



## Oakwood Friends students team with Poughkeepsie Library for Community Fridge

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insecurity locally, 1 in 4 households in the City of Poughkeepsie are food insecure by USDA standards.

PPF's Food Share Coordinator Justin Saret said in a release, "It's exciting to see a new food access initiative bringing the community together, especially in a time when a lot of service organizations are struggling with staffing and capacity."

The student coordinators said, "Feedback has been really positive. We have a suggestion board where we've gotten lots of positive messages, and while delivering, we've met a lot of community members who use the fridge and are happy about what we offer. The biggest feedback we've seen has been that people take so much food. On our first day of launching, after barely having gotten out the word, we gave away a full fridge's worth of food in about seven hours, and it was so amazing that people started using the fridge so quickly. From the library's side, we've also gotten good feedback that everyone is using the fridge well and no

problems have emerged.

TJ Lamanna, the library's Head of Community Engagement stated in the release, "The Poughkeepsie Public Library District is thrilled to have partnered with Oakwood Friends School to install a community fridge in our Adriance branch. We believe the library is a community hub and we want our services to reflect that. If the library recognizes a need in our community, we will always do our best to work with community organizations like Oakwood to do what we can to help."

"The Community Fridge has been a student-initiated project from the beginning and students had the idea before the Literature of Direct Action class. We're hoping that our school community will learn from our project that we can and should reach out to the Poughkeepsie community around us, that we can make an impact beyond our walls. We're also hoping to show others how much student groups can accomplish and set an example for students to take action in their communities," the student coordinators remarked.



*The fully-stocked fridge.*

-Courtesy photo

## Holiday festivities set in local municipalities this weekend

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- Children's Activities including Bee-Bee the Clown and balloon art
  - The Hudson Valley Ghostbusters
- McHugh said, "The event will be followed at 5 p.m. by a holiday parade starting on Raymond Ave. and continuing through the local neighborhoods and ending at the Poughkeepsie Galleria. People can expect to stroll through the street with holiday music and entertainment all afternoon, while holiday shopping and sampling eggnog from the local restaurants. In the evening be prepared to be thrilled when the avenue transforms into a spec-

tacular holiday parade with trucks and cars all decked out with lights and decorations for all ages to enjoy!"

More information can be found at [www.arlingtonhasit.org](http://www.arlingtonhasit.org) or Facebook at [www.facebook.com/arlingtonhasit](http://www.facebook.com/arlingtonhasit). One may also check the Town Recreation website at [www.PoughkeepsieTownRec.com](http://www.PoughkeepsieTownRec.com).

### Enjoy hot chocolate at Village of Fishkill event

The Village of Fishkill will host its annual Holiday Light & Tree Lighting event on December 4. The event takes place at Van Wyck Hall, 1095 Main St., in

the village, from 2:30 until sunset.

"We are so happy to host our annual tree lighting again. This year we will be offering a petting zoo, visits with Santa, and lots of holiday cheer. Keeping these traditions alive is what makes the Village of Fishkill such a special place," said Kathy Martin, mayor of the Village of Fishkill.

Attendees can meet Santa, who will make an appearance during the festivities.

There will be hot chocolate available.

Julie Spann, who is with the Activities department, said there will be a petting zoo at the event. Everyone is "excited to be getting back to the event this year" she remarked. The event's message is to be kind,

she said.

### Town of Wappinger to host craft fair, tree lighting

The Town of Wappingers will hold its annual Holiday Craft Fair at Wappinger Town Hall on December 3. The fair is set for 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Wappinger Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road.

Later that day, at Schlathaus Park, off Myers Corners Road, one can visit the Town of Wappinger Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, which is from 5- 7:30 p.m. There will be doughnuts and hot drinks to keep attendees warm. Santa will make an appearance.



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# Tax preparers sought for annual AARP, HV CA\$H training

**By Kristine Coulter**

Volunteers to be tax preparers for the annual AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program are being sought. The AARP Foundation is working with the Hudson Valley CA\$H Coalition again this year. Services will be free of charge for residents of Dutchess, Orange and Putnam counties.

"We are seeking neighbors who are interested in volunteering for the Hudson Valley CA\$H Coalition for which Community Action Partnership is a member. My role is co-chair of the Hudson Valley CA\$H Coalition. CA\$H Stands for Creating Assets Savings and Hope. The Coalition's efforts focus on providing free, reliable tax preparation assistance in addition to encouraging filers to access their full federal and state refunds and tax credits they are eligible for," said Linda Eddy, HV CA\$H Coalition. "In addition to Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County, Coalition members include AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program, United Way of Dutchess Orange Region, Hudson Valley Credit Union, Mount Saint Mary College, Catholic Charities Community Services, AmeriCorp Seniors, RSVP. Volunteers come from a diverse background and include college students, retirees, and those who are currently working. Volunteers and those who receive the

service do not have to be seniors or AARP members to become involved."

Training will be held for new volunteers in Dutchess and Putnam residents in December and in January 2023 for those in Orange County. Those who are interested in additional information or participating, should contact Linda Eddy at [leddy@dutchescap.org](mailto:leddy@dutchescap.org) or call 845-475-7500.

"Training for every role is provided by the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program in conjunction with the IRS. Those who are interested in the role of tax counselor, training is provided in tax law, tax preparation software, policies and procedures. Volunteers are required to pass the IRS certification and complete practice problems. Training is comprehensive and recommended for those who have prepared personal taxes in the past. Training is offered in person in Dutchess County over the course of six days starting December 5. A fully virtual training option is also available offered by the AARP Foundation Tax Aide team from Orange County," Eddy remarked.

According to information from HV CA\$H, there are many volunteer opportunities available for a broad range of skills and interests. "An extensive accounting or finance background - or even an interest in numbers - is not necessary to volunteer. Consider joining the team in admin-



Volunteers are being sought to be tax preparers for the annual AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program. The AARP Foundation is teaming up with the Hudson Valley CA\$H Coalition. Pictured are volunteers during a training in Wappingers Falls during a previous year

-Courtesy photo

istrative and support roles such as tax site greeters, program marketing, or appointment support, should you prefer a non-mathematical assignment," states HV CA\$H information.

Experience with filing one's own taxes is helpful. Tax volunteer classes will offer in-depth training and conclude with IRS certification after successful completion.

It was stated that the Hudson Valley CA\$H Coalition is in need of bilingual volunteers to better assist Spanish-speaking clientele.

"Getting involved offers a rewarding, experienced one that provides an opportunity to learn a new skill, work with a great team, and become engaged in your community in a impactful and meaningful way," said Eddy.

## 'Trees for Troops' gathering remembers Don Cady, Sr.



Volunteers during the "Trees for Troops" event on Saturday, Nov. 26. The 2022 event was dedicated to the remembrance of volunteer Don Cady, Sr.

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"Trees for Troops" provides free, farm-grown Christmas Trees to U.S. armed forces members in all branches of the military and their families through donations, sponsorships, grants and the work of

many volunteers. November is the busy month when Hahn, the local "Trees for Troops" founder, and Jeff Cady gather individuals together, raise funds and load trees for shipment.

