

DA Grady
honored for
40 years of
service to county



William Grady

On Monday evening, Dec 11, family, friends and colleagues gathered at the Poughkeepsie Grandview to honor District Attorney William “Bill” Grady for his 40 years of public service to the people of Dutchess County.

In his remarks Grady said, “It has been an honor and privilege to serve the people of Dutchess County as their District Attorney. My entire career has been dedicated to holding offenders accountable, ensuring that the needs of crime victims were met, as well as being proactive in creating and supporting programs for offenders which deal with the underlying causes of crime such as alcohol, drug abuse and mental health issues.”

In order to address these unique needs, Grady mentioned the creation of the Special Victims Bureau, Violent Crime Bureau, and DWI Bureau, organization of the Dutchess County Drug Task Force, and played a significant role in helping to organize the County’s Domestic Response Team.

DA Grady’s career began in 1970

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It’s back! Millbrook Rotary Club
re-starts New Year’s Eve event

By Rich Thomaselli

As with any great idea, it started with simple, casual conversation.

In this case, it was the revival of a great idea.

The Millbrook Rotary Club has revived the popular New Year’s Eve celebration in the Village.

“Joyce Heaton, who used to head up the New Year’s Eve celebration for years, dropped some hints,” said current Millbrook Rotary president Michelle Del Valle. “That was kind of her thing. She kind of planted the seed years ago.”

And it grew.

Or grew back, as the case may be.

So for the first time at least since 2018, New Year’s Eve Millbrook is back. The event will usher in the New Year with plenty of family activities from 4-6 p.m. 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.

“We had done so many fundraisers in the last 2 1/2 years that we thought we would give it a go,” Del Valle said.

The event features several local Millbrook businesses who are acting 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.

“It’s on a much smaller scale from what I understand from years past,” Del Valle said, “but it’s a good place to start.”



The above sticker was designed for New Year’s Eve Millbrook by Alynn Tanner, a student in the Millbrook Central School District. *Courtesy image*

Or re-start.

“The response has been really great, I think,” Del Valle said. “I think everyone we have reached out to so far has been really excited.”

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TRAGEDY STRIKES HUDSON VALLEY FAMILY

Bard Student from Red Hook
injured in fall in rural Egypt

On Tuesday, December 12, Bard College chemistry major Ben Murray fell the equivalent of two stories from a cliff in rural Egypt. He was days from returning home to Red Hook while on a guided hiking trip with his friends in the wake of a successful semester at the American University of Cairo.

He endured an agonizing six-hour drive to a hospital in the city and has undergone three operations in as many days. His hands, wrists, elbow, leg, knee and arms are broken or shattered, according to said his mother, Amy Murray.

Months of physical therapy are ahead. But before that can take place, Murray has to get home to Red Hook, which isn’t

easy or inexpensive, as he can’t sit in an airplane seat and needs continuous medical care.

Murray is a former Red Hook High School honor roll student and varsity soccer player. His family has lived in the Hudson Valley since he was the age of four. He was in the Stringendo Orchestra School in Poughkeepsie from 2nd through 12th grade. His mother works at Bard College.

He has thrived doing science research with the Bard Summer Research Institute, playing college volleyball, and continuing to study the guitar and cello long at the center of his life.

“Ben will come back from this and

give meaningfully to the world,” said his mother, Amy Murray. “We’re asking our Hudson Valley community to help him get there.”

A GoFundMe campaign can be found at the following link. Please give generously. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-ben-come-home-after-disastrous-accident>.

It is estimated that ultimately, more than \$100,000 may be required to pay medical bills, buy equipment like an electric wheelchair, and renovate the family home to accommodate Murray’s temporarily limited mobility.

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Public Defender Angell to retire

Dutchess County Executive William F.X. O’Neil has announced the upcoming retirement of Public Defender Thomas Angell, who will retire at the end of this year. Angell has served Dutchess County for 34 years, including more than 12 years leading the Public Defender’s Office (including service as Acting Public Defender).

O’Neil said, “Tom Angell has led the Dutchess County Office of the Public Defender with professionalism, integrity, and passionate advocacy on behalf of those within the criminal justice system of Dutchess County. Over his decades of service, he has upheld the right of every person to legal representation and in doing so, he has helped so many people who found themselves in the criminal justice systems suffering programs far bigger than their criminal offense - whether its untreated mental health issues, substance use disorders, or family challenges – and helped them to get their life back on track. We are grateful to Tom for his unwavering dedication and we wish him the very best in his well-earned retirement.”

A longtime Dutchess County resident, Tom Angell was appointed Public

Defender in January 2013 by former County Executive Marcus J. Molinaro.

Angell’s law career spans over 42 years and began as the Reginald Heber Smith Fellow for Mid-Hudson Legal Services, Inc. of Poughkeepsie following receiving his Juris Doctor degree, with honors, from Hofstra Law School. He joined Dutchess County Government in 1989 as Senior Assistant Public Defender before being named Chief Assistant Public Defender in 2004 and then appointed Acting Public Defender in 2011.

As Public Defender, Angell has led the office’s efforts to provide effective, quality representation to indigent clients within Dutchess County’s court system. The Dutchess County Public Defender’s Office is a legal service component of Dutchess County Government, providing legal representation to indigent clients who have been accused of a crime or have matters pending in Dutchess County Family Court. The Public Defender’s Office assists individuals who have been contacted regarding a criminal police matter, before they have been formally charged, and advocates for the protection of the constitutional rights of clients,

working toward achieving results that have the greatest likelihood to help and/or rehabilitate clients in need.

Angell has served as a member of the Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council, including as Co-Chair of the Jail/Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Committee and the ReEntry Committee. He was a recipient of the New York State Bar Association’s Dennison Ray Criminal Defendant Staff Award in 1995 and the National Association of Social Workers Hudson Valley Division’s Citizen of the Year Award in 1989. He also serves on the boards of the New York State Chief Defenders Association and the New York State Defender’s Association.

Angell said, “As Public Defender, it has been my distinct pleasure to oversee the operations of our office for the last decade, and to work for the County, serving four County Executives, for the last 34 years. I am proud to have continued this office’s tradition of ensuring high-quality, effective legal representation for some of the most vulnerable individuals within Dutchess County’s criminal justice system. We pride ourselves on walking together with our clients, treating



Tom Angell

them with respect and dignity, as we work through the legal process seeking the very best outcome possible. I am grateful to County Executive O’Neil for his faith in my leadership ability and his support of the important work of the Public Defender’s office.”

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And, hopefully, this will not be the first and last year of the revival.

“We want it to grow organically,” Del Valle said. “We want it to grow in new

ways. We want to bring in the local businesses and restaurants. We would like to see it grow, and grow into a nice tradition.”



