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SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Farms diversify to survive and thrive

by Curtis Schmidt

The family farm – it's the epitome of a small business enterprise. For those who love what they do, it's an idyllic lifestyle.

You're the boss. You can work as much (or little) as you want, but you still have to make a living – pay the bills, balance costs vs. income, support the family, pay for the kids' education – and the list goes on.

And somewhere in the equation, items like creativity, changing with the times and building relationships all go a long way into developing the successful small farm.

To get a taste of how area farmers are surviving and thriving, we are speaking to a variety of individuals – Uplands Farm in Verbank/Millbrook with dairy cattle; Clover Brooke Farm in Hyde Park with llamas, alpacas, goats and sheep; Hardeman Orchards in Red Hook with apples and peaches; and Hudson Valley Flower Farm in Beekman with a wide variety of cut flowers for gifts and much more.

Surviving and thriving is all about diversification and exploring opportunities to add income in non-traditional ways. Current examples include: weddings and a music venue at Hardeman Orchards; and llama/alpaca hikes, goat and donkey walks, plus soap-making, beer brewing and felting/fiber arts classes at Clover Brooke Farm.

But success also comes from reaching beyond the Hudson Valley and setting yourself apart on the larger stage.

Mark Adams, President Emeritus of the Dutchess/Putnam/Westchester Farm Bureau said, "Local farms compete in a world marketplace. We pay about the same price for fertilizer, supplies, equipment and maybe energy as farms in other states.

"But labor is much more expensive in New York. Local farms have adapted by switching from labor-intensive crops like

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Farmers in Dutchess County are diversifying and setting themselves and operations apart in a variety of ways. Clockwise from top left, the staff at Uplands Dairy Farm in Verbank/Millbrook includes Veronica Howard, Jaime Venega-Santos, owner Stephen Van Tassell and Amanda Lacaillade. The infamous "Biscotti the Kissing Llama" meets his hiking buddy for a Llama/Alpaca Hike at Clover Brooke Farm in Hyde Park. Shelley Wollert is pictured among flowers at Hudson Valley Flower Farm in Beekman and Tim O'Brien and Mike Miz perform in a barn at Hardeman Orchards in Red Hook. *Courtesy photos*

CCEDC provides key resources to help agricultural community

Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County (CCEDC) offers the local agricultural community the resources that are needed in order to survive, which are especially important during tough economic times.

"Much of what we do is through one-on-one conversations as each operation has specific needs and challenges, said Jennifer Fimbel, Dutchess County Agricultural Navigator

She said the hot topics for 2022 were rising fertilizer costs, Highly Pathogenic

Avian Influenza (HPAI), the lack of USDA slaughter facilities and start-up farms.

"I am asked at least twice a week about how a landowner can reduce their taxes through adding a farming venture or from new farmers looking to acquire farmland," she said. "CCEDC is part of the American Farmland Trust NY's Regional Navigator network. Through their website 'Farmland For A New Generation NY,' we are able to provide them with an entire network of farmers looking to

farm. We also offer landowners information on how farm lease works here in the Hudson Valley, ventures that might work best on their soils and should they farm the land themselves or find a farmer to work the land independently."

Fimbel said (HPAI) or bird flu has been, and continues to be an issue in NYS.

"By keeping not only commercial poultry producers informed about preventing HPAI in their flocks, but also

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vegetables, to grain and hay, which are harvested by machine, plus beef cattle.

“We keep farming as long as we can make enough money to have a decent life - a home, food, a car, and maybe go to the movies once in a while.”

World market place? Stephen Van Tassell, owner of Uplands Farm, noted, “We developed a cow family which we were able to market worldwide as a source of top genetics in the Holstein industry. The cow family ranked at the top of the breed for components, such as butterfat and protein, which is still a huge benefit in our current market, giving us a large advantage over the average milk price.”

And now let’s take a look at each farm, focusing on history, costs and income and the lure of farming.

Uplands Farm – Stephen Van Tassell

“Uplands farm was purchased in 1922 by my Great Grandfather, a New York City businessman with no farm knowledge or experience. He brought my adult grandfather here to help. My father Henry was born and farmed lifelong. The early days were a subsistence model that helped the family survive the Great Depression. Over the decades, dairy became the focus as it remains today.

“I was born with a consuming desire to continue the dairy farm. I had the opportunity to breed and manage the herd to my desire. I married Jill and we chose to work solely on the farm with no off-farm jobs or support to raise our family in what I still feel was an idyllic lifestyle.

“The economic conditions during that period changed dramatically, including dismal margins due to low milk price and an increased requirement for cash/income to cover real estate taxes that went from

\$800 annually in the 1970s to near \$30,000 today. We also had a young and extended family to support.

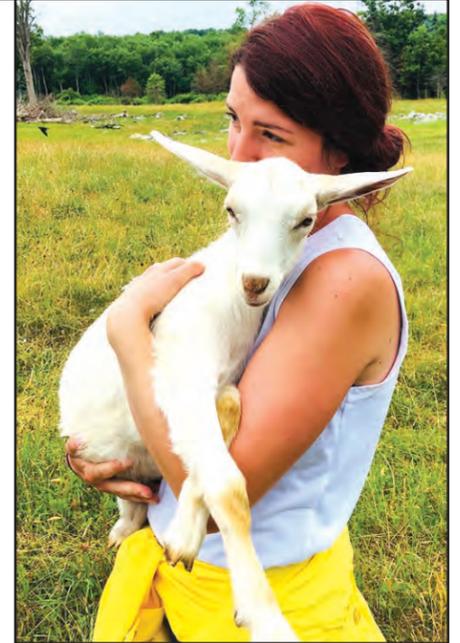
“We have developed business relationships, which continue to help keep us viable. I consider myself one of the most fortunate people in the history of man. I wake every morning looking forward to the day ahead. I have never been hungry and I have been surrounded by some of the finest people around the world through a lifetime in the dairy business. Uplands Farm remains an important core to a diverse group of family and friends and I hope it lasts forever.”

Clover Brooke Farm – Andrea Parent-Tibbetts

“As first-generation farmers, my husband and I started our farming journey in 2016 with much to learn about farming and long-term sustainability as our goal. Our first major project was rebuilding the century-old dairy farm that had not been managed for 30 years, prior to our purchase. Rebuilding infrastructure on the farm, clearing pastures, installing over 5,000 feet of fencing, repairing/rebuilding barns, building animal shelters and improving soil health for long-term grazing/crop production, while tackling most of the projects ourselves to save on outside labor costs, consumed all of our savings.

“We have learned that diversification is paramount to the survival of most businesses and farming is no different. We recognized we had to find ways to recover some of our costs to continue our projects that we had envisioned for the farm. We looked at ways to use the assets we had invested in (beautiful bucolic farm, friendly animals, past careers in

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Clockwise from top left: Llamaste Yoga and Lavender Loofah Classes in collaboration with Wander Women Retreat are just one of the many opportunities for visitors to the Clover Brooke Farm in Hyde Park. A woman holds a baby goat during a farm tour. A visitor holds baby Pygora Goats, part of the Clover Brooke Farm's "Name a Baby Goat" collaboration with a local radio station. Courtesy photos

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education and finance) and decided to open our farm up to visitors.

"We jumped into social media at record speed, establishing our presence on an assortment of online platforms, networked to spread our name, collaborated with like-minded organizations, and developed a 'Virtual Farm Visit Experience' during COVID, which was picked up by national media.

"We raise llamas, alpacas, sheep and goats, producing luxurious yarns and other fiber products for sale. We also offer Llamaste Yoga and Lavender Loofahs and have partnered with Fearless Farmers, Inc. to offer Regenerative Farming classes for summer campers and elementary school groups. We welcome over 4,500 visitors a year to the farm who enjoy our many experiences, becoming an Agri-tourism destination for many looking to vacation in The Hudson Valley.

"Farm on!"

Hardeman Orchards – John Hardeman

"I grew up on the farm I currently operate. My father managed it until he retired and then I managed it until I bought my own orchard. In the late 1990s, with Scenic Hudson's pilot program to purchase development rights to protect farmland, I was able to buy this farm. "I operated both orchards, which were about 100 acres in production, and then sold the remote orchard to reduce the debt load and focus on the home orchards. Over time as the dynamic of the apple industry changed (a slump in apple prices, government regulations, loss of local support businesses) the larger orchards got bigger and smaller ones diversified or closed.

"I scaled back the orchard to retail and pick-your-own and started to make hay, grow some corn and lease out land to a neighbor to grow barley for the local malt/beer companies.

"I have recently started to use one of my barns as a seasonal music venue and for weddings as a way to supplement farm income.

"It has become more difficult to move a large amount of apples by retail. I rarely sell bushels, half bushels or even quarter bushels (the later being about 12 lbs.) of apples as people don't cook and bake as much as they use to and tend to buy a few apples at the supermarket. Also, the fruit choices at big stores has increased (years ago it was apples, citrus and bananas) due to global trade.

"I never started farming to get rich, but more as a lifestyle. I enjoy the seasonal

diversity, working outside, the connection to the environment, planting and nurturing crops to production and supplying food to people."

Hudson Valley Flower Farm – Shelley Wollert

Wollert visited a U-Pick cut flower farm with friends (and sisters) Christina and Clarice Jensen in September of 2021. They were all so moved by the experience, they decided to start their own business as a cut-flower growing collective, farming on their individual properties in Beekman, Beacon and Hillsdale and combining the fruits of their labor.

Wollert left her 10-year career as a technical project manager to spearhead the creation of Hudson Valley Flower Farm. While friends thought it was an unpredictable departure, Wollert's family has roots in farming all the way back to her grandmother in New Zealand, who was a "land girl" during WWII, growing local produce. Wollert also had a career as a children's music artist and actress, and brings her artistic sensibilities to her floral arrangements and handmade gifts.

"It's definitely been a challenge to balance investing in the farm vs. profits, especially since this was our first year and we had a lot of start-up costs. But I am optimistic that we have found an enthusiastic and appreciative market here in the Hudson Valley for local cut flowers that will continue to grow," said Wollert.

"This year was our first season at Hudson Valley Flower Farm, so we are learning a lot about growing in a sustainable way - making sure to nourish the soil and our pollinators to maintain a balanced ecosystem. In planning for next season, we looked at which varieties of flowers did particularly well for us and we are also appealing to buyers. We are focused on growing more of what works in order to make the most of what we can produce on our parcels."

Hudson Valley Flower Farm offers local, sustainable flowers and handmade gifts in custom arrangements for purchase, for special events large and small, and wholesale to premium local shops, florists, and businesses.

"Like so many people," said Wollert, "living through the pandemic has made me rethink just about everything. There was a reshuffling of priorities and a yearning more than ever to make beautiful things that spark human connection and happiness. Hudson Valley Flower Farm is that happy place for me."



