

Towns celebrate
holiday season

Compiled by Kate Goldsmith

The winter holidays are one of the bright spots of the shorter, colder days of the season. Towns and villages, along with various organizations throughout the region, will offer events to put some sparkle and light into the upcoming weekends.

The listings that follow were submitted to the Northern Dutchess News, or were taken from the Dutchess Tourism website. Contacts are provided for more information.

CLINTON

Friday, Dec. 6
Town Hall Lighting Ceremony: Celebrate the season with a Light Parade sponsored by the East Clinton Fire Department, the West Clinton Fire Department and the Clinton Highway Department, photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, the Town Clerk's Coat Drive, the Town Supervisor's Toys for Tots Toy Drive, Boy Scouts selling wreaths, refreshments at the Clinton Community Library and more. Town Hall Lighting Ceremony at 4:30 p.m. Town Hall is at 1215 Centre Road, Rhinebeck. www.townofclinton.com

Saturday, Dec. 7
Town of Clinton Historical Society's Holiday Craft and Gift Fair, Creek Meeting House, 2433 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners. Many homemade crafts and gifts will be available, so you are sure to find something for everyone on your list. Baked goods and homemade soups will also be available. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (845) 675-1234 or <http://clintonhistoricalsociety.org>

HYDE PARK

Sunday, Dec: 1
Christmas Parade of Lights: The Hyde Park Fire Department in partnership with Hyde Park Police Department and the Town Recreation

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SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Survive & thrive – local owners
share essential experiences

By Curtis Schmidt

They are all experienced small independent business owners/operators and they have all learned valuable lessons over the years. That's why they're continuing to survive and thrive.

For Small Business Saturday 2024, we gathered four local owners in a variety of areas and posed five key questions in order to take a look inside their world.

They have learned the importance of listening (to customers and employees), the value of patience and persistence, the keys in building relationships, how and when to make changes and always investing in education – you NEVER stop learning.

Our caring helpers include the following:

• **Caroline Dolfi** of the Pleasant Valley Department Store - The store is 78 years old (1946) and she has been managing it for 40 years.

• **Carol Torresson** is CFO and a co-owner of Viscount Wines and Liquor in Wappingers Falls. The store recently celebrated its 50th anniversary and she has been a part of the operation for almost 30 years.

• **Stephanie Spann and Ed Hackett** have been operating Hackett Farm Supply in Clinton Corners for almost 20 years.

• **Matt Sabellico** is the next generation owner at Sabellico Greenhouses & Florist in Hopewell Junction. The family business began 75 years ago and he has been actively involved for 21 years.

In order to learn and help others, we asked our team questions related to important lessons they have learned, the best ways to grow your business, the best



Clockwise from left, business owners sharing valuable lessons include Caroline Dolfi, Ed Hackett, Carol Torresson, Matt Sabellico and Stephanie Spann. *Courtesy photos*

ways to build relationships, best ways to change with the times and the best piece of advice they would give to other small business owners.

Here are their responses –beginning with Caroline Dolfi – the most experienced of the group.

Caroline Dolfi

Most Important Lessons - Stay true to who you are as a business - don't try to be something you're not. Always do the right thing - with your customers, your employees and your suppliers. Watch your finances and cash flow carefully.

Growing Your Business - Give your customers a good experience and they will return. Word of mouth is the best advertising! Carefully try new things. Staying fresh is important, but don't invest too much too quickly in new areas. Keep up on trends, technology and advertise as efficiently as possible.

Building Relationships - Every sale is important, no matter the amount. Let the customer know by your actions that they are important to you. Be attentive to what your customers' needs are - Listen and give them as much time as you can. Kindness goes a long way - treat people as you would want to be treated.

Changing with the times - We try to keep up with trends and fit those to our customers' preferences, while still staying true to what makes us successful. Technology has forced many changes on a small business. Buying habits, payment processing, communication, etc. are all very different than they were, and we're always trying to keep up. For example, we had to change our payment processing hardware to accommodate Apple and Google Pay. Our customers were asking

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AHS students unveil historic marker
for filmmaker Ed Wood in Poughkeepsie



NYS Senator Rob Rolison and Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino present certificates to Arlington High students during unveiling of a historic marker in honor of filmmaker Ed Wood in Poughkeepsie on Nov. 20. *Photo by Curtis Schmidt*

By Rich Thomaselli

If the teenagers at Arlington High School didn't know who the noted actor, filmmaker and novelist Ed Wood was, they do now.

And they know he was from Dutchess County.

Through a class project from teacher Robert McHugh, and its subsequent research and application process through the Pomeroy Foundation, the students now know all about Wood. The job was to not only research his life and accomplishments, but to have a Historic Marker posted near his Poughkeepsie home.

The foundation specializes in bestowing such grants.

The marker was installed and then unveiled during a ceremony at 35 Delano Street in Poughkeepsie on November 20. The event included brief remarks by Erica Stein, Chair of the Vassar College Film Department, and Katie Cokinos of Upstate Films in Rhinebeck. Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and NYS Senator Rob Rolison were on hand to present the students with certificates honoring their achievement, as was Daniel Torres from Congressman Pat

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for it, so we made it happen.

Best Piece of advice - Enjoy what you do and work hard at it.

Carol Torresson

Most Important Lessons - 1 - The right employees can make or break a business. Treat them well. Never ask more of someone than you are willing to do yourself. Lead by example. 2 – Support the community that supports you. You don’t exist without them. 3 – Sometimes listening is more important than talking. Make sure that your customers or clients feel heard and appreciated.

Growing Your Business - 1 – Act as if you are already where you would like to be. If you want to be a larger business, you have to think like a larger business even when you are still ‘small.’ 2 – Engage with your customers or clients often. Business loyalty is very personal.

Building Relationships - 1 – Customer and/or client interactions. 2 – Business networks both local and regional (local business associations, Chambers of Commerce, etc.) 3 – Community and charity support. Your neighbors appreciate seeing you out at the events supporting the causes that are important to them.

Changing with the times - I always have said that ‘if you don’t like change, then you are really going to HATE extinction.’ In our industry, products come and go and tastes change pretty quickly. It is important to try and stay ahead of the trends, embrace that diversity of products broadens your customer base, and availability of what your customers are looking for keeps you relevant. We recognize that because we couldn’t possibly carry every single product that someone might want. We special order available products for our customers upon request.

It has also been important to us to find the balance between embracing technological advances in the shopping experience without sacrificing the personal customer service that we are known for. We added a full e-commerce shopping platform to provide an additional level of convenience for our customers and it was able to allow the ability for safe shopping during the worst of the pandemic. Throughout the years we have made adjustments to our business hours to best accommodate our customers needs.

Best piece of advice - Keep going! Not everything is an instant success or reaps instant results. Consistent and sustained effort is the only way to determine true outcomes. Be able to chart a course, but also recognize when something is just a bump to get over vs. an obstacle that requires a change in direction. Talk to other business owners. There is always something to learn from those around you. BE GENUINE! The best thing you can offer your customers or clients is the best version of you.

Stephanie Spann and Ed Hackett

Most Important Lessons - Don’t be afraid to try something new. Be willing to shift operations if they aren’t going as planned.

Growing Your Business - Don’t sit in the store - go out and find new customers. Advertise in the Northern & Southern Dutchess News. Be consistent with your advertising.

Building relationships - Consistency and communication are the keys.

Changing with the times - Again, don’t be afraid to shift operations. For us, it was the addition of our ‘Country Store.’ We also focus on inventory that you can’t get at box stores, or on the Internet. Becoming more of a ‘one stop shop’ has brought in more customers.

Best piece of advice - Do your research and talk to your customers.

Matt Sabellico

Most Important Lessons - Patience and persistence are crucial. In farming, as in life, growth is a process. The seeds we sow today will not be ready for harvest until they have matured, and that takes time, care, and adaptability. I have also learned the value of integrity. Your passion and experience must speak for you, but they mean little without honesty and authenticity. Staying true to your values while navigating challenges and changes has been foundational in earning respect and trust within our community.

Growing Your Business - Growth begins with community. Building strong, authentic relationships with your customers, clients and partners is essential. For us, this means engaging with our customers in a wholesome and natural way, creating a support network that sustains not just the business, but the community.

Another essential factor is adaptability. As markets, technologies and customer needs evolve, so must we. For example, we have embraced regenerative farming practices that reflect both environmental stewardship and consumer demand for



Hackett Farm Supply has been a mainstay business in Clinton Corners since 2005. Below: The Pleasant Valley Department Store has been surviving and thriving in Pleasant Valley since 1946. Photos by Curtis Schmidt

sustainable, healthy products, plants and food. Lastly, invest in education—both for yourself and others. Sharing knowledge, offering value, and continuously learning keeps a business dynamic and relevant.

Building relationships - Listen more than you speak. Relationships are built on trust, and trust is earned when people feel heard and understood. Whether it is with employees, customers, or peers, take the time to connect on a personal level and understand their needs.

Transparency and consistency are also critical. In farming, people trust us with their food and well-being. Being open about our practices, challenges and successes fosters that trust.

Lastly, show gratitude. Acknowledge the people who support you - your team, your customers, your community. Simple acts of appreciation can deepen connections and create lasting bonds.

Changing with the times - Change is inevitable, but it is how you adapt to it that matters. We have embraced shifts in consumer awareness by focusing on sustainable, regenerative farming practices. We have also diversified our offerings, like launching a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program, specialty greenhouse-grown crops, and exploring new ways to connect with our customers and communities at large.

Our evolution reflects a commitment to staying rooted in tradition while innovating for the future. For example, we draw on decades of experience while incorporating modern knowledge about soil health, microbiomes, and community wellness into our practices.

Best piece of advice – Find your passion, let it drive you and build from there. Your authenticity will resonate with others and that connection is invaluable. At the same time, recognize that you do not have to do it all alone. Surround yourself with a strong team, empower them, and trust them to carry out your vision.

Remember that success is not an overnight achievement. It is a series of thoughtful choices made day by day, which lead to meaningful growth over time. Weather the storms, learn from the tough seasons, and never lose sight of your long-term goals.

Lastly, stay true to your values. In a world of constant change, your integrity and commitment to what matters most will set you apart and sustain you through any challenge.



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

Dialing 988:

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NOTE: Letters to the Editor do not necessarily reflect the views of the Northern Dutchess News. Letters must be e-mailed to be considered for publication. We cannot accept handwritten or faxed letters.

Caregivers and the holidays

To the Editor:
Holidays are not meant for you as a caregiver or carepartner, to feel stressed out!
Holidays are meant to be enjoyed! You do not need to have a "gala" for the person you’re caring for. Sometimes we need to re-evaluate the needs of the individual you are with.
Often, too many people talking, laughing or even crying, can bring about more confusion and anxiety to those we care for and about! Simplify your holidays! Delegate others to help you!
Above all remember holidays are meant to be a happy time shared!
For those of you who are grieving, please talk about the individual you are missing. Bring out the photo albums and reminisce and laugh and cry together.
My hope is that all who are reading this letter will have a peaceful and enjoyable holiday season!

Donna J. Slavin
International Council of
Certified Dementia Care Practitioners/
Support Group Facilitator

Are we incapable of empathy as children suffer?

To the editor:
Bodily feelings sometimes go away, but always return with a bit more urgency. Like hunger, you can forget it for a while, but it invariably comes back stronger. That is what the children learn, as they are slowly starved to death by the US/Israel death machine.
I find that as I immerse myself in day to day events, this slaughter is always waiting to come back to me. Could the country I love be starving children to death by the thousands? By the tens of thousands? Their spindly arms and legs have that Buchenwald look. I can’t bear the images that wait for me to close my eyes.
Once the children behind barbed wire fences appear to me, my mind starts a desperate search. Could my own country be murdering children like this? Could our own churches and synagogues be cheering on the extermination? Did we catch this endless warfare and charnel house slaughter from the Nazis?
Both political parties want this butchery. All the money we have is going into more bombs and planes. We can’t get enough of it. We wave our flags, heedless of what our country is really doing. We sing “God Bless America,” as if we had the right to ask our lord to celebrate the holocaust of this century.
Are we incapable of empathy? Is this life but a trail of tears, the name given to our very own ethnic cleansing and annihilation of the Cherokee Nation? Who on earth can protect the Palestinians from the barbarians?

Fred Nagel
Rhinebeck

GOLDEN LIVING

Thanksgiving week schedule:
Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, Nov. 28, OFA offices and Friendship Centers closed.
“Black Friday” – Friday, Nov. 29, OFA offices OPEN on our regular schedule; Friendship Centers closed.

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL
FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT MONTH

The Office for the Aging often experiences an increase in calls from concerned caregivers this time of year. Thanksgiving is a time for family gatherings; and when family members can’t visit in person for long amounts of time, a decline in an older adult’s mental or physical capacity is often most noticeable.

Sometimes it’s called “the uh-oh moment.”

If you or your family members or caregivers haven’t experienced an uh-oh moment yet, it’s a relief; nonetheless, we can all take action to reduce the likelihood of experiencing one:

- It’s not just “having the talk.” It’s regular talks, early and often.
- We drive home these messages repeatedly:

Have a plan.
Make your wishes known.
And when it comes to OFA? Get to know us before you need us.

Putting off the conversations is an unwise risk. It’s easier to talk things over when concerns are in the future rather than the here-and-now. Talk regularly, because we never know when wishes or health situations will change.

- Do your homework and respect the history.

A few awkward moments during Thanksgiving dinner aren’t enough information for a caregiver to act on.

Older adults are understandably sensitive about the perception that they may be asked to relinquish independence. Many have been the head of a household for decades and are accustomed to being the key decision-makers. If a caregiver plans to suggest a potentially life-altering change for their loved one, considerable observation is needed. Some examples: Before having a conversation about an older person’s driving, there’s no substitute for doing some ride-alongs with the older driver.
And then, have alternatives prepared. That’s where a conversation with OFA can help caregivers, on topics like help at home, transportation, housing and more - and how it could be paid for.

- You’re on the same team.
It’s not the caregiver versus the older person; it’s the caregiver and the older person, together, addressing the concerns that come with aging. OFA’s goals are the same as yours: to have all our older adults living with the most independence possible for as long as possible.

Phrases that work:
“I want to help you with...”
“I’m wondering about...”
“I’d like to support you in...”
“May I ask the Office for the Aging about...”

And a phrase that will likely fall flat:
“You have to...”
Listen with compassion. Rephrase what they have said, so that both caregiver and older adults are more likely to be on the same page. The topics are not easy to deal with, and nobody ever said they would be. OFA can help.

‘LESSONS FROM THE PAST’
RESCHEDULED (Monday 12/2, 2 pm)

(This event was rescheduled from July 16th to Monday, December 2nd at 2:00 pm. Those who reserved seats for the postponed July date have been advised of the rescheduled event date.)
One of our very own Dutchess County older adults survived Soviet occupation as a child in 1940s and 1950s eastern Europe, and will share her stories of survival on Monday, December 2nd at 2 pm, at our Poughkeepsie Friendship Center. She has not forgotten the sounds, sights, and emotions felt during the occupation, and invites you to take a trip back in time to hear how her perseverance and strong will saved her life.

Seating is extremely limited; please RSVP by calling 845-486-2555 during business hours. OFA cannot accept reservation requests made by voice mail, email, or text message.

OFA HOMEBOUND VACCINATION PROGRAM NOW OPEN
Are you a homebound older Dutchess County resident, or the caregiver for one?
If the homebound individual in question is unable to get a COVID booster and/or influenza vaccine due to their condition, OFA can help. Our staff can arrange for in-home vaccinations, while supplies last, through Friday, January 31st, 2025.

Contact OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555 or ofa@dutchessny.gov to find out more.

‘FRIENDLY CALLS’ –
UPCOMING ORIENTATIONS
If you’re exploring how to volunteer this holiday season, OFA has an opportunity that extends through the holiday season and beyond, that still fits into busy schedules wherever you may be: our “Friendly Calls” program.

Upcoming “Friendly Calls” orientations are scheduled as follows:
Tuesday 12/3, 10:00am
Monday, 12/9, 1:30pm
Tuesday 12/17, 10:00am
Monday 12/30, 1:30pm
To schedule your orientation – they last about an hour – here at our Poughkeepsie office, call 845-486-2555 during business hours, or email ledgar@dutchessny.gov.

