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## Kyriacou offers State of the City

By Kristine Coulter

Mayor Lee Kyriacou offered his first State of the City during the City Council meeting on January 30. The six topics Kyriacou spoke about were: financial health, improving public service, infrastructure, quality of life, sustainability and good government.

"Given that it is my first report, it will be a little longer, and extend to include some items across my first three years as Mayor," Kyriacou explained.

Kyriacou, who is beginning his fourth year in office, said previous mayors have offered a State of the City Address. He noted shortly-after his term began, the global COVID-19 pandemic hit.

"As Mayor, I had to shift from working on issues like weekend traffic on Main Street, to providing regular broadcasts on COVID counts and precautions, keeping City Hall and City services operating safely, avoiding a total Main Street shutdown, and urging everyone to do their part and stick together," he said.

According to Kyriacou, "Beacon's financial position is the best in memory." The mayor said, "Throughout my 20+ years of service to the City as councilmember and now as Mayor, I have always been the taxpayers' fiscal watchdog, working to limit property tax increases, while expanding services and investing in the City's infrastructure."

He talked about the negotiations with Dutchess County that resulted in a new 10-year Sales Tax sharing agreement. The agreement, he said, will provide an additional \$1 million in revenue to the City in 2023 and add approximately \$20 million to the budget over the next 10 years.

"To put into context, \$1 million a year is almost 10% of our total property taxes. This new revenue increase lets us hold the line on property taxes, add community services, and continue critical capital investments for Beacon's future," the Mayor said.

"The City Administrator secured an additional half million dollars in annual water/sewer fees from non-resident users, which allows us to keep Beacon's water/sewer rates low, and to continue modernizing our facilities," noted the Mayor.

Kyriacou also noted that the City has stayed below the state-mandated property tax cap the past three years he has been in office.

"We have a great bond rating," remarked Kyriacou, which is Aa2 with Moody's.

"The City and taxpayers benefited from the addition of more than \$115 million in new construction to our assessment rolls in the last three years. That new construction has added about 7% (2.0-2.5% per year) of new property tax revenue without increasing any existing property owner's tax bill – which the City uses to increase services and investment," Kyriacou remarked.

A five-year Capital Program was recently developed and passed, said Kyriacou.

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## Puppy Bowl to feature ARF dog

By Kristine Coulter

Will it be Team Ruff or Team Fluff? That is the question of this year's Puppy Bowl. Bea, a Heeler-mix pup, will be making her television debut in the annual Puppy Bowl on Feb 12, the same day as the Super Bowl, when the Kansas City Chiefs will play the Philadelphia Eagles. Bea will be playing on Team Ruff.

Cassi Paupst is a board member with the Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) in Beacon where Bea was before her adoption. Cassi traveled with Bea to upstate New York, where the Puppy Bowl was filmed.

"We found out Bea would participate in the Puppy Bowl in September 2022," said Cassi. At the time of filming, Bea was 10-11 weeks old. "She made many friends and enjoyed filming!" exclaimed Cassi.

Since filming, Bea, who is now around 7 months old, was adopted by Colin and Sarah.

"We met Bea and her sister Honey at the same time. We renamed her Pepper! It was such a tough decision between the two, but Pepper had such a friendly personality, big expressive eyes, and those adorable black ears and a big black spot. We knew she was deaf, and we didn't think twice about whether or not we could handle the additional challenge. It was a pretty quick choice on our end, and she seemed to connect with us quickly too," Colin and Sarah shared via email.

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Bea will be featured in this year's Puppy Bowl on Animal Planet on February 12. Bea has been adopted and renamed Pepper since the Puppy Bowl filming.

-Courtesy photo Animal Planet

## 'There has to be a give and take'

Poughkeepsie couple met in Germany, married for 58 years



Above, Poughkeepsie residents Karin and William "Bill" Bogle on their wedding day in 1958 in Germany and, right, renewing their vows in the same German church for their 50th anniversary.

-Courtesy photos

Editor's note: Each year for Valentine's Day, we at the Beacon Free Press interview a couple who have been married for more than 50 years.

By Kristine Coulter

Karin and William "Bill" Bogle have been married for 58 years. The Poughkeepsie residents were married in Germany on July 18, 1964. Bill was in the service when they met.

"I was in the Army. My first and only deployment when I was on active duty,"

Bill recalled recently. He was 20 years old at the time of his deployment.

"I went downtown, and I met her (Karin). It was a young people's place to hang out," he said.

Karin's family had lived in East Germany but were now in West Germany. Karin said she was "very obedient" to her father. That day, however, she told her dad she was going to a relative's house but went downtown. There she would meet her future husband.

"A few of my girlfriends were sitting

there. I saw two men. One with a red jacket... his firefighter jacket," said Karin. "He turned around and said, 'Do you speak English?' and I said, 'A little bit.' That's how it started."

Bill was transferred to Oldenburg in Germany.

They became engaged on Christmas Eve in 1963 at Karin's house.

"His parents came over to Germany for the wedding," Karin recalled.

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# Poughkeepsie couple met in Germany, married for 58 years



Above, Karin and Bill Bogle during a recent visit to the Poughkeepsie Senior Center. Right, The couple on their wedding day, July 18, 1964.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter, courtesy photo



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In Germany they had to get married in a government ceremony first. They then got married in a Lutheran church and held a reception. About 40-50 people celebrated the day with them.

For their 50th anniversary one of their nieces organized everything so they went back to Germany to renew their vows in the church where they were married.

"When we met him, it was like we knew him for years," Bill said of the pastor who led their vow renewal ceremony. "I told him, 'See a family that prays together stays together.'" That service was done in German and English.

When they were first married, Bill did not know if Karin would be able to get on the ship with him after he was discharged and ordered back to the U.S. Bill was given his orders to go on the ship. He reported to the ship. There was a sergeant whom he gave all his papers to and who introduced Bill to the captain. The captain, said Bill, told him, "Your wife is on the boat." I nearly passed out."

In 1974, Karin became a naturalized

U.S. citizen.

Asked how their marriage lasted for more than five decades, Bill replied, "I'm like 'Yes, dear. Yes, dear.' I can't stand fighting. I've done a lot wrong, but forgiveness is extremely important. And for a man to never think he is boss. You can't have it that way. It won't work."

"A lot of times I give in. You have to give in. It's not that everything is perfect, but you have to get together. It's only 10 minutes later that we get together and laugh again. I have to let go, otherwise it's a burden to carry," said Karin.

The couple has two children, Nancy and Bob. They have four grandchildren. The couple raised their family in Pleasant Valley. They moved to Poughkeepsie a couple of decades ago.

Bill and Karin hope to make it back to Germany to visit the church where they exchanged their wedding vows for their 60th anniversary.

As for what advise they would offer couples getting married.

Karin said trust God.

Bill said it has to be a give and take, and there has to be forgiveness.

# Kyriacou offers State of the City

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Regarding public safety, Kyriacou said during COVID the City services were always opened, while "we worked closely with City employees to safely keep virtually all City services open..."

"For the first time ever, the Mayor's Budget added \$200,000 to address a local ambulance service crisis, both contracting for new advanced life support ambulance service and subsidizing BVAC (Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps)," stated Kyriacou.

There have been policing review and improvements made, he said. He noted the Help Not Handcuffs program which Beacon is now a part of and the hiring of a full-time mental health caseworker.

"In response to the Governor's Executive Order 203, the Mayor created a diverse and representative Police Advisory Committee, which produced a police reform plan and continues to review and recommend improvements to the City's policing," said Kyriacou.

Four full-time firefighters were added and four lieutenant positions were created in the City of Beacon Fire Department, he said.

The next topic of infrastructure, Kyriacou talked about the more than two dozen streets that have been repaved. He remarked on the Main Street repaving and "new pedestrian crossing improvements." Updates were made to two dams, Pocket Dam and Mount Beacon Dam.

"This spring we will begin a full rehabilitation of Fishkill/Teller Ave, from the Route 52 city limit to George Washington's bust, including new sidewalks. It is a \$10 million investment 20 years in the making, at almost no cost to City," said the Mayor. He noted the dummy light was restored and reinstalled.

Quality of life, Kyriacou, said has improved with the updates to Parks and Recreation investments. Bathrooms have been reopened in parks. Trees have been included in the budget, he noted. There are new sidewalks on South Ave. Funding, for programs like The Green Teens, was also noted by the mayor.

Kyriacou stated, "After two decades of

studies, we have begun renovation and expansion of the Tompkins Hose Fire Station on Route 9D into a state-of-the-art central fire station - while maintaining full firefighting coverage during construction."

"We also tightened up our zoning," said Kyriacou. He said, "On Main Street, the City now requires developers to offer public benefits, such as affordable housing or public space, in return for a fourth floor. Along Fishkill Creek and the Hudson, we require 25% minimum commercial space for new construction."

Kyriacou remarked, "Beacon is a leader in affordable housing and is looking for smart ways to do more. 30% of Beacon's rental units are in affordable housing programs (only the City of Poughkeepsie is higher in the County). The City sold the lot next to City Hall, resulting in 73 new affordable units (significantly exceeding a County study that set Beacon's annual goal at five), and we are exploring additional rezoning or other opportunities."

