

Legislature
committee
proposes salary
raises for elected
county officials

Members of the Dutchess County Legislature Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee have offered an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget that would increase salaries for elected officials in County Office.

A public hearing on the proposed County Budget will be held on December 4 at 7 p.m. in the Legislature Chambers on the 6th Floor of the County Office Building. The full County Legislature will vote to approve the County Budget on December 7.

Positions that would be receiving increases include: County Executive, Sheriff, Clerk, Comptroller, Legislator, Chair of the Legislature, Majority and Minority Leaders, and Assistant Majority and Minorities Leaders.

Budget, Finance, and Personnel Committee Chairman Michael Polasek performed extensive research on the topic, comparing the Dutchess County salaries to surrounding counties in the Hudson Valley. He said his findings showed that Dutchess County positions salaries were on-average \$25,000 less than those in other counties in the region.

Polasek said, "I conducted an exhaustive review of salaries for other elected officials in the Hudson Valley region and reviewed County contractual raises over the past twenty years. Further, had legislators' salaries followed Dutchess' largest collective bargaining unit's annual COLA increase (not factoring in merit-based raises) for the past 20 years, a legislator would be compensated roughly \$25,000. Additionally,

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SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Matt's Auto Body – best work
and Salt Point proud!

By Jim Donick

Local businesses are often thought to be the backbone of a community's economy. Aside from providing employment and service, the best integrate themselves into the very fabric of the community. They support their neighbors well beyond the services their business provides.

In Pleasant Valley and Salt Point, Matt's Auto Body provides an example of community involvement that stands out far above the average. Most organizations in those communities benefit from the support of Matt's Auto Body in one way or another.

The business has grown within the community with a history that goes back even further than the current one.

Matt Lawlor and Bob Beckmann grew up together in Salt Point and have been friends since childhood.

Initially, they worked in another shop part time, while in school. They graduated from high school later and Beckmann went on to college and joined IBM in 1979. In the early 1980s, the two of them were working from a home garage. In 1988 they decided to open their shop together.

The historic connection to today's shop is also a family one. Matt's dad had



Bob Beckmann, left, and Matt Lawlor stand by the chassis of a replica Shelby Cobra sports car. The staff at Matt's Auto Body in Salt Point is working on a project with the Industrial Arts class at FDR High School and are providing body, paint, time and materials as a donation while students handle the mechanical work. *Photos by Jim Donick*

a body shop in Salt Point. He was a well respected member of the community and his work was very high quality. He died in the early 1970s. After his death, the business may have gone on for a year or so, but closed soon after.

Bob and Matt knew there were some

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Millbrook Library auction opens
Dec. 1 with Parade of Lights

By Rich Thomaselli

After a four-year hiatus, the Friends of Millbrook Library are bringing back their popular silent auction.

The event originated in 2005. It was interrupted mostly because of the pandemic.

It serves a dual function. Not only are crafts available for the holidays, but it helps to raise money for the library.

This year, in a further effort to draw more of a crowd, the first night of the silent auction will be held on the same

night as the annual village of Millbrook Parade of Lights – Friday, Dec. 1.

The silent auction will run from Dec. 1 to Dec. 16 in the library's upstairs gallery. There will be an opening reception on Dec. 1 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and closing reception on the 16th.. Final bids will be accepted all the way up to Dec. 16 at 4 p.m.

It also serves as a showcase for the library and for other offerings at the facility.

Many local businesses contribute items to the auction. The results of the

Friends' fundraising efforts can be seen in the new chairs that were installed in the library's Flagler room, and the refurbishing of the Franklin Avenue entrance. Funds raised by the Friends have also been used for children's and teen programming, and museum passes that are all free for the community.

These events are free and open to all.

For more information, or to donate an auction item, contact Friends of Millbrook Library at friends@millbrooklibrary.org.

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LaGrange Festival of Lights parade set Saturday, Nov. 25

The Town of LaGrange Festival of Lights parade returns to town center this year and is planned for Saturday, Nov. 25. The parade begins at 6:30 p.m. Line-up takes place at Arlington High School beginning at 5:30 p.m. The parade will exit the high school and travel West on Route 55 to its end at Freedom Road.

The parade is organized by the town's highway and parks departments and has become a highlight event of the year. With businesses, organizations and individuals decorating their vehicles and floats to the max, it is always fun to see the creativity of displays. Law enforcement and local fire departments also participate, with LaGrange Fire Department in the lead.

Before the parade kicks off, you can expect some festive fun along the sidewalks as costumed characters and town staff and friends walk the crowd passing out candy. There will also be "reindeer food" being handed out compliments of LaGrange Sunrise Rotary, while supplies last. After the parade be sure to come by the tent in front of Lexington Plaza and

get your photo taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Santa's mailbox will also be on hand to drop your letters in. Don't forget a return address!

Town Supervisor Alan Bell remarked on this special community celebration.

"Our town departments do a wonderful job putting this event together. We have watched it grow each year," he said. "Thank you to all who participate and help bring holiday spirit to our town. It's fantastic to be a spectator and watch the kids' faces light up with excitement over each and every vehicle that passes by!"

For information on how you can be part of this year's parade, email Recreation@lagrangeny.gov. All participants must register to participate. Registration forms will also be available the night of the parade at line-up.

For detailed information about the parade, including parking and travel information, follow Town of LaGrange Parks and Recreation on Facebook, or visit the town website at www.lagrange.ny.gov/parks-rec.



The Lagrange Festival of Lights parade is organized by the town's highway and parks departments and has become a highlight event of the year. *Courtesy photo*

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Bowling tourney benefits DC Firefighters Museum



The Firefighters Museum held its annual bowling fundraiser tournament at Spins Bowl in Wappingers Falls on Sunday, Nov. 12, with 10 teams participating. The Firefighters Museum of Dutchess County would like to thank Spins Bowl of Wappingers Falls, especially Bob and Breanna. Teams included Dutchess County Volunteer Firefighters Association, Hughsonville FD for two teams, Putnam County Volunteer Firefighters Association, Team Plumer, Team Pantano, and Slater Chemical with four teams. When the day ended, Putnam County Volunteer Firefighters Association was awarded team high score. Selma from Slater Chemical FD won with ladies' high series and Sammy from Slater Chemical FD had men's high series. The event was a great way to support the Firefighters Museum of Dutchess County. *Photo by Vinny Galvin*

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that number is almost identical to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI Inflation rate for that span of time. For those reasons, we believe it was fair and equitable to the hardworking elected officials in their next term and I am pleased it garnered bipartisan support."

Democratic legislators opposed the proposed salary increases. Minority Leader Yvette Valdés Smith said, "I will not vote for these pay raises. I believe in a living wage for all, and I know how much we all give as public servants.

However, this huge increase in salaries cannot be justified."

Legislator Kristofer Munn said, "Last year the Republicans stuffed a \$25M giveaway for luxury stadium improvements into the budget at the last minute with no notice and no transparency - we opposed it. In January, they changed the law to allow them to change salaries after Election Day - we opposed it. And now they have voted for higher salaries - again as an amendment dropped at the last minute."

CCEDC reinforces commitment to community at annual meeting

By Curtis Schmidt

New Executive Director Mary Lou Carolan emphasized the pivotal role that all programs within Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County (CCEDC) play in local communities during her address at the 110th annual meeting of the organization on Thursday, Nov. 16.

“We have a steadfast commitment to meet the needs of Dutchess County,” she said. “And all of our programs are inter-dependent. No program stands alone. We all work together to serve our communities.”

She discussed a variety of creative initiatives, but cited the three key principles of connection, collaboration and community as being the guiding roles for all areas.

“We also want to get to know everyone – and that includes farms, businesses and organizations,” she said.

Inspiring stories of impact by CCEDC

Right: New CCEDC Executive Director Mary Lou Carolan speaks at the 110th annual meeting. Below: The “Honor of the Year” Extension Award was presented to Matthew Shayly of the Community Fresh Produce Project. Presenting the award is Lacie Reilly, CCEDC Board President. Photos by Curtis Schmidt

programs were presented by Tomasine Oliphant, MSW of the SUNY Dutchess Human Services Program and Green Team Program manager Samantha Brittain.

The “Honor of the Year” Extension Award was presented to Matthew Shayly of the Community Fresh Produce Project.

The list of nominees for the Program Advisory Committee include the following: Matthew Shayly – Agriculture, Horticulture, Jeremy Adelman and Ann Schwinger – Family & Consumer Education and Krista Greer, Maish Freedman, Chris Shave and Barbara Sbraccia – 4-H Youth Development.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the following individuals, businesses and organizations: Mark Price -



The above CCEDC team members received a special “thank you” for their assistance in preparing for the annual meeting. From left are Marcy Latella - Senior Administrator Leadership Team, Mary Lou Carolan - Executive Director, Heather Ohlson - Family & Consumer Education and Marketing & Communications and Angela Sullivan - Senior Administrative Assistant Leadership Team. Courtesy photo



Recreation Director or the City of Beacon, Bob Jenks - Dutchess County Long Rifles 4-H Club Leader, Irene Decker - Kids for Kids 4-H Club, Pat Miglio - LaTogge ApliNubiSaan 4-H Club Leader, Sally Graybill - Kids for Kids and Clover Crew 4-H Leader, Michelle Hicks - Here Comes the Beef 4-H Club Leader, Andrea Parent-Tibbetts - Spitters 4-H Club Leader and Flourishing

Farmers host/mentor and former CCEDC Board of Directors President, Stacey Lynch Adnams - Stony Ground 4-H Club Leader, Carmelo Rigaglia - High End Automotive, Kyle Perrucci - Cervone's Auto Sales, Stacy Dedring - Dutchess Outreach and Peter Bianco and Susie Sullivan of the Poughkeepsie City School District.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Thank you to the voters