This year's effort resulted in the collec-

tion of over 400 trees. A full list of donors will be printed in the Northern and Southern Dutchess News in early December.

In a 2019 interview, Hahn remembered the birth of "Trees for Troops" in the area. He's the one who started it all. He recalls attending a New York State Christmas Tree Growers Association meeting in Syracuse. "They were looking for volunteers to start 'Trees for Troops' programs in different local areas and I volunteered for this area," he said.

Then, about three or four years later, he connected with Jeff Cady, who also

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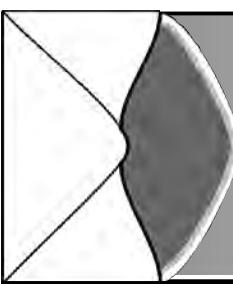


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### **Renounce messages of divisive groups**

#### **To the Editor:**

I am a mother, small business owner and a resident of East Fishkill. A few weeks ago, I left my wife at home for bath time and bedtime with our two young sons, and I attended my first-ever town meeting. I had some laughs as the board reluctantly welcomed back familiar faces who were eager to speak. I was not eager to speak. In fact, public speaking causes me anxiety. Still, I stood up, nervously introduced myself, and delivered a positive and hopeful message to my town board: East Fishkill is changing. Our community is embracing diversity, and welcoming residents of different races, ethnicities, religions, and queer families like mine. I was fortunate to have members of my non-profit group, Defense of Democracy, present to support me at this meeting.

The very next week, the Dutchess County chapter chair of Moms for Liberty, stood up at an East Fishkill town meeting, just like I did. She expressed her thanks to the board for allowing Moms for Liberty to be part of East Fishkill community events, and helping them spread their message. While she was speaking, She also claimed the following, "Many teachers and librarians cannot be trusted to make decisions on materials available to children." She accused our local teachers and librarians of allowing pornography into our schools.

Moms for Liberty likes to spread divisiveness and messages of hate using cherry-picked buzzwords, referring to all who disagree with them as the "woke left," and attacking queer people and families by calling us "groomers." They've even co-opted the constitution, claiming to be its staunchest defenders, citing commonly known amendments and asking you to believe that their rights are under attack, specifically their right to free speech and their religious freedom. The truth is this. No one is denying their right to say what they want. Not me. Not Defense of Democracy. We are reminding them that their attacks and accusations have consequences. We are inviting them to rethink their message of exclusion, a message that puts a target on the backs of minority kids and families. Moms for Liberty wants you to believe that their religious freedom is at stake, as if a single one of us has ever asked them to renounce their faith or silence their beliefs. No, all we ask is that they keep those beliefs out of our schools, and their bigotry out of our communities. We ask our beautiful East Fishkill community to stand together and renounce hate.

Laura Leigh Abby  
East Fishkill

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## **Trust teachers - not Moms for Liberty**

### **To the Editor:**

I was watching a local town board meeting when a member of the conservative group Moms for Liberty got up and addressed the board (see video at 18:30), stating "teachers and librarians cannot be trusted to make decisions on materials being made available to children." She also addresses the fact that in the past year a book had been banned from our local high schools in the Wappingers Central School District, and I am sickened that I live in a school district that has upheld a book ban. This is not what I would have expected, and truthfully it breaks my heart.

I am a retired teacher who taught in this district for 18 years, and lived in this community for most of my life. In my years of experience, I had the good fortune of working with some of the best educators in our state, and have always been proud of this district with its supportive parents, high graduation rates, extracurricular activities, and a music program with a national reputation.

I am extremely disappointed, disturbed, insulted, and angry at the town board that did not stop this person from maligning our librarians and educators. As a retired teacher, I strongly believe we need to trust teachers, librarians, and all other public school personnel to do the jobs they were trained to do.

Our community needs to know what's going on. People in our community need to know and do a little bit of research on Moms for Liberty. I believe our town and school board of education should speak out in a single voice saying that hate has no home in East Fishkill and the Wappingers Central School District!

Allyson Rubin  
Poughkeepsie

## **BetterU program participants honored during Go Red For Women Celebration**



*During the annual Hudson Valley Go Red for Women Celebration three survivors shared their stories at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park on Friday, Nov. 18. From left, Yvonne Valladares, a practice manager at Ellenville Regional Hospital; Allison Graff, a whole life certified health coach; and Danielle Allen, a native of Saugerties, talked about the ways cardiovascular health has affected them as they spoke to the audience of nearly 300. Donations are still being accepted at HudsonValleyGoRed.heart.org.*

-Courtesy photo

Danielle Allen's life changed forever in March of 2018, when she had a sudden cardiac arrest at the gym. She was 33.

Yvonne Valladares, a practice manager at Ellenville Regional Hospital, was born with truncus arteriosus, and has had open heart surgery and many cardiac catheterizations.

Allison Graf had heart failure when she was 32; four mini strokes a year ago; and AFib for years.

The three women shared their stories during the Hudson Valley Go Red for Women Celebration on Friday, Nov. 18, at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park.

"I am involved with go red for women because its mission means a lot to me personally as a sudden cardiac arrest survivor and a woman living with heart disease," said Danielle Allen, who is originally from Saugerties. "It is due to Go Red for Women's mission that I am able to say I'm a survivor. The American Heart Association's ever-evolving research and breakthroughs in women's heart health are changing the statistic that heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women. It was amazing to see the support for Go Red today, and this was a powerful, moving experience."

Tim Mitzel, paramedic with Mobile Life Support, was one of the first to arrive on-scene after Allen had her sudden cardiac arrest. He was one of three medical people who commented on the survivors' stories during the Go Red celebration.

"It is so gratifying to be a small part of the much bigger success that is the chain

of survival," said Mitzel, whom Allen described as "one of the best paramedics ever." "All the links came together on that gray afternoon and Danielle is with us now. Danielle, I'm so glad you are here."

The chain of survival is to call 911; start CPR; use an AED; and follow-up critical care in the hospital.

Mitzel was joined by two cardiologists from Nuvance Health, Dr. Aarti Campo and Dr. Sandeep Joshi.

Participants also met the 11 women who participated in the BetterU, a 12-week heart-health improvement program. All of the women had lower blood pressure at the end of the program; their cholesterol went down by 139 points all together; their blood sugar stayed in a healthy range; and together, they lost 94 pounds.

Monique Corcoran of Nuvance Health chaired the 2022 Go Red for Women campaign.

"Today's Go Red for Women Celebration was inspiring. To see so many people, mostly women, come together to fight heart disease in women, was very impactful," Corcoran said. "We educated a lot of people, and I know they'll carry the message forward. I'm also proud that we raised money to help the American Heart Association continue to invest in science and research about women's heart health."

Culinary delights, a silent auction featuring designer handbags, and health screenings rounded out the Hudson Valley Go Red for Women Celebration.

# McDonald's group donates \$5K to TeamLacieJae organization



Chris Paine, Area Supervisor and Tom Ruddy, Director of Operations for O/O Dave Opstad hold a check for \$5,000 to be donated to TeamLacieJae.



Crew members of the McDonald's Restaurant in Pleasant Valley join members of TeamLacieJae in a celebration at the restaurant on Nov. 19.