OFA ‘NAVIGATING MEDICARE’ CLASSES FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT SEASON
The Office for the Aging has scheduled additional “Navigating Medicare” classes for open enrollment season at the Poughkeepsie Galleria Community Room (2001 South Rd., Poughkeepsie), Adriance Library in Poughkeepsie (93 Market St.) and Starr Library in Rhinebeck (68 W. Market St.). There are three classes left on the schedule before Open Enrollment ends on December 7th.

Here’s the schedule, along with how to call and register for a class:
12/4/24, 3pm Adriance Library 845-485-3445 x3380
12/4/24, 10am Starr Library Call OFA
Medicare open enrollment closes on December 7th
12/18/24, 10am Poughkeepsie Galleria (Community Room) Call OFA
For the most up-to-date calendar listings, visit www.dutchessny.gov/calendar. We also hold Navigating Medicare classes year-round, on the third Wednesday of every month at the Galleria, and on the fourth Monday of the month at Starr Library.
While individual counseling appointments with local OFA health insurance counselors are booked through December 7th, OFA can still connect you with a counselor from the New York State Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP). Reach out to OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555 or ofa@dutchessny.gov for details.

WINTER WEATHER CANCELLATION INFO
If you need to find out if OFA Friendship Centers and/or other activities have been postponed by winter weather, check www.facebook.com/DutchessCoGov and www.facebook.com/DutchessCountyOFA. We send cancellation information to area radio stations and media, but not all radio stations provide on-air cancellation info.

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D.A. Parisi: Poughkeepsie man charged in death of Bard graduate

Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi announced on Nov. 22 that Rohan Patrick, 40, was charged and arraigned in Dutchess County Court with the felony of Criminally Negligent Homicide, a Class E Felony, in violation of Penal Law Section 125.10, for causing the death of Bard graduate, Linh Hong Nguyen.

District Attorney Anthony Parisi said, "This tragic accident has resulted in the loss of a life, and no words can fully express the sorrow felt by the family and the community. After a thorough investigation, we have determined that the actions leading to this tragedy were not just an unfortunate mistake, but a case of criminally negligent homicide. While no legal outcome can bring back the life lost, we are committed to holding those responsible accountable for their actions and ensuring that justice is served in the

wake of this devastating event."

The incident occurred on May 25, 2024, at approximately 10:24 p.m., alongside Route 9, in the Village of Red Hook. The Defendant is charged with operating his vehicle in a criminally negligent manner, crashing into Linh Hong Nguyen and causing her death.

The case was investigated by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office and is being prosecuted by Vehicular Crimes Unit Chief, Scott Johnson, according to Parisi. The Honorable Edward McLoughlin presided over the case on Nov. 22 and the defendant was remanded without bail, stated Parisi. Patrick next court date is set for December 19.

The charges against the defendant are merely allegations, and the defendant are presumed innocent until and unless they are proven guilty.

Disability etiquette focus of ThinkDIFFERENTLY Conference in Hyde Park

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino invites service providers, educators and families of those with disabilities to the County's 8th Annual ThinkDIFFERENTLY Conference on Thursday, Dec. 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Henry A. Wallace Center at FDR Presidential Library and Home in Hyde Park. Registration is required for this free event and can be found at dutchessny.gov/tdconference and includes a complimentary lunch. This year's conference focuses on disability etiquette.

County Executive Serino said, "Dutchess County is proud to once again bring together individuals and organizations who are committed to making a difference in the lives of those with disabilities. Disability etiquette encourages us to properly and respectfully interact with and speak to residents with disabilities, empowering them to contribute to their community. I encourage you to take part in this important conversation, to increase our respect and knowledge about and for people of every ability."

Dutchess County's ThinkDIFFERENTLY initiative fosters a more inclusive and supportive community by breaking down barriers and expanding opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Now in its eighth year, the ThinkDIFFERENTLY Conference has become an essential platform for advancing conversations on inclusivity and for sharing best practices that support people of all abilities in local schools, workplaces and communities.

The 2024 ThinkDIFFERENTLY Conference promises a robust agenda, which includes welcome remarks by

County Executive Serino, followed by a 9:30 a.m. panel discussion on "Lived Experience Disability Etiquette," which will give attendees the opportunity to:

- Learn from local residents as they discuss their experiences with a disability;
- Understand preferences when a disability needs to be addressed; and
- Learn about appropriate language when discussing disabilities.

Following lunch from noon to 1 p.m., Emma Arnoff, LCSW, AutPlay Certified Therapist, owner of Sensory Space Poughkeepsie and parent, will lead a "Neurodivergent Etiquette & Ableism" discussion, offering attendees the opportunity to learn about ableism and neurodivergent symbols.

Question-and-answer sections will follow each session, and attendees will walk away with resources to continue learning about disability etiquette.

Dana Hopkins, Dutchess County's All Abilities Programs Director said, "Dutchess County is committed to ensuring that every resident, regardless of ability, feels valued and included. The ThinkDIFFERENTLY Conference is a cornerstone of our mission to build a more inclusive community. Each year, we come together to exchange ideas, learn from one another and advocate for a world that embraces all abilities, and this year's event promises to be another success that benefits many residents throughout Dutchess County."

Additional information about the County's ThinkDIFFERENTLY initiative is available on the award-winning website, thinkdifferently.net.

Beware of online shopping scams

The holiday shopping season is here, and while millions of Americans will be looking for the best deals the internet has to offer, cyber criminals will be hard at work looking to target online shoppers. The holiday shopping season is a prime opportunity for bad actors to take advantage of unsuspecting shoppers through fake websites, malicious links, and even fake charities. Their goal is simple: get a hold of your personal and financial information to compromise your data, insert malicious software, steal your identity and take your money.

The Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) is committed to helping Americans better protect themselves online. On its website, <https://www.cisa.gov/>, the agency provides a few easy steps to prevent you from becoming a victim of cyber-crime.

Using strong passwords, updating your software, thinking before you click on suspicious links, and turning on multi-factor authentication are the basics of what CISA calls "cyber hygiene" and will drastically improve your online safety.

Here are the four common-sense

ways to protect yourself online:

- Implement multi-factor authentication (MFA) on your accounts and make it much less likely you'll get hacked.
- Update your software. In fact, turn on automatic updates.
- Think before you click. Most successful cyber-attacks start with a phishing email.
- Use strong passwords, and ideally a password manager to generate and store unique passwords.

Check your devices

Before making any online purchases, make sure the device you're using to shop online is up-to-date. Next, take a look at your accounts and ask, do they each have strong passwords? And even better, if multi-factor authentication is available, are you using it?

Multi-factor authentication (or two-factor authentication), uses multiple pieces of information to verify your identity. Even if an attacker obtains your password, they may not be able to access your account if it's protected by this multiple step verification process.



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Mid Hudson Construction Management appoints James Madison to Chief Estimator

To better serve the Hudson Valley, Mid Hudson Construction Management (MHCM) has announced the appointment of James Madison as chief estimator. With more than 35 years in the industry, Madison brings his expertise and vast knowledge of construction techniques and practices to his new role with the construction firm responsible for many well-known projects in the region.

“Welcoming James to the MHCM family is a perfect move as we expand our reach in the Hudson Valley,” said Ray Travis, president and CEO of Mid Hudson Construction Management. “From our first meeting, James showed his range of experience and dedication to excellence, which will be invaluable as we continue to provide the highest level of service to our clients.”

Previously serving as chief estimator and senior estimator with other firms in the Hudson Valley and Capitol Region – including Gilbane Building Company, Arris Contracting Company and Tishman Construction, among others – Madison has experience providing estimates for new site work and vertical construction

projects as well as interior and exterior renovations. His background and training in the Critical Path Method (CPM) and ability to collaborate with architects, consultants, and municipalities will help MHCM deliver projects on time and within budget, as he leads the pre-construction phases of clients’ projects.

“Having James on board in this leadership position has also driven the reconstruction of our in-house estimating team, positioning MHCM for continued success as a top construction management firm in the Hudson Valley,” said Scott Travis, vice president and COO of Mid Hudson Construction Management.

Madison is a Certified Professional Estimator with the American Society of Professional Estimators, certified in building construction management from New York University, and is in the process of becoming a Design-Build Institute of America associate. He also holds OSHA program certifications.

For more information on Mid Hudson Construction Management, and its expertise in the Hudson Valley, please visit midhudsoncm.com or call 845-298-9230.



James Madison. Courtesy photo

AHS students unveil historic marker for filmmaker Ed Wood in Poughkeepsie

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Ryan's office. Roberto Rossi, whose family owns the eponymous deli a block away from Wood's former home, which he now owns, had given permission for the marker to be installed on his property and provided cookies and cannoli for the assembled crowd.

As you can imagine, it was a long and involved process for the AHS students. But Dom Bronzi, Noah Johnson, Zander Altman-Lewis and David Tverskoy accomplished the task. Sean Thompson, Josh Duque, Jordan Al-Akeel, Alex Tomkins and Rizvi Quazi were involved in another project and getting another marker placed. Another group of students

is currently working on getting a historic marker to be placed near the birthplace of Millerton resident and baseball Hall of Famer Eddie Collins.

“In the 1930s, 40s and 50s the state took care of the markers,” McHugh said. “But basically, after that, the state disavowed any responsibility for maintaining historical markers or putting up any new ones.”

Enter the teacher, who thought it would be a great idea for a class project that involves immersion, history and research.

And a class project, and the legacy, was born.



Students from Arlington High School joined the Rossi family of Poughkeepsie and local dignitaries to unveil a historic marker for filmmaker Ed Wood on Nov. 20. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

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“I learned to become pretty good at grant writing and to dot all my I’s and cross all my T’s,” McHugh joked.

Then he turned serious.

“It’s good for the kids because there’s definitely historical research involved,” he said. “The Foundation is really strict about that. ... It’s like, how do we sum up the importance of this person’s life in just a few words? There’s a lot to it,

including building connections with the community.”

He paused.

“You know, we have four markers up now, and it’s been a cool thing to see,” said McHugh. “I am very proud of these kids for what they have achieved and accomplished and what they are still working on.”

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Club members make some beautiful wreaths

By Nancy Bendiner
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At its November meeting, The Old Dutch Village Garden Club members learned how to make stunning Christmas wreaths. Three very knowledgeable teachers – Jennifer VanVoorhis, an ODVGC member, with her mom Beverly Van Voorhis, and Lisa Teator-Gooderham – demonstrated how to combine pine, ribbons, ornaments and other decorations for an impressive result. Battenfeld's, the well-known Christmas tree farm in Red Hook, contributed interesting and varied materials so members were able to create unique and beautiful wreaths for their homes.

Beverly Voorhis and her husband Jim managed and owned the flower shop, E.A. Coon, right across from Northern Dutchess Hospital. Jim started working there in the 1960s and purchased the shop in 1981. The couple retired in 1996. Lisa Teator-Gooderham works at Battenfeld's (as well as at Rhinebeck's Wonderland Florist) and built experience at E.A. Coon while she was still in school. Lisa's grandmother Ms. Teator opened the first flower shop in Red Hook. These local experts brought deft hands to wreath making. And the creation of the wreaths was accompanied by some real local history.

October's meeting featured a presentation by Amelia Legare, proprietor and owner of The Ozone Sustainability Center and native plant nursery Flower Power on Pitcher Lane in Red Hook. Her nursery focuses on selling native plants rather than cultivars. (Do you know that most nurseries offer plants derived from clones?) Amelia explained how to promote biodiversity and support pollinators who are most likely to benefit and maintain their life cycles from native plants that they recognize. Offerings at The OzoneCenter include educational workshops and a community compost program. To learn more, go to theozonehv.com and on Instagram, @THEOZONECENTER.

ODVGC members are looking forward to their annual December Christmas luncheon, this year at Texas Road House, and to an interesting and informative series of meetings in 2025. February's meeting, on Thursday, Feb. 13, will focus on pruning shrubs, a presentation by Michelle Decker.

ODVGC invites the community to our meetings, held at 12:30 p.m. the second Thursday of most months at St. John's Reformed Church, Upper Red Hook. Keep up with our activities on our Facebook page. We look forward to meeting you!



At its November meeting, The Old Dutch Village Garden Club members learned how to make stunning Christmas wreaths. Below: Instructor Jennifer VanVoorhis displays a decorated wreath. Below, left: Club member Ciska Hard with her wreath. *Courtesy photos*



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Coat Drive set in Town of Clinton

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Clinton participating in Toys for Tots drive

The Town of Clinton is accepting donations of new, unwrapped toys for children of all ages, as part of the annual Toys for Tots holiday toy drive. Drop toys off by Dec. 11 at the Town of Clinton Supervisor's Office, 1215 Centre Road, Rhinebeck. For questions, call Cathy Gallinger at (845) 266-5853, option 2, or email supervisorsec@townofclinton.com

Free Community & Historical Thanksgiving Dinner set at Stanford Grange

Stanford Grange #808 and Stanford: A Caring Community will sponsor a Free Community & Historical Thanksgiving Dinner at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82; Stanfordville, from 1

- 3 p.m. Enjoy traditional Thanksgiving foods as well as foods original to the first Thanksgiving including indigenous foods shared by our first peoples. A brief historical presentation about the First Thanksgiving will be given at 2 p.m. The community is cordially invited to attend. For more information, call Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

Red Hook Library Friends group to hold first book sale Dec. 7

The newly launched Friends of the Red Hook Public Library will host their first book sale on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donations will be accepted on Friday, Nov. 15, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Friends are only accepting donations of Mysteries & Thrillers, Biographies & History, and Children's Graphic Novels & Chapter Books in good condition. Limit one box of each genre/person/donation day.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Friends of the Library group may contact circulationdesk@redhooklibrary.org.

LaGrange Library annual meeting set Dec. 12
The 2024 Annual Meeting of the LaGrange Association Library Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, December 12, at the LaGrange Library at 7 p.m. All interested members of the public are welcome to attend.

Rhinecliff Soup Sales set Dec. 19

It's time for Fall Rhinecliff Soup Sales, sponsored by Rhinebeck Grange #896. Mark your Calendar for Thursday, Dec 19, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sold by the Quart. \$10. quart. Take Out Only. Rhinecliff Firehouse, corner of Shatzell Ave. and Orchard, Rhinecliff. Pick up at side window on Orchard St. NEW! Pick up also available at Morton Library between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. Proceeds go toward the General Fund of Rhinebeck Grange #896 to support community events.

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

ONGOING

Meals on Wheels of Hyde Park and the Village of Rhinebeck is seeking volunteer drivers during the hours of 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Drivers are needed Monday-Friday. You can drive one or more days each week or substitute as needed. All drivers work in teams so couples or friends are encouraged to volunteer together. For more information visit www.mealsonwheelsofhp.org or, contact Andrea Tkazyik at (845) 229-5896.

The New to You Thrift Shop at St. Christopher's in Red Hook has cold-weather clothing, with everything from shoes to coats, bags, scarves, hats...Come in and outfit yourself for the chillier times. The prices are amazing. And while the ladies are browsing clothing, we have children's clothing and toys and games. The shop is at 30 Benner Road in Red Hook by St. Christopher's School.

Towns celebrate holiday season

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Department presents the parade. Line-up at 4 p.m., at the Hyde Park Town Center (near Mavis Tire). Parade begins at 5 p.m. and proceeds out on Route 9 and heads north to Town Hall. Santa arrives at the end of the parade in a firetruck.

Town of Hyde Park Candlelight Walk and Tree Lighting: Following the parade, visit the Hyde Park Town Hall for the Tree Lighting Ceremony, Santa, refreshments, crafts and more. Meet at the Hyde Park Town Center (near Mavis Tire) at 5 p.m. Ceremonies following parade at Hyde Park Town Hall.

Hyde Park Merry & Bright Holiday Market: Sponsored by Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce from 3:30 to 7 p.m., with two big tents full of vendors for all your holiday gift needs across from Town Hall in the parking lot on Albany Post Road.

<https://www.hydeparkny.us/> or <https://www.hydeparkchamber.online/>

LAGRANGE

Saturday, Nov. 30

LaGrange Festival of Lights Parade, LaGrange Town Center, Rte. 55. The parade begins at 6:30 p.m. Line-up takes place at Arlington High School beginning at 5:30 p.m. The parade will exit the high school and travel West on Route 55 to its end at Freedom Road. For detailed information about the parade, including rules, parking and travel information, follow Town of LaGrange Parks and Recreation on Facebook, or visit the town website at lagrangeny.gov/parks-rec.