To the editor:
I would like to take a minute to send out a thank you to the voters in the Red Hook/Tivoli/Rhinebeck area of Legislative District 20 who took the time to do a write-in vote in the November 7 election. I think there is notable activity to show we should bring in a new county legislator and I expect we will see this activity grow. Well done to all who were involved.
Rex S. Bridges
Rhinebeck

We cannot let Ukraine fall victim to Russia

To the editor:
Like most everyone, our dismay and concerns for the immediate future have grown exponentially with the further spiral of disorder and hate launched after Hamas’s horrific 10/7 attacks upon innocent civilians and the resulting open warfare in Gaza with Palestinian civilians trapped in the middle.
Rather than uniting the world against the purveyors of hate – Russia and its Iranian Theocratic allies – on all of the fronts of conflict, these attacks have compartmentalized our attention span and divided our societies. Russia still plans for victory in Ukraine by outlasting the West, and the diversion of U.S. weapons and ammunition and the near complete disappearance

of Ukraine news from many outlets. This has Putin smiling over his 10/7 birthday present, and Iran no longer needs to worry about Saudi Arabia normalizing relations with Israel creating an alternate pro Western trajectory for the region.
While we acknowledge the complexity, some steps forward are more obvious than others. First among these is ensuring Russia’s defeat in Ukraine. The victory of democratic values over barbaric authoritarianism remains in our core national interest, and in this goal, all of us can play a role. The Hudson Valley sent a bi-partisan delegation to Congress. We must urge our Representatives Molinaro, Lawler and Ryan to get U.S. aid for Ukraine funded through the House of Representatives at the level the moment and our future security requires.
Leaders and analysts across the political spectrum have called this defeat of Russia in Ukraine via our weapons and ammunition the best investment in our security we could ever make. Ordinary people from across our region have stepped up in extraordinary ways to support Ukrainians. We cannot let Ukraine fall victim to Russia aided by our indifference or partisan politics. Please call or write to them today as defeat of Russia on this front will deal a blow to violence in all regions being driven by it.
Mark Lagus & Leevi Ernits
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Barrett hosts roundtables on electrifying state’s transportation systems

Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-Dutchess/Columbia), Chair of the Assembly’s Energy Committee, hosted a series of roundtables on Wednesday, Nov. 1, to discuss electrifying New York State’s transportation sector. The event was held at the Legislative Office Building in Albany in collaboration with Assemblymember William Magnarelli, Chair of the Assembly’s Transportation Committee, and it included several other Assembly Committee Chairs and several dozen stakeholders in the public and pri-

vate sectors as relevant to the specific topics.
The roundtable sessions focused on three key issues: school bus electrification; innovation in climate technology and transportation; and the electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Among the many topics discussed were: the need for better communication between government agencies and school boards/leaders to help districts plan and prepare for the electrification of school buses; climate smart innovations that employ underutilized resources across the state, like small dams and regional airports; progress and challenges to achieving the adoption of zero-emission vehicles by 2050; and

balancing the expansion of electric infrastructure with the energy load needed to meet the everyday needs of New Yorkers.
“As we work to reach our Climate Leadership and Community Protect Act (CLCPA) goals, thoughtful and informative discussions like these are critical in helping us support and prepare our constituents, municipalities, and school districts as they make this transition,” said Barrett. “The transportation sector is a key player in both the challenges and in finding solutions to effectively and responsibly meet our goals. I thank my colleagues and all the panelists for participating in this important conversation.”



Assemblymember Didi Barrett (seated, right) hosted a series of roundtables on Nov. 1 to discuss electrifying the state’s transportation sector. Barrett, who represents parts of Dutchess and Columbia counties, chairs the Assembly’s Energy Committee. Courtesy photo

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Rock Steady Farm in Millerton wins \$40K grant

Rock Steady Farm in Millerton has received a \$40,000 grant after being named one of four winners in a nationwide program called the “Co-op Innovation Awards.”

The 12-acre farm describes itself as being rooted in social justice, food access and farmer training. Rock Steady Farm grows high-quality produce and makes it available to historically marginalized communities in the Hudson Valley and New York City.

The funding will help Rock Steady Farm launch a paid apprentice program for new farmers, according to a press release.

This apprenticeship program, called “Pollinate,” is intended to help train queer and trans farmers, and farmers of color, who practice — or are planning to practice — cooperative farming models at a scale that can provide more healthy food for the wider Hudson Valley community.

“This award will help Rock Steady Farm create the conditions for queer, trans, and BIPOC farmers to thrive, despite the structural barriers that exist for queer and trans farmers of color in the food and farm industry,” Rock Steady Farm co-owners D. Rooney, Maggie Cheney, Kyle Ellis, and Rica Bryan said in a written statement.

The Co-op Innovation Awards are issued by Capital Impact Partners and National Cooperative Bank, two mission-driven financial institutions that are seeking to strengthen underserved and disinvested communities nationwide. The

awards aim to increase cooperative development in communities living with low incomes and/or communities of color.

The four winners received a combined \$170,000 in catalytic grant funding. The other cooperatives were a composting organization in Western Massachusetts that provides job and ownership opportunities to formerly incarcerated individuals; a health provider in New Orleans that focuses on services for pregnant women and parents; and an organization in Olympia, Washington, that is working to convert multi-family properties into resident-owned housing cooperatives.

Rock Steady Farm was founded in 2015. According to its website, the farm’s co-owners believe that all people have a right to healthy, delicious produce. Their vegetables feed a 450-member sliding scale Community Support Agriculture, or CSA, which includes no-cost and subsidized shares. Rock Steady also offers its vegetables wholesale to select food pantries and mission-aligned community organizations.

“The recipients of this year’s Co-op Innovation Awards are helping to strengthen the kinds of shared pillars — access to housing, employment, health care, and healthy foods — that help build healthy communities and generational wealth,” Ellis Carr, president and CEO of Capital Impact Partners, said in a written statement.

Since 2015, the Co-op Innovation Awards have issued a total of \$855,000 in grants.



Rock Steady Farm of Millerton has been named one of four winners nationwide in the “Co-op Innovation Awards.” *Courtesy photo*

7th Annual ‘ThinkDIFFERENTLY’ Conference scheduled Nov. 30

Dutchess County’s seventh annual ThinkDIFFERENTLY Conference will be held on Thursday, Nov. 30, at 9 a.m., at The Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home located at 4079 Albany Post Road in Hyde Park.

The free event is open to individuals, families, and providers to discuss this year’s topics of accessibility and accommodations in transportation and public spaces for those with disabilities. Registration is required as lunch is included and can be done at dutchessny.gov/tdconference.

County Executive William F.X. O’Neil said, “The services which our residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities require is one of Dutchess County governments top priorities and this conference is a great way for providers and families to build rapport and have an open dialog, so we can identify and address those needs. This year’s agenda highlights key topics, and we are proud to facilitate connections and support through this conference that will better the lives of our residents of all abilities.”

Throughout the conference, guest speakers, providers and transportation professionals will share insight and discuss resources and services available to residents of all abilities. Both the morning and afternoon session will conclude with a question-and-answer period for attendees, where they will have the opportunity to speak with other parents and providers, ask questions, and gather information.

Following a welcome and opening remarks, the day will include the following topics and schedule:

- Public Transportation 9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.: Services, supports, and routes available to riders of all abilities on local bus and train services.

- Student Transportation 10:45 a.m.-11:15a.m.: Students rights to transportation and how parents can support and advocate for their student’s needs.
- Driving while on the spectrum 11:15am-11:45 a.m.: An autism self-advocate will talk about his perspective of learning to drive with autism.
- General Accommodations for Accessibility 12:30 p.m.- 2:15 p.m.: Understanding accessibility for rights for

people with developmental, intellectual, and physical disabilities in public spaces.

- Question and answer period for afternoon session topics 2:15 p.m.-2:45 p.m.

Dutchess County All-Abilities Director Dana Hopkins said, “Throughout the year my team and I interact with service providers and families and transportation is one of the most asked about topics. This is why we made sure to put heavy emphasis on this topic

at this year’s conference. We are excited to provide up to date information on both transportation and accessibility to ensure the needs and rights of the population are being met.”

The “ThinkDIFFERENTLY” initiative was created in Dutchess County in 2015 as a way of fostering a more welcoming and inclusive community for individuals of all abilities. More information is available at thinkdifferently.net.

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Habitat Dutchess mourns former first lady Rosalynn Carter



Former first lady Rosalynn Carter passed away on Sunday, Nov.19. *Courtesy photo*

It was announced by the Carter Center that Rosalynn Carter, the wife of former President Jimmy Carter, died on November 19. The Carters were married for 77 years.

"We are deeply saddened to learn that Rosalynn Carter has died. She was truly a compassionate and committed advocate for families everywhere. Please join us in celebrating her positive spirit and remembering her fierce determination to improve housing conditions around the

world,” a post on Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County’s Facebook page read.

On the Carter Center website, it was posted: “Widely recognized as a leading advocate for mental health and caregiving, former First Lady Rosalynn Carter was actively devoted to building a more caring society.”

According to Habitat for Humanity, the Carters have donated to the organization for more than three decades.

WEDC celebrates 2023 Lillian Vernon honorees



Lillian Vernon's son David Hochberg was on hand for WEDC's Lillian Vernon Awards and took a moment to celebrate with this year's honorees, Filomena Fanelli of Impact PR & Communications, left, and Amy Hall of Hudson Valley Books for Humanity. *Courtesy photo*

In a nod to the legacy of the late Lillian Vernon, a famed Westchester entrepreneur and trailblazer known for her commitment to community, the Women's Enterprise Development Center (WEDC) has named its 2023 Lillian Vernon Awards winners.