-Photos by Curtis Schmidt

The weekend of Nov. 19 was a great success for the crew of McDonald's in Pleasant Valley and the charitable organization, TeamLacieJae.

Tom Ruddy, Director of Operations for O/O Dave Opstad, Tyler Stepper and Chris Paine, supervisors, Devin Centeno, General Manager of the Pleasant Valley McDonald's restaurant, as well as assistant managers and many crew members all took part in the special event. Also in

attendance were members of TeamLacieJae, including President Dora Visbeck, Vice President Nadine Snipe and many other members and volunteers of the organization.

The event kicked off with an opening statement by Ruddy. "I am so proud of the entire Pleasant Valley team. Being able to thank all for what you do every day by taking care of our customers. I also want to give a special social media shoutout to

Daymond John of the television show 'Shark Tank' on his visits to our restaurant. I am thrilled to reward each and every employee with a \$100 gift card."

Ruddy added, "Also with the holiday season approaching, I wanted to assist a very local charitable organization that impacts our communities. We are pleased to donate \$5,000 to TeamLacieJae, which provides assistance to families who have a loved one that has been stricken with a

cancer diagnosis. Thank you to our crew, managers and leadership team. Thank you to McDonald's for their support and thank you TeamLacieJae."

After the opening statement, the leadership team presented the \$5,000 check to TeamLacieJae. Team members were so appreciative, and many members were brought to tears with joy and thankfulness. The crew members were then presented with their gift cards individually.

## HEAP grants available to help pay heating bills

Qualified Central Hudson customers can now apply for Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) grants, a federally funded program that provides regular and emergency assistance to help pay heating and utility bills. HEAP grants are available through local Department of Social Services (DSS) offices, at Offices for the Aging and online at [mybenefits.ny.gov](http://mybenefits.ny.gov).

"Inflationary pressures are having a significant impact on residents of the Hudson Valley and we are pleased that additional assistance is available for those families in need," said Anthony Campagnoni, Senior Vice President of Customer Services and

Gas Operations. "We encourage all customers who are eligible to apply."

The amount of the HEAP grant depends on family income and size guidelines. For example, a family of four with natural gas heating and an annual income of \$65,820 would qualify for a \$400 grant. Central Hudson customers who receive HEAP grants or qualify for other assistance programs will also receive additional bill credits for up to 12 months on their Central Hudson bill.

Campagnoni added, "Households receiving a HEAP benefit for non-utility heating fuels such as oil, propane, wood/wood pellets, kerosene, coal or corn

are also eligible for a monthly credit on their electric or non-heating gas bill."

Customers who heat with non-utility heating fuels should email their current Notice of Decision letter to Central Hudson at [careunit@cenhud.com](mailto:careunit@cenhud.com) to be enrolled and receive the bill credit.

Regular HEAP grants for the fall and upcoming winter are available between Nov. 1, 2022, and April 29, 2023, or until funding is exhausted. Emergency HEAP grants will be available between Jan. 3, 2023, and Mar. 15, 2023. These benefits are designed to meet an eligible household's immediate energy

needs. The Heating Equipment Repair or Replacement (HERR) program is also available to assist customers who have primary heating equipment that is either inoperable or unsafe. HERR grants are currently available and will remain so through Sept. 30, 2023.

For more information on HEAP eligibility requirements and benefits, visit [CentralHudson.com/HEAP](http://CentralHudson.com/HEAP) or <http://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/program.asp>; and for more on all of Central Hudson's assistance and billing programs, visit [CentralHudson.com](http://CentralHudson.com), and click on "My Account."

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# 'Northside Line' construction continues; could be complete by end of the year



*Construction continues along Dutchess County's urban trail project, which has been officially dubbed the "Northside Line."*

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*Recently, Department of Public Works Engineering Division staff led several Dutchess County Legislators on a tour of the first section of the Northside Line urban trail network under construction in the City and Town of Poughkeepsie. From left: Dutchess County Legislator Michael Polasek, Legislature staff Jack Burke, Legislator Randy Johnson, DPW Commissioner Bob Balkind, Legislator Craig Brendli, Legislature Majority Leader Will Truitt, Legislator Ed Hauser, Legislator Tony D'Aquanni, Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver, Assistant County Executive Chris Baiano, DPW Director of Engineering Matt Dutcavich, PE.*

If delivery schedules hold true and the weather cooperates, rail trail lovers could soon have a new trail connection to explore as construction continues along Dutchess County's urban trail project, which has been officially dubbed the "Northside Line." Recently, Department of Public Works Engineering Division staff led several Dutchess County Legislators on a tour of the first section of trail, which, once complete, will be a 22-foot-wide dual-lane pathway for pedestrians and cyclists stretching .55 miles from West Cedar Street in the Town of Poughkeepsie to Parker Avenue (State Route 9G) in the City of Poughkeepsie. If lighting equipment arrives in a timely fashion and can be installed without weather interruptions, this first section of the trail is hoped to be available for use by the end of the year.

The Northside Line is being built on former CSX rail property that was purchased by Scenic Hudson in 2019 and transferred to Dutchess County to develop an urban trail system. The project is being built in phases and once complete, the Northside Line trail network will span 2.7 miles, connecting many community assets within the city and town of Poughkeepsie, providing easy access between housing, jobs, schools, businesses, hospitals, and

parks, including the Walkway Over the Hudson, Quiet Cove Riverfront Park, Pulaski Park, and the Poughkeepsie Waterfront.

Work began on the first section of trail in June and crews tackled the challenge of clearing the former CSX rail corridor of trees, brush and significant debris that had accumulated over several decades. Trail grading, light pole foundations, drainage features, and underground conduit for lights and security features have all been installed. Placement of subbase and installation of pavement are slated in the coming weeks. The trail, however, will not be open for public use until light poles are installed and are fully operational. Lighting is one of the key security features for the 24/7 trail and was the most prioritized feature identified during public outreach sessions held throughout 2021. Light poles will be installed as they are delivered, which is expected to begin in the coming weeks, but delivery schedules are subject to change depending on supply chain availability.

In addition to lighting and other security features, the Northside Line will feature secure bike parking, bench seating as well as other amenities. The trail will be maintained for year-round transportation use, including plowing in the winter sea-

son. The remainder of Phase I construction, the 1.4-mile section from the Hudson Heritage development site in the Town of Poughkeepsie – including easy connection to Quiet Cove Riverfront Park – to Parker Avenue, is anticipated to be complete by the summer of 2023, with the full project expected to be complete by the end of 2024.

County Executive Molinaro said, "We are very excited to see the Northside Line become a reality. This new urban trail will be a unique addition to our trail network as a year-round, 24-hour transportation corridor that will safely connect residents and visitors with tourism attractions, local businesses, and neighborhoods and we are hopeful to have the first section open for the public to enjoy by the end of the year."

The Northside Line trail network is one of several key investments included in County Executive Molinaro's 2023 Executive Budget proposal to enhance recreational opportunities and quality of life through the County's park system. Other improvements expected to be ready for public use in 2023 include a new

splash pad water feature at Wilcox Memorial Park in Milan and a new, accessible playground at Bowdoin Park in the Town of Poughkeepsie.