Kyriacou said the Danskammer Plant, which would have been in Newburgh in Orange County, was denied permits. He testified against the plant. Beacon is one of the first communities to add a Climate Smart Coordinator, he said. The pilot Compost program is expanding this year.

The City has added both all-electric and hybrid City vehicles, he said, that replace heavily used vehicles first. The central fire station renovations at Tompkins Hose, across from City Hall, will be 100% electric, said Kyriacou.

Regarding good government, Kyriacou said there are now multi-year agreements with the three City unions and there is a new full-time Human Resources Director.

"Our new City employees, including in both police and fire departments, continue to become more diverse and representative of our community, while making us all safer and delivering outstanding service," the mayor remarked.

"In closing, as I said at the outset, the state of the City is excellent. I am proud of the work we have accomplished together as a community," he said.

"Of course, there is more to do, but let's take a moment to appreciate what's been done," Kyriacou concluded.

# Beacon Recreation

By Heidi Harrison

Grocery Distributions: 1st Wednesday of the month for everyone 3rd Wednesday of the month seniors 60+ or families with seniors at Beacon Recreation 23 West Center St. & Memorial Park 9 - 10 a.m.

Prom dress donations needed: Free for Beacon High School Students. Please no rips or stains. Please place on hanger. Call or email Heidi Harrison at Beacon Recreation for drop off information 845-765-2470 hharrison@beaconny.gov.

Dutchess BOCES English as a second

language: Mondays & Wednesdays 9 a.m. - noon.

Cardio Hip Hop: Every Wednesday 10:30 - 11:15 a.m., Drop Ins Welcome, \$15/class \$5/seniors

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# Renegades, DBH start Phase One upgrades to Dutchess Stadium

By Rich Thomaselli

As the area's only professional team, you know about the Hudson Valley Renegades.

You also know that Dutchess Stadium is almost ancient at nearly 30 years old. Remember that the stadium was put up quickly in April of 1994. And with Major League Baseball changing its operating standards practically every year, it needs some work.

The Renegades ownership, Diamond Baseball Holdings (DBH), has announced the commencement of major capital upgrades to Dutchess Stadium prior to the 2023 season.

"This first major wave of construction at the ballpark is necessary to create a better, safer environment for Renegades players at the park," said Tyson Jeffers, General Manager of the Renegades. "These are necessary upgrades to improve player training and development facilities, and enhance player safety – ensuring that affiliated, professional baseball can exist in the Hudson Valley for years to come. Additionally, it will enhance the experience for our local college student-athletes and youth baseball players who use the field throughout the year."

Phase One consists of player-facing upgrades to Dutchess Stadium, including the construction of a brand new, padded outfield wall for enhanced player safety and a cleaner, more modern aesthetic to the ballpark. The right field clubhouse

building is also being gutted and completely renovated to provide facilities for players, coaches, and umpires that conform to modern needs and requirements, as outlined in Major League Baseball's Player Development License (PDL).

This includes larger spaces for training areas and a video room, dedicated locker room space for female coaches and umpires, and the conversion of the visiting clubhouse space to a state-of-the-art weight training facility. For the 2023 season, visiting teams will move to a temporary clubhouse before occupying the right field building for themselves upon completion of the new home clubhouse in 2024.

Additionally, the batting cages in right field are being enclosed to create a training facility that can be used by both teams in all weather. Subsequent phases of work at the ballpark are set to commence in the coming months, with details to follow. Phase One construction is being performed by Holt Construction Company's Hudson Valley division.

The Renegades routinely draw more than 4,000 fans a night into the small facility and it underwent a seating makeover several years ago. But this is far more ambitious and part of the MLB standards for minor league franchises. The Renegades are the high Class A farm team of the New York Yankees.

The improvements are also required by Major League Baseball in order to keep



Construction is underway enclosing the batting cages to create a training facility that can be used by both teams in all weather.

-Courtesy photo

the team here as part of the Player Development Contract. And the Renegades are in a lucrative situation as a farm team of the richest club in baseball. Not to mention the proximity to Yankee Stadium. Already, the Renegades have had several players called up to the big leagues.

The projects are being overseen by former Renegades president and general manager Steve Gliner, in his new role as a consultant to Diamond

Baseball Holdings.

The past few years have already seen significant improvements including replacing and upgrading stadium seats, the installation of state-of-the-art, energy-efficient LED lights, and the repavement of the parking lots. Over the next 18 months, the Renegades, DBH and Dutchess County are embarking on several projects to transform the stadium for baseball and community events.

# Sergio Santos named 18th manager of Renegades

The New York Yankees have announced their minor league field and support staffs for the 2023 season. Sergio Santos will take over as the manager of the Hudson Valley Renegades, the Yankees High-A affiliate.

Santos takes over as the 18th manager in team history and third in three years during the Yankees era. He is joined on the coaching staff by Pitching Coach Preston Claiborne (1st season), Hitting Coach Kevin Martir (1st season), and Defensive Coaches Rob Benjamin (2nd season) and Derek Woodley (1st season). They will be joined by Athletic Trainer Brandon Rodríguez (1st season), Strength Coach Isiah McDonald (1st season), Clubhouse Manager Ryan Shute (3rd season), Video & Travel Assistant Carlos Cespedes (1st season), and Advanced Scouting Analyst Matt Wells (1st season).

"I'm extremely excited for the start of the season," said Santos. "I know our staff is top-notch, and I'm looking forward to the players who are going to be here and experience the Hudson Valley. I hope everyone comes and supports the Renegades because it's going to be a great year."

Santos begins his second season coaching in the Yankees organization in 2023, and his first with the Renegades. In 2022, he managed the FCL Yankees to the Florida Complex League Championship, defeating the FCL Rays 2-1 in the FCL Championship Series. The team finished with a 38-17 (.691) record, winning the FCL North by 10.0 games and posting the second-best record in the league. Prior to joining the Yankees, Santos was a coach and mentor at the MLB Urban Youth Academy in Compton,



Sergio Santos

California from 2018-22. Born in Los Angeles, Santos was selected in the first round (27th overall) of the 2002 First-Year Player Draft by the Arizona Diamondbacks out of Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana, California. He spent the first seven seasons of his professional career as a shortstop before converting to pitching in 2009. He made his Major League debut on April 8, 2010 with a scoreless relief inning for the Chicago White Sox. Santos pitched for six seasons in the majors with the White Sox (2010-11), Blue Jays (2012-14), Dodgers (2015) and Yankees (2015).

Santos racked up a career-high 30 saves in 2011 with Chicago, and across 194 career MLB appearances posted a 3.98 ERA and

11.2 strikeouts per nine innings. During the 2011 season, Santos established a new Major League record by posting 25 straight scoreless appearances on the road to start the season, a record that had previously been held by Mariano Rivera. His time in the majors with the Yankees lasted only 3.0 innings across two appearances before an elbow injury ended his

season.

He becomes only the sixth manager in Renegades history with MLB playing experience, joining Bump Wills (1995-96), Charlie Montoyo (1998), Edwin Rodríguez (1999), Dave Silvestri (2000), and Jared Sandberg (2010-12).

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### Veteran property tax exemptions will have 'positive impact'

**To the Editor:**

In November 2022, the Dutchess County Legislature passed two local laws which increased the veterans property tax exemption. One law enhanced the standard tax exemption, otherwise referred to as the "Alternative Veteran" and the other addressed Cold War veterans. These exemptions will be phased in during the 2024 and 2025 calendar years. Since these laws were created in 2005 and 2007, neither had ever been increased. As noted in the November 16, 2022, Southern Dutchess News publication, "Approximately 8,807 residents enjoy the Alternative Veterans Exemption, and 846 enjoy the Cold War Exemption." As a Fishkill resident, Veteran, and member of the Dutchess County Veterans Affairs Committee, I am keenly aware of the positive impact these exemptions will on our veteran households.

I would be remised if I didn't extend a special thank you to Legislator Deirdre Houston, who listened to our committee's recommendations and input, and championed them. I would also like to thank Chairman Gregg Pulver, Majority Leader Will Truitt and the Dutchess County Legislature for their unanimous support in assisting our veterans.

Virgil Capollari  
Fishkill

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### American Legion in Hopewell donates \$2,000 in gift cards



American Legion Post 1758 of Hopewell Junction donates \$2,000 in ShopRite gift cards to the Castle Point VA Food Pantry. Far left Commander Jim Reynolds, 2nd Vice John Polasko and far right Finance Officer John Call presented the cards to the food pantry staff.

-Courtesy photo

### State Police ask for public's help to identify individual

The New York State Police from the Wappinger barracks are attempting to identify the pictured individual in regard to a stolen vehicle.

On January 10, a vehicle was stolen from the driveway of a residence on State Route 9D in the town of Wappinger and later found in the city of Newburgh.

Anyone with information regarding the possible identity of the pictured individual is asked to please contact the New York State Police in Wappinger at 845-677-7300. Please refer to case # 11234309.

-Courtesy photo NYS Police



### Sheriff's Office investigating multiple cases of youth extortion via social media

The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office reports the investigation into multiple cases of local youths being extorted via social media over last week.

