



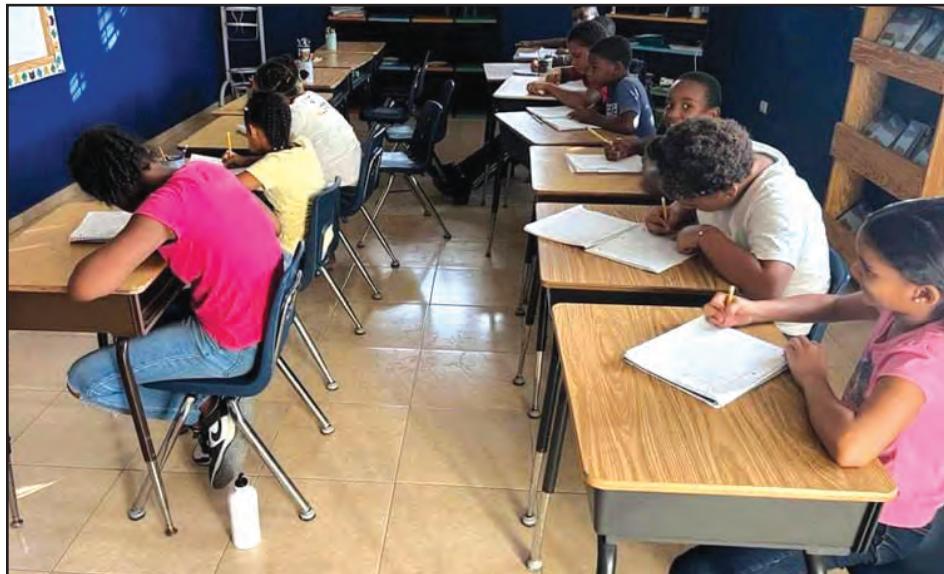
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CLS to Dominican Republic – outmoded desks find a new life



Students in a primary school in Santiago in the Dominican Republic sit at desks formerly used at Chancellor Livingston Elementary School in Rhinebeck. The desks and chairs from Rhinebeck traveled thousands of miles to where they recently found a new home in two under-resourced primary schools, avoiding the landfill and reducing disposal costs for the District. Courtesy photo

District employee provides inspiration for used furniture

By Stacey Vanden Thoorn

An act of community collaboration and global goodwill has resulted in the repurposing of outmoded desks and chairs from classrooms at Chancellor Livingston Elementary School (CLS) in Rhinebeck. The furniture that had outlived its use here, has found another home in the Dominican Republic where it now furnishes two primary schools.

The installation of new, adaptive, and multi-functional furniture in classrooms at CLS in September provided the perfect opportunity for the furniture to be donated and extend its life. The initiative was implemented thanks to the inspiration of Rhinebeck Central School District Administrative Assistant Mary Ann Torres, who came up with a plan to utilize the outdated furniture in a way that would maximize impact for others and

minimize impact on the environment.

While the Dominican Republic is known as a popular vacation destination for tourists, the poverty level of local rural villages has left many families without opportunities for education. Much of the need is obviously apparent with schools that lack the most basic in supplies and sound structures.

Torres, who has traveled to the Dominican Republic three times in recent years with missions trips

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Brain surgery survivor Torres turns to life of ‘giving back’

By Rich Thomaselli

It's a special anniversary for Joe Torres.

It's been 10½ years since the Wappingers Falls resident was given 10 years to live. He had a tumor in his brain that was bleeding, and he was initially misdiagnosed as having a stroke. Once the diagnosis of a brain tumor was confirmed, he went through a 13½-hour surgery.

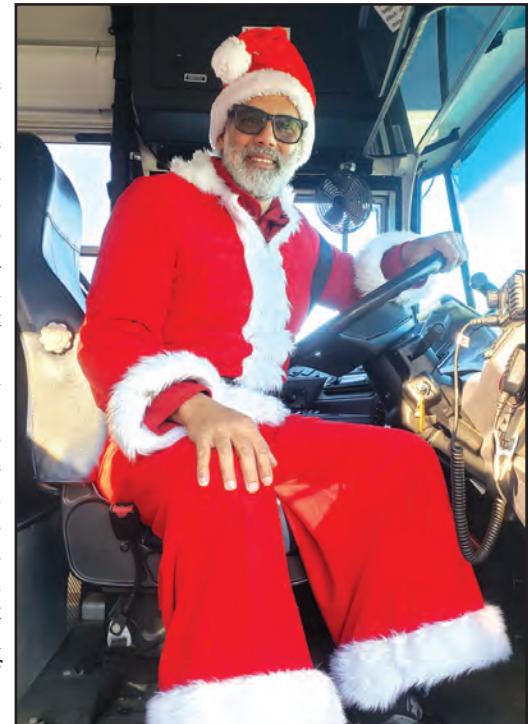
That was at Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital in New York City.

Today, he and his family and his doctors are marking a milestone. He appeared in a commercial that will debut next year in which he praises the staff of the hospital. It was something that would have been unthinkable even five years ago. But Torres is resilient and has surrounded himself with an entire community of supporters.

“I wouldn't be alive if it wasn't for them,” he said.

Today, he is a beloved bus driver for the Arlington School District. Back then, he worked for a large commercial bank and said he found himself mumbling when speaking with clients. And he had some severe facial drooping. With the urging and support of his wife, Selina Wesley-Torres, who is a registered nurse, he has found a new purpose in life with the children.

“When people ask me what I do,” he said, “I tell them that I help protect and



Arlington Central School District bus driver Joe Torres of Wappingers Falls dresses as Santa and is involved in a variety of community service activities during December each year. Courtesy photo

deliver our greatest asset ever.”

To that end, he and his fellow bus drivers have helped raise funds for the Children’s Home in Poughkeepsie, as well as the Grace Smith House.

Torres has always been an advocate for Columbia-Presbyterian and, in fact,

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PV Lions embrace giving with annual Memory Tree



Members of the Pleasant Valley Lions Club are continuing a 30-plus year tradition of remembering and giving with their annual Holiday Memory Tree. Courtesy photo

By Curtis Schmidt

The members of the Pleasant Valley Lions Club have always been a hearty and caring bunch of people – and those qualities shine particularly bright during the December holidays.

The current members are continuing to embrace a 30-plus year tradition with the club’s Holiday Memory Tree. (See pages 6-7 in this week’s Northern Dutchess News)

The annual project was created to give patrons a place to remember loved ones during the holidays for \$5 per name. All funds raised fund community causes and

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Food banks, restaurants team up on ‘Holiday Hunger Appeal’

This year, in an effort to make an even bigger impact on lives of individuals and families, the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York and Food Bank of the Hudson Valley have teamed up with the New York State Restaurant Association (NYSRA) and local restaurants for its “Holiday Hunger Appeal.”

The campaign is the Food Bank’s largest and most significant fundraising event of the year. It runs until Christmas Eve.

Participating restaurants have Food Bank signage driving diners to a customized landing page where they can make donations on the spot from their mobile phones. Restaurants on board include Wildfire Grill, 88 Charles Street, Blue Java Coffee and Market, Iron Café, Il Cenocola, Shadows on the Hudson, West Hills Country Club, and Cosimo’s.

NYSRA has been recruiting members throughout the Food Bank’s 23-county coverage area to participate in the campaign. Restaurants can sign up to participate by contacting Kyleigh Cherry at kyleighc@regionalfoodbank.net.

Additionally, a Holiday Hunger Appeal display has been set up at Woodbury Common Premium Outlets and the Galleria at Crystal Run, and fliers are being distributed at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts during its Peace, Love & Lights month-long event as a way to share the holiday spirit.

“Food insecurity is an issue for millions of New Yorkers 365 days a year. But it is especially difficult during the holiday season. We are incredibly thankful for the participation of local restaurants to help raise the funds needed to put food on the tables of the community members we

serve across the Hudson Valley. These efforts can truly make a difference,” said Tom Nardacci, CEO of the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York.

“Cosimo’s Restaurant Group is proud to be a partner for the Regional Food Bank’s Holiday Hunger Appeal. We feel very strongly about the Food Bank and its mission,” said Nick Citera of Cosimo’s

Management Group.

“We are extremely proud to participate in this community appeal. We understand how difficult the holidays can be for so many families in our area. Anything we can do to increase awareness and help make a positive change is our honor,” said Michael Bonura of Bonura Hospitality Group.

NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINES

Northern Dutchess News will be on a holiday schedule for the December 27, 2023 and January 3, 2024 issues.

Editorial and Advertising deadlines for the December 27 issue is Thursday, December 21, at 5 p.m.

Editorial and Advertising deadlines for the January 3 issue is Thursday, Dec. 28, at 5 p.m.

Email cschmidt@sduchesternews.com for more information.

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sponsored by Outreach Church of Hyde Park, realized the furniture would be a viable resource to classrooms there.

“When I was in the Dominican, I saw schools that not only did not have furniture, but had tarps being used for walls in their schools. When I heard that CLS was throwing away old classroom furniture, I couldn’t bear to see that happen - knowing the needs of children in the

Dominican,” said Torres. “Many schools in the Dominican Republic are in desperate need of school furniture and equipment.”

So later in the Fall Semester work began with members of the Rhinebeck Central School District Operations and Facilities staff who packed and loaded 100 desks and chairs into a transport for delivery to a shipping container in

Yonkers. Shipment and delivery of the furniture was paid for by donations from the congregations of Outreach Church of Hyde Park and Vineyard Community Church in Hopewell Junction.

“I am grateful to the Rhinebeck Central School District for donating the furniture, and to Reach Out Church and Vineyard Church for raising the money for shipping,” said Torres. “It makes me happy to help others (especially children) while keeping things out of the landfills.”

The donation of school furniture to developing countries is one of the most practical and cost-effective environmentally sound ways of repurposing obsolete

but still useful furniture. The desks and chairs from Rhinebeck traveled thousands of miles to Santiago in the Dominican Republic where they recently found a new home in two under-resourced primary schools, avoiding the landfill and reducing disposal costs for the District.

This joint venture was a true testimony of community, and what happens when people come together in a collaborative effort for a shared cause. Education is empowering. It is hoped that this action will help further education for students in the Dominican Republic with growth toward a brighter future.

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Rhinebeck Chamber announces upcoming events

The Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce will present the annual State of Rhinebeck on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck. The event features local officials discussing the state of the community and more, with a Q&A. This year's speakers include Village of Rhinebeck Mayor Gary Bassett, Town of Rhinebeck Deputy Supervisor Chauncey Walker, and Albert Cousins, Superintendent of the

Rhinebeck Central School District.

The Chamber's February Business Breakfast Meeting will feature new County Executive Sue Serino on Thursday, Feb. 27, from 7:30 to 9 a.m., at the Pavilion at Brookmeade. Serino will provide details about new initiatives for businesses throughout Dutchess County.

For more information for these events, and to make reservations, visit www.rhinebeckchamber.com.

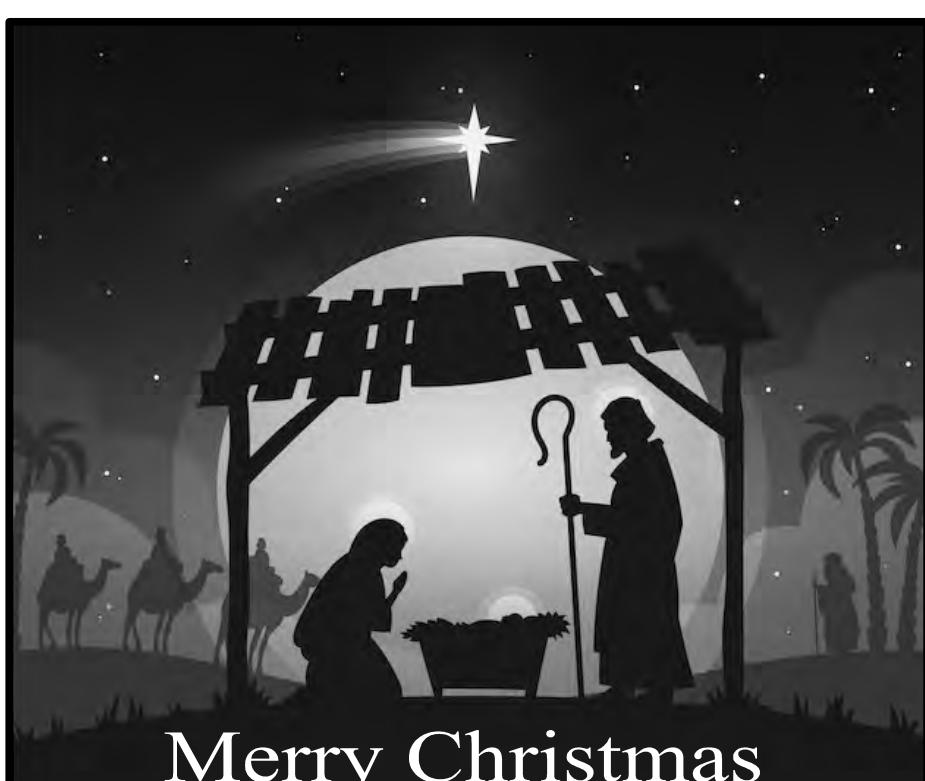
United Way to offer free financial webinar Jan. 31

The United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region (UWDOR) will host a free financial webinar, "Surviving in an Inflationary Economy," on Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 10 a.m., online via Zoom.

Budgeting during an inflation is scary. Join UWDOR to learn how to weather the inflated economy with Ulster Savings Bank. Register at <https://www.uwdor.org/> (go to Menu and select Events).

The presenter, David Friedman, is the Inside Sales Manager and Mortgage

Trainer at Ulster Savings Bank. He has been in the mortgage industry for about 30 years, as a Loan Officer, Team Lead, Sales Manager, Underwriting Manager, and Territory Manager. He's worked for some of the biggest banks/mortgage companies in the country and several regional banks. David has been with Ulster Savings for almost 7 years, working mainly out of the Kingston headquarters and has done homebuyer workshops for hundreds of clients in that time.



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December 24 - 8:45 p.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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End of democracy?

To the editor,

A lot of ink is being spilled, and hand-wringing and “pearl-clutching” being done, projecting the “end of democracy” should former President Trump be re-elected as president. Apparently, many have not noticed that we are already well on the way to the end of democracy thanks to the “Bidama” administrations.

What indications are there of pressing down this dictatorial road?

- An early indicator was President O’bama’s brag about moving an agenda when he said he had a phone and a pen, indicating he wasn’t concerned about working with Congressional approval for policy. Indicative was the 14 o15 cases against his actions that went to the Supreme Court, over half of which were overturned unanimously.

- There was FBI designation of parents at school board meetings as being terrorists.

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/restoring-america/fairness-justice/fbi-opened-multiple-investigations-into-protesting-parents-gop-lawmakers-say>

<https://nypost.com/2021/10/21/wh-aided-school-board-groups-letter-before-garland-sicced-fbi-on-parents/>

- There was FBI designation of “traditional” Catholics as being suspicious and in need of monitoring.

<https://www.newsweek.com/fbi-memo-catholics-radical-traditional-leaked-1780379>

<https://www.christianpost.com/news/house-panel-releases-report-on-fbis-targeting-of-catholics.html>

- The FBI “storm-trooper-like” tactics to break into people’s houses to make arrests of people who otherwise had protested peacefully at abortion clinics. This is a negative impact on free speech.

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/253523/acquitted-pro-life-activist-mark-houck-reveals-details-of-fbi-raid-will-press-charges>

<https://news.yahoo.com/pro-life-activist-arrested-fbi-201335297.html>

- Policies mandating COVID-19 shots resulted in people getting experimental shots or losing their jobs while enriching Big Pharma.

<https://www.vice.com/en/article/z3x9de/biden-federal-workers-covid-vaccine-mandate>

<https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/2881481/service-members-must-be-vaccinated-or-face-consequences-dod-official-says>

- There was the attempt to establish a governmental “ministry of truth” to monitor our speech.