Molinaro will present his 2023 Executive Budget Address on November 1st at 11 a.m. in the Dutchess County Legislature Chambers located in the County Office Building at 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie. This presentation can be viewed online at dutchessny.gov. County Executive Molinaro will also host a series of town hall forums for residents to learn more about budget plans and share questions and feedback:

- November 2, 6:30 p.m. – Countywide Telephone Town Hall – Dial 845-765-7121 to participate
- November 15, 6 p.m. – In-person Town Hall – Pine Plains Town Hall, 3284 State Route 199, Pine Plains
- November 29, 6 p.m. – In-person Town Hall – East Fishkill Town Hall, 330 State Route 376, Hopewell Junction

To learn more about the Urban Trail project, visit [www.dutchesscountyurbantrail.com](http://www.dutchesscountyurbantrail.com).

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

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

Open to women nationwide, ages 20 – 40

years old, who have or have had breast, ovarian or gynecological cancer. The discussion will be led by two of Support Connection's Peer Counselors, who were both diagnosed with cancer as young women. Pre-registration is required. To register, call Support Connection, 914-962-

6402 or 800-532-4290. Must register no later than 5 p.m. on December 5.

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

This is not an educational program;

there will be no professionals speaking about the medical or psychosocial aspects of cancer. Open Discussions present a valuable opportunity to connect with others with similar concerns who understand what one is going through, and a chance to help one another by sharing information, resources, and coping strategies.

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## *County Players to present 'George Washington's Teeth' and 'Gently Down the Stream' December 2 - 4*

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

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

The women of the beleaguered New Bunion Historical Society must find creative ways to lure visitors to their sleepy New England town. When a set of George Washington's dentures turns up in the hands of an unexpected rival, they brace themselves for all-out war. This reading features local talent of Kaela Altman, Kim Barnett, Donna Conway, Chantel Engeleit, Steavie Hergenrader Reed, and Kevin McCarthy Sr. George Washington's Teeth is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc.

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

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

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

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

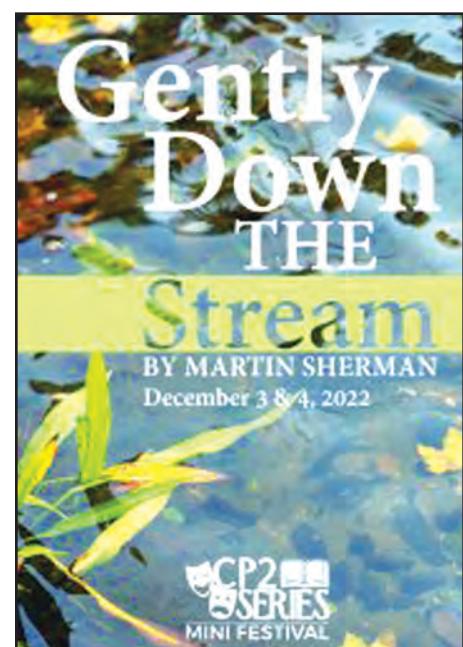
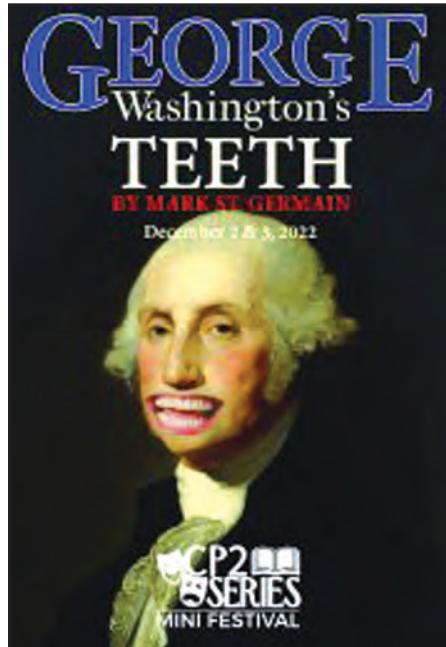
Saturday, Dec. 3 at 8 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 4 at 2 p.m.

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

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

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

The next CP2 Series Readers Theatre,



*County Players in Wappingers Falls will present "George Washington's Teeth" and "Gently Down The Stream" from December 2 - 4.*

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as well as the Main Stage Productions for 2022-2023 are listed at countyplayers.org/season-65/.

65th Season Sponsor is Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union. CP2 Readers Theatre

Series is supported by Stewart's Shops.

Accessibility: If you require wheelchair accessibility, please contact the Box Office at 845-298-1491.

## *Celebration of Lights to feature Santa, fireworks Dec. 2 in Poughkeepsie*

The City of Poughkeepsie will host the Celebration of Lights event on Dec. 2, and will feature dance and musical performances, food trucks, floats, Santa Claus and fireworks.

This year, the various festivities will center around Dongan Square Park from 6-9 p.m. A "Renewable Holiday Village" will be created highlighting recyclables and renewables in a festive mood of community celebration. In addition, several businesses and organizations will have other activities taking place that day. The Mural Square holiday tree will also be lit earlier in the day.

"We are looking forward to this community celebration and are grateful to our partners who are helping the city bring this to fruition," said City of Poughkeepsie Mayor Rob Rolison.

The mayor thanked the city's Art

Commission and the Bardavon for co-sponsoring the event and Artistic Director Andres San Milan for helping organize it.

Other sponsors include, Mahoney's Irish Pub & Steakhouse, Milanese Italian Restaurant, The Derby Poughkeepsie, Erin O'Neill's Pub & Grill, Geodis, Rhinebeck Bank, EFCO Products, Inc. and CR Properties Group, LLC.

As part of the village setting, San Millan has created four giant float replicas that will appear in Dongan Square Park — Vassar Brothers Institute, the Steamboat Mary Powell, the 1911 Pelton mansion and the Ruby Bridges Locomotive.

The event will culminate with fireworks, sponsored by the Poughkeepsie River District Business Association, beginning at 8:20 p.m.

## *Orthodox church to host annual Christmas Fair Dec. 3*

St. Gregory's Orthodox Church, at the corner of 1500 Rte. 376 and Vandewater Dr., in Wappingers Falls, will hold its annual Christmas Fair Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. In addition to the bake sale there will be a wide variety of ethnic foods available for lunch

(10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.) and take-out, including pierogi, nut rolls, borscht, and stuffed cabbage.

Participating vendors include Pampered Chef, Scentsy, Thirty-One, and more.

Hourly church tours and Vespers service at 3 p.m.

## *Festival of Trees Dec. 2 & 3*

The Festival of Trees will take place December 2, from 5 - 8 p.m. and December 3, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., at Revel 32, 32 Cannon St., in Poughkeepsie.

Attendees can see beautifully decorated and unique holiday trees and wreaths while shopping local artisans and vendors. Admission is \$5.

On Dec. 2, enjoy the "Get Your Chocolate On" reception for chocolate

themed foods and adult hot chocolate 6-8 p.m. There is a \$25 admission.

On Dec. 3, bring a favorite teddy bear for a tea party and meet Santa, 11 a.m. There is a \$5 admission. Dec. 3 Children's story time at 1 p.m. Vendors are being accepted.