The extortion begins when the perpetrator befriends the child posing as someone their age on social media, then at some point asks the child to share explicit photos of themselves, stated the Sheriff's Office in a press release. Once the photos are shared, they then blackmail the child by telling them that the photos will be posted/shared with others unless money is paid. In some cases, the perpetrator asks for the money in the form of gift cards, because they know that many kids still have unspent cards from Christmas and using them is less likely to alert parents and other authority figures, states the release. So far the Sheriff's

Office has one case in which the perpetrator did in fact post the explicit photos of the child after not receiving the money that they demanded.

If anyone has any information about these cases, thinks they may be a victim, or knows someone who may be a victim they are urged to contact Detective Cohen at 845-486-3820 or via email at [jcohen@dutchessny.gov](mailto:jcohen@dutchessny.gov). The Sheriff's Office can also be contacted via the tipline at 845-605-CLUE (2583) or [dcsotips@gmail.com](mailto:dcsotips@gmail.com), and all information will be kept confidential.

Finally the Sheriff's Office would like to ask that parents and caregivers make their children aware of these incidents and reinforce the best ways for them to stay safe while using the internet and social media.

### Task Force announces arrest of City of Poughkeepsie resident for possession of controlled substance

The Dutchess County Drug Task Force reports the arrest of James Jenkins, 39, for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in third-degree with intent to sell. Jenkins, a City of Poughkeepsie resident, was arraigned in the City of Poughkeepsie Court and remanded to DCJ without bail.

On Jan. 27, Drug Task Force Agents with the assistance of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Unit and K-9 Unit executed a search warrant at the residence of James Jenkins on Virginia Ave in the City of Poughkeepsie where he was taken into custody without incident.

The Dutchess County Drug Task Force advises the public that crack cocaine can contain fentanyl, a deadly drug responsible for hundreds of deaths in Dutchess County, law enforcement stated. If anyone has information regarding this case or

about any other individuals selling drugs in Dutchess County, you are urged to contact the Drug Task Force confidential tip line at 845-463-6040 or by sending an email to the following web address: [DrugTaskForceTips@gmail.com](mailto:DrugTaskForceTips@gmail.com)

The Dutchess County Drug Task Force encourages anyone seeking assistance with drug addiction or treatment to call the Dutchess County HELPLINE at 845-485-9700, or walk into the Stabilization Center at 230 North Road in Poughkeepsie 845-486-2849. This contact is available 24/7/365 to help you get connected to the services you need. You can also visit Dutchess County Government website at the following web address:

<https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/DBCH/alcohol-substance-use-services.htm>



# Dutchess County to host Black History Month events

As the nation this month celebrates the achievements and contributions African Americans have made and continue to make, Dutchess County is sponsoring free Black History Month events highlighting and invites residents to participate.

Dutchess County Government is sponsoring a free virtual presentation on February 23rd at 7 p.m. by Dutchess County Historical Society Executive Director Bill Jeffway, who will discuss the introduction of a forthcoming interpretive trail that links the Walkway Over the Hudson to Poughkeepsie's College Hill Park and shares the stories of Black residents with a new generation of visitors. The western end of the new Walkway Freedom Trail will introduce the story of Sojourner Truth and local efforts to assist freedom seekers passing through the area. The eastern end of the trail is anchored at College Hill Park, where Frederick Douglass electrified an audience of thousands during his August 1858 visit to Poughkeepsie. Between these two points, visitors will learn the stories of otherwise forgotten individuals who demonstrated the moral courage and determination to strive in the face of oppression and prejudice. For more information on the trail and RSVP instructions on the program, please visit <https://dchsny.org/walkway-freedom>.

Josayne Anderson-Tejera, Equal Employment Opportunity and Inclusion Officer for Dutchess County Government, said, "Whether they be historical, cultural, political, or economic achievements, the accomplishments of Black Americans have led to a more advanced and thriving com-



*Josayne Anderson-Tejera, Equal Employment Opportunity and Inclusion Officer for Dutchess County Government, speaks to students during a previous event.*

*-Courtesy photo*

munity – globally, nationally and locally. Dutchess County is proud to inspire current and future generations to similarly contribute to the vivid tapestry that is the county in which we live, work, and raise our families. We look forward to ongoing County-sponsored events, which will help ensure the legacy of African Americans in Dutchess

County will always be remembered."

Other Black History Month observances taking place locally include:

- Dutchess Community College (DCC) will host a Black Professionals in Science, Engineering and Technology panel on Thursday, February 9th at 12:30 p.m. at Dutchess Hall 101, featuring local personnel

from IBM. The event, which is free and open to all with the aim of deepening and connecting Black and other minority peoples to technological pursuits, will explore the journeys of Black professionals in Tech, examine their personal and professional evolutions, and gain insight into how Blackness is experienced in the STEM community.

- DCC will also hold its two-day Black Solidarity Conference on February 16-17th, a free event open to all, dedicated to literacy, education, and building socially just communities. Presented with the support of the Dutchess Community College Foundation, Dutchess Community College Writing Center, Ritz Library, The Hudson Valley LGBTQ+ Center, The SUNY Black Faculty and Staff Collective, the two days of events are open to all educators, students and the general public.

- The Hudson Valley Renegades have announced two month-long initiatives to highlight and celebrate local organizations and Black baseball pioneers. Throughout February, the Renegades plan to highlight Black-owned businesses and community organizations throughout the Mid-Hudson Valley in a bi-weekly feature on social media and on a dedicated page on the team's website [www.hvrenegades.com](http://www.hvrenegades.com); the team is also providing these organizations with tickets for use during the 2023 season. Additionally, a series of articles will be published by the Renegades, telling the stories of Black baseball pioneers with ties to New York baseball and the Hudson Valley.

## DCC to hold Black History Month events

Dutchess Community College has announced an exciting lineup of events to celebrate Black History Month (BHM), including the Black History Committee's third annual Black Solidarity Conference and Black Professionals in Science, Engineering & Technology Panel.

On Feb. 9 at 12:30 p.m. in Dutchess Hall, room 101, IBM leaders Mustafa Mah, Ali Duale and Marc Coq will speak on the Black Professionals in Science, Engineering & Technology Panel about their personal and professional journeys as Black professionals in tech.

The two-day Black Solidarity Conference, on Feb. 16 and 17, features programming centered on literacy, education and building socially just communities. DCC's Lyceum speaker event, "Black Solidarity Reads," will be on Feb. 16 with a welcoming tea scheduled for award-winning author Junauda Petrus-Nasah at 11:30 a.m. in the Ritz Lounge, with her reading at 12:30 p.m. in the James and Betty Hall Theatre. Next, on Feb. 16 at 2:30 p.m. in Bowne Hall, room

122, Dr. Robert Robertson (John Jay College) will lead a "Social Justice in Education Workshop" open to all educators in the community and within DCC; future educators are also encouraged to attend!

There will be four scholarly presentations on Feb. 17 in Bowne Hall, room 122. Emerging BIPOC Scholars recipients, August Smith (CUNY Graduate Center) and Omar Ndizeye (SUNY Binghamton) will give their respective talks: "The Edge of Empathy, Apathy and Education" at 10 a.m. and "A Life of Justice through Peacebuilding" at 1 p.m. Professors, Dr. Blair Proctor (SUNY New Paltz) and Dr. Robert Robinson (CUNY John Jay College), will speak on their topics, "From Pandemic to Pandemic" 11:15 a.m. and "Black Queer Pedagogies" at 2:15 p.m.

Chair of the Black History Committee and DCC English Professor, Willie Morris, is especially looking forward to highlighting the work of the Emerging BIPOC Scholars recipients; he says, "There is a different generation of

scholarship coming, and this award we've established is a chance for increased exposure and expanded academic discourse."

DCC President, Dr. Peter Grant Jordan, expresses the College's support of February's events: "At DCC, we are delighted to celebrate another Black History Month with a rich array of events and activities like those we will be hosting this February. It's a great opportunity to bring our community together, to learn and be inspired by the experiences, scholarship and artistic achievements of established and emerging Black leaders. This year's planning committee once again deserves our thanks and appreciation."

This year's programming comes with the kind support of the DCC Foundation, DCC Writing Center, DCC Ritz Library, Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center and SUNY Black Faculty and Staff Collective.

DCC's BHM events are free and open to the public. A full calendar with more details can be found here: [www.sunydutchess.edu/bhm](http://www.sunydutchess.edu/bhm).



*Award-winning author Junauda Petrus-Nasah will speak during a two-day Black Solidarity Conference at Dutchess Community Conference on Feb. 16.*

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# Howland Chamber Music Circle to present pianist



Howland Chamber Music Circle will present pianist Drew Petersen at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon on February 19.

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The Howland Chamber Music Circle is pleased to continue its winter Piano Festival with pianist Drew Petersen on Sunday, February 19 at 4 PM at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon. To purchase a ticket before they are gone, visit [howlandmusic.org](http://howlandmusic.org). The Howland Cultural Center is located in the heart of Beacon, on 477 Main Street. Please note that face masks are required while indoors.

Acclaimed young American pianist Drew Petersen is a sought-after soloist, recitalist, and chamber musician. He has been praised for his commanding and poetic performances of repertoire ranging from Bach to Zaimont, and is the recipient of the 2018 Avery Fisher Career

Grant, 2017 American Pianists Award, and the Christel DeHaan Fellow of the American Pianists Association.