Musical entertainment will be provided by The Hammerhead Horns (above) and Art Lillard’s “On Time Band” (left). *Courtesy photos*

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when he was hired as the first full time assistant DA by then DA Albert M. Rosenblatt. Grady said, “At that time, it was a small office with seven part-time ADAs (Assistant District Attorneys). Since I was elected as DA in 1983, the size of the office has grown to 36 full time ADAs, including 20 women. Seven Bureaus were also created to deal with the complexity and increased numbers of various crimes.”

Most importantly, he stated, “Dutchess County is very fortunate in regard to the quality of the attorneys who chose to dedicate either part of or their entire career to public service by becoming prosecutors and helping to keep our community safe.”

Grady said he is looking forward to retirement and spending more quality time with his family, including four grandchildren.

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O'Neil reflects on career of service

Following nearly two decades of service in Dutchess County Government, including the past 12 months as County Executive, William F.X. O'Neil will retire as Sue Serino begins her new administration in the beginning of 2024. O'Neil completes a legacy of success that will be felt for years to come – from programs and services that continue to benefit County residents, to improved offices for Dutchess' workforce of 1,700-plus employees and new and enhanced facilities for residents and visitors alike to enjoy.

County Executive O'Neil was sworn in as Dutchess' eighth County Executive on Jan. 3, 2023, to serve out the remainder of the term of his predecessor, Marcus J. Molinaro, who resigned the position to assume his seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, representing New York State's 19th District. County Executive O'Neil announced in 2023 he planned to retire following his year as County Executive; and since mid-November, he has worked with County Executive-Elect Serino to assure a seamless transition when she takes office on Jan. 1, 2024.

O'Neil said, "I've been bestowed many blessings in my life, and a career in public service has been among the most satisfying of those graces. This past year, while sometimes challenging, has been among the most rewarding of my life, and I thank the dedicated men and women of Dutchess County Government for their daily efforts to ensure this community thrives. Under Sue Serino's leadership, I know the success we've had will continue for the foreseeable future, and I'm proud to call her not only my successor – but my close friend."

The Dutchess County Legislature honored County Executive O'Neil at Monday evening's final board meeting of the year, recognizing his years of service to the County, including this past 12 months as County Executive.

Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver said, "Bill and I have had a great relationship for many years, dating back to my years as Town of Pine Plains Supervisor. Bill's heart and mind have always been focused on what's best for Dutchess County, and he has proven that these past 12 months as our County Executive. For nearly two decades, this Legislature benefited from its collaborations with Bill, and the experience he brought, and Dutchess County is a better place for his service to his community. I wish him well in the next chapter."

During his time in Dutchess County Government, O'Neil has been involved in countless projects and initiatives, and has led response efforts for emergencies including FEMA weather disasters such as Hurricane Irene, plane crashes and health emergencies, including the County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Among the projects and initiatives he spearheaded include Dutchess' innovative school bus safety program, which tackles the issue of motorists illegally passing stopped school buses. The County Executive also guided the

County in its journey toward a permanent location for its Emergency Housing Facility; continued development of the countywide youth center, the Youth Opportunity Union (YOU), in the City of Poughkeepsie as part of the County's ongoing "Path to Promise" initiative, which he created with the Department of Community & Family Services' Commissioner Sabrina Marzouka to expand the developmental assets available to youth; acquisition of Camp Nooteeming in Pleasant Valley; and oversaw expansion of the County's award-winning parks system, most recently dedicating the Marcus J. Molinaro Northside Line (MJM NSL) this past weekend.

In addition, since taking office in January, O'Neil has been responsible for countless accomplishments, including:

- His 2024 Executive Budget proposal, which included the 11th straight County property tax rate decrease and the 10th consecutive County property tax levy reduction and was passed with few amendments from legislators;
- Prepared for opening the Dutchess County Justice and Transition Center, which will replace the former Dutchess County Jail with a modern facility serving as the cornerstone of the County's innovative restorative justice efforts;
- Launching the LEAD program, an evidence-based street outreach program designed to reach individuals with unmet behavioral health needs who have not

connected with traditional health and human services;

- Addressing housing stability and homelessness with the award of \$8.9 Million from Housing Trust Fund to create or preserve more than 600 affordable rental units throughout Dutchess County;

- Rolling out the Department of Behavioral and Community Health's Mobile Health & Wellness Unit, which brings a wide range of services to areas where access to healthcare resources are limited; and

- Improvements to Quiet Cove Riverfront Park in Poughkeepsie, which he has been involved with since its initial inception, including updated parking, entranceway, and the installation of four pickleball courts, which have been enormously popular.

"Making informed and pragmatic decisions has long been my approach, preserving the rights and dignity of every Dutchess County resident while working tirelessly to enhance the lives of all,"



County Executive William F.X. O'Neil (left) received a commendation from the Dutchess County Legislature, which was presented by Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver (right). Courtesy photo

O'Neil said. "Be they on the local, state or national level, I'm proud to have faced all challenges head-on and looked for collaborators at every level to provide the best possible quality of life for the men, women, boys and girls fortunate enough to call Dutchess County 'home.' I hope I have made you proud."

HV Vipers set free preseason game at McCann Ice Arena on Dec. 30

The Hudson Valley Vipers, the Minor League men's hockey team, starting its inaugural season at the McCann Ice Arena at the MJN Center in the heart of downtown Poughkeepsie, has announced that their preseason home opener game on December 30 at 8 p.m. will be free to all, thanks to the sponsorship of Nationwide Mortgage Bankers in Dutchess County.

Hockey enthusiasts and local sports fans of all ages are invited to the Hudson Valley Vipers preseason game against the Holyoke (MA) Papermen. The event promises to be an exhilarating experience with non-stop action on the ice while

enjoying the entertainment that the Vipers will be known for.

"Nationwide Mortgage Bankers is committed to strengthening community ties so we proudly support the Vipers and wanted to gift these tickets to our local families," said Doug Hill. Adam Simpson of Nationwide Mortgage Bankers added, "We are dedicated to supporting local first by ensuring as many residents as possible experience the Hudson Valley Vipers debut."

"The amazing generosity of Adam & Doug and the Nationwide Mortgage Bankers' family will allow countless numbers of families to start making mem-

ories with their beloved Vipers," said Pat Manning, President of the Hudson Valley Vipers. "I can't say enough about their commitment to our community and to our team. I sincerely thank Nationwide Mortgage Bankers and look forward for the team and fans to meet and thank them on the 30th.

The McCann Ice Arena at the MJN Center is located at 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. To reserve your tickets, please visit HudsonValleyVipers.com for the December 30th game. This will be on a first come, first serve basis, so registration is a must.