Receiving the honor this year, at a reception in Peekskill, were Filomena Fanelli, CEO and founder of Impact PR & Communications in Poughkeepsie, and Amy Hall, owner of Hudson Valley Books for Humanity in Ossining.

Lillian Vernon's son, David Hochberg, was on hand for the ceremony and to present the awards, alongside WEDC CEO Nikki A. Hahn. As part of the event, attendees were invited to bring entrepreneur- or business-related books to donate to WEDC's Lillian Vernon Business Lending Library, which equips WEDC program participants with valuable resources.

"Each year we recognize women

business owners who, like my mother, know that true success means giving back generously to your community,” said Hochberg. “Filomena and Amy embody that spirit.”

“Both honorees show that it’s possible to innovate as entrepreneurs, while also paying it forward and empowering others,” said Hahn. “WEDC is happy to shine the spotlight on Filomena and Amy and the sizeable impact they’ve had in the Mid-Hudson Valley, Westchester and well beyond.”

The Lillian Vernon Award was named for its first recipient, Lillian Vernon, who began a mail order catalog business in 1951 at her kitchen table in Mount Vernon and grew it into a multimillion-dollar empire and household name. She became equally well-known for her generous donations of funds and merchandise to nonprofits, as well as her keen interest in sharing her business acumen and inspiration with women entrepreneurs.

Dutchess County to participate in STOP-DWI Thanksgiving effort

Impaired driving crackdown runs Nov. 22-26

Law enforcement agencies throughout Dutchess County will participate in a special enforcement effort to crack down on impaired driving to coincide with the national Thanksgiving holiday. The statewide STOP-DWI High Visibility Enforcement Campaign effort starts on Wednesday, Nov. 22 and will end on Sunday, Nov. 26.

Various law enforcement agencies will collaborate across the state and will be out in force in this coordinated effort to reduce the number of alcohol-related injuries and deaths during this period.

The Thanksgiving holiday period is among the most active on U.S. roadways, with the American Automobile Association estimating some 55 million motorists traveled for the holiday in 2019, the vast majority of whom drove to their destination. According to the National Safety Council, 29 percent of

driving fatalities during the 2019 Thanksgiving holiday period involved an alcohol-impaired driver.

The Thanksgiving Engagement Campaign is one of many statewide enforcement initiatives promoted by the New York State STOP-DWI Association with additional funding from the STOP-DWI Foundation with a grant from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. The Statewide STOP-DWI Crackdown Campaign also targets Super Bowl Sunday, Memorial Day weekend, Fourth of July, Labor Day weekend, Halloween and national Holiday Season in December.

While STOP-DWI efforts across New York have led to significant reductions in the numbers of alcohol- and drug-related fatalities, still too many lives are being lost because of crashes caused by drunk or impaired drivers. Highly visible and publicized efforts like the STOP-DWI Crackdown Campaign aim to further reduce the incidence of drunk and impaired driving. Residents can make a difference with a sober plan by downloading the “Have a Plan” mobile app.

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anniversary in 2024.

Bob was working days at IBM during that time, so Matt handled the day work and Bob was working the shop at night.

A little history

They started on Cottage Street in Salt Point in a one-bay garage.

"We had one bay and one tow truck," they recall. Soon the work filled three bays. Now, almost 35 years later, they are in several locations around Salt Point. They have approximately 20 employees, and 10 tow trucks.

In 1993, with IBM's first big employee "buy out," Bob retired and went into the shop full time.

The current primary premise, a large well-equipped shop with a facade that fits perfectly into the country aesthetics of the community, was built in 1997.

"It was an adventure," said Beckmann. "We hired a framing company to put the basic shell together and were using two-tier trusses to give us what needed. Some of the trusses got 'racked' (knocked out of alignment) on the truck during shipment. So these guys were taking nails out and trying to bring the whole thing back into line. I guess they overdid it.

"All of a sudden the whole thing came down like a house of cards. One moment we had this beautiful shell of a building and the next we had an unrecognizable pile of sticks."

Bob and Matt recovered quickly, but the memory is still alive with them and in the community.

Community involvement

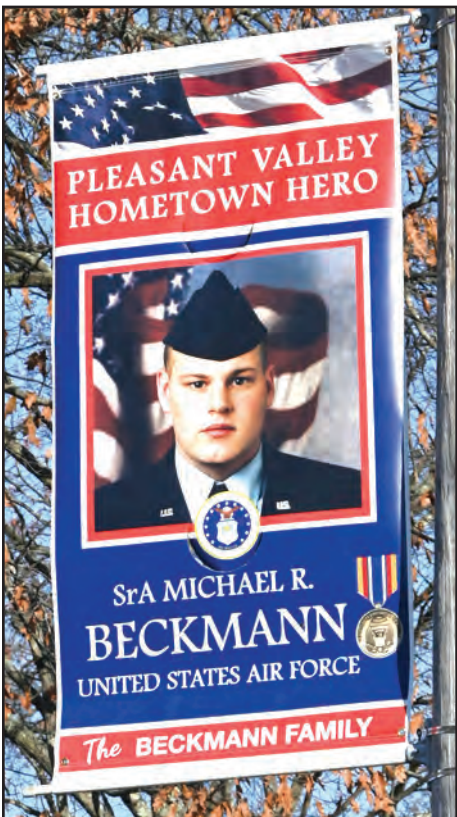
Truly successful small businesses not only provide the services their community requires, but are often integrated personally into their community. Matt's Auto Body and the folks who work there understand this philosophy completely.

"We have lived here in Salt Point all our lives," said Beckmann, "and we love the community." They sponsor and/or have an active presence in practically all events in Pleasant Valley and Salt Point.

They are deeply embedded into the Pleasant Valley Volunteer Fire Department. Matt's wife, Melissa, has served as one of the local fire commissioners. Any time there is a parade in the town, it's a sure bet that several of the groups - Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Church groups - will be riding a float constructed on one of the Matt's Auto Body trucks.

When FDR High School's Crew Team has their rowing shells needing repair, it's done at Matt's free of charge. Beckmann also coaches crew for FDR.

An interesting project in their shop right now is the body of a replica Shelby Cobra sports car. "It's pretty neat," said Matt. It turns out that the Industrial Arts Class at Franklin D. Roosevelt High School took on a year-long project to



"Hometown Heroes" banners in front of Matt's Auto Body in Salt Point honor Mike Beckmann, left, and his grandfather George Beckmann. Photo by Jim Donick and courtesy photo

build a car from the ground up. The students are doing the mechanical work and put together the chassis elements, engine, wiring and suspension.

"It's a great project for the class," said Beckmann, "so we are doing the body and paint for them, providing the time and materials as a donation."

Matt's Auto Body is certified by Subaru, Honda and General Motors. They repair a lot of BMWs and other high end imports, as well.

Doing it all

But there is more to the services Matt's provides than just collision repair.

"You know," notes Beckmann with a smile, "being out here in the boondocks - OK, in a small town - we get to do a lot of weird stuff, too. We do cars, we do big trucks, we do little trucks. We work on horse trailers, campers, and boats. We do mid-size towing. We've also done some very high-end vintage car restorations. If it needs straightening or painting, we can handle whatever the community needs. They count on us to be able to help."

Restoration of antique and vintage vehicles is a different sort of effort than simply doing collision repair. Very few

shops are trusted to tackle it.

"We've got an affinity for neat cars," said Beckmann. "We've been doing restorations and rebuilding cars our whole lives. Rebuilding an important vintage car pulls so many of our team's skills together into those projects."

The business has grown considerably in its now 35 years of incorporation. They keep on being part of the community every day.

Bob's sons, Mike and Phil, are working there also and share the commitment to community. Mike's profile is also on a "Hometown Heroes" veteran's honor banner in front of the shop. It honors his service in the U.S. Air Force. Another "Hometown Heroes" banner in front of the shop honors Mike's grandfather, George Beckmann, a U.S. Navy Veteran.

Along with all the other similar banners throughout Pleasant Valley and Salt Point, it's just another reminder that all the people at Matt's Auto Body are more than just a business.

They are an ongoing part of the community's life and expect to be doing that - for a very long time to come.

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Coming to America

Poughkeepsie has a thriving Oaxacan community.

The rats were real. It was only a movie, but the rats were real. So was the story, of a Guatemalan brother and sister who fled persecution at home and journeyed north with a dream of finding a new home in California. “El Norte” (1983) broke new ground as one of the very first “independent” films, back when the Sundance Film Festival was just a gleam in Robert Redford’s eye. My Dutchess Community College Spanish class got together to watch “El Norte” ten years after its release, and we were all mesmerized at the sight of actress Zaida Silvia Gutierrez crawling through a drainage pipe that connected Tijuana and San Diego, as a swarm of rats bore down on her. Her terror was infectious. A couple of the students at the screening rushed over to a Hispanic student and started hugging him. I had to laugh, because I knew Alfredo was actually born in Pleasant Valley.

Not much has changed in the 40 years since “El Norte” was released. It’s generally accepted that about 10 million undocumented people live in the United States, with more arriving daily.

Poughkeepsie is home to a thriving community originally from Oaxaca (wa-

ha-ka), Mexico, some members documented, some not. They found work in restaurants, motels, on farms, as housekeepers, even working in schools and hospitals. The Poughkeepsie-Oaxaca Friendship Committee (I’m a member) sponsors exchanges between the two cities. Art and cultural events, especially the annual Guelaguetza Festival at Waryas Park, celebrate the success of the community.

I’m reminded of my grandfather’s arrival from Italy 100 years ago, and how hard he worked to make a life for his family.

Not every new arrival in Poughkeepsie hails from Oaxaca. My friend Josefina Lopez Hernandez came from Xalapa, Vera Cruz, Mexico. Sue and I were guests at her wedding last summer. I asked Josefina about her journey to Poughkeepsie.