Above, a Fox Hunt wreath is just one of the many cut-flower offerings at the Hudson Valley Flower Farm in Beekman. Lower left, Hardeman Orchards in Red Hook grows apples and peaches. They also offer space for weddings and a music venue in one of their barns. Courtesy photos



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County to host 6th Annual 'ThinkDIFFERENTLY' Conference

Dutchess County will host the sixth annual Collaboration of Services and Care Across the Life Span for People of All Abilities ThinkDIFFERENTLY conference on Dec. 2 at 9 a.m. The conference will be held in a hybrid format, both in person at The Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home located at 4079 Albany Post Road in Hyde Park and virtually on Microsoft Teams.

The event is for families and providers to discuss planning care for someone with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Registration is required and can be done at dutchessny.gov/tdconference.

County Executive Marc Molinaro said, "Dutchess County puts emphasis on supporting those of all abilities and our goal is helping families navigate through life and be aware of the many programs and services available to them. Bringing providers and families together is a great way to continue the conversation on best practices and decide where there may be room for improvement. As we launch the development of our All Abilities Action Plan, we are thrilled to host this collaborative event for those with disabilities and service providers."

Dutchess County's Director of Emergency Management Bill Beale will provide the keynote presentation, discussing emergency preparedness with a focus on those with disabilities. He will address families that may include a person with special needs and how they can prepare themselves to assist their loved ones during an emergency.

Throughout the afternoon, guest speakers will share insight and discuss resources and services valuable to residents of all abilities during different periods in their lives.

Presentation topics include:

- Early Intervention (EI) and Preschool: discuss processes and differences in evaluation from EI to Preschool for speech and other services.
- The IEP and 504: how to seamlessly navigate these processes and programs.
- Transition Planning: providing information on the support and services available during transitional periods for those ages 15-21.
- Adult Opportunities: providing opportunities for adults of all abilities such as the ThinkAHEAD college program through Dutchess Community College or employment opportunities in programs such as "Think Jobs."

The afternoon will conclude with an "open discussion" for parents, where they will have the opportunity to speak with other parents, ask questions, and gather information to better serve their family members with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Dutchess County All-Abilities Director Dana Hopkins shared, "The

annual ThinkDIFFERENTLY conference is a day that many in our community look forward to. Attendees can hear from and speak directly to the providers that serve their family members. I truly believe there is such value in that. Each year we have received positive feedback that attendees have left with a wealth of knowledge. On the other side, community providers, benefit from hearing from families and caretakers on current needs as it enables us to best serve our residents of all abilities."

Molinaro created the "ThinkDIFFERENTLY" initiative in 2015 as a way of fostering a more welcoming and inclusive community for individuals of all abilities. Since its inception, more than 100 municipalities throughout New York State and several others across the nation have followed Dutchess County's example and have passed ThinkDIFFERENTLY resolutions, committing to create a more inclusive and supportive environment for individuals of all abilities.

More information about Dutchess County's efforts to ThinkDIFFERENTLY, as well as ways communities can be more supportive of those of every ability, is available at thinkdifferently.net.

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home flocks, we only had one case in Dutchess County," she said. "HPAI is a real threat to those who depend on poultry for eggs, meat and breeding stock. It isn't going away and we partner with our colleagues from around the state and NYS Agriculture and Markets for reporting and preventing HPAI in our domestic flocks."

Fertilizer costs were at an all-time high this past year and farmers were concerned how to best mitigate the risks of producing at higher costs or reducing yields on their products. "We discussed with individual farmers about the spring fertilizer costs, where costs might be cut and the ramifications on yields, giving them the tools they need to make decisions about their crops," said Fimbel.

The lack of local slaughter facilities has been a constant discussion, according to Fimbel. "We encouraged partnerships between farmers to ease travel time and keep the food system moving.

Slaughterhouses are not an easy sell in many parts of the county and finding labor is even more difficult. The pieces aren't all there, but we have been working on it."

She said CCEDC's partnership with Dutchess County for the Ag Navigator program has again offered the "Farming in Dutchess" virtual series. Topics have been of interest to a variety of people, including school districts, municipal officials, farmers and landowners.

"We also work with municipal officials when they have questions about what qualifies as agriculture, building permit fees, zoning and Agriculture Valued Assessment," said Fimbel. "Agriculture is not an easy business and we at CCEDC offer the resources to allow our famers to make the decisions that best suit their operations."

For more information, contact Fimbel at 845-867-3075 or by email at AgNavigator@dutchessny.gov

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County to participate in Thanksgiving STOP-DWI enforcement campaign

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro announced police 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. 23 and will end on Sunday, Nov. 27.

The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, New York State Police and municipal 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, 4th 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, highly 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 at <https://www.stopdwi.org/mobileapp/>.

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Budget Committee of Legislature amends, advances 2023 county budget

The Budget, Finance, and Personnel Committee meeting of the Dutchess County Legislature adopted amendments to the 2023 Executive Budget and approved by a 9-3 vote to advance the budget to the entire Legislature. A Public Hearing on the tentative budget will be held on December 5 at 7 p.m. and a vote of final adoption on December 8 at 7 p.m.

Budget amendments adopted include the following:

- \$500,000 in additional funding for the Municipal Investment Grant program in the Planning & Development Department, for \$1,000,000 total.
- \$200,000 in additional funding for

the Children's Service Cabinet in the DCFS- Youth Admin Department, for \$217,000 total.

- \$150,000 in additional funding for the Office of the Aging's community outreach, for \$246,500 total.

• \$4,000 in additional funding for the Dutchess County Behavioral & Community Health Department's Veterinary Services, for \$22,000 total.

- \$25,000 in additional funding for the Sheriff Department's SPCA program, for \$103,000 total.

• \$50,000 in additional funding for Emergency Response in the professional service program, for \$298,883 total.

Millbrook's Parade of Lights offers a variety of events

The Village of Millbrook's Parade of Lights is back with some exciting new additions on Friday, Dec. 2.

The Angels of Light is hosting a "Meet and Greet" with Mrs. Claus and Santa at their new building at 28 Front Street from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The event will include pictures with M/M Claus, snacks and crafts.

All are then invited to Tribute Garden Christmas tree and join in a holiday sing-along with children from Elm Drive School. There will be activities and music on Franklin Avenue as well.

The Millbrook Fire Company will bring Mrs. Claus and Santa to the Christmas tree just in time to light the tree and start the parade up Franklin Avenue at 6 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to join the

parade. Decorate vehicles or floats with holiday lights and other fun decorations. Line-up starts at 4:30 p.m. next to MOST Physical Therapy.

The floats will proceed in a "first come, first served" order.

Remember: Do not create a float with a political theme or throw candy from your float. There will be lots of candy passed out in various locations. If you would like to donate candy, we would be very appreciative. Please bring it to the Village Hall Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you have questions, please contact Ceil Collopy at (845) 797-2294 or ceciliacollopy@gmail.com. A note or call telling us the name of your float would help us organize our announcements.

Rhinebeck Rotary Club sets Small Business Saturday event

The Rhinebeck Rotary Club is having a Shop 'n Sip Fundraiser to support local community service programs.

With Your donation of \$25, you will receive a complimentary gift bag of sips and savings for local Rhinebeck shops and restaurants on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 26.

Members said they only have 50 available bags available for pre-order on online. An additional 25 will be available on the day of the event at the tent.

Pick up your bag at the Rotary Tent between the Rhinebeck Bank parking lot and the Rhinebeck Liquor store from noon-3 p.m. Enjoy the rest of the day perusing shops and enjoying exclusive discounts and beverages.

The complimentary Shop 'n Sip bag will include a coupon for 20 percent off at each participating business, as well as additional exclusive discounts/promotions, and surprise giveaways.

DC Baseball Hall of Fame inducts Class of 2022



The Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame's Class of 2022. The induction ceremony took place on November 13 in LaGrangeville. *Courtesy photo*

Introducing the Class of 2022 for the Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame

The Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame (1958-2022) enters its 64th year celebrating the game of baseball. The organization honors players, coaches, sponsors, umpires, and others for their contributions to baseball.

Announced to The Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame Class of 2022 are Tim Allen, Steve Kost, Bill Mercurio, Danny Miller, Bill Pauldine, Mick Santivenere, Jake Slate, Harold Tompkins, and Mick Whittemore.

The 2022 Chuck Theiss High School

Players of the Year are Kevin Kirk, Dover High School, and Bobby Lefever, Franklin D. Roosevelt High School. Each player will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

The Induction Ceremony was held on November 13 at the Freedom Plains Presbyterian Church in Lagrangeville.

The membership meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at noon at Madison's Pizza, Pleasant Valley. New members are welcomed to join. If one has any questions or nominations for the Class of 2023, contact Skip Rottkamp at (845) 297-3546, or cyrilrottkamp@gmail.com.

Citizens Preparedness Training coming to Pleasant Valley Nov. 30

The Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response has scheduled its next Citizens Preparedness Training. The free session will be held in partnership with the Town of Pleasant Valley on Wednesday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m., at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall, located at 1554 Main St. in Pleasant Valley. During the training, participants will learn resources and skills necessary to better prepare for any type of disaster.

No registration required; walk-ins are welcome.

Department of Emergency Response Commissioner Dana Smith said, "Emergency situations are inherently stressful, but having a plan and supplies ready can make a lot of difference to you

and your family's response. We encourage everyone to attend one of our free Citizens Preparedness trainings and learn how to keep you and your family safe when an emergency or disaster strikes."

Participants will learn how to respond accordingly in a disaster and recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions. Each family will receive a free Citizens Preparedness Response Starter Kit. Dutchess County's Medical Reserve Corps and the Dutchess County Animal Response Team will be present with more information on how to become involved.

Additional trainings will be scheduled at various locations throughout the county in the coming months. For information, visit www.dutchessny.gov.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Hyde Park leaf drop-off site

The Town of Hyde Park once again has opened its leaf drop-off site for residents, at Athanas Farm, 1487 Route 9G. Drop-offs can be done during the day, Sunday through Saturday. You may bring bags of leaves to dump, but all bags must be taken with you when you leave. No brush is allowed to be dumped.

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

Troop K hosting annual Toys for Tots drive

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

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

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

Grief Support Group

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

Lyll Church in Millbrook offers programs

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

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

Marist sets Veterans Appreciation Day Nov. 27

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

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

All veterans will receive two (2) complimentary tickets to the game upon entry into McCann Arena, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Free campus parking is available for this event. Additionally, the first 50 veterans through the gates will receive a free one-month membership to Mike Arteaga's Health and Fitness Centers.

Marist College is at 3399 North Road (Route 9) in Poughkeepsie.

David Bean to speak in Hyde Park

David Bean will speak on his "Extraordinary, Ordinary Life" since being "Tiger" in the West Side Story Movie. The event is set on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 1 Church Street in Hyde Park. Bean will draw from his richly illustrated book, "When You're a Jet," as

he offers a potpourri of stories about his "extraordinary, ordinary life" - a life that began in California, and brought him to stage and screen in New York, Hollywood and England. He will also conduct a book signing.