For more information, contact tprunty@familyservicesny.org or visit familyservicesny.org/events.

## *Mt. Alvernia's Christmas Indoor Tag Sale Saturday, December 3 – 9am - 4pm*

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by mark adams

# Itch pay

### Mark recalls working on a bulb farm in Holland

"Want sumpin' to eat, bub?" Those were the first words spoken to me as I stepped inside a tiny lunch counter in Ann Paulowna, Holland. I was pointing my finger toward my mouth, because I didn't speak Dutch. In fact, at that point, I didn't even know there was a language called Dutch. An arduous journey had taken me from a trade show at the Concord Hotel in Monticello, N.Y., to London via Icelandic Airways with a stopover in Reykjavik, thumbing a ride to Grimsby, an overnight ferry across the English Channel to Rotterdam, and finally a train to the whistle stop that was to be my home for the next two years. I scarfed down a conglomeration of smoked eel, mashed turnips and chocolate bars.

The date was April 20, 1970. I gazed out at the flat, treeless landscape of North Holland, called the "polder," reclaimed from the sea only a couple of generations ago, and only one generation removed from the devastation of the second world war. Aside from my new friend Case Van de Berg, proprietor, head chef and server at the local diner, almost nobody spoke English, and even fewer had encountered an American.

By 1970, Holland was well on its way to producing the four billion tulip bulbs produced annually today. Tulips had been a staple of the Dutch economy for hundreds of years, dating back to 1637, when "tulipmania" saw prices for a single bulb soar to a million dollars. By 1970, prices had cooled slightly, and a severe labor shortage was unfolding. At the Concord Hotel Horticulture Trade Show, I had met Piet Komen, who offered me a job on his bulb farm.

I lived "en de kost," meaning I stayed with a Dutch family, paying for room and board. It was a bit of a culture shock for all of us. Mrs. Grimsberger was unable to comprehend that I couldn't speak her language.

"Smak et?" she would ask, as I ate my dinner. I didn't answer. "SMAKT ET?" she repeated, then screamed "SMAKT ET?" I finally figured out that she was asking me if I liked the food. I nodded, she smiled. But then I got in trouble because I ate everything on my plate. It turns out that, according to the Dutch custom of the day, one should leave a few morsels

behind to indicate that the portion was more than sufficient.

Out on the farm, I was welcomed as I imagine most immigrants are greeted – with the worst jobs. Day after day I heaved heavy wooden cases of fresh dug tulip bulbs onto a flatbed pulled by a tractor. I was supposed to take turns driving the tractor, but as soon as the crew was out of sight, I was made to change position, back to loading boxes.

For a couple of weeks, I ran the sorting machine, where hyacinth bulbs bounced down a conveyor belt, falling through different size holes so they could be graded as small, medium or large. Only trouble was, the skins of dried hyacinth bulbs are coated with tiny needles of silicon that make you itch like crazy. (Rub a hyacinth bulb on your neck if you don't believe me). I found out later that people working on this machine were supposed to get extra money called "itch pay." Old Mr. Komen took pity on me and let me take a shower at his home, since my boarding house had no shower or bath tub (or TV or refrigerator).

Eventually, I had to move to a different house because Mrs. Grimsberger found out I was eating candy bars in my room at night. Evidently, she took this as an insult to her cooking, which was usually boiled horse meat (I hadn't complained). My new landlady had a TV (but still no bath or shower) where we watched Bonanza dubbed in French.

It takes five years to produce a large size hyacinth bulb (three inches across). First, we cut a saucer-shaped hole in the bottom of a mature bulb. The "scooped" bulbs are stored on racks in the barn. After a few weeks, tiny bulblets appear around the cut surfaces. These are removed and planted in the spring. Every October, they are dug up, stored and replanted the following year, getting larger each season. When they start flowering around year three, the blossoms have to be removed before they fall to the ground and cause diseases. I spent a few days dragging burlap sacks full of gorgeous red, blue, I spent a few days dragging burlap sacks full of gorgeous red, blue, pink and white hyacinth blossoms out of the fields.

After all the tulip and hyacinth bulbs were dug, sorted and packed into the barn, the fields were set ablaze to burn up any left-



From left: Tulips at the Adams garden show. Photo by Sue Adams. Mark on the Holland bulb farm 1970.

-Photos courtesy of Mark Adams

over foliage. Our little town was smothered in a smoky haze. And I was headed for Amsterdam, where I found off-season work assembling radios with a soldering iron.

I've been back to the Netherlands a few times to visit the friends I made on the farm so long ago, with Sue and daughter Becky in tow. It's hard to find anyone who doesn't speak English these days. There's still a labor shortage on the bulb farms, nowadays filled by Polish

immigrants. I have a soft spot in my heart for fragrant hyacinths, planted in the fall to bloom the following April.

I never did get my itch pay.

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

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## East Fishkill Recreation

By Bill Green

This Sunday, December 4 at the East Fishkill Community Center we'll be having our annual Tree-Lighting Ceremony from 5-7pm. There will be refreshments, Christmas musical fun with Bob Martinson, many activities, gifts, and some special visitors including Mr. & Mrs. Claus. Make plans to attend. Our multi-talented Recreation Maintenance staff along with Christine Selback and the Recreation Department will have the entire area beautifully seasonally decorated with additional fun displays. Bring those camera-phones! East Fishkill Rotary will be co-sponsoring this popular event. Hot Chocolates and Toasted Marshmallows are on the menu!

If you are going on our Sunday, December 11 bus trip to NYC for the new Neil Diamond play "A Beautiful Noise" please be at the Community by 10:45 a.m. Because of so much interest, a second trip to "A Beautiful Noise" is being scheduled for early March 2023. Compete details will be available in a few weeks.

Our sign-ups for the Thunder Ridge Ski Area's reduced fees for skiing and snowboarding for East Fishkill residents is now completed. The snow fun begins in January.

Games begin in our Winter Youth Basketball League this weekend at Gayhead Elementary, Van Wyck Junior High and John Jay High School. This League is for youngsters in grades 3-12. All teams are now filled.

You may still join our Men's Winter Basketball and Adult Coed Volleyball which meet Sundays at 9am at Van Wyck JHS. Volleyball also meets on Tuesday evenings from 7-9pm. The fee is \$60 non-residents and \$40 for residents.

Our next Casino trip is set for Sunday January 15, 2023 to the Resorts Catskill Casino. The fee is \$40 and in return you'll receive \$25 free slot play and a \$15 food voucher. Sign-ups begin next week.

If you have any recreation questions or concerns go to [EastFishkillRecreation.com](http://EastFishkillRecreation.com) or [recreation1@eastfishkillny.gov](mailto:recreation1@eastfishkillny.gov) or give us a call at 845-226-8395.