MILLBROOK

Dec. 6-21

The 16th Millbrook Library Holiday Silent Auction, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook. The silent auction will run from in the library's upstairs gallery, following an opening reception that will take place from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Dec. 6. The auction's closing celebration will be held at the library from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Dec. 21, with final bids accepted no later than 4 p.m. that day. These events are free and open to all. For more information visit <https://millbrooklibrary.org/holiday-silent-auction/>.

PLEASANT VALLEY

Saturday, Dec. 7

Pleasant Valley Festival of Lights, Main Street, Pleasant Valley. Parade, hot cocoa and a visit from Santa. Starts at 6:45 p.m. Get ready for the brightest night of the year! From sparkling floats to festive fun, this parade will light up the streets with holiday magic. In addition, PV Recreation is hosting a Storefront Decorating Contest, encouraging local businesses to create dazzling, holiday-inspired storefronts. pvrec.com or (845) 635-1111, ext. 203

RED HOOK

Sunday, Dec. 8

Holiday Open House, Elmendorph Inn, 7562 N. Broadway, Red Hook. The historic 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, 1-4 p.m. Free. (845) 758-1920 or <https://www.historicredhook.org/>

Saturday, Dec. 14

Red Hook Fire Company Parade of Lights

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Parade kicks off at 6 p.m. from the Red Hook Firehouse and will continue on to the outside of Red Hook Estates, Route 9 through the village, up Park Avenue to Linden Acres and finish off in College Park.

Looking to add a little more holiday spirit to your life? Think about having your business or family join the Parade! Those interested are asked to call/text Kyle Streib (845)249-1548.

Food trucks will be serving food in the village hall municipal parking lot.

There will also be a collection for Toys for Tots outside of Little Pickles Toy Store. Donations of unwrapped toys are requested. See the Facebook event for more information ("Red Hook's 4th Annual Christmas Parade of Lights").

STANFORD

Saturday, Dec. 7

Stanford Holiday of Lights Parade & Party, Stanfordville. Parade line-up at the Highway Garage on Creamery Road at 4 p.m. Parade steps off at 6 p.m. up Route 82, ending at Duffy Layton Contacting driveway, 12 Hunns Lake Rd., Stanfordville. Following the parade, there will be hot chocolate, coffee and cookies at Stanford Town Hall. Children will get gifts from Santa. More info: (845) 489-7886

TIVOLI

Saturday, Dec. 7

Tivoli Winterfest Celebration, taking place at Village Hall and Tivoli Firehouse (Tivoli Commons/86 Broadway) and all along Broadway in the heart of the village starting at 2 p.m. and running until 7 p.m. Santa visit, tree lighting, horse-drawn wagon rides, specials and promotions, Tivoli Artists Gallery holiday show and more. Free and open to the public. <https://www.tivolinow.com/>

MILAN HILL ROAD REOPENED TO TRAFFIC IN MILAN

The Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) has announced the replacement of a culvert on Milan Hill Road (CR-54) between Willow Glen Road and Woody Row Road, in the Town of Milan is complete and the roadway reopened to traffic.

Project work, which began in July, included replacing the culvert and installing new inlet and outlet headwalls, as well as widening the road to add three-foot shoulders, and adding new guiderails to increase the safety of the roadway. The project was completed on time and within budget.

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New International Flag Display unveiled at DCC

Dutchess Community College unveiled its new International Flag Display on Nov. 15, celebrating the rich cultural diversity of its faculty, staff and student body. This vibrant addition to the main campus highlights DCC's commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging (DEIB) by offering a visible, lasting symbol of the global perspectives and cultures that enrich the College community.

The exhibit in the lobby outside the James and Betty Hall Theatre drew more than 150 attendees, including members of the Dutchess County Legislature and DCC leadership, faculty, staff and students. A Certificate of Recognition marking the occasion was presented by the Office of Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino for DCC's commitment to maintaining a diverse campus culture that benefits students, staff and other members of the community.

Dr. Melissa Carlo, DCC's interim chief diversity officer, led the ceremony and shared the story behind the project, which began in early 2023 as a collaborative cross-College effort spearheaded by the President's Diversity Council. "These United Nations-recognized flags reflect our diverse campus community," she

remarked. "This display will continue to grow."

The display currently features 100 flags representing the countries of origin of DCC's faculty, staff and students, with plans to expand the collection each summer as new members join the College community. Two original student photographs complement the display—"Three Arches" by Bridget Donnelly, depicting a view from the Poughkeepsie Train Station, and "Little Italy," a scene from downtown Poughkeepsie, by Brianna DiLoreto. The pieces, selected and arranged by Associate Professor of Art Margaret Craig ('99), capture a sense of place and rootedness, emphasizing the College's location in Poughkeepsie and its connection to the global community.

“These colorful emblems offer a warm welcome to everyone who comes to our campus—community members attending events, faculty and staff, current and prospective students and their families, all who worked and studied at DCC,” said DCC President Dr. Peter Grant Jordan. “The flags symbolize unity, resilience and the shared dreams of individuals and entire families who see America as the land of opportunity and aspire to achieve the American Dream



DCC President Dr. Peter Grant Jordan cuts the ribbon at the International Flag Display celebration on Nov. 15, joined by Interim Chief Diversity Officer Dr. Melissa Carlo, Diversity Council Co-chairs Tomasine Oliphant and Steven Posada, Chief of Staff and Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness Dr. Susan Rogers and Student Trustee Bobby Biersack. *Courtesy photo*

through the pursuit of higher education.”

Jamaal Duarte, a DCC Diversity Council student representative, also spoke at the event, voicing what the display means for DCC students. “Instead of

honing in on the differences that define our identities, this space allows us to celebrate what makes us unique, elevating all of our campus community, regardless of cultural background,” he shared.



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Nov. 28-Dec. 29: The Wonderland of Lights, Dutchess County Fairgrounds, 6636 Rte. 9, Rhinebeck. A holiday attraction for the entire family. Immerse yourself in holiday cheer as you drive through hundreds of expertly crafted lights displays accompanied by festive sounds of the season. Hours: Nov. 28-Dec. 1, Dec. 5-8 and Dec. 12-29 from 5-9 p.m. (open until 9:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays). Monday, Dec. 16, will be a sensory-friendly version of The Wonderland of Lights. During that night's show, the animation will be turned off and the lights will be static. Since the accompanying music is fed into each car individually, the volume can be raised or lowered, or it can be turned off altogether. <https://www.thewonderlandoflights.com/>

Nov. 29-Dec. 29: Holiday Tours, Wilderstein Historic Site, 330 Morton Rd., Rhinebeck. Festive yuletide decor by florists and other local businesses will be featured through the mansion. This guided tour includes the landscape, exterior of the mansion, first and second floors, and video. Tickets are \$18 and may be purchased upon arrival. Arrive about 15 minutes early, as space on each tour is limited. Tours on Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays at noon, 1, 2 & 3 p.m. (845) 876-4818 or <https://wilderstein.org/>

Nov. 30: Dutchess County Sheep and Wool Growers Association Fall Farm Tour. Several Dutchess County farms open their doors to visitors to learn about the animals and shop their products. Participating farms include: Clover Brooke Farm in Hyde Park, Patchwork Pastures in Hyde Park, Stony Kill Farm in Wappingers Falls. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. <https://sheepandwool.com/>

Nov. 30: LaGrange Festival of Lights Parade, LaGrange Town Center, Rte. 55. The parade begins at 6:30 p.m. Line-up takes place at Arlington High School beginning at 5:30 p.m. The parade will exit the high school and travel West on Route 55 to its end at Freedom Road. For detailed information about the parade, including rules, parking and travel information, follow Town of LaGrange Parks and Recreation on Facebook, or visit the town website at lagrangenyny.gov/parks-rec.

Nov. 30: Wintertide, Kingston waterfront. Dozens of festivities and activities for all ages across the myriad of businesses lining Broadway, Abeel Street, West Strand, and Rondout Landing. The event will culminate at dusk with the official tree lighting at T.R. Gallo Park, with performances by the Rock Academy. Area restaurants and bars will continue to serve libations into the evening. More information at <https://thekingstonwaterfront.com/wintertide-2024> or find thekingstonwaterfront on Instagram.

Nov. 30-Dec. 1: 52nd Annual Holiday Craft Fair, Dutchess Community College, 53 Pendell Rd., Poughkeepsie. The Dutchess Community College Foundation Holiday Craft Fair is once again partnering with Quail Hollow Events. Find the perfect holiday gift for

everyone on your list at this juried fair offering only the finest handmade items and features many local producers. Grab a bite to eat from one of the specialty food vendors. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. <https://www.quailhollow.com/>

Dec. 1: A Visit from St. Nick, Locust Grove Estate, 2683 South Rd. (Rte. 9), Poughkeepsie. 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Bring your wish list and get your photo taken with the big guy! We will also have a sneak preview of the revival of Festival of Trees 2025 - view the decorated trees and bid on your favorite for a chance to take it home with you. www.lgny.org

Dec. 1-22: Dinner Theater "A Christmas Carol" presented by Theatre on the Road. Experience the joy of Christmas as you're invited to feast with the Cratchit family including Bob, Mrs. Cratchit, Belinda and everyone's favorite - Tiny Tim. In scenes right out of Dickens' classic book, you'll be treated to visits from Ebenezer Scrooge, his Nephew Fred, the Man of Goodwill, the ghost of Jacob Marley and the three spirits of Christmas. In addition, holiday carolers will entertain at your table. Suitable for the entire family. Tickets at www.theatreontheroad.com or call the venues where phone numbers are provided. Schedule: Sun., Dec. 1: The Beekman Arms, Rhinebeck, 1 & 5 p.m.; Sun., Dec. 8: The Meadowbrook, New Windsor, 5 p.m. (845) 562-5918; Mon., Dec. 9, VFW, Kingston, 6 p.m. (845) 399-0414; Wed., Dec. 11, The Beekman Arms, Rhinebeck, 7 p.m.; Sun., Dec. 15, Restaurant Six at Curry Estate, Hopewell Junction, 4 p.m.; Wed., Dec. 18: The Venue Uptown at the Best Western, Kingston, 7 p.m.; Thurs., Dec. 19 & Fri., Dec. 20: Buttermilk Falls Inn, Milton, 6 p.m.; Sat. Dec. 21, Soyuzivka Heritage Center, 216 Foordmore Rd., Kerhonkson, noon; Sat., Dec. 21, Hudson House Distillery, West Park, 7 p.m. (845) 834-6007. Sun., Dec. 22, The Eldred Preserve, Eldred, 7 p.m.

Dec. 1: Holiday Events in Hyde Park. Christmas Parade of Lights: The Hyde Park Fire Department in partnership with Hyde Park Police Department and the Town Recreation Department presents the parade. Line-up at 4 p.m., at the Hyde Park Town Center (near Mavis Tire). Parade begins at 5 p.m. and proceeds out on Route 9 and heads north to Town Hall. Santa arrives at the end of the parade in a firetruck. **Town of Hyde Park Candlelight Walk and Tree Lighting:** Following the parade, visit the Hyde Park Town Hall for the Tree Lighting Ceremony, Santa, refreshments, crafts and more. Meet at the Hyde Park Town Center (near Mavis Tire) at 5 p.m. Ceremonies following parade at Hyde Park Town Hall. **Hyde Park Merry & Bright Holiday Market:** Sponsored by Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce from 3:30 to 7 p.m., with two big tents full of vendors for all your holiday gift needs across from Town Hall in the parking lot on Albany Post Road.

Dec. 4: Skyllkill Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America's Annual Holiday Auction, Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, 1168 Rte. 55, Lagrangeville. Get a jump on holiday shopping! Bid on new, unused handcrafted giftables that have been stitched, sewn, embroidered, knitted, crocheted, beaded, baked, brewed, cooked, quilted, woven, tatted, painted and more. The auction is open to the public. Bidding begins at 10:30 a.m. All sales are final; cash or check only, please.

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Thanksgiving Theropods

Even if you're not a fan of the "Jurassic Park" series, you probably still know the King of Dinosaurs, *Tyrannosaurus rex*. That giant reptile was a theropod. Theropod dinosaurs lived from 245 million to 65.5 million years ago.

T. rex and other theropods walked on two legs. During the course of about 160 million years, theropods transformed. Environmental changes may have influenced how they searched for food or how they found safety. Over time, generations of theropods became smaller, a possible advantage in hunting prey and surviving extinction.

A theropod dinosaur called *Archaeopteryx* is considered a link between extant birds and non-avian dinosaurs because it displays features common to both. To date, thirteen fossils of *Archaeopteryx* have been discovered. The 11,000 bird species alive today are classified within the theropod clade as feathered dinosaurs.

Convincing evidence of the relationship between theropod dinosaurs and avian theropods is plentiful. Like birds, theropod dinosaurs had mobile necks, three front-facing toes, and backward-facing pubic bones. In embryonic development, both reptilian scales and avian

feathers grow from similar cells. The skeletons of birds and certain theropod dinosaurs are also much alike—and the imprints of feathers have been found on some dinosaur fossils. Additionally, many theropods were ground-nesters.

Hens and Toms

In the wild, female turkeys build nests on the ground in spots with overhead cover, such as beneath brush piles. This Thanksgiving, however, most folks having turkey will likely be consuming a farm-raised bird, rather than wild game. Those on the menu weighing less than 16 pounds were probably hens. But despite the dimorphism found in turkeys, such as male feather iridescence, beards, spurs, and size, both genders share yet another commonality with dinosaur theropods.

Wishbones

Many theropods and most birds (including turkeys) have a "Y", "U", or "V" shaped bone called a furcula. The furcula is formed by the fusion of the two clavicles (collar bones). More commonly called a wishbone, it can be pulled apart by two people during a tradition of seeing who will get a holiday wish.

In birds, the primary function of the furcula is to strengthen their thoracic skeleton to withstand the rigors of flight.



We know the turkey's furcula as a "wishbone," shown on the bird, left, and disarticulated (right). The furcula is one of the commonalities between turkeys and their dinosaur ancestors, theropods. *Photos by Francine Wizner*

In theropods, it was an anchor point for muscles of the forearms. It may have been instrumental for a wide variety of movements.

Fowl Breath

Unlike mammals, birds have a respiratory system that includes air sacs throughout their bodies and hollow bones which, likewise, contain air sacs. This unique physiology enables the high oxygen consumption necessary for flight. The number of hollow bones that assist breathing varies by bird species. Birds that fly long distances, like songbirds, tend to have more.

Furthermore, the tom or hen purchased from the grocery store has not been bred for flight. (They also have shorter legs than wild turkeys, so they can't run as well). But they do have wishbones like their theropod dinosaur relatives. So, this Thanksgiving, if you see a turkey strutting around outside or one is on your table, take note of its connection with the theropod dinosaurs of its evolutionary past as you enjoy the holiday.

In very strong flyers, like cranes and falcons, the furcula bone is hollow and helps respiration by pumping air through the birds' air sacs. But even though wild turkeys can fly up to 55 miles per hour, they do so mainly to escape predators or roost in trees at night. The furculae of turkeys don't contain air sacs for respiration.