Abilities First event set Nov. 29

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

Upcoming Historic Red Hook events

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

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

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

Christmas Sale in Millbrook Dec. 1-3

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

Town of Clinton Tree Lighting set Dec. 2

The Town of Clinton's annual Tree Lighting ceremony will take place on Friday, Dec. 2, at Town Hall, 1215 Centre Road, Rhinebeck. There will be a 4 p.m. gathering and tree lighting at 4:30 p.m. There will be a parade with firetrucks, and Santa will arrive on a firetruck. Email Town Clerk Carol Mackin at townclerk@townofclinton.com for more information.

Poughkeepsie's Holiday Caravan set Dec. 3

The Town of Poughkeepsie will hold its Holiday Caravan on Saturday, Dec. 3. Line up is 4 p.m. at the NYS Dept. of Transportation Building, adjacent to the Town of Poughkeepsie Highway Garage; and the caravan steps off at 5 p.m. Check <https://www.townofpoughkeepsie.com/> for the route. For more information, call the office of Highway Superintendent Mike Simon at (845) 264-0573.

Stanford's Holiday of Lights Dec. 3

On Saturday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m., the Town of Stanford will hold its Holiday of Lights parade and community party. (Rain/snow date: Dec. 4)

Parade lineup will be at the Highway Garage on Creamery Road at 4 p.m. The parade steps off at 6 p.m. and proceeds up Route 82, ending at Duffy Layton Contracting's driveway, 12 Hunns Lake Road. After the parade, come to the Stanford Firehouse for a community party with refreshments, music and gifts for the children.

For more information, call (845) 868-1366, ext. 5 (mornings) or (845) 868-1387 (evenings).

Winter Craft Fair! set Dec. 3 in Poughkeepsie

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

The MJN Convention Center is at 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. Visit MJNCenter.org or call (845) 454-5800 for more information.

Clinton Historical Society sets Holiday Craft Fair

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

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

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

Ulster Savings Holiday event

The community is invited to Ulster Savings Bank's Holiday Celebration and Community Appreciation Day on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Red Hook branch of Ulster Savings Bank at 7296 South Broadway. Santa will be on hand to have your picture taken with him. Free refreshments (while supplies last). Plus, fun games and activities, such as the popular Wheel of Prizes, sugar cookie decorating, and crafts for kids. Local vendors will be joining from the community for your holiday shopping. Please bring a

new ornament to decorate our tree which will be donated to Team Nora.

Vendors needed for HP holiday market

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

Rhinecliff Soup Sale

The Rhinebeck Grange sponsors Rhinecliff's Fall Soup Sales on Thursday, Dec. 15, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Soups are sold by the quart, \$10/quart, take-out only. The Soup Sale is at the Rhinecliff Firehouse, on the corner of Shatzell Avenue and Orchard in Rhinecliff. Pick up at side window on Orchard Street. Email JoBaer2@gmail.com to be emailed the soup choices for each month and pre-order online.

ONGOING

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

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

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Toys for Tots program announces drop-off locations

The United States Marine Corp has begun their 75th year of collecting toys for the national Toys for Tots program. In Dutchess, there will be more than 100 collection boxes spread throughout the county. Between now and Dec. 10, drop off donations of new, unwrapped toys to be donated to children in the county.

A list of locations hosting collection boxes follows.

Anyone in need of toys for the holidays may sign up at ToysForTots.org.

If your location has a box and is not on the list, or if you would like a collection box, send an email to DutchessToysForTots2022@gmail.com.

Amenia: Ritchie's Deli, Amenia Free Library, Great Cape Baking Company

Beacon: Sal's Pizza & Pasta, Howland Public Library, Blend, Beacon Fire Department Station 1, Glazed Over Donuts, Beacon Falls Café

Clinton Corners: Jeanie Bean & Family Delicatessen

Dover: Freshco 22, Dover Plains Library

Fishkill: Dutchess County Pride Center, Town of Fishkill Police Department, I-84 Diner, Schneider's Fishkill Bowl, Tomato Café

Hopewell Junction: Beekman Library, St. Columba Church, Fresh, Fresh Burger, East Fishkill Community Library

Hyde Park: Hyde Park Fire Department, Hyde Park Police Department, Alterniverse, Red Cap Cleaners, TEG, Teixeira's Polaris, Darby O'Gills

LaGrange: LaGrange Fire Department Stations 1 & 2, LaGrange Association Library

Millbrook: Cornell Cooperative Extension, Millbrook Library, Millbrook Deli, Millbrook Pharmacy, Merritt Bookstore, Marona's Market

Millerton: American Legion Post 178, NorthEast-Millerton Library, Talk of the Towne Deli, Irving Farm Coffee

Pawling: Sunflour Baking Company, Imperial Castle Toy Shop, Tony's Deli, Pawling Free Library

Pine Plains: VFW/American Legion, Moose on the Loose, Pine Plains Free Library, Spud Shack, Pine Plains Parade of Lights Nov. 26 (rain date Nov. 27)

Pleasant Valley: Pleasant Valley Fire Department Stations 1 & 2, Madison's Pizza, Pleasant Valley Library, Publick House, Edward Jones, Ala Tompkins Trading Card Games

Poughkeepsie: Fairview Fire Department, Adriance Memorial Library, Boardman Road Library, Scott Marxer - State Farm Insurance, Gravity Vault, Mahoney's Irish Pub & Steakhouse, Shelly's Deli, Jason Patrick's on 44, Red Cap Cleaners (Main St.), Spins Bowl, TEG (all locations), The Crafted Kup (all locations), NorthStar Sports, Zeus Brewing Company, Arlington Fire District Headquarters

Poughquag: TEG, Pleasant Ridge Pizzeria, Beekman Square Diner

Red Hook: Annabelle's Village Bake Shop, Cornucopia Deli, Holy Cow Ice Cream, Little Pickles, Red Hook Community Center

Rhinebeck: Bread Alone Bakery, Town of Clinton Village Hall, Rhinebeck Bagels & Cafe, Starr Library, Ruge's Dodge, Ruge's Subaru, IXL Health & Fitness Club

Salt Point: NYS Police Troop K (all locations), Salt Point Fire Department

Staatsburg: Staatsburg Library, Black Snake Brewing Company, Milea Estate Vineyard

Stanfordville: Big Rock Market, Roosters Route 82 Home and Hardware Center, McCarthy's Pharmacy

Tivoli: Tivoli Fire Department, Tivoli Free Library

Wappingers: Spins Bowl, TEG (all locations), AJ's Café, Grinnell Library, Portofino Pizza & Pasta

Wingdale: Ben's Deli

Free tax prep volunteers needed

In a renewal of its annual program, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is working with the Hudson Valley CASH Coalition to provide free-of-charge tax preparation services for residents of Dutchess, Orange, and Putnam counties who qualify. The program targets seniors and low-to-moderate income households, offering a seamless and free tax filing opportunity.

For the upcoming 2023 tax season, the Hudson Valley CASH Coalition and AARP Foundation are seeking volunteers. Training will be held for new volunteers in the Fall for Dutchess and Putnam residents and in January for those in Orange County. If you are interested in additional information or participating, please contact Linda Eddy at leddy@dutchesscap.org or call 845-475-7500.

The Hudson Valley CASH Coalition – a union of AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County, and United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region as well as an additional 13 other community partners – works to provide much-needed services to thousands of residents in the Mid-Hudson region. Last year, 4,218 residents

were assisted through the program, with \$4.2 million in tax refunds and credits going back to families and individuals throughout the community.

There are many volunteer opportunities available for a broad range of skills and interests. An extensive accounting or finance background - or even an interest in numbers - is not necessary to volunteer. Consider joining the team in administrative and support roles such as tax site greeters, program marketing, or appointment support, should you prefer a non-mathematical assignment.

All with computer knowledge and the genuine desire to help others are encouraged to sign up! Experience with filing your own taxes will be helpful. Tax volunteer classes will offer in-depth training and conclude with IRS certification after successful completion. Note: the Hudson Valley CASH Coalition is in need of bilingual volunteers to better assist Spanish-speaking clientele.

For more information on becoming a volunteer, contact Linda Eddy (845-475-7500 or leddy@dutchesscap.org) for more information or go to www.hv-cash.org.

Astor Services seeks donations for 'Adopt-A-Family' program

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

For more than 25 years, the Adopt-A-Family program has paired children enrolled in Astor programs and their families (18 and under) with donors who purchase gifts for them during the holidays.

During the pandemic, safety procedures and modifications were made to the program and the Adopt-A-Family program sought monetary donations to purchase gift cards. Cancelling this program was never an option, especially while families were struggling due to the pandemic. This year, like the last two years, instead of wrapped gifts, gift cards will be sent directly to the families of the children registered.

"A gift card is more than just a gift; it empowers families to choose what is right for them and their children," said Trish Luchnick, Director of Family Driven Care at Astor Services. "It strengthens a family's bond and offers hope during the holidays and beyond. Last year, through the generous donations received from individuals, local businesses, and foundations, Astor's Adopt-A-Family program provided gift cards to more than 1,900 children in the Hudson Valley and the Bronx. Gift cards enable families to experience joy as their children open a gift chosen personally for them."

Astor hopes that with the community's generosity, it will be able to provide some holiday joy to families in need. For more information about the program, or to sign up to donate, visit www.astor-services.org/adopt-a-family or contact Dana Valdez at dvaldez@astor-services.org.

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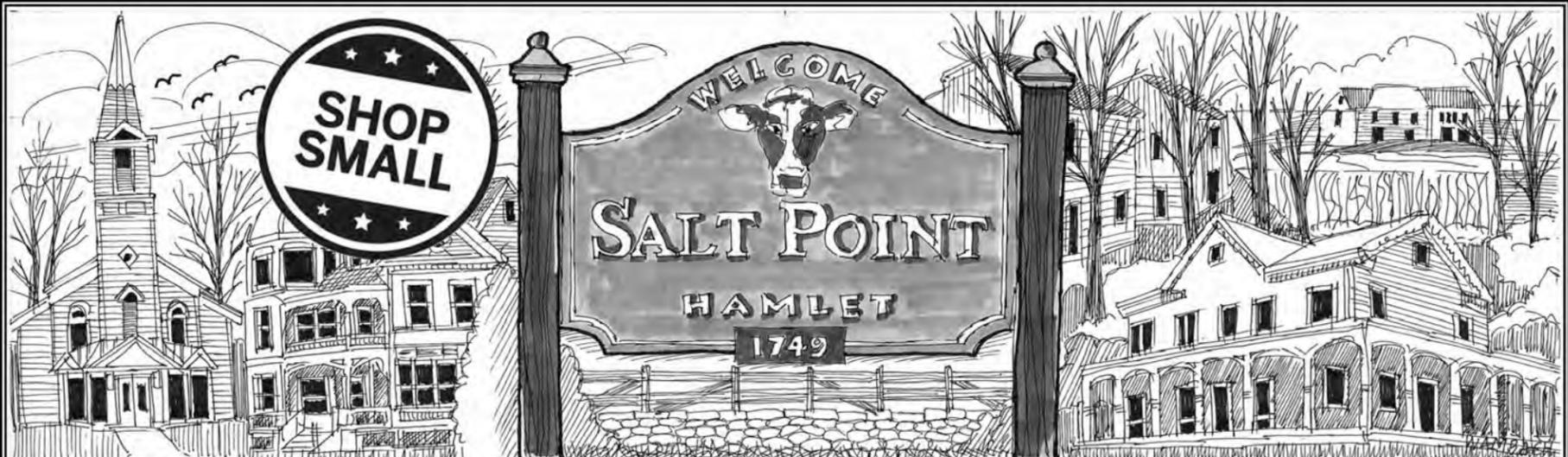
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DCHS exhibit of Caroline Clowes' animal paintings on display at Locust Grove

The Dutchess County Historical Society's (DCHS) latest flagship exhibit, "Fertile Ground: The Hudson Valley Animal Paintings of Caroline Clowes," is on display at the Locust Grove Estate in Poughkeepsie through the end of December.

