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Take survey on Beacon Free Loop

By Kristine Coulter

The Beacon Free Loop was launched in 2018 and now feedback is again being asked for about riders' satisfaction with the service. The bus service runs from 6 a.m. – 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

"We welcome input from both local riders and visitors to enhance our service and gain insights into its utilization," said Kelly Ellenwood, who helped to organize the Beacon Free Loop.

According to Ellenwood and the Free Loop team, the survey has been open since May. The survey link may be found at <https://forms.gle/M1NScyVh4coZ9qsA8> Link to Dutchess County Transit homepage: <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/Public-Transit/Public-Transit.htm>.

"This survey aims to better understand riding habits of all Free Loop patrons, as well as the points of improvement. Additionally, a report has been concluded at the end of last May and a full report will be made to the City Council in late winter 2024," stated a release. Ellenwood noted, "We're gathering survey responses to present to the City Council, enabling them to suggest changes."

Ellenwood remarked, "A key improvement lies in our enhanced communication through social media, surveys, and service information, making it easier for everyone to access and utilize this valuable resource. We are grateful for the service of the Marist student group NorthRoad Communications who has been an invaluable partner in helping us communicate and strategize."

The Free Loop is another way for residents, visitors and tourists to see the city of Beacon and its most popular locations. The Beacon Free Loop is a free bus service that was developed in five years ago in collaboration with the Beacon Arts, Dutchess County Transit, North Road Communications and the City of Beacon, according to the release.

There is a QR code which will link anyone who wants to take the survey. The code is found in bus shelters and on the Beacon Free Loop.

Make sure to fill out the survey before 11:59 p.m. on December 1.

"Despite the impact of COVID, we're celebrating five years of this transformative community service," said Ellenwood.

For more information, visit Instagram @BeaconFreeLoop, or visit the Dutchess County Transit website and download the DoubleMap app.

Holiday activities, tree lighting ceremonies set for weekend in Wappingers Falls, Beacon

By Kristine Coulter

The City of Beacon will be holding its 6th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on November 25, from 4 – 7 p.m., at a new location, Memorial Park, near the pavilion, on Robert Cahill Dr., in Beacon.

In Wappingers Falls, the Holiday Lights Parade and Tree Lighting will take place on November 25, at 6 p.m., at Mesier Park, off of East Main St., in the village.

Holiday event planned in Beacon
Come by and pick up an ornament kit, enjoy hot chocolate and a cookie, and listen to Christmas carols sung by local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, suggested Rhonda Altonen, one of the organizers for the annual event. The Christmas tree will be lit at dusk (approximately 5:50 p.m.) and meet Santa!

So, what can people expect if they attend the annual Christmas Tree Lighting?

"A fun, free, family event, with music, dancing, [and] giveaways; it's a lovely way to usher in the Christmas/Holiday Season," remarked Altonen.

As for the new location at Memorial Park, Altonen stated there will be "more space, better parking, [more] visibility, and greater access for all attendees."

She explained, "We knew that if the event continued to grow, we would need more space. Construction/renovations of the Lewis Tompkins Hose [Firehouse]



The annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place in Beacon on November 25 at Memorial Park. Pictured is from a previous year's event.

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also contributed, as they would need space for equipment."

All donations from our local businesses are gratefully accepted, it was stated. "We have ornament and s'mores kits for the

kids, and free raffles donated by our local Beacon businesses," said Altonen.

Sponsors of the event include the City of Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou and City

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SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Viscount family embraces amazing growth and supporting community



Long-time managerial staff members at Viscount Wines and Liquor include from left, Patricia Cornwell, Ray Lefever, Carol Torresson, Peter Landolt, Jacqueline Riordan, Daniel Mochon and Matthew Landolt.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

By Curtis Schmidt

If you're looking for an amazing example of a locally-owned business that started small and has evolved into one of the largest facilities of its kind in the country, then take a look at Viscount Wines and Liquor in the Town of Wappinger.

Viscount's 40,000-square foot location with selections that include over 8,000

different brands easily makes the 49-year-old firm the largest wine and liquor store in the Hudson Valley.

But Viscount's growth over the decades is not just about its size. Original owner Michael Visconti and wine manager Peter Landolt created relationships with suppliers and importers that allowed the store to stock the best available wines at the best

prices – in turn allowing the customers access to wines and prices unknown in the Hudson Valley. Viscount also started a loyalty program in 2006 that rewarded customers for regular shopping. That program continues to this day.

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There will be a Christmas Tree-Lighting Ceremony in Beacon on November 25 at Memorial Park in Beacon. Pictured are dancers during a previous year's event.
-Courtesy photos



Attendees during a previous year's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in Beacon.