Francine Wizner is a native of the Hudson Valley. She grew up in the Catskills of Greene County and spent over 3 decades teaching in Ulster County. She creates science-themed instructional materials and books, as well as being a Citizen Scientist in the management of her current home in an enchanted woodland of Dutchess County. Find her at <https://www.gertrudekatzchronicles.com/> and <https://www.pleasantvalleymaplelodging.com/>

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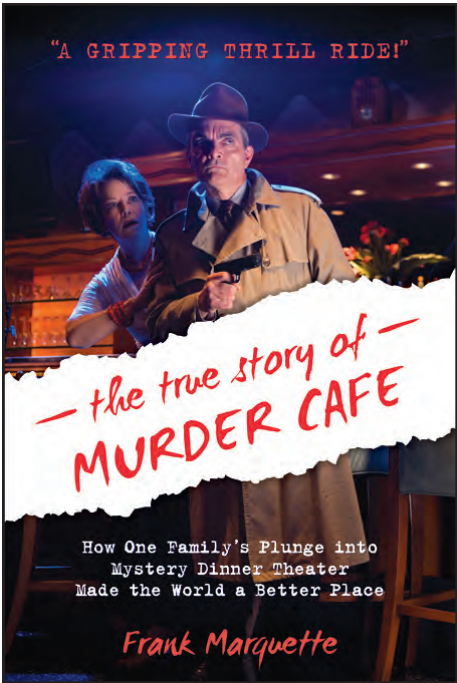
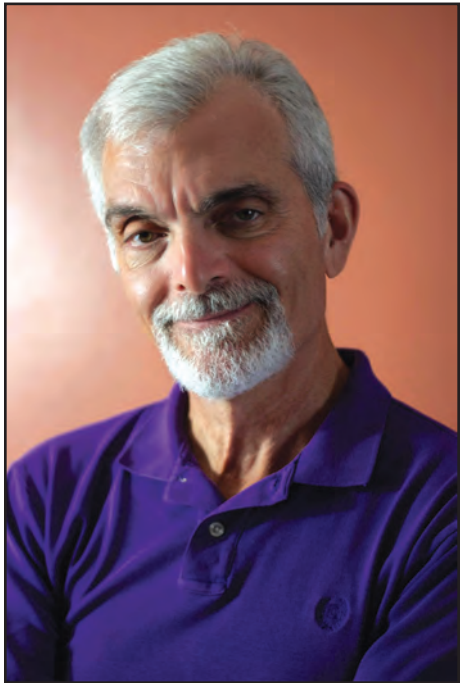
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THE GREATEST DOT-TO-DOT BOOKS

By David Kalvitis

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Marquette book offers ‘behind the scenes’ look at Murder Café



Murder Café's founder Frank Marquette has written the "behind-the-scenes" story of his murder-mystery theater company. *Courtesy images*

Frank Marquette, owner of Hudson Valley-based Murder Café, has written an autobiographical book, "The True Story of Murder Café," which chronicles life behind the scenes of the beloved murder-mystery theater company, both on-stage and at-home.

For a quarter of a century, Murder Café has entertained audiences near and far with a mix of murder, music and plenty of humor. On Sunday, Dec. 1, "The True Story of Murder Café: How One Family's Plunge into Mystery Dinner Theater Made the World a Better Place" (Troy Book Makers, \$20) will be available for purchase both through Amazon and several local booksellers.

The book tells the story of Murder Café through the eyes of the Marquette family, their actors, clients, and audience members. It's filled with astounding anecdotes relaying the triumphs and challenges faced by the company during its ever-growing production; a testament to one man's obsession and the smiles it's brought to everyone involved over the years.

Whether you've enjoyed a Murder Café performance, simply love theater, or are fascinated by the stories behind quirky family businesses, then you'll appreciate this tell-all story of how a middle-aged father of three living in Albuquerque, New Mexico decided to pursue his passion for acting by reluctantly auditioning for a local murder mystery dinner theater, and after becoming a featured player, eventually started his own company.

Murder Café originally enjoyed an 11-year run in Las Vegas before being

relocated to the Hudson Valley, "where it's brought joy to thousands of people—including myself—since then," Marquette says. "I'm thrilled to pull back the curtain to reveal the real-life stories behind the production."

This incredible journey has involved every member of the Marquette family, hundreds of actors, and countless venues, and other live experiences, that are both dramatic and hilarious.

Beginning in January, Marquette will host a series of launch parties at notable venues in the Hudson Valley and Albany region, including Restaurant Six at Curry Estate in Hopewell Junction, The Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck, The Best Western in Kingston, and the Historic Hotel Broadalbin in Broadalbin.

Over the last 26 years, Murder Café has entertained nearly 100,000 people in seven states and two countries, at hotels, restaurants, banquet halls, community centers, casinos, and historical societies. Murder Café has also helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for national charitable organizations like ARC, American Red Cross, United Cerebral Palsy, and the American Cancer Society.

Murder Café is the creation of actor, writer and director Frank Marquette along with his wife and producing partner, Kristen. They have been serving quality entertainment for both public and private events since 1998 and their menu includes: original and customized scripts, professional performers and singers, one-of-a-kind production values and the marketing and publicity skills needed to ensure the success of each event.

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Dec. 8: Panel Discussion, "Is the Truth Dead? The Press vs. Social Media in the Digital Age," Wallace Center at FDR Presidential Library & Museum, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. A lively discussion on how journalism and social media shape truth in the digital era, 2-4 p.m. Tickets: \$25 GA, \$20 students (current students only). The panel will include: S.E. Cupp, TV host, columnist, author and podcast host; Andy Ostroff, film and TV producer and director, writer and podcast host; Brian Rooney, former corre-

spondent for ABC News, "The Rooney Report"; Dewey Lee Esq., moderator. Purchase tickets at <https://ervk.org/panel-discussion/>.

Dec. 14: "I Love the 80s...to Death" Murder Mystery Theater, River Valley Arts Center, 9 South Mesier Ave., Wappingers Falls. Performance by The Murder Mystery Company. It's the '80s again, and all of the big names are here for a big concert. Tensions run rampant as backstage secrets spill out into the spotlight with like, totally tragic results! This isn't an episode of Miami Vice. This is like...murder. It's up to you to bust it like a ghost, for sure! Peg your jeans, slouch your socks, flash some neon, put on way too much eyeliner and get that hair up! You are going to solve this crime in style. 6 p.m. Cost: \$50, includes hors d'oeuvres provided by The Jessica Experience. Cash bar will be available. (845) 202-9833 or <https://rivervalleyartscenter.com>

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The Wonderland of Lights returns to DC Fairgrounds

The Wonderland of Lights is a
family-friendly drive through
festive lighted displays at the
Dutchess County Fairgrounds
in Rhinebeck. *Courtesy photo*



Back for the fourth consecutive year, The
Wonderland of Lights brings the sparkle and
shine of the holidays to Rhinebeck from
Thursday, Nov. 28, through Sunday, Dec. 29,
at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds, 6636
Route 9, Rhinebeck.

This family-friendly drive-through experi-
ence boasts festive lighted displays from the
whimsically wonderful to the nostalgic and
traditional with thousands of dancing lights
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Producer Tammy Peters says, “We are so
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every person who takes the time to drive
through, be it their first time or a frequent
visitor.”

New this year is Sensory Night. For those
children and adults living with sensory chal-
lenges, The Wonderland of Lights is turning
off the strobes and animation on the displays

Monday, Dec. 16, between 5 and 9 p.m.

The Wonderland of Lights is once again
supporting Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley with
Make-A-Wish Thursdays. With a donation
from their wish list
(<https://hudson.wish.org/amazon>), guests will
receive \$5 off the \$30 car ticket at the gate
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as well online on the ticket purchase page.
Visit www.thewonderlandoflights.com for more
information.

Tickets start at \$30 per vehicle up to eight
passengers and may be purchased online at
www.thewonderlandoflights.com or at the
gate. Military Discounts are available at the
gate only with a valid military I.D.

The schedule:

Thursday, Nov. 28 – Sunday, Dec. 1

Thursday, Dec. 5 – Sunday, Dec. 8

Thursday, Dec. 12 – Sunday, Dec. 29
(nightly)

5 p.m.-9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday

5 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday

Make-A-Wish Thursday: Dec. 5, Dec. 11,
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8. *The National ____ Show

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15. Curved molding

16. Welcoming sign

17. Crossword entries

18. *Skillet-cooked batter

20. Bristles on grass

21. Talked like a pigeon

22. Scepter's partner

23. A way to steal gas

26. With two maxima, in statistics

30. All Nippon Airways

31. Tip of lion's tail

34. Body, breath and mind workout

35. Garments

37. Singer Benatar

38. Unethical loaner's practice

39. Copycat

40. *Pie nuts

42. Honey maker

43. Like Old Glory

45. Time for an egg hunt

47. "As if!"

48. Battle of the ____, a.k.a. Ardennes Offensive

50. Moldy appetizer

52. *Green bean ____

56. *Thanksgiving football regulars

57. Cream-filled cookie

58. Chieftain in Arabia

59. Poem at a funeral

60. Of two minds

61. Not ever, poetically

62. Oui in French

63. Ensign, for short

64. Make them meet

DOWN

1. Coalition

2. Emmet Brickowski's brick

3. Zig or zag

4. Make wet

5. Safari hat

6. Mountain nymph

7. "Cobbler, cobbler, ____ my shoe"

8. Repair a sock

9. Cutlass or Delta 88, for short

10. "Now we're cooking with ____"

12. "La cerveza m s fina"

13. Bunch of #42 Across

14. *Football regulars on Thanksgiving

19. They're made for walking

22. Tin Man's remedy

23. "The Forsyte ____, " pl.

24. Not suitable in certain circumstances

25. Fruit-cutting device

26. 2nd letter of Greek alphabet

27. Skeptic's MO

28. Come to terms

29. Extra sweatshirt, e.g.

32. Hightailed it

33. Cul de ____

36. *Prepping a turkey

38. Cell phone bill item

40. Teacher's favorite student

41. Infamous Baby Face

44. Verse

46. Tranquil

48. Noble one

49. Internet patrons

50. Digestive aid

51. Fish eggs, pl.

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53. Bad luck predictor

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55. Makes mistakes

56. Bovine hangout

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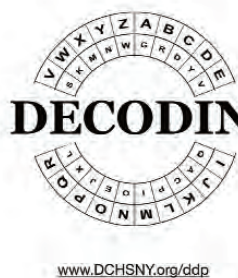
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DECODING DUTCHESS PAST



Dutchess County
Historical Society

By Bill Jeffway

We often associate great wealth in Dutchess County in the 18th century along the great estates of the river where names like Roosevelt, Livingston and Beekman were found. But there was great wealth in rural areas as well, such as North East and Amenia. There we can find graduates of the best colleges like Harvard and Yale, and persons with strong international commercial and trading connections with Europe and Asia.

For this profile we draw from the 1915 book, "A Sketch of the Cotton Smith Family" by Bayard Tuckerman, which profiles John Cotton Smith. Born in 1765 in Sharon, Connecticut he graduated from Yale University in 1783, studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1787. In 1786 he married a Dutchess County woman, Margaret Evertson, at the substantial brick home of her parents which stands today in Amenia and is known as Smithfield Farms. More on this shortly. He died in 1845 and is buried at the Hillside Cemetery in Sharon, Connecticut.

Tuckerman writes, "Few colonial weddings have been so well described as

that of Margaret Evertson to John Cotton Smith, and we owe the description of it to the bridegroom's sister, Elizabeth, wife of Dr. William Wheeler of Red Hook [Dutchess County] who was unable to be present." He then goes on to publish the letter in full which includes the following descriptions, "Peggy first. Item. A gown of exceeding glossy and rich satin of a bluish white color that would make a fright of anyone else; but her complexion is so fair, that she can stand anything. It was trimmed around the neck and sleeves with exceeding rich lace about five inches wide in double rows and very full gathered. Mr. Everston sent express to his relatives in Holland for it and the satin for the gown. [She held] a very large painted fan with shepherds and shepherdesses painted on it. [She wore] a pair of white satin slippers...a pair of long white silk mitts reaching above the elbows. These were our dear mamma's finest knitting."

The letter goes on, "And now for Jack. His breeches and coat were of a fine black velvet. His long white silk stockings were knitted by our dear mamma. And he wore the vest on which your own fair fingers spent so much time. His ruffles were the same lace as Peg's. His handkerchief was of the very finest texture of linen, almost like a cobweb, and your humble servant, madam, was the spider that did the spinning of the web! Likewise, the hemstitching in three rows. It took Johnny Barnet near a week to do the weaving it is so fine."

Remember that the letter writer is sister to the groom, and it seems she could not help but make a somewhat critical comment of her new sister-in-law, saying, "I fear the new sister is not overly well skilled with the nee-

dle, though in most other housewife arts she is well taught." An unfortunate but authentic indication of wealth in the late 18th century is the scale of enslavement in any given household. The bride's parents, Jacob Evertson (1734 -1807) and Margaret Bloom Evertson (1744 - 1807) stand out in the 1790 census as having 14 enslaved persons at their home, which was the site of the wedding four years earlier. County histories from the 19th century refer to the Evertson's as enslaving as many as 20 persons and refers to their living in specific slave quarters.



Undated portraits of Jacob and Margaret Bloom Evertson who were hosts of a spectacular wedding for their daughter at their Amenia home October 29, 1786 (image courtesy Invaluable Auctions). The details of the wedding were captured in a private letter of the bride's sister at the time. *Photos courtesy of DCHS*

dle, though in most other housewife arts she is well taught."

In addition to describing the clothing of the bride and groom, Mary Smith writes to her sister Elizabeth Smith Wheeler describing the participation of enslaved persons, saying, "Just before we all left Mr. Evertson's house, all the slaves gathered in rows on each side of the flag-walk from the front door..." Describing this as an old Dutch custom in terms of how the enslaved are treated at a wedding, Mary writes to her sister saying, "Mr. Evertson himself held an immense two handled basket full of packages while Master Reuters and John Evertson each held another big basket

full of nuts, sugar plums and raisins. From Mr. Evertson's basket, the bride and her groom handed to each slave one of the packages while the brothers from their baskets dipped out big coconut shells full of goodies. Each clutched the package under one arm and held it tight while holding out their hands to be filled with the goodies. Each woman and girl found in her packet a gay handkerchief and store stuff for a new gown. Each man got a big red and yellow handkerchief, a pair of warm stockings and about two pounds of tobacco. Some of the eldest got other things besides."

Although this is a 1915 transcription of a 1786 letter, it holds amazing power in giving us an intimate sense of the textures, and smells, and rituals of a wedding of a wealthy but rural Dutchess County daughter at her parents' home.



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From the description of the wedding dress in the letter, Kenna Libes, a PhD student at Bard College, explained that we might get a general sense of it by referring to this item at the Chertsy Museum (Surrey, England), saying "from about 1780 this is more standard for what would have been worn as the base dress and accessories for a wedding." *Image courtesy of Chertsy Museum.*

EXHIBITIONS

Bannerman Island Gallery, 150 Main St., Beacon. **Through January 2025:** "The True Story of Bannerman's Island," Bannerman Castle Trust's 30th anniversary exhibition featuring fine art, historic & contemporary photographs, Bannerman Island antiques & artifacts. www.bannermancastle.org

CCS Bard's Hessel Museum of Art, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. **Through Dec. 1:** Ho Tzu Nyen: Time and the Tiger, examination of Ho Tzu Nyen (b. 1976, Singapore) in the United States. Widely considered one of the most innovative artists to emerge internationally in the past 20 years, Ho works across a variety of media, including film, video, installation, painting, writing, and performance to critically examine how histories are continually imagined, negotiated, and performed. **Through Dec. 1:** Carrie Mae Weems: Remember to Dream, exhibition revisits the range and breadth of Weems' prolific career through rarely exhibited and lesser-known works that demonstrate the evolution of her pioneering, politically engaged practice. <https://ccs.bard.edu/museum>

CO, 6571 Spring Brook Ave. (Rte. 9), Rhinebeck. **Through Dec. 13:** "Axial Dakini Drawing with paint," exhibition featuring Guggenheim Fellow and local artist/poet/musician George Quasha.

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through Dec. 27:** Featured in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. will be Lala Montoya, and at 12 Vassar St., John McGiff will showcase his work in the Hancock Gallery and Logan Lapointe will be featured in the Reception Gallery. Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access. More info: cunneen-hackett.org

Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. **Through Feb. 2, 2025:** "Reproductive: Health, Fertility, Agency," an exhibition that brings together diverse artistic perspectives to address critical issues including birth, miscarriage, pleasure, access to abortion, trauma, and the loss of fertility. Through a range of media and approaches, the artists provide a space for reflection and dialogue on these vital topics, challenging viewers to engage with the complexities of reproductive experi-

ences and the pursuit of agency. (845) 437-5632 or <https://www.vassar.edu/theloeb>

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

Hyde Park Library Annex, 2 Main St., Hyde Park. **Through December:** Wildlife Photography by Daniel Schoonmaker from September to December. Proceeds from the sale of the photos will benefit the library's accessibility project. (845) 229-7791

LAND Gallery, 30 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling. **Through Dec. 30:** Holiday Show, new photographs by Jane Haslam, Phyllis Chadwick, Linda T. Hubbard and Rebecca Tocci, as well as handcrafted woodwork by Ed Bryan, handmade soap by Genevieve St Louis Jan, jewelry by Karen Ostrom and pottery by Ann Heywood. Artists' reception: Sat., Nov. 23, 5-7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. www.landgalleryonline.com

Live 4 Art Gallery, 20 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling. **Through Dec. 1:** The Sherman Artists Association presents "Earth, Wind and Fire," artwork themed and inspired by the effects humans have had on the urban and rural environment, both good and bad. There are paintings, photographs, glass and pottery. Facebook @Live4ArtGallery

Mildred I. Washington Gallery, Dutchess Community College, 53 Pendell Rd., Poughkeepsie. **Through Dec. 13:** "The Art of Tarot," an exhibit commemorating the life, art and writing of longtime Rhinebeck resident Rachel Pollack. (845) 431-8612

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through Dec. 21:** Annual Holiday Show, exhibiting handmade gift items in a variety of media including jewelry, prints, paintings, ceramics, cards, ornaments, small works and handcrafted pieces. **Closing Cookie Reception:** Sat., Dec. 21, 4-6 p.m. (845) 757-2667 or www.tivoliartistsgallery.com.