Potentially one of the foremost female artists of her day, Caroline Clowes was lost to history until a chance re-discovery several years ago.

"This is a truly historic exhibition. It is the first such assembly of the paintings of Caroline Clowes, the nationally acclaimed 19th century LaGrange artist whose reputation had been allowed to fade. Visitors will not only enjoy her paintings, but learn about the story of a woman of talent and persistence who succeeded in a male-dominated field," said Bill Jeffway, DCHS executive director.



Dutchess County Historical Society Executive Director Bill Jeffway, left, and Board of Directors President Rob Doyle speak at the opening of the Caroline Clowes exhibit. Below, left, is part of the exhibit. Photos by Curtis Schmidt



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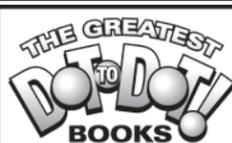
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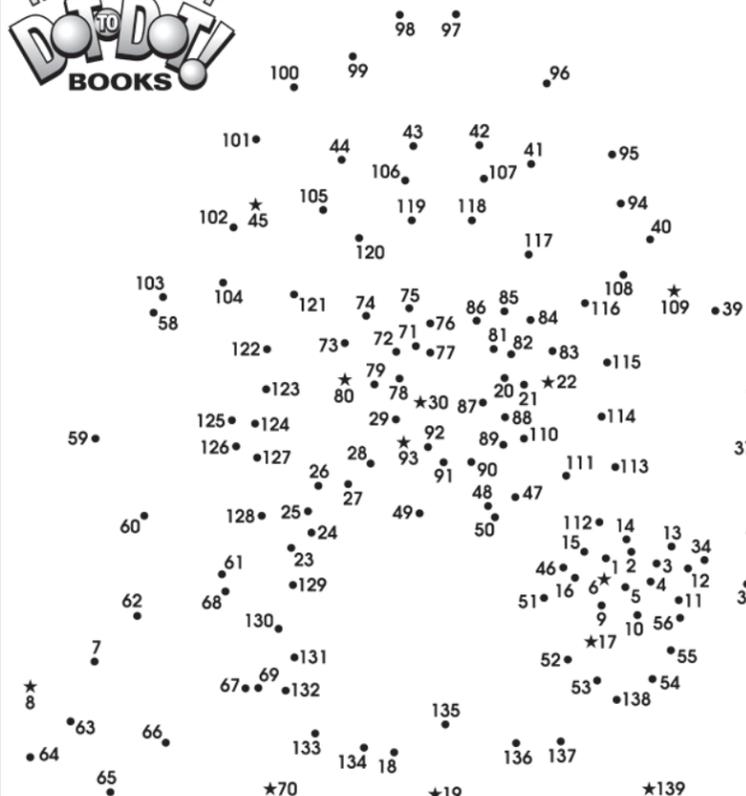
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Mount Gulian to offer festive holiday tours

Mount Gulian Historic Site, the Dutch Colonial home of the Verplanck family, invites the public to come enjoy a close-to-home, relaxing time of good cheer and good company this holiday season.

The site's historic rooms will be beautifully decorated in different styles: opulent Victorian style décor adorning the dining room; charming, rustic decor in the study; contemporary holiday displays embellishing the home's main room. Adding to the twinkle of holiday decorations, the museum's collection of fine decorative pieces will contribute to the home's comfort and cheer.

Mount Gulian, located at 145 Sterling St. in Beacon, will be open for Holiday Tours on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 10 and 11; on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 14, 15, 16; and on Sunday, Dec. 18. Tours on all days will be offered at noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Admission is \$12 adult; \$10 senior; \$6 children 6-18. Children under 6 and Mount Gulian members are free.

Reservations are required and may be made by calling Mount Gulian at (845) 831-8172 or email at info@mountgulian.org.



Mount Gulian Historic Site in Beacon will offer holiday tours in December. *Courtesy photo*



'Tis the season...

CHECK OUT OUR HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS SECTION STARTING NOV. 30

The Hudson Valley doesn't shut down when the temperatures drop ... and we've got the events to prove it! Our Holiday Happenings section will help you plan fun and festive outings throughout the season. If an event has a holiday theme, you'll find it in this section, including historic site tours,

performing arts programs, special religious services, auctions and more.

Attention organizations: Are you planning a holiday-themed event that's open to the public between Dec. 1 and New Year's Day? Let us know! Include the "what, where, when" and a brief description of the event, ticket price if applicable and a public contact for more information. Deadlines are Thursdays at 2 p.m. for the following week's issue. E-mail event to creativeliving@sdutchessnews.com and indicate HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS in the subject line.





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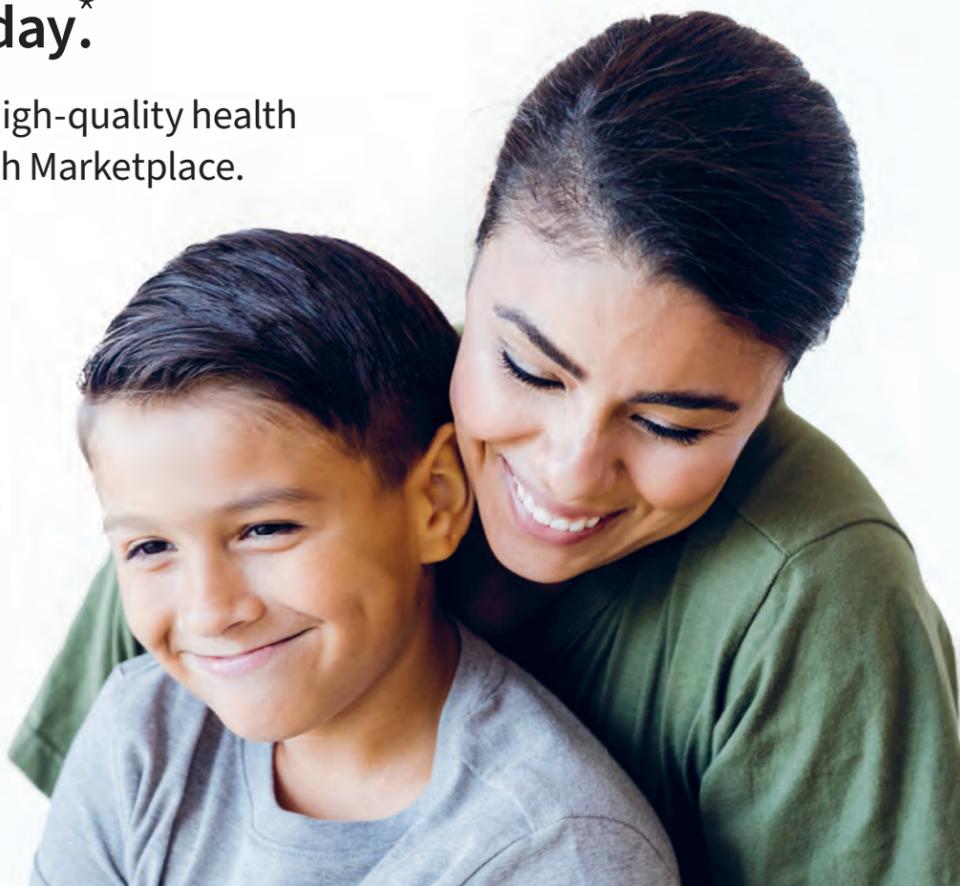
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Center of attention

Let creativity be your guide when setting a festive holiday table.

Many of us are getting ready for the holidays and, for some, that means setting a festive table to welcome guests. Whether you plan to entertain with parties throughout the season or have family over for a traditional celebratory meal, your table is a great place to incorporate a feeling of welcome.

A common way to add a festive touch to your holiday table is with a centerpiece and candles, and flower arrangements are the perhaps the most common. And, while there's not a thing wrong with that, you may decide you want to try something different. Of course, the real star of the show should be the food you serve, which can be presented in ways to make it a centerpiece in its own right, but if you're looking for a little more, I've got some ideas.

Formal flower arrangements are lovely but can also be pricey and, at a time when our budgets might be limited, we might rather spend on the food and not flowers that won't last. You can still give your local florist business without breaking the bank and the result will be something of your own design that

reflects your personality. Buy a few stems of cut flowers and greens, then add your own touches, which could be anything from fresh fruit and foraged greens to treasured trinkets you have around the house.

There's really no hard and fast rule here but there are a few things to keep in mind. Any arrangement in the center of the table should be low enough that people seated around it have an unobstructed view of everyone. Unlike the Vanderbilts and Astors, who were known to entertain with lavish and lofty arrangements, arbors and even vine-bedecked bird cages on their tables, we're trying to keep things more reasonable and practical. And, let's face it, as impressive as towering candelabra with rose garlands or a fully decorated Christmas tree as centerpieces would be, we might actually want to see and talk to those around us.

Also, if using candles, be mindful of their placement, especially if you're using candles you'll actually light. (Flameless, battery operated types don't pose as imminent a threat). Keep flames

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Ideas for holiday centerpieces, this page: Foraged Greens. Facing page, from top: Bountiful, Simple Sage & Orange. Photos by Vicki Frank Day



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away from any dried flowers or anything that can get hot to the touch. You also want to be sure they're placed so no one has to reach over them for obvious reasons (yes, I've done it and singed myself passing the gravy!).

Another thing to consider when arranging – and this may seem obvious but in the throes of creativity it's easy to forget – is that food will actually need a place on the table, too. Be sure to leave comfortable space for serving dishes, plates and glasses. I say 'comfortable' because you'll want to be sure no one will feel crowded by your design or run the risk of knocking something over if they move or go to replace a serving dish.

I recently designed three centerpiece arrangements for Thanksgiving, with one easily adaptable for winter holidays, to illustrate how to put something together in very little time with little cost and still create warmth and welcome. I used a few purchased flowers and plants, but mostly used props I already had and went outside to forage in my yard and garden. You'd be surprised what you can find out there to use!

BOUNTIFUL

An arrangement in rich, fall colors that conveys the bountiful harvest we're all grateful for.

FROM THE STORE: apples, pears (golden Bosc and petite Seckel), grapes, mixed nuts, cranberries, acorn squash and persimmon

FROM YARD AND GARDEN: rhododendron leaves, dried hydrangeas, Japanese red maple leaves, azalea twigs (a delightful discovery with its tiny leaves in green and tinged red)

I displayed them in mismatched tarnished silver pieces of varying heights, presenting all those gorgeous fall colors in a rustically elegant way that shows them off as the jewels they are.

