium drug cartels, 7 p.m. The 2021 film, in Spanish with English subtitles, runs 1 hour 50 minutes and is rated R. The screening will be followed by a facilitated discussion. Refreshments will be served. Attendees over age 12 are asked to contribute \$10 a person. (845) 389-9201 or gerryharrington@mindspring.com

Willie Nile Band, 379 Main St., Beacon. Willie Nile is a hard-working rock 'n' roll troubadour called "the unofficial poet laureate of New York City" (Uncut). The New Yorker hailed Nile as "One of the most brilliant singer-songwriters of the past 30 years." 8 p.m. Tickets \$35 advance, \$40 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

Woodland Night, Vlei Marsh, Rhinebeck. Step into Vlei forest after hours to visit Sinterklaas animals in their natural habitat before they emerge into town for the parade, 4:30-8 p.m. The Seven Sisters, twinkling lights and Sinterklaas stars illuminate your path. A collaboration of the Winnakee Land Trust and Sinterklaas. Parking at Rhine Valley Farm, 431 Schultz Hill Rd., Rhinebeck, with 4-min. shuttle trip to Vlei woods. Shuttles run continuously every ten minutes, 4-9 p.m. Adults \$15, youth (12 & under free). Registration required via sinterklaashudsonvalley.com (go to Events).

Nov. 19-27

Sinterklaas Crowns & Branches Workshops, "Celebration Space," Gym at the former Bulkeley Middle School, 6 Mulberry St., Rhinebeck. Children create their Crowns & Branches for the Starlight Parade (set Dec. 3), 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 19-20, 25-27. **Quiet Time:** For neurodivergent children and children with other special needs, the environment will offer reduced sensory input (fewer participants to keep noise volume reduced and lower volume music) and helpful supports toward the completion of the creative project. Sat., Nov. 19 & 26, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Check <https://sinterklaashudsonvalley.com/crown-s-branches-plus-puppet-workshops/> to confirm that the workshop is taking place. Children must be accompanied by an adult. All individuals must wear a mask while attending the workshops. sinterklaashudsonvalley.com

Sinterklaas Puppetmaking Workshops, "Celebration Space," Gym at the former Bulkeley Middle School, 6 Mulberry St., Rhinebeck. Join Sinterklaas puppeteers Alex Kahn and Sophia Michahelles for workday sessions to restore, remake, and create puppets for the Starlight Parade. Help them make this year's honored animals, the Porcupine; bring color back to the Turtle; give luster to the Peace Dove. Schedule: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Nov. 19-20, 25-27. Registration is required; email professionalarts@gmail.com to learn more.

Nov. 19 & 29

Sinterklaas Mask-Making Workshops, Starr Library, 68 W. Market St., Rhinebeck. Help make masks for the Sinterklaas festival (set Dec. 3). This year's honored animal is the porcupine. Workshops: Sat., Nov. 19, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m. All materials provided. Workshops are free. To register, call (845) 876-4030 or online at calendar@starrlibrary.org - or just show up.

Nov. 21

Author Talk, Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home, 4079 Albany Post Rd. (Rte. 9), Hyde Park. The FDR Library and Museum will present an author talk and book signing with presidential historian and Library Trustee Douglas Brinkley, author of "Silent Spring Revolution: John F. Kennedy, Rachel Carson, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, and the Great Environmental Awakening," 6 p.m. The event will also be streamed live to the official FDR Library YouTube, Twitter and Facebook accounts. This is a free public event (local health metrics permitting), but registration is required for in-person attendance. Visit fdrlibrary.org to register.

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Exhibitions

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Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through December:** Featuring the works of painter & photographer Erin Ann Koch (Hallway Art Gallery, 9 Vassar St.), mixed-media artist Marie DiPerri (Reception Gallery, 12 Vassar St.) and photographer & mixed-media artist Kat Spontak (Hancock Galleries, 12 Vassar St.). Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access to the galleries. cunneen-hackett.org

LAND Gallery, 30 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling. **Through Dec. 30:** Holiday Show, featuring the works of nature inspired photographers and other local artists. There are also special Pawling coasters, cards, photographs and more for your local gift giving. (845) 490-2281 or www.landgalleryonline.com

Locust Grove, 2683 South Rd. (Rte. 9), Poughkeepsie. **Through Dec. 30:** The art of pioneering female artist Caroline Clowes (1838 – 1904) a LaGrange resident, in a special exhibit assembled by the Dutchess County Historical Society. Wed.-Sun., 1-5 p.m. (closed Thanksgiving Day) and by appointment. **Special programs:** Sun., Nov. 20, 2 p.m., "From Attic to Gallery, the Art and Science of Conserving Art with David Heskes," Yost Conservation. Sun., Dec. 4 at 2 p.m., "Painting in a Challenging