Josefina was born in Xalapa on March 19, 1970. Although the city is a popular tourist destination, known for its Aztec history and as the birthplace of the jalapeno pepper, poverty is endemic. When her father deserted the family and her mother died, Josefina decided to try

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Mark’s friend Josefina with poinsettias. Photo by Mark Adams

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Be thankful

Let Thanksgiving kick-start a season filled with gratitude and simple kindnesses.

I think it's safe to say that Thanksgiving marks the beginning of the holiday season. From here until the first of January there's likely to be a flurry of activity. We'll be decorating and baking, entertaining, traveling and shopping, celebrating with time-honored family traditions and maybe even starting some new ones.

It's a busy time to be sure, but that doesn't mean it has to be stressful, though no doubt it will have its moments even for the calmest among us. It's hard not to get caught up in the frenzy of it all, but I've found ways over the years to keep the joy this time of year is meant to represent close. And that, my friends, can make all the difference.

This wouldn't be the first time I've written about the importance of being grateful. Certainly, it's been a lifelong theme for me, one that has gotten me through many a trying time. To be aware of the goodness and blessings in our lives is to find moments of deep peace and comfort, often when we need them most. Sometimes, when I find myself feeling the weight of the world, it helps to close my eyes, take a deep breath and remind

myself that I have a lot to thankful for. Something so simple can make a big difference, and not just to you. I think when we admit gratitude it sends that good energy out to the world and as we launch into the hectic holiday season that's bound to be one of the best gifts of all.

It occurs to me that, for this very reason, Thanksgiving is the perfect way to kick off the holiday season. Maybe if we start with a grateful heart, we can keep that spirit going. This seems important because it's probably lacking in the people who will soon be storming the stores to snag those Black Friday deals. Imagine how lovely holiday shopping would be if we were all civilized. No shoving and yelling or grabbing things out of each other's clutches like spoiled children fighting over toys. I know perfectly well that's not everyone's way, but we've all seen it and it's just about the furthest thing from holiday spirit there is.

When did holidays become about things? When did having to go to work on Thanksgiving become more important than spending precious time with family? And how can we make it stop? Gratitude, that's how. And kindness. (And, I sup-

pose, shopping online, but that hardly fits my narrative!)

So here's what I propose. Starting with Thanksgiving, find opportunities for random acts of kindness. They needn't be grand, like volunteering in a soup kitchen, though that would be wonderful. Just little things whenever and wherever you can. Pay someone a compliment, send a hand-written note to someone you haven't talked to in a while or a thank you card just because. Help someone you see struggling with grocery bags or hold the door for a stranger. Talk to someone on the checkout line. Smile! A lot, because it's infectious in the best way. Bake someone's favorite cookie for no reason other than it is their favorite. Spend time with the people you love or with people who need love.

Little things but with big effects. You never know what could brighten someone's day and lighten their heart. I find that, no matter where I go, being open to pleasant conversation is almost always well-received and reciprocated, even contagious. I've had light banter with servers, cashiers and even strangers on the checkout line and watched as it spread

in the form of smiles and shared laughter. That's the kind of thing that people need without knowing they do. The kind of thing that makes a positive difference. For them and for you. You can feel your heart glow.

If we can spread that kind of joy throughout the holidays, the kind that you find when you yourself are grateful, then there would be less stress, more warmth, more compassion. True holiday spirit can be with us all year long. Start with the holiday with thanks in its name and keep it going. You'll be giving the world a gift. Have a grateful heart, send love out into the world, cherish your loved ones, find your peace and have a blessedly Happy Thanksgiving.

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Left to right, Luis, Josefina and new husband Emanuel Villagomez. Courtesy photo

for a better life. Out of nine children in the family, three set off for the north (el norte) – Luis, Guillermo and Josefina. Luis somehow saved enough money to make it to the Untied States. Back then – 1999, \$2,000 would pay for a spot on an airplane to a northern border town and a guided crossing of the Rio Grande.

Luis told me that yes, he did crawl through a drainage pipe, but he didn’t see any rats. He also spent a week wandering around in the Arizona desert after his guide – a “coyote” – deserted the group. When Luis and Guillermo arrived in Poughkeepsie, they started saving up enough money to send for Josefina.

Josefina took off to the north with her two children just a month after the 9-11 terrorist attacks. She says she wasn’t afraid. Her fate was in God’s hands. In Poughkeepsie she started working for cash at a local greenhouse operation (not mine). She still works in agriculture. Her son Leiver tragically died of cancer last year. Her other son Hiram is an auto mechanic.

Undocumented workers work legally

with false social security cards. Their employers are not required to verify the card’s authenticity. The workers pay taxes and social security just like everyone else, except they will never see a penny of Social Security benefits.

As a Farm Bureau member, I’ve advocated for a path to legality for the people who live in fear of the federal immigration patrol. Every policy maker I talk to says their hands are tied because immigration is a “toxic issue.” Once in a while a bill is entered in Congress to provide a pathway to citizenship, or at least to a legal work permit, but it gets nowhere. (Whatever happened to Senator Schumer’s U.S. Citizenship Act?) Right now the issue is on the front burner as we approach the next presidential election.

As a native of Poughkeepsie, I am proud that our community treats all new arrivals with respect and an open heart.

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

A&E Calendar

Nov. 24-25: Live Music at the Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. Nov. 24: Eileen Ivers – Joyful Christmas, Ivers and her band celebrate the glorious story of Christmas, thoughtfully, uniquely, and with pure unbridled joy, 8 p.m. Ivers’ Irish and American roots shine throughout the evening’s beautiful mix of traditional, story-filled, age-old Wren Day songs, poems, and of course, foot stomping and hollerin’ roots music. Tickets \$40 advance / \$45 door. Nov. 25: The Best of the 70’s, a celebration of the timeless songs of Neil Young, The Beatles, Van Morrison, The Rolling Stones, John Denver, The Eagles, CSN, Bob Seger, Billy Joel, Cat Stevens, Willie Nelson, Eric Clapton, Neil Diamond, The Band, Kenny Rogers, Led Zeppelin, Jimmy Buffett, Lynyrd Skynyrd, David Bowie, Pink Floyd, The Grateful Dead and more, 8 p.m. Tickets \$30 advance, \$35 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

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p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free admission; parking available on site. <https://hvartmarket.wixsite.com/hvartmarket>

Nov. 25: Community Open House, Ancram Opera House, 1330 County Rte. 7, Ancram. Ancram Opera House will open its doors for a free community gathering, 2-5 p.m. The family-friendly Open House will feature live music by Jim Wright and Will Lawrence, hors d’oeuvres, wine, cider, and soft drinks. RSVPs are not required but are encouraged and can be made at ancramoperahouse.org/community-open-house. www.ancramoperahouse.org

Nov. 25-26: Dutchess Community College Holiday Craft Fair, Falcon and Drumlins Halls, 53 Pendell Rd., Poughkeepsie. Quail Hollow Events is partnering with the Dutchess Community College Foundation to continue the decades-long tradition of this annual craft fair featuring 100+ artists and craftspeople, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission \$7 adults; \$5 DCC Students, Faculty, Staff, Alumni & Seniors 60+; children under 12 free. <https://www.quailhollow.com/51st-annual-dcc-holiday-craft-fair/>

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Crowns + Branches Workshops
Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2:30-6 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 30, 2:30-6 p.m.
Each year, preparations for Sinterklaas Festival Day begin with fun activities for all. Hundreds of beautiful branches will be laid out alongside lots of beautiful, glittery, and fanciful materials—jewels, ribbons, glitter, lace, streamers—at the end of the day each child has a scepter to carry in the Parades and to take home. Open to the community and free of charge.
Quiet Time: In the spirit of inclusivity, we have a large space (a gym) with areas

that can be dedicated to neuro-divergent children and children with other special needs.

Consider Volunteering?: If you are interested and willing to help run Crowns and Branches please contact Joanna Hess (845-505-6397) or sign up online.

Puppet-making Workshops
Friday, Nov. 24
Saturday, Nov. 25
Sunday, Nov. 26
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ACROSS

1. "If all _____ fails..."
5. End of philosophical system
8. Center of our orbit
11. Indian flatbread
12. Take down, as in a dragon
13. Yemeni neighbor
15. Homer's "Iliad", e.g.
16. *Copper coin with issuer of Thanksgiving Proclamation
17. A sign or symbol, archaic
18. *A certain famous Mayflower rock
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21. Blair or Hayek
22. Spy org.
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26. Tourney grid
30. Beehive State native
31. Casual top
34. Money in Milan
35. Belches
37. Roth _____, acr.
38. Low-ranking workers
39. Old Norse texts
40. Major Black Sea port
42. Dog command
43. Resize
45. *Thanksgiving, a.k.a. _____ Day
47. Baby goat
48. Subway entrance
50. Parting words
52. *Massachusetts' contender for first Thanksgiving celebration
55. Oyster gem
56. One thing on a list
57. Of two minds
59. Sonnets and such
60. Mastercard rival
61. Carve in stone
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DOWN

1. Compass dir.
2. Arctic native
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4. Enclose in a cyst
5. Part of small intestine
6. *Traditional occupant of the last parade float
7. *Pumpkin pie at the first Thanksgiving, e.g.
8. Asian food thickener
9. *Tbs. or tsp., in Thanksgiving recipe
10. Zip
12. Chews out
13. Ostium, pl.
14. *"____ on 34th Street"
19. '90s TV sitcom "Boy ____ World"
22. TV tube in days gone by, acr.
23. *Sweet one or russet one
24. Short musical composition
25. Smart candy?
26. Women's undergarments
27. Newsstand, e.g.
28. "Sesame Street" Muppet
29. *Dinner exclamation?
32. Sweep under the rug
33. Fury
36. *Lions' opponent this year
38. ____ exclusion principle in physics
40. Like something for a wedding day
41. Bad rep
44. Supermarket walkway
46. Let for money
48. Form of civil disobedience
49. Lock of hair
50. Past participle of "be"
51. Knitter's ball
52. Long live, in French
53. Itty-bitty bit
54. Like part of McDonald's logo
55. Rubber substitute, acr.
58. Stanley Cup org.