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Council, City of Beacon Department of Recreation, Beacon Scout troops, School of Rock, Yanarella School of Dance, and the Beacon Salvation Army, Altonen said. The City of Beacon Recreation Department and the Tree Lighting Committee plan the event.

Why is Beacon a great place to host an event like this?

"The community always comes out to support our local events, and this is our

6th year. We have visitors from other areas come to attend. We maintain the small town feel and traditions, keeping our childhood memories alive," said Altonen. She added: "Come out and join us for some good, old-fashioned, family fun, make it part of your traditions and have a happy holiday!"

Holiday parade takes shape in Wappingers Falls

"The holiday tree lightening will include a holiday light parade that will travel from Elm St. on 9D North to Meiser

Park," said John Tyliczszak, who is on the Wappingers Falls Village Board and liaison to the Recreation Committee. "The parade will include many of local businesses, village vehicles and civic groups, think Scouts, and the parade will deliver Santa to the park gazebo where children may visit him and Mrs. Claus," he said.

There will also be refreshments available for sale and a DJ playing holiday-themed music, Tyliczszak noted.

The event is free and is sponsored by the village.

"This event is a village tradition. It's a time for neighbors to come together to mark the start of the holiday season," remarked Tyliczszak.

"Two items of additional interest, first any business or organization is welcome to join the holiday parade. No registration is required -- just a good holiday spirit," he said. "Also, for residents who celebrate Chanukkah, there will be a Menorah lighting at Meiser Park on December 11 at 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend."

O'Neil appoints Pulver new County Comptroller; Lois takes role as New York State Deputy Comptroller

Following the resignation announcement from Comptroller Robin Lois, Dutchess County Executive William F.X. O'Neil has announced he will appoint Gregg Pulver to serve as County Comptroller beginning December 31. Pulver currently serves as Chairman of the Dutchess County Legislature. The County Executive will forward the appointment resolution to the County

Legislature for approval at its December 18 Board Meeting.

County Executive O'Neil said, "Congratulations to Robin Lois as she takes on this new role as Deputy Comptroller for New York State. We thank her for her years of service to the residents of Dutchess County and I am certain Robin will keep a keen eye on the State's finances, as she has for Dutchess

County since 2018. We wish her the best and look forward to continuing to work with her in this new capacity."

"I am also pleased to be able to appoint Gregg Pulver to the Comptroller position for a seamless transition," continued County Executive O'Neil. "For decades, Gregg Pulver has committed himself to service to the residents of Dutchess County, and I'm proud to appoint him as our next County Comptroller. Gregg has gained invaluable experience and insight into the financial operations and management of government - as a school board member, town supervisor, and as a County legislator - and he'll bring that expertise into this new role, to the benefit of our residents. We are fortunate to have someone with a proven track record of conservative fiscal stewardship overseeing this vital role."

The resignation of Robin Lois, who is stepping down as Dutchess County Comptroller to serve as New York State

Deputy Comptroller, will be effective Dec. 30. To fill the vacancy, the County Executive is charged with appointing a new County Comptroller, as prescribed in the Dutchess County Charter. Mr. Pulver's appointment, which must be confirmed by the County Legislature, will take effect Dec. 31 and will run through Dec. 31, 2024. The Charter calls for an election to be held in November 2024 to fill out the remainder of the current four-year term, which runs through Dec. 31, 2025. The regularly scheduled general election in November 2025 will be held for a new four-year term, which will commence Jan. 1, 2026.

The Comptroller functions as chief accounting and auditing officer of the County. As a countywide elected official, the Comptroller is directly accountable to the taxpayers and voters of Dutchess County; as such, the Comptroller's Office is not an agency of the Executive or Legislative branches.

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Add in the facts that many employees have been with the store for more than 15-20 years, plus their commitment to the community has resulted in thousands of donations – and you have a true “family-run” and caring business with individuals who are rightfully pleased with what they have accomplished.

The beginning

This all started back in 1974 when Michael Visconti opened Viscount Wines and Liquor in the Dutchess Mall in Fishkill.

Matthew Landolt, part owner and store manager since 2003, notes that “The size of the retail space did not foreshadow the eventual growth of the store. Michael’s vision of the value of a growing American interest in fine wine led him to distinguish his store from other area liquor stores.”

He hired Peter Landolt in 1986 to create a wine department. “Peter curated a fine wine selection that gave Viscount the best wine selection in the Hudson Valley,” said Matthew.

This, in turn, led to Michael’s decision to move the store in 1998 to the Town of Wappinger to a 40,000-square foot location (previously Lloyd’s Lumber and then Frank’s Nursery). They even expanded the sales floor by turning part of the warehouse into selling space and creating a temperature-controlled room in 2000.

Peter Landolt – wine curator, educator

Matthew pointed out that Peter had previously worked at two fine wine stores in Westchester County.