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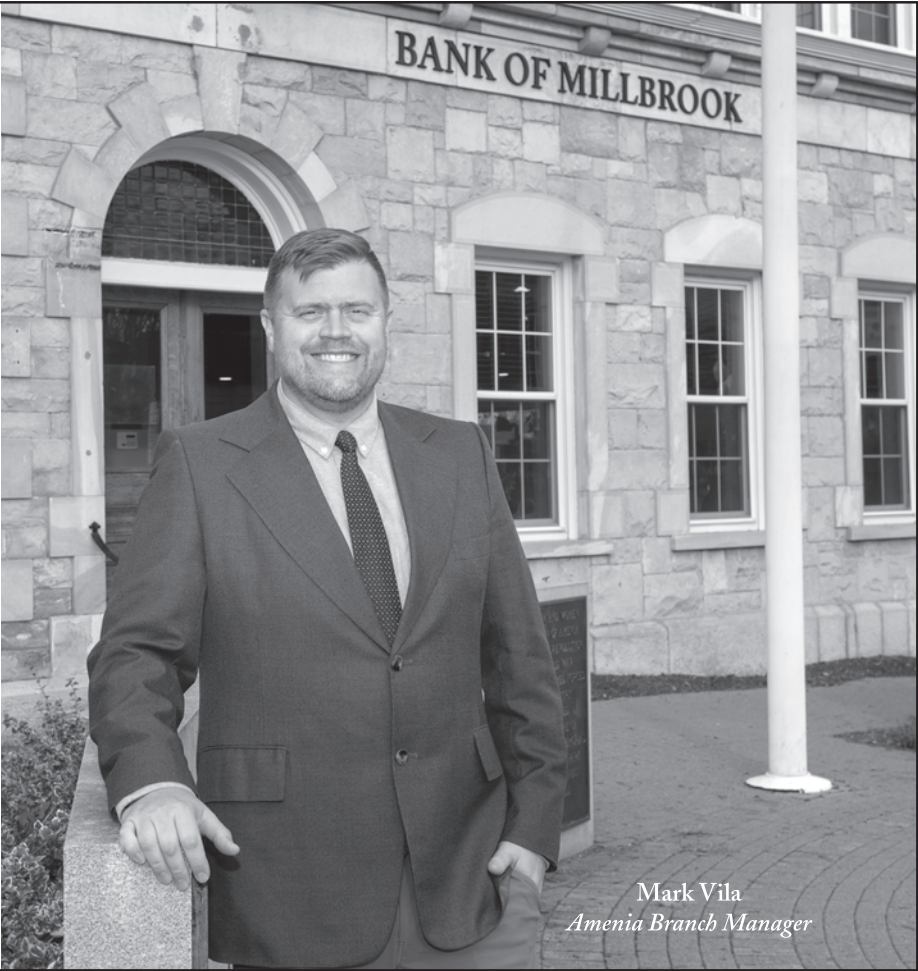
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Focus on mental health in 2024

To the editor:
As we enter a new year, I propose a resolution – let our focus for 2024 be on mental health. Let’s make a collective commitment to prioritize not only our own mental well-being, but also that of our family, friends, and co-workers so we can create a community that actively changes the way mental health is perceived, reduces the stigma, and prevents suicide.
After a year of challenges that have highlighted the importance of mental health, it is time to take the small steps that can make a big difference.
Let us make 2024 the year we:
1. Prioritize Mental Health: Make a conscious effort to prioritize our mental well-being by incorporating self-care practices into our daily routines.
2. Check-In on Others: Extend our compassion to those around us by regularly checking in on friends, family, and colleagues. A simple conversation can make a world of difference.
3. Destigmatize Mental Health: Encourage open dialogue about mental health, dispelling myths and reducing the stigma that often surrounds it.
4. Raise Awareness: Educate ourselves and others about the signs of mental distress and the resources available for support.
5. Promote a Culture of Support: Create an environment where seeking help is not only accepted but encouraged.
It’s time to teach our communities to talk about mental illness without shame or secrecy. Together, we can stop the stigmas associated with mental health and suicide and save lives.

Donna Thomas
Founder, James’s Warr;ors, www.jameesswarriors.org

CORRECTION: VIPERS IS A MEN’S HOCKEY TEAM

The Hudson Valley Vipers are a professional minor league hockey team that will call the McCann Ice Arena home. The arena is part of the re-imagined MJN Center.
It was incorrectly reported in the Dec. 6 edition of the Northern Dutchess News that the Vipers is a women’s team. It is a men’s team.
The Vipers will be part of the 16-team Union Hockey League, which whose stretches from Michigan to Vermont and down to the Hudson Valley.



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Excelsior Scholarship application
open for Spring 2024

New applications
accepted through Feb. 2

Governor Kathy Hochul recently announced that the application for the Excelsior Scholarship for new applicants for the Spring 2024 term is now open here. Students eligible for the Excelsior Scholarship under the Senator José Peralta New York State DREAM Act can apply here. The Excelsior Scholarship, in combination with other student financial aid, allows eligible full-time students to attend a SUNY or CUNY two-year or four-year college tuition-free.
“The Excelsior Scholarship is a game changer for students across New York

State who might not have the financial means to pursue higher education,” Governor Hochul said. “This program is making college more affordable and accessible for low- and middle-income families, giving them the opportunity to obtain their college degree. By investing in our future workforce, we are investing in our economy and ensuring a strong and prosperous future for all New Yorkers.”
Students from households with federal adjusted gross incomes up to \$125,000 are eligible for a Spring Excelsior Scholarship award. Students must also:
• Plan to attend a SUNY or CUNY two- or four-year college;
• Complete 30 credits per year towards their program of study (including summer and winter terms); and
• Be on track to graduate with an associate degree in two years or a bachelor’s degree in four years.
The Spring 2024 Excelsior Scholarship application is open to first-time students entering college in the Spring 2024 term and current college students who have never received the Excelsior Scholarship. Students currently receiving an Excelsior Scholarship do not need to complete this application to receive continued award payments.
New York’s generous investment in student financial aid, including TAP and Excelsior Scholarships, helped over 180,000 New York State residents. Fifty eight percent of full-time resident undergraduate students attended SUNY and CUNY tuition-free in 2022, including 53 percent at SUNY State-operated campuses and 67 percent at CUNY colleges.
Applications will be accepted through Feb. 2, 2024.

Manny

Cascades of rain fall from the atmosphere.
The sky is pumping water.
My body is pumping tears.
His body is pumping nothing.
For he did not wake up today.
His body is weighed down
By the scourge of disease.
Diabetes pummeled him down;
He never did put on his boxing gloves
To give himself a fighting chance.
Some say, “Manny loved his sweets.”
Some say, “He ate himself to death.”
In my heaving, sobbing hysteria,
I say nothing.
When the last breath left his body,
His Earthly journey over,
A part of me left too.
Did I take you for granted, Manny?
But how could I?
Your cordiality was like a hat you never removed.
So sturdy on your brow,
It provided sweet security.
There were three of us in this fraternity:
Manny, I, and the merriment we made.
Merriment akin to rapture.
Manny was the tour guide of the Bronx.
He was the park maven,
A connoisseur of woodland trails
And coastal reefs and coffee spots.
I am an urban denizen,
Dominated by asphalt,
Confined in a not-too-gilded cage.
Manny had a forest in his backpack.
Because I am so buzzed by beauty,
I am easily seduced
By mossy groves and resplendent, fragrant flowers,
Painted lady butterflies fluttering wildly by,
Hiking into hinterlands,
A lush, resilient mansion’s buoyant luxury,
And the roaring ocean.
He tipped his hat and bowed.
“Let me take you to the World of Mannyland,” he coaxed.
He deftly worked his Mannyland enchantment.
Earth has lost him now.
He was called to explore the Pristine trails of another world far away from us.
And we are left to grieve the loss of him.
I didn’t hold his hand before he died.
I didn’t kiss his cheek before he died.
I didn’t say good-bye.
So, I’ll just say, “Until we meet again, Dear Friend.”