SIMPLE SAGE AND ORANGE

Sometimes I like to limit the color palette. One of my favorites is the combination of terra cotta orange, sage green and ivory.

FROM THE STORE: small lavender tree, eucalyptus branches, sugar (pie) pumpkins, gourds

FROM YARD AND GARDEN: rosemary sprigs, sage sprigs

For this simple study of natural textures and colors that complement I placed the lavender plant in a wooden berry basket and tucked brown paper excelsior in around the dirt and to hide the pot. Everything is set directly on the

table, arranged to maximize their different colors, heights and textures.

FORAGED GREENS

I like the formal simplicity of this one, which I think is at once classic and inviting. Although technically a Thanksgiving centerpiece, it can easily transition to the winter holidays with a quick swap of the amber votives for red, a more Christmasy linen tucked around the ferns and the addition of pine cones or holly.

FROM THE STORE: 2 potted Frosty Ferns (they look more like silvery-tipped tiny evergreens than ferns), eucalyptus branches

FROM YARD AND GARDEN: white pine, rosemary sprigs, rose hips

Clean and classic. The focal point is a small wooden box with two fern plants nestled inside, a fall plaid linen napkin tucking them in. I placed vintage saucers to either side, a pillar candle centered on each, laid a "wreath" of fresh rosemary around the pillars and encircled each saucer with sprigs of fresh evergreen, eucalyptus with its sage green "berries" and red rose hips. For a warm glow, votives with tea lights did the trick.

Of course, if your table size is limited or if you just want to forego a non-edible centerpiece, you can always dress up that turkey platter and call it a delicious day! Some fruit and fresh herbs placed around that grand bird makes it shine before your guests even taste it – it won't take much to make it even more impressive than it already is!

One last thing I forgot to mention: please don't think you have to entertain to decorate your table! Do it for yourself! It's a time to celebrate the season and when we create a festive atmosphere inside our homes it can make the holidays that much more heartfelt and special. When we surround ourselves with beauty, bounty and love, well, that's no small thing. It's worth celebrating and cause to be thankful indeed. Happy Thanksgiving!

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The turnkey itself can be a centerpiece. Photo by Vicki Frank Day

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Nov. 25

Eileen Ivers – Joyful Christmas, Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. Ivers and her band celebrate the glorious story of Christmas, thoughtfully, uniquely, and with pure unbridled joy, 8 p.m. Ivers's 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. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

Nov. 25-27

Sinterklaas Crowns & Branches Workshops, "Celebration Space," Gym at the former Bulkeley Middle School, 6 Mulberry St., Rhinebeck. Children create their Crowns & Branches for the Starlight Parade (set Dec. 3), 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Quiet Time: For neurodivergent children

and children with other special needs, the environment will offer reduced sensory input (fewer participants to keep noise volume reduced and lower volume music) and helpful supports toward the completion of the creative project. Sat., Nov. 26, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Check <https://sinterklaashudsonvalley.com/crowns-branches-plus-puppet-workshops/> to confirm that the workshop is taking place. Children must be accompanied by an adult. All individuals must wear a mask while attending the workshops. sinterklaashudsonvalley.com

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Nov. 26

Start Making Sense: Talking Heads Tribute, Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. If David Byrne is one of the geniuses of modern times, then Start Making Sense is a tribute to genius. The musicians in this 7-10 piece Talking Heads Tribute take pride in faithfully re-creating the music of Talking Heads' entire career, giving you a "once in a lifetime" experience, 8 p.m. Tickets \$30 advance, \$35 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

Nov. 27

Classical Guitarist David Temple, The Center of Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. Temple presents "A Guitar Celebration," featuring music to excite the spirit and the imagination; a musical journey through many places and times, 3 p.m. Includes virtuoso works from Spain, Brazil, Argentina, and more, including compositions by Tarrega, Barrios, Villa-Lobos and others. Tickets \$20. (845) 876-3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

Nov. 29

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

Nov. 30

Author Event: "Our Man in Tokyo," Henry A. Wallace Center, FDR Presidential Home & Library, 4079 Albany Post Rd. (Rte. 9), Hyde Park. Journalist and author Steve Kemper gives a behind-the-scenes account of the personalities and contending forces in Tokyo during the volatile decade that led to World War II, as seen through the eyes of Joseph C. Grew, the American ambassador who attempted to stop the slide to war, 6 p.m. You must register to attend in person: fdrlibrary.eneews@nara.gov

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County Players to present Readers Theatre Dec. 2-4

County Players, one of the longest running community theatre companies in the area will present the Mini-Festival #2 in the CP2 Series Readers Theatre on December 2 and December 3 at County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 West Main, St. Wappingers Falls.

Reading #1- "George Washington's Teeth," by Mark St.Germain, directed by Michael J. Frohnoefer

The women of the beleaguered New Bunion Historical Society must find creative ways to lure visitors to their sleepy New England town. When a set of George Washington's dentures turns up in the hands of an unexpected rival, they brace themselves for all-out war.

This reading features local talent of Kaela Altman, Kim Barnett, Donna Conway, Chantez Engeleit, Steavie Hergenrader Reed, and Kevin McCarthy Sr. George Washington's Teeth is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc.

Friday, Dec. 2 at 8 p.m., Saturday Dec. 3, at 2 p.m.

Reading #2- "Gently Down the Stream," by Martin Sherman, directed by Andrew Karl

Beau has spent his life trying to blend into a world that told him to be invisible. Rufus lives his life openly and becomes fascinated with the much older Beau. Falling into a whirlwind relationship, over a decade, they navigate a relationship neither expect, but on which both depend. This is a bittersweet, funny

romance about being a gay man in the 21st century and finding love along the way. Includes local actors, Kory Geller, Joseph Jervais, Dylan Parkin, and Blake Pfeil. Gently Down The Stream is presented by arrangement Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

Saturday, Dec 3 at 8 p.m., Sunday Dec 4 at 2 p.m.

CP2 Readers Theatre is a series at County Players which offers an opportunity for actors, directors, and audience members to experience theater in a fresh way: selected plays with full dramatic readings, no costumes, no sets, no props, and the actors perform with scripts in hand. These shows are an incredible opportunity to experience great theater stripped to its essence: the playwright's words.

Tickets: Reserved seating is \$15/reading, \$20 to attend both readings on the same weekend, and are available online or in advance at the door. Visit countyplayers.org and at the top of the main page select BUY TICKETS. Ticket options are limited to mobile/digital or print-at-home only, as no printed tickets will be available for "will call" until further notice.

Protocols regarding Covid: Masks will be recommended but optional. Proof of Vaccination is required AND valid photo ID must be presented at the time of entry into the theatre. Visit countyplayers.org/covid-19-policy/.

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Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.

The object of the game is to fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers.

Each row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.

Each column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.

Each 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.

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

Suguru

1		2				4
4			4			
	5					

The heavy lines indicate areas, called cages, from one to five squares in size. Fill each cage with unique digits, counting up from 1. So for example a 2-square cage contains the numbers 1 and 2; and a 5-square cage contains the numbers from 1 to 5. Adjacent (touching) squares, even ones that touch diagonally, may never contain the same number.

ACROSS

1. Moos
5. Spaghetti, for one
10. Highway
14. Oil exporter
15. Change
16. Locality
17. Foreign dollar
18. Get up
19. No, in Nürnberg
20. Cafe employee
23. Bakery displays
24. Prefix for classical or natal
25. Sewer's need
28. Blood channels
33. Splitting __; quibbling
34. Ring-shaped island
35. Title for a cop: abbr.
36. Biblical book
37. __ the Elder; a ancient Roman author
38. Movie: Sp.
39. After taxes
40. Train tracks
41. Hymn singers
42. Pope or Orwell
44. Deliverers of past decades
45. Repairman's truck
46. Just
47. Not reasonable
54. Continent
55. Shed crocodile tears
56. Recess
58. __ for; summoned
59. Fathers
60. Possible sign of rheumatoid arthritis
61. Pine or palm
62. Set out
63. Institution on the Thames

DOWN

1. Facial feature
2. Mine discoveries
3. Do a household chore
4. Priers
5. Glued
6. Certain singers
7. Name in lights
8. Night light
9. Passionately
10. Deep spite
11. Nabisco snack
12. First four of five
13. Moist and chilly
21. Coastal inlets
22. Virginia __
25. Scottish clan chief
26. Parts of horse collars
27. Uprisings
28. Slanted
29. Reagan and Howard
30. Regional expression
31. "__, meenie..."
32. No-nonsense
34. Muhammad and others
37. Opposite of "agonizing"
38. Capital city
40. Tatum's dad
41. One-quarter of MIV
43. Emulate Earhart
44. Swarm over
46. Mammal that swims
47. Hot spot
48. Drug addict
49. Prong
50. Send out
51. __ song; cheaply
52. Spoils
53. Dummy
57. Mr. Berry

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The solutions to both the Sudoku & Crossword puzzles can be found on page 20

The Fisher Center presents new interpretations of two holiday classics



Featured in the Fisher Center's re-imagining of "A Christmas Carol" are, from left, Bob Cratchit (Donnell E. Smith), Mrs. Cratchit (Ellen Lauren), Belle (Violeta Picayo), Ebenezer Scrooge (Will Bond). *Photo by Chris Kayden*

The Fisher Center at Bard celebrates the holidays with two seasonal classics given fresh interpretations by world-renowned artists with deep connections to the College. Leon Botstein leads the Bard Conservatory Orchestra in a symphonic concert performance of Pyotr Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* on December 3, and the Fisher Center presents the world premiere of SITI Company's reimagining of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, co-directed by Anne Bogart '74 and Tony Award winner Darron L West.

The work, commissioned by the Fisher Center, is the final production in SITI Company's 30th anniversary "Finale Season," and runs for three performances, December 16-18.

In its special holiday performance on December 3, the 80-piece Bard Conservatory Orchestra, with a 24-member children's chorus, takes on Tchaikovsky's score for perhaps the most widely performed holiday classic, the two-act ballet *The Nutcracker*. The concert showcases the skill of the exceptional young players comprising the orchestra. It gives Fisher Center audiences a world-class rendering of the music, which Bard visiting associate professor of music Peter Laki, in a program note, contends is "the only thing critics liked about the piece from the start," and is "what has ensured *The Nutcracker's* place in the repertoire for 130 years, and is likely to keep it there."

After fruitful work-in-progress performances in December 2021, SITI Company returns to the Fisher Center to premiere a uniquely SITI *A Christmas Carol*. They conjure the ghosts of the past, present, and future to speak to our society's immediate need for gratitude, charity, fairness, justice, and equity.

Performance Schedule and Tickets

Bard Conservatory Orchestra, conducted by Leon Botstein, performs *The Nutcracker* on Saturday, December 3, at 8 pm EST, in the Fisher Center's Sosnoff Theater. In-person tickets are available for a suggested donation of \$15-20, and livestream access is pay-what-you-wish.