Petersen is making his debut appearance in the Howland Chamber Music Circle series, with a program that features music by Corigliano, Chopin, Ravel, and Robert Schumann.

Since 1993, the Howland Chamber Music Circle has been bringing world-renowned musicians to perform for Hudson Valley audiences in Beacon, New York. Come hear chamber music as it is meant to be heard!

For more information on this performance or the Howland Chamber Music Circle, please visit [www.howlandmusic.org](http://www.howlandmusic.org).

# The Foundation for Beacon Schools to host 'Mid-Winter Celebration' February 16

By Kristine Coulter

The Foundation for Beacon Schools will host its "Mid-Winter Celebration" on February 16, from 6 - 9 p.m. The event will take place at the historic Beacon home of Advisory Board Member David Eberle. According to The FBS, there will be homemade hors d'oeuvres and desserts, mulled wine, other beverages. Attendees can also listen to live music performances from Judith Tulloch Band and Beacon High School musicians, Rowan Parsaca and Jonah Mensch.

Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Advance tickets available at [foundationforbeaconschools.org/midwinterparty](http://foundationforbeaconschools.org/midwinterparty). All community members are welcome.

"We thought this would be a great way to reach members of the community who may not yet have heard about the Foundation for Beacon Schools. Our host David Eberle recently joined our Advisory Board and generously offered his beautiful home as a backdrop for this lovely opportunity. We like to think of it

more as a "friendraiser" than a "fundraiser," said Kelly Ellenwood, with FBS.

The Foundation's mission is to support innovative learning opportunities and enrichment activities in all six schools in the Beacon City School District (BCSD) through fundraising, grantmaking, and strengthening community ties to Beacon's public schools.

"Attendees can expect a warm and intimate gathering with good food, great conversation, fantastic music - including two of Beacon High School's most talented young musicians - and information about the Foundation's mission and upcoming programs," Ellenwood said.

Funds raised from the event will go directly to the Foundation's fund for 2023 teacher grants and programming to support the Foundation's Beacon City School District Student Film Festival. "But our main goal for the event is to widen our reach in the community, and make a few more friends," remarked Ellenwood.

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# ARF dog to be in Puppy Bowl Sunday

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Colin and Sarah said, "We took Pepper home in mid-October, soon after she filmed the Puppy Bowl. She's such a smart, sweet dog and has been doing great in her training. Our neighborhood in Beacon has lots of dogs, and she's made a bunch of new friends. She loves going for walks at Madam

Brett Park and Dennings Point [in Beacon], and also loves to visit the farmer's market each week. Everyone on the street stops to say how cute she is. One day, we hope she'll become closer friends with our cats, Lewis and Clark!"

Asked if they will be watching the Puppy Bowl, Colin and Sarah replied, "Yes! We are hosting a Puppy Bowl party for our friends

and family, and even some of Pepper's doggie friends. She doesn't seem to have a clue about all the fuss we are making about her star turn."

Cassi said, "All of the volunteers are extremely excited to have one of our very own in the Puppy Bowl. This was our first Puppy Bowl experience, and it was absolutely amazing."

Asked how the Puppy Bowl would assist with ARF's mission, Cassi replied, "ARF is a 100% volunteer no-kill organization that was started in 1986 by Barbara Shea. We are small but try to help as many animals as possible. In addition to local surrenders, we rescue dogs and cats from southern states and have even brought cats in from Puerto Rico. Our mission is to rescue and find loving homes for as many animals as possible. And yes, sometimes that means their loving home has to be ARF! It is our hope that participating in the Puppy Bowl will bring attention to our rescue and the work we do



Bea will be featured in this year's Puppy Bowl on Animal Planet on February 12. Bea has been adopted and renamed Pepper since the Puppy Bowl filming.

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for the animals. With more awareness we will be able to find more homes and raise funds in order to continue rescuing and caring for the animals."

Asked what they would say to someone who is thinking about adopting from ARF, Sarah answered, "We cannot thank ARF enough for their work or recommend them highly enough for anyone seeking to adopt a pet. Colin volunteers there once a week, so we were already passionate about the organization, but after going through their very thorough adoption process, we are even bigger fans."

ARF is at 54 Simmons Lane in Beacon. For more information, or to learn how to donate, visit <https://www.arfbeacon.org>.

To see if Team Ruff or Team Fluff wins the Lombardy trophy, tune into the Puppy Bowl on Sunday, February 12 at 2 p.m. on Animal Planet.



# Hudson Valley man on a mission to spread Immune Health to the world

By Joe Doran

The Northern Dutchess and Southern Columbia corridor is rightly known as one of the most beautiful regions of the Hudson Valley and the world. But might it also be recognized one day for spreading the word about a one-of-a-kind natural immune system nutrition booster and glutathione precursor that supports many health conditions. It will if Joseph V. Cassarino has anything to say about it.

ProImmune® - Immune Formulation 200®, is a patent-pending dietary supplement that Joseph understands can make a difference in improving the health of just about anyone. Joseph says, A Google search of the word Glutathione with whatever is troubling you on the PubMed/National Institutes of Health website will provide thousands of research reports to show how Glutathione may help you.

## A Master Antioxidant, And A Happy Accident

When Joseph met the inventor of ProImmune, Dr. Albert Crum (M.D. MS, D.Sci-Hon) in Rhinebeck several years ago he was intrigued by the man and his professional work and Dr. Crum was intrigued and impressed over Joseph's background and business accomplishments. Dr. Crum asked Joseph to submit his resume and a professional business relationship and friendship formed. A graduate of Harvard Medical School, Dr. Crum gained renown both for his biochemistry research and a concern for humanity. He was awarded a Harvard Medical Student Research Fellowship and merited Honor grades for

his research, and holds a Master of Science degree from New York University, and a Doctor of Science (Hon.) degree from the University of Redlands (CA).

Dr. Crum has been called into counsel or Audiences with many world leaders, including an Audience with Pope John Paul II, now Pope Saint John Paul II, and with His Holiness the Dalai Lama and many others. In 1974, Dr. Crum, a nonsectarian, was awarded the Pope John XXIII (now Pope Saint John XXIII) Gold Medal with a sacred embedded Relic of Pope Saint John XXIII. Dr. Crum served as co-Chair of the U.S. Coordinating Committee Supporting the Nomination of His Holiness the Dalai Lama XIV of Tibet for the Nobel Peace Prize. Dr. Crum is also a 2018 Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award recipient.

"Dr. Crum made his groundbreaking scientific discovery over many years of laboratory research," says Joseph. "ProImmune is a scientific formula that he worked on to discover glutathione synthesis, and Dr. Crum's motivation was that he always felt that there should be a way, where the [human] cell could make its own glutathione exactly as nature intended." Joseph, an avid practitioner of a healthy life-style had never heard of glutathione. "The bottom line is, the average person has no awareness of glutathione. I didn't, before I met Dr. Crum four years ago. I'm 65 years old and I'm a health oriented person but I did not know how important glutathione is and I am discovering that most people do not know what glutathione is or

how toxins and stress inside the cells called, oxidative stress cause cells to decay or die and that glutathione helps the body reduce decay.

Joseph learned that glutathione is so important to the body and immune system and general health, that it is referred to as the "master antioxidant." And Dr. Crum, funded in part by \$88M if grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), was on the cutting edge of glutathione research. His work was trailblazing not only concerning understanding of what glutathione does. He also discovered a crucial combination of natural precursors nutrients that could help the body manufacture optimum amounts of glutathione at the cellular level.

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When Joseph came down with COVID, he was able to avoid a hospital visit, and fight off the virus without much trouble. I never even walked into a hospital and I am 65 years old. "I attribute that to a very strong immune system. And that's what ProImmune does. ProImmune builds the immune system. Why? Because it's reducing the oxidative stress, it's reducing the free radicals, it's reducing the toxins.

"By making the glutathione inside the cell, and only as much glutathione as the cell needs to reduce the toxins and the oxidative stress, discharging what it doesn't need, it actually is the most efficient and effective implementation, over any method of glutathione supplementation and I learned this by sitting in meetings with Dr. Crum's legal rep and with top scientists of



Joseph V. Cassarino

the world."

Joseph V. Cassarino has developed an ecommerce website that offers free shipping [www.thebestimmunesupport.com](http://www.thebestimmunesupport.com) "I put so much education concerning the product onto the website," says Joseph. "There's the science, the data, the links to the NIH health report that all prove the importance of what glutathione does and the science of what Dr. Crum's discovery provides for optimal glutathione replenishment.

# DCC to expand offerings for career, academic success of diverse community of learners

Dutchess Community College announced it will design micro-pathways in business, construction, and information technology/data science in partnership with the Educational Design Lab (the Lab), a national nonprofit that designs, implements and scales new learning models for higher education and the future of work.

About Education Design Lab: The Lab is a national nonprofit that co-designs, prototypes, and tests education-to-workforce models through a human-centered design process focused on understanding learners' experiences, addressing equity gaps in higher education, and connecting new majority learners to economic mobility.

Through its Community College Growth Engine Fund (the Fund), the Lab works with colleges to create micro-pathways for students who may not have previously be able to enroll in full-time study, slowing their academic and professional progress, for several reasons, including time and financial constraints.