CROSSWORD

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A promotional graphic for Consumer Cellular. On the left, a large, 3D-style "\$25" is shown, with a small tag above it that says "SWITCH & GET". To the right of the "\$25" is a dark speech bubble containing the text "Off First Month of New Service!" and "USE PROMO CODE: GZ590". Below this is a white speech bubble containing the "Consumer Cellular" logo. At the bottom, a black banner contains the text "CALL CONSUMER CELLULAR 888-804-0913" in white. Below the banner, in small print, is "© 2023 Consumer Cellular Inc. For promo details please call 888-804-0913".

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The solutions to both the Sudoku & Crossword puzzles can be found on page **18**

Theatre on the Road brings ‘A Christmas Carol’ to Hudson Valley venues

Theatre on the Road’s 24th annual dinner theater production of “A Christmas Carol” will be presented at various venues in the area starting Thursday, Nov. 30. Get ready to dive into the holiday spirit with this interactive dinner-theatre performance of Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol.” Theatre on the Road doesn’t just retell the story, they bring it to life in a unique way.

You’ll be transported back in time to Victorian England, where you’ll be greeted by carolers singing merry songs and actors dressed in amazing costumes. Get ready to be fully immersed in the story as you dine with the Cratchit family and beloved Tiny Tim, be in awe of the Ghosts of Christmas, and witness Scrooge’s transformation firsthand. Don’t miss out on this heart-warming and unforgettable experience that’s perfect for the whole family.

The schedule:
November 30: Mahoney’s, Poughkeepsie (benefit for Bannerman Island)
Tickets and information: <https://bannermancastle.org/christmas-carol-benefit/>

December 1: Hudson House Distillery, West Park, NY
Tickets and information:

<https://www.thehudsonhouse.ny.com/event-details/a-christmas-carol>

December 3: Restaurant Six at Curry Estate, Hopewell Junction
Tickets: 845-221-1941 or <https://www.curryestate.com/>

December 6: Beekman Arms, Rhinebeck
Tickets and information: <https://www.beekmandelamaterinn.com/>

December 7: Eldred Preserve, Eldred, NY
Tickets and information via EventBrite

December 10: Beekman Arms, Rhinebeck
Two dinner shows: Noon and 5 p.m.
Tickets and information via EventBrite

December 14: The Venue Uptown at the Best Western, Kingston
Tickets and information via EventBrite

December 15: The Meadowbrook, New Windsor
Tickets and information: 845-562-5918 or 845-475-7972



Theatre on the Road presents its 24th annual dinner-theatre production of “A Christmas Carol” at several venues throughout the holiday season. *Courtesy photo*

EXHIBITIONS

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through Dec. 29:** Three new art exhibitions in their Visual Art Galleries. Featured in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. is painter Arlene Seymour; and at 12 Vassar St. is photographer Lijah Friedman in the Reception Gallery and painter Rachel Williams in the Hancock Gallery. Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access. cunneen-hackett.org

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

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

Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. **Through Nov. 26:** “Sound of Ocean,” paintings by Tatiana Rhinevault. Art purchases and donations for the library are welcome. (845) 876-2903

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through Dec. 17:** Holiday Show, featuring work by gallery members as well as other local artists, featuring smaller, affordable items suitable for gift giving. www.tivoliartistsgallery.com

Answer to this week’s Dot to Dot (puzzle on page 15)

THE GREATEST DOT TO DOT BOOKS

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Connect Numbers:
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Tip: Aim for the middle of each number.

By David Kalvitis

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OBITUARIES

Harriet Ann Anspach

HYDE PARK - Harriet Ann Anspach, 79, of Hyde Park, passed away peacefully at Taconic of Ulster in Highland on November 12th, 2023.

Born in Poughkeepsie, on July 17, 1944, she was the daughter of the late Roy and Anna Barley.

Harriet was predeceased by her sister Dolores Barley and several aunts and uncles.

She is survived by her loving husband John of 47 years, her daughter Valerie Calderon and husband Eric of Hyde Park; son Stephen Anspach and wife Sue of Red Hook.

Harriet was “The Voice” of Dutchess Community College for over 42 and a half years, working as a receptionist and switchboard operator. Harriet was a life member and past president of the Ladies auxiliary of Fairview Fire Company. After retirement Harriet and John got to enjoy their summer at their camp in the Adirondack mountains during the summers. Harriet also joined a quilting group which she was very active with.

In her free time Harriet also enjoyed raising champion Brittany Spaniels with her best friend Joan Coluccio.

In keeping with her wishes cremation has taken place. The family would like to thank the staff of Taconic at Ulster for taking excellent care of Harriet. Memorial calling hours were on Sunday November 19th, 2023, at Sweets Funeral Home, 4365 Albany Post Rd. Hyde Park, NY 12538. A Mass of Christian Burial took place at Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel on Monday November 20th, 185 Hudson View Dr. Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Harriets name may be made to the Fairview Fire company 258 Violet Ave. Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, or Dutchess County ASPCA, 636 Violet Ave. Hyde Park, NY 12538.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet’s Funeral Home.

To send an online condolence, please visit, www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

Susan H. Ellis

RHINEBECK - Susan H. Ellis, 77, a long-time resident of Rhinebeck, passed away on November 12, 2023 at the Baptist Home in Rhinebeck.

Born on November 14, 1945 in Rhinebeck, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Mary (Humphries) Hoffman.

Susan grew up in Red Hook, NY, being raised on the Hoffman’s Family Farm and graduating from Red Hook High School in 1963. From there, she attended Vassar College, receiving her BA in Geology in 1967. She married the love of her life James Ellis in Red Hook in 1967 and they remained local to the Dutchess County area. James passed away in 2008.

Susan’s interest in sciences sparked her career in Conservation. Over the years she worked for several environmental agencies inspecting waterways, trails, and the local wildlife for potential hazards. In later years, she found a passion for antiques and started her own business, Ellis Eclectics, where she set up items from shops in Great Barrington all the way to Hyde Park.

Susan loved animals, often rescuing cats and dogs that needed a little extra care. She once nursed a cat back to health after being shot by an arrow. She also enjoyed going to local music events at cafes like Taste Budds or the Morton Library.

Susan is survived by a daughter, Jennifer (John Scollo) Ellis of WA, her brothers Roger (Pam) Hoffman, Jonathan (Debby) Hoffman, and David (Scottie) Hoffman as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

In addition to her husband James, she was predeceased by a sister Barbara Close.

Services will be held later in the spring.

Memorial Donations in honor of Susan can be made to your local ASPCA.

To send an online condolence, please visit www.dapsonchestney.com.

Lieselotte Hatesaul

RHINEBECK - Lieselotte Hatesaul (Lisa), a long-time resident of Rhinebeck, NY, passed away peacefully at home on the evening of November 10, 2023 with her loving daughters at her side.

She was born in Memsen, Germany on November 21, 1929, the daughter of Fritz and Lina Bitter. In 1954 she emigrated to the United States and the following year married Frederick Hatesaul on June 11, 1955 in Brooklyn, NY. They moved to Rhinebeck in 1962. Fred predeceased her in 2011.

She and her husband Fred were long-time members of the Germania-Poughkeepsie Singing Society and the Kingston Mannerchor and Damenchor Choir.

They were devoted members of the Third Lutheran Church in Rhinebeck.

She, alongside her husband and daughter Anne, were very active members of the Rhinebeck Rheinbach Exchange Program.

Lisa worked in the Rhinebeck Grand Union Deli for many years. She was made manager of the International Cheese Dept., when it was cre-

ated and took great pride in making it a regionally impressive success. Her enthusiasm, product knowledge, and wanting to provide her customers with the best possible service shown through in her customer interactions and her achievements as a manager.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by a son, Frederick in 2013 as well as her siblings, Hilde, Walter, Fritz, Willi, and Horst.

She is survived by her daughters Christina Hatesaul and Anne Lisa Hatesaul (Lawrence); daughter-in-law Donna Craft Hatesaul; grandsons Christopher Lane, Nikolaus Hatesaul, and William Hatesaul as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family in Germany.

A Calling Hour was held at the Third Lutheran Church, 31 Livingston St., Rhinebeck on November 16, 2023. Funeral services were offered. Burial followed at the Rhinebeck Cemetery. Arrangements under the direction of the Dapson-Chestney Funeral Home, Rhinebeck, NY. To send an online condolence, please visit www.dapsonchestney.com.

Dolores Julia Kelly

HYDE PARK - Our Matriarch, Dolores Julia Kelly, passed away peacefully at home on November 13, 2023, surrounded by her loving family. Predeceased by her loving husband, Neil, Dolores, affectionately known as “Dell”, was a remarkable woman who spent 90 wonderful years bringing joy and love to all those around her, but especially to her beloved family that she cherished with all her heart.

Born in Schenectady, New York on August 29, 1933, Dolores was a proud alumna of St. Joseph’s Catholic School and Albany Business College. Her educational journey laid the foundation for a lifetime of hard work and dedication, both professionally and personally. She was employed at GE, where she not only made significant contributions but also met the love of her life, Neil Kelly, or as she called him, “Kell”. Their love story was one for the ages, marrying April 24,1954 and moving around New York and Florida together, eventually planting roots in Hyde Park, New York in 1965 where they’d go on to raise their nine beautiful children.