<https://www.newsweek.com/joe-bidens-disinformation-board-likened-orwells-ministry-truth-1702190>

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/biden-establishes-a-ministry-of-truth-disinformation-governance-board-partisan-11651432312>

- Top-down policies related to diversity, inclusion, and equity (DIE) that thwart discussion or dissent about those policies. This is also a negative impact on free speech.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/teresahopke/2022/05/31/i-cant-say-anything-anymorethe-role-of-inclusive-language-in-dei/?sh=14c29144765a>

<https://heterodoxacademy.org/blog/is-dei-causing-the-crisis-of-free-speech-on-campus/>

<https://www.cnn.com/2023/04/07/us/former-ncaa-swimmer-riley-gaines-assault-san-francisco-state-university/index.html>

- Unprecedented indictment and continuous legal pursuit of a former president and current opposition candidate have taken us in a direction many have called a “banana republic.”

- Energy policies are not being debated, are without merit, and are being forced upon us. Will you be required to drive a government-mandated electric car, enriching our enemies, or will you be able to use your gas stove?

- The number and type of executive orders issued by President Biden do not promote our freedom or economic well-being.

There is no need to wait for Mr. Trump to return to office. We are already on the road to ending democracy. From the flurry of accusations being hurled on all sides, we are a house divided. On the current trajectory, we will fall.

Rex S. Bridges
Rhinebeck

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support for sight/hearing efforts.

Current coordinators Wayne Herr and Mark Carroll note that Al McGee and Gary Pfieffer started the effort around 1992. McGee managed a database of 350-400 individuals with about 1,100-1,200 names to remember on an Apple One computer.

The Memory Trees were originally published in the Pleasant Valley Voice.

Herr said the Club would have a work party each fall to collate the mailing and would canvass at the A&P store (now ACME) the two weekends after Thanksgiving and publish the Memory Tree the week before Christmas.

Herr and Carroll have been leading the effort since 2004. Herr said they have “continued the essence of the project, but migrated the back-office processes to Microsoft Office, but each name remembered is still \$5 (no inflation here).” The members still collate the mailing and canvasses at ACME. They have added on-

line participation and the ability of patrons to email their remembrances.

But this is all about giving, and Lions Club members note that the Memory Tree brings out the best in people.

Mike Kessler said, “When people donate money at ACME for the Memory Tree, I am often struck by how warm and generous people are. It’s an inspiration.”

Lex Van Loon said, “The people from the community have big hearts and those you least expect to give, often give the most.”

Herr added, “The Holiday season is a time to remember loved ones. Our community really appreciates the opportunity to do that with the Memory Tree. Often, we get a very big ‘Thank You for doing this’ from our supporters. I know they look forward to this opportunity when they continue to participate as they move out of the area. We have folks from California, Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, Delaware, NYC, and all over

the Northeast that participate.”

And what happens to the donations? Here’s a list: Helping needy families at Christmas, Supporting the Pleasant Valley Food Pantry, two \$1,500 scholarships to Arlington Seniors who attended a Pleasant Valley school (Traver Road or West Road), supporting Lions Eye Bank at the Albany Medical Center, Pleasant Valley Town sports teams, help address sight and hearing needs in the community, provided a semester of tuition to DCC for a child of a family that lost their house in a fire, eye screenings of Pleasant Valley children attending Traver Road School and the Pleasant Valley Nursery School following the Lions SEE program, host Bike Ride and Car Show which have dual role of being community events and fundraisers and the Pleasant Valley Library sight-impaired material collection development donation.

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Brain surgery survivor Torres turns to life of 'giving back'

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Joe Torres gives the "thumbs up" sign from his hospital bed in this photo from 10 years ago at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York City. He went through a 13 1/2 - hour surgery for a brain tumor. He recently appeared in a commercial in which he praises the hospital staff. Courtesy photo

through his social media, the hospital contacted him and asked him to appear in the new commercial.

His recovery was not easy.

He said that for the first 11 months after the surgery, he had severe headaches that rivaled migraines - sometimes worse.

But he persevered and is a respected political activist in the county and a community leader.

Oh, and a well-loved bus driver for the district.

"It's the most rewarding experience I've ever had," said Torres, who once drove a city bus route through the streets of Brooklyn. "I needed to do something different."

So when he saw an advertisement for the need for school bus drivers in the Arlington District, he jumped at it and passed all of the required tests. Still feeling like he had to do more, he organized

his fellow bus drivers and became involved in community service. He has even dressed up as Santa Claus himself.

All of this is with the encouragement and support of his wife.

"She did everything," Torres said. "She made all the appointments and came to all the visits. She always encouraged me. She told me to always remember where I am at today, because it's only going to get better in the future."

Though he said his body is still recovering, his mind is fully intact. So with great pride and passion, he is back to his first love.

Children and helping others.

"Kids have always been like my weak point. I will literally put everything on the line for kids," Torres said. "But I wanted to expand it and everybody was all in favor of that."

More investigators added to DC Drug Task Force

The Dutchess County Drug Task Force reports that the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office and Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department are each adding additional investigators to the Dutchess County Drug Task Force. The Drug Task Force is currently made up of members from the Dutchess County District Attorney's Office, Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, City of Beacon Police, City of Poughkeepsie Police, Town of Poughkeepsie Police, Town of East Fishkill Police and the Town of Hyde Park Police. The Investigators assigned to the Drug Task Force embody unparalleled skills in narcotics related investigations, unwavering commitment, and exceptional professionalism.

The Dutchess County Drug Task Force sole mission is to apprehend drug dealers to prevent senseless overdose deaths. The addition of these new investigators will only accelerate our already fast paced approach to removing dangerous narcotics including Fentanyl from our communities. This unit will remain laser focused on narcotics and overdose deaths and the

resources of the Drug Task Force are exclusively utilized to combat overdoses in Dutchess County. The decision to add more investigators to a dedicated narcotics unit is one that will bring significant benefits that include efficiency, enhancement of the Drug Task Force capabilities, and ultimately leading to a more successful fight against preventable deaths in our communities.

Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati said, "I will continue to keep investigators assigned to the Drug Task Force to assist with apprehending and holding those accountable who choose to sell drugs in our communities. The Drug Task Force is the only dedicated narcotics unit in Dutchess County that is made up of talented narcotics investigators from multiple agencies working together as a team for one purpose, to prevent deaths in our County."

Chief Cavaliere said, "The Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department supports the mission of the Drug Task Force and their work to keep dangerous drugs out of our Town and surrounding communities.

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Beignano Family:The Chmura Family; Louis Biagiotti:Dana M. Biagiotti; Adolph Birkenmeyer:Kathy Longbard; Anne

Birkenmeyer:Kathy Longbard; Michael Birrittella:Mark Poplawski; Suzi Bishop:Carolyn & Tom Weber; Peter Blank:Maureen McDonnell;

Robert Blank:Maureen McDonnell; Angie Blonigen:Pat Aber; Clarence Blonigen:Pat Aber; Dale S. Blonigen:Pat Aber; Mary Boas:Jane Austin;

Phil Boas:Jane Austin; Teresa Bochino:Terri Albrecht; Louis Bolert:Lewis H. Dean; Diana Bollen:D.M. RottKamp; Jessie M. Bontecou:Betsy & Ed

Kinkade; Virginia Boone:The Kessler Family; Aimee Brower:Mike & Ida Mikula; Don Bowling:D.M. RottKamp; Diane Lobb Boyce:The Boyce Family; Ellen

Brenner:The Chmura Family; John J. Brenner:The Chmura Family; Dorothy Brill:James Gundell; Merle Brill:James Gundell; Aimee Brower:Joyce Brower; Dorcas

Brower:Joyce Brower; George Brower:Mike & Ida Mikula; George Brower:Joyce Brower; Gary Browne:Hazel Dorn; Bruce

W:Mr & Mrs L Brajaha; Bill Brue:Ficki Snitzer; Helen Brue:Ficki Snitzer; Katy Buck:Jane Austin; George "Mike"

Bukantis:Myers, Bukantis & Paups Families; Maryann Buono:The D'Eredita & Fisher Families; Jeannetta Burrow:Linda Wilber; Troy

Burrow:Linda Wilber; Donald Cady Sr.:Jeff & Jean Cady; Mable Cady:Jeff & Jean Cady; Marion P. Cady:Henry Mikolajski Jr.; Mike

Cady:Jeff & Jean Cady; Caroline Calvello:Barbara, Kathy & Kelly; Caroline Calvello:Flo McDermott; Michael Calvello Jr.:Flo McDermott;

Michael Calvello Sr.:Barbara, Kathy & Kelly; Michael Calvello Sr.:Flo McDermott; Jerry Calvin:Marion & Michael Morris; Alfred Campisi:Marie &

John Garbellini; Marilyn Cardinale (2 bulbs):Norman Cardinale, Sr.; John Carew:James Gundell; Michael Carr:Carolyn & Tom Weber; Serge

Carrierre:Lex Van Loon; Alfred Carroll:Mark Carroll; Gertrude Carroll:Mark Carroll; Louise Cataldo:Doug Malone; Vincent Cataldo:Doug Malone; Milena

Caviglia:Louis & Gloria Caviglia; Francis Cawley:The Karis Family; Jane Cawley:The Karis Family; Joe Celtruda:Fred & Maria DeWald; Chris Charland:Brian

Cotter: Michael J. Chmura:The Chmura Family; Rosina M. Chmura:The Chmura Family; Seulgi Choi:Fred Schaeffer; Carmine Cianci:Pat Cianci; Christopher

Cianci:Pat Cianci; John Cianci:Pauline & Wayne Herr; John Cianci:Pat Cianci; Ernest Cibelli:Keith Rinaldi; A. Edward Ciferrri:Gary Ciferrri;

Gloria Ciferrri:Katherine Clearwater:The Boyce Family; John Cocco:Michael & Johanna Touma; Virginia Cocco:Michael & Johanna Touma; Robert Colbert:George

Sealey: Michael "Mad Mike" Colvin:Stefanie Little; Francis Conger:Michael Conger; Betty Conklin:Mike & Ida Mikula; David Conklin:Bob &

JoAnn Maucher; David Conklin:The Recktenwald Family; Kathryn Conklin:Jerry & Alta Conklin; Mel Conklin:Jerry & Alta Conklin; Mrs. Conklin:Marion & Michael Morris; Mr.

Conklin:Marion & Michael Morris; Raymond Conklin:Jerry & Alta Conklin; Evelyn Connors:William Connors; William Connors:Richie Connolly:Brian Cotter; Joyce

Conrad:Ida Wacker; Teddy Contarino:Anne, Joe & Pat DePalma & Alicia McAllister; Barbara Converse:Paula Courchaine; Elizabeth Gallagher Conway:Leonard F. Gallagher Jr.; Bruce

Cook:Anonymous; Elizabeth Cooper:Jane Austin; Haste Cooper:Jane Austin; Jean F. Coppola:Susan Feather-Gannon; Nancy Corrado:Deidre Quinn; John C.:Mr & Mrs L Brajaha; Ruth C.:Mr & Mrs L

Brajaha; Stephen Corns, Jr:Agnes Corns; Steve Corns:Agnes Corns; Christy Coffey:Carolyn & Tom Weber; John Coulter:Betsy & Ed Kinkade; Mary Ann Coutant:Glenn Coutant; Richard G. Coutant:Glenn

Coutant; Victims of Covid-19:James Gundell; Covid Victims:Doug Malone; Eleonore Coyle:Kimberly Siegrist Gutwein; Lucia Crescenzo:Sharon DiMetro; John Cruise:Keith Rinaldi; Betty Cunliff:Betsy & Ed

Kinkade; Mike Cunliff:Betsy & Ed Kinkade; Dad 2019:Pam Highbridge; Daisy:Bob & Sue McRitchie; Gordon Daley:Brenda Daley; Michael Daly:Ida Wacker; Mary Danaher:David & Barbara Hans; Philip

Danaher:David & Barbara Hans; Alice Dandeneau:Keith Rinaldi; Skip Daniels:Susan Feather-Gannon; Barry & Jacqueline Hutchings; Joe D'Quanni:Betsy & Ed

Kinkade; Joe D'Quanni:Jane, Anne, Joe & Pat DePalma & Alicia McAllister; Barbara Dean:Lewis H. Dean; Mark DeBenedictis:Marie Romano; Paul DeBenedictis:Marie Romano;

Deceased Military Personnel:Mr & Mrs William W. Mackey; Goldie Decker:Candy Olson; James R. Decker:Mary Hanaburgh; Dawn DeFrance:Mary Hanaburgh; Jay Degarmo:Jason & Madeline Kiggins; Mike Denick:Fred &

Maria DeWald; Evalyn DePalma:Anne, Joe & Pat DePalma & Alicia McAllister; Michael V. DePalma:Anne, Joe & Pat DePalma & Alicia McAllister; Dr. Vincent M. DePalma:Anne, Joe & Pat DePalma & Alicia McAllister; Angelo

DeRaso:Frank DeRaso; Blanche DeRaso:Frank DeRaso; Jennie D'Eredita:The D'Eredita & Fisher Families; John D'Eredita:The D'Eredita & Fisher Families; Karen D'Eredita:The D'Eredita & Fisher Families; Antoinette

DeSanto:Carolyn & Tom Weber; James Deverry:Helen Havraneck; Dorothy Devine:Scott & Colleen Devine; John Devine:Scott & Colleen Devine; Candace DeVoe:Eric Alexander & Marcia Devoe; Donald

DeVoe:Eric Alexander & Marcia Devoe; Anna DeWald:Fred & Maria DeWald; LeRoy DeWald:Fred & Maria DeWald; Luigi DiDomenicus:Jane Austin; Marty Diesing:Anne, Joe & Pat DePalma & Alicia McAllister; Darren DiMetro:Sharon DiMetro;

Daren DiMetro:Stefanie Little; Deborah Dorn:Elizabeth Little; Elizabeth M. DiPierro:Roger & Pat Mastrati; John Dimitrash:Mike Davies; Patricia Dimitrash:Mike Davies; Clarice E. Dobson:Karen Baker; Franklin W. Dobson:Karen Baker; Robert E.

Dobson:Karen Baker; Warren F. Dobson:Karen Baker; Carole Donegan:Irene Donegan:John & Barbara Donegan; John Donegan Sr.:John & Barbara Donegan; Lucinda Dormeyer:Ida

Dowker: Ella Dorn:Hazel Dorn; Raymond Dorn:Hazel Dorn; Franklin Doty:Cynthia Stirling; Olive Doty:Cynthia Stirling; Marie & Thomas Dowd:Schollmeyer Family: Hugh Robert Downey:Susan Downey; John

E. Doxsey (Daddy):Janet & Wayne Mac Isaacs; Paricia Doty:William Doxsey; Ruth M. Doxsey (Mommy):Janet & Wayne Mac Isaacs; Marion

Drewes:Arthur Drewes; Max Drewes:Arthur Drewes; Willie Drewes:Arthur Drewes; Joseph Drino:Rich and Terry Drino; Jerry Drino:Rich and Terry Drino; Agnes Duffy (Gram):Sandra Duffy; James P. Duffy Sr.:Ed &

Cheryl Sheehan; Jim Duffy (Husband):Sandra Duffy; Richard Dunn:James Gundell; Bob Durland:David Surico; Grace Dvorack:Dana M. Biagiotti; Dorothy Eastwood:Ida Wacker; Herbert Eastwood:Ida Wacker;

Charles Eberwein:George Sealey; Marilyn Edmunds:Ed & Cheryl Sheehan; Marilyn Edmunds (Mom):Sandra Duffy; Robert L. Edmunds, Sr. (Dad):Ed & Cheryl Sheehan; Robert Edmunds (Dad):Sandra Duffy; Ronne

Eisenberg:Carolyn & Tom Weber; Brenda Elkins:D.M. RottKamp; Scott E. Emmett:Frank & Linda Emmett; David Engelmann:Barbara Lemberger; Erik W.:Mr & Mrs L Brajaha; Anna

Beth Estes:Don Estes; Joe Fanelli:Kathy & Doug Myers; Joseph Fanelli:Terri Albrecht; Margaret Fanelli:Joyce Quattrociocchi; Susan Fasset:Recktenwald Family; David H.