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Support Groups are offered on virtual platforms (Zoom or toll-free teleconference), making them accessible to women from the comfort of their homes, regardless of where they live. The organization does have a nationwide reach. All groups are open to new members as well as past participants. Advance registration is required: call 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290 to register.

To view all of support groups in a comprehensive calendar: <https://supportconnection.org/calendar/>

Please also note: Support Connection's Peer Counselors are available for unlimited, one-on-one individual counseling

and assistance via phone and email: call 800-532-4290 or submit an online request at supportconnection.org/contact-a-counselor

The following virtual support groups are scheduled for January 2024:

Breast, Ovarian, & Gynecological Cancer Zoom Support Groups:

Wednesday, January 3 at 7pm
Tuesday, January 9 at 10am
Wednesday, January 17 at 7pm
Wednesday, January 24 at 7pm (hybrid)

Advanced Stage or Metastatic Breast Cancer Toll-Free Telephone Support Group:

Monday, January 8 at 7pm

Ovarian Cancer Toll-Free Telephone Support Group:

Wednesday, January 10 at 7pm

Breast Cancer Zoom Support Group:
Monday, January 8 at 7pm (hybrid)

'Tis the season to give blood or platelets

Long-sleeved T-shirt for donors through Jan. 5

When blood products are fully stocked on hospital shelves, patients don't have to wait for critical care. Giving blood or platelets with the American Red Cross in December can help those in need make more holiday memories with loved ones.

This is a busy time for many. Holiday gatherings, travel and seasonal illnesses can all impact donor availability, making it hard to collect enough blood and platelets. Unfortunately, trauma patients in the emergency room, those undergoing cancer treatment and new parents in need of lifesaving transfusions can't take a holiday break. Donors are needed every single day.

Those who come to give blood,

platelets or AB Elite plasma through Jan. 5, 2024, will receive an exclusive Red Cross long-sleeved T-shirt, while supplies last. To extend a special thank-you to donors for helping address the need for blood, platelets and plasma during the critical post-holiday time, those who come to give Jan. 1-31, 2024, National Blood Donor Month, will be automatically entered for a chance to win a trip for two to Super Bowl LVIII in Las Vegas. Details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl.

Making and keeping appointments throughout the month can help safeguard the national blood supply into the new year. Schedule an appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

2024 Call for Papers: WWII Emerging Scholars Symposium

The Eisenhower, Roosevelt, and Truman Presidential Libraries invite emerging scholars to submit a presentation abstract to be a featured speaker during the annual D-Day Commemorative Symposium. The 2024 symposium will be held the first week of June and the theme is "Waging Peace." The symposium is virtual only and will be streamed via YouTube.

Topics should explore the various global and domestic peace seeking efforts from 1932 until 1949. This can range from the American attempts at negotiating a ceasefire in Manchuria to Truman's push for ending conflict and the implementation of the Marshall plan under General Eisenhower.

Each program is scheduled for one hour. The guest speaker will present their topic for approximately 40 minutes allowing time for audience participation and questions at the end. Each program wraps up with a Scholar Spotlight where we get to know a little bit more about

each of these up and coming scholars.

Submission packets should include the presentation abstract, applicant contact information, education status and academic goals summary. Email submission packets to andrea.murphy@nara.gov with the subject line D-Day Symposium no later than April 21, 2024. Selected participants will be notified May 15 and will receive a modest honorarium.

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Hochul announces 2024 NYS Parks Centennial Challenge

Governor Kathy Hochul recently announced a year-long celebratory challenge that all New York State residents and visitors can participate in to explore our state parks, learn about New York history, and give back to New York State Parks for the next generation of adventurers. Set to begin on January 1, 2024, the New York State Parks Centennial Challenge includes 100 missions that can be completed at various state parks and historic sites. Participants will need to complete 24 missions throughout 2024 to complete the challenge.

“There is so much to do within our vast state park system, and the Centennial Challenge is a great way to introduce New Yorkers and visitors, alike, to our historic and awe-inspiring properties for 2024’s 100th anniversary celebration,” Hochul said. “Our park system is an incredible place to visit year-round, and the Centennial Challenge is a great activity for all who are resolving to have a fun and adventurous New Year.”

The Centennial Challenge is part of a year-long celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of New York’s statewide park and historic site system. The celebration will both highlight and build upon one of New York State’s greatest environmental legacies. In 1924, Governor Alfred E. Smith and the State Legislature created the New York State Council of Parks while voters approved a \$15 million Bond Act to build and enlarge a network of state parks, forging the New York State park and historic site system that New York State residents and visitors know and cherish today.

New York State Parks Commissioner Erik Kulesseid said, “The Centennial Challenge is a wonderful opportunity to experience the unparalleled opportunities for outdoor recreation, culture and education that are available in the New York State Park system. You may already have a favorite park or a favorite activity, but there is more for everyone to see and do—be it locally or around the state. I encourage residents and visitors alike to take up the Challenge to discover new and exciting ways to enjoy these amazing places.”

The Challenge is designed to be completed by people of all abilities and can be finished by visiting parks and historic sites across the state or keeping with one that’s close to home.

Some example Centennial Challenge “missions” include:

- Go camping at one of more than 8,500 campsites

- Visit a “new-to-you” state park or historic site and bring a picnic
- Pack your skates and go skating at one of state parks’ ice rinks
- Talk to an interpreter about the history of a state historic site
- Join a volunteer event
- Learn the Leave No Trace principles and apply them during your next visit

Participants will need to complete 24 missions (earn 24 points) throughout 2024 in order to complete the challenge. Those who complete it will earn a commemorative Centennial sticker, and, in turn, be entered into a promotional giveaway where 24 lucky participants will win a three-year Empire Pass and Centennial merchandise. For every 10 additional points, participants will receive one additional entry into the promotional giveaway. The promotional drawing will take place the week of January 13, 2025. Submissions (both mailed in and submitted via the Goosechase app) will be accepted through January 10, 2025.

How it works

Participants can get involved by downloading an app on their phone or completing a paper form.

- Participants can take the challenge on the go by downloading the Goosechase app on their phone from the iPhone or Android app store.
- Search for “NY State Parks Centennial Challenge” to join.
- Once they’ve joined, participants can collect points by completing missions right in the app by either taking and uploading photos or videos or submitting an answer to a question.