What are micro-pathways? Co-designed with learners and employers, micro-path-

ways are defined as two or more stackable credentials, including a 21st century skill micro-credential, that are flexibly delivered to be achieved within less than a year and result in a job at or above the local median wage, and start (l)earners on the path to an associate degree.

President and CEO of the Lab, Bill Hughes, elucidates some of the reasons for developing micro-pathways: "The world of work has never before put such an onus on skills as exist today. Learners and earners need to show evidence of skills to be eligible for advancement in their career journeys. Employers need workers whose skills align with their talent requirements. The traditional degree alone does not solve for either of these, as it may be too time-intensive or expensive, and it may not align with the fast-changing needs of the labor market. The response to these challenges must be a shift to open up more affordable, accessible, job-aligned routes to employment opportunities. The work of the Community College Growth Engine Fund does that, and the Lab is excited to launch its next and

largest cohort."

DCC will join the Lab's third cohort in February 2023 along with 17 other community colleges across the country, including the five other schools in SUNY's Hudson Valley Education and Workforce Consortium — Ulster, Westchester, Orange, Rockland and Sullivan.

As part of its ongoing efforts to increase higher education accessibility and economic mobility to the Hudson Valley community, the College will utilize this opportunity to work with employers to develop and evaluate micro-pathways that bring value to both the individual, in search of higher wages and professional growth, and industry, in need of employees with specified sets of skills.

Director of DCC's Workforce Education & Development, Paloma Krakower, says of the initiative: "The thing I really like about the Lab's model is that it works in tandem with the College's Guided Pathways framework, positioning students on an upward career trajectory and giving them touchpoints and credentials to help them build

momentum along the way. Because the credentials students will earn in micro-pathways are stackable, portable and flexible, students managing multiple responsibilities in addition to work and education will be able to move more seamlessly between their roles to realize their academic and professional goals."

DCC President Dr. Peter Grant Jordan shares his support of the micro-pathways initiative: "Through partnering with the Education Design Lab, the College will have the chance to incorporate more industry input into its program development. Through our industry advisory councils, employers will help design the curriculum and be involved in the evaluation process, meaning that we will be able to really align the needs of our students and industry stakeholders to have an even greater impact. Our participation in the Lab will provide much needed perspective and data-driven insight to inform relevant programming that will create new possibilities for our students and employers throughout the region."

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# Poughkeepsie seeks developers' visions for key southern waterfront parcel

The City of Poughkeepsie is seeking qualified developers to offer their vision for a 14-acre site on the city's southern waterfront. The city has released a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) for the DeLaval site, which takes its name from the former owner and occupant of the site, the DeLaval Separator Company.

The site is the last parcel with undeveloped acres on the city's waterfront, with views of the Hudson River and the Highland bluffs of Franny Reese Park.

The city's goal is to identify qualified developers/organizations that have both the experience and financial and design/construction capabilities to be able to successfully complete a redevelopment project.

"This is a key opportunity for the city and the community to see their visioning of the southern waterfront come to fruition," said Development Director Natalie Quinn. "For a confluence of reasons, this site has been idle for too long. The parcel is not only of historic significance, but it has the potential to play an essential role in an active, vibrant waterfront that helps to connect the city's southern and northern ends. We look forward to seeing what kind of innovative ideas are proposed for the best and most realistic use of the site."

The city has completed a number of visioning exercises concerning the site and arrived at the overarching goal of creating an anchor on the southern waterfront — providing public space and water-related uses, driving tourism to bolster the local economy, and complementing existing waterfront assets, such as Waryas Park and the Walkway Over the Hudson.

The RFEI invites a dialogue with

qualified respondents to develop a plan that meets the objectives of the city and is financially feasible. The RFEI is seeking the broadest range of responses, recognizing the once in a lifetime development opportunity presented by the site.

The city's development goals for the site include:

- Establish mixed-use waterfront facilities and programming that make optimal use of the city's waterfront, including day and nighttime activation via development that includes a creative mix of uses, such as restaurants, a boutique hotel, docks, water recreation, or other such uses.
- Make the site fiscally productive, contributing to tax revenue generation, both on and off site.
- Provide riverfront walkway connectivity and public gathering spaces.
- Landscaping and architecture that is inspired by the site's unique location, including consideration of native plantings and resiliency to climate change.

"Careful and strategic development of this waterfront property offers us tremendous opportunity for transformative change in the City of Poughkeepsie," said Mayor Marc Nelson. "This RFEI will be well marketed, not only regionally but nationally as well. We invite those with extraordinary vision and a proven track record of success to participate as we prioritize and balance our chief objectives of achieving a continuous walkway along our waterfront, stimulating our local economy and creating jobs, attracting more visitors, expanding available housing options in the city and growing the city's tax base. The foundation for proposals should emphasize public access to the waterfront and our goal of advancing



The City of Poughkeepsie is seeking requests for the development of the DeLaval site on the Hudson River waterfront.

-Courtesy photo

our designation under the New York State Climate Smart Communities Program. In designing an eco-friendly and sustainable destination, respondents should be guided by the city's newly adopted Comprehensive Plan and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, available on our website at [www.cityof-poughkeepsie.com](http://www.cityof-poughkeepsie.com)."

Proposals that are based on a master developer model and employ a collaborative approach using multiple architects, landscape designers and engineering firms to produce a total site plan that looks organically developed over time and is compatible with the historic fabric of the city are preferred.

City officials said the RFEI may lead to a Request for Proposals (RFP) process that may result in an award of a preferred developer to negotiate a Development Agreement that will memorialize the terms and conditions for a development. Accompanying appendices to the RFEI can be found here.


Proposals in response to the RFEI should be sent by 3 p.m. Thursday, March 23 to: Natalie Quinn, Development Department, 62 Civic Center Plaza, 2nd Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Please include five (5) hard copies and one (1) electronic copy of the proposal as part of your submission.

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# Obituaries

## Donna M. O'Neill



WAPPINGERS FALLS - Donna M. O'Neill, 86, of Wappingers Falls, NY, passed away on January 27th from complications due to heart disease.

Donna was born in Beacon, NY on April 15, 1936 to Westwood and Harriett Kittredge Leek. On July 22, 1956, Donna married James O'Neill in St. John's Church, Beacon, NY.

Donna worked for many years as a volunteer at the Second Hand Rose in Poughkeepsie, NY, and was an active member of the Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church where she sang in the choir. Born during the depression, Donna learned at an early age not to waste anything unless it was completely consumed...notably demonstrated by a 30-year-old can of Oregano found in the spice

cabinet! Donna was a talented seamstress who easily made everything from clothing for her children, outfits for any occasion, and leather vests, to window treatments and furniture reupholstery. She enjoyed camping trips with family and "the gang," crossword puzzles, and Scrabble. Donna had a strong sense of humor, easy laugh, and liked to convey her thoughts at times with a simple "eye roll," "it is what it is," or "whatever!!" She was greatly loved by her family and friends and will be deeply missed.

Donna is predeceased by her parents, Westwood and Harriett Leek, her husband, James O'Neill, her sister, Doris Dedrick, and her brother, Walter Leek. She is survived by her sister, Shirley Colabella, her four children, Patrick O'Neill and his wife Kathryn of Wappingers Falls, Thomas O'Neill and his wife Sheila, of Poughkeepsie, Peggy Frace and her husband, PJ of Hudson Falls, NY, and Kathleen Nowers and her husband, Mark, of Clifton, VA; seven grandchildren, Kyle, Meghan, Sarah, Ryan, Lauren, Callie, Sean, and great grandchildren, Brianna, Aaliyah, and Joshua.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, February 10, 2023 from 3:00-7:00pm at Delehanty Funeral Home, 64 E. Main St., Wappingers Falls, NY.

The Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 10:00am at the Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church, 2381 New Hackensack Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY and burial will follow at Wappingers Rural Cemetery, Wappingers Falls, NY.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or charity of your choice.

## Elizabeth 'Betty' Pawelski



FISHKILL - Elizabeth "Betty" Pawelski, 89, died peacefully on January 31, 2023 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. A resident of Fishkill for 14 years, Betty previously lived in Mahopac. Born on August 4, 1933 in New York City, Betty was the daughter of the late John and Elizabeth (Yaroszeufski) Petrus. She was predeceased by her husband of 45 years, Frank J. Pawelski, in 1997, and her son, Frank Jr., in 2020. Betty is survived by her daughters and their husbands, Barbara and Mark Howe and Elizabeth and Richard Mitchell; her grandchildren, Barbara, Mark, Becky, Alyssa, and Lindsey; and her great-grandchildren, Connor, Harris, Brewer, Emma and Sayber. Betty met the love of her life, Frank, when she was fifteen, and they married several years later. Raising their family in Mahopac, she was

a loving and devoted wife and mother who enjoyed gardening, cooking baking and canning vegetables. She was an avid poker player who loved her weekly games with friends, and trips to the Atlantic City casinos with Frank. Betty also had a passion for bowling that spanned nearly sixty years, continuing into her later life, where she played on two senior citizen leagues up until the time of her passing. From their first date, fishing played a large role in Betty and Franks life. They fished in streams, rivers, lakes and oceans. As soon as they came home from one fishing trip, they were planning the next. And of course, in true New York form, she was the world's greatest Mets fan. To know Betty was to love her. She was smart, kind, generous, and had a heart of gold. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all that had the pleasure of knowing her. Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction with a service. Burial followed at the First Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Mahopac. Please visit Betty's Book of Memories at [www.mchoulfuneralhome.com](http://www.mchoulfuneralhome.com).