Feather:Susan Feather-Gannon; Frances B. Feather:Susan Feather-Gannon; Kendrick W. Feather:Susan Feather-Gannon; Pamela Feather:Susan Feather-Gannon; Alice Field:Darlene L. Moorhead: Eugene P. Field:Darlene L.

Moorhead; James E. Field:Darlene L. Moorhead; Ana Figueroa:Beth Orsini; Mark Finkbrener:Marion & Michael Morris; Vincent Fiorletti: (5 bulbs):Michelle Fiorletti; Ed "Hoppy" Fischer:Jayne & John Murphy; Stefanie

Fischer:Marie & John Garbellano; Craig W Fisher:Robert Wehrli; Norman Fisher:D.M. RottKamp; Rev John Fleming:Jayne & John Murphy; Sammy Flores:Jean McEntyre; Gregory S. Forshey:Anne P. Masker; Catherine

Francois:Joyce Quattrociocchi; Eleanor Fremgen:David Barbara Hans; Robert French:Debby & Fred Glynn; Patrick Glynn:Debby & Fred Glynn; Burg Gold:Betty & Ed Kinkade; Ben Goldstein:Betty Remmer; Clara Goldstein:Betty Remmer; Tony Frieszter:Marion & Michael Morris; Tony Frieszter:Marion & Michael Morris; Eleanor I. Funk:Theron, Mary Ann & Elizabeth Funk; Theron, Mary Ann & Elizabeth Funk; Vito Furguglietto, Sr.:Joyce Quattrociocchi; Frank Gaetano:Diana B. Gaetano; Gaetano Gaetano:John

B. Gaetano; Mary Gaetano:Diana B. Gaetano; Loraine Gagliardi:Chrissy Gagliardi; Gaston Gagne:Marion & Michael Morris; Helen T. Gallagher:Leonard F. Gallagher Jr.; Leonard F. Gallagher Sr.; Leonard F. Gallagher Jr.; John

Gambry, Sr.:Joyce Quattrociocchi; Jack Gannon:Jane Austin; Jack Gannon:Betsy & Ed Kinkade; John (Jack) Gannon:Susan Feather-Gannon; Mary Garbellano:Marie & John Garbellano; Tony Garbellano:Marie & John Garbellano;

Mary Jane Gardner:Phyllis Menzenski; Mary Jane Gardner:Joan Eisenhut; Laura Garlock:Mike Davies; Tony Gemmatti:Jason & Madeline Kiggins; Logan Gentry:James Gundell; Paula Germano:Barbara Herles; Dick Germiller:Barbara Herles; Dick Germiller:Barth Van Fleet; Joe Germiller:Barbara Herles; Mary Germiller:Barbara Herles; Mary Germiller:Barbara Herles; Gramma Gert:Dawn & Steven Hammond; Patricia Gianotti:Jason & Madeline Kiggins; Robert

Gianotti:Jason & Madeline Kiggins; Keith Gilmore:Karen Gilmore; Jimmy Gleason:Debbie & Butch Roe; John Gleason:Debbie & Butch Roe; Stephen Gleason:Debbie & Butch Roe; Marge Glikis:Karen Skidas; Aunt Gloria:Pam Highbridge; James Glynn:Debby & Fred Glynn; Jim Glynn:Debby & Fred Glynn; Patrick Glynn:Debby & Fred Glynn; Burg Gold:Betty & Ed Kinkade; Ben Goldstein:Betty Remmer; Clara Goldstein:Betty Remmer; Werner

Goldstein: The Boyce Family: Bill Grogg:Marie & John Garbellano; Gun Violence Victims:James Gundell; Alice Gundelfinger:James Gundell; Ernest Gundelfinger:James Gundell; Susan Gundelfinger:James Gundell; Werner

Gundelfinger:James Gundell; Peter Gundell:James Gundell; Vicki Gundell:James Gundell; Veronic M. Guyup:Pat Aber; Florence Haight:Jayne & John Murphy; Harry Haight:Jayne & John Murphy; Harry "Ab" Haight:Jayne & John Murphy;

Hazel Haight:Jayne & John Murphy; Sheila Halsted:The Kessler Family; Anna S. Hamps:Mary Hanaburgh; Frank Hampe:Mary Hanaburgh; Eddie Hanaburgh:Mary Hanaburgh; Frank T. Hans:David & Barbara

Hans: Helen Hans:David & Barbara Hans; Carmel Hart:Children & Grandchildren; Raymond Hart:Children & Grandchildren; Emma Havens:The Havens Family; Lawrence Havens:Children & Grandchildren; Uncle Mark "Sparky" Havens:Nieces & Nephews; Mark Havens:The Hart Family; Mary S. Havens:Children & Grandchildren; Tim Havens:The Hart Family; James Havranek:Helena Havraneck; Marge Heasley:Bob & JoAnn Maucher; Marge Heasley:Marion & Michael Morris; Marge

Heasley:Anne, Joe & Pat DePalma & Alicia McAllister; Thomas Heffner:Diana B. Gaetano; Katy Heffron:Karen Skidas; Heidi:Bob & Sue McRitchie; Phil Heier:Charlie & Fran Traver; Albert Heim:Dana & Ray Newsom; Annie Heim:Dana & Ray Newsom;

Tim Hennessey:Brian Cotter; Lucy Herbst:David Surico; Joe Herles:Barbara Herles; Ruth Herles:Barbara Herles; Bill Herman:Jane Austin; Bill Herman:Fred & Maria DeWald; Bill Herman:Betty & Ed Kinkade; Annette

Herr:Pauline & Wayne Herr; The Herr Family:Pauline & Wayne Herr; Walter E. Herr:Pauline & Wayne Herr; Clyde Herriman, Sr.:James Gundell; Connie K. Hewlett:Charlie & Fran Traver; Gertrude Hewlett:Bud, April, Sean & Martika Hubbard; Howard

Hewlett:Charlie & Fran Traver; Robert Hewlett:Bud, April, Sean & Martika Hubbard; Karen Hickey:James Gundell; Donald Hickman:Jeff & Kathy Hickman; Donald Hickman:Carolyn & Tom Weber; Penny Hickman:William



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Barbara & Charles
Shapley; Thomas
Kanzler; Carolyn & Tom
Weber; Nicholas

Karchner; Sharon DiMetro; Debbie

Kelley; William Comers; Meghan

Kelly; Lily Bear; Millie Kelly; Sue McGarvey;

Bob Kenny; Ann Kenny; Joan Kenny; Ann Kenny;

Harold Kenyon; Betsy & Ed Kinkade; Harold

Kenyon; The Kenyon Family; Louise Kessler; The Kessler

Family; Jessica Keto; Joe & Valerie Keto; Barbara Keyes; Mark

& Peggy Kuras; Daniel Keyes; Mark & Peggy Kuras; James A.

Keyes; Pat Aber; Joyce M. Keyes; Pat Aber; Eileen Kiggins; Jason &

Madelaine Kiggins; Richard Wilbur

Kiggins; Jason & Madeline Kiggins;

Vega Kiggins; Jason & Madeline Kiggins;

Kathleen Killela; Susan Feather-Gannon; Elmer

Kinkade; Betsy & Ed Kinkade; Eva Kinkade; Betsy &

Ed Kinkade; John L. Kinney Sr.; Catherine Kinney; Bill

Kirchner; Marilyn Kirchner; Clara Kirchner; Marilyn Kirchner;

Pat Kish; Joyce Quattrociocchi; Karen Lee Knapp; Ken & Joan

Knapp; Karl Knapp; Arthur Drexel; Harold Knox; Mr. & Mrs. Michael

Knox; Helen Kondas; Keith Rinaldi; John Kondas; Keith Rinaldi; Frank

Koninsky; David & Barbara Hans; Bud Kopp; Marie & John Garbellano;

Andreas Koutsoudakis; Carolyn & Tom Weber; Anna Kovacevic; Karen Skidas;

Ante Kovacevic; Karen Skidas; Eleanor Kuras; Mark & Peggy Kuras; Francis

Kuras; Mark & Peggy Kuras; Rita Kuritzky; Kim Thomas; Robert Kuritzky; Kim Thomas;

Ladder 101 FDNY; Brian McShane; Robert J. Lama; Jill Lama Reed and family; Gloria

Lang; Cathie & Bob Lang; Harry Lang; Cathie & Bob Lang; Louis Lang; Cathie & Bob Lang; Beth

Langhein; Stephen & Jean Albrecht; Baby Skoda; Laurence; Kim Thomas; Jane Lauricella; Eddy

Lauricella; Ralph Lauricella; Eddy Lauricella; Rose Lauricella; Eddy Lauricella; Al Lemberger; Jane Austin;

Alan Lemberger; Fred & Maria DeWald; Al Lemberger; Betsy & Ed Kinkade; Al Lemberger; Charlie & Fran

Traver; Al Lemberger; Pauline & Wayne Herr; Al Lemberger; Barbara Lemberger; Al

Lemberger; Lex Van Loon; Kurt Lemberger; Barbara Lemberger; Lisa Lemberger; Barbara

Lemberger; Sal Leonetti; Mark Poplawski; Robert Lester; Bob & JoAnn Maucher; Emma

Levine; William Doxsey; Emma Levine; Tim; Jen, Emily, Kaitly, and Tyler; Adam Levy; James Gundell;

Victim of Violence against LGBTQ Community; James Gundell; Harold Littlefield; The Daversa Family;

Josephine Lilienfield; The Daversa Family; Harry Little; Stefanie Little; Paul Long; Betsy & Ed Kinkade; Eddie

Longbard; Kathy Longbard; Jeanette Lossoe; David & Barbara Hans; Merlin Lossoe; David & Barbara Hans; Jeroidine

Lovelace; William Connors; Greg Lubert; Marie Romano; Ginny Lucas; Mike & Ida Mikula; Virginia Lucas; Joyce Brower;

Lucy; Bob & Sue McRitchie; JenMing Luo; Cheng-Tin Luo; Catherine Lyons; D.M. Rottkamp; Eleanor L. MacIsaac (Mom); Janet

& Wayne Mac Isaac; Martin MacIsaac (Dad); Janet & Wayne Mac Isaac; Bernice MacIsaac; Barbara Herles; John E. Mack III; Pat

Cianci; The Mackey Family; Mr. & Mrs. William W. Mackey; Patricia Mackey; Tom & Barbara Mackey; Frank Magennis; Roger & Pat Mastri;

Marguerite Magennis; Roger & Pat Mastri; Frank Maher; Barbara Herles; Pasquale Maisto; Fred & Maria DeWald; Ursula Maisto; Fred & Maria

DeWald; Maista Family; Fred & Maria DeWald; Bette Major; Jayne & John Murphy; Jack Major; Jayne & John Murphy; Anna Malone; Doug Malone;

Frank Malone; Doug Malone; Jan Malone; Kathy & Gary Kreig; Jan Malone; Pauline & Wayne Herr; Jan Malone; The Davey

Family; Jan Malone; Anne, Joe & Pat DePalma & Alicia McAllister; Kathy Malone; Doug Malone; Gail Malone; Lois & Fred Apers; Louise Mancuso; Joyce

Quattrociocchi; Sally Mancuso; Joyce Quattrociocchi; Samuel Mancuso; Joyce Quattrociocchi; Helen Mann; Barbara Lemberger;

Hillard Mann; Barbara Lemberger; Bobbi Mann; Barbara Lemberger; Jean Mann; Terri Cronk; John Mann; D.M. Rottkamp; John

Mann; Terri Cronk; Louis Mann; Barbara Lemberger; Ruth Mann; D.M. Rottkamp; Suzanne Mann; Terri Cronk; Connie Mann; Joyce

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Mansfield; Shannen Rodriguez; Marcy B.; Mr. & Mrs. L Brajha; Freeman Marshall; Brian Cotter; Howard Martin; Tom & Barbara Mackey;

Michael Martin; Tom & Barbara Mackey; Tim Martin; Tom & Barbara Mackey; Angelo Martino; Bob Martino; Christine Martino; Bob Martino;

Melissa Martucci; Joyce Quattrociocchi; Eugene C. Masker, Jr.; Anne P. Masker; Eugene C. Masker, Sr.; Anne P. Masker; The Massaro Family; Pauline &

Wayne Herr; Frances Massaro; Pauline & Wayne Herr; Carmella Mastri; Roger & Pat Mastri; Joseph Mastri; Roger & Pat Mastri; Manuel Mastri; Roger &

Pat Mastri; Donthea Matichuk; D.M. Rottkamp; Walter H. Matichuk; D.M. Rottkamp; Arthur S. May; Pauline & Wayne Herr; Edward Mayer; Eric Mayer;

Nicola Mazzera; Richard Fishwick; Rhoda McArthur; Candy Olson; Ed McCarthy; Vicki Snitzler; Elsie McCarthy; Vicki Snitzler; Henry McDermott; Flo McDermott;

Henry McDermott; Jeff & Kathy Hickman; Anna McDonnell; Dorolis McDonnell; Carol McDonnell; Maureen McDonnell; Helen McDonnell; John McDonnell; John

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(Mickey) McDonnell; J.R. McDonnell; Thomas J. McDonnell; Sr. Doloris McDonnell; Alice McGinnis; Phyllis Menzenski; Marcia McKenna; Anne, Joe & Pat DePalma &

Alicia McAllister; Nancy McKenna; Joan Eisenhut; Nancy McKenna; Jeff & Jen Cady; Beverly McRitchie; Bob & Sue McRitchie; Madelyn McRitchie; Bob & Sue McRitchie; Robert

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Millbrook Rotary Club members revive New Year's Eve event

By Rich Thomaselli

It's back!

The Millbrook Rotary Club has revived the popular New Year's Eve celebration in the village.

The event will usher in the New Year with plenty of family activities from 4-6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 31 in the heart of the village. And there's plenty of time later in the evening for adults to enjoy traditional New Year's Eve celebrations.

The event features several local Millbrook businesses who have acted as sponsors.

The event has a suggested donation of \$5 and entry stickers are available at Merritt Bookstore, Reardon Briggs, and Village Wine & Spirits.

The rhythm of the evening will be set by the soulful tunes of "The Hammerhead Horns," and Art Lillard's "On Time Band." "The Hammerhead Horns promise a blend of "barrelhouse, blues, and boogie woogie," while Art

Lillard's On Time Band draws influences from traditional swing, jazz and contemporary popular music.

There will also be family-friendly activities at Lyall Community Church and Grace Church, featuring games, crafts, and more, as well as the memorable Hudson Valley Large Scale Railroad display. The Puppet People - Mark Carrigan and Michelle Smith-Carrigan, seasoned puppeteers with over 20 years of experience, will deliver a whimsical performance.

There is a sticker design contest that was created by art students in the Millbrook School District. The winner will be announced at the event.

The event is made possible through the generous support of local businesses and friends, including Bank of Millbrook, Hunt & Harvest, Merritt Bookstore, The Fox and the Hare, JP Woods, Millbrook Yoga, Nan & David Greenwood, Ann & John Gifford, Claire & Chris Mann, Sonia Zurita & Lisa Pelosi, and others.

Marist initiates fundraising for new track and turf facility

By Rich Thomaselli

With the approval of the Board of Trustees, Marist College has embarked on a fundraising campaign to support the construction of a state-of-the-art track and turf field facility.

This is a matching campaign since the school has already donated some money toward the construction.

It will be located on the north end of campus, overlooking the Hudson River.

The project will benefit many of the school's 23 athletic teams, including men's and women's track and field, cross country, lacrosse, and soccer. It will also be used as a recreational space for students, faculty and staff.

Marist's track and field and cross country programs have been around for 60 years, but have never had a true home campus facility. You can often see the school's runners practicing on the cam-

pus grounds or on the streets of the town of Poughkeepsie.