Dolores found joy in everything she did. She especially loved swimming, walking, baking, and bowling. She was also a past member of the Roosevelt Fire District’s Ladies Auxiliary. But perhaps her most cherished pastime was creating a loving home filled with joy, laughter and plenty of homemade mac and cheese and molasses cookies for her adoring grandkids. To describe Dolores as selfless, generous and loving would be an understatement. She was a woman who lived her life with purpose and passion, always putting others before herself. Her generosity and kindness knew no bounds. She was the heart of her family, the guiding star for her children, and a pillar of strength and support for her husband and grandkids.

She is survived by her loving children Kathy Blackburn (Mike), Bryan Kelly (Becky), Jack Kelly (Sharon), Karen Rae (Bill), Kevin Kelly, Joe Kelly (Jeanne), Jim Kelly, Julie Rotolo (Anthony), and Laurie Tortarella. Dolores also holds a special place in her heart for her former daughter-in-laws Tammy, Laura, Tracey, and Jessica, and son-in-laws George Tortarella and Bob Morris. Her legacy will continue through her beloved grandchildren Craig Morris (Roxy), Eric Morris (Amanda), Jamie Kelly, Justin Kelly, Dana Bayer (Mike), Jacquelyn Rae Notaro (Steven), Sean Rae, Nicole Rae, Samara Kelly, Jenna Kelly, Christopher Kelly, Heather Kelly, Jessica Rotolo Gleasman (Cory), Tyler Rotolo, and Shayla Tortarella (Evan). Her great-grandchildren, Sophia, Scarlet, Ainsley, and Hudson Morris, Mia, and Emma Bayer, will undoubtedly carry her loving spirit forward.

In addition to her husband, Neil, she was also predeceased by her sisters Dorothy Shaw, and Joan Moonan Simonds, her brother John

VonStetina.

A life beautifully lived; a legacy powerfully left. Dolores Julia Kelly will be deeply missed, but her spirit will forever live on in the hearts of those she loved and the lives she touched.

As per her wishes, there weren’t calling hours. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, November 17, 2023 at 10:00 m at Regina Coeli Church, Rte. 9, Hyde Park.

Entombment followed in the Mausoleum at St. Peter’s Cemetery, Poughkeepsie. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in her name to Hudson Valley Hospice at 374 Violet Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, Angels of Light at 28 Front Street, Millbrook, NY 12545 or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital at 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105

Robert R. Rogers

RED HOOK- Robert R. Rogers, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend passed away peacefully in his home on November 9th, 2023, surrounded by loved ones after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 79 years old. Robert was born on March 10, 1944, in Queens, New York to George and Marie Rogers, who predeceased him, along with his brother George. He is survived by his wife Nancy, his children and grandchildren, and sisters Mary Ellen and Kathy.

Robert moved to Red Hook, New York as a young boy and had lived there ever since. He married Nancy Scorza on May 12, 1972 and together they had four children: Sherri, Mark, Christopher, and Matthew. Robert also had three daughter-in-laws, Melanie, Jenny, and Alli, whom he treated as if his own. He was especially proud of his five grandchildren, who brought special meaning to his life: Makayla, Mia, Siena, Adrian, and Julian. To them he was Poppop. Family was his greatest treasure.

Robert worked for Central Hudson Electric Company for thirty seven years after having served in the United States Air Force. He was often seen proudly donning his veteran cap, and was an active member of the local community, lending helping hands wherever he could. Often referred to as Robin, he was involved with the following local organizations; Red Hook Boat Club, Red Hook Car Club, Raiders Sports Club, VFW Auxiliary, Kalicoontic Rod & Gun Club, Mohawk-Hudson Council of Yacht Club, and the Century Museum Village and Collector’s Association. When the town had parades and celebrations, you’d find him volunteering his time and riding along in one of his classic antique cars. Two of his favorite pastimes were visiting Disney World and the Lake George RV Park because they meant family gatherings and celebration. These places generated some of his fondest memories and he cherished the time spent with his family at the “Greatest Place on Earth” each year.

In his final days, Robin was surrounded by the love and support of his family and friends. The family would like to thank the Palliative Care Team of Hudson Valley Hospice, especially Nancy, Cory, Jenn, and Corrine, and all friends and family, who provided companionship and comfort.

Viewing hours will be held on Friday, November 17th, 2023 from 4-7pm at Burnett & White Funeral Home s, Red Hook. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, November 18th, 2023 at St. Christopher’s Church in Red Hook, NY. Burial followed at St. Paul’s Lutheran Cemetery, Red Hook.

Robert will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and the Red Hook community. He was always there for the people that meant the most to him, and he will always be remembered for his big heart and his love of family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to Hudson Valley Hospice, St. Jude’s or the Hudson Valley Animal Rescue & Sanctuary in Robert’s memory.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction

of the Burnett & White Funeral Homes - Red Hook, 7461 South Broadway Red Hook, NY 12571. To sign the online guestbook, please visit www.Burnett-White.com.

Mary Elizabeth Van Wagner

HYDE PARK - It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Mary Elizabeth Van Wagner, 87, on November 9, 2023, in Smithfield, Rhode Island with her family by her side. Mary, also affectionately known as Liz or Lizzie, was born in Elmira, NY on August 30,1936, to Dr. Augustus and Mary Tong Hillman. She attended William Smith College in Geneva, NY, graduating in 1958 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. It was at William Smith that she met the love of her life, Elmer Van Wagner, Jr. They were married in 1959 at the First Presbyterian Church of Elmira by Reverend John Frye Sterns and assisted by the Reverend Gordon R. Kidd of Saint James’ Episcopal Church, Hyde Park. The two began their lives together in Hyde Park after they were married.

Liz received her teachers degree from the State University at New Paltz and before raising a family, was a third grade teacher at William W. Smith School in Poughkeepsie. She was also a former active member of the Junior League of Poughkeepsie. They raised three children, Elmer III, Mary, and Kyle. Liz was a devoted mother and wife. She eventually became a devoted grandmother, spending time with her seven grandchildren, Ashley, Ben, Matt, Kaylen, Kyle Jr, Elmer IV and Calli. She loved attending their various games, celebrations and graduations just as she had done with her own children. She was very proud of her family’s accomplishments. All these memories we will cherish forever.

Sadly, in June of 2013, we lost Elmer Jr., Liz’s best friend and husband of 54 years. It was a great loss for the entire family. Afterwards, Liz went to live with her daughter, Mary, who lovingly cared for her in her final seven years of life. Liz enjoyed her life with all of her family and friends. Many will reflect on the fun times had when in the company of Liz and Elmer. Summers by the pool, visits to Florida, and gatherings at her beloved home. The memories and laughs are countless. For all who knew Liz, this will be the Liz we will all remember so fondly. She was a kind, thoughtful and caring person, who will be greatly missed by all.

Liz is survived by her children, Elmer III and wife, Cathy, of Brighton, Michigan, Mary Kuhar of Smithfield, Rhode Island, and Kyle and wife, Caroline, of Red Hook. Grandchildren include Ashley and Mike Giuliani, Dr. Benjamin and Mackenzie Kuhar, Matt Kuhar (Melody Lovell), Kaylen Van Wagner (Brandon Grace), Kyle Van Wagner Jr, Elmer Van Wagner IV and Calli Van Wagner (Eric Poisson).

She is also survived by her sister, Nancy Hinkley; brother, Harry A. Hillman (Jennifer); as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by her son in law, Dr Mark Kuhar.

Calling hours were held Saturday, November 18th at St James’ Episcopal Church, 4526 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park. Funeral services at the Church were officiated by. Rev. Meredith Kadet Sanderson.

In keeping with Liz’s wishes, cremation and burial of her ashes in the family plot in St. James’ Churchyard will take place at the convenience of the family. Those wishing to make donations in Liz’s memory, may make a gift to Saint James’ Episcopal Church, 4526 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park, NY 12538 (www.stjameshydepark.org), or the Alzheimer’s Association, Hudson Valley Chapter, 2649 South Road, Suite 101, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. (www.alz.org)

Arrangements under the direction of Sweet’s Funeral Home, Inc., Hyde Park. To send an online condolence, please visit Liz’s obituary page at www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

Answers to this week’s diversions

(puzzles on page 16)

Suguru solution

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This week’s answer

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK INDEX NO. 2023-50019 COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS as the place of trial situs of the real property **SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS**

Mortgaged Premises: 6190 ROUTE 9, RHINEBECK, NY 12572
Section: 6169, **Block:** 00, **Lot:** 638775
BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES I TRUST

Plaintiff, vs. DEBORAH BRINK, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF HAROLD H. ELMENDORF; HAROLD ELMENDORF, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF HAROLD H. ELMENDORF; CORINE PRINDLE, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF HAROLD H. ELMENDORF; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF HAROLD H. ELMENDORF, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, "JOHN DOE #1"

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through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint,

Defendants.
To the above named Defendants YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

NOTICE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT
THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$405,000.00 and interest, recorded on May 06, 2008, in Document Number 01 2008 5072, of the Public Records of DUTCHESS County, New York., covering premises known as 6190 ROUTE 9, RHINEBECK, NY 12572.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

DUTCHESS County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

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If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage

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company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.
Dated: October 30, 2023
ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
Matthew Rothstein, Esq.
900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310
Westbury, NY 11590
516-280-7675