A paper checklist can be downloaded on the Centennial Challenge website (<https://www.parks.ny.gov/100/challenge/>) and printed at home or can be picked up at your local state park or historic site. Collect points by checking missions off the list and mailing the checklist in once participants have earned 24 points.

For more information on the New York State Park Centennial, visit <https://www.parks.ny.gov/100/challenge>.

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 parks, historic sites, recreational trails, golf courses, boat launches and more, which saw a record 79.5 million visits in 2022. For more information on any of these recreation areas, visit [parks.ny.gov](https://www.parks.ny.gov), download the free NY State Parks Explorer mobile app or call 518.474.0456.

Beekman Baptist Church decorated for holidays



Members of the Beekman Baptist Church prepared the decorations, above and below, for their Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. *Courtesy photos*



NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINE

Northern Dutchess News will be on a holiday schedule for the January 3, 2024 issue. Editorial and Advertising deadlines for the January 3 issue is Thursday, Dec. 28, at 5 p.m.
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Torres, Arlington Middle School students perform with gifts at Office of the Aging



Bus driver Joe Torres (AKA "Lightweight Santa") transported student musicians and instructors from Union Vale Middle School in the Arlington District to the Dutchess County Office of the Aging in Poughkeepsie on Dec. 20 for a special Holiday Concert. The students are in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades and perform on string instruments. NYS Assemblyman Rob Rolison was also on hand for the event and presented special "Thank You" proclamations to the students and commended them for their service to the community. Torres and his surgeons from New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Irving Medical Center are celebrating his recovery from brain tumor surgery in 2013. The successful surgery was performed by Dr. Guy McKhann II with NewYork-Presbyterian/Columbia University Irving Medical Center. *Photos by Curtis Schmidt*

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Rhinebeck Bank sets Trachtman art exhibit at Rhinebeck branch

Rhinebeck Bank welcomes Richard Trachtman to its Rhinebeck branch to exhibit his work, a collection of paintings titled “Here, There and Eclectic.”

This collection of Trachtman’s work will be on display at the Bank’s branch at 6414 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck, through Friday, February 9, 2024. Everyone is encouraged to visit the branch during regular business hours to enjoy this new exhibit.

Trachtman, a Columbia County resident, primarily used acrylic in his new exhibit, but has also utilized chalk, pastels, watercolor, oil sticks and water-soluble crayon. Most of his paintings, which vary between realistic and abstract, reflect his interpretations of landscapes throughout the Hudson Valley, while others are inspired by his travels throughout the United States and abroad.

He attributes some of his artistic ability to self-teaching; however, he has also studied with several local painting teachers throughout Columbia and Dutchess counties. Trachtman is a member of The Art School of Columbia County, where he served as vice president and later as an advisor. Previously, he belonged to the Columbia County Council on the Arts. His work has sold privately and has been featured in exhibits



Richard Trachtman, a Columbia County resident, primarily uses acrylic in his new exhibit, but has also utilized chalk, pastels, watercolor, oil sticks and water-soluble crayon. *Courtesy image*

hosted by both organizations, as well as other art shows in Dutchess, Columbia and Greene counties.

For more information about Trachtman and his artwork, visit his website at www.rtart.org. He is also available via email at richard@richardtrachtman.com.

Palaia work featured in mini-art show Jan. 5-7

The work of local artist Franc Palaia will be showcased in a weekend performance/exhibit at Mohonk Mountain House Jan. 5-7, 2024. The event, titled “A Taste of Italy,” will feature Kevin Zraly, the Head Wine Sommelier at Mohonk Mountain House and Windows of the World, doing wine pairings and tastings of the wines of Italy. The exhibit, “Italian Polaroids,” includes a selection of Palaia’s award-winning series of his hand-colored SX-70 Polaroids.

Palaia is the recipient of two Polaroid sponsorships for his original technique of hand coloring SX-70 Polaroids with oil-based crayons. He will demonstrate and discuss his approach to Polaroid photography as a painter and photographer who treats his photographs like paintings.

The original Polaroids are only 3 inches by 3 inches in size, but after Palaia’s hand-colors the photographs, they resemble miniature oil paintings. His process continues by scanning the small Polaroids and enlarging them to 3 by 3 feet. The final results are large vibrant and colorful images with the appearance of blended oil paint with gestural brush strokes and textured pigments. An ancillary series came from by using expired Polaroid film, sometimes ten years after the films expira-

tion date, which achieves strange coloration and ghostly, unpredictable compositions that make a unique Polaroid even more one of a kind.

Palaia is an accomplished multi-disciplinary artist who works in photography, painting, sculpture, murals, public art and is an independent curator, lecturer and musician, with more than 45 solo shows and 350 group shows nationally and internationally. His works have been reviewed in the New York Times, Arts Magazine, L’Espresso Magazine, Rome, La Repubblica, Chronogram magazine, Team Celeste, Arts Magazine, Art Byte, East Village Eye, Hudson Valley Magazine, and the Village Voice among many others.



“Otranto” by Franc Palaia. *Courtesy image*

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Bardavon Presents’ patrons donate \$14,000 to fight hunger in their communities

Prior to all 17 shows in November and December, Bardavon staff members pitched audiences at UPAC and Bardavon to donate to their “Dinner & A Show” program which supports the work of Dutchess Outreach in Poughkeepsie and People’s Place in Kingston. Audience members were encouraged to be as generous as possible.

Patrons rallied in support and gave \$14,000 which was donated evenly to Dutchess Outreach and People’s Place. That is an estimated 4,000 meals. Patron donations came from those who attended performances as diverse as Brit Floyd, John Mulaney, Patti Smith, Samantha Bee, Lukas Nelson, Celtic Christmas, and “The Nutcracker.”



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Remembering when

Pop's fondness for America started when he was a child during World War II.

Whenever my father comes into the restaurant in the morning, he always turns on his battered radio with a coat hanger as an antenna that he keeps by his work table. It is always tuned into talk radio. Many a morning I hear the daily news or Rush Limbaugh and Curtis & Kubic coming from Pop's work table. This particular morning, as he listened to the radio, President F.D. Roosevelt's famous speech from Pearl Harbor day was playing in honor of the 75th Anniversary of the attack.

I asked him if he remembered when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. He was a little boy in Italy at the time, but he remembered. Everyone prayed for the servicemen who had died and hoped that the United States would enter the war. Everyone in his town knew that once the US joined, they had a chance.

I asked him what life was like during the war. Though his memory has started to fail him, he vividly remembered what it was like. He remembers the Germans stealing all their livestock and all the vegetables from the garden. He remembers that salt and tobacco was rationed. They would have to steal ocean water in order to have salt to cook with. He remembers the huge bombers and the sound of their engines as they flew over his town. He remembers the day that his town was bombed and that most of the shells didn't explode. He remembers sleeping outside for a month for fear that the Germans would be blowing up the munition dump in a cave in the side of a mountain. He remembered the day the munition dump was actually destroyed, lighting up the sky and watching the mountain collapse onto itself and saving his town from debris raining down on them. Feeling the earth shake and watching the buildings in the town collapse from the man-made quake.