"Our teams have achieved an impressive number of school records, as well as conference and

regional level success, in the absence of a home field," said coach Pete Colaizzo, who has run the programs for more than 30 years. "A new on-campus track and turf field facility will only further elevate their training, conditioning, and competitiveness, and will attract a wider pool of future recruits to Marist."

The school itself has already kicked in \$1 million.

Trustee Tim Tenney said "I'm excited to support our student-athletes through this long overdue project. I encourage others to contribute in any way they can, because this is a win-win that benefits not only Marist Athletics but also the entire community because of how wide-ranging the uses will be for the facility."

GUEST COLUMN / OPINION

Lessons on longevity from a centenarian

By Patrick Paul

There are an abundance of bestselling books currently on the market that reveal secrets of "longevity." And the fact that this topic is trending feels a bit serendipitous for all of us at Anderson Center for Autism, as 2024 will be marked by our own Centennial celebrations.

We've been looking back, looking ahead, and reflecting on what it takes to become the healthy centenarian that our organization is today.

For us, and for many individuals and organizations alike, it seems that longevity can be attributed to the following:

1. Have a clear purpose. As a nonprofit, decisions are always made in the context of our mission statement - optimizing the quality of life for individuals with autism. Know your 'why', which makes it easier to stay inspired in good times and bad - and allows everyone to work more productively and passionately toward a specific objective.

2. Surround yourself with the right people. Whatever community you are building - whether it is personal or professional - be deliberate about your choices. Cultivate relationships with people who demonstrate integrity, trustworthiness, and authenticity - and those who are genuinely rooting for your success.

3. Prioritize health. Recognize that any organization, group, or family is stronger when everyone involved is thriving - mind, body, and spirit. Proactively seek out ways to expand or refine health and wellness plans - and to promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility - which are critical to well-being for all.

4. Be fiscally responsible. Money matters. Develop a budget, be true to your financial realities and goals, save for unexpected expenses, and know that in doing so you'll experience the kind of financial security that will open doors and lead to greater peace of mind.

5. Learn from the past. Honor the stories and rich history that made you who you are today. Acknowledge mistakes, forgive yourself and others, and be mindful of the lessons learned. Also consider what made



your triumphs possible, and how to bring the best of your past into the future.

6. Lead with heart. Human-to-human connections are at the heart of a long, healthy journey. Over the decades, we've seen people from all walks of life working together to optimize the quality of life for individuals with autism. Use your time, talent, and heart to make positive contributions to humanity; it is a win for everyone.

7. Clarify your vision. What do you aspire to be? In what ways can you evolve? Pose these questions periodically, imagine the possibilities, develop a clear strategy, and engage others in every effort to make your vision a reality.

As we head into a new year, may we all consider the many ways we can work toward longevity.

And, for all newly minted centenarians like Anderson Center for Autism - congratulations and our warmest wishes to you for many healthy, meaningful years ahead.

Patrick Paul is the CEO/Executive Director of Anderson Center for Autism, located in Staatsburg, whose organizational mission is to "optimize the quality of life for individuals with autism." Visit andersoncenterforautism.org to learn more.

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FDR Presidential Library and Museum sets display of authentic HV Ice Yachts

The FDR Presidential Library will host a display of authentic Hudson Valley ice yachts through January 7.

Ice yachts on display will include KRISS, built for FDR's uncle John Aspinwall Roosevelt; CYCLONE, built for Herman Livingston Rogers, son of the Roosevelt's Hyde Park neighbor Archibald Rogers; and 999, built for the owners of the J. G. Bodensteine Ice Tool Company in Staatsburgh, New York in the 1870s.

The display is presented by the Hudson River Ice Yacht Preservation Trust and Hudson River Ice Yacht Club. The boats can be seen -- with full rigging -- in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home, dur-

ing regular operating hours (9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.), with free admission. The facilities are closed on Christmas and New Years Day. For more information visit @hudsonrivericeboats on Instagram and www.hriypt.org.

Additional items and artifacts relating to winter sports and Hudson Valley ice yachting culture -- belonging to both the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site and the Roosevelt Library -- will also be displayed in the visitor center and museum. These artifacts include an antique toboggan used by FDR in his youth from the National Park Service collection, displayed in the visitor center. Regular admission to the museum is

required to view the Library's artifacts.

KRISS was built in 1898 by George Buckhout of Poughkeepsie, for FDR's uncle, John Aspinwall Roosevelt -- one of the original members of the Poughkeepsie Ice Yacht Club (1861), and, later, commodore of the Hudson River Ice Yacht Club (1885). Like most antique ice yachts, KRISS is a gaff-rigged sloop design. John A. Roosevelt had a small fleet of ice boats that sailed off of Roosevelt Point. His most famous ice yacht was ICICLE -- 4-time winner of the Ice Yacht Challenge Pennant of America. His daughter, Ellen Crosby Roosevelt, occasionally raced KRISS, as well. Former Hudson River Ice Yacht

Club commodore Robert Wills maintains and sails this boat today.

CYCLONE was built by Charles Van Loan in Hyde Park, in 1900, for Herman Livingston Rogers, son of Archibald Rogers. Rogers was a neighbor and good friend of the Roosevelt family. The Rogers family had one of the largest collections of ice boats in the mid-Hudson area at the turn of the 20th century, including JACK FROST -- also a 4-time winner of the Ice Yacht Challenge Pennant of America. CYCLONE sailed the Hudson River off of the Rogers estate, Crumwold Hall in Hyde Park, and is maintained and sailed today by Brian and Lisa Reid of Red Hook.

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PTSD and the Holidays



The holiday season is a time of gathering with family and friends, often considered a time of goodwill, peace and reflection. For too many veterans, however, that's not the case. For them, the holiday season can be a time of loneliness, isolation and depression because scores of our vets are quietly dealing with Post-traumatic Stress Syndrome, or PTSD.

Most of the public has heard of PTSD. In fact, the expression is so common, many genuinely caring and sympathetic individuals often have only a modest reaction when they hear it; they don't know PTSD is considered a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Mental health professionals say this disability can develop after going through or witnessing any number of horrendous or life-threatening situations. Personal exposure to, or witnessing life events such as assault, physical or sexual abuse, terrorist attacks and, of course, engaging in the theatre of combat, are just some examples that can cause the condition. PTSD is often debilitating, causing serious problems in one's ability to function in social situations and the workplace, putting severe stress on relationships.

Through my counseling work with hundreds of veterans suffering with a variety of PTSD symptoms, I have seen how tepid – and often unintentional – responses from others causes feelings of shame. When we don't recognize PTSD as a true disability, our veterans may be perceived as weak as they cope with it, causing many to fall into a lifestyle of seclusion and a sense of despair.

Unless a person, or someone close to them, has had close contact with anyone dealing with one or more of the symptoms of PTSD, the condition would understandably seem abstract with little tangible understanding.

Symptoms of PTSD often mimic other forms of clinical anxieties, making it hard to diagnose. Symptoms range from observable traits like a short temper, overreactions, excessive drinking, mood swings and road rage, to the less overt, such as sadness, inability to express emotion, boredom or a feeling of doom.

These characteristics are often triggered and heightened during the holiday season, causing those suffering to miss out on holiday joy. The expectation of having to be jovial around family and friends heightens the trauma, invoking

stress and anxiety. In fact, being around groups is a prime reason bad memories surface in PTSD sufferers, often causing "survivors' guilt" about those they once served with who didn't make it back home.

Having served two terms of active duty in battle, both in Iraq and Afghanistan, I understand this feeling. Even with the years of knowledge and learned skills I have acquired in my work with the Vet 2 Vet program and now as Director of Dutchess County Veterans Services, helping others cope with, and in numerous cases overcome, this mental health condition, I still sometimes feel the effects of my own personal struggle with PTSD resurface. If it were not for the coping strategies I've learned through years of support from my peers, I, too, might struggle a lot more with my own ongoing battle with PTSD.

Statistics show nearly 60 percent of veterans experience mild to severe symptoms of PTSD. With Dutchess County home to some 13,000 veterans, it's likely most people reading this column know someone in their day-to-day life who struggles with some form of PTSD.

My goal in my current role is to teach the public of the trauma many local veter-

ans experienced during their time defending our country, and help open dialogue with their loved ones who may be dealing with PTSD. Explaining its complexity and gravity helps give those struggling full access to the treatment and benefits available to them. There are many service providers available in Dutchess County to help those coping with the disability.

Successfully treating people with PTSD, especially during the holidays, has many levels to it – both clinically and personally. Communicating with those you trust; setting limits on the amount of time spent and the kinds of activities you can handle; taking exercise and mental health breaks; and having a plan in place to cope with anxiety are helpful strategies to practice during this time of year.

Those who have served in the military, going into battle under some of the most dangerous conditions one could imagine, are some of the bravest people I know. Let's help them win their battle with PTSD. We at Veterans Services and Mental Health of America (MHA) want all our vets to know they are not alone.

Please call us at 845-486-2060 for an appointment or learn more at dutchessny.gov/veterans.

GOLDEN LIVING

Note: the Office for the Aging and OFA Friendship Centers will be closed on Monday, December 25th and Monday, January 1st (2024) for the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays respectively. Clients of OFA's Friendship Centers will receive meals in advance of the holiday.

GOALS FOR 2024 (Part 2 of 2)

The Office for the Aging is planning for 2024 with an eye toward meeting emerging unmet needs, as Dutchess County's older adult population is expected to continue growing for at least the next 20 years even as overall population levels stay roughly level.

Measured in percentages, Dutchess County's older adult population is considerably higher than New York State's, which in turn is higher than the nation's.

According to the 2022 Census Bureau's American Community Survey, 27% of Dutchess County's population is over age 60. We're at a new all-time high for older residents: over 80,000.

The county's median age of 42.8 reflects this reality; again, higher than both the state and federal median ages. Several rural Dutchess towns show even higher median ages: Clinton, Milan and Washington at 50, North East and Pine Plains at 51; Stanford at 52; and Rhinebeck at almost 55.

On one hand, the statistics are encouraging in that they show how many older adults in Dutchess County have been able to live longer, healthier lives, even while accounting for the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. On the other hand, the

sheer number of older adults is certainly cause for a new kind of concern. What we at OFA call "successful aging" isn't just a personal achievement for an older adult trying their best to maximize their years of independence. It's quickly becoming a necessity.

WHY THE CAREGIVER SUPPORT RATIO MATTERS

In 2010, AARP measured the ratio of potential family caregivers to people in the high-risk years of 80+ in the US at 7:1. It's called the "caregiver support ratio" and it's been declining sharply over the past 15 years, especially in counties like Dutchess with larger populations of older adults whose children no longer live nearby. Declines in caregiver support ratios are a worldwide concern; ratios have been declining throughout Europe and other nations with older populations, often to an even greater extent.

OFA'S GOALS ... AND YOURS

The key to OFA's plans for 2024 is to successfully combine policy, funding, and delivery of services in the face of daunting caregiver support ratios and staffing challenges. Through our NY Connects and Case Management units, we're working to engage caregivers more than ever before, to connect them to services and supports. We know that once caregivers identify themselves as such, the more likely they'll be to consider accepting supports.

Another challenge for older adults in Dutchess involves transportation, especially where medical procedures are concerned. We're aware that some older adults require improved safe transportation home from hospitals, dialysis centers and outpatient treatment. To help ease the often challenging process of getting resettled at home after discharge from a hospital, dialysis center or outpatient procedure, OFA plans to offer older adults without caregivers a safe transportation

option for the return home, beginning in 2024. It's in the planning stages now, and we'll let you know when the service becomes available.

OFA VOLUNTEERING OVER THE HOLIDAYS AND THROUGH THE WINTER

Interest in volunteering often grows during end-of-year holidays. The Office for the Aging is ready with options, whether it's for yourself, a family member, or a college student home for winter break.

Demand for volunteer drivers throughout Dutchess County in our Home Delivered Meals program is a year-round need, and clerical assistance is always helpful.

Looking ahead to 2024, our various OFA Exercise programs are looking for volunteer instructors, especially as winter moves toward spring: exercise, tai chi, A Matter of Balance and more. We provide training for instructors.

You can read about all of OFA's volunteering options and fill out a printable volunteering form at www.dutchessny.gov/ofavolunteer, and if you have follow-up questions you can email bjones@dutchessny.gov.

YOGA FOR OLDER ADULTS AT SOUTH AMENIA FRIENDSHIP CENTER

Eastern Dutchess older adults looking for an exercise option in the Harlem Valley can add the yoga class at the Office for the Aging Friendship Center in South Amenia (229 South Amenia Rd., Wassaic). Classes meet for an hour, every Tuesday at 10:45 am. For more information and to get signed up, contact OFA at 845-486-2555, and visit www.dutchessny.gov/seniorexercise for a closer look at all OFA exercise options.

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

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Wonderland

Wonderland Farm is a Rhinebeck tradition.

Steven Lobotsky was sold out of Christmas trees, 43 days before Christmas. Every year, I try to stop at a local cut-your-own tree farm to scare up a story about a local farmer trying to make their way in the world.

But not today. Steven explained that Wonderland Farm can only supply 300 trees each season, and people were buying their trees earlier and earlier every year, a trend that started during the Covid era. All of this year's balsam, canaan and fraser firs had found a home. He will replant a thousand saplings next spring.

I took in the scene – a warm fire, hand-decorated wreaths, families dragging in the last of the trees, followed by the inevitable family dog. I couldn't really write an article about it, since Wonderland Farm was closing for the season. As I was about to say goodbye, I turned and asked, "Say, Steven, how's your dad doing?"

Everyone around the fire perked up at the mention of the iconic John Lobotsky, Jr. "He's doing great. Still living at home, right up the road," Steven said. "You ought to go visit him. He's 97 years old. He'd love to see you."

I tried to call. There was no cell service on the summit of White Schoolhouse Road in Rhinebeck. Steven told me to go up to John's house and walk right in. Which I did.

Steven was correct. John was doing great, and it was as if we hadn't missed a beat. Lounging in his recliner, gripping a pair of divining rods which he uses to direct the flow of water into various ponds and streams, John regaled me with stories about the old days on the farm.

Eighty years ago, before interstate highways and refrigerated trucks, all fresh vegetables were grown locally. Sweet corn, tomatoes, beans, strawberries, and asparagus were the main crops at Wonderland. The harvest was hauled to markets in Poughkeepsie, like Mohican Market on Main Street, or put on trains bound for Manhattan. In the winter, John and local merchant Sam Ianna would drive their old rack body truck up to the Adirondacks to cut Christmas trees and bring them home to sell in town.

"We made good, honest money," John exclaimed.

John was born a little too late to serve in World War II, so he got a job after the war working for the Department of Environmental Conservation. It seems there was a rabies epidemic among the wild foxes in the Harlem Valley. John and brother Walter were hired to kill foxes – 2,300 of them. He showed me photos to prove it.

Wonderland Farm was founded in 1921, by John's father John Lobotsky Sr., who fled the country Belarus right after the Russian Revolution. In modern parlance he'd be called an asylum seeker.

Lots of immigrants started farming in the Hudson Valley around that time, including my grandfather Ralph Adams. My dad and John Jr. became friends, or more like comrades in arms, as they traded products back and forth, depending on who had too many or too few boxes of tomatoes or bushels of corn. As a teenager, I picked corn at Wonderland when our fields ran low. During a dry summer in the mid 1960s, I remember my dad standing on the side porch staring into the distance.

"Look at those clouds," he cried. "They're headed right over to John Lobotsky's place."