Fisher Center presents SITI Company's *A Christmas Carol* Friday, December 16, at 8 pm; Saturday, December 17, at 6 pm; and Sunday, December 18, at 2 pm. Tickets are \$25-65, with \$5 tickets for Bard students made possible by the Passloff Pass and a 20% discount for groups of six or more.

Tickets for both events can be reserved at fishercenter.bard.edu, by phone at 845-758-7900 (Monday-Friday, 10 am-5 pm EST), or by email at boxoffice@bard.edu.

Bard Conservatory Orchestra

Bard College Conservatory of Music expands Bard's spirit of innovation in arts and education. The Conservatory, which opened in 2005, offers a five-year, double-degree program at the undergraduate level and, at the graduate level, programs in vocal arts, conducting, and instrumental performance, as well as Chinese music and culture. Also at the graduate level, the Conservatory offers an Advanced Performance Studies Program and a two-year Postgraduate Collaborative Piano Fellowship. The US-China Music Institute of the Bard College Conservatory of Music, established in 2017, offers a unique degree program in Chinese instruments. The Conservatory Orchestra has performed twice at Lincoln Center, and has completed three international concert tours to China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan; Russia and six cities in Central and Eastern Europe; and to three cities in Cuba. This year, the Conservatory has enrolled 176 undergraduate and graduate students from 20 different countries and 30 states.

Exhibitions

at galleries and museums in the Hudson Valley

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

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

Locust Grove, 2683 South Rd. (Rte. 9), Poughkeepsie. **Through Dec. 30:** The art of pioneering female artist Caroline Clowes (1838 - 1904) a LaGrange resident, in a special exhibit assembled by the Dutchess County Historical Society. Wed.-Sun., 1-5 p.m. (closed Thanksgiving Day) and by appointment. **Special programs:** Sun., Dec. 4 at 2 p.m., "Painting in a Challenging Landscape: Women Artists in the 19th Century" with Rob Doyle, President, DCHS. Sun., Dec. 11 at 2 p.m., "Drawn to Nature: The Sketches and Studies of Caroline Clowes" with Caroline Culp, Ph.D., Vassar College. Sun., Dec. 18 at 2 p.m., "Caroline Clowes: How Poughkeepsie, the City of Schools, Nurtured An Artist," with Bill Jeffway, Melodye Moore, DCHS. Wed., Dec. 28,

children's program for ages 7 - 12 takes place. It is free, but requires advanced sign-up. Through Jan. 22, 2023: Exhibitions of paintings by celebrated Hudson Valley artist Carolyn H. Edlund in the Locust Grove Transverse Gallery, free every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (845) 454-4500, ext. 212, or www.lgny.org

Olana State Historic Site, 5720 Rte. 9G, Hudson. **Through March 26, 2023:** "Chasing Icebergs: Art and a Disappearing Landscape," shown primarily in the Sharp Family Gallery at Olana, the exhibition highlights Frederic Church's iceberg sketches from his 1859 intrepid voyage to the Arctic. (518) 751-6879 or olana.org

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

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through Dec. 18:** Holiday Show, featuring unique, handcrafted items such as ceramics, jewelry, small paintings, ornaments, greeting cards, sculptures, textiles and photographs. Gallery Hours: Fri., 5-8:30 p.m.; Sat., noon-8 p.m.; Sun., 1-5 p.m. (845) 757-2667

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



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Broadway artists featured at fundraiser for Rhinebeck Writers Retreat Dec. 1

Tony nominee Beth Malone and Joël Perez, from the original cast of FUN HOME, are hosting Rhinebeck Writers Retreat's annual fundraiser "Summer Songs at Sardi's" on December 1 at 6:30pm. Guests will be treated to cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, and a concert in Times Square's iconic Sardi's restaurant.

Broadway artists and musical theatre writing teams will present songs from seven new musicals developed at Rhinebeck Writers Retreat. Performers include Krystina Alabado (MEAN GIRLS), Nic Rouleau (THE BOOK OF MORMON), Linda Phelan (INTO THE WOODS), Jonathan Raviv (THE BAND'S VISIT), and Kuhoo Verma (Hulu's PLAN B). Beth Malone will perform a song from her new musical STARSTRUCK, which was developed at Rhinebeck Writers Retreat and is co-written with Emily Saliers of Indigo Girls.

The writers participating include Grace McLean, Rona Siddiqui, Paulo K. Tiról, Benjamin Velez, and Tidtaya Sinutoke, who are Jonathan Larson, Fred Ebb, ASCAP, and Dramatists Guild

award winners. Tickets will support musical theatre writers' residencies in the Hudson Valley in 2023 and can be purchased at www.rhinebeckwriters.org.

Created in 2011, Rhinebeck Writers Retreat supports musical theatre writers with weeklong residencies in the Hudson Valley. Plus, Triple R gives one team 2 readings and a residency to compress development of their musical into a shorter time-frame. Musicals developed in Rhinebeck had productions at The Public Theater, Barrington Stage, Playwrights Horizons, La Jolla Playhouse, Philadelphia Theater Company, and Paper Mill Playhouse. All costs are covered by contributions, including an award from the National Endowment for the Arts, The New York State Council on the Arts, The ASCAP Foundation Bart Howard Fund, Concord Theatricals, The Noël Coward Foundation and The Wilke Family Foundation. Major individual support comes from Liz Armstrong, Rick Farrar and Jeff Zadroga, Molly McEneny, Liz and Bill Mills, Steve and Paula Reynolds, and Alex Robertson. www.rhinebeckwriters.org



Beth Malone, Joel Perez, Krystina Alabado, Grace McLean, Jonathan Raviv, Nic Rouleau and more Broadway artists featured in Rhinebeck Writers Retreat fundraiser at Sardi's Dec. 1. Courtesy photos

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Locust Grove sets holiday programs

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It's a Holiday Hunt for sugar plums, eight tiny reindeer, golden pine cones, and more, hidden in the holiday festooned rooms of Locust Grove's historic mansion. Bring the kids and family to this very special scavenger hunt themed on everyone's favorite holiday story, "A Visit from St. Nicholas." Marvel at the 20 decorated trees on display. The scavenger hunt tour lasts about 45 minutes and includes rooms on three different floors of the mansion. Holiday Hunt is most suitable for kids ages 4 and older and their caregivers. Tickets required for everyone ages 4 and up.

Animals in Art
Dec. 27-29

Classes at 11 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
\$15/person; all participants need a ticket; Tickets available at
www.lgny.org/calendar

Come on a special kid-friendly gallery hunt tour of 30 paintings by Hudson Valley artist Carolyn Clowes in the Dutchess County Historical Society's "Fertile Ground: The Hudson Valley Animal Paintings of Caroline Clowes" at Locust Grove. Then, paint your own

animal portrait to take home.

Classes are for children ages 5 and older; families and caregivers welcome to join. (To reserve a special tour of the mansion or a special art class for your scout or family group, email programs@lgny.org)

Holiday Tours of the Mansion
Dec. 25-27; Saturdays in December and Dec. 26-31

First tour at 10:15, last tour at 3:15 each day. \$15/person

Locust Grove will welcome folks without kids to tour the decorated mansion without a scavenger hunt on the days listed above. Enjoy trees festooned with antique ornaments in the Drawing Room and Dining Room, along with special exhibits. Tours last about an hour. www.lgny.org

Sunset Sensations Wine and Food Event

Dec. 1: Food tastings by Amy Tung of Valley Home Dining, with wine pairings by Paul Brady Wines

Dec. 8: Food tastings by Billy Turner of Sugar and Spice Catering, with wine pairings by Viscount Wines and Liquor

The tasting also includes a tour of the holiday festooned, decorated mansion.

Tickets are \$35/person, 5:30-7:30pm. www.lgny.org/calendar or (845) 454-4500

Free holiday events at Hyde Park historic sites

On Saturday, December 10, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum and the Home of FDR National Historic Site will host a full day of free holiday events.

The Roosevelt Library will be open to visitors free of charge from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Home of FDR (Springwood) will have tours available from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be holiday decorations, refreshments and special activities - including the annual Children's Reading Festival and free photos with Santa -- beginning at Noon in the Henry A. Wallace Center.

In addition, Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site (Val-Kill) will be decorated for the holidays and open from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Children's Reading Festival,

The annual Children's Reading Festival -- presented by the Roosevelt Library and the Friends of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District -- will be held in the Henry A. Wallace Center, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on December 10, 2022. Children's book authors will read from and sign copies of their books. Featured books will be available for purchase in the New Deal Store in the Wallace Center.

Children's Reading Festival authors include:

1:30 p.m.
Lu Ann Schnable Kaldor and Eve S. Gendron

THE ANGELS ON MY TREE

2:15 p.m.

Karen Finnegan
JOLENE, THE DISABILITY AWARENESS CHICKEN

3:00 p.m.

Barbara Ann Mojica
LITTLE MISS HISTORY TRAVELS TO HYDE PARK, HOME OF FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT: PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY & MUSEUM

In addition, there will be live music, free photos with Santa from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., and children can make holiday cards for sailors on the USS FRANKLIN AND ELEANOR ROOSEVELT (<https://www.surflant.usff.navy.mil/ddg80>) beginning at Noon. Refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon in the Wallace Center lobby.

Holiday Open House - December 10 - Roosevelt Library and Home, Val-Kill

Holiday Open House on December 10 is from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Home of FDR National Historic Site and at the Roosevelt Library. Both the Home and the Roosevelt Library study will be decorated for the holidays as they were during the Roosevelt presidency. Admission is free to the Home and Library throughout the day.

Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site (Val-Kill) will also be free, decorated for the holidays, and open to visitors from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on December 10.

For more information please call: Cliff Laube, Roosevelt Library, (845) 486-7745; or Franceska Macsali Urbin, National Park Service, (845) 229-6225.

COLLEGE NOTES

ONEONTA, NY -- Edward Sablinski of Pleasant Valley was recently recognized with a silver-level leadership milestone through SUNY Oneonta's LEAD (Leadership Education and Development) program.

Sablinski is studying Psychology at SUNY Oneonta.

Sablinski earned this distinction through a commitment to improving oneself and enhancing knowledge by exploring leadership opportunities, participating in campus organizations, and serving the campus community by taking on recognized leadership roles. Completion of this level requires attending nineteen events designated with a learning outcome (three must be diversity events), actively participating in four recognized organizations, completing three online courses (Foundations of Leadership, Personal Development, Organizational Development), and serving as an officer in a club or organization for at least two semesters (average of 219 hours to complete).

LEAD@Oneonta is a comprehensive leadership program based on current research and guidelines from the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education. All students can choose to participate in the LEAD program, which aims to better prepare them for life after college by providing a comprehensive picture of leadership and the skills needed to be a good leader.

Students can attain a silver, gold or platinum level. To attain each level, students must meet a mix of programmatic and experiential leadership requirements, including completion of online courses, attendance at educational events, and membership and leadership in one or

more of SUNY Oneonta's 100+ student-run clubs and organizations.

Completion of a leadership level is recognized on campus as a credential that can be used, for example, when running for office or applying for STEP (Student Travel for Excellence Program) funding. The program also provides students with a leadership record that can be submitted to potential employers.