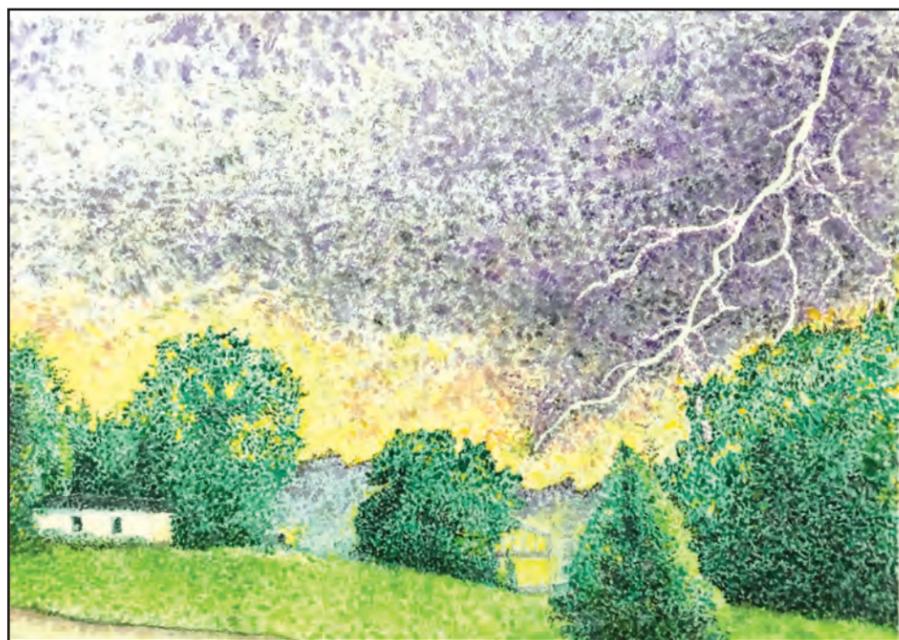
Landscape: Women Artists in the 19th Century" with Rob Doyle, President, DCHS. Sun., Dec. 11 at 2 p.m., "Drawn to Nature: The Sketches and Studies of Caroline Clowes" with Caroline Culp, Ph.D., Vassar College. Sun., Dec. 18 at 2 p.m., "Caroline Clowes: How Poughkeepsie, the City of Schools, Nurtured An Artist," with Bill Jeffway, Melodye Moore, DCHS. Wed., Dec. 28, children's program for ages 7 – 12 takes place. It is free, but requires advanced sign-up. Through Jan. 22, 2023: Exhibitions of paintings by celebrated Hudson Valley artist Carolyn H. Edlund in the Locust Grove Transverse Gallery, free every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (845) 454-4500, ext. 212, or www.lgny.org

Rhinebeck Bank, 6414 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. **Through Dec. 27:** Exhibition of pointillist paintings by Lorna Schipp, on display during regular business hours.

WomensWork.art, 4 S. Clinton St., Poughkeepsie. **Through Dec. 2:** "A Brave & Startling Truth/women scribe the world" features portraits of women authors, created by 12 women artists. The term "portrait" is broadly interpreted across the represented disciplines for this show — in representational, abstract, video, textual, sound, and purely conceptual forms. www.womenswork.art or (845) 293-3660



Silver jewelry by Karen Ostrom is featured in LAND Gallery's Holiday Show. The show at the Pawling gallery highlights the works of nature-inspired photographers and other artists. *Courtesy photo*



Pointillist paintings by Lorna Schipp are on display at Rhinebeck Bank's Rhinebeck location through Dec. 27. *Courtesy photo*

That's Italian!

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5. Transfer 1 loaf on its parchment to a rimless baking sheet with a long side of loaf parallel to far edge of baking sheet. Line up far edge of baking sheet with far edge of stone or tiles, and tilt baking sheet to slide loaf with parchment onto back half of stone or tiles. Transfer remaining loaf to front half of stone in a similar manner. Bake ciabatta loaves 20 minutes, or until pale golden. Cool loaves on a wire rack.

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

Putnam Chorale to present Bach concert

The Putnam Chorale has announced that its annual December concert this year will be an all Bach program: "Welcome, Bach!"

Directed by Dr. Douglas Anderson, the Putnam Chorale is the sole Community Chorus in Putnam County. It has been drawing singers and entertaining audiences from Putnam, Dutchess and Westchester Counties and Connecticut with a spectrum of classical and other choral works since 1989.

More than 40 Chorale voices will sing the inspirational and beautiful Cantatas No. 4, No. 6 and No. 140 in the German language, accompanied by professional soloists and a Chamber Orchestra.

The concert will be performed at the First United Methodist Church, 83 Main Street in Brewster on Sunday December

4th at 3 p.m. Ticket prices are \$25, \$20 for seniors and veterans, free for children 12 and under. All are invited to come to this exciting event. Tickets can be purchased at the door and Advance tickets can be obtained at <https://www.Brownpapertickets.com/event/5604286>

The Putnam Chorale ensemble will also perform a concert of Christmas hymns and carols as the guest of the Carriage House at Lyndhurst Castle in Tarrytown on December 10 at 1 PM and 3 p.m., and at St John the Evangelist Church in Mahopac on Saturday December 10 at 7 p.m., and at Tompkins Corner Cultural Center in Putnam Valley on December 18 at 3 p.m.