Finally, he remembered the day the American forces liberated his town. He remembers the parade of people walking behind the American forces as they drove into his town. Cheering for them. He remembers the cans of food that they distributed to feed him and his fellow townsfolk who were starving. He remembered the feeling that they were safe. He also remembers knowing at that moment that he wanted to come to America.

As we celebrate this Christmas season, let us remember the people who came before us, who sacrificed so much so that we would be able to celebrate the holidays as a free nation. To appreciate our family and friends. Enjoy this traditional Christmas dessert recipe. Buon Natale!

STRUFFOLI

Ingredients

- 2 cups flour, plus extra for dusting
- 1 large lemon, zested (about 2 teaspoons)
- 1/2 large orange, zested (about 2 teaspoons)
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 ounces unsalted butter, cut into 1-ounce pieces, at room temperature
- 3 large eggs
- 1 tablespoon white wine, such as pinot grigio
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 cup honey
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 1/2 cups hazelnuts, toasted
- Vegetable oil cooking spray
- Sugar sprinkles, for decoration
- Powdered sugar, for dusting, optional
- Canola oil, for frying

Method

For the dough: In the bowl of a food processor, pulse together 2 cups of flour, lemon zest, orange zest, sugar, salt, and

baking powder. Add the butter and pulse until the mixture resembles a coarse meal. Add the eggs, wine, and vanilla. Pulse until the mixture forms into a ball. Wrap the dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Cut the dough into 4 equal-sized pieces. On a lightly floured surface, roll out each piece of dough until 1/4-inch thick. Cut each piece of dough into 1/2-inch-wide strips. Cut each strip of pastry into 1/2-inch pieces. Roll each piece of dough into a small ball about the size of a hazelnut. Lightly dredge the dough balls in flour, shaking off any excess. In a large heavy-bottomed saucepan, pour enough oil to fill the pan about a third of the way. Heat over medium heat until a deep-frying thermometer inserted in the oil reaches 375 degrees F. (If you don't have a thermometer a cube of bread will brown in about 3 minutes.). In batches, fry the dough until lightly golden, about 2 to 3 minutes. Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate to drain. (The rested and quartered dough can also be rolled on a floured work surface into 1/2-inch-thick logs and cut into equal-sized 1/2-inch pieces. The dough pieces can then be rolled into small balls and fried as above).

In a large saucepan, combine the honey, sugar, and lemon juice over medi-

um heat. Bring to a boil and cook, stirring occasionally, until the sugar is dissolved, about 3 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat. Add the fried dough and hazelnuts and stir until coated in the honey mixture. Allow the mixture to cool in the pan for 2 minutes.

Spray the outside of a small, straight-sided water glass with vegetable oil cooking spray and place in the center of a round platter. Using a large spoon or damp hands, arrange the struffoli and hazelnuts around the glass to form a wreath shape. Drizzle any remaining honey mixture over the struffoli. Allow to set for 2 hours (can be made 1 day in advance). Decorate with sprinkles and dust with powdered sugar, if using. Remove the glass from the center of the platter and serve.

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

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Poughkeepsie Youth Arts Initiative

‘PK B.A.Y.’ seeks proposals for public art

A youth-led initiative known as the Poughkeepsie Board of Artistic Youth (PK B.A.Y.) is working to transform the blocks in downtown Poughkeepsie with new works of public art. Working with longtime arts nonprofit The Art Effect, youth are seeking proposals from professional artists of all ages for murals, sculptures, and media-based projects that will activate the Youth Arts Empowerment Zone (YAEZ), a multi-block area anchored by The Art Effect's Trolley Barn Gallery on Main Street.

The PK B.A.Y. is a first-of-its-kind initiative in Poughkeepsie that was developed by a coalition of local youth-serving non-profits to promote youth leadership and civic engagement. The Poughkeepsie Children's Cabinet is facilitating the initiative with grant funding from the national philanthropy The Wallace Foundation. The PK B.A.Y. is comprised of 12 City of Poughkeepsie youth, ages 14-17, representing four local, out-of-school time programs (The Art Effect; Family Services; Community Matters 2; and the Boys & Girls Club). All PK B.A.Y. youth are being stipended for their time working on the initiative, and are receiving instructional and technical support from The Art Effect staff.

The initiative is using public art as a

means to foster entrepreneurship, and civic engagement and build youth voice within community leadership.

When describing the mission of the group, students highlighted phrases such as “making a difference is hard, but it is possible,” “inspiring and helping the community,” and “helping youth make a change.”

In keeping with the larger mission of the PK B.A.Y., the project will promote positivity, inspire the community, and support local efforts to stop violence and drug abuse. The selected artist will work alongside PK B.A.Y. to plan the work in early 2024, with production taking place during spring 2024.

“We are looking forward to seeing how the project will impact our community in a positive way,” says Micah Jumps, ACC Americorps Member and Digital Community Engagement Fellow and lead on the PK B.A.Y. initiative. “The PK B.A.Y. hopes that this project will reach both the hearts and minds of everyone who sees it in our city.”

Interested artists can view the full Request for Proposal, with project timeline requirements and instructions on how to apply, at: thearteffect.org/request-for-proposal. The deadline to apply is Jan. 7, 2024, and questions can be



The Poughkeepsie Youth Arts Initiative (PK B.A.Y.) seeks to transform blocks in downtown Poughkeepsie with new works of public art. *Courtesy photo*

emailed to micah@thearteffect.org. Preference will be given to works in high-visibility areas that foster positivity and incorporate at least one of the following themes: unity, anti-violence, Poughkeepsie's indigenous history, or drug abuse prevention. Preference will

also be given to artists who enjoy or have experience working with youth, and whose proposals have a community interaction component. Sculptural work is preferred but not required, and all artistic mediums including painting, video, sound art, etc. will be considered.

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: cunneen-hackett.org

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

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

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. **Through 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

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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

Dec. 31: "New Year's at Noon," The Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum, 75 N. Water St., Poughkeepsie. Celebrate the holiday with the whole family with music, plenty of activities for kids of all ages and refreshments during the countdown to noon at this popular holiday event, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tickets \$17 per person. (845) 471-0589 or <https://mhdm.org/>

Jan. 1: First-Day Hike, Staatsburgh State Historic Site, 75 Mills Mansion Drive Road 1 (off Old Post Rd.), Staatsburgh. Join park staff for a hike on the woodland trail within Mills State Park (the historic grounds of Staatsburgh State Historic Site), 11 a.m. The hike will launch from near the mansion and include a visit to a small, little-known cemetery in the woods. The hike will return near the mansion for optional cocoa, courtesy of the Friends of Mills at Staatsburgh. Minimum age 12. Leashed pets welcome. 1.2 miles, moderate hike. Free. Registration required at <http://www.bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS>. More info: (845) 889-8851

NYSOFA YouTube cooking series for older adults surpasses one million views through partnership with NYS Media Services Center

Fourth season of 'What's Cooking with NYSOFA' to premiere in January as part of initiative to support access to healthy food

The New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA), in partnership with the New York State Office of General Services (OGS) Media Services Center (MSC), today announced that NYSOFA's monthly cooking demonstration series has reached one million views on YouTube. "What's Cooking with NYSOFA" also streams live each month on Facebook, where it generated more than 980,000 views during its most recent 2022-2023 season. The fourth season of "What's Cooking" is set for a January premiere.