Mom’s first Thanksgiving

A bowl of soup becomes a symbol of gratitude.

In 1621, the first immigrants to the America, the Plymouth colonists shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies, with the Wampanoag Indians. For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn’t until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.

Thanksgiving Day is traditionally a day for families and friends to get together for a special meal. The meal often includes a turkey, stuffing, potatoes, cranberry sauce, gravy, pumpkin pie, and vegetables. Thanksgiving Day is a time for many people to give thanks for what they have.

Many Italian immigrants have come to embrace Thanksgiving because of their good fortune to have come to this great country. My parents are no different and to this day, they go to church on Thanksgiving Day morning to thank God for delivering them from the poverty they experienced after World War II and giving them the opportunities they have had in the United States.

Both of my parents emigrated from Italy. My father came over as a merchant marine from Monte di Proscida, just outside of Naples; and my mother came from an island off the coast named Ischia. Both immigrated just after World War II.

Ischia is a small volcanic island about 30 kilometers from the city of Naples. Today it is know as a very chic tourist destination catering to German visitors eager to bathe in the natural thermal hot springs and enjoy the spas that use the volcanic mud in their treatments. However, in the late 1940s, Ischia was trying to recover from World War II just as the mainland was. Because of that,

many Ischiola, residents of Ischia, were leaving for various other countries looking for work.

My mother, Francesca, was one of 8 children of my grandparents Giovanniguisepppe and Concetta Mazzella. The oldest was Maria, followed by Raphaelina (Lina), Vincenza (Enzy), Francesca, Imaculata (Tina), Antoinette, and Luigi.

My grandfather Giovanniguisepppe left Ischia around 1948 and moved to Argentina looking for work. He left his wife and children behind, hoping to make a better future for them. At first work was plentiful as the economy of Argentina was booming selling beef and sugar cane abroad. However, starting in 1950 the economy began to falter. By 1951 inflation was so high that Argentina money was worthless. What little money he could send home did little to relieve the poverty his family was living in.

Concetta had her daughter Maria write a letter to Giovanniguisepppe, begging her father to come home. They were all starving. No one had enough even for one full meal a day. The children helped as much as they could, tending to the gardens, but were unable to do much. At least if he came home, he could help farm what little land they had and thereby at least feed his large family.

To make matters worse, when he left for Argentina, my Grandmother Concetta was pregnant with my Uncle Luigi and he had never even seen his father. Many a night Nonna (grandma) would sit in the dark crying and praying for a miracle. In the spring of 1952, Nonna received a letter from Nonno that he was coming home. Her many prayers were answered. Nonno rolled up his mattress boarded a steamer and made the long trek home. Hidden inside his rolled-up mattress was a giant bunch of bananas.

Upon arrival, he immediately set out to

feed his family and make them as comfortable as possible, with an eye toward immigrating to the United States where his brothers and sisters-in-law were already settled. He would fish every day on his father-in-law’s boat, bringing home a portion of his catch to take care of his family’s immediate needs. He would then work in the various gardens to make sure there was plenty of other food when the fish were scarce.

Finally, in 1955, my grandfather immigrated to the States with three of his daughters Maria, Enzy, and my mother Francesca. The plan being that he would get settled, both with work and a home, then send for the others as soon as possible. They left port, November 21, arrived on the shores of New York City aboard the steamer, Saturnia, on Thanksgiving Day morning 1955. My mother was 15 years old.

My Great-Uncle Antonio, my grandfather’s brother, was waiting for them at the dock. After many hugs and kisses, he packed them into his car and brought them to his farm in Marlboro, NY where he lived with his wife Josephine and their children. Waiting for them was a Thanksgiving feast that my Great-Aunt Josephine had prepared. They had never seen nor ever had turkey before. Knowing that they would be cold from the trip, my Aunt Josephine had placed on the table hot steaming bowls of turkey soup.

My mother often talked about that bowl of turkey soup that they had as an appetizer, and how it was by far the best soup she had ever tasted, or would ever taste. It was filled with slivers of turkey as well as vegetables and pasta. There was a huge loaf of warm crusty bread on the table. She dunked the bread into the soup. It warmed her belly and for the first time in a long time, she felt safe.

During these turbulent times, we need to remember how truly blessed we are to

be in the United States of America. Thanksgiving is a time to remember and to be grateful.

Turkey Soup

Prep time 3/4 hours; serves 4-6 people

Ingredients:

- 1 lb turkey meat, cut into chunks
- 1 small onion, chopped fine
- 1 medium sized carrot, chopped small
- 3-4 stalks of celery, chopped small
- 1 bay leaf
- 3-4 rosemary leaves
- 1 qt. chicken or turkey stock
- 1/4 cup Marsala wine
- 1 tablespoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 3-4 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 lb spaghetti

Instructions:

In a large pot, heat up olive oil on low heat and add all vegetables, placing the onions on the bottom of the pot with the spices on the top. Slowly sauté the vegetables for 15 minutes, occasionally stirring them to prevent them from sticking. After 15 minutes, add turkey, stock and Marsala wine and bring heat up to high. Allow to boil for 20 minutes. Take your spaghetti and carefully break into 2”-3” pieces. Allow spaghetti to cook in the soup for 8-10 minutes until the pasta is tender. Serve with a warm piece of crusty Italian bread.

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

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Dec. 6: Town Hall Lighting Ceremony, Clinton Town Hall, 1215 Centre Road, Rhinebeck. Celebrate the season with a Light Parade sponsored by the East Clinton Fire Department, the West Clinton Fire Department and the Clinton Highway Department, photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, the Town Clerk’s Coat Drive, the Town Supervisor’s Toys for Tots Toy Drive, Boy Scouts selling wreaths, refreshments at the Clinton Community Library and more. Town Hall Lighting Ceremony at 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 6-21: The 16th Millbrook Library Holiday Silent Auction, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook. The silent auction will run from in the library’s upstairs gallery, following an opening reception that will take place from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Dec. 6. The auction’s closing celebration will be held at the library from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Dec. 21, with final bids accepted no later than 4 p.m. that day. These events are free and open to all. For more information visit <https://millbrooklibrary.org/holiday-silent-auction/>.

Dec. 7: Annual Holiday Craft Fair, Branchwater Farms, 818 Salisbury Turnpike, Milan. Craft Fair features a wide array of products crafted by local artisans, including jewelry, skincare products, honey, candles, ceramics, linens, felted creations, ornaments, furniture, cutting boards, baked goods and specialty food and beverage items, noon-3 p.m. Enjoy some classic Branchwater cocktails and non-alcoholic options, too, as well as some holiday bites. (845) 758-8628 or <https://www.branchwaterfarms.com/>

Dec. 7: Homemade Cookie, Craft & Gift Bazaar, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1872 Salt Point Turnpike, Salt Point. Featured will be rows and rows of homemade cookies sold by the pound, crafts of all kinds including wreaths, knitted apparel, dog coats, jewelry, Christmas decorations etc. all at reasonable prices, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. All proceeds support the church’s Board of Deacons reaching out to church members as well as many in the community needing assistance. More info: Diana, (845) 635-3635

Dec. 7: Holiday Storytime and Scavenger Hunt, Wilderstein Historic Site, 330 Morton Rd., Rhinebeck. Enjoy a family event featuring a heartwarming story about First Dog Fala (an early Christmas gift from Daisy Suckley to FDR) while enjoying holiday cookies and hot chocolate or cider. Following storytime, participants will search for Scottie Dogs as they tour the mansion. Children will be given a Fala ornament to take home and decorate. Recommended for ages 5 to 10. All children must be accompanied by an adult. 10 a.m.-noon. Cost: \$12 for one adult plus one child. Advance registration required. (845)

876-4818 or <https://wilderstein.org/>

Dec. 7: Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra: “Home for the Holidays,” Franklin D. Roosevelt High School, 156 S Cross Rd., Staatsburg. NDSO presents their annual Sounds of the Season concert, 4 p.m. Guest conductor William Stevens will lead the orchestra in a festive celebration, joined by local choruses including the Rhinebeck Choral Club, Rhinebeck High School Chorus, and FDR High School Chorus. The program will feature timeless holiday favorites like “I’ll Be Home for Christmas,” selections from Home Alone, and “Sleigh Ride.” Snow date: Dec. 8, 4 p.m. is set for Sunday, December 8, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Tickets: \$38 Adults; discounts available for seniors and students. www.ndsorchestra.org or (845) 635-0877

Dec. 7: Pleasant Valley Festival of Lights, Main Street, Pleasant Valley. Parade, hot cocoa and a visit from Santa. Starts at 6:45 p.m. Get ready for the brightest night of the year! From sparkling floats to festive fun, this parade will light up the streets with holiday magic. pvrec.com or (845) 635-1111, ext. 203

Dec. 7: Saturday Morning Family Series: “The Christmas That Was Almost Cancelled,” The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. Celebrate the holiday season with our Kids on Stage group in this original play featuring recognizable Christmas carols like “Deck the Halls” and “Jolly Old St. Nicholas,” as the elves scramble to save Christmas when Santa’s reindeer fall ill, 11 a.m. Tickets \$10. (845) 876-3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

Dec. 7: Stanford Holiday of Lights Parade & Party, Stanfordville. Parade line-up at the Highway Garage on Creamery Road at 4 p.m. Parade steps off at 6 p.m. up Route 82, ending at Duffy Layton Contacting driveway, 12 Hunns Lake Rd., Stanfordville. Following the parade, there will be hot chocolate, coffee and cookies at Stanford Town Hall. Children will get gifts from Santa. More info: (845) 489-7886

Dec. 7: Tivoli Winterfest Celebration, taking place at Village Hall and Tivoli Firehouse (Tivoli Commons/86 Broadway) and all along Broadway in the heart of the village starting at 2 p.m. and running until 7 p.m. Santa visit, tree lighting, horse-drawn wagon rides, specials and promotions, Tivoli Artists Gallery holiday show and more. Free and open to the public. <https://www.tivolinow.com/>

OBITUARIES

Jane H. Bell

Jane H. Bell, 85, a longtime resident of Dover Plains, NY, passed away on Friday, November 8, 2024 at Valley Manor Nursing Home in Torrington, CT. Mrs. Bell was a physical therapy assistant at Taconic Developmental Disabilities Office in Wassaic, NY for 35 years retiring in 1995. Born on July 12, 1939 in Gouverneur, NY, she was the daughter of the late Alger and Emma Jean Hyde. On July 16, 1967 in Gouverneur, NY, she married George H. Bell, Sr. who died on April 29, 2021. She was a member of Greater Grace Church in Dover Plains. Mrs. Bell is survived by her stepson, George H. Bell, Jr. and his wife, Joan, of Dover Plains, NY; a brother, Charles Hyde of Myrtle Beach, SC and his granddaughter, Rachel Vallone and two nieces, Renee and Lori. Graveside services will be private and at the convenience of the family in Gouverneur, NY. Arrangements are under the direction of Hufcut Funeral Home in Dover Plains. To send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcut-funeralhome.com.

Catherine Mary Cotter

Catherine Mary Cotter: native of Knockbrack, Knocknagoshel, County Kerry, Ireland, passed away at the age of ninety-three on November 17, 2024. Catherine adored her family and they have been blessed to love and be loved by her. She is survived by her children, Jean Cotter-Costanzo, Walter Cotter (Susan), and Linda Cotter-Forbes (Darren), daughter-in-law, Tiya Cotter, grandchildren, Kaitlin, Siobhan, Erin (David), John, Jeffrey, and Sarah, great-grandson, 'baby' Lane, sister-in-law, Margaret Cotter and numerous nieces and nephews. Catherine was predeceased by her husband, Walter, her son, Richard, and her brothers, Nicholas, Michael, John Joe, James, Patrick, Richard, Christopher, Daniel, and Denis. Catherine worked over 30 years at the church rectories of St. Denis in Beekman & St. Columba in Hopewell Junction, where she enjoyed wholeheartedly caring for the parish priests. Catherine raised her family at Hillside Lake in East Fishkill where she enjoyed boating, swimming, bicycling, walking, and gardening. Catherine and her family were members of St. Columba Catholic Church. Catherine was active in the Holy Name Society and volunteered at St. Columba Catholic school. She provided a beautiful witness of her faith to her family and all who met her. Having lost her mother at an early age, Catherine had a special bond with our Blessed Mother, whom she asked to be her mother. Upon relocating to Rhinebeck in the early '90s, Catherine joined the parish of Good Shepherd Catholic Church. She enjoyed sharing her famous apple cake at coffee hour after mass, and with many in the community. She was quick to make friends and she was often referred to as "Irish Cathy." She was active in local knitting groups and enjoyed teaching children how to knit. As a native of Co. Kerry, Ireland, Catherine cherished her Irish roots while also celebrating her love for the USA. Whether it was a St. Patrick's Day parade, or a 4th of July parade, she would joyously shout, "Up Kerry!" Catherine shared her love for her Irish culture with her family; summers spent enjoying Irish dance and music in East Durham, listening to jigs and reels in the car with her grandchildren while driving to Irish dance lessons, traveling home to Ireland, and of course, celebrating St. Patrick himself. Mass of Christian burial was held on November 21st, at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Rhinebeck, NY. A graveside service took place on November 23rd at St. Denis Cemetery, Beekman, NY. Memorial donations made in Catherine's memory to Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Rhinebeck, N.Y. will be greatly appreciated. Arrangements were trusted to Burnett & White Funeral Homes, Rhinebeck, NY.

Mary M. Fonts

Mary M. Barbero Fonts, born in Camagüey, Cuba, on April 6th, 1926 passed away peacefully in her sleep, in Rhinebeck, N.Y. on November 15th, 2024. Known as "Abby" by her 17 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren, Mary was larger than life. She was a woman full of faith whose constant heart for Jesus embraced not only her family but ALL those that she came into contact with. After receiving her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education in Cuba, Mary worked as a teacher for a few years. In 1961, Mary and her husband Dr. Alfredo R. Fonts left communist Cuba with their four oldest children. Once they were settled down in the United States, the five younger children were born. They lived in many places, including British Honduras, Central America, before settling down in Hyde Park, N.Y. in 1969. Mary was predeceased by her husband Alfredo, and their oldest daughter Ana M. Blizzard. Mary was also predeceased by her six younger siblings. Surviving Mary are eight children and their spouses/fiance: Charles Blizzard, widower, Ana M. Blizzard; Alfredo A. Fonts & Barbara; Catalina Fonts-Masvidal & Pablo; María C. Crowell & Robert, Sr.; Jacqueline Canevari & Dean; Raul A. Fonts & Meghan; Lizette M. Barrager & William; Janet M. Robertson & Derek; Michelle M. Fonts & John Boutoureira. Mary is also survived by 17 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. PARA SIEMPRE EN NUESTRO CORAZÓN Calling hours were held November 20th, at William G. Miller and Son Funeral Home, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Mass and Burial were held

Thursday, November 21st, at Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Burial at St. Peter's Cemetery immediately followed. To send an online condolence, please visit www.wmg-millerfuneralhome.com

Nicholas Gasparre

Nicholas Gasparre, 36, a lifelong area resident, passed away peacefully at his home on November 15, 2024 following a courageous battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his loving family, friends and his brothers and sisters of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office. Nick's story began in Yonkers on August 22, 1988. Nick's journey of serving our country began as a Volunteer Firefighter for the Beekman Fire District. Nick proudly served our country in the US Marine Corps attaining the rank of Lance Corporal during the Global War on Terrorism. Since 2017, he has served our county as a Deputy Sheriff with the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office. Nick is a kind hearted, funny, stubborn, sarcastic, loving husband, father, son, brother, uncle and friend. An avid golfer, he was one of The Seven in "The League." He was a part-time comedian who also thought he was an electrician and will forever be remembered for his love of dinosaurs. Nick just had a way of making everything better. The world lost a very special person. On October 18, 2021 in Boulder, CO, Nick married the love of his life, Kellie-Ann. In January 2024, they welcomed their beautiful daughter, Adelaide. In addition to his wife and daughter, he is also survived by his parents, Louis and Patricia; his siblings, Jason and Lauren, Gillian and Al, Adam and Jamie; his aunt Maryanne; his mother-in-law Lori and father-in-law, Andy; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Stephen and Mallory, Curt and Morgan, Kristine and Justin, and Danny; his grandmother-in-law, Johanna; his nieces and nephews, Isabella, Ivan, Natalie, Ava, Eamon and Piper; and his faithful companion, Gustavo. Nick will always have a special place in the hearts of his family and friends, and his memory will burn brightly for eternity. Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., Hopewell Junction. A Celebration of Nick's life took place at the Full Gospel Center, LaGrangeville. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to help his beautiful daughter, Adelaide, in the years ahead. Please make checks payable to Kellie-Ann Gasparre and mail c/o McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533.