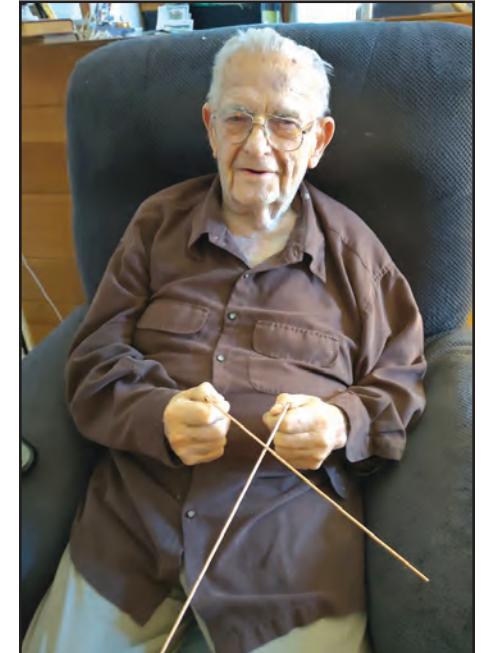
As the vegetable deal lost steam in the 1970s, Wonderland started raising cut flowers – asters and delphiniums, which led to the rise of Wonderland Florist, Nursery and Farm Market in the Village of Rhinebeck, still thriving under the direction of John's daughter Lynn. I stopped by to chat with daughter Susan (there is also daughter Joann) about her experiences growing up on the farm. Susan lives in Texas, but comes "home" to help out at the busy times. She had just returned to the shop after delivering a van load of flower arrangements.

"I used to love picking beans," she told me, which she started doing at age 8. "You'd be out there dragging your burlap sack, not a worry in the world."

John Lobotsky's wife, Joan, died a few years ago. John's sister Julia, who just turned 100, lives with him. She is a famous scientist, known for her work



Above: John and Walter with foxes. Right: John Lobotsky, Jr. with dowsing rods. Below: Steven Lobotsky with wife Patty and grandchildren Jakson (on the left) and Lennox. Photos by Mark Adams



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There's some confusion about where the name "Wonderland" came from. Possibly because of the wonderful food and flowers the farm produced. A more prosaic version has it that it was a wonder

anything would grow at all since the ground was so full of rocks. Perfect for Christmas trees.

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



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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS



HISTORIC HOLIDAY EVENTS

Through Dec. 23: **Guided Holiday Tours**, Wilderstein Historic Site, 330 Morton Rd., Rhinebeck. Enjoy festive yuletide decor showcased throughout the mansion. Tour includes the landscape, history of the family, exterior of the mansion, first and second floors, and video (there are multiple steps, not ADA accessible). Tours offered Fri., Sat. & Sun., at noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. & 3 p.m. Admission \$18 per person. Advance reservations are not required. Please arrive about 15 minutes early. (845) 876- or www.wilderstein.org

Dec. 23, 26-30: **Holiday Tours of the Mansion**, Locust Grove Estate, 2683 South Rd. (Rte. 9), Poughkeepsie. Tickets available on a first come, first served basis in the Museum Shop only, on the day of each tour. The first tour each day starts at 10:15 a.m. and the last tour of the day starts at 3:15 p.m. www.lgny.org

Dec. 27-29: **Arts and Crafts Family Program**, Locust Grove Estate, 2683 South Rd. (Rte. 9), Poughkeepsie. Enjoy two of Annette Young's favorite arts and crafts at Locust Grove; painting and embroidery, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Enjoy looking at Annette's sketches, watercolor paintings, and embroidery samplers from the early 1900s, and then, make some of your own. Participants will learn basic watercolor and needle work skills to make a special Locust Grove piece to take home. Ages 5 and older. Cost \$17.50/person. Everyone needs a ticket, as this is a fundraiser for Locust Grove. This program is wheelchair and stroller accessible, so are the restrooms and visitor's center. www.lgny.org

HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES

Dec. 21: **"Winter Solstice,"** Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. An evening of experimental music featuring: Gavin Di Different, Jamaican-born percussionist and keyboardist; Exiles 342 (Peter Dama, Janene Gentile, Bill Shilling) former members of the post-punk band "Fakir"; and the poet-led band Middle Class, 7 p.m. Refreshment & goodies provided. A free event (donations accepted). More info: demoya577@gmail.com

Dec. 22-23: **"Little Women,"** The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. Rhinebeck Theatre Society's new adaptation of the beloved and timeless coming-of-age novel (featuring familiar Christmas carols). Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m. Tickets \$27. (845) 876-3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

Towne Crier Dance Jam set for Dec. 28

Get On Down at the Towne Crier Dance Jam on December 28 at 7 p.m., at 379 Main Street, in Beacon. Dance to a vibrant mix of musical styles; song requests welcome. These dances are informal and even if one comes alone,

one can always find a friendly partner on the dance floor. All are welcome – singles, couples, frien, newcomers. \$10 Admission.

For more information, call (845) 765-0667 or email rhodaja@optonline.net.

EXHIBITIONS

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

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

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

LAND Gallery, 30 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling. **Through Dec. 30:** "Holiday Show." (845) 490-2281 or www.landgalleryonline.com

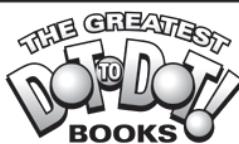
Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. **Through December:** "Saundra Fraiman: It's A Family Affair," affordable collages for children and adults. (845) 876-2903

Olana State Historic Site, Hudson. **Through March 24, 2024:** "Spectacle: Frederic Church and The Business of Art," a 21st-century way of viewing Frederic Church's great masterwork, "The Heart of the Andes," and this exhibition highlights the showmanship and marketing that Church used to promote the debut of this work in 1859. For more information and to purchase tickets visit olana.org/spectacle

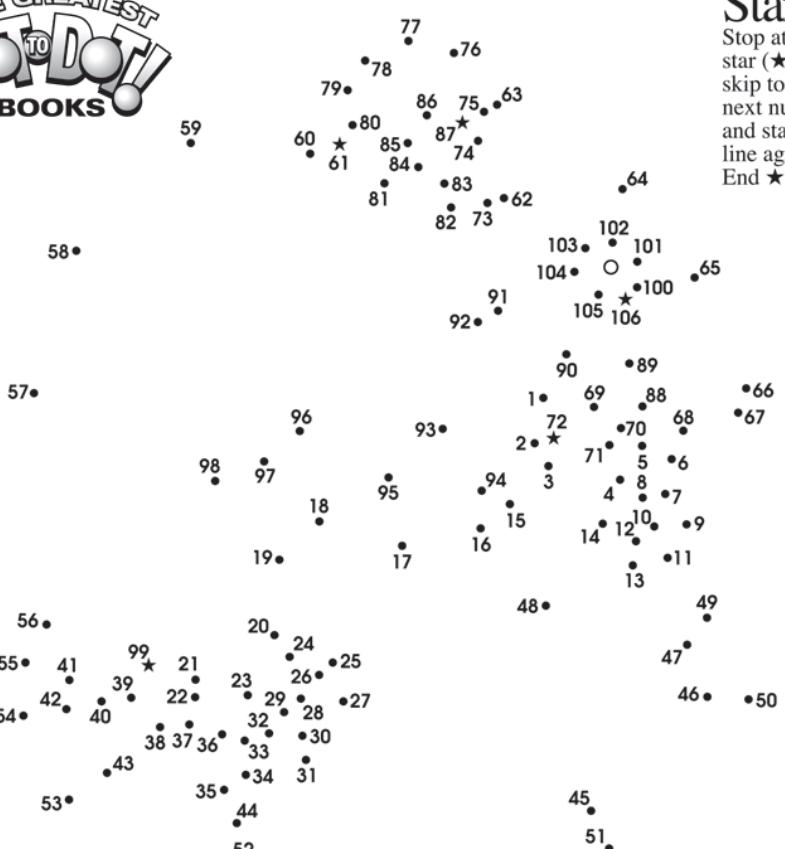
Wallace Center, FDR Presidential Library & Museum, 4097 Albany Post Rd. (Rte. 9), Hyde Park. **Dec. 21, 2023-Jan. 7, 2024:** "Hudson Valley Ice Yachts," display of authentic Hudson Valley Ice Yachts - including KRISS, built for FDR's uncle John Aspinwall Roosevelt. Free to the public. www.fdrlibrary.org

DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

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Merry Christmas Cookies

Vicki's version of this time-honored treat kicks up the lemon flavor. xxxx

My sincerest wish is that you are feeling the spirit of Christmas. I hope, as you shop and wrap and prepare, that your heart is full because that is a gift you give yourself. If you have managed to hold joy and peace there during this hectic time, then all will be merry and bright and that is a beautiful thing.

I have often written about the true meaning behind this holiday because it gives me hope to think that the magic of Christmas is alive and well, being passed along through the generations through the traditions we keep. As I decorated my tree and began planning this year's menu I was, as always, filled with happiness, warmth and lovely nostalgia, things I find I need now more than ever. It is a time when traditions bring comfort and fill me with love and gratitude.

Of course, food plays a big part for me in all of this and, again, this brings comfort and calms the stress that swirls around in my mind. I find I can set bad thoughts aside this time of year as I go through the routines of the season. Simple things, like breaking out favorite recipes, planning Christmas dinner, wrapping gifts as I sit beside the tree and going through my vintage ornaments are rituals that heal and just plain make me happy. Most of this I do for the ones I love but in doing so I find it's just as much for myself.

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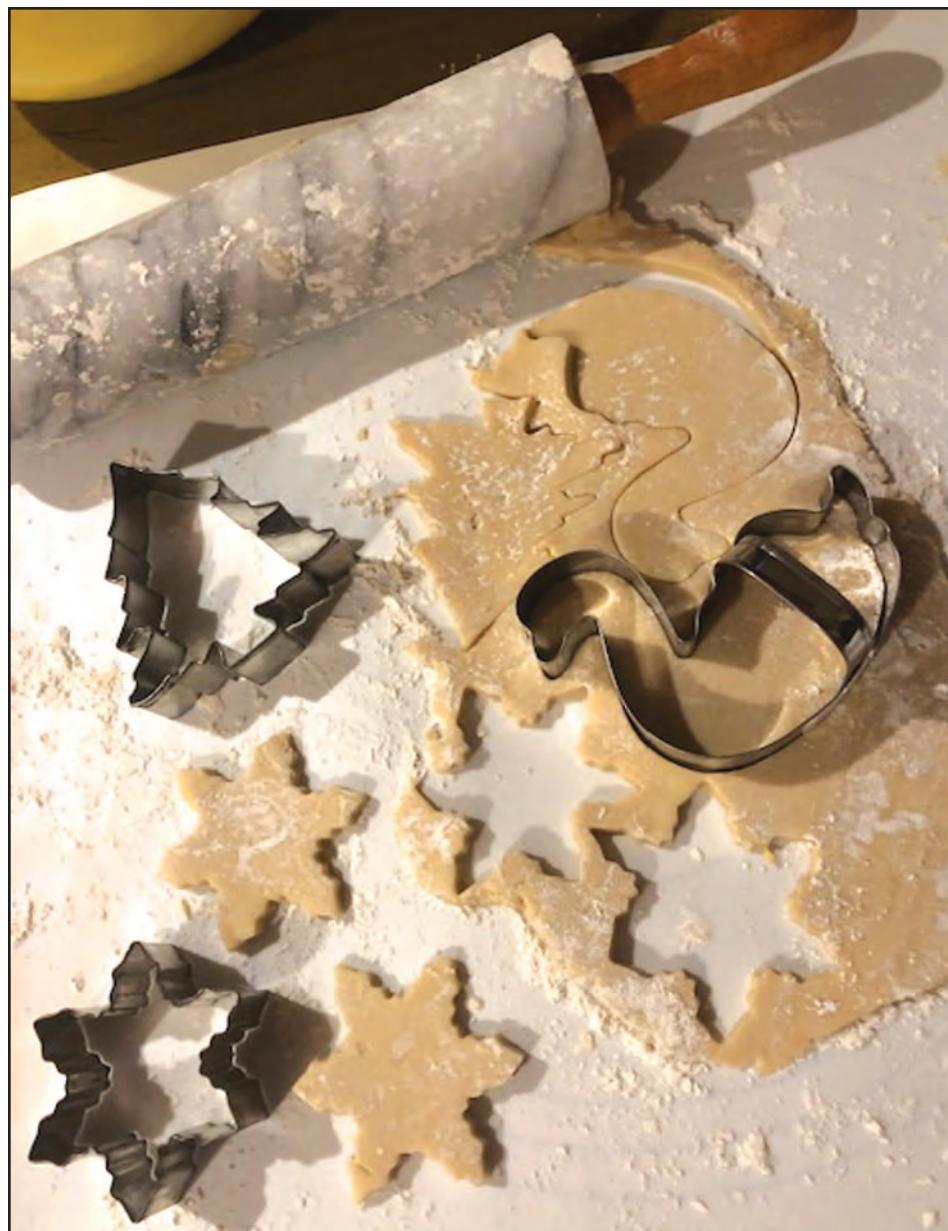
family traditions! Our Christmases have always been filled with time-honored rituals and I dearly love adding to them as I put them into practice each year. My mother has baked Christmas cookies for as long as I can remember, recipes that have become an important part of the holiday for me. I'm not sure if I really helped her when I was little, but I know she always loved having me there, even as I got older. As I grew up and life pulled me away, she would do it by herself. When my nephew came along, he took my place and he and his girlfriend still make it a point to help her. Even my father has stepped in, something I love picturing and am grateful for.

Mama always makes several kinds, and we all have our favorites. For my father there are thin, delicate cream cheese cookies and cheesecake bars. For my sister and me, her date-filled balls rolled in coconut or nuts, dubbed meatball cookies, are a must. And who doesn't love gingerbread? Every year, my mother pulls out the impressive bin filled with cookie cutters, most vintage, and specific ones are used for certain types. Houses, people, trees, snowflakes and bells, a lion, camel, cat, pig, cow and even a hippo to name a few all make their mark and add fun and whimsy, whether decorated with icing, sugar or left plain.

There's one more kind that my sister

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Vicki's version of Betty Crocker's Merry Christmas Cookies call for extra lemony flavor. Photos by Vicki Frank Day