As part of its role in the statewide SNAP-Ed NY program, NYSOFA launched "What's Cooking" in 2021 as a Zoom livestream from an iPad hosted by Registered Dietician Wendy Beckman. NYSOFA enlisted MSC the following year to transform its second season into a full-fledged production with helpful graphics and close-ups of food preparation, accompanied by a statewide marketing campaign. "What's Cooking" has a greater impact than ever, helping older adults learn more about affordable ways to add vegetables into dishes, vary protein while cooking, keep portion sizes in check, and more.

"During the pandemic, the SNAP-Ed nutrition program had to quickly pivot away from in-person classes, so going virtual was a great way to reach older adults who were encouraged to stay at home," Beckman said. "We were hopeful that the food demonstrations would engage people who were feeling isolated to try some healthy recipes. I am amazed by what we've accomplished since then, building a homegrown program into a world-class production."

"Even though the show's main goal is to help older New Yorkers prepare healthier meals and better understand nutrition, what's great about it is that anyone can jump in and learn something new," said MSC producer Joe Walsh. "We're really excited to be a part of the project, but even more thrilled that so many people have taken to it."

Episodes of 'What's Cooking' typically run around 15 minutes, making them more accessible and easier to follow than a full-length cooking show on broadcast television. The whole series is always free to watch on YouTube and new episodes air on the last Friday of each month at 12:30 p.m. on Facebook.

NYSOFA's monthly SNAP-Ed NY nutrition programs also include a livestream called "Ask The Experts: Nutrition Edition," hosted by NYSOFA Registered Dietitian Lisbeth Irish and guests. The program invites viewers to ask nutrition-related questions that concern older adults.

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



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Answers to this week's diversions

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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 SEASONED LOANS STRUCTURED TRANSACTION TRUST, SERIES 2019-3

Plaintiff,

vs.

DOLORES JAEGER-ALLT, if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; COUNTY OF DUTCHESS; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint, Defendants.

To the above named Defendants YOU ARE

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HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State.

The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment against you.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$142,500.00 and interest, recorded on May 28, 2003, in Document 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 judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

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

NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

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If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: November 15th, 2023

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Attorney for Plaintiff Matthew Rothstein, Esq.

900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310 Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675

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.

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The purpose of this meeting is the following:

1) Last meeting of 2023 to approve appropriations

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-04-24 On-Call Professional Auditing Services for Federal and State Funded Projects

Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 17th day of January 2024 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

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LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

The following entitled bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on December 7, 2023, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Dutchess, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is each available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York, December 20, 2023.

Clerk, County Legislature

RESOLUTION NO. 2023211

BOND RESOLUTION DATED DECEMBER 7, 2023.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COST OF SPORTS FIELD IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$2,000,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF.

Specific object or purpose: Construction of sports field improvements at DCCC

Period of probable usefulness: 15 years

Maximum estimated cost: \$2,000,000

Amount of bonds to be issued: \$1,000,000 bonds

Other monies: \$1,000,000 State grants-in-aid

SEQRA status: Type II Action

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Clerk, County Legislature

RESOLUTION NO. 2023209

BOND RESOLUTION DATED DECEMBER 7, 2023.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COST OF SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS SITES AT THE DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$2,200,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,100,000 BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF.

Class of objects or purposes: Site improvements at sites at the DCCC

Period of probable usefulness: 10 years

Maximum estimated cost: \$2,200,000

Amount of bonds to be issued: \$1,100,000 bonds

Other monies: \$1,100,000 State grants-in-aid

SEQRA status: Type II Action

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Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York, December 20, 2023.

Clerk, County Legislature

RESOLUTION NO. 2023210

BOND RESOLUTION DATED DECEMBER 7, 2023.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADA UPGRADES AT THE DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,465,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$732,500 BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF.

Class of objects or purposes: ADA upgrades at DCCC

Period of probable usefulness: 25 years

Maximum estimated cost: \$1,465,000

Amount of bonds to be issued: \$732,500 bonds

Other monies: \$732,500 State grants-in-aid

SEQRA status: Type II Action

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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 1200/2023

RE: SETTING REORGANIZATION MEETING DATE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley will hold its 2024 reorganization meeting on January 1st, 2024 at 4:00pm at Town Hall in the meeting room; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to post notice of such meeting.

Date: December 18, 2023

ROLL CALL:

Councilwoman Albrecht

Councilman Rifenburgh

Councilman Mazzella

Councilman O'Hanlon

Supervisor Del Vecchio

Carried.

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MOTION: Councilman Rifenburgh

SECOND: Councilman Mazzella

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Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York,
December 20, 2023.

Clerk, County Legislature

RESOLUTION NO. 2023212
BOND RESOLUTION DATED DECEMBER 7, 2023.
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HUDSON HALL INTERIOR RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE I) FOR THE DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$3,666,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,833,000 BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF.

Specific object or purpose:	Hudson Hall interior reconstruction/ improvements (Phase I)
Period of probable usefulness:	25 years
Maximum estimated cost:	\$3,666,000
Amount of bonds to be issued:	\$1,833,000 bonds
Other monies:	\$1,833,000 State grants-in-aid
SEQRA status:	Type II Action

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Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York,
December 20, 2023.

Clerk, County Legislature

RESOLUTION NO. 2023208
BOND RESOLUTION DATED DECEMBER 7, 2023.
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT OF ROOFTOP AIR HANDLING UNITS AT THE CENTER FOR BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY FOR THE DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$3,309,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,654,500 BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF.

Specific object or purpose:	Replacement of rooftop air-handling units at Center for Business & Industry at DCCC
Period of probable usefulness:	10 years
Maximum estimated cost:	\$3,309,000
Amount of bonds to be issued:	\$1,654,500 bonds
Other monies:	\$1,654,500 State grants-in-aid
SEQRA status:	Type II Action

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OBITUARIES

George A. Kolb Sr.



George passed into heaven on December 14, 2023 to be with his wife Francis of 45 years and son Lawrance. George was born in 1932 and raised in New Jersey. He enlisted in the United States Army during the Korean War and subsequently earned his college degree in Electrical Engineering from N.I.T.

He was employed by both Bell Laboratories in N.J. and IBM in N.Y., involved with many aspects of research. He was instrumental in obtaining several patents with his colleagues, for initial prototypes of solar panels and Lasers which we all use in our current daily lives.