Michael Gibson

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Michael Gibson, affectionately known to his friends as "Gibby." Born on June 2, 1957 in Brooklyn, NY, to Janie Mae Gibson and Johnny Gibson Jr., Michael brought laughter and light to everyone who knew him. Although Michael faced challenges throughout his life, he never allowed these obstacles to define him. Instead, he taught us what it means to live with love, laughter, and perseverance. Throughout his life, Michael found great happiness in simple pleasures. He had a special love for sitting in the sun, where he would often be found enjoying the warmth and beauty of the outdoors. He took great joy in dressing nicely, always ensuring he looked his best, which brought smiles to the faces of those around him. Michael enjoyed attending community events and also had a fondness for bubble baths, relishing the simple pleasure of a warm soak. A man of few words, Michael had his own way of getting his point across, and his mischievous side brought light-hearted moments and laughter to those who knew him. Michael brightened the lives of everyone he encountered through his infectious smile, unique sense of humor, or the simple joys that brought him happiness. His ability to connect with others left an indelible mark on his family, friends, and caregivers. He will be so missed by those who were fortunate enough to know him. Michael is survived by his sisters, Adrienne and Katrina Gibson, and his niece, Alexis Olivia Warren. He was predeceased by his parents, Janie Mae Gibson and Johnny Gibson Jr.; his brother, Maurice Gibson; and his sister, Sheila Gibson. Michael's life reminds us to embrace the beauty of the little things and lead with love and laughter. He will be profoundly missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. Visitation was held on November 22, 2024 at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, Wappingers Falls, NY. A funeral service was held following visitation at the funeral home. Interment took place in Wappingers Rural Cemetery, Wappingers Falls. To send a personal condolence, please visit www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.

Frederick Henderson

Frederick James Henderson, Jr., 85, an area resident since 1971, died on November 14, 2024 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. He previously lived in Glendale NY. Born on May 29, 1939 in Brooklyn, Frederick was the son of the late Frederick and Dorothy (Riley) Henderson, Sr. He proudly served in the US Air Force. Frederick retired in 1999 from Con Edison in White Plains after 40 years of service. Frederick was a life member and past Commissioner of the Beekman Fire District, and a former member of the Fire Police. Frederick belonged to the Southern Dutchess and Putnam Sportsman Association and enjoyed cruising around on his Harley Davidson. More than anything, he loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. In 1966

at Middle Village Methodist Church in Queens, Frederick married MaryAnn (Rey) Henderson who survives at home. He is also survived by his children, Keith Henderson and his wife Deannine of Amenia, Brett Henderson of Pleasant Valley, and Kristen Gareri and her husband Joe of LaGrange; his grandchildren, Katlynn and her husband Aric, Kyle, Kollin, Jacob, Emma, Nicholas, and Sophia; his great-granddaughter, Ava; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Frederick was also predeceased by his sister, Gail Miller. Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., Hopewell Junction on Sunday, November 24th with the Air Force Honor Guard presenting military honors. Donations may be made in memory of Frederick to the American Diabetes Association. Please visit his Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Frances M. McPeck

Frances Marie McPeck, 90, a lifelong area resident, died peacefully at home on Monday, November 18, 2024, with her family by her side. Born, November 26, 1933, in Pleasant Valley, she was the daughter of the late Morgan and Gladys Turner Lasher. In addition to raising her family and maintaining a household, Fran held various jobs over the years, most recently at Dutchess Community College in the Registrar's Office, where she made many friends with fellow staff and students. Fran enjoyed bowling and was active in numerous local bowling leagues over the years. She also liked to travel and take trips to the casino with her family. Above all, she loved spending time with her family and cherished the memories made and time she was able to spend with them. On December 21, 1952, in Millbrook, she married Eugene P. McPeck. Mr. McPeck predeceased her on May 17th, 2002. She is survived by her five children: Sandra McCauley and husband, Neil, Laurie Tozzi and husband, Robert, Brenda Canale, Cathy Ticcony and husband, Matthew, and Francie Cappillino and husband, Tony; and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. She is also survived by her daughter-in-law, Judy McPeck; brother-in-law, Andrew McPeck, and wife, Barbara; and brother-in-law, Richard Elwell, as well as many nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by her son, David McPeck; brother-in-law, Joseph McPeck, and wife, Shirley; and sister-in-law, Catherine Elwell. Calling hours were held on November 24th, at Sweet's Funeral Home, Hyde Park. Funeral services were held on November 25th, at the Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Lawn Crypt Garden at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery. Fran's family respectfully requests memorial donations to the Fairview Fire District, 258 Violet Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (www.fairviewfd.net), or the Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation, 80 Washington St., Suite 204, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. (www.hvhospice.org). To send an online condolence, please visit Fran's obituary page at www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

Doreen B. Newton

Doreen B. Newton, 76, a lifelong resident of Wassaic, NY, died on Saturday, November 16, 2024 at Kindred Hospital in Passaic, NJ. Ms. Newton was an assistant social worker at Taconic Developmental Disabilities Office in Wassaic, NY for 30 years retiring in 2005. Born on November 24, 1947 in Sharon, CT, she was the daughter of the late William and Doris (Shook) Barlow. She was a graduate of Webutuck High School Class of 1965. An avid reader, Ms. Newton enjoyed mystery novels and crossword puzzles. Above all, she loved her grandchildren. Ms. Newton is survived by her son, Brent Newton of Wassaic, NY and two daughters, Catherine Newton and Jennifer Valley and her husband, Glenn, both of Wassaic, NY; her sister, Constance Sprossel of Maine; her brother, Jesse Barlow of Peru, NY and her grandchildren, Emma and Lucas Valley and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a sister, Marylou Farnham and a brother, Thomas Barlow. To send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.

Carmen Patricia Petty

Carmen Patricia Petty, 63, a lifelong area resident died Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at Sharon Hospital in Sharon, CT. Carmen was a beloved school bus driver for nearly two decades, finishing her career with First Student Transportation in Millbrook, NY. Her dedication and professionalism, along with an excellent safety record while driving, allowed her the opportunity to transport children with very special needs everyday throughout her career. Her "kids" loved her and she loved each and every one of them. She remained at First Student until her health declined and she no longer felt safe to drive. She reluctantly retired in 2022. Born March 18, 1961 in Sharon, CT she was the daughter of the late Mansel A. and Janet Bailey, Jr. of Dover Plains, NY. She was a 1978 graduate of Dover Jr. & Sr. High School in Dover Plains and Richards Beauty School in Poughkeepsie, NY where she received her NYS License to practice as a beautician. On July 21, 1979 at the Dover Plains United Methodist Church, she married the love of her life, Lance Corp. Bruce Edward Petty, USMC. Bruce survives at home in Dover Plains. Carmen joined the J.H. Ketcham Hose Company Ladies Auxiliary on

October 3, 1978. She served as the organization's secretary in 1992 and again from 2007 through 2008. She was elected president of the auxiliary in 1993 and remained through 1997. She then became vice-president of the auxiliary in 1998. She was a lifetime member at the time of her passing. Carmen always enjoyed the comradery at the firehouse and always was there to support her husband Bruce when he served as District Fire Chief. Carmen also enjoyed gardening every season, the years she spent at the Cabin with family and friends, never missing a lunch out with co-workers, hosting family gathering and taking in a wayward stray. Her most favorite moments were bossing people around, a great argument on any subject and stealing the skin off the Thanksgiving turkey. Her greatest love was spending time with her beloved grandsons, Colton and Jacoby. "Moomie" spoiled them rotten and loved them beyond measure. Carm, "Our world became a much quieter place when you left and our family will never be the same without you in it. We love you and we miss so much". "Cheers to you !!" Carmen is survived by her husband Bruce; her daughter Robin M. Conklin and her husband Scott D. Conklin of Dover Plains; her son, Bruce E. Petty, Jr. and his wife Megan of Dover Plains; her grandsons, Colton D. Conklin and Jacoby F. Petty of Dover Plains, her step grandson, Tyler J. Conklin and his wife Rachel of Highland, NY; her sister-in-law Robin M. Saiken and her husband Jack of Poway, CA; her sisters, Melissa Smith and her husband Randy of Millerton, NY, Lucy Ackerman and Valerie Logiudice; her brothers, Mansel Bailey III, Timothy Bailey, Mark Bailey and Joseph Bender and many, many dear friends. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her granddaughter, Reese Madison Tate, her beloved mother-in-law and father-in-law Yvonne S. and Frank E. "Buzz" Petty of Dover Plains; her sister, Elin Liverani and two brothers, David Bailey and Roma "Steve" Bailey. Calling hours took place on November 17, 2024 at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, Millerton, NY. The J.H. Ketcham Hose Company Ladies Auxiliary honored Past President Petty during calling hours. A funeral service was held at the funeral home. Pastor William Mayhew officiated. Memorial Contributions may be made to the J.H. Ketcham Hose Co., P.O. Box 706, Dover Plains, NY 12522. To send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

Dr. Antonino Sarayno

Dr. Antonino (Anthony) Sarayno, 96, a longtime resident of Hyde Park, NY, passed away peacefully with his children by his side, on November 14, 2024, at the Hudson Valley Hospice House, following complications from Alzheimer's disease. Born in San Joaquin, Iloilo, Philippines he was the son of the late Barbara and Eugenio Sarayno. Dr. Sarayno completed his education with a B.A. from Harvardian College in Pampanga, Philippines, followed by an M.D. from St. Thomas University in Manila, Philippines. In 1962 he immigrated to the United States, where he embarked on a rotating general internship at Somerset Hospital in New Jersey, and later a General Surgery Residency at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Pennsylvania. He began as an Emergency Room Physician at Kingston Hospital in 1967, a role he served in for a year before moving on to St. Francis Hospital in 1968. There, he not only treated emergencies but also became the Director of the Division of Family Practice from 1979 to 1982. His tenure at St. Francis Hospital spanned over two decades, where he was an attending Family Practice Physician until 1988. Dr. Sarayno established a private family medical practice, the Hyde Park Health Center, where he worked for 48 years until 2020. His dedication to his patients was unparalleled, and he was known for his compassionate bedside manner and his ability to build enduring relationships with those he cared for. Outside of his professional pursuits he loved hosting large gatherings at his home for family and friends, gardening, and had a passion for driving fast cars, a hobby that brought him great joy and excitement. Anthony is survived by his daughter Alison Albertson and her children, Mitchell, Aubrey, and Kaitlyn of Hyde Park, NY; son Michael Sarayno and partner Loretta Montgomery of Troy, NY; daughter Maria, husband Russell Veith, and children Taylor, Chelsea, and Ryleigh of Port St. Lucie, FL; and daughter Amorosia, husband Michael Kowalski and children Sierra and Antonino of Hyde Park, NY. His 2 great-grandchildren, Isabelle and newly born Jack. His sisters Dr. Perla Sagge of PA, and Gloria McQueen of NY. Anthony's wife, Penny Ralph Sarayno, predeceased him in 2013; as well as his sister Ludivina Paterson, and brothers Eusebio, Juanito, and Anastacio. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions in memory of Anthony be made to Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation, 80 Washington Street, Suite 204, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 or at <https://www.hvhospice.org/donate-now/#Donate>. The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the caregivers on the 5th floor at The Grand Nursing home in Poughkeepsie and all the staff at the Hudson Valley Hospice House for their compassionate care during his last days. Calling hours, followed by a service, took place on Saturday, November 23, 2024, at Sweet's Funeral Home, Hyde Park, NY.

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**TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY
PROPOSED LOCAL
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ACTED** by the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley as follows:
**SECTION 1.
TITLE.**

This Local Law shall be titled "A Local Law Repealing and Replacing Chapter 44, Dogs."
**SECTION 2.
PURPOSE AND INTENT.**

The Town Board has determined the need to modify the Town's dog control regulations to modernize the restrictions, explicitly prohibit dogs from Town parks (except any designated dog park), and make other updates.

**SECTION 3.
AUTHORITY.**

This law is enacted pursuant to Section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

**SECTION 4.
AMENDMENT TO THE CODE.**

Chapter 44, Dogs, is hereby repealed and replaced as follows:

§ 44-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to provide for the licensing and identification of dogs, the control and protection of the dog population and the protection of persons, property, domestic animals and deer from dog attack and damage.

§ 44-2. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

DOG — Any member of the species *canis familiaris*.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER — A person, persons or agency duly appointed or designated by the Town Board of Pleasant Valley and as also defined in New York State Agriculture and Markets Law § 113 for the purpose of enforcing this chapter and Article 7 of the New York Agriculture and Markets Law; or any authorized officer, agent or employee of any incorporated humane society or similar incorporated dog protective association under contract with the Town of Pleasant Valley.

HARBOR — To claim ownership or protective custody of a dog or to provide food or shelter to a dog during a period of one week.

OWNER — A person who keeps, harbors or has custody, care or control of a dog. Dogs owned by minors shall be deemed to be in the custody and control of parents, guardians, or other head of the household where the minor resides.

TORUN AT LARGE — To be off the property

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of the owner or harbored in a public place or on private land off leash, without the consent, knowledge and approval of the owner of such lands.

§ 44-3. Licensing and fees.

A. The owner or harbored of any dog four months of age or older must obtain and renew a license for that dog from the Town Clerk as required by Article 7 of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law. A permanent, official identification number on a tag will be issued and shall be affixed to a collar on the dog at all times.

B. Dog license fees shall be as set by resolution of the Town Board, provided that there is at least a \$5 differential between neutered/spayed and unneutered/unspayed licenses, exclusive of any New York State surcharges, which shall be \$1 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$3 for an unspayed or unneutered dog.

C. All dogs must have valid rabies shots at three months of age or provide a statement from a veterinarian that the dog's life would be endangered by that vaccination, and therefore the dog is not to be vaccinated. D. All dog licensing shall be for a period of one year and will expire at the end of the month one year from the day of issue. Any license fee is not transferable or refundable for any reason.

E. Excepted from payment of the license fee are applications submitted for a dog license for any guide, hearing, service, war, working, search, detection, police and therapy dogs.

F. The Town of Pleasant Valley does not allow the licensing of a dog by a shelter.

G. All license fees will be used for the administration of the Dog Control Law in the Town of Pleasant Valley.

H. The Town of Pleasant Valley does not issue purebred or kennel licenses. All dogs must be licensed individually in accordance with the fee schedule set forth in Subsection B above. I. When the Town Board determines the need for a dog enumeration, a fee of \$50 will be assessed against all dogs found unlicensed or renewed at the time of enumeration at the time the enumeration is conducted.

§ 44-4. Restrictions.

A. It shall be unlawful for any owner or for any person harboring any dog to permit or allow the animal to:

(1) Run at large in the Town of Pleasant Val-

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ley and any Hamlets on any property other than that of the person owning or harboring such dog unless accompanied by its owner or a responsible person able to control the dog. For the purposes of this article, dogs which are participating in obedience training or competition, dog shows or field trials, hunting in the company of a hunter, or are within a municipal dog park shall be excluded from this restriction. Any dog running at large, whether or not licensed or wearing a license tag, shall be seized and confined by the Dog Control Officer(s).