“His wine expertise is a combination of an innate ability, a huge amount of education in the field, and the one area that most promotes wine knowledge - tasting wine regularly,” said Matthew. “His ability to create a wine selection that did not rely totally on major popular brands helped create a customer base that loved wines from all over the world – not just California. He also stressed that the wine staff taste wines as a team to ensure continuing education.”

Dedication counts

Viscount has also thrived over the years because of a dedicated and talented staff. Michael hired Carol Torresson in 1996 to write a store newsletter, and she became his executive assistant. She ended up handling almost all accounting, human resource, IT, and other administrative issues for the store.

In 2021, Michael sold the store to Peter, Carol, and Peter’s brother, Matthew. Other

managerial staff include Daniel Mochon (started 2000), Jacqueline Riordan (started 2007), and Patricia Cornwell (started 2008).

In addition, many other long-term staff – wine sales, warehouse, and cashiers – keep the store running every day and may be the faces that customers know best.

“As the store and its’ staff grew, Michael and Matthew stressed the importance of staff retention as a means to ensure excellent customer service,” said Peter.

Viscount currently has 36 employees, 16 of whom are full-time. One employee, Warehouse Supervisor Ray Lefever started with Michael in 1974 and is still at the store 49 years later.

Four employees have over 20 years’ experience. Six others have over 15 years of experience, and eight employees have over seven years of experience. “This level of longevity is certainly a key to the store’s success and high degree of customer service,” said Peter.

Viscount has truly been a “family-run business” in every sense of the term with seven Viscontis, eight Landolts and four Torressons having worked at the store over the years. Many other families in the area have had more than one member working at Viscount.

‘Giving back’

But Viscount is also part of the fabric of the community with individuals who understand the philosophy of “giving back.”

“We are grateful to the community that has supported us for almost 50 years and we are honored to support our community in return,” said Carol. “Throughout Viscount’s history, our commitment to this principle has resulted in donations to hundreds of organizations every year throughout the Hudson Valley, as well as significant fundraising efforts that include over \$2 million raised for the former St. Francis Hospital and, most recently, almost \$40,000 raised for student scholarships through the Hope For Youth Foundation.”

Additionally, Viscount has created its “Veterans for Veterans” (V4V) program to give veterans the opportunity to “pay it forward” to other veterans.

The program allows all military (active, reserve, guard, veteran and retired) the option of receiving their well-deserved discount, or the option of donating it to the local Disabled American Veterans (DAV) chapter 144, run by John Masselli and his dedicated staff.



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Peter Landolt curated a fine wine selection that has given Viscount the best wine selection in the Hudson Valley. A key part of Landolt's process stressed that the wine staff taste wines as a team to ensure continuing education.

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We cannot let Ukraine fall victim to Russia

To the Editor:

Like most everyone, our dismay and concerns for the immediate future have grown exponentially with the further spiral of disorder and hate launched after Hamas's horrific 10/7 attacks upon innocent civilians and the resulting open warfare in Gaza with Palestinian civilians trapped in the middle.

Rather than uniting the world against the purveyors of hate – Russia and its Iranian Theocratic allies – on all of the fronts of conflict, these attacks have compartmentalized our attention span and divided our societies. Russia still plans for victory in Ukraine by outlasting the West, and the diversion of U.S. weapons and ammunition and the near complete disappearance of Ukraine news from many outlets. This has Putin smiling over his 10/7 birthday present, and Iran no longer needs to worry about Saudi Arabia normalizing relations with Israel creating an alternate pro Western trajectory for the region.

While we acknowledge the complexity, some steps forward are more obvious than others. First among these is ensuring Russia's defeat in Ukraine. The victory of democratic values over barbaric authoritarianism remains in our core national interest, and in this goal, all of us can play a role. The Hudson Valley sent a bi-partisan delegation to Congress. We must urge our Representatives Molinaro, Lawler and Ryan to get U.S. aid for Ukraine funded through the House of Representatives at the level the moment and our future security requires.

Leaders and analysts across the political spectrum have called this defeat of Russia in Ukraine via our weapons and ammunition the best investment in our security we could ever make. Ordinary people from across our region have stepped up in extraordinary ways to support Ukrainians. We cannot let Ukraine fall victim to Russia aided by our indifference or partisan politics. Please call or write to them today as defeat of Russia on this front will deal a blow to violence in all regions being driven by it.

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Habitat Dutchess mourns loss of former First Lady Rosalynn Carter



It was announced by The Carter Center that Rosalynn Carter, the wife of former President Jimmy Carter, died on November 19. The Carters were married for 77 years. Mrs. Carter was 96 years old.

"We are deeply saddened to learn that Rosalynn Carter has died. She