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-73-23
Diesel Particulate Filter/Catalyst Cleaning Services
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 12th day of December 2023 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov> v. selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-61-23
Uniforms and Accessories for Jail Personnel
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 7th day of December 2023 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov> v. selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE
Index No. 2023-51168
Date Filed: 11/14/2023
Nationstar Mortgage LLC,
Plaintiff,
-against-
Andrea Gordon, if she be living or if she be dead, her spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff; State of New York, and "JOHN DOE", said name being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, and any parties, corporations or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest or lien upon the mortgaged premises, Defendants.
P R O P E R T Y ADDRESS: 96 Creek Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Maria G. Rosa, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Dutchess County, entered Nov. 6, 2023 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office.
NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT
THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Consolidation and/or Modified Mortgage (hereinafter "the Mortgage") to secure \$186,180.00 and interest, recorded in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office on December 27, 2012, in Document Number 01 2012 14101 covering premises known as 96 Creek Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

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a/k/a Section 6162, Block 02, Lot 718719. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated.
NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME
IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME.
SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY.
SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION.
YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.
Dated: September 7, 2023
Frank M. Cassara, Esq.
Senior Associate Attorney
LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP
Attorneys for Plaintiff
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard
Rochester, New York 14624
Telephone: (585) 247-9000
Fax: (585) 247-7380
Our File No. 22-092035
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EXTENDING LOCAL ORDERS 1, 2 & 3 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 5/2023 EXTENSION TO

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DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDERS DECLARED BY DUTCHESS COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Please take notice that on November 19, 2023 at 12:00am., pursuant to Article 2B of the New York State Executive Law, Article III of the Dutchess County Charter and Administrative Code Section 3.05, Acting Dutchess County Executive William F. X. O'Neil extended Local Emergency Order #1, Local Emergency Order #2, and Local Emergency Order #3 in furtherance of Executive Order No. 5 of 2023, dated May 18, 2023. The text of the declaration of state of emergency and local emergency orders is available at www.dutchessny.gov.

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SPECIFICATIONS FOR BIDDERS

These specifications are to outline the process of **STREET SWEEPING, approximately 60 miles**, in the Town of Pleasant Valley. This includes all Town owned parking lots and the Pleasant Valley and Salt Point firehouses.
1. Vendor must supply at least one (1) street sweeper & operator(s). Should a machine break down and cannot be repaired within two and one-half hours another machine must be supplied.
2. The roads will be swept until **CLEAN (REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF PASSES)**.
3. The work will continue until all roads are completed.
4. Road sweeping will begin in March in the second week; weather pending.
5. The machines will operate from **7:00am-3:30pm, Monday through Friday**. The week following Good Friday when the Highway Department moves to 4-10 hour days the machines will operate from **6:30am - 4:00pm Monday through Thursday**.
6. The Town of Pleasant Valley will supply water and a dump truck with operator(s) during the hours of operation for each sweeper.
7. The machines that are used to sweep the town roads must be of the 4-wheel, 2-gutter broom and one main broom configuration.
8. Vendors must have back-up machines of similar capacities available immediately in case of break-

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downs.
9. All repairs to vendor machines are the responsibility of the vendor.
10. Vendor must supply the Town with a detailed description of all equipment (make, model, year, mileage/hours and availability)
11. Sweeper must be of high dump configuration and must be capable of dumping into a Town P6-wheel dump truck.
12. When winter is mild and sweeping is not required, the Town is not obligated to use the contractor who was awarded the bid.
13. Any vendor that cannot comply with the above specifications and conditions after the award of the bid will forfeit the bid and the bid will be transferred to the next lowest bidder.

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 2024.
1) Stone, Gravel
2) Sand
3) Latex Bituminous Mix Hot
4) Bituminous Mix Hot
5) Plow Blades
6) Guide Rails
7) Street Sweeping
All Bid packets are available at the Town Clerk's office. Bids will be received until Friday, December 15, 2023 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 aloud.
If there are any questions please call the Town Clerk's office at (845) 635-1111 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 AN ANTI-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATE.
By order of the Pleasant Valley Town Board
Mary Beth Muir
Town Clerk



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LEGAL NOTICE
The following entitled bond resolution has been adopted on November 9, 2023, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Dutchess, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.
Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York, November 16, 2023.

Clerk, County Legislature
RESOLUTION NO. 2023185
BOND RESOLUTION DATED NOVEMBER 9, 2023.
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,702,760 SERIAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE PURCHASE OF maintenance EQUIPMENT, FOR SAID COUNTY.
WHEREAS, all conditions precedent to the financing of the capital project hereinafter described, including compliance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, have been performed; and WHEREAS, it is now de-

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sired to authorize the financing of such capital project; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess, New York, as follows:
Section 1. The purchase of maintenance equipment, with alternative fuel modalities where appropriate and available, including incidental equipment and expenses in connection therewith, for said County, is hereby authorized at an aggregate maximum estimated cost of \$2,702,760, allocated as follows:
(a) The purchase of equipment, each item of which costs \$30,000 or over, including incidental equipment and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$2,686,600, being a class of objects or purposes having a period of probable usefulness of 15 years, pursuant to subdivision 28 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law; and
(b) The purchase of mower equipment, which costs over \$15,000 but less than \$30,000, including incidental equipment and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$16,160, being a specific object or purpose having a period of probable usefulness of 10 years, pursuant to subdivision 28 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.
Section 2. It is hereby determined that the plan for the financing of the aforesaid objects or purposes is by the issuance of \$2,702,760 serial bonds of said County hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, allocated as

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described in Section 1 hereof.
Section 3. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Commissioner of Finance, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.
Section 4. The faith and credit of said County of Dutchess, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said County a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.
Section 5. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the County of Dutchess, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the Commissioner of Finance and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted or impressed thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the County Clerk.
Section 6. The powers and

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duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as she shall deem best for the interests of the County; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, she shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the Commissioner of Finance shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.
Section 7. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the County by the facsimile signature of the Commissioner of Finance, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the County), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consoli-

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dation with other issues, shall be determined by the Commissioner of Finance. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the County not to impose and collect from registered owners of such serial bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Commissioner of Finance shall determine.
Section 8. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 - 2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.
Section 9. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:
1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said County is not authorized to expend money, or
2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with,

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and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.
Section 10. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in full in The Poughkeepsie Journal and the Southern Dutchess News, the official newspapers of said County, together with a notice of the Clerk of the County Legislature in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

The following entitled bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on November 9, 2023, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Dutchess, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.
A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is each available for public inspection during

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regular business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.
Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York, November 16, 2023.

Clerk, County Legislature
RESOLUTION NO. 2023207
BOND RESOLUTION DATED NOVEMBER 9, 2023.
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING the purchase and installation of equipment and related technology for the center for mechatronics at the fishkill campus of the dutchess community college, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF dutchess, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$973,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$486,500 BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO PAY a portion of THE COST THEREOF.
Class of objects or purposes: Purchase/installation of equipment/related technology for the Center for Mechatronics at the Fishkill Campus of the DCCC
Period of probable usefulness: 5 years
Maximum estimated cost: \$973,000
Amount of bonds to be issued: \$486,500 bonds
Other monies: \$486,500
State grants-in-aid
SEQRA status: Type II Action

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

HealthAlliance Hospital gains designation as Level III Trauma Center

Residents of Ulster County and its surrounding communities now have access to a new and convenient option for trauma services, one that is expected to lessen patient transfers, expedite care during the crucial early moments after injury, and operate under the auspices of the Hudson Valley region’s premier trauma service network.
The New York State Department of Health’s (NYSDOH) recent designation of HealthAlliance Hospital, a member of the Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHHealth), as a provisional Level III Adult Trauma Center means local residents and visitors can now benefit from a nearby trauma service with direct ties to one of the most comprehensive trauma networks in the New York State.
The trauma service now available at HealthAlliance Hospital is composed of

experienced physicians, nurses and other clinical specialists with trauma expertise who will work, in tandem, with a wide range of trauma service specialists throughout the WMCHHealth Network. Via this designation, HealthAlliance Hospital will be able to fully leverage the academic, clinical, and telehealth capabilities of the Network to provide expert trauma care. Patients will also be able receive comprehensive trauma care at HealthAlliance Hospital, minimizing the need to be transferred to affiliated hospitals within the WMCHHealth Network.
This higher-level trauma service capability in Kingston, N.Y., expands WMCHHealth’s network of trauma centers across the Hudson Valley, which also includes MidHudson Regional Hospital, a Level II trauma center in Poughkeepsie and Good Samaritan Hospital, a Level III Trauma Center in Suffern, N.Y. The care

these trauma centers provide are integrated with the only Level I trauma centers for adults and children in the entire Hudson Valley at WMCHHealth’s Westchester Medical Center and Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital, respectively, in Valhalla.
“HealthAlliance Hospital’s designation as a Level III trauma center creates the only trauma center on the west side of the Hudson River between Albany and Newburgh, and the first New York State-designated trauma center in Ulster County. This means residents of Kingston and the surrounding municipalities now have access to trauma care closer to home,” said Josh Ratner, Chief Executive Officer of Health Alliance of the Hudson Valley and Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer of WMCHHealth. Thank you to NYSDOH for your collaboration in making this designation possible

and to all of the HealthAlliance Hospital and WMCHHealth workforce members who worked tirelessly to make it happen.”
“The earliest moments of care after trauma is referred to in medicine as the “golden hour” as the delivery of the proper care in a timely manner increases the likelihood of a positive outcome for the injured individual,” said Kartik Prabhakaran, MD, Section Chief, Trauma and Acute Care Surgery, Westchester Medical Center. “Expanding trauma services to HealthAlliance Hospital is a huge development for our neighbors as residents of Ulster County, Delaware County, northern Dutchess County, as well as the many visitors to region, will have nearby access to life-changing and lifesaving care.”