For more information, visit www.Putnamchorale.org or call 845 520 7574.

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GOLDEN LIVING

The Office for the Aging and all OFA Friendship Centers are closed on Thursday, November 24th (Thanksgiving). OFA Friendship Centers are also closed on Friday, November 25th, but the OFA central office will be open on the 25th. Clients of OFA's Home Delivered Meals program will receive meals in advance of each day that friendship centers are closed.

FALL-PROOFING YOUR HOME BEFORE WINTER (Part 2 of 2)

In last week's column we began to touch on some of the simple things you can do around the interior of your home to lower your risk of falls. Having gotten the hang of basic decluttering in last week's issue, let's move on to specific room-by-room issues, as suggested by the National Institute on Aging. First, your floors, stairs, and hallways:

- Ensure there are handrails on both sides of any stairs, and make sure they are secure. Hold the handrails when you use stairs, even when you are carrying something. Don't let anything you're carrying block your view of the steps. Get help if you need it.

- Ensure there is good lighting with light switches at the top and bottom of stairs and on each end of a long hall. Consider using motion-activated lights that plug into electrical outlets and automatically turn on when you walk by them

to help illuminate stairwells and pathways.

- Keep areas where you walk tidy. Don't leave books, papers, clothes, or shoes on the floor or stairs.

- Check that all carpets are fixed firmly to the floor, so they won't slip. Put no-slip strips, which you can buy at any hardware store, on tile and wooden floors. Don't use throw rugs or small area rugs.

- Don't walk on slippery, newly washed floors.

Next, the bathroom:

- Mount grab bars near toilets and on both the inside and outside of your tub and shower.

- Place nonskid mats, strips, or carpet on all surfaces that may get wet.

- Remember to leave a light on in the bathroom at night or use a night light that turns on automatically in the dark.

In your bedroom:

- Put night lights and light switches close to your bed when possible.

- Keep a flashlight by your bed in case the power goes out and you need to get up.

- Place a landline or well-charged phone near your bed.

In the kitchen:

- Keep frequently used pots, pans, and kitchen utensils in a place where they are

easy to reach.

- Clean up spills immediately, especially if oily or greasy.

- Prepare food while seated, when possible, to prevent fatigue or loss of balance.

And when you venture outside your home:

- If you have steps leading to your front door, make sure they are not broken or uneven.

- Add non-slip material to outdoor stairways.

- Keep the lawn, deck, or porch areas clear of debris, such as fallen branches.

- Consider installing a grab bar near the front door to provide balance while you are locking or unlocking the door.

- Turn on your porch light if you plan on leaving home before dawn, or returning home after dark.

- In the winter, treat outdoor walkways with an ice melt product or sand to make them less slippery. Have some on hand before a snowstorm appears in your weather forecast.

VOLUNTEERING OPTIONS FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

Many of us have family traditions of volunteering on Thanksgiving Day; however, it's also a national holiday and the Office for the Aging and Dutchess County offices are closed on Thanksgiving.

If you can volunteer before or after Thanksgiving weekend, especially in our Nutrition division, please contact OFA Outreach Coordinator Brian Jones at bjones@dutchessny.gov.

For volunteering on Thanksgiving Day itself, consult your local house of worship. In the City of Poughkeepsie, packaging and delivering of Thanksgiving Day meals will be taking place at the Family Partnership Center (29 North

Hamilton St.) from approximately 9am to 1pm. For more information, contact Paula at 845-546-9271.

LIONS / DUTCHESS COUNTY USED EYEGGLASS DRIVE

The Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management invites you to donate eyeglasses in usable condition at several County offices buildings listed below. Donated glasses will be given to the Lagrange Lions Club, as a donation to its international campaign, Recycle for Sight, which benefits those in need. This collection event, which runs through November 21st, complements the County Clerk's ongoing collection of eyeglasses at the Department of Motor Vehicles offices in Poughkeepsie, Beacon, Millbrook, and Wappinger.

You'll find a collection box at the following locations, and we thank you in advance for your any donation(s) you can make.

Dutchess County Office Building, 22 Market St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Dutchess County Planning Dept., 85 Civic Center Plaza #107, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management, 96 Sand Dock Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Office for the Aging, 114 Delafield St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Eastern Dutchess Government Center, 131 County House Rd., Millbrook, NY 12545

Beacon Center, 223 Main St., Beacon, NY 12508

Golden Living is prepared by the Dutchess County Office for the Aging, 114 Delafield St., Poughkeepsie, New York 12601, telephone 845-486-2555, email: ofa@dutchessny.gov website: www.dutchessny.gov/aging

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Dr. Chaudhry is a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the American Society of Hematology and The American Medical Association. She is board-certified in internal medicine and board eligible for Hematology and Oncology.

Dr. Chaudhry is accepting new patients at the Center's Poughkeepsie and Fishkill offices. She has privileges at Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital, Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie and at Northern Dutchess Hospital in Rhinebeck, New York.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Hyde Park leaf drop-off site

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Call Hyde Park Town Hall for more information: (845) 229-5111, ext. 104.