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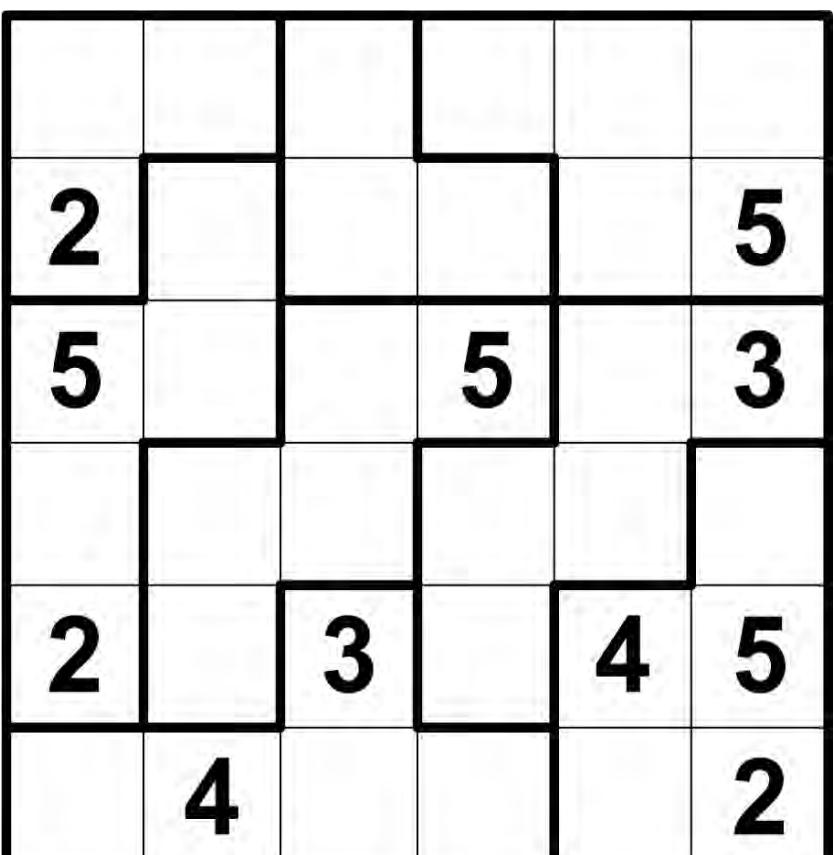
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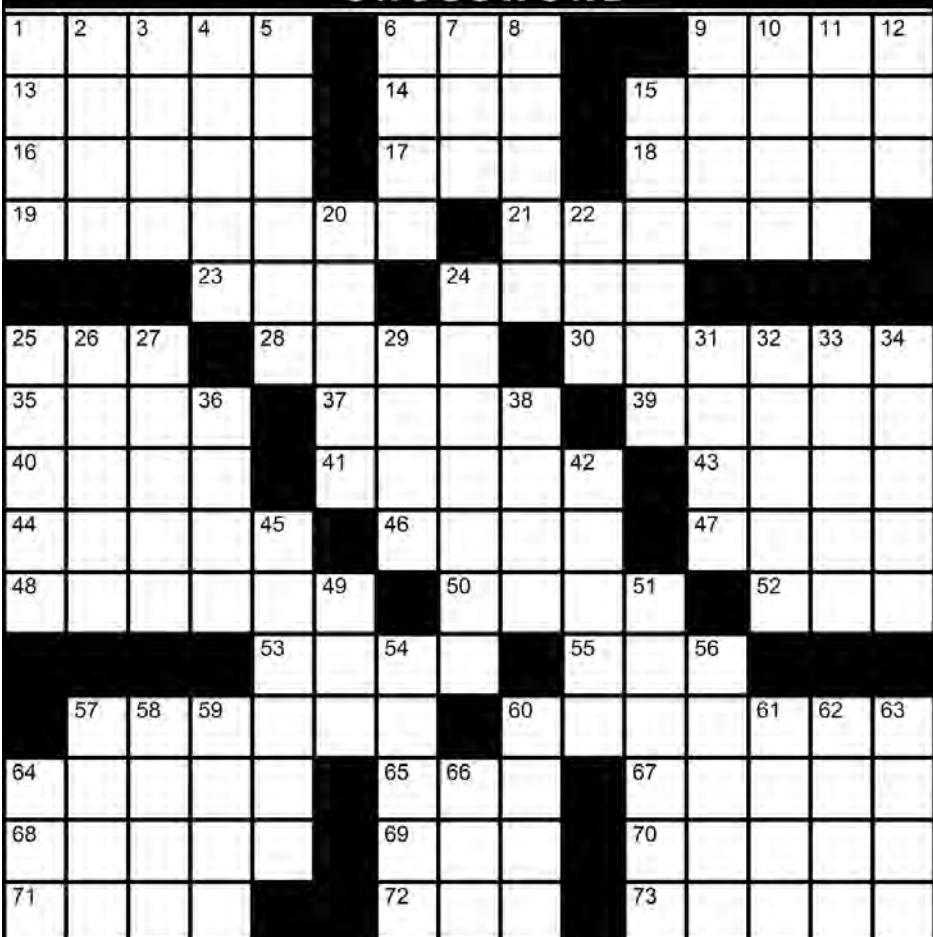
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Funding available for arts and cultural activities

Arts Mid-Hudson announces the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a funding program with over \$250,000 in funds to support the arts in Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster counties. This funding is available to individual artists to create new work in 2024, and to nonprofit organizations, individual artists, libraries, and municipalities for arts and cultural activities in 2024. Eligible projects may include, but are not limited to: exhibits, performances, concerts, festivals, in-school and community workshops, screenings, readings, cultural programming, and the creation of work. Grant awards are determined by a peer review panel made up of community members. Please note: this program was previously called the Decentralization Program.

The deadline to apply is Feb. 15, 2024. Complete information available at www.artsmidhudson.org/statewide-community-regrants

There are three distinct grant programs:

Community Arts Grants provide project support for arts and cultural activities open to the general public. Nonprofit organizations, unincorporated groups, and individuals located in Dutchess, Orange, or Ulster counties are eligible and encouraged to submit a grant proposal.

The Individual Artist Commission supports the creation of new work by an artist. The project must engage a segment of the community through a small-scale public presentation of the work or

community involvement during the creative process of the artists' project. Presentations and community involvement may be done in-person or virtually.

The **Arts Learning Grant** supports sequential, skill-based workshop series focused on the arts and artistic process. Projects can take place in-school during the school day and/or in after-school and community-based settings for youth and/or senior learners.

There will be an information session on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024 at 4 p.m., on Zoom. A recording of the session will be made available after the session. Q&A Sessions will be held on Zoom weekly to assist applicants with the process.

Contact Arts Mid-Hudson with accommodation requests. Arts Mid-Hudson provides free in-depth support

including informational videos, resources, one-on-one appointments, and draft review.

If you are unable to attend any of the sessions, and still wish to apply, please contact the Arts Mid-Hudson Grants Team in advance of the deadline, at (845) 454-3222 or grants@artsmidhudson.org.

These awards are made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrants Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by Arts Mid-Hudson.

For more information about Arts Mid-Hudson and future art events, sign up for the monthly E-newsletter at www.artsmidhudson.org

Love to Cook

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and I love, and I have taken over making them because they're not mama's cup of tea. We grew up calling them lemon dough cookies but the original recipe from our well-worn 1960s Betty Crocker cookbook says they are, in fact, Merry Christmas Cookies. Kissed with honey and lemon extract, they are soft and light and lovely and the ones I'm sharing with you today.

Before I do, a few quick notes: because I love the lemon aspect of these (and just can't leave well enough alone), I have taken liberties with the original recipe, adding a bit of fresh lemon juice and zest. The cookies will spread when baked so don't be surprised if you use a detailed cutter but get somewhat blobby results. Also, when it comes to decorating, I keep it simple with a sprinkling of colored sugar. Betty's recipe suggests using a thin royal icing, which you would do once they've baked and cooled, but I think it overpowers the delicate flavors of the cookie and I prefer mine less sweet.

LEMON-HONEY CHRISTMAS COOKIES

I recommend doubling this recipe, adapted from "Betty Crocker's Merry Christmas Cookies." You will need to chill the dough before rolling and cutting. Even so it will be sticky, so you'll also need to flour your surface and the rolling pin. The cookies should be golden in color with a soft texture and a lovely honed lemon flavor.

INGREDIENTS

1/3 cup (5 1/3 tablespoons) butter, room temperature
1/3 cup sugar
1 egg
2/3 cup honey
1 teaspoon lemon extract
1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
1 teaspoon fresh lemon zest
2 3/4 cup flour (plus more for dusting the rolling surface)
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt

METHOD

In a large bowl, mix butter, sugar, egg,

honey, lemon extract, juice and zest thoroughly.

In a separate bowl, sift or whisk together flour, baking soda and salt.

Add flour mixture to dough a third at a time, mixing well to combine. Chill for at least 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Lightly grease 1-2 baking sheets and set aside.

Sift flour over your surface and rolling pin. Place some of the dough on the surface. You will likely have to add flour as you go. (It's OK to lightly dust the top of the dough too if you find it sticking to the rolling pin). Roll out to about 1/4-inch thickness (I make mine a little thicker), then cut into shapes. If using sugar to decorate, sprinkle it on now. Transfer to prepared baking sheets with a spatula and bake 8-10 minutes (Betty says 'until no imprint remains when touched lightly.') I recommend checking after 8 minutes. Transfer to a cooling rack.

Betty claims this makes about 5 dozen cookies, but I find it makes 2-3, probably because I use cutters of different sizes.

There's still time to bake some Christmas love. With all you likely have to do you may not think so, but I promise you, taking the time to do something like this will do wonders for your spirit. Just let go, turn on some holiday tunes, find your rhythm and make it fun. Take your mind off everything else for a little while and gift yourself and the ones you love some fresh-baked magic. If you do, I hope it becomes part of your family's traditions, too, filling your hearts with comfort and joy. Merry Christmas!

Vicki Frank Day's background includes over two decades in various aspects of the food service industry. In addition, she has over 27 years' experience in marketing, graphic design, copy writing, food styling and research. She believes cooking should be a fun adventure, that food should be an experience and that every day can be a special occasion. Email her at vickiloves2cook@gmail.com.

PUTNAM SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES OPENINGS FOR SPRING CONCERT

Putnam Symphony Orchestra has openings for all qualified musicians to join the orchestra in its Olympic themed Spring Concert concert on April 14, 2024. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Brewster High School beginning Jan. 24, 2024. There are no auditions and no fee to join.

For more information, visit putnamsymphonyorchestra.org; facebook.com/putnamsymphony; email at putnamsymphony@verizon.net or call (845) 228-4167.

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'Drive Sober, or Get Pulled Over'

enforcement now until Jan. 1

Governor Kathy Hochul announced recently that the New York State Police will participate in the national enforcement initiative to crack down on impaired driving this holiday season. The New York State Police will participate in the national "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign, which began on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023, and runs through Monday, Jan. 1, 2024.

"Impaired driving is reckless, dangerous and illegal, and we have zero tolerance for it on New York's roadways," Hochul said. "We're sending a clear message this holiday season that those in violation of our vehicle and traffic laws will be ticketed or face criminal charges."

In addition to the DWI checkpoints and patrols, Troopers will be watching for distracted drivers, vehicle occupants who are not properly buckled up, and drivers violating the "Move Over Law," which requires motorists to exercise extreme caution when passing emergency vehicles that are stopped in or on the side of the road. State Police will also conduct under-age drinker enforcement details statewide.

These traffic enforcement campaigns are funded by the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC), which promotes and supports participation of law enforcement agencies at the state, county and local levels in high-visibility enforcement efforts. Grant funding is intended to provide for supplemental traffic enforce-

ment and engagement during those times of the year, like the holidays, when there is greater potential for drivers impaired by alcohol or drugs to be on the road.

The Have a Plan app (<https://www.stopdwi.org/mobileapp/>) can help. The free app from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee and the NYS STOP-DWI Foundation allows you to designate a driver, call a cab or ride share, and to review the consequences of impaired driving. You can even use the app to report a drunk or drugged driver. The app is available for Apple, Android, and Windows smart phones.

In an effort to ease travel during the busy holiday weekends, temporary lane closures for road and bridge construction projects on New York State highways will be suspended beginning Friday, Dec. 22, at 6 a.m. through Tuesday, Dec. 26, at 6 a.m. Construction will also be suspended from Friday, Dec. 29, at 6 a.m. through Tuesday, Jan. 2, at 6 a.m. to ease travel for motorists.

Motorists are advised that some work may continue behind permanent concrete barriers for emergency repairs. The construction suspension aligns with New York State's Driver's First Initiative, which prioritizes the convenience of motorists to minimize traffic congestion and travel delays due to road and bridge work.

Text stops, including park-and-ride

facilities, rest stops, service areas and parking areas along state highways support the state's effort to reduce distracted driving. The New York State Thruway Authority will also continue its tradition of offering free coffee and hot tea to travelers along the Thruway from 11 p.m. New Year's Eve through 7 a.m. New Year's morning to promote safety and alert driving.

The Thruway Authority reminds motorists that 12 service areas are closed and under construction as part of the \$450 million private investment and modernization project. Fuel services remain open at all locations. Motorists can view the service areas and plan their stops on the Thruway Authority's website and on the free mobile app.

During the enforcement campaign, Troopers will be using both marked State Police vehicles and Concealed Identity Traffic Enforcement (CITE) vehicles as part of the operation. The CITE vehicles allow Troopers to more easily identify motorists who are using handheld devices while driving. CITE vehicles allow the Trooper to better observe distracted driving violations. These vehicles blend in with every day traffic, but are unmistakable as emergency vehicles once the emergency lighting is activated.

During last year's crackdown, as reported by the GTSC, law enforcement statewide issued 94,372 tickets. Of those tickets 18,222 were for speeding, 3,028

were for distracted driving, 2,684 were for seatbelts, 472 for the "Move Over Law" and 3,139 individuals were arrested for impaired driving. 66,827 motorists were ticketed for other infractions.

If you drive impaired and break the law, you will face consequences and be held accountable. New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services data shows that felony and misdemeanor arrests for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs result in a conviction in approximately 90 percent of cases.

The New York State Police and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration also offer these tips to make the holidays safer for all:

- Plan a safe way home before the celebrating begins;
- Before drinking, designate a sober driver;
- If you're impaired, use a taxi or ride sharing service, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation;
- Use your community's sober ride program;
- If you happen to see a drunk driver on the road, don't hesitate to contact local law enforcement;
- If you know someone who is about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to their destination safely.

Hinchey bill to help communities stabilize rents through accurate vacancy rate data signed into law

Senator Michelle Hinchey recently announced that her bill requiring property owners to submit accurate vacancy rate surveys to help municipalities address the housing crisis was signed into law by the Governor. Hinchey's bill (S1684A) specifies that property owners must provide the latest rent rolls and, if possible, records from the past three years upon municipal request and within a timeframe designated by the municipality. Noncompliance may lead to a municipality-imposed civil penalty of up to \$500, and a nonresponding owner will be presumed to have a 0% vacancy rate.

"Our communities face a dire lack of housing supply, and having accurate vacancy rate data that shows how many homes are available is a vital tool that can help municipalities stabilize rents in a housing crisis," said Hinchey. "My bill was needed to close a loophole that allowed property owners to evade vacancy rate surveys, and now, the law is clear – property owners must provide accurate data when a municipality requests a survey. This measure is essential for the Hudson Valley and all New York State communities to get the data they need to tackle the housing crisis and keep residents housed and safe."

City of Kingston Mayor Steve Noble said, "I thank Senator Hinchey for moving this vacancy rate bill forward. When Kingston was struggling with compliance on our vacancy survey, I reached out to Senator Hinchey for assistance, and I greatly appreciate her ongoing advocacy and support. When we conduct our next vacancy study, this bill will go a long way in helping us to get an accurate account of the current housing situation. With this bill in place, I encourage other municipalities to pursue vacancy studies to provide

critical protections to their residents."

Rebecca Garrard, Deputy Executive Director of Citizen Action of New York, said, "As communities across New York face an unprecedented housing crisis, we are enormously grateful to Senator Hinchey as her legislation is signed that ensures vacancy rate surveys accurately reflect the availability of housing stock within municipalities. When localities wish to opt-in to affordability mechanisms at their disposal, it is crucial that the real estate industry cannot use loopholes in order to circumvent those processes."

Lukee Forbes, Civil Rights Coordinator for the Hudson/Catskill Housing Coalition, said, "I am so grateful for the passage and signing of the vacancy rate bill. This pivotal legislation represents a major stride in our longstanding battle against the housing crisis, addressing the acute shortage of affordable housing that plagues our communities. By mandating accurate vacancy reporting, it empowers municipalities to make informed decisions, paving the way for more effective housing strategies in the Hudson Valley and beyond. I extend my profound gratitude to the Senate and Assembly for their commitment to this cause. This milestone brings us a step closer to ensuring every New Yorker has access to the stable, affordable housing they deserve."

In 2019, the Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act granted municipalities with vacancy rates below 5% the authority to declare a housing emergency and opt into rent stabilization while requiring property owners to conduct vacancy rate surveys. Under the previous system, however, property owners could sidestep vacancy rate surveys and, in some cases, submit inaccurate data, perpetuating a deepening housing crisis.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

New Chess Club in Hyde Park

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

Ray Joyce Memorial Blood Drive

Clinton Alliance Church along with help from our Clinton friends, Seniors Helping Seniors, is holding the 3rd Annual Ray Joyce Memorial Blood Drive on Wednesday, Dec. 27, from 3 to 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center located at 1192 Centre Road in the Town of Rhinebeck. We ask folks to call the NY Blood Center at 800-933-2566 or visit the New York Blood Center website at NYBC.ORG to sign up. Walk-ins are always welcome.