(2) Engage in a recurring practice of howling, barking, crying or whining so as to unreasonably disturb the comfort or quiet enjoyment of any person other than the dog's owner. A minimum period of 1/2 hour (30 minutes) of excessive noise shall be deemed necessary to constitute a violation of this section. The person owning or possessing a dog committing an act prohibited herein, with or without the knowledge, consent or fault of such person, shall be guilty of a violation of this section.

(3) Uproot, dig or otherwise damage any lawns, gardens, vegetables, flowers or garden beds on property not belonging to the owner of the dog.

(4) Chase, bite, jump upon or or otherwise harass any person in such a manner as to reasonably cause intimidation or fear or to put such person in reasonable apprehension of bodily harm or injury.

(5) Engage in a recurring practice of chasing, running alongside or barking at vehicles or bicyclists while on a public street or highway or upon public or private property other than property of the owner or other person in control of said dog.

(6) Cause damage or destruction to private or public property or to create a nuisance by defecating, urinating or digging on public or private property, other than property of the owner or other person in control of the dog.

(7) Kill or injure any domestic animal.

B. Establishment of the fact or facts that the owner of a dog has allowed or permitted such dog to commit any of the acts prohibited by this section shall be presumptive evidence against the owner or harbored of such dog that he has failed to properly confine, leash or control his dog.

C. Dogs are not per-

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mitted in Town parks. This rule includes all Town parks, including but not limited to Cady Park, Bower Park, Helen Aldrich Park, and all other parks. This rule covers all existing and future Town parks. Violations are enforceable by the Town's Code Enforcement Officer who is authorized to issue appearance tickets.

§ 44-5. Duties of dog control officer.

The dog control officer shall:

A. Upon receipt of notice from the Town Clerk that a person has failed to obtain or renew a license for a dog, issue and serve an appearance ticket upon such person. The dog control officer shall appear in court and prosecute such violation as needed. B. Generate monthly dog control activity reports and submit to the Town Clerk and appropriate government agencies.

C. Respond via telephone and in person to dog related complaints and related occurrences. Check on areas of numerous complaints on a regular basis.

D. Seize dogs as required in this chapter and complete any required paperwork.

E. When a seized dog is identified and taken to the designated dog shelter or boarding facility, notify the owner personally or by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the facts of seizure and the procedure for redemption.

F. Perform on-site inspection of dog damage and file any required paperwork with the Town Clerk and Dutchess County.

G. Take any injured dog to an animal hospital designated by the Town Board.

H. Pick up all road-killed dogs and take them to a designated facility for cremation.

§ 44-6. Filing and handling of complaints.

A. Any person who observes a dog committing an act prohibited by § 44-4 of this chapter may file a written or verbal complaint with the dog control officer specifying the conduct of the dog, the dates thereof, any damage caused, a description of the dog and the name and residence, if known, of the owner or other person harboring the dog. The dog control officer shall investigate the complaint and determine whether it should be dismissed or whether some enforcement action is appropriate. If the dog control officer is unable to remedy a valid complaint, and the complainant signs a supporting deposition, the dog control of-

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ficer may issue an appearance ticket to the owner of, or person harboring, the dog. Such complaint may serve as the basis for enforcing the provisions of this chapter. If the dog control officer fails to act, or acts in a manner not satisfactory to the complainant, the complainant may then prosecute the complaint in court.

B. A dog control officer observing a violation of this chapter in his presence shall issue an appearance ticket for such violation.

§ 44-7. Seizure of dogs.

The dog control officer shall seize:

A. Any dog which is not identified and which is not on the owner's premises.

B. Any dog which is not licensed, on or off the owner's premises.

C. Any licensed dog which is not within the control of its owner or custodian or not on the premises of the dog's owner or custodian, if there is a probable cause that the dog is dangerous.

D. Any dog found to be in violation of § 44-4.

E. Any unlicensed dog shall be seized and properly fed and cared for until disposed of as provided by law.

F. Any dog which poses an immediate threat to the public safety. Section 123 of the Agriculture and Markets Law provides the procedure for the seizure and disposition of dogs determined to be dangerous.

§ 44-8. Notice of seizure.

Promptly upon seizure of any identified dog, the owner of record of such dog shall be notified personally or by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the facts of seizure and the procedure for redemption.

§ 44-9. Redemption of seized dogs.

A. Any dog impounded under the provisions of this chapter shall be confined in accordance with the provisions of the Agriculture and Markets Law of the State of New York and may be redeemed by the owner or harbored thereof within seven days for unidentified dogs and 11 days for identified dogs, exclusive of the day of impoundment, provided the owner or harbored produces proof that the dog is licensed and identified, and upon payment to the Town or its designated agent of the following fee, plus the cost of keeping, feeding and caring for the dog while in the custody of the dog control officer or pound:

(1) For the first impoundment: a fee of \$25.

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(2) For the second impoundment: a fee of \$50 and a fee of \$3 for each additional twenty-four-hour period.

(3) For the third and each subsequent impoundment: a fee of \$75 and a fee of \$3 for each additional twenty-four-hour period.

B. Any dog not so redeemed shall, at the discretion of the animal shelter, be sold at public or private auction, destroyed, or made eligible for adoption.

§ 44-10. Destruction of dogs; recovery of value.

A. Any seized dog which is severely ill or injured or cannot be safely removed to a veterinary hospital or humane society shall be humanely destroyed by, or at the request of, the dog control officer or law enforcement officer. The carcass shall be immediately disposed of, and a written report shall be made of such destruction and disposition to the office of the Town Clerk, which shall keep a record thereof.

B. Recovery by owner of value of destroyed dog. The owner or harbored of any dog destroyed under any provision of this chapter shall not be entitled to any compensation from the Town.

§ 44-11. Penalties for offenses.

A. It shall be a violation, punishable as set forth herein, for:

(1) Any owner to fail to license any dog;

(2) Any owner to fail to have any dog identified as required by Chapter 44 or Article 7 of the Agriculture and Markets Law of the State of New York.

(3) Any person to knowingly affix to any dog any false or improper identification tag; special identification tag for identifying guide, hearing or service dogs; or purebred license tag.

(4) Any owner or custodian of any dog to fail to confine, restrain or present for any lawful purposes such dog pursuant to this chapter or Article 7 of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law.

(5) Any person to furnish any false or misleading information on any form required to be filed with the Town of Pleasant Valley.

(6) The owner or custodian of any dog to fail to exercise due diligence of handling his or her dog, if the handling results in harm to another dog that is a guide, hearing or service dog.

(7) Any owner of a dog to fail to notify the Town in any change of ownership or address as required by Article 7 of the New York State

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Agriculture and Markets Law.

(8) Any violation of this Chapter 44 of the Code of the Pleasant Valley.

B. It shall be the duty of the dog control officer for the Town to bring an action against any person who has committed within the Town any violation of this chapter or Article 7 of the Agriculture and Markets Law of the State of New York. The dog control officer may elect either to prosecute such action as a violation under the penal law or to commence an action to recover a civil penalty. A violation of this section shall be punishable, subject to such an election, either:

(1) Where prosecuted pursuant to the penal law, by a fine of not less than \$25, except that where the person was found to have violated this section or former Article 7 of the Agriculture and Markets Law within the preceding five years, the fine may be not less than \$50, and where the person was found to have committed two or more such violations within the preceding five years, the violation shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 or imprisonment for not more than 15 days, or both; or

(2) Where prosecuted as an action to recover a civil penalty, by a civil penalty of not less than \$25, except that where the person was found to have violated this section or former Article 7 of the Agriculture and Markets Law within the preceding five years, the civil penalty may not be less than \$50, and where the person was found to have committed two or more such violations within the preceding five years, the civil penalty may be not less than \$100.

**SECTION 5.
SUPERSESSON.**

It is the intent of the Town Board to supersede any provisions of the New York State Law to the extent that they may be inconsistent with the provisions of this local law.

**SECTION 6.
SEVERABILITY.**

If any provision of this local law is held invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this local law.

**SECTION 7.
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Local Law shall become effective immediately upon is filing in the Office of the New York State Department of State.

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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW D OF 2024
A LOCAL LAW CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 75 OF THE TOWN CODE TITLED “SHORT-TERM RENTALS”
BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley as follows:

Section 1 Title
This Local Law shall be known as “A Local Law creating a new Chapter 75 of the Town Code titled ‘Short-Term Rentals’.”
Section 2 Authority

This Local Law is enacted pursuant to the authority of the Municipal Home Rule Section 10.

Section 3 Findings; Purpose

The Town Board finds that residential homes are being rented out for short terms, that short-term rentals have the potential to be incompatible with surrounding residential uses, and that special regulation is necessary to ensure that short-term rentals will be safe and compatible with surrounding uses and will not harm the neighborhoods in which they are located. The purpose of this law is to establish a set of regulations for short-term rentals of residential property. These regulations are in addition to all other provisions of the Town Code.

Section 4 Enactment of Chapter 75

A new Chapter 75 of the Town Code Shall be enacted as follows:

CHAPTER 75
SHORT-TERM RENTALS

§ 75-1. Definitions.
As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meaning indicated:

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER — Includes the Building Inspector, the Zoning Administrator, the Code Enforcement Officer and any other person charged with enforcing the Code or local laws of the Town and any applicable Building, Fire and Residential Codes of New York State.
OWNER or OWNERS — Includes the person or people actually owning real property, a person or people holding membership interests in a limited-liability company, a person or people holding a partnership interest in a partnership or limited liability partnership, the trustee or trustees of a trust, or a person or people owning shares in a corporation, when any such an entity owns the real property.
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RENTAL — Any portion of a dwelling unit or housing unit (as defined in any applicable NYS Fire, Building or Residential Code) rented for compensation in exchange for lodging for a period of not more than 31 consecutive days, including a primary structure or a permanent accessory structure. This may not include campgrounds, tent sites or tent platforms, and other temporary structures on the parcel. For the purpose of this chapter, the term “short-term rental” shall not include a bed-and-breakfast, boardinghouse/lodging house, hotel, motel, or ongoing month-to-month tenancies.

§ 75-2. Required permit; limitations on short-term rental permits.

A. Short-term rentals are allowed anywhere in the Town, regardless of the zoning district, if they meet the requirements of this section and obtain a permit.

B. Owners shall not advertise or use their property as a short-term rental without obtaining a revocable short-term rental permit in advance. Short-term rental permits shall be limited to one permit for any owner(s) for each two-year cycle. Only an owner or owners of the property can obtain a short-term rental permit.

C. A short-term rental permit shall be valid for two years and must be renewed 60 days prior to expiration of current permit if the premises are to continue to operate as a short-term rental.

D. The short-term rental permit is not transferable to a new owner. The new owner of the premises subject to a short-term rental permit must file a new permit application.

E. The Town Board may establish by resolution the number of short-term rental permits that may be issued at any time. The initial number of such permits shall be 20.

F. Permits for short-term rentals are a privilege that can be revoked pursuant to these regulations. All qualified applicants may not receive a permit if the Town places a limit on the number of permits issued.

G. Notwithstanding the foregoing, those properties with short-term rental commitments existing on the date this chapter takes effect shall be permitted to honor such existing commitments and continue to make commitments for short-term rentals, but owners must apply for a permit within 90

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days of this chapter's effective date if they wish to make future short-term rental commitments. In the event such application is denied, all commitments shall be cancelled.

§ 75-3. Short-term rental permit application requirements.

A. Applications and application forms for a short-term rental permit may be obtained at the Town of Pleasant Valley Town Hall or Town website, and fully completed applications shall be submitted to the Code Enforcement Officer, accompanied by payment of a nonrefundable application fee to be determined from time to time by resolution of the Town Board. The application shall include the following: (1) The signatures of all property owners or their designated agents.

(2) A statement authorizing the Code Enforcement Officer or his designee to inspect the property to ensure compliance with all requirements and standards contained within this chapter.

(3) An acknowledgment of present and ongoing compliance with the short-term rental standards as defined in this chapter.

(4) A list of each property owner and the name of any manager, management agency managing the property, or other party responsible for maintaining the property in the owner's absence, including names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of each individual.

(5) The name, address, telephone number and email address of a local contact person, who shall be responsible for and authorized to act on the owner's behalf to promptly remedy any violation of the standards outlined in this chapter. The contact person may be an owner, or an agent designated by the owner(s) to serve as a contact person, and shall respond to any correspondence or concern from the Town Code Enforcement Officer within 24 hours.

(6) An accurate, suitable floor plan for each level of the dwelling that can be occupied measuring at least 8.5 inches by 11 inches, and a plot plan, both drawn to scale and certified by the applicant. The floor plan and plot plan do not need to be prepared by a professional, but must include the following:

(a) The location of buildings, required

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parking spaces, any swimming pools, hot tubs and spas.

(b) For each floor (including basement and/or attic): all rooms, including bedrooms, windows, exits and any heating/cooling units, as well as location of house utilities.

(c) All rooms that are not included in the short-term rental must also be shown.

(7) A statement that none of the owners of the subject property have had a short-term rental permit revoked within the previous year for any rental properties owned individually or together with others.

(8) If access to the property is by way of a private road or shared driveway, proof that the owner has the legal right to use the road or driveway for access to a short-term rental.

(9) Current Dutchess County Hotel Occupancy Tax Certificate. B. All completed applications are subject to a floor plan review and plot plan review and approval by the Code Enforcement Officer.

C. Owners wishing to apply for a variance relating to sleeping capacity, parking capacity, or other standards stated below must petition to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Variance applications will be reviewed and decided by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

§ 75-4. Short-term rental standards.

A. Property requirements.

(1) Property must comply and meet all applicable NYS Uniform Building Codes and the Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley, including all Zoning requirements.

(2) A short-term rental must be located within a legal dwelling unit, and there may be no more than one short-term rental per property.

(3) There shall be one working smoke detector in each sleeping room and one additional smoke detector on each floor. Carbon monoxide detectors shall be installed as required by the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code.

(4) Evacuation procedures must be posted in each sleeping room to be followed in the event of a fire or smoke condition or upon activation of a fire or smoke-detecting or other alarm device.

(5) There shall be an ABC fire extinguisher on each floor and in the kitchen. Fire extinguishers shall be inspected prior to a renter occupying the property and no less than monthly by the permit holder(s) to ensure each contains a full charge. A record of the date inspected initiated by the permit holder shall be maintained and made available to the Code Enforcement Officer upon request.

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(6) The house number shall be located both at the road and on the dwelling unit so that the house number is clearly visible from both the road and the driveway.

(7) Exterior doors shall be operational and all passageways to exterior doors shall be clear and unobstructed.

(8) Electrical systems shall be in good operating condition, labeled, unobstructed and shall be visible for the Code Enforcement Officer during the permitting process. Any defects found shall be corrected prior to permit issuance.

(9) All fireplaces, woodstoves, pellet stoves and similar heating devices shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

(10) The property must have a minimum of one off-road parking space for every bedroom shown on the floor plan.

(11) Vehicle access to the short-term rental must meet current New York State Fire Code requirements.

(12) Maximum occupancy for each short-term rental unit shall not exceed two people per bedroom shown on the floor plan. The maximum occupancy of a short-term rental unit shall not exceed eight people, including permanent residents and renters.

(13) In the event that the property has a septic system, the maximum occupancy shall be defined by the capabilities of the septic system, but in no event shall overnight occupancy for any short-term rental unit exceed eight people total.

(14) A septic system at the property must meet all state and county requirements.

(15) The septic system must have been pumped within the past four years and proof of pumping and satisfactory inspection by a qualified septic disposal firm shall be available to the Code Enforcement Officer. Once a short-term rental permit is issued, the septic system must be pumped at least once every four years.

(16) The water supply to the property must meet all state and county requirements.

(17) The only signage permitted shall be one on-site, non-illuminated nameplate or sign with an area of not

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more than two square feet, which sign shall be approved by the Code Enforcement Officer.

(18) For properties which include a swimming pool, there must be water safety equipment on the property, in plain view and within 10 feet of the edges of the swimming pool, and a water alarm activated by water disturbance (unless an auto safety cover exists).