Troop K hosting annual Toys for Tots drive

Once again the New York State Police in Troop K are joining forces with the United States Marine Corps to collect donated children's toys as part of the national Toys for Tots program this holiday season.

Through Dec. 5, people can drop off new, unwrapped toys at Troop K Headquarters, SP Poughkeepsie, located at 2541 Route 44 in Salt Point, or any of our local Troop K barracks. Representatives of the Marine Corps will pick up the toys for distribution to area children.

All 18 Troop K stations located in Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess and Columbia counties are participating in the initiative. Contact information can be found at <https://troopers.ny.gov/> (search under Troopers, Troop Locator).

Grief Support Group

On the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m., St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Pleasant Valley hosts a Grief Support Group facilitated by The Rev. Heather Sisk, Episcopal Priest and Spiritual Director with Liz Whitman, MSW. We offer a brief healing service beforehand at 6:45. Come to either or both. (You are not alone; Many of us are hurting; Everyone is welcome.) For more information, call (845) 635-2854, email stpaulspv@gmail.com or visit www.stpaulspv.org. Accessible facilities.

Lyal Church in Millbrook offers programs

The Anti-Racist Study Group has been meeting for several years. We currently meet on Mondays, at 12:30 p.m. by Zoom. We invite anyone to join us who wants to explore the issues of race and caste in our country, issues that will not go away or improve unless we face them together. Our study group is welcoming and hospitable. We have a great time as we continue to learn a lot. We also are happy to include new members. Contact Cat Greenstreet (catgreenstreet@gmail.com) or Pastor Thom if you're interested.

Two other ongoing programs at Lyall are Meals on Wheels at Millbrook and Food For Folks Food Pantry (emergency support). The service area of both these programs is limited to the Town of Washington Village of Millbrook.

Board of Health meeting set for Nov. 17

The Dutchess County Board of Health will be holding their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, November 17, at 4 p.m. at the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health at 85 Civic Center Plaza - Suite 106 in the City of Poughkeepsie or one may participate via Microsoft Teams by calling 1-516-268-4602 and enter the Conference ID number: 848 725 86#.

Fall Rhinecliff Soup Sales

The Rhinebeck Grange sponsors Rhinecliff's Fall Soup Sales on the third Thursday of the month: Nov. 17 and Dec. 15, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Soups are sold by the quart, \$10/quart, take-out only.

The Soup Sale is at the Rhinecliff Firehouse, on the corner of Shatzell Avenue and Orchard in Rhinecliff. Pick up at side window on Orchard Street.

Email JoBaer2@gmail.com to be emailed the soup choices for each month and pre-order online.

Village of Rhinebeck sets Tree Lighting Nov. 19

Individuals of all abilities and ages are invited to stop by the Village of Rhinebeck's Sensory Safe Space, located in the Village Hall Meeting Room (76 E. Market St.) to say a quick hello to Santa before the Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 5 p.m. (Please be on time, because Santa has a tight schedule.)

Individuals and family/caregivers are welcome to watch the parade from the Sensory Safe Space if a quieter viewing spot is preferred.

Upcoming Historic Red Hook events

Online Benefit Auction: Saturday, Nov. 19, 9 a.m.-Sunday, Dec. 4, 6 p.m. Sumptuous local offerings include personal tours of historic homes, ice cream naming opportunities, insider visits to working farms, vacation getaways to Nantucket and the Berkshires, and much more. Join Historic Red Hook at the Elmendorph Inn (7562 North Broadway, Red Hook) for the final hour and a half of bidding on Sunday, Dec. 4, 4:30-6 p.m. www.historicredhook.org/auction

Elmendorph Inn Holiday Open House: Sunday, Dec. 4, 1-4 p.m., Elmendorph Inn, 7562 North Broadway, Red Hook. The Elmendorph Inn looks its festive best for the holidays. Historic Red Hook invites you to enjoy live holiday music, hot mulled cider, homemade cookies and fresh-baked treats from the beehive oven. <https://www.historicredhook.org/upcoming-events/holidayopenhouse2022>

Trivia & Holiday Drinks: Sunday, Dec. 4, 4:30-6 p.m., Elmendorph Inn, 7562 N. Broadway, Red Hook. Join Historic Red Hook at the Elmendorph Inn for trivia and holiday drinks for the final hour and a half of bidding in their Online Benefit Auction. (View auction here: www.historicredhook.org/auction). All the answers to the questions can be found somewhere on the Historic Red Hook website. All auction bidding will take place online. <https://www.historicredhook.org/upcoming-events/trivia-and-holiday-drinks>

Stanford Grange sets Pot Roast Dinner

Stanford Grange #808 will host a Pot Roast Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. All dinners are take-out only at 5 p.m. The menu will consist of pot roast, potatoes & carrots, biscuits, applesauce, and cherry dump cake for dessert. Donation is \$17 per dinner. Drive to the back door of the Grange Hall, pay for your dinner and get your food through your car window, and take it home to enjoy. Call Grange Secretary Ryan Orton for reservations at (845) 868-7869.