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Engineer, Principal, Production Test_TL (EP-OS) in Hopewell Junction, NY to develop, modify & build precision analog platform for insulated-gate bipolar transistor (IGBT) production. Reqs BS+5 yrs prog rtd exp, will accept BS equiv. based on a combo of edu and/or exp. \$121,659 - \$166,150/year. Mail resumes to Semiconductor Components Industries Attn: Ariana Caraffa, NW-2162, 5701 North Pima Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85250. Must ref job title & code: EP-OS.



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- Clean and disinfect restrooms, washes windows, walls, wood-work, white boards and similar building components, furnishings and equipment;
- Set-up and break-down for campus events (inside and outside) including the moving of furniture, required to follow event floor plans, and supporting dining services;
- Required participation in rotational on-call coverage;
- Participates in snow and ice control activities.

Requirements:

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Duties and Responsibilities:

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- Investigates complaints concerning heating and ventilating and resolves them;
- Makes emergency repairs to equipment and takes emergency action in connection with equipment failure to insure reinstatement of serviceability;
- May install and repair electrical systems; • May install and repair plumbing and piping;
- Makes recommendations in the purchase of equipment and supplies;
- May work from building plans, blueprints, diagrams, drawings, and manuals to plan and lay out the placement, type and proper operation of larger commercial and some smaller boilers;
- Participates in snow and ice control activities, which may include working overtime hours, reporting to work early, or reporting to work on scheduled days off, in cold and wet conditions;
- May be required to operate a motor vehicle in connection with assignments.

Requirements:

- Five (5) years of full-time paid work experience which primarily involved the independent performance of skilled installation, repair and maintenance of commercial, industrial or institutional heating, air conditioning and ventilating equipment and related systems.
- Must be able to lift 50 lbs.
- Must possess a valid drivers license

Application Instructions:

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Duties and responsibilities:
• Leads and participates in the performance of appropriate operating, adjustment, repair, maintenance and safety practices and procedures for heating, ventilating, air conditioning and plumbing equipment and systems;
• Plans details of work assignments and projects for a small group;
• Instructs a small group in the installation and repair of equipment;
• Leads and participates in a variety of other building maintenance activities;
• Participates in snow and ice control activities, which may include working overtime hours, reporting to work early, or reporting to work on scheduled days off, in cold and wet conditions;
Requirements:
• Four (4) years of paid work experience involving responsibility for the performance of building maintenance or construction trades, three (3) years of which primarily involved the maintenance and repair of heating and ventilating equipment.
• Must be able to lift 50 lbs.
• Must possess a valid drivers license
Application Instructions:
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TK31043-Crew Cab Chassis, 4WD	NE1-CT/MA/MD/ME/NJ/NY/OR/PA/RI/VT/WA Emissions	ZW9-Delete: Pick-Up Bed
PEG: 1SA-PRO	SFW-Back-Up Alarm Calibration (SEO)	9J4-Bumper: Rear Delete
Primary Color: GAZ-Summit White (or equal)	1SA-PRO	AU3-Power Door Locks
Trim: HOU-3SA/3SB/3VL/1SA--Cloth, Jet Black, Interior Trim (or equal)	PLOW: Front plow, 8.5 feet, stainless steel, v-plow style	BG9-Floor Covering: Rubberized Vinyl, Black
Engine: L8T-Engine: 6.6L, Gasoline V-8, SIDI	SANDER: Sander, poly type, hopper/spreader, 2.5 yard capacity	G80-Auto Locking Differential, Rear
Transmission: MKM-10-Speed Automatic	AKO-Deep Tinted Glass	HOU-3SA/3SB/3VL/1SA- Cloth, Jet Black, Interior Trim
5N5-Rear Camera Kit for ZW9 Bed Delete or Chassis Cab (SEO)	AZ3-Seats: Front 40/20/40 Split-Bench, Full Feature	JL1-Integrated Trailer Brake Controller
9L7-Upfitter / Accessory Electrical Switches	C49-Defogger, Rear Window Electric	K47-Heavy Duty Air Filter
A2X-Power Seat Adjuster (Driver's Side)	GAZ-Summit White	N2N-Fuel Tank, Dual Front and Rear, 63.5 Gallon Total
DWI-Mirrors, O/S: Pwr Fold., Man. Ext., Heat, Turn Indicator	IOR-GMC Infotainment System	NZZ-Skid Plates
K4Z-Battery, Auxiliary, 700 CCA	K34-Cruise Control	PDI-GMC Pro Safety
KI4-120 Volt Electrical Receptacle, In	KHF-Alternator, Dual, 170 Amp & 220 Amp	QZT-Tires: LT235/80 R17 AI Terrain, Blackwall
Cab PCI-Convenience Package	NQF-Transfer Case: w/ Rotary Dial Control, Electronic Shift	U01-Roof Marker Lamps
RFO-CREDIT - NOT EQUIPPED WITH REAR USB PORTS	P03-Painted Wheel Trim Skins, Painted Center Caps	UE1-OnStar Communication System
VYU-Snow Plow Prep/ Camper Package	PYW-Wheels: 17" Steel, Painted--Dual Rear Wheels	UEU-Sensor, Forward Collision Alert
ZZT-Tire, Spare: LT235/80 R17 AI Terrain, Blackwall	TQ5-Headlamps, Intellibeam	V46-Bumper, Front, Chrome
G9Y-GVW Rating 14,000Lbs Dual Rear Wheels		YK6-SEO Processing Option

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Dutchess Tourism celebrates 10th anniversary of Awards of Distinction

Dutchess Tourism Inc. (DTI) announced the recipients of the 2023 Dutchess Tourism Awards of Distinction on Wednesday, Nov. 1, at The Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home in Hyde Park. Twenty-one finalists in each of seven categories and the Mary Kay Vrba Spirit Award were highlighted for demonstrating industry excellence.

In honor of the 10th Anniversary, current and former board chairs Kevin Allan, David Bova, Judy D'Alessandro, Denise VanBuren, Andrea Reynolds, DTI President & CEO Melaine Rottkamp, retired DTI President & CEO Mary Kay Vrba, and Dutchess County Executive Bill O'Neil announced the winners.

WINNERS

The Dutchess County Executive's Award for Overall: Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, Hyde Park
Finalists included: Brinckerhoff Inn, Fishkill and Four Brothers Drive-In, Amenia

Newcomer Award of Distinction: Tenmile Distillery, Wassaic.
Finalists included: Foxtrot Farm & Flowers, Stanfordville and The Reclaimed Motel, Red Hook

Event Award of Distinction: The Bannerman Castle Trust, Inc., Beacon.
Finalists included: Boutique Wines, Spirits and Ciders LLC, Fishkill and Kaatsbaan Cultural Park, Tivoli

Collaboration Award of Distinction: Innisfree Garden, Millbrook.
Finalists included: Denning's Point Distillery, Beacon and King's Court Brewing Company, Poughkeepsie

Storytelling Award of Distinction: The Art Effect at the Trolley Barn Gallery, Poughkeepsie.
Finalists included: Clermont State Historic Site, Tivoli/Germantown and Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome, Red Hook

Accessible Hospitality Award of Distinction: Bardavon 1869 Opera House, Poughkeepsie.
Finalists included: Hudson Valley Renegades @ Heritage Financial Park, Wappingers Falls and Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum, Poughkeepsie

Hospitality Service Award of Distinction: Valerie Barone, Bartender & Social Host, Joseph's Italian Steakhouse, Hyde Park.
Finalists included: Julio Rojas-Sacasa, Reception/Concierge at Troutbeck, Amenia and Sandy Tompkins, Front Desk Agent at Hampton Inn, Fishkill

Mary Kay Vrba Spirit Award Honoree: Judy Hannon, general manager of Revel 32°, Poughkeepsie

Vrba presented the award bearing her name to Hannon for demonstrating selflessness, service, inclusiveness and leadership. Hannon, a veteran in the hospitality

industry, is known for her tremendous work ethic, unwavering dedication, and providing exceptional customer service. Vrba praised her for her commitment to collaboration and relationship building between her partners, colleagues and the community through her work at Revel 32°.

In her remarks, Rottkamp highlighted the growth and success of DTI's role as Dutchess County's designated destination marketing organization (DMO) over the past ten years. Visitor spending increased 46.6% from \$481 million to \$706 million with the average breaking down to \$1.9 million spent by visitors per day on food and beverages, recreation, accommodations, retail and transportation. Occupancy tax collected by the county has more than doubled to \$4.2 million. State and local taxes collected from visitors increased 45% to \$88 million in net new money now coming into our county and state governments. Without that spending by visitors, Dutchess County residents would need to pay almost \$800 more per household in taxes to make up the difference that funds things like improvements to roads and bridges, public safety, parks, youth programing and other services.

"Dutchess County needs to compete with every other destination for its fair share of visitor spending, investment and talent and the excellent work done by our team to leverage the power of destination development and promotion has become

a catalyst for our community's vitality," said Rottkamp. "Investment in Dutchess Tourism by County government and the Dutchess County IDA continues to fuel the work we do and our vision to make Dutchess County the destination of choice for travelers from all over the world. With that investment, we have seen the powerhouse for economic development that tourism has become."

Rottkamp also noted that the collective income of Dutchess employees working in the hospitality and tourism sector has grown 55%. Those wages also contribute to the local economy when those workers spend money on housing, groceries, clothing, transportation and services.

"We have highlighted twenty-one attractions and individuals across eight different categories who all deserve our appreciation for their dedication, spirit and commitment to making Dutchess the world-class destination it has become," said Dutchess County Executive William F.X. O'Neil. "Dutchess County's tourism industry collectively is a community collaboration of more than 1,200 businesses and organizations, and more than 9,000 of our friends and neighbors working in the hospitality field. It's a vital driver of our economy, and the County's investment in Dutchess Tourism is an investment in our community's economic growth and success, ultimately enriching the quality of life for those who call this place home."

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