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<b>Notice of Public Hearing Town of East Fishkill Planning Board Legal Notice</b> NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Town of East Fishkill Planning Board on December 20, 2022, at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. This meeting will include an application, submitted by Salvatore Spezzale (Applicant and Owner) seeking approval of a 2-lot subdivision. The application involves tax lot number 6556-01-434927, located at 2808 Route 52, Hopewell Junction, NY. The parcel is located in the R-1 (Residential) Zoning District. During the public hearing, all who wish to speak will be heard. A copy of this application is on file in the Planning Department and is available for inspection. The Planning Department is open Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. November 30, 2022 By order of the Town of East Fishkill Planning Board	known 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; LVNV	FUNDING LLC; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; JUDITH CROFT, "JOHN DOE #2" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last eleven names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants. To the above named Defendants YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State.	The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you. <b>NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT</b> THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$334,478.00 and interest, recorded on February 28, 2007, in Official Record Document Number 01 2007 3014, of the Public Records of DUTCHESS County, New York, covering premises known as 36 BROTHERS ROAD, POUGHQUAG, NY 12570. <b>The relief sought in the within action is a</b>	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. <b>NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME</b> 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. <b>Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action.</b> <b>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.</b> Dated: November 21, 2022 ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Attorney for Plaintiff Matthew Rothstein, Esq. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310 Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675
<b>SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK INDEX NO. 2019-53861 COUNTY OF DUTCHESS Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS as the place of trial situs of the real property</b> <b>SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS</b> <b>Mortgaged Premises:</b> 36 BROTHERS ROAD, POUGHQUAG, NY 12570 <b>Section:</b> 6758, Block: 04, Lot: 943175 SBC BANK USA, N.A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED NOTE-HOLDERS OF RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2007-2, Plaintiff, vs. HEIDI SEELBACH, THE DUTCHESS COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE AS LIMITED ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE ESTATE OF FRANK JOSEPH ROBINSON JR., ; GILLIAN A. ROBINSON, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF FRANK J. ROBINSON; JOHN ROBINSON, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF FRANK J. ROBINSON; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF FRANK J. ROBINSON, any and all persons un-	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LEGAL NOTICE</b></p> <p>The following entitled bond resolution has been adopted on November 9, 2022, 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.</p> <p>Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York,  November 21, 2022</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Leigh Wager Clerk, County Legislature</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>RESOLUTION NO. 2022180</b> <b>BOND RESOLUTION DATED NOVEMBER 9, 2022</b> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,835,170 SERIAL BONDS AND EXPENDITURE OF \$75,000 AVAILABLE MONIES OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE PURCHASE OF MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, FOR SAID COUNTY</p> <p>WHEREAS, the capital project hereinafter described, as proposed, has been determined to be a Type II Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, which regulations state that Type II Actions will not have a significant effect on the environment; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the financing of such capital project; NOW, THEREFORE</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess, New York, as follows:</p> <p>Section 1. The purchase of maintenance machinery, apparatus and equipment, each item of which costs \$30,000 or over, in and for the County of Dutchess, New York, including incidental equipment and expenses in connection therewith, is hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$1,835,170.</p> <p>Section 2. (a) The plan for the financing of such maximum estimated cost shall be by the issuance of \$1,835,170 bonds of said County hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law;</p> <p>(b) In addition, the purchase of other maintenance machinery, apparatus and equipment, each item of which does not cost \$30,000 or over, is hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$75,000 and the plan for the financing thereof is by the appropriation and expenditure of \$75,000 available funds.</p> <p>Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes described in Sections 1 and 2(a) hereof, is fifteen years, pursuant to subdivision 28 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the bonds herein authorized will exceed five years.</p> <p>Section 4. The faith and credit of said County of Dutchess, New York, are hereby irrevocable pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. To the extent not paid from other sources, there shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said County, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.</p>	<p>Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Commissioner of Finance, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.</p> <p>Section 6. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as she shall deem best for the interests of the County; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, she shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the Commissioner of Finance shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.</p> <p>Section 7. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the County of Dutchess, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the Commissioner of Finance and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted or impressed there on and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the County Clerk.</p> <p>Section 8. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the County by the facsimile signature of the Commissioner of Finance, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the County), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the Commissioner of Finance. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the County not to impose and collect from registered owners of such serial bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Commissioner of Finance shall determine.</p> <p>Section 9. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.1502. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.</p> <p>Section 10. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said County is not authorized to expend money, or</li> <li>The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or</li> <li>Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.</li> </ol> <p>Section 11. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in full in <b>The Poughkeepsie Journal</b> and <b>The Southern Dutchess News</b>, the official newspapers of said County, together with a notice of the Clerk of the County Legislature in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.</p>			

# Ulster Savings Bank to host Holiday Celebration and Community Appreciation Day Dec. 3



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

\*No account opening is required and will not increase your chances of winning. Employees and immediate family members of Ulster Savings Bank and its subsidiaries are not eligible to win. Entrants must be 18 years of age or older. One entry per person. Taxes, if applicable, are the responsibility of the winner.

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## U.S. Marines list Toys for Tots collection sites in Dutchess

The United States Marine Corp has begun its 75th year of collecting toys for the national Toys for Tots program. In Dutchess County, that means one will see more than 100 collection boxes spread throughout the county! Between now and December 10, one may leave donations of new, unwrapped toys to be donated to children in our county. For a list of locations hosting collection boxes in the area see below. If one is in need of toys for the holidays, please sign up at ToysForTots.org. If a location has a box and is not on the list, or if one would like a collection box, please send an email to DutchessToysForTots2022@gmail.com and they will add you.

Amenia: Ritchie's Deli, Amenia Free Library, Great Cape Baking Company  
 Beacon: Sal's Pizza & Pasta, Howland Public Library, Blend Beacon, Fire Department Station 1, Glazed Over Donuts, Beacon Falls Café

Clinton Corners: Jeanie Bean & Family Delicatessen

Dover: Freshco 22, Dover Plains Library

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

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

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

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

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

Millerton: American Legion Post 178, NorthEast-Millerton Library, Talk of the

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

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

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

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

Poughquag: TEG, Pleasant Ridge Pizzeria, Beekman Square Diner

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

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

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

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

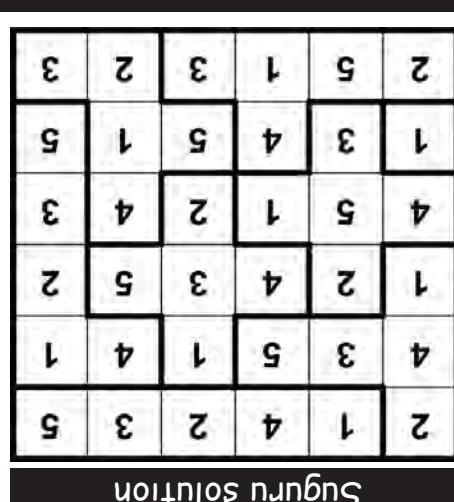
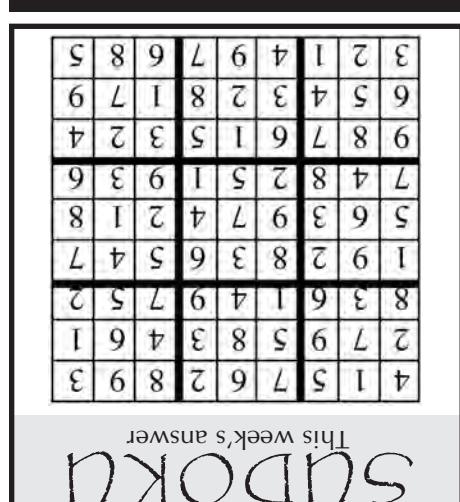
Stanfordville: Big Rock Market, Roosters Route 82 Home and Hardware Center, McCarthy's Pharmacy

Tivoli: Tivoli Fire Department, Tivoli Free Library

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

Wingdale: Ben's Deli

## this week's puzzle solutions



An online group hosted by East Fishkill Community Library where knitters, stitchers, crocheters alike meet to work and talk about their projects. This group is open to all levels of experience and all different types of knitting and stitching; whether it's hand-sew, embroidery, etc. This group is facilitated by local knitter, designer and teacher Jaya Srikrishnan. Meets alternate Tuesdays from 6:30 – 8 p.m. The meetings for December will meet on December 6 and 20.