PV First Presbyterian Church sets Holiday Auction Nov. 19

The First Presbyterian Church, 1576 Main Street, Pleasant Valley will be holding their annual Holiday Auction on Saturday, Nov. 19. Silent Auction bidding and Live Auction viewing will be 5:30 to 6:45 p.m., live Auction will start at 7 p.m. with Don Traver calling. There will be free refreshments, with any donations going to the Pleasant Valley Food Pantry. Watch the Facebook page (First Presbyterian Church of Pleasant Valley) for photos of items.

Holocaust survivor to speak at Vassar Temple Nov. 20

Tibor Spitz, a Holocaust survivor and renowned artist recently featured on PBS' "We Remember: Songs of Survivors," will speak on Sunday, Nov. 20, in the Vassar Temple social hall. Spitz will present a

slide show, sharing incredible stories from his life, and will display some of the works of art he has created, drawn from his life experiences.

Vassar Temple is located at 140 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie. Consult www.vassartemple.org for any current Temple Covid protocols. For additional information contact adulter@vassartemple.org or (845) 454-2570.

Abilities First event set Nov. 29

Join Abilities First & the Foundation for Abilities First NY as it kicks off a year of joy and gratitude to its community partners who have made and continue to make its mission possible. The 60th Anniversary Community Partners Celebration will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 29, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., at The Grandview, 176 Rinaldi Boulevard, Poughkeepsie. Contact JoAnn Parker at joannparker@abilitiesfirst.ny.org for more information.

Christmas Sale in Millbrook Dec. 1-3

Uncle Al's Thrift Shop will have its annual Christmas Sale on Thursday, Friday and Saturday (Dec. 1, 2, & 3) at St. Joseph School gym (lots of room to shop; ample parking), 25 St. Joseph Drive, Millbrook. The three-day event will feature numerous Christmas and holiday items: decorations for your home (inside and outside), gift items, holiday clothing, and more. Hours for the sale are Thursday and Friday (Dec. 1 and 2) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; on Saturday (Dec. 3) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds from the Christmas Sale and from Uncle Al's Thrift Shop benefit St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Church, Millbrook.

Winter Craft Fair set Dec. 3 in Poughkeepsie

The MJN Convention Center will host a Holiday Craft Fair highlighting local handmade products on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

The MJN Convention Center is at 14 Civic Center

Plaza, Poughkeepsie. Visit MJNCenter.org or call (845) 454-5800 for more information.

Clinton Historical Society sets Holiday Craft Fair

The Town of Clinton's Historical Society will host its Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Society's 1777 Creek Meeting House, 2433 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners.

In case of inclement weather, the snow date is Sunday, Dec. 4.

The Clinton Historical Society is a non-for-profit organization established to preserve, maintain, promote, and educate on matters of historical significance and interest in the Town of Clinton and Dutchess County.

ONGOING

The Frederick W. Vanderbilt Garden Association

is looking for volunteers to perform all tasks required to plant and maintain the garden. No gardening expertise is needed, we will train as we work. You need to be 18 years old or older and be able to perform, at minimum, basic physical labor such as bending, kneeling and carrying buckets. Garden work is done during the spring, summer and fall months on Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to noon. You are welcome to work as often and on any days that suit your schedule. For further information, e-mail info@vanderbiltgarden.org, visit our website at <http://www.vanderbiltgarden.org> or call (845) 229-6432.

Thrift shop in Red Hook: The "New to You" Thrift Shop at 30 Benner Road has opened. Sales will benefit St. Christopher and Good Shepherd Church. Four rooms to roam through; items include books, crafts, CDs, tapes, housewares, home décor, clothing and more. Hours: Thursdays, 11-4 and Saturdays, 10-2 (and Saturday donations).

VENDORS NEEDED FOR HP HOLIDAY MARKET

The Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce is seeking vendors for its "Merry and Bright Holiday Market on Sunday, Dec. 4 from 3-7 p.m. at 4390 Rt. 9 across from the Hyde Park Town Hall. For vendor information and application, contact Dot Chenevert at Oakgreen@optonline.net or call 845-229-9336 or 914-447-8764.

Lepkowski promoted to assistant vice president community lender at Rhinebeck Bank

Rhinebeck Bank has promoted Anthony Lepkowski to Assistant Vice President, Community Lender, in the Bank's Commercial Lending department.

In his new role, he will focus on serving the needs of businesses in Orange County and southern Dutchess County. "I welcome the opportunity to work alongside local businesses within the community and provide business owners with lending solutions that transform their challenges into growth opportunities. I firmly believe that a strong local business environment helps to build a successful community," Lepkowski said.

"Anthony brings a great understanding of the needs and goals of local businesses

to his new lending role," noted Philip Bronzi, Chief Lending Officer at Rhinebeck Bank. "I'm confident in his ability to quickly become a trusted resource to local business owners."