CANTON, NY -- Lifelong artist Mikayla Quinn, a member of St. Lawrence University's Class of 2024 whose hometown is Pine Plains, was drawn to an internship at the St. Lawrence County Arts Council, where she could use her talents to build community bonds while highlighting and celebrating North Country culture.

In the process, she confirmed her love for connecting with new people and was inspired to think deeper about what a career that combines art and her major, psychology, might look like. Mikayla's experience was made possible by the St. Lawrence University Public Interest Corp (SLUPIC) program, which provides funding and on-campus housing for students pursuing summer internships with local non-profits and organizations.

Quinn is a Psychology major, with a double minor in Public Health and Art and Art History

Note: some responses have been edited for length.

Why were you interested in interning with this particular North Country organization?

I have been an artist my entire life, so I felt like this internship was very much up my alley. Originally I applied to a different non-profit, but after my interview

with the Arts Council, I felt a really strong connection with the goals of the non-profit as a whole and the position I was to fill.

What is an average day with the SLC Arts Council like for you?

I wear a lot of hats as an intern with this organization, which is what makes this placement so much fun for me. I usually come to work at 9 a.m. for our summer camp (of which I am the director). During the day, I might create TikTok and Instagram posts, work the register for the store, attend meetings with creative partners, help to plan new programs, teach classes, join painting circles with some of our partners, set up the gallery, and so much more. I also get to help run the open mics and sell my own work here, which is pretty cool!

How has this experience enriched or changed your understanding of the North Country?

While living on campus over the past several years, I believed that the North Country was a very conservative place, both in terms of politics and general social norms. I was initially nervous to be interning off-campus for the summer as someone who is queer-identifying. However, the work environment and even the general community here have given me a great sense of belonging. I feel like I always have a spot at the table and am a valued person in the store and outside of it.

What have you learned about yourself through this experience?

I already had a pretty good sense, but this experience confirmed that I am very much a people person. It brings me so much joy to help at events and have conversations with new people through my

internship. It gives me a wonderful opportunity to extend my network.

How has this experience influenced your career path?

It has definitely made me think a little deeper about my career path. As a psychology major, I have always planned to become a licensed clinical mental health counselor, and this experience is not entirely related. Because I enjoyed my time here so much, I've been thinking more about the ways in which I could perhaps combine my degree in psychology and my passion for connecting with others through art.

What did you get to do while living on campus over the summer that you aren't usually able to do in the fall or spring?

Quite a bit actually! For one, I got to make amazing friendships with people who I ordinarily wouldn't see over the course of a regular semester due to conflicting academic schedules. I also had a lot of fun attending the food pantry and community dinners to further foster those connections. As someone on an accelerated path to graduation, I do not have a lot of free time during the semester. I've really enjoyed using my weekends off to go hiking, swimming, or traveling to Canada.

SUMTER, SC -- Central Carolina Technical College student Brian Baccamo of Rhinebeck was awarded a CCTC Foundation scholarship for academic year 2022-2023.

The CCTC Foundation awarded more than 70 scholarships at \$80,000 to deserving students this year. These scholarships are made possible by generous donors who want to see local students succeed.

BUSINESS

Ulster Savings Bank announces promotions

Ulster Savings Bank has announced the promotions of two long-standing branch employees: Rocco J. Pucino III and Melissa Gay. Each employee has worked at Ulster Savings Bank's New Paltz location for many years.

Rocco J. Pucino III has been promoted to VP/Retail Banking Officer at the bank's Kingston headquarters. In Pucino's new role, he will be responsible for overseeing and directing the Retail Banking area by providing guidance and support to the bank's 15 branch locations.

A Newburgh resident, Pucino is a graduate of the American Bankers Association Stonier Graduate School of Banking located at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He is currently attending SUNY Plattsburgh on a path to graduate in 2023 with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. Rocco serves as treasurer and board member of the HealthAlliance Hospital Foundation and is a member of the New Paltz Rotary. He has been a bank employee since 2003.



Rocco J. Pucino III



Melissa Gay

Melissa Gay, an employee of Ulster Savings Bank since 2012, has been promoted to Branch Manager at the bank's New Paltz location. Gay, a New Paltz resident, will manage the operations of her branch and further develop community relations.

She holds a BA degree in Sociology with a concentration in Criminology from SUNY New Paltz. She also holds an AS degree in Math and Science and an AS degree in Criminal Justice from SUNY Ulster. Melissa is a member of the New Paltz Rotary and will be participating in their Backpack Program that supplies food and toiletries to disadvantaged students in the New Paltz Central School District.

"We're pleased to announce the promotions of Rocco and Melissa," said John Finch, EVP/COO of Ulster Savings. "Both team members have demonstrated dedication and leadership skills along with making their communities better -- both values of utmost importance to us. We are glad to announce these much-deserved promotions."



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Zoom conference set for young women with breast, ovarian or other gynecological cancers

Support Connection, Inc. announces a free program, Young Women's Open Discussion for Women With Breast, Ovarian, or Gynecological Cancer will be held via ZOOM video conference on Dec. 6, from 7 – 8 p.m.

Open to women nationwide, ages 20 – 40 years old, who have or have had breast, ovarian or gynecological cancer. The discussion will be led by two of Support Connection's Peer Counselors, who were both diagnosed with cancer as young women. Pre-registration is required. To register, call Support Connection, 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290. Must register no later than 5 p.m.

on December 5.

There is no age discrimination for cancer. Support Connection understands there are unique challenges faced by young women living with a diagnosis of breast, ovarian or gynecological cancer.

This is not an educational program; there will be no professionals speaking about the medical or psychosocial aspects of cancer. Open Discussions present a valuable opportunity to connect with others with similar concerns who understand what one is going through, and a chance to help one another by sharing information, resources, and coping strategies.

Upcoming events at Morton Memorial Library

Crisp Cookies and Wry Songs with Tim Davis

Sunday, Dec. 4 @ 2 pm

Tim Davis will play some of his cockamamie, complicated songs while you eat cookies and drink tea. Oh yes, and view some photographs. All are welcome.

Morton Craftwork and Conversation Club

Tuesday, Dec. 6 @ 3:00 pm

(First and third Tuesdays of each month in Morton's reading room)

Come to knit, crochet or just for the convo. We'll be knitting hats and mittens to donate to local children in need. We've got the yarn and patterns (for knit and crochet), but feel free to bring a project you're working on. All are welcome.

Oblong Books Presents Leila Phillip "Beaverland: How One Weird Rodent Made America"

Wednesday, Dec. 7 @ 6:30 pm

(at Morton)

Leila Phillip takes an intimate and revelatory dive into the world of the beaver—the wonderfully weird rodent that has surprisingly shaped American history and may save its ecological future.

Tickets are free. Registration is required.

Oblong will have books available for purchase.

Morton/Rhinecliff Holiday Weekend Rhinecliff Light Up Night

Saturday, Dec. 10 @ 5:00 pm

Saturday evening we will shine some literal and figurative light on the hamlet! We ask everyone to pick up luminaria kits at the library and then line the streets with candles. That evening we can enjoy the sights by walking and visiting with neighbors while enjoying a complimentary hot beverage from the Epicurean. You can also stop and have your picture taken in front of the Rhinebeck Grange wreath. Perhaps some neighbors will have heat lamps out, perhaps there will be fire pits, perhaps music on porches.

Luminaria kits will be available at Morton for curbside pick up beginning Wednesday, Nov. 30. Each kit will contain 10 candles, bags, and sand and we are asking for a donation of \$20 per kit. The money will go to Red Hook Responds.

For more information: sandy@mortonrhinecliff.org

Holiday Cookie Swap

Sunday, Dec. 11 @ 2:00 pm

Bring 3 dozen cookies and plan to swap. It makes holiday baking a snap.??? Join us as we taste, socialize, and drink hot cocoa.

Call 845-876-2903 for details.

Morton Library is at 82 Kelly St. in Rhinecliff.

LOOK FOR THAT'S ITALIAN! IN NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE

Luigi Coppola shares stories and recipes.



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

THE GREATEST DOT TO DOT BOOKS

Stars
Stop at each star (★), then skip to the next number and start your line again. End ★ 139

By David Kalvitis © 2011 Monkeying Around

Felony arrest after domestic dispute in Dover

DOVER – On Nov. 16, the New York State Police from the Dover Plains barracks arrested Joseph T. Hoffman, age 28, of Dover, for Assault in the 2nd degree with a weapon, Aggravated Criminal Contempt, both Class D felonies; Assault in the 3rd degree, Menacing in the 2nd degree, Criminal Mischief in the 4th degree, Criminal Obstruction of Breath, and Unlawful Imprisonment in the 2nd degree, all Class A misdemeanors.

On Nov. 16, at approximately 1:10

p.m., Troopers responded to Oniottown Road in the Town of Dover for a domestic dispute. Investigation determined Hoffman physically assaulted two victims while armed with a knife and an order of protection against Hoffman in place.

Hoffman was arraigned before the Hon. Judge Abrams of the town of Dover Court and remanded to the Dutchess County Jail without bail pending a future court date on Dec. 12.

SEXUAL PREDATOR IN HYDE PARK ARRESTED

HYDE PARK – On Nov. 17, the New York State Police arrested Michelle E. Betley, age 22, of Hyde Park, for Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child, a Class A-II felony.

Investigation by the State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation determined Betley engaged in predatory sexual assault against a victim under the age of 13.

Betley was arraigned before the town of Hyde Park court and remanded to the Dutchess County Jail without bail.

Answers to this week's diversions

(puzzles on page 16)

Suguru solution

1	4	2	1	2	4
3	5	3	5	3	1
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4	5	3	4	5	1
3	2	1	2	3	4
1	5	3	4	1	5

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SUDOKU

This week's answer

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Legislature of Dutchess County will meet on the 5th day of December at 7:00 pm, in the Legislative Chambers, 22 Market Street, 6th Floor, Poughkeepsie, New York for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget of said county for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023, and on the Capital Improvement Program of said county for the years 2023 through 2027.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that copies of said Tentative Budget and Capital Improvement Program are available at the Office of the Budget Director, Sixth Floor, County Office Building, Poughkeepsie, where they may be inspected or procured by interested persons during regular business hours. Pursuant to Section 359 of the County Law, the maximum salaries that may be fixed and payable during said fiscal year to the members of the Legislature and to the Chairman thereof respectively are hereby specified:

MEMBER, COUNTY LEGISLATURE, 20 MEMBERS \$16,391
MAJORITY/MINORITY ASSISTANT LEADER, COUNTY LEGISLATURE \$20,762
MAJORITY/MINORITY LEADER, COUNTY LEGISLATURE \$25,133
CHAIRMAN, COUNTY LEGISLATURE \$34,967
LEIGH WAGER CLERK DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-68-22 Child Welfare Mandated Preventive Services. Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 9th day of December 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS- RFB-DCB-33-22

NAME OF PROJECT: Splash Pad At Wilcox Park. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Installation of a splash pad, including all underground water supply lines, splash pad equipment and recirculation system. The anticipated start of construction is March 27, 2023 with final completion May 26, 2023, respectively. Beginning **November 21, 2022 at 8:00AM:** Bid Specifications and Drawings may be obtained in person Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm or by mail (provide your FedEx account number or SASE) at: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address.