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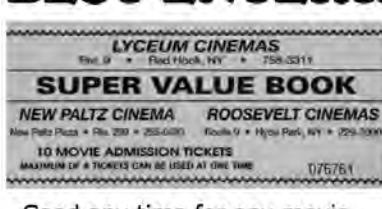
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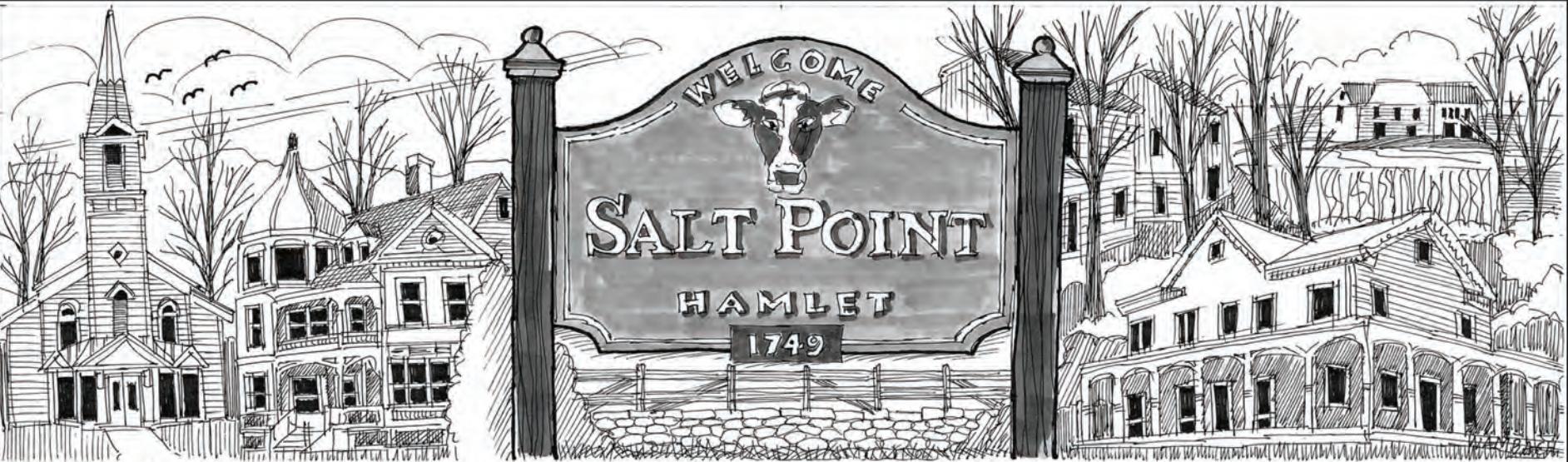
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DAR, SAR members lay wreaths on veterans graves at Crum Elbow cemetery



The grave marker of World War I and World War II veteran Randolph Tyrrel was one of those receiving wreaths at the Crum Elbow Rural Cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 16. Photo by Denise Byrnes

Members of the local chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) participated in a Wreaths Across America ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 16 at Crum Elbow Rural Cemetery honoring veterans including those who served in the Revolutionary War, World War 1, World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War.

Located on North Quaker Lane in Hyde Park, the cemetery is the site of the Crum Elbow Quaker Meeting House,

which dates back to 1798. The cemetery has been non-denominational since 1913.

With donations from supporters and family members, 59 graves of veterans were decorated with wreaths. The 2023 theme of Wreaths Across America is "Serve and Succeed," because "there are many ways to serve your country."

Although Quakers have historically been opposed to war, they also served in other ways, such as feeding and housing soldiers and acting as spies during the Revolutionary and Civil Wars.

Union Vale Fire Department welcomes Girl Scout troop



Members of the Union Vale Fire Department gave the Brownies of Girl Scout Troop 10564 a tour Wednesday, Nov. 29, of the fire engines and apparatus used in fires. Photos by Kathy Welsh



The Union Vale Fire Department recently welcomed the Brownies of Girl Scout Troop 10564 to Station 1, located on the north side of town in Verbank, for a tour of the firehouse on Nov. 29.

Union Vale District Chief Steven Schmoke, Captain Scott Geider and Firefighter Bill Liguori showed the Brownies the apparatus used in fires and motor vehicle accidents and various tools kept on the trucks and their use. They were able to hold the hose, climb into the trucks and ambulance and wear a real helmet.

The members demonstrated the use of the "jaws of life" (a hydraulic extrication tool used to spread and breach doors in accident damaged vehicles) and what a

firefighter looks like with a Scott Air-Pak SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) on when they enter a burning building.

The girls were pleased to see everything up close and have some hands-on experience.

"Our girls had the best time meeting all of you and learning about all of the important equipment you use to help others. My daughter has not stopped talking about the trip there and wants to learn more about the important work that the fire men and women do. They thought it was really "cool" that the President of the fire department is a woman (something to aspire to)," said troop leader Kristen Baurczarski.

PV Rec offering Adult Pickleball

Pleasant Valley Recreation will hold its Adult Pickleball winter program from Jan. 5 to March 22, 2024. Registration is required, and participants must pay for a pickleball membership to register for matches.

The membership rate is \$10 for Pleasant Valley residents and \$15 for non-Pleasant Valley residents. In

addition, the match fee is \$10 per match for PV residents and \$15 per match for non-residents.

Matches will take place at LaGrange Middle School, 110 Stringham Road, Lagrangeville, on Fridays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., starting on Jan. 5 and ending on March 22, 2024.

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Route changes to County Public Transit set for March 2024

In 2024, Dutchess County Public Transit (DCPT) will be making route changes to make it easier for riders to navigate the system, expand service on the busiest routes, and streamline service in underutilized areas to improve efficiency. The changes, which will go into effect March 30, 2024, are part of the 2024 County Budget adopted last night by the Dutchess County Legislature and will provide more than \$265,000 in annual savings to the County.

DCPT recently hosted several public information meetings to begin information outreach, which will continue over the next several months, to inform riders and the community about the changes.

DCPT is projected to serve over 780,000 riders in 2023, an increase of nearly 16 percent over 2022. Unlike many of the similar sized public transit systems across the state and the nation, DCPT's ridership has rebounded strongly since the COVID-19 pandemic. The route changes will enable the system to continue to expand its ridership and are the first significant changes since 2017 when the County expanded service to include City of Poughkeepsie routes.

The route modifications were developed as part of an extensive study of the DCPT system by industry expert Nelson/Nygaard and DCPT management. The in-depth analysis included review of rider requests and feedback, passenger counts per trip, and discussion of transit needs with area employers.

The resulting service enhancements include new hourly service on the system's most popular routes, A and B; new or expanded service to employers including the Amazon facility and iPark in East Fishkill as well as the new Dutchess Community College southern campus in Fishkill.

Additionally, all routes have been simplified to travel the same path for every run, to eliminate the passenger confusion and frustration about the different paths certain routes currently run. The changes also improve rider experience, especially for seniors and those needing transportation to grocery stores and other shopping, by streamlining routes to short-

en trip duration.

The analysis also identified areas where service is under-utilized, often with four or fewer riders per trip, creating costly inefficiencies. Fixed route service in underutilized areas will be eliminated, enabling driver and vehicle resources to be re-deployed to add service where ridership is growing.

The route modifications will also allow for the expansion of the County's curb-to-curb, on-demand Flex Service. Flex service hours will be expanded from 9am to 1:15pm to 7:20am until 5:15pm Monday through Friday. Saturday availability will also be introduced and will be available from 9:15am until 4:15pm. The expansion of flex service will be an important alternative for riders in areas impacted by service reduction.

An overview of the route modifications is as follows:

Routes A & B (Poughkeepsie to Fishkill/Poughkeepsie to Beacon): Trip frequency will increase to offer hourly service with eight additional trips on each of these two most traveled routes in the transit system.

Route C (Poughkeepsie to Tivoli): This route's northern-most stop will now be at the Topps Supermarket in Rhinebeck, which encompasses tourist attractions such as the Dutchess County Fairgrounds, area shopping, and Northern Dutchess Hospital. Under-used sections of the route, including service in Red Hook and Tivoli and the Route 9G corridor in Hyde Park, which averaged four or fewer riders per trip, will be eliminated.

Route D (Poughkeepsie to Dover): This route's eastern-most stop will now be the Village of Millbrook. Stops in Dover and Wassaic, which saw an average of three or fewer riders per trip, will be eliminated.

Route E (Poughkeepsie to Pawling): The eastern-most section of this route has been modified to service the Pawling area morning, mid-day and evening, which were found to be the busiest trips of the day, eliminating two under-used roundtrips. The rest of the route, which services the Lagrange area along Route 55, remains unchanged.



A Dutchess County bus. Courtesy photo

Route F (Beacon to Hopewell Junction): Service hours will be expanded to end at 10pm to better serve southern Dutchess County destinations such as the new Amazon facility and iPark in East Fishkill, the Dutchess Community College (DCC) Fishkill Campus, and the Beacon Train Station.

Route G (Poughkeepsie to Beacon): Following input from and in continued partnership with the City of Beacon, Route G, also known as The Beacon Free Loop, will become a Main Street Shuttle Monday through Saturday, and Sunday service from 10am to 5:50pm will be added, increasing trip frequency along the popular Main Street business corridor in the City. Routes B and F will continue to serve the surrounding City of Beacon area, including housing developments such as Forrestal Heights.

Route H (DCC to Poughkeepsie Train Station) **Routes J & K (Poughkeepsie North and South)** These routes will be eliminated as the changes to stops along Routes B, C, and D and the new Routes N and O replace them, ending overlapping service and creating less confusion for riders.

Route L (Poughkeepsie – Main Street Shuttle) Service will now end at 8pm as later trips along this route have seen three or fewer riders.

Routes M & P (Poughkeepsie East and West) These routes have been streamlined to better serve students attending Poughkeepsie Middle and High School with trips coinciding with the schools' start and end times. Evening and mid-day runs that were not being utilized will be

eliminated.

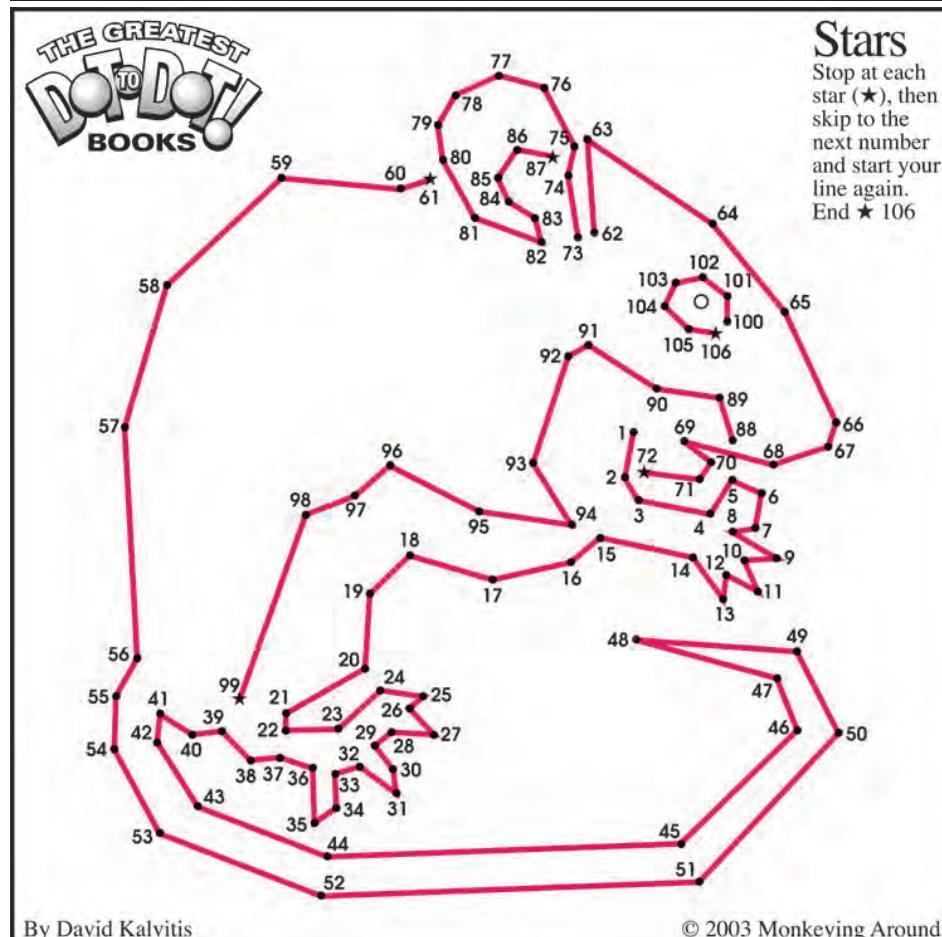
NEW Route N This new route will provide hourly service within the city and town of Poughkeepsie for DCC students as well as connecting residents of local housing developments along Smith Street, Delafield Street and surrounding areas, to local shopping such as the new Hudson Heritage shopping center on Route 9.

NEW Route O Another new route will create direct, hourly service within the City of Poughkeepsie to and from Hudson Plaza and Poughkeepsie Plaza shopping centers, eliminating the doubling back and excessively long routes riders experienced on existing routes. This route will also provide hourly service to the nearby Poughkeepsie Middle and High schools outside of school start and end times, with connections to other routes.

RailLink Service (New Hamburg and Poughkeepsie Train Stations) Due to significant under-use (two or fewer riders per trip), service to New Hamburg train station will be discontinued. The Poughkeepsie RailLink will be discontinued due to low ridership as well as overlapping service on other routes.

To learn more about Dutchess County Public Transit fixed route and on-demand services, as well as view the changes to the fixed route timetables, visit Dutchess County Public Transit's website at dutchessny.gov/publictransit. Riders can also call (845) 473-8424 for questions regarding the route modifications and alternate route options.

Answer to this week's Dot to Dot (puzzle on page 12)



An advertisement for WKZE 98.1 FM. It features a large circular logo with "CELEBRATING MUSICAL DIVERSITY" at the top and "KZE" in the center, with "WKZE.COM" and "98.1" below. The text "Now Hiring For Our Sales Department!" is curved along the top edge of the circle. At the bottom, it says "Resumes: gm@wkze.com".

Urban trail connecting City, Town of Poughkeepsie named ‘Marcus J. Molinaro Northside Line’

The first phase of Dutchess County’s urban trail project in the City and Town of Poughkeepsie is open for public use and touting a new official name – the Marcus J. Molinaro Northside Line (MJM Northside Line) – honoring Dutchess County’s seventh County Executive for his commitment to Dutchess County Parks and his service to the County.

Dutchess County Executive William F.X. O’Neil announced the new name Saturday, Dec. 16 at a gathering on the trail that included Rep. Molinaro, his predecessor, as well as community leaders and stakeholders –including Scenic Hudson, Walkway Over the Hudson, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and Marist College – to celebrate a soft opening of the trail in the City and Town of Poughkeepsie and spread the word that the trail is now open for year-round use.

The MJM Northside Line is a 16- to 22-foot-wide, dual-lane pathway for pedestrians and cyclists stretching 1.2 miles from the new Hudson Heritage Plaza in the Town of Poughkeepsie to Parker Avenue (State Route 9G) in the City of Poughkeepsie. The trail connects many community assets, providing easy access between housing, jobs, schools, businesses, hospitals and parks. The trail features lighting and is monitored by security cameras and law enforcement patrols to enable safe, 24-hour use, and will be plowed, as necessary, during the winter months. Other amenities include secure bike parking, bench seating and bike-repair stations.

County Executive O’Neil said, “This trail is a fantastic new connection for residents, visitors and students alike. For those looking to save on gas, the Northside Line is a fast, safe path to bike or walk to work or school. And for those looking to get more exercise, this split-use trail is a perfect way to safely connect to our popular WRS Dutchess Rail Trail and the world-renowned Walkway Over the Hudson. Thanks to the vision and dedication of our own former County Executive, Marc Molinaro, as well as community stakeholders, we are proud to bring this new kind of trail – which will be open, lit and monitored 24/7/365 – to fruition.”

Initially known as the Dutchess County Urban Trail project, the MJM Northside Line was constructed along a former CSX rail line that was purchased by Scenic Hudson as part of its mission to increase public use trails throughout the county. Scenic Hudson transferred ownership of the property to the County in late-2019 and, following an extensive public outreach process that informed the final design in partnership with Scenic Hudson, construction began in mid-2022. Construction of the spur between Parker Avenue and West Cedar Avenue was completed in 2022, with



From top to bottom: Supporters gather on the urban trail extension connecting the City and Town of Poughkeepsie trails on Saturday, Dec. 16. Firefighters gather around the Utility Terrain Vehicle, which will be used along the trail, among other areas, to assist with faster emergency medical response for trail users. County Executive William O’Neil congratulates Congressman Marcus Molinaro on the naming of the extension in his honor. Courtesy photos and photo by Curtis Schmidt

the remaining spur completed earlier this fall. The project, which totaled \$11.6 million, was funded in part by federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) dollars.