Lepkowski, a nine-year banking veteran and Rhinebeck Bank employee since 2015, served as Fishkill Branch Manager for the past five years. He is a 2019 graduate of the Leadership Dutchess program and is president of the Fishkill Business Association.

When not working, he enjoys spending time with his wife and children and especially relishes cruises and experiencing new destinations with his loved ones.

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Renegades add a 'sweet' alternate identity for 2023

by Rich Thomaselli

The Hudson Valley Renegades minor league baseball team has been the Hudson Valley Renegades since June of 1994, when the franchise relocated here from Erie, Pa.

And, now armed with a 25-year agreement with Dutchess County and a player development contract with the New York Yankees, they'll continue to be the Renegades for the foreseeable future.

Except for a few occasions, that is.

The High Class A Renegades have announced that they will adopt an alternative identity for four games during the 2023 season and will be known as the Hudson Valley Cider Donuts, complete with new logo and uniforms, for those contests.

The name is a nod to fall in the Hudson Valley, its plethora of apple farms, and the seasonal favorite of cider donuts found almost everywhere.

"It is impossible to think about the fall season in the Hudson Valley without thinking of the smell and taste of warm apple cider donuts," Tyson Jeffers,

General Manager of the Renegades, said in a statement. "The Hudson Valley is Cider Donuts country, and it's time to share this fall delicacy with the world. Let's ride!"

A full line of merchandise is available for sale online at the Renegades Team Store, and the identity will be integrated for all home games at the ballpark. Additionally, a new mascot, Dusty the Donut, has also been introduced to the Renegades family.

Invented in New York in the mid-20th century, apple cider donuts are synonymous with fall in the Hudson Valley, with over 30 apple orchards and two dozen cideries calling the region home. The standard recipe for cider donuts includes adding apple cider and fall spices to a cake donut batter. After cooking, they are finished with a coating of cinnamon sugar to make a perfect sweet fall treat.

The first 500 fans to purchase Cider Donuts gear will receive two (2) free tickets to the first Cider Donuts game on Saturday, June 3 when the Renegades take on the Aberdeen IronBirds. Dates for the remaining Cider Donuts games in



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July, August and September will be announced at a future date.

"We want the Cider Donuts to be a magical experience from the time our fans purchase their gear to our debut on

June 3," said Jeffers. "This brand is an integral part of our continued efforts to enhance the fan experience each and every night at The Dutch."

Enthusiasm grows with 'Village Compost' in Rhinebeck

Local businesses and now a condo development are taking up the call to turn their waste into a renewable resource, in tandem with 100 households in "Village Compost," a municipal pilot started by the Village of Rhinebeck.

The 222 residents of The Woods, a condo development in Rhinebeck Village, have a new way to collectively reduce their waste. Their HOA Board has subscribed to a food scrap diversion service. On October 29, residents came out to the clubhouse to check out the new communal collection bin.

Each resident gets a lidded bucket to store under their kitchen sink or in their garage for all sorts of scraps (fruits and veg, baked goods and grains, egg shells, coffee grounds—even meat, bones, and dairy). They can dump what they gather into the clubhouse bin at their convenience. The collection bin is picked up and swapped out with a fresh one on a

weekly basis by The O Zone, a food scraps hauling service owned by the Red Hook-based eco-entrepreneur Amelia Legare.

Liz Roth, Woods resident, HOA Board member, as well as a member of the Village's Compost Subcommittee, introduced the food scrap pick-up program to the HOA Board. "The board approved the program unanimously with the caveat that we'll start with one bin and pay attention to how many people take advantage of the program. So far, there has been a lot of enthusiasm and we'll scale up as needed."

Village Compost is also seeing more restaurants sign onto the program. Terrapin, Samuel's, Aba's, Bread Alone, and Sunflower Market have been participating since this spring, and now Market St. and All That Java have joined. Upstate Films has jumped aboard in an effort to compost its popcorn dregs. The art house

movie theater is partnering with a neighboring business JSA Sustainable Wealth Management, which offers a drop off bin to its employees as a green office perk.

These efforts dovetail with a separate arm of the program. The Village government is subsidizing a 100-households effort to drop off residential food waste into collection bins behind Village Hall. The Village of Rhinebeck has undertaken this as part of its Climate Smart Communities goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Food waste in landfills generates methane, a potent greenhouse gas, whereas composting sequesters carbon. The O Zone drives a blue, converted school bus filled with rolling 32-gallon lidded totes to Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, where the food waste is composted at their facility.

Vanessa Bertozzi, a Trustee on the Rhinebeck Village Board, said, "We estimate that we are diverting about two tons of food scraps per month and reducing

our CO2e by almost 4 tons per month. That's equivalent to taking 10 cars off the road."

Pilot participants could take finished compost home for their gardens, lawns, and potted plants.

What's next for the program? Bertozzi said she is cheered by the excitement among the current participants.

"I recently applied for two grants, one from the DEC and one from a private foundation. I hope to get good news this winter," she said.

The grant money would fund the construction of a municipal compost facility at the Village's Highway Department, where yard waste is already gathered and ground into mulch, which could in turn be used in the composting process.