The bid documents will be distributed on a USB Flash Drive. You must give the following information to obtain the flash drive: Company Name, Address, Contact Name, Phone Number, E-mail Address. A refundable deposit of \$15.00 is required for each bid set, in the form of a check made payable to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance or cash will be required for each set of bid documents. The deposit is refundable in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 102 and will be made by the County upon receipt of a written request accompanied by said USB Flash Drive. Bids due on or before **Monday, December 19, 2022 at 11:00AM** and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids for the above project will be received by: Denise Spens-Gallagher, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Due to COVID-19, the bid opening for this solicitation will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below, in-person attendance at a bid opening will not be allowed. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves

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by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 537 742 253#. All Addenda will be issued to Plan Holders via E-mail, but also posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Questions will be accepted by the close of business December 2, 2022 and emailed to Denise Spens-Gallagher at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC # 2022012725. APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM: Dutchess County requires that any contractor or subcontractor have, prior to entering into a Contract for the process of building, renovating or demolishing a public building, owned, operated and maintained by Dutchess County, with a value in excess of \$250,000., apprenticeship agreements appropriate for the type and scope of work to be performed and which have been registered with NYS Department of Labor in accordance with Article 23 of the Labor Law. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS RFB-DCB-18-22, PROJECT: REBID Dutchess Stadium New Left Field Clubhouse, Seating Bowl & Restroom Building. Prime Bids shall be received for the following classes of work: Single Prime with PLA; General Construction including Electrical, HVAC, Plumbing and Site work. The anticipated start of construction is March 1, 2023; the

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anticipated completion date is March 23, 2024, respectively. Beginning **November 17, 2022 at 11:00am:** Bid Specifications and Drawings may be obtained in person Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm or by mail (provide your FedEx account number or SASE) at: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. The bid documents will be distributed on a USB Flash Drive. You must give the following information to obtain the flash drive: Company Name, Address, Contact Name, Phone Number, E-mail Address. A refundable deposit of \$15.00 in the form of a check made payable to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance or cash will be required for each set of bid documents. The deposit is refundable in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 102 and will be made by the County upon receipt of a written request accompanied by said USB Flash Drive. Bids due on or before **Thursday, December 22, 2022, 11:00am** and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids for the above project will be received by: Diane McKenna, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. The bid opening for this solicitation will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below, in-person attendance at a bid opening will not be allowed. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll), Conference ID: 600 978 868#. All Addenda will be issued to Plan Holders via E-mail, but also posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank

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check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. A Walkthrough is scheduled for Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 10:00am and or Wednesday, November 30, 2022 10:00am at Dutchess Stadium, Main Gate, Wappingers Falls, NY. All parties interested in bidding must apprise themselves of the site conditions immediately prior to bidding; if you cannot attend the scheduled walkthrough, you can contact Diane McKenna at dmckenna@dutchessny.gov. Questions will be accepted by the close of business December 15, 2022 and emailed to Diane McKenna at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov and cc'd to Christopher Boston at cboston@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2022012646. APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM: Dutchess County requires that any contractor or subcontractor have, prior to entering into a Contract for the process of building, renovating or demolishing a public building, owned, operated and maintained by Dutchess County, with a value in excess of \$250,000., apprenticeship agreements appropriate for the type and scope of work to be performed and which have been registered with NYS Department of Labor in accordance with Article 23 of the Labor Law. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCB-34-22; NAME OF PROJECT: Multiple Roof Replacement Project for Pine Plains Outpost, Millbrook Outpost and Office of Central Information Systems (OCIS). Single Prime Bids shall be received for the following classes of work: **General Construction.**

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The anticipated start of construction is April 3, 2023, respectively. Beginning **November 23, 2022 at 8:00AM:** Bid Specifications and Drawings may be obtained in person Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm or by mail (provide your FedEx account number or SASE) at: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. The bid documents will be distributed on a USB Flash Drive. You must give the following information to obtain the flash drive: Company Name, Address, Contact Name, Phone Number, E-mail Address. **All Addenda will be issued to Plan Holders via E-mail, but also posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site.** A refundable deposit of \$15.00 is required for each bid set, in the form of a check made payable to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance or cash will be required for each set of bid documents. The deposit is refundable in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 102 and will be made by the County upon receipt of a written request accompanied by said USB Flash Drive. Bids due on or before **Wednesday, December 21, 2021 at 11:00am**, and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids for the above project will be received by: Denise Spens-Gallagher, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Due to COVID-19, the bid opening for this solicitation will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below, in-person attendance at a bid opening will not be allowed. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting, +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll), Conference ID: 365 846 166#. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic copy and be

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Neil J. Floughton
 PLEASANT VALLEY - Neil J. Floughton, 79, of Pleasant Valley, passed away on November 15, 2022, at home. Born, May 4, 1943, in Poughkeepsie, he was the son of the late Arthur Vincent Floughton and Inez (Bowman) Floughton. He was predeceased by his beloved sibling, Patricia Frazier, and beloved wife, Karen (Tully) Floughton. For the love of Cars and Coffee! Neil loved all kinds of Classic Cars and Street Rods from the era of the 30's, 40's and 50's, but most of all he loved Buicks. In Neil's heyday there wasn't a car cruise or show that you couldn't find him at, chatting with his known associates, and of course, a cup of coffee. You just didn't know what car he would show up in as he often bought, sold or traded for a different classic or street rod. The Art of the Deal was almost as important to Neil as procuring the

newly obtained machinery as he relished over how he planned to customize it. Neil is survived by his wife, Lorelei Floughton; sons, Darren (Hubba) Floughton, Scott Floughton, Robert Roma, and Dennis Roma; and several grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Calling hours were held on Sunday, November 20, at Sweet's Funeral Home, Route 9, Hyde Park. Graveside services and burial were held on Monday, November 21 at Union Cemetery, 1076 Violet Ave., Hyde Park. To send an online condolence, please visit Neil's obituary page at www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

Daniel Rasmussen Nugen
 Longtime resident of the Hudson Valley, NY, Daniel Rasmussen Nugen, 49, of Fort Lauderdale, FL, passed away on November 5, 2022. Dan graduated in 1996 with a B.A. in Computer Science from Vassar College.

He was the owner of D & G Technology Group, Inc. which he named after his daughter's Danielle (21) and Gabrielle (17) whom he loved more than anything. Born on December 13, 1972 in Copenhagen, Denmark to Lene and Hung Nguyen, he is survived also by his brothers, Sam and Jim, and fiancée Hidea Lunicciano. Technical Sergeant Nugen proudly served in the 105th Airlift Wing of the Air National Guard. Dan loved his family above all things. In addition to being a devoted father, brother, and son, he was a loving uncle to Linlea, Kia Mai, Magnus, Mikkel, and Kai and dedicated brother-in-law to Nadine Laborius & Julie Goddard. He is also survived by his former wife and mother of his two daughters, Kelly Parker. Dan held deep soft spots for animals from the horses he rode in his youth to his beloved dog, Cody. Beneath his stoic

exterior was a kind soul with a great sense of humor and adventurous palate. An avid traveler as an adult, Dan lived in Denmark and Germany before moving to the United States in his early childhood. Dan will forever be deeply missed by his family, friends, and colleagues. A wake will be held at the Wm. G. Miller & Son FH, Inc., 371 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 on November 19, 2022 from 4-7 pm. A service of remembrance was held November 20, 2022 at the Vassar College Chapel. If you wish to send an online condolence, please visit our website at www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com

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Blues legend Buddy Guy to play UPAC on 2023 farewell tour

Bardavon recently announced that pioneering bluesman Buddy Guy will perform at UPAC in Kingston on Thursday, June 15, 2023. Guy will be on his "Damn Right" Farewell Tour; the tour's title references his hit recording, "Damn Right I Got the Blues." The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now and start at \$54 (Members get \$5 off).

Tickets available at Bardavon and UPAC box offices - Tuesday-Friday 11am-5pm. Bardavon 845-473-5288, UPAC 845-339-6088 or email at boxoffice@bardavon.org.

At age 86, Guy has been inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, has influenced rock titans like Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton, Jimmy Page, Jeff Beck, Gary Clark Jr, John Mayer, Stevie Ray Vaughan, and just about every guitar player who has played the Blues, Blues Rock, and Hard Rock over the past 70 years.

He pioneered Chicago's fabled West Side sound and is still the living link to the city's halcyon days of Electric Blues, from the late 1950s when he was in Chess Records' House Band. It is the absolute truth to say that Buddy Guy is the last of the greats of the Blues performing today, who also brought the Electric Blues to the world, alongside Muddy Waters, BB King, John Lee Hooker, Albert King and many others from that time.

Guy has released a steady stream of albums since then and has received 8 GRAMMY Awards-winning his 8th and most recent GRAMMY Award in 2018

for his 18th solo LP, "The Blues Is Alive And Well," and the Lifetime Achievement GRAMMY Award in 2015.

He has received 38 Blues Music Awards-the most any artist has ever achieved, the Billboard Magazine Century Award for distinguished artistic achievement, a 'Kennedy Center Honor', and the Presidential National Medal of Arts. Plus, Rolling Stone Magazine has ranked him #23 in its "100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time."

In July of 2021, in honor of Buddy Guy's 85th birthday, PBS American Masters released "Buddy Guy: The Blues Chase The Blues Away," a new documentary following his rise from a childhood spent picking cotton in Louisiana to becoming one of the most influential guitar players of all time.

The documentary features new interviews with Buddy Guy, Carlos Santana, Eric Clapton, John Mayer, Gary Clark Jr, and more.

Though Buddy Guy will forever be associated with Chicago, his story actually begins in Louisiana. One of five children, he was born in 1936 to a sharecropper's family and raised on a plantation near the small town of Lettsworth, located some 140 miles northwest of New Orleans. Buddy was just 7 years old when he fashioned his first makeshift "guitar"—a two-string contraption attached to a piece of wood and secured with his mother's hairpins.

In 1957, he took his guitar to Chicago,



Blues legend Buddy Guy will perform at UPAC in Kingston on June 15, 2023, as part of his farewell tour. *Courtesy photo*

where he would permanently alter the direction of the instrument, first on numerous sessions for Chess Records playing alongside Howlin' Wolf, Muddy Waters, and the rest of the label's legendary roster, and then on recordings of his own.

His incendiary style left its mark on guitarists from Jimmy Page to John Mayer. "He was for me what Elvis was probably like for other people," said Eric Clapton at Guy's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction in 2005. "My course was set, and he was my pilot."

Seven years later, July 2012 proved to

be one of Buddy Guy's most remarkable years ever. He was awarded the 2012 Kennedy Center Honor for his lifetime contribution to American culture; earlier in the year, at a performance at the White House, he even persuaded President Obama to join him on a chorus of "Sweet Home Chicago." Also in 2012, he published his memoir, "When I Left Home."

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