“We were proud to work closely with CSX to secure this land and then turn it over to Dutchess County - it is gratifying to see this project come to realization. The Northside Line, going past our future Scenic Hudson headquarters and community space, is so important to Poughkeepsie, providing an important link for the City’s northside neighborhoods, where many households face economic challenges and do not have access to a household vehicle. Being able to walk or bike to educational resources, recreation, groceries and more is vital,” said Seth McKee, Executive Director for The Scenic Hudson Land Trust, Inc. and Land Programs.

“Projects like this help close the ‘Nature Gap’ – a term coined by the Center for American Progress to detail the inequity and lack of access to open space in the nation’s cities – bringing open space into neighborhoods. We are proud to continue to work alongside with the County, City of Poughkeepsie to bring open space into neighborhoods, by building climate smart infrastructure and ensuring equity and nature are front and center,” McKee continued.

As part of the event, the County also highlighted the City of Poughkeepsie Fire Department and its new Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV), which was acquired with funding from the County’s Municipal Innovation Grant (MIG) and will be used



along the trail, among other areas, to assist with faster emergency medical response for trail users. To expedite response time, the vehicle is stored in a shed adjacent to the trail that was also funded by the department’s MIG award.

“We appreciate Dutchess County stepping up once again and delivering a Municipal Innovation Grant to the City of Poughkeepsie,” said City of Poughkeepsie Fire Chief Joe Franco. “This grant has allowed us to purchase a vehicle that will be used to protect the safety and health of people, residents and visitors alike, who are using the rail trail and might require medical assistance. The Fire Department is grateful for the county partnership, and the timing is perfect, as the county expands the rail trail with a northside spur.”

The trail’s new name provides recognition of the numerous contributions of Rep. Molinaro, who during his 11 years as Dutchess County Executive, championed historic investment and expansion of Dutchess County’s parks system. From improvements at Quiet Cove Riverfront Park, Bowdoin Park and Wilcox Memorial Park, to purchasing and developing properties such as Camp Nooteeming in Pleasant Valley, the Lake Walton Preserve in East Fishkill and the Northside Line. His staunch support of a wide range of recreational avenues for residents of all abilities fit his personal motto, “Marc’s for Parks!” From Heritage Financial Park, formerly Dutchess Stadium, to the more than 35 miles of rail trail spanning the county, Rep. Molinaro saw numerous projects to fruition, resulting in positive impacts on residents’ lives, creating connections and building opportunities.

Congressman Marc Molinaro said, “Introducing: the Marcus J. Molinaro

Northside Line Urban Trail! Thank you, and what an honor. I was proud to have a hand in developing this linear park as County Executive and can’t wait to see the connections it makes and potential that’s now unlocked - for everyone of every age, background and ability.”

The potential next phase of the trail would provide an interface with the Marist College campus, providing connections to residential housing at One Dutchess as well as Upper Landing Park, Waryas Park and the Poughkeepsie Train Station along the Hudson River waterfront.

Marist College officials, including Marist College Executive Vice President Geoff Brackett and Tim Murray, Athletic Director, were also on hand for the event along with members of the Marist track program as well as runners from the Eastern Dutchess Road Runners Club.

According to Marist Executive Vice President Geoffrey Brackett, “This project will have a meaningful impact on all residents of the County, including the students, faculty, and staff at Marist, and is another example of the inclusive, forward-thinking, and well-executed planning by our county’s officials. Marist is proud to partner with communities throughout Dutchess County and excited to support initiatives like this that make our community better.”

While the trail is considered to be “substantially” complete, there are still finishing touches to be completed including installation of wayfinding signage and permanent, decorative safety railings. A formal ribbon cutting event featuring family-friendly activities will be held in the spring of 2024.

To learn more about the Northside Line project, and other Dutchess County Parks including the County’s extensive system of rails trails, visit dutchessny.gov/parks.

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SUPREME COURT
OF THE STATE OF
NEW YORK
COUNTY OF
DUTCHESS
INDEX NO.
2023-51579

Plaintiff designates
DUTCHESS as the
place of trial situs of
the real property
**SUPPLEMENTAL
SUMMONS
Mortgaged
premises:**
4335ALBANY POST
ROAD, HYDE PARK,
NY 12538

Section: 6065,
Block: 20,
Lot: 855142
FEDERAL HOME
LOAN MORTGAGE
CORPORATION, AS
TRUSTEE FOR THE
BENEFIT OF THE
FREDDIE MAC SEA-
SONED LOANS
STRUCTURED
TRANSACTION
TRUST, SERIES
2019-3

Plaintiff,
vs.
DOLORES JAEGER-
ALLT, if living, and if
she/he be dead, any
and all persons un-
known to plaintiff,
claiming, or who may
claim to have an inter-
est in, or general or
specific lien upon the
real property de-
scribed in this action;
such unknown per-
sons being herein
generally described
and intended to be in-
cluded in the following
designation, namely:
the wife, widow, hus-
band, widower, heirs
at law, next of kin, de-
scendants, executors,
administrators, de-
visees, legatees, credi-
tors, trustees, com-
mittees, lienors,
and assignees of such
deceased, any and all
persons deriving in-
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or title to said real
property by, through
or under them, or ei-
ther of them, and their
respective wives, wid-
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owers, heirs at law,
next of kin, descen-
dants, executors, ad-
ministrators, de-
visees, legatees,
creditors, trustees,
committees, lienors
and assigns, all of

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whom and whose
names, except as
stated, are unknown
to plaintiff; COUNTY
OF DUTCHESS;
PEOPLE OF THE
STATE OF NEW
YORK; UNITED
STATES OF
A M E R I C A ,
"JOHN DOE #1"
through "JOHN DOE #12,"
the last twelve
names being fictitious
and unknown to plain-
tiff, the persons or par-
ties intended being
the tenants, occu-
pants, persons or cor-
porations, if any, hav-
ing or claiming an in-
terest in or lien upon
the premises, described
in the complaint,
Defendants.

To the above
named Defendants

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

**NOTICE OF
NATURE OF
ACTION AND
RELIEF SOUGHT**

**THE OB-
JECT of the above
caption action is to
foreclose a Mort-
gage to secure the
sum of \$142,500.00
and interest,
recorded on May 28,
2003, in Document**

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**Number 01 2003
11883, of the Public
Records of
DUTCHESS County,
New York., covering
premises known as
4335ALBANY POST
ROAD, HYDE PARK,
NY 12538.**

**The relief
sought in the within
action is a final judg-
ment directing the
sale of the premises
described above to
satisfy the debt se-
cured by the Mort-
gage described
above.**

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

NOTICE

**YOU ARE IN
DANGER OF LOS-
ING YOUR HOME
If you do not respond
to this summons
and complaint by
serving a copy of the
answer on the attor-
ney for the mortgage
company who filed
this foreclosure pro-
ceeding against you
and filing the answer
with the court, a de-
fault judgment may
be entered and you
can lose your home.
Speak to an attorney
or go to the court
where your case is
pending for further
information on how
to answer the sum-
mons and protect
your property.
Sending a payment
to the mortgage
company will not
stop the foreclosure
action.**

**YOU MUST RE-
SPOND BY SERV-
ING A COPY OF THE
ANSWER ON THE
ATTORNEY FOR
THE PLAINTIFF
(MORTGAGE COM-
PANY) AND FILING
THE ANSWER WITH
THE COURT.**

Dated:
November 15th, 2023
ROBERTSON,
ANSCHUTZ,
SCHNEID, CRANE &
PARTNERS, PLLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
Matthew Rothstein,
Esq.

900 Merchants Con-
course, Suite 310

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Westbury, NY 11590
516-280-7675

**EXTENDING LOCAL
ORDERS 1,2&3 OF EX-
ECUTIVE ORDER 5/2023**

**EXTENSION TO
DECLARATION OF LO-
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DERS DECLARED BY
DUTCHESS COUNTY
EXECUTIVE:** Please
take notice that on De-
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12:00 am., pursuant to
Article 2B of the New
York State Executive
Law, Article III of the
Dutchess County Char-
ter and Administrative
Code Section 3.05, Act-
ing Dutchess County Ex-
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O'Neil extended Local
Emergency Order #1,
Local Emergency Order
#2, and Local Emer-
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Order No. 5 of 2023,
dated May 18, 2023.

**EXTENDING EMER-
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The text of the declara-
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**NOTICE TO BID-
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2023-26 NAME OF
PROJECT: BOW-
DOIN PARK PLAY-
GROUND INSTAL-
LATION Project De-
scription:furnish all la-
bor, material, equip-
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ties and items neces-
sary or proper for or in-
cidental to the installa-
tion of playground equipment furnished**

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by Owner at Bowdoin
Park. The County of
Dutchess official bid
documents for this
project are obtained
from the Empire State
Purchasing Group's
Regional Bid Notifica-
tion System at
www.bidnetdirect.
com / new-york/county-of-
dutchess. Copies of
bidding documents
obtained from any
other source are not
considered official
copies. It is incumbent
upon all potential bid-
ders to view all posted
addenda prior to the
bid close date. You
may obtain an official
copy by registering on
the Empire State
Regional Bid Notifica-
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dutchess or by using
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www.dutchessny.gov,
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"Bidding and RFP Op-
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without Internet ac-
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an electronic copy of
bidding documents by
contacting the
Dutchess County De-
partment of Public
Works at
dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov, or in person,
Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm:
Dutchess County DPW, Business Office,
1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike,
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request,
all interested parties
may review the hard
copy of the Bid Spec-
ifications and Drawings
by visiting the
above referenced ad-
dress. All Addenda will
be posted on BidNet
Direct (aka Empire
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Group) site. Bids for
the above project will
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Public Works (DPW)
626 Dutchess Turn-
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or before 11:00AM Fri-
day, January 12, 2024,
and at that time

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check) or a Letter of
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agreeable to
Dutchess County) in
the amount of 10% of
the bid amount. Bid-
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retained until the suc-
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ment and the County
has finalized the
Agreement. Each bid
with Bid Security shall
be enclosed in a sealed
envelope bearing the
name of the Project, Name
of the Bidder, and the
date and hour of the
bid opening, which
must be visible upon
delivery. Questions
will be accepted by
the close of business
Friday, January 5, 2024
and emailed to Caro-
line Miller at
dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov

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5/2023

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1, 2024. Failure to
meet these dates may
result in liquidated
damages. This proj-
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Wage Rates PRC #:
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Bid Specifications re-
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GRAM, if applicable.
The County reserves
the right to waive irreg-
ularities in bids and in
bidding and to reject
any or all proposals.

**SPECIAL TOWN
BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 28,
2023
8:00AM**

The Pleasant Valley
Town Board will hold a
Special Town Board
meeting to be held on
Thursday, December
28, 2023 at 8:00AM at
Town Hall
1554 Main Street
Pleasant Valley, NY
12569.

**The purpose of this
meeting is the
following:**

1) Last meeting of
2023 to approve
appropriations

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

Answers to this week's diversions

(puzzles on page 14)

Suguru solution

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2	4	2	1	2	5
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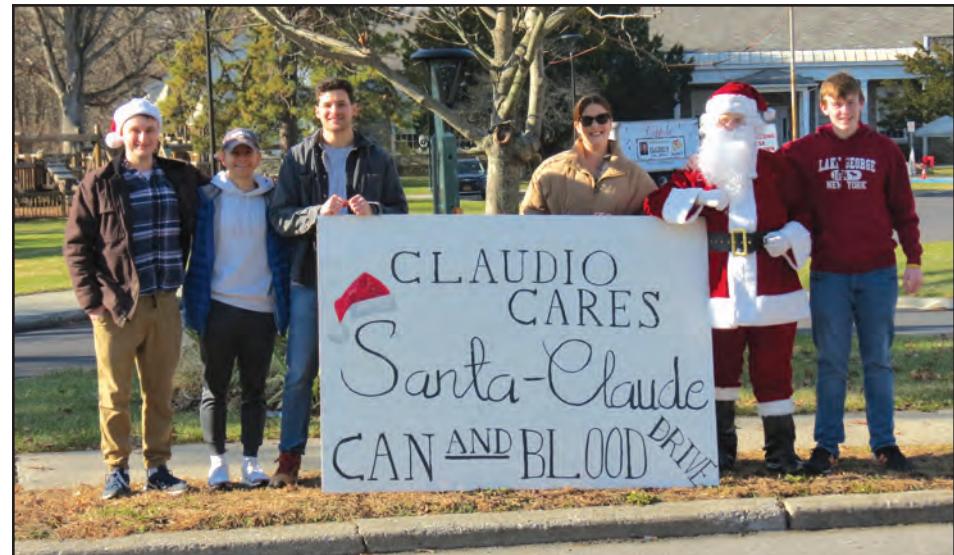
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This week's answer					

‘Santa Claude’ Can, Blood Drive attracts residents to annual event



Chris Corman of Hyde Park donates blood during the blood drive at the former Hyde Park Elementary School on Saturday, Dec. 16. Attending is phlebotomist Yma Cilerra Melevly of the Dutchess County Red Cross. Approximately 40 pints of blood were donated by local residents.



Led by Can and Blood Drive Organizers Jack and Marcanthony Coppola, supporters collected about 1,000 pounds of food (2,000 cans) during the annual Claudio Cares Can and Food Drive. Over the last decade, the Coppola family has helped raise more than 250,000 pounds of food and some \$150,000 in donations and scholarships. Individuals may still donate to the Can Drive until Christmas by dropping off non-perishable food items at the Coppola Restaurant in Hyde Park. For more information go online to Claudiocares.com.
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An advertisement for Hudson Valley Hospice. At the top, the words "Hudson Valley" are in white, followed by "Hospice" in a larger white font with a yellow sunburst graphic above the letter "o". Below the text is a photograph of an elderly man with a beard and a woman smiling and holding small sparklers. The word "LOVE" is written in large white letters across the bottom, with the tagline "Because how you live matters." underneath. At the very bottom, it says "If It's Time, We Can Help." and provides the website "hvhp.org" and phone number "845.485.2273".

Cary Institute to host Jan. 11 presentation on spongy moths; in-person and virtual

On Thursday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m., Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies will host a presentation on spongy moths, an invasive forest pest that has recently resurged. Outbreaks of very hungry caterpillars have defoliated trees in the Hudson Valley and beyond. Will this happen again in 2024? Will defoliated trees recover? Can we do anything to protect our trees and forests?

This event will feature Cary scientists Clive Jones and Charles Canham, who bring deep expertise on the topic. Jones studied the spongy moth for 30 years as part of a long-term project on Cary's 2,000-acre research campus. Canham has been researching the ecology of Northeastern forests for 40 years.

Spongy moth caterpillars prefer to feed on oak trees but will defoliate a wide variety of deciduous species, and

sometimes conifers. Learn where the spongy moth came from, how it was introduced, how it spread, and the history of outbreaks and defoliation in the U.S. Discover how outbreaks get started and why they collapse. Find out about forest pest impacts now and in the future.

Free and open to all, this hybrid event will feature time for Q&A. Participants are encouraged to submit questions in advance during registration, so they can be woven into the presentation.

Register at EventBrite – search for “The Spongy Moth in Our Yards and Forests (In-person)” – for in-person seating at the Lovejoy Auditorium in Millbrook.

For virtual access, register at EventBrite, but search for “The Spongy Moth in Our Yards and Forests (Virtual).”

The logo for Brookmeade Rehabilitation Center features a stylized graphic of two people in blue and red, with a red zigzag line behind them. Above the logo are five yellow stars. To the right of the stars is the text "5 Star Rated" and a link to "medicare.gov".



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