"When we have our own facility we will be able to open the program up to so many more participants," said Bertozzi. "Then we'd really be cookin' some compost!"

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Celebrate women's heart health at the CIA Nov. 18

by Kristine Coulter

The Go Red for Women Celebration will take place at the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 18. The event is what organizers call "mask friendly," meaning that masks are not required but attendees can wear one if they want.

Monique Corcoran, Director of Operations for the Heart and Vascular Institute of Nuvance Health, is the chair of the 2022 Hudson Valley Go Red for Women Celebration.

"We're seeing that cardiovascular disease is becoming more and more prevalent, and that COVID really accelerated it. The predictions that tell us how many people will develop cardiovascular disease are staggering. Some people are predisposed to cardiovascular disease, but much of it is preventable. There is a lot that people can do, and the Go Red for Women Celebration will give Hudson Valley women information that they can put into action to prevent cardiovascular diseases in themselves and in the women they love," said Corcoran via email.

The funds raised at the Go Red for Women Celebration will let the American Heart Association continue to invest in research - and expand the research that is done both by women and about women, Corcoran emphasized.

Organizers expect more than 300 attendants at this year's event.

The 2022 celebration will have a different feel to it.

"This year, instead of one survivor speaker, we have a panel of six people who will speak during the program. Three of them are survivors who will share their story," explained Corcoran. "The other three are medical experts, and they will be able to provide information and expertise to help our audience understand more about cardiovascular disease, how they can prevent it, and how they should respond if someone has heart disease or stroke."

Patient advocate Yvonne Valladares

will discuss the rare heart defect she was born with; Danielle Allen, a sudden cardiac survivor and social worker, will speak about her journey; Yoga teacher Allison Graff will speak on being a heart and stroke survivor. Medical experts speaking during the event will be Dr. Aarti Campo who is a cardiologist with Hudson Valley Cardiovascular Practice, P.C & Nuvance Health; Dr. Sandeep Joshi, a cardiologist with The Heart Center; and Tim Mitzel, an emergency service paramedic with Mobile Life Services.

"I am excited about the passion of our leadership teams this year and how they have infiltrated the community to have the biggest impact," said Danielle Schuka, the senior development director for the American Heart Association in the Hudson Valley. "This year's event is going to be more interactive and tug a little harder on the heart strings."

Corcoran said, "We're also excited that we hosted a BetterU program this year. For the past 12 weeks, 11 women have met weekly for informational experiences, and worked out regularly at Gold's Gym. We'll highlight them at the event."

During the event there will be health screenings, health information and the annual silent auction. The silent auction will feature the donated "Purse-Onalities," said Corcoran, which are items from local business leaders and businesses.

"We'll have tasty bites from the CIA for participants to enjoy," she noted.

As for the message Corcoran hopes to impart to attendees, she said, "I hope that every woman leaves this event ready to make her own health her No. 1 priority. Women do so much for everyone else, but it's critical that we invest in our own health first. Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women, and we need to change that."

The CIA is located at 1946 Campus Drive in Hyde Park.

For more information, visit <https://event.gives/goredhv>.

Marist sets Veterans Appreciation Day Nov. 27

Marist College will host its second annual Veterans Appreciation Day on Sunday, Nov. 27, at 2 p.m. at the women's basketball game vs. Lafayette. All veterans will enjoy free admission to the game for themselves and a guest.

At a special halftime ceremony, Marist will unveil and dedicate its new POW/MIA Chair of Honor in McCann Arena, which will serve as a permanent reminder of those Americans who have served as Prisoners of War, and those who have not come home.

All veterans will receive two complimentary tickets to the game upon entry into McCann Arena, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Free campus parking is available for

this event.

Additionally, the first fifty veterans through the gates will receive a free one-month membership to Mike Arteaga's Health and Fitness Centers. This certificate can be redeemed by the veteran or any of their family members.

Army veteran Brian Coons, who is Commander of the Pine Plains VFW, has been chosen as honorary coach for the game.

All veterans are encouraged to attend the game to help unveil the POW/MIA Chair of Honor and show support for our fellow veterans in the Hudson Valley and beyond.

Guitarist David Temple to perform at The Center for Performing Arts

The Center of Performing Arts at Rhinebeck presents classical guitarist David Temple on Sunday, Nov. 27, at 3 p.m. This unique program entitled "A Guitar Celebration" will be presented as part of the special fall lineup at the Center. It will feature music to excite the spirit and the imagination — a musical journey through many places and times. Temple will perform virtuoso works from Spain, Brazil, Argentina, and more, including the most beautiful and dazzling compositions by Tarrega, Barrios, Villa-

Lobos and others.

Tickets are \$20, and are available through the Center's Box Office by calling (845) 876-3080, or online at www.centerforperformingarts.org.

The Center for Performing Arts in Rhinebeck is located at 661 Route 308 in Rhinebeck, approximately three (3) miles east of the Village center. The Center is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing performing arts experiences for people of all ages, with a strong emphasis on arts education for children.