## Dorothy MacDonald Barson

WAPPINGERS FALLS- Dorothy MacDonald Barson, age 92, a resident of Richmond VA, formerly of Wappingers Falls NY, passed away peacefully on January 26, 2023 surrounded by family. Dorothy was born to Oscar and Dora MacDonald on a farm in Missouri, the youngest of 9 children. After graduating from high school, she moved to Ames, IA where she worked as a receptionist/secretary for a doctor's office. While in Ames, she met her husband, Fred Barson. After their marriage, they moved to New York to start their family. Dorothy was a dedicated wife and enjoyed being a mother to her two daughters. Her kindness extended to many of the children of the neighborhood, who loved to spend time with "Mommy Barson". After her daughters were grown, Dorothy worked for 34 years for the National Park Service as a tour guide at Eleanor Roosevelt's home, Valkill, in Hyde Park, NY. Dorothy loved meeting the people visiting the park, and enjoyed sharing her knowledge of Eleanor and the Roosevelt family. She was preceded in death by her parents, siblings, and her husband of 46 years, Fred Barson. Dorothy is survived by her daughters Barb Abu-Jaber (Matt), Jodie Rowland (Kevin) and grandchildren Amir, Talal, Timor, Stuart, Clare and Jacob, as well as great-grandchildren Xander, Ripley and Shepard. Dorothy also leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews and friends who will miss her and her joy for life. A celebration of life will be held at a later date in New York. In lieu of flowers the family encourages contributions to St. Jude Children's Hospital, Doctors Without Borders and/or Smile Train.

## LEGISLATURE SEEKS CITIZENS TO SERVE ON THE MENTAL HYGIENE ADVISORY BOARD

The Dutchess County Mental Hygiene Board created under New York State Mental Hygiene Law is an advisory group that works in conjunction with the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene to develop annual, intermediate, and long-range plans for mental hygiene services in Dutchess County. Board members also represent and work to ensure mental hygiene needs are being met.

For further information and meeting dates, please visit <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/DBCH/dbch.htm>. It for four years.

For those who are interested, send a resume and a brief Letter of Interest to the Dutchess County Legislature, Attention: Leigh Wager, 22 Market Street, 6th Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 or email to [lwager@dutchessny.gov](mailto:lwager@dutchessny.gov).

## Edward Taylor Mancari



COLD SPRING - Edward Taylor Mancari of Cold Spring entered into eternal rest on February 3, 2023, at the age of 73 after a brief illness. Born in Cold Spring to Edward and Eleanor Mancari, he graduated from Haldane High School in 1967. A lifelong educator, he began his teaching career at Peoria Heights High School after obtaining his master of arts degree from Bradley University.

He continued his teaching career at Rombout Middle School in Beacon, where he also coached football. He moved up to school administrator, becoming the principal of Rombout and eventually the principal of Beacon High School until his retirement. His passion was to make sure every student had the chance to excel and reach their full potential.

He was a lifelong member of the Cold Spring Fire Co., fulfilling many roles, including the most recent of treasurer. He was also a member of the Nelsonville Fish and Fur Club, and their annual kids' fishing derby was something he always looked forward to because it provided children with the opportunity to enjoy and appreciate nature. As well as being a member of the Loretto Council Knights of Columbus, he served as a Village of Cold Spring Trustee for 20 years where he helped spearhead the Cold Spring Dock restoration and the implementation of the water treatment plant. He loved fishing, golfing, gardening and, most importantly, spending time with his family. He was also known to lay a bet or two on horse races, and now all his picks are winners. Unfortunately, he was a Boston Red Sox fan (we could never make sense of it).

He is survived by his beloved wife of 23 years, Elizabeth, with whom every day was filled with smiles and laughs. He is also survived by his two sons, Anthony (Barbara) of Mentor, Ohio, and Edward of Beacon; his two stepsons, Stephen and Justin (Brittany); his brother, David (Beth), nephews and nieces, and many other extended family and friends. He was the beloved grandfather of 12 grandchildren: Anna, Sarah, Maria, Shelby, Sofia, Tony, Stephen, Billy, Dominick, Adele, Owen and Nathan. They will miss their Poppy beyond how words can describe. He was predeceased by his parents and his brother Paul.

Friends called on Tuesday (Feb. 7) at Clinton Funeral Home, 21 Parrott St., in Cold Spring. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday (Feb. 8) at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Loretto Church, 24 Fair St., in Cold Spring. Interment will follow in Cold Spring Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Cold Spring Fire Co., 154 Main St., Cold Spring, NY 10516. Arrangements under the direction of Clinton Funeral Home.

## Julius Boccia



BEACON - Julius Boccia passed away in Beacon, NY on February 2, 2023, after a well-fought battle against illness. He was 92 years old. Julius was born on March 3, 1930 to Gaetano and Brigida (Ammorati) Boccia in Beacon, NY. He attended St. John's School in Beacon, as well as Beacon High School, and went to St. John's University School of Law. He completed his Master's Degree at New York University, and was admitted to the Bar in 1954. He practiced law from 1956 until his retirement, and was principal of Phillips, Heaney & Schofield since 1963. Julius was a proud member of the Beacon Republican Committee, the Dutchess County and New York State Bar Associations, the Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce (past President, and was a life member of The Elks

Club, St. Rocco's Society, and the Knights of Columbus. Julius proudly served in the US Army from 1954-55, stationed in Germany with the 2nd Armored Infantry Division (Hell on Wheels). He was a life-long registered Republican, ran for County Legislature in 1967 (lost by only two votes!), and served as Assistant District Attorney in Dutchess County from 1959-1963 as well as Beacon City Judge from 1992-2000. Julius is survived by his loving wife, Marian (Paris); his step-children, Michael Fisher and Rene Coughlin; sister, Mary Thomas; his brother, Michael Boccia; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Gaetano and Brigida; and his siblings, Fortuna, Francis, Gaetano, Jr., and Louis. Visitation was held at Brooks Funeral Home on Monday, February 6, 2023. A Mass of Christian Burial took place at St. Francis Church in Newburgh on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, with entombment at Cedar Hill Mausoleum. To send a personal condolence, please visit [www.Brooksfs.com](http://www.Brooksfs.com).

## 'Melanie's Law' introduced by Beephan

Assemblyman Anil Beephan, Jr. (R, East Fishkill) introduced his first bill (A.3277) as a state legislator to the Assembly, in response to the death of Melanie Chianese of Wappingers Falls. Called "Melanie's Law," the bill would close the loophole to allow courts to issue orders of protection for immediate family members or household members of the named victims, regardless of age, according to a press release.

Melanie Chianese, 29, was brutally stabbed in her Wappingers Falls home on May 29, 2022. Her mother's ex-boyfriend, Paul Senecal, has been charged with killing Melanie, who left behind a 3-year-old son. There was an order of protection preventing Senecal from contacting Melanie's mother at the time of the murder, but not one to protect the

daughter, states the release.

In Chianese's case, her mother, Cheryl Chianese, requested an order of protection for her daughter before the Wappingers Falls tragedy occurred, but was denied, according to the release. Beephan's bill would amend the family court act and the criminal procedure law to allow courts to issue orders of protection for immediate family members or household members of a victim, regardless of age.

"As I introduce 'Melanie's Law,' to the Assembly, I encourage my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to join in support of closing this dangerous loophole," Beephan said. "Our system was unable to save Melanie, but we have a responsibility and obligation to do our part to prevent this situation from happening again."

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**Mindfulness workshop set for February 19 in Wappingers Falls**

This mindfulness workshop is designed for adults 18+ as an introduction to a form of calming relaxation on Feb. 19, from 2 to 5 p.m., at River Valley Arts Center- 9 South Mesier Ave. Wappingers Falls. The workshop is run by local School Psychologist Jessica Corcoran.

Participants will engage in activities about meditation, learning some of the fundamentals of the practice of mindfulness, making relaxation calming tools, learning easy and basic stretches and chair yoga, specialized relaxation coloring,

**Glenham Fire Dept. announces meeting dates**

The following is a list of the 2023 Regular Meetings of the Glenham Fire District being held at the Slater Chemical Firehouse located at 76 Old Glenham Road, Glenham, in the town of Fishkill:

- February 8th
- March 8th
- April 5th
- May 3rd
- June 7th
- July 12th
- August 2nd
- September 6th
- October 4th
- November 15th
- December 13th.

making vision boards, learning about positive affirmations, breathing techniques, gratitude exercises, self-care skills, journal writing, and more. Participants will be provided with the necessary workshop materials.

Tuition is \$50 (\$40 for Workshop and \$10 for materials fee) paid by cash or check the day of the workshop.

To register email Jessica Corcoran at missjessica37@yahoo.com to secure a spot or request additional information.