B. An informational posting within the rental shall be required, including:

(1) Contact information for a local contact person who shall be available during the entire time the short-term rental property is being rented. Contact may be through a rental website if deemed appropriate by the Code Enforcement Officer.

(2) Maximum occupancy limit

(3) Location of parking spaces

(4) Any conditions imposed by the Zoning Board of Appeals and/or Code Enforcement Officer

(5) The phone numbers for local emergency services (e.g., fire, police, EMT)

C. Insurance standards. All applicants and permit holders must provide evidence of property insurance and a certificate of liability insurance indicating the premises are rated as a short-term rental and maintain such insurance throughout the term of the short-term rental permit.

D. Waste removal provisions shall be made for weekly garbage removal during rental periods. Garbage containers shall be secured with tight fitting covers at all times to prevent leakage, spilling, or odors, and placed where they are not clearly visible from the road except at approximate pickup time.

E. It shall be unlawful for a short-term rental to be used for any type of assembly, including, but not limited to, a wedding, party, activity, gathering, or meeting, involving more people than the maximum occupancy of the rental.

F. Short-term rental applicants and permit holders must have a rental contract, which includes the following:

(1) Maximum property occupancy;

(2) Maximum on-site parking provided; and

(3) Good neighbor statement, stating:

(3.a) The short-term rental renters should be considerate of the residents in neighboring homes;

(3.b) Guests are requested to observe

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quiet hours from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.;

(3.c) Parties are prohibited;

(3.d) All renters will be subject to New York Penal Law § 240.20 or any successor statute regarding disorderly conduct;

(3.e) Littering is illegal;

(3.f) Recreational campfires must be attended at all times;

(3.g) Hunting, the discharge of firearms, pyrotechnics, motorcycles, motocross and off-road vehicles shall not be permitted or operated on the property which is subject to a short-term rental.

§ 75-5. Procedure upon filing application.

A. Short-term rental permit applications shall be filed with the Town of Pleasant Valley Code Enforcement Officer with all supporting documentation and the nonrefundable permit fee. Only completed applications will be accepted by the Town's Code Enforcement Officer. The Code Enforcement Officer may decline to accept an application for consideration for any of the following reasons: (1) The application documentation required by this chapter was not included or the full permit fee was not paid.

(2) A previously issued short-term rental permit was revoked within the past year and defects and/or violations have not been corrected and inspected by the Code Enforcement Officer.

B. Upon receipt of a completed short-term rental permit application, adjacent property owners of the short-term rental will be notified of the application by the applicant by certified mail, return receipt requested. That notice shall contain all of the contact information identified in § 75-3A(5) and a statement that the local contact person must promptly remedy complaints of violations.

C. Upon the Code Enforcement Officers acceptance of the completed permit application, including all documents and information required by this chapter and the permit fee, the Code Enforcement Officer shall have 30 days to conduct a property inspection to certify and approve that all short-term rental requirements have been met.

D. Upon approval of the short-term rental application by the Code Enforcement Officer, a short-term rental permit will be issued for a period of two

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years.
§ 75-6. Permit compliance required. Short-term rental permits are subject to continued compliance with the requirements of this chapter. A. If the Code Enforcement Officer has probable cause to believe that the homeowner is not in compliance with the provisions of this chapter, the Code Enforcement Officer may request permission from the short-term rental permit holder to enter the premises and to conduct an inspection of the short-term rental property for purposes of ensuring compliance with this section. If the permit holder refuses to permit the Code Enforcement Officer to inspect the property, the permit will be revoked. If an inspection authorized herein is conducted, the Code Enforcement Officer shall use the results of such inspection in determining whether to revoke the permit.
B. The short-term rental permit holder shall ensure that current and accurate information is provided to the Code Enforcement Officer and that the Code Enforcement Officer is notified immediately of any change in the information displayed on the permit. If, based on such changes, the Code Enforcement Officer issues an amended short-term rental permit, the owner(s) must immediately post the amended permit inside and near the front entrance of the short-term rental.
C. The short-term rental permit holder must conspicuously display the short-term rental permit number in all advertisements for the applicable short-term rental.
§ 75-7. Application for renewal of permit. Renewal permits will be granted for an additional two-year term if the following conditions are met:
A. Application for renewal of the short-term rental permit shall be made 60 days prior to expiration of current permit and requires payment of renewal fee.
B. At the time of application for renewal, the owner or designated agent must present the previous permit for short-term rental.
C. The property must undergo re-inspection performed by the Code Enforcement Officer.
D. Any violations, whether previously issued or observed during the reinspection, must be remedied

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prior to renewal of a permit for short-term rental.
§ 75-8. Grounds for suspension or revocation of permit. The Code Enforcement Officer may immediately suspend a short-term rental permit based on any of the following grounds:
A. Applicant has falsified or failed to provide information in the application for a permit or the application for permit renewal.
B. Applicant failed to meet or comply with any of the requirements of this chapter.
C. Owner is in violation of any provision of the Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley or the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code.
D. Any violation of the Penal Code of the State of New York has occurred at, or related to the occupancy of, the short-term rental.
E. Any conduct on the premises, which disturbs the health, safety, peace or comfort of the neighborhood or which otherwise creates a public nuisance.
F. Removal or disrepair of any safety devices, such as, but not limited to, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers, and egresses.
§ 75-9. Penalties for offenses. A. If the Code Enforcement Officer either witnesses or receives a written complaint (unless the suspected violation is of life, health or safety matters, in which case the Code Enforcement Officer is authorized to act on an oral complaint) of an alleged violation of this chapter or of any short-term rental permit issued pursuant to this chapter, the Code Enforcement Officer shall properly record such complaint and immediately investigate the report thereon. If the Code Enforcement Officer determines there is a violation of this Code or this chapter, the owners shall be notified in writing by certified or registered mail, or personal service, of said violations, and the Code Enforcement Officer may take any or all of the following actions:
(1) Attach conditions to the existing short-term rental permit.
(2) Suspend the short-term rental permit. The notice of suspension shall be provided to a property owner and a copy filed with the Town Clerk.
(3) Require corrective action that remedies the violation(s). The corrective action must be completed and approved within 30 days of notice from the Code Enforcement Officer or the owner (or permit holder) risks

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revocation of the short-term rental permit.
(4) Issue a court appearance ticket for violation of law.
(5) Revoke the short-term rental permit. Should a permit be revoked, all owners of the short-term rental are prohibited from obtaining a short-term rental permit on the property for one year after the date of revocation. The Code Enforcement Officer shall send a notice of revocation to property owner(s) and shall file a copy with the Town Clerk.
B. The Town may initiate an action in Supreme Court for injunctive relief whenever such injunctive relief may be necessary to prevent any further violation of this chapter or any threatened and imminent violation of this chapter.
C. The Town may initiate an action in Justice Court for violation of this chapter. Conviction of such violation shall be deemed a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 or imprisonment for a period not to exceed six months, or both. Each week's continued violation shall constitute a separate additional violation. For subsequent violations within five years, the fines shall be doubled.
§ 75-10. Presumption of use as short-term rental property. A. The presence of the following shall create a presumption that all or a part of the property is being used as a short-term rental:
(1) All or a part of the property is offered for rent on a short-term rental website, including but not limited to Airbnb, HomeAway and VRBO™, for a rental period of less than 31 days; and/or
(2) All or a part of the property is offered for rent for a period of 31 days or less through any form of advertising.
B. The foregoing presumptions may be rebutted by evidence presented to the Code Enforcement Officer that the premises are not operated as a short-term rental.
§ 75-11. Appeals and hearings. The property owner is entitled to appeal the Code Enforcement Officer's determination to the Zoning Board of Appeals when a property owner's application for a short-term rental permit or a short-term rental permit renewal is denied or a short-term rental permit is revoked. A notice of appeal shall be filed with the Town Clerk and the Zoning Board of Appeals within 60 days of the Code Enforcement Officer's fil-

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ing of the denial or revocation with the Town Clerk. A hearing shall be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals not more than 45 days after the filing of the notice of appeal.
Section 5 Supersession To the extent that any provision of this Chapter is inconsistent with Town Law or any other provision of New York State law, the provisions of this Chapter are expressly intended to and do hereby supersede any such inconsistent provision under the Town's municipal home rule powers.
Section 6 Severability If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, article or part of this Local Law shall be adjudicated in any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgement shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the Clause, sentence, paragraph, section, article or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered, and such invalidity shall not be deemed to affect the remaining portions thereof.
Section 7 Effective Date This Local Law shall be effective as provided by law, immediately upon filing and acceptance by the New York Secretary of State.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Pleasant Valley Town Board shall hold a public hearing on the adoption of Local Law E of 2024, titled "A Local Law of the Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, New York Amending Chapter 9 of the Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley Entitled, "Code of Ethics" on December 16, 2024 at 7:20 p.m. at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall located at 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York. A copy of said Local Law is available for inspection on the Town's website, official board and at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours. Any person desiring to speak at said public hearing on said Local Law shall be permitted to do so.

By order of the Town Board dated November 18, 2024.

MARY BETH MUIR
Town Clerk for the Town of Pleasant

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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 6:30 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, 2025, and on the Capital Improvement Program of said county for the years 2025 through 2029.
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:
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MAJORITY / MINORITY ASSISTANT LEADER, COUNTY LEGISLATURE \$36,500
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY PLEASANT VALLEY, NEW YORK CADY FIELD BASKETBALL COURT General Notice

The Town of Pleasant Valley (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
CADY FIELD BASKETBALL COURT
CONTRACT NUMBER 2170.01
Sealed bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall located at 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York 12569 until Friday, December 20, 2024 at 12:00 PM local time. At that time the sealed bids received will be pub-

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licly opened and read. The Project includes the following Work: The Town has developed final designs and construction drawings for the removal of an existing tennis court and the installation of a new basketball court at Cady Field, located at 1554 Main Street in Pleasant Valley.
* Remove existing asphalt surfacing, chain link fencing, and associated tennis court equipment. The tennis court subbase will be re-used.
* Install new basketball court surface and associated equipment, erosion control, sidewalk, a segmental retaining wall, chain link fencing and gates, and site restoration with lawn.
* An existing water well will be decommissioned in accordance with Dutchess County Department of Health (DOH) requirements.
Lump Sum Bids are requested for the following Contract: **Contract 1 – General Construction**
Work shall be substantially completed on or before **May 5, 2025**, and ready for final payment by **May 30, 2025**.
Obtaining the Bidding Documents
To become a Registered Plan Holder and to obtain electronic copies of the Contract Documents, please visit the MJ Engineering, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Land Surveying, P.C. Plan Room located at <http://www.mjteam.com/bids>. Bids received from non-registered plan holders may be subject to disqualification.
Addenda, if any, will be issued only to Registered Plan Holders whose name and address are on record. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.
The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: **MJ Engineering, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Land Surveying, P.C.**
21 Corporate Drive, Clifton Park, NY 12065
Douglas Gerber, RLA, 518-371-0799 EXT 357, dgerber@mjteam.com
Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 am to 4 pm.
Deadline for questions is 4:00 pm on Thursday, December 12, 2024.
Pre-bid Conference
A pre-bid conference for the Project will be

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held on Thursday, **December 10, 2024, at 12:00pm** at **Cady Field** located behind the Town of Pleasant Valley Town Hall at 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York 12569. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required.
Instructions to Bidders
For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.
Prevailing Wages
The Bidders must comply with New York State Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rate Schedule. Bid security in the amount of 5% of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. The successful Bidders will be required to furnish a performance bond and a payment bond, each in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price. Attention of Bidders is particularly called to the requirements for ensuring that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.
The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in the Bid received, or to reject any or all Bids without explanation.
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This Advertisement is issued by:
Owner: **Town of Pleasant Valley**
By: Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk
Date: **November 21, 2024**

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Pleasant Valley Town Board shall hold a public hearing on the adoption of Local Law D of 2024, titled "A Local Law Creating New Chapter 75 of the Town Code titled 'Short Term Rentals'" on December 2, 2024 at 7:05 p.m. at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall located at 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York. The proposed Local Law establishes a system of licensure and regulation for short-term rentals in the Town of Pleasant Valley. A copy of said Local Law is available for inspection on the Town's website, official board and at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours. Any person desiring to speak at said public hearing on said Local Law shall be permitted to do so.
By order of the Town Board dated November 18, 2024.
MARY BETH MUIR
Town Clerk for the Town of Pleasant Valley

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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY
TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 1110/2024
RESOLUTION COMMENCING THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION PROCESS FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW D OF 2024, "A LOCAL LAW CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 75 OF THE TOWN CODE TITLED 'SHORT-TERM RENTALS'"
WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that it is necessary to establish a system of licensure and regulation for short-term rentals; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the attached local law is acceptable for purposes of commencing the local law adoption process; and
NOW, THEREFORE, be it
RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts Proposed Local Law D of the Year 2024, "A Local Law creating a new Chapter 75 of the Town Code titled 'Short-Term Rentals,'" for the purposes of commencing the local law adoption process; and be it further
RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of SEQRA the Town Board hereby determines that the adoption of Proposed Local Law D is a Type I action (see, 6 NYCRR 617.4[b][2]), and the Town Board accepts the attached SEQRA EAF Part 1 for the proposed action; and be it further
RESOLVED, that the Town Board determines that it will be the only agency with approval authority over the proposed action and therefore declares itself to be the Lead Agency for conduct of the environmental review under SEQRA; and be it further
RESOLVED, that the Town Board directs the Town Clerk to forward Proposed Local Law D to the Dutchess County Planning Board for its review and advisory opinion pursuant to Section 239-m of the New York State General Municipal Law; and be it further
RESOLVED, that the Town Board directs the Town Clerk to forward Proposed Local Law D to the Town of Pleasant Valley Planning Board for its review and advisory opinion pursuant to Section 98-101 of the Pleasant Valley Town Code; and be it further
RESOLVED, that a public hearing on said Local Law will be held on December 2, 2024 at the Town of Pleasant Valley Town Hall, located at 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York at 7:05 p.m.; and be it further
RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to give, publish and post notice of said public hearing, as required by law; and be it further
RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to give notice to the New York State Department of Transportation Region 8 and all towns adjacent Pleasant Valley pursuant to Section 98-101 of the Pleasant Valley Town Code.
Dated: November 18, 2024
MOTION BY: Councilman Rifenburgh
SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Chapman
ROLL CALL:
Councilwoman Chapman
Councilman Iapichino
Councilman Degan
Councilman Rifenburgh
Supervisor Albrecht
CARRIED.

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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY
TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 1118/2024
RE: COMMENCING THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION PROCESS FOR LOCAL LAW NO. E OF THE YEAR 2024
WHEREAS, the Town of Pleasant Valley Ethics Board had determined that the present Chapter 9 of the Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley entitled: "Code of Ethics" was in need of revision; and
WHEREAS, the Ethics Board has met with the Co-Attorney to the Town to review the existing law and discuss recommendations for changes in that law; and
WHEREAS, the Co-Attorney to the Town drafted a proposed revised Ethics Law incorporating all of the concerns and requested changes to the law, as suggested by the Ethics Board; and
WHEREAS, the Attorney to the Town has met with the Ethics Board to review the proposed revised law and, as a result of said meetings, the Attorney to the Town has drafted a revised Chapter 9 of the Town of Pleasant Valley Code which is intended to replace the existing Chapter 9 of the Town of Pleasant Valley Code; and
WHEREAS, the Ethics Law, as revised, has been submitted to the Town Board for review, and the Town Board members have determined that the proposed Local Law is acceptable in form and content for purposes of commencing the local law adoption process; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that this is a Type II action under SEQRA which does not require environmental review.
NOW, THEREFORE, be it
RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby schedules a public hearing on the adoption of Local Law No. E of the Year 2024 entitled: "A Local Law amending Chapter 9 of the Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley entitled 'Code of Ethics'" on December 16, 2024 at 7:20 p.m. at the Town of Pleasant Valley Town Hall; and be it further
RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish and give notice of said public hearing, as may be required by law, and to post a copy of said Local Law on the Town's website and to further make a copy of said Local Law available at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours.
The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call on November 18, 2024 which resulted as follows:
MOVED: Councilman Rifenburgh
SECOND: Councilwoman Chapman
DATE: November 18, 2024
ROLL CALL:
Councilwoman Chapman
Councilman Degan
Councilman Iapichino
Councilman Rifenburgh
Supervisor Albrecht
CARRIED.

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