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Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 23rd day of November 2022 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.dutchess-ny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional

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information, call 845-486-3613.

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids will be received by the Town Clerk, Mary Beth Muir, of the Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, New York for Highway Materials and Supplies for the year 2023.
1) Stone, Gravel
2) Sand
3) Latex Bituminous Mix Hot
4) Bituminous Mix Hot
5) Plow Blades
6) Guide Rails
All Bid packets are available at the Town Clerk's office. Bids will be received until Friday, December 9, 2022 by 12 Noon at the Town Clerk's office, 1554 Main Street Pleasant Valley, New York at which time bids will be opened and read

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aloud.
If there are any questions please call the Town Clerk's office at (845) 635-3274 Ext. 201.
The Pleasant Valley Town Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. The Pleasant Valley Town Board will consider bids as soon as possible thereafter.
ALL BIDS MUST INCLUDE A NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATE.
By order of the Pleasant Valley Town Board
Mary Beth Muir
Town Clerk

NOTICE OF 2022 ANNUAL ELECTION OF HILLSIDE FIRE DISTRICT
Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that the 2022 annual election of officers in the Hillside Fire District will be held on the 13th day of December, 2022 to elect one (1) Fire

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Commissioner for a term of 5 years, such term to commence on January 1, 2023 and end December 31, 2027. Candidates must reside in the Hillside Fire District at the time of his/her election and during the time of his/her term in office.
Notice is further given that such election will be held at the Hillside Fire House, 11 Fox Hollow Rd., Rhinebeck, NY on December 13, 2022, from 6:00PM until 9:00PM, prevailing time, during which time the polls will remain open for the receipt of the ballots. All duly registered electors in the Hillside Fire District who have been registered voters prior to November 22, 2022 are qualified to vote at such elections.
Board of Fire Commissioners
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Secretary/Treasurer

LEGAL NOTICE ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE EAST CLINTON FIRE DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Annual Election of the East Clinton Fire District will take place on the 13th day of December 2022 at the **Valley Community Church of the Nazarene, 2260 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners, New York, Dutchess County**, between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing One (1) Fire Commissioner for the term of Five (5) years commencing on January 1, 2023 and ending on December 31, 2027 and One (1) Treasurer for the term of Three (3) years commencing on January 1, 2023 and ending on

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December 31, 2025.
FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a candidate for a Fire District Office must request the Nominating Petition from the East Clinton Fire District Secretary and shall file his/her name and the office for which he/she is a candidate with the Undersigned Secretary of the East Clinton Fire District at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of such elections.
Dated: November 16, 2022
Karen Buechele, Secretary
East Clinton Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners
P.O. Box 181, Clinton Corners, New York 12514
845-392-3581

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess,

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Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-72-22 Underwriting Consultant/Broker for Article 5 Workers' Compensation Plan and Excess Workers' Compensation Policies
Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 7th day of December 2022 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.dutchess-ny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

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Answers to this week's diversions

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Suguru solution

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OBITUARIES

Doris L. Fillhart
DOVER PLAINS - Doris L. Fillhart, 93, a longtime resident of Dover Plains, NY, passed away on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at her home in Dover Plains. Mrs. Fillhart was a therapy aide at the Wassaic Developmental Center retiring in 1994. Born on August 27, 1929 in Worth, NY she was the daughter of the late Albert and Anna (Snyder) Lavere. On November 8, 1953 in Bellville, NY she married Neil B. Fillhart who predeceased her on March 1, 1999. Mrs. Fillhart was a member of the Dover Plains United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women (United Women in Faith). Mrs. Fillhart was also an avid NY Yankees fan. Mrs. Fillhart is survived by three sons, Mark Fillhart of Dover Plains, Ross Fillhart and his wife, Martha, of Dover Plains and John Fillhart and his wife, Suzanne of Easley, SC and a daughter, Vicki McGowan and her husband, Ray of Waterloo, SC. She is also survived by seven grandchildren: Andrew, Christopher, Michael and Brittany Fillhart, Emily, Katy and Raymond McGowan and two great grandchildren, Tristan Fillhart and Ava Marler. In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Fillhart was predeceased by a daughter, Wendy

Spakowski; three sisters, two brothers and a grandson, Benjamin Fillhart. Calling hours were held on Friday, November 11, 2022 at the Hufcut Funeral Home, 3159 Route 22, Dover Plains, NY. Funeral services followed at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Valley View Cemetery in Dover Plains. Memorial contributions may be made to Hudson Valley Hospice, 374 Violet Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. For directions or to send the family a condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.
John P. McKay
RHINEBECK - John P McKay, 84, of Rhinebeck, NY passed away on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at the Baptist Nursing Home in Rhinebeck, NY. Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 from 2-4 pm & 6-8 pm at Burnett & White Funeral Homes in Rhinebeck. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 16th, 2022 at 10 am at Good Shepherd Church, Mulberry St., Rhinebeck. Arrangements are under the direction of Burnett & White Funeral Homes 91 East Market St., Rhinebeck, NY. For directions, or to sign the online guest book, please visit www.Burnett-White.com

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