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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS INDEX #2022-52606 FILED: 1/5/2023 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS County as the Place of trial. Designation of Venue is based upon the situs of the Subject Property. Subject Property: 12 Neighborly Lane, Dover Plains, NY 12522. U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-SC1, Plaintiff, against HEIDI SEELBACH, DUTCHESS COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF ANN L. LOWN-RYAN A/K/A ANN RYAN; JOSEPH A. AUCLAIRE A/K/A JOSEPH AUCLAIRE III, AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF ANN L. LOWN-RYAN A/K/A ANN RYAN, if they be living and if they be dead, the respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant(s) who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the Complaint; WENDY BELAS, AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF ANN L. LOWN-RYAN A/K/A ANN RYAN; HEIDI SEELBACH, DUTCHESS COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT RYAN A/K/A ROBERT L. RYAN A/K/A ROBERT LEE RYAN, SR.; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC DBA IN NEW YORK AS MIDLAND FUNDING OF DELAWARE LLC A/P/O HSBC; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; and "JOHN DOE" and "JOHN DOE," the last two names being fictitious, said parties intended being tenants or occupants, if any, having or claiming an interest in, or lien upon

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the premises described in the complaint, Defendant(s). TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until sixty (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. 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 your mortgage company will not stop this 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. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Michael G Hayes, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Dutchess County, granted on the 21st day of December, 2022, and filed with the Complaint and other papers in the office of the County Clerk of Dutchess County. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by ROBERT RYAN A/K/A ROBERT L. RYAN

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A/K/A ROBERT LEE RYAN, SR. and ANN L. LOWN-RYAN A/K/A ANN RYAN to AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, bearing date November 23, 1999 and recorded in Instrument Number: 01 1999 14960 in the County of Dutchess on December 9, 1999, which was assigned to U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-SC1, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS by assignment executed November 21, 2019 and recorded November 25, 2019, in Document #: 01-2019-51595A. Said premises being known as and by 12 Neighborly Lane, Dover Plains, NY 12522, bearing tax map designation Section: 7063, Block: 06, Lot: 342917, which is more fully described in the Schedule "A" attached to the Complaint. Aldridge Pite, LLP, Attorneys for the Plaintiff, 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747 File 1221-4489B

The Annual Meeting of the Pleasant Valley Cemetery Association will be held in the parlor of the 1st. Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Pleasant Valley, NY on Feb. 21, 2023, at 7:00 in the evening for the election of three (3) Trustees and for the transaction of any additional business that may be brought before the Board.

Special Meeting Please be advised that the Milan Town Board will hold a Special Meeting on 02/10/2023 at 11:00 am for the purpose of opening the bids for the Rocann Drive Culvert Rehabilitation Project. Said meeting will take place at the Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle. By the order of the Milan Town Board Catherine Gill, Town Clerk

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**NAME OF PROJECT: Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Concrete in Place Project**  
**Description:** This project involves the furnishing and installing of hot mix asphalt (HMA) concrete overlays, shoulder back-up material, providing pavement millings services, traffic control services and providing other incidental services associated with installation of asphalt concrete overlays. These services will typically be used for highway and parking lot construction, reconstruction and/or repair. However, other similar projects could also be undertaken using these services. Beginning **February 8, 2023 at 8:00AM:** Bid Specifications may be obtained in person Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm or by mail (provide your FedEx account number or SASE) at: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. The bid documents will be distributed on a USB Flash Drive. You must give the following information to obtain the flash drive: Company Name, Address, Contact Name, Phone Number, E-mail Address. **All Addenda will be issued to Plan Holders via E-mail, but also posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site.** A refundable fee of \$15.00 is required for each bid set, in the form of cash, credit card or a check made payable to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance. Bids due on or before **Wednesday,**

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**March 8, 2023,** and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids for the above project will be received by: Denise Spens-Gallagher, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Due to COVID-19, the bid opening for this solicitation will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below, in-person attendance at a bid opening will not be allowed. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization.  
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**REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE**

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-06-23  
Solar Powered Exterior Lighting for Quiet Cove  
Bids will be received

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until 2:00 p.m. on the 23rd day of February 2023 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid 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.

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

**RFB-DCH-2023-07**  
**NAME OF PROJECT: CR-75**  
**(Innis Ave) Sidewalk Improvements and Traffic Signal Upgrades.** Project Description: This project is for Sidewalk Improvements along the westside of CR-75 (Innis Avenue) between E. Arnold Rd and N. Jackman Drive and traffic signal upgrades at the intersection of Emmott Place and Deleval Place. Beginning February 9, 2023 at 8:00AM: Bid Specifications and Drawings may be obtained in person Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm or by mail (provide your FedEx account number or SASE) at: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. The bid documents will be distributed on a USB Flash Drive. You must give the following information to obtain the flash drive: Company Name, Address, Contact Name, Phone Number, and E-mail Address. All Addenda will be issued to Plan Holders via E-mail, but also posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. A refundable fee of \$15.00 is required for each bid set, in the form of cash, credit card or a check made payable to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance. Bids due on or before **Friday, March 3, 2023,** and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids for the above project will be received by: Diane McKenna, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Due to COVID-19, the bid opening for this so-

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# Celebrating 30 years in the entertainment industry



Derek Wilson, second from left, with singing legend James Brown when he was a member of Brown's West Coast office.



Derek Wilson

-Courtesy photos

### By Kristine Coulter

Derek Wilson's mother, Anna Wilson, was an educator in the City of Poughkeepsie School District at Warring Elementary School, when he tagged along with her and saw a Broadway production of "The Wiz." That is when, Derek, a junior high school student at the time, knew it was a career in the entertainment industry that he desired for his future.

That is exactly what Wilson, who grew up in Poughkeepsie, has had for three decades.

He has worked with some of the industry's heavyweights, Cher, Sade, Usher, Janet Jackson and Beyonce. Wilson has also worked with Mariah Carey and the late Prince and Luther Vandross.

Wilson recently wrapped up a European and American tour with Twenty One Pilots. He also completed a gig with the Jon Batiste American Symphony Orchestra at Carnegie Hall in Manhattan, and the Whitney Houston Foundation Legacy Ball.

Houston touched Wilson's life. He worked with the late singer and actress for more than 10 years at her Nippy Inc. Production Company. The iconic singer died in Feb. 2012.

Wilson told of how he traveled the globe with his boss. "Outside of being a constant bright light and support to her team, Whitney and her team were huge on family, making sure that while touring the world, people stayed connected to their

families," Wilson remarked.

Wilson said of Houston, "What was outstanding was that she was just an awesome person to work for." He said Houston cared people who worked for her organization and their families.

Wilson told Southern Dutchess News Group recently that growing up one of the places that influenced him was the Vincitore's Hudson Valley Piano Center. Ms. Vincitore, the store's owner, was a mentor, said Derek, who allowed him to come to her store after school to learn.

The Bardavon in Poughkeepsie would influence him. He became part of its Youth Production Stage Company.

During his youth, he wrote "Down At The Corner Park" and "Movin On Up." Wilson told of directing both of his plays, which starred his peers.

Wilson, at the age of 15, would further his career by interning at the New Day Repertory as an assistant stage manager for Rodney Douglas. It was for the play "A Raisin in the Sun" written by Lorraine Hansberry that starred with former "All My Children" star Minnie Gentry.

Howard University accepted Wilson, where he wrote for the college's paper. Wilson took a break from college, he told of being invited by Newburgh resident Billie McClearn to produce a play "Mama's Dream."

During this time Wilson would meet actress, and future veterinarian, Danielle Spencer. Dr. Spencer Fields por-

trayed "Dee" in the 1970s show "What's Happening."

Wilson's play was picked up by a Los Angeles production. He moved to California to pursue his career in the entertainment industry. Miller London accepted Wilson as an intern at Motown Records, said Wilson.

Los Angeles was not easy, he said. But when he became a page for "What's Happening Now," he was reunited with his friend Dr. Spencer Fields.

Wilson would become a publicist.

Wilson was hired by Vonny Hilton-Sweeney as an intern for James Brown. He then became Director of Promotions for James Brown West Operations. Wilson co-wrote, cast, and coordinated production for James Brown's video "How Long."

"He was so helpful. And some of the practices I learned from him, I took into the entertainment industry," Wilson said about Brown.

Deanna Brown Thomas, a daughter of James Brown and president of The James Brown Family Foundation, Inc., said via

email: "Mr. Derek Wilson is the hardest working man I know next to my daddy. His expertise and commitment to whatever he does is TOP TIER. He worked for my dad in his offices at The New James Brown Enterprises for many years assisting in various projects. He is now on the Board of Directors for The James Brown Family Foundation. He continues to be a very significant part of our team."

Brown Thomas added: "He is a servant from God giving of his talents to help youth learn music, entertainment business, leading in productions to further their education. He inspires so many to learn and expand their talents all over the world. The most beautiful part about Mr. Wilson is his love for God and how that is evident in all his work. Our foundation is very thankful and blessed to have Mr. Wilson."

"My father used to call him "Plastic Man" because he was everywhere, doing everything all at once. He even amazed my father, James Brown. Thank you, Derek, for being in divine order. The James Brown Family loves you immensely! Soul Power!"