He ultimately retired to the warmth with his wife in Boca Raton, Fla and was an avid tennis player well into his 80's always enjoying the hot weather and all of our visits down south.

George leaves behind his daughter Denise and husband Angel Hernandez of Charlottesville, V.A. and in which our family is forever grateful for the care they oversaw and have given Dad over the past several

years. His oldest son Mark and wife Grace of Conn. His namesake George Jr. and wife Victoria of N.Y.

And especially his Grandchildren: George 3rd and partner Kaitlin, Brian and wife Courtney and granddaughter Amber, His Great grandchildren Olive, Carson, Jack, Leon and Jett.

Dad thank you for your unconditional love and teaching all of us integrity, respect for others and most of all to be happy. He always supported all of us in our different endeavors. Your grandkids will always carry on that wisdom.

Pops have a "Jameson" in heaven for all of us and until we meet again "You Bet n Amen!"

Please make any memorial donations to Hospice of Charlottesville VA or St. Nicholas on the Hudson Episcopal Church, New Hamburg N.Y.

Robert William (Bill) Bolitho

HYDE PARK - Robert William (Bill) Bolitho, 73, formerly of New Jersey and a longtime resident of Hyde Park, died on December 7, 2023.

Born on March 14, 1950, in Jersey City, New Jersey, he was the son of the late William K. And Vera (Zavracky) Bolitho.

He was a graduate of F.D. Roosevelt High School, Dutchess Community College, and SUNY, Plattsburgh.

He retired from West Point, as a general groundskeeper. He received numerous awards for his groundskeeping. He was an avid lover of astronomy and a dedicated member of Mid-Hudson Model Master's (A local model airplane club).

Robert was a communicant of Regina Coeli Catholic Church, Hyde Park, where he also served as an usher.

Bill is survived by his great niece, Dannika J. Bolitho, Hyde Park and great nephew, John Messick. Bill is also survived by his nephew, John VonGonten and wife Beth of Hyde Park. Survivors also include his cousins and their families, Paul Zavracky of MA and Philip Zavracky of Ohio, and David Zavracky of

New Jersey, and Matthew Zavracky of Kentucky, and Veronica Brown of London, England.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by two sisters, Mary Ann Bolitho and Susan and her husband Tony VonGonten.

The Bolitho family would also like to especially thank Brian H. Gahrn, a life-long dear friend of Bill's.

A memorial mass was celebrated at Regina Coeli Catholic Church, Rte. 9, Hyde Park on Friday, December 22, 2023. Donations may be made to Regina Coeli Catholic Church, 2 Harvey Street, Hyde Park, NY 12538 in Bill's honor or a charity of your choice. The burial of Bill's ashes will be private at Fairview Cemetery, Fairview, NJ.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet's Funeral Home, Inc., 4365 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park, NY 12538.

Raymond J. Wilk Sr.

POUGHKEEPSIE - Raymond J. Wilk Sr., 89, of Poughkeepsie, NY passed away on December 15, 2023, at Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital. He was born on May 21, 1934, in Poughkeepsie, New York to the late Ignatius and the late Anna (Banach) Wilk.

Ray was a local resident all his life and a graduate of Poughkeepsie High School.

He was a Lithographer for Western Publishing.

He was a US Army Veteran. He was a member of St. Stanislaus Church and the

Polish Club. Ray loved to share golfing, fishing, and hiking with his loving wife and was an avid Yankees fan.

He was the husband of the late Edith Elizabeth Taylor. They were married at St. Mary's Church in Poughkeepsie, NY on September 20, 1959.

Survivors include son Raymond Jr. and Angela Wilk. Highland New York, daughter and son in-law Elizabeth Croshier and Steve Saler Pleasant Valley New York, daughter and son in-law Maureen Wilk and Kevin Park Athens New York, son and daughter in-law William and Eileen Wilk Pleasant Valley New York, son and daughter in-law Sean Wilk and Cindy Whispell Hyde Park New York, daughter and son in-law Patricia and William VanKleeck Poughkeepsie New York, grandchildren Michael, Raiana, Alecia, Nicola, Newton, Natasha, Craig Joseph, Sean Jr., Deja, Ashlynn, Raymond, Kayleigh, Vanessa, Victoria, and five great grandchildren.

Graveside Services were held December 22, 2023 from St. Peter's Cemetery, Salt Point Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY. Interment followed.

Funeral services are being handled by the Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home 371 Hooker Ave. Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

If you would like to leave an online condolence for Ray or his family please visit our website at www.doylefuneralhome.com.

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NYS Legislature Ag Committee leaders pen bipartisan letter urging U.S. senators to bring the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act to the floor for a vote

ALBANY – Following the recent passage of the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act in the U.S. House, the Chairs and Ranking Members of the New York State Senate and Assembly Committees on Agriculture, in a bipartisan effort, sent a letter on Thursday urging Senate Majority Leader Schumer and Senator Gillibrand to bring the federal bill for a Senate vote. The Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act would reinstate 2% and whole milk in schools, overturning a 2010 decision to remove these options from the National School Lunch Program under the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act.

Senate Agriculture Chair Michelle Hinchey said, "The House's approval of the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids marks a major stride in our fight to bring healthy, nutritious whole milk back to school cafeterias. This first phase of approval is a positive step toward advancing a school meal change that will improve child nutrition while delivering a needed economic boost to New York dairy farmers and rural communities. We now turn to our federal representatives in the U.S. Senate to take the lead and prioritize this important bipartisan-supported legislation."

Senator George Borrello, Ranking Member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, said, "For generations, milk has been known as 'nature's most perfect food' because it is packed with calcium and essential nutrients that promote good health, particularly for growing children. That is why it is crucial that we encourage our kids to drink milk by returning the whole and two percent milk options to school cafeterias. The federal mandate removing them from schools was a mis-

take that hurt our kids and our farmers, but the chance to fix it is within our reach right now. We urge the Senate to recognize the bipartisan momentum behind this initiative and advance the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act to the Senate floor for a vote."

Assembly Agriculture Chair Donna Lupardo said, "We originally wanted this change included in the 2023 Federal Farm Bill, which is now delayed until next September. I was very happy to see this standalone measure pass in the U.S. House and hope to see the U.S. Senate take it up as well. Our focus as a group is on the health and vitality of New York's students and dairy farmers alike. This is why we are strongly urging Senate Majority Leader Schumer and Senator Gillibrand to advance the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act."

Assemblyman Chris Tague, Ranking Member of the Assembly Agriculture Committee, said, "A bipartisan U.S. Congress recognized the importance of the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act, now it's time for the U.S. Senate to follow suit. As the senior senator from New York, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer has always been a friend to upstate rural agriculture, and we need his leadership now more than ever. Bringing whole and 2% milk back into schools will not only help the children grow healthy and strong, but it will also help give the rural economy and dairy industry a much-needed boost. My colleagues and I are asking that the U.S. Senate listen to the facts and bring milk back into our schools!"

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