Register online through the calendar at <http://www.EFLibrary.org> or call the Library at 845-221-9943. Email address is required so we can send you the GoToMeeting link to the program.

## Knitters group to meet in E.F.

# Diversions

## SUDOKU

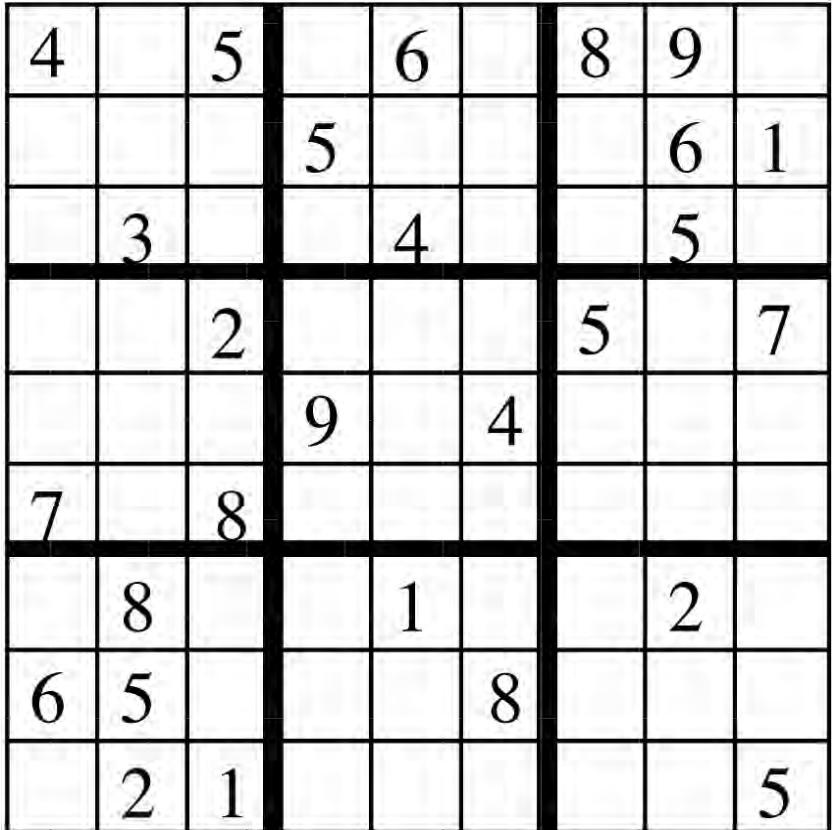
Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.

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

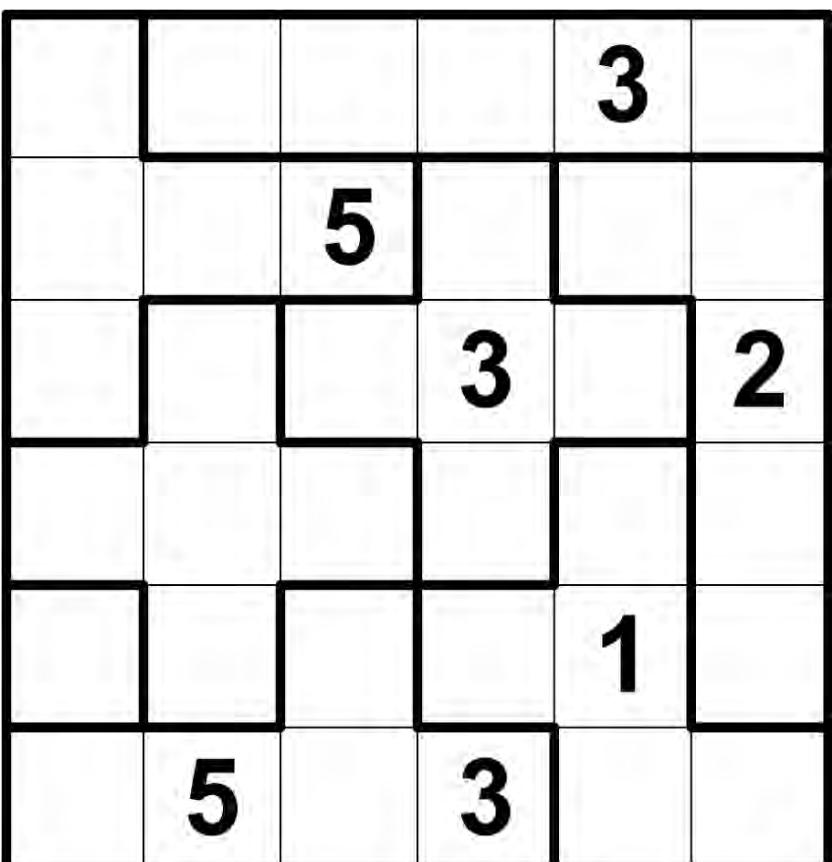
Each row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.