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dance with General Municipal Law Section 102 and will be made by the County upon receipt of a written request accompanied by said USB Flash Drive. Bids due on or before **Wednesday 11:00am March 1, 2023**, and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids for the above project will be received by: Denise Spens-Gallagher, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Due to COVID-19, the bid opening for this so-

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date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Bidders shall prepare and submit a written plan for draw-down of the impoundment as part of their bid submittal. **Bids that do not include a drawdown plan will be considered unresponsive.** Questions will be accepted by 3pm February 22, 2023 and emailed to Denise Spens-Gallagher at [dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov](mailto:dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov) with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. The anticipated start of construction is July

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5, 2023; the anticipated substantial completion date is December 22, 2023 with the anticipated completion date, including all punch list work is May 10, 2024, respectively. Failure to meet these dates may result in liquidated damages. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2023001198. View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.



# 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.

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

## Suguru

	2				
			3		
			4		4
				5	

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

### ACROSS

1. Mandible
4. Injection
8. Wedding dress fabric
13. Long-running TV series
14. Honey factory
15. Overly proper one
16. Lover of an Irish Rose
17. Seaport in Yemen
18. Heron
19. Cure-all, according to some
22. Nope
23. Rather barren plain
24. Parts
26. Casa ladies: abbr.
29. Disease-carrying insect
32. Slogan
36. "As I was going to St. Ives, I \_\_\_..."
38. Foreign currency
39. Musical number
40. Juicy fruits
41. Misfortunes
42. Incline
43. Poker term
44. Waterbirds
45. Looks of contempt
47. Stitched
49. Commonplace
51. Customary practices
56. Fashionable resort
58. Operated a guillotine
61. \_\_\_ TV
63. Baker's need
64. \_\_\_ good example; be a role model
65. Refueling ship
66. Traditional learning
67. Journey
68. Lock

### DOWN

1. Blouse frill
2. In reserve
3. Young animal
4. Razor user
5. Pelt
6. Finished
7. Male singer
8. Brief periods
9. S.A. nation
10. Admittance regulator
11. Creative thought
12. Eur. nation
13. Davis and namesakes
20. \_\_\_ facto
21. Particles
25. Mysterious
27. Word of agreement
28. Bleachers or benches
30. "My Gal" and others
31. Otherwise
32. One of the planets
33. Algerian seaport
34. Schedule
35. Diminish
37. Yuletide purchase
40. Stickum
44. Pesky insect
46. Horsemen
48. Complains peevishly
50. French student's milieu
52. Keep a roasting turkey moist
53. Brain canals
54. Noggins for Rene and Renée
55. Coyote State: abbr.
56. Falkirk resident
57. Pants or scissors
59. Declare
60. Parisian pop
62. Mr. Brown

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# New York Stage and Film moves summer programming to Marist

By Kate Goldsmith

New York Stage and Film (NYSAF) recently announced a dedicated, multi-year collaboration with Marist College that will enable the organization to expand its year-round services for artists developing new work in theater, film and television in the Hudson Valley and New York City.

This relationship will include hosting the return of NYSAF's New York City-based winter season at Marist's midtown Manhattan location, and continue with NYSAF's summer season on the Marist campus in Poughkeepsie, in which hundreds of artists will incubate new stories for the stage and screen through residency and workshop programs.

For more than three decades, NYSAF collaborated with Vassar College on a summer season with virtually the same description as this new one at Marist, the well-known Powerhouse Theater. A statement on the Vassar Powerhouse Theater website noted that although its relationship with NYSAF has ended, Powerhouse itself will continue. See <https://www.vassar.edu/powerhouse/season> for more information.

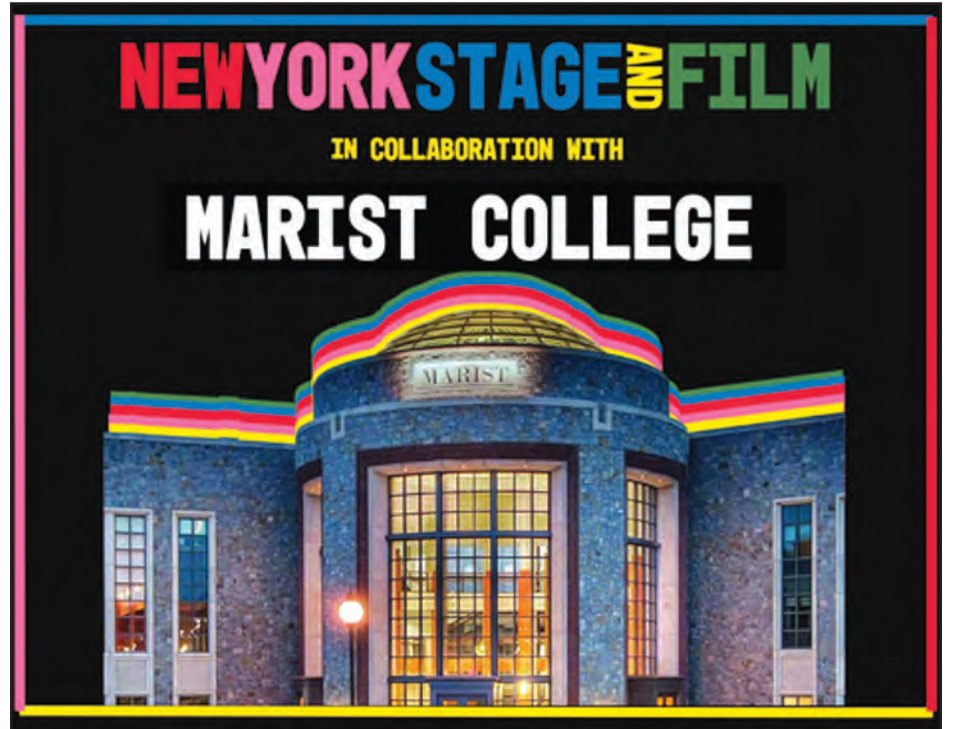
"In the summer of 2022, the Powerhouse Theater Program returned to the Vassar campus, after a pandemic induced hiatus. Vassar continued working with its longtime partner, New York Stage and Film (NYSAF), but also expanded access and opportunity by working with and supporting a number of other local and regional theaters and artists," the release stated. "On February 2 [2023]

New York Stage and Film announced its artistic programming will now be hosted by Marist College year-around, marking the end of its summer collaborations with Vassar College."

"On behalf of the hundreds of artists we serve each year, I am so glad to be extending and deepening our relationship with Marist," said Liz Carlson, NYSAF Interim Artistic Director. "We share a focus on community-building, on continuous learning, and discovering unique and surprising ways to experience the world around us."

"We are grateful for this expanded relationship with New York Stage and Film, which will provide a unique benefit to Marist College and our surrounding community," said Geoffrey L. Brackett, Marist's Executive Vice President. "Our campus will play host to world-class theatre [sic] workshops and productions, Marist students in both Poughkeepsie and Manhattan will have the opportunity to apprentice and work with top leaders in theater and film, and young, aspiring artists will have access to amazing experiences through our summer pre-college programs for high school students."

NYSAF is hiring for its 2023 Summer Season in Poughkeepsie, during which time professional artists and practitioners live and work together in a collaborative artistic environment, away from critical and commercial pressures, and develop new stories through readings, workshops, and residencies. Find more information at [www.newyorkstageandfilm.org/work](http://www.newyorkstageandfilm.org/work).



New York Stage and Film (NYSAF) and Marist College have announced a multi-year collaboration that will enable NYSAF to expand its year-round services for artists developing new work in theater, film and television in the Hudson Valley and New York City.

-Courtesy image

# Black Legacy Project to launch touring band

Music in Common, the nonprofit that produces The Black Legacy Project (Black LP), recently announced the 2023 launch of the Black LP touring band. Online auditions are open now through Feb. 15.

The Black Legacy Project is a musical celebration of Black history to advance racial solidarity, equity, and belonging. The Black LP is a national project produced in partnership with community stakeholders at the local level. As it travels the country, the Black LP brings together Black and White artists and artists of all backgrounds to record present-day interpretations of songs central to the Black American experience and compose originals relevant to the pressing calls for change of our time. Community roundtable discussions help inform how these songs are interpreted and written. Project co-directors, Trey Carlisle and Todd Mack, were recently honored as 2022 CNN Champions for Change.

To date, 15 songs have been recorded for the project, 12 of which will be released on The Black Legacy Project, Vol. 1 on April 3, 2023 - the 55th Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I've Been to the Mountaintop"

speech. King was assassinated the next day. A second album, The Black Legacy Project, Vol. 2, is slated for a February 2024 release. The Black Legacy Project, Vol. 1 & 2 will also be released as a double vinyl record in 2024. A docuseries of the project is being produced with a new episode from each of the initial seven communities previously mentioned.

Interested musicians can audition online at [www.theblacklegacyproject.org/audition](http://www.theblacklegacyproject.org/audition) and are encouraged to do so sooner rather than later. Auditions will close on Feb. 15 and final band member selections will be made by the end of the month.

The Black Legacy Project is produced by Music in Common, an Atlanta-based nonprofit that strengthens, empowers, and connects communities through the universal language of music. Since 2005, Music In Common has directly served thousands of people in nearly 400 communities across the globe and across religious, ethnic, cultural, socio-economic, and racial axes. The organization was founded by singer-songwriter and producer Todd Mack, in response to the murder of his friend and bandmate, Daniel Pearl, the Wall Street Journal reporter abducted by terrorists in Pakistan in 2002.

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