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

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



## Suguru



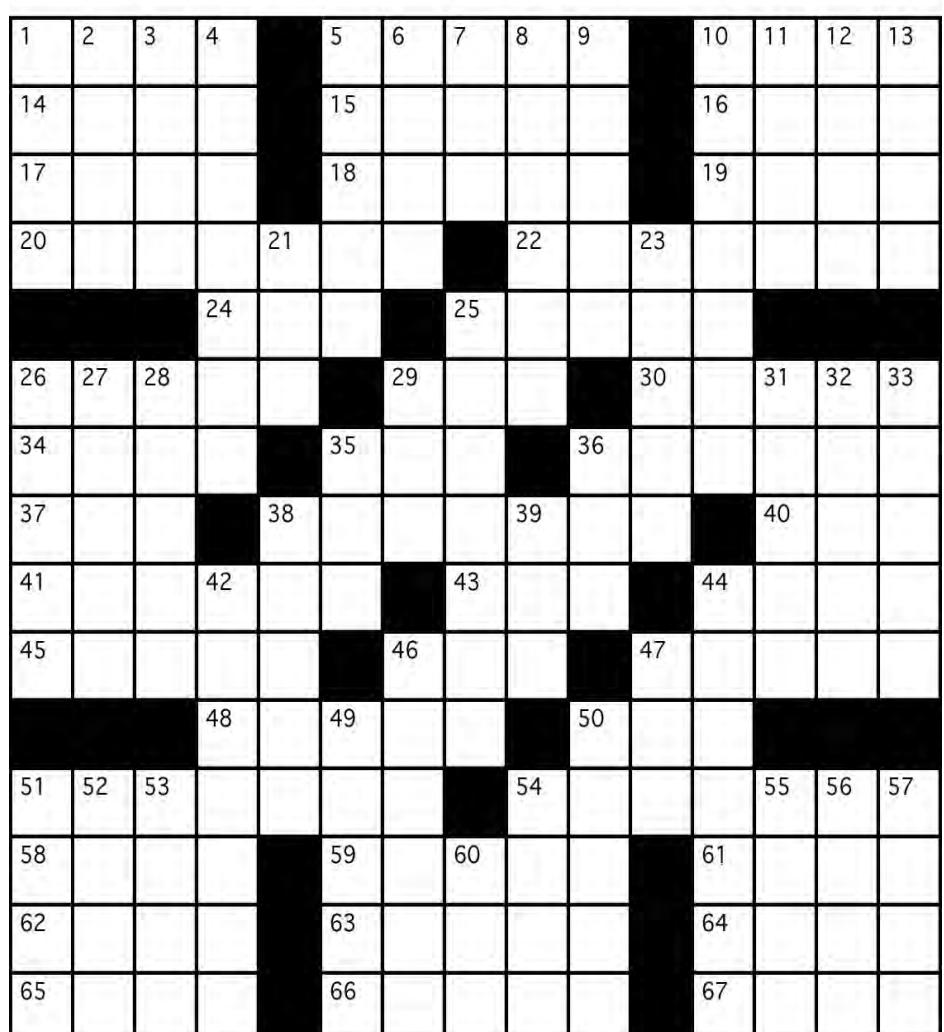
The heavy lines indicate areas, called cages, from one to five squares in size. Fill each cage with unique digits, counting up from 1. So for example a 2-square cage contains the numbers 1 and 2; and a 5-square cage contains the numbers from 1 to 5. Adjacent (touching) squares, even ones that touch diagonally,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

### ACROSS

1. Spilled the beans
5. “\_\_ on you!”
10. Rifle contents
14. Muffin topper
15. Mr. Simpson
16. Placed
17. Half of a famous couple
18. Church feature
19. Good-hearted
20. Drive crazy
22. Pours
24. Treasury Dept. bureau
25. Plastic replica
26. Refrigerator brand
29. Word with bone or breaker
30. Judge's comments
34. Specks
35. One way to send something
36. Surgical beams
37. From \_\_ Z
38. Seaman
40. Illuminated
41. Consider
43. Beverage container
44. \_\_ time; never
45. Trick's alternative
46. Final bill
47. More astute
48. Coarse material
50. Atlantic, to a Frenchman
51. Part of the hearing organ
54. Heart and gizzard
58. 46 dozen togas
59. Lived
61. Sacred Greek image
62. Ending for Ann or Nan
63. Sea duck
64. Forbidden action
65. Denials
66. Kidney problem
67. Sufficiency, to a poet

### DOWN

1. One with warts
2. Ancient, once
3. Edward or Norman
4. Spheres of influence
5. Certain carpets
6. Gopher's home
7. Quantity: abbr.
8. Grassy expanse
9. Goofed
10. Lye and potash
11. Primary
12. Breath freshener
13. Likelihood
21. Gun rights org.
23. Furniture wood
25. Most
26. Make suitable
27. Engine
28. Make reparation
29. Cookie container
31. Bretons and Welsh
32. Threesome
33. John Jacob \_\_
35. Wide's partner, in phrase
36. Part of a journey
38. British measurement
39. Member of the Daughters of Mary
42. Longlegs and Warbucks
44. Delta, for one
46. Ninny
47. Network
49. Risqué portraits
50. Item for a British bishop
51. Perfect place
52. Chorale member
53. Church formality
54. Secluded canyon
55. Univ. subject
56. \_\_ avail
57. Weather forecast
60. Nigerian tribe



# Food Truck Friday fuels local food bank



Tompkins Community Bank recently hosted Food Truck Friday at its Hopewell Junction branch, serving complimentary lunches to its customers from the Cluck Truck. In addition to serving up delicious meals, Tompkins also made a \$500 contribution to the East Fishkill Rotary Club to empower the Hudson Valley's local food banks as the holiday season approaches.

Pictured left to right: Glenn Wu, Tompkins Residential Mortgage Originator; Patricia Roden, Tompkins Vice President and Branch Manager; Dave Koehler, Secretary for East Fishkill Rotary Club; Jeff Begor, President for East Fishkill Rotary Club; Roy Bartels, Treasurer for East Fishkill Rotary Club; Dave DeMilia, President, Tompkins Hudson Valley.

-Courtesy photo

## EFCL to host book club Dec. 1

The East Fishkill Community Library on December 1, at 6:30 p.m. will have the EFCL Evening Book Group meets to discuss this month's book Horse by Geraldine Brooks. Copies of the book are available within the Library system. All are welcome to come and join in the

discussion of this work.

Call the Library at 845-221-9943 for more information.

Chartered in 1938, the East Fishkill Community Library is a member of the Mid-Hudson Library System. The library is at 348 Route 376 in East Fishkill.

**West Point Band presents  
'A West Point Holiday' Dec. 3, 4**



*The West Point Band will present "A West Point Holiday" on Dec. 3 and Dec. 4.  
-Courtesy photo*

The West Point Band will present "A West Point Holiday" on December 3 at 2 p.m., and December 4 at 2 p.m. at Eisenhower Hall Theatre. Celebrate the most wonderful time of the year with a Hudson Valley favorite featuring treasured holiday songs and stories. These performances are free and open to the public; seating is open and no tickets are required. All visitors attending an event at Eisenhower Hall Theatre should be prepared to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination or negative PCR or antigen test. For more information, visit [westpointband.com](http://westpointband.com).

Escape the bleak midwinter and head to comfy-cozy Eisenhower Hall Theatre to ring in the holidays with the very merry musicians of the West Point Band. The West Point Holiday Show is wholesome family fun for all ages, featuring a variety of seasonal hits from classic carols to contemporary jingle-bell-rock n' roll. The West Point Band will present songs celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, and the magic of the winter season, including West Point holiday classics that you won't hear anywhere else.

Please note: all visitors attending an event at Eisenhower Hall Theatre should be prepared to show one of the following: proof of COVID-19 vaccination, fully vaccinated; negative PCR test, medically administered within 72 hours prior to the event; or negative antigen test, medically administered within 24 hours prior to the event. Because of the dynamic nature of COVID, this policy could change before your event. Please visit [westpointband.com](http://westpointband.com) for updates.

Established in 1817, the West Point Band is the Army's oldest musical organization and continues to provide world-class music to educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets and to serve as ambassadors of the United States Military Academy and the Army to local, national, and international communities.

For concert information, cancellations, and updates, call 845-938-2617 or visit [www.westpointband.com](http://www.westpointband.com). West Point Band news can also be found by following us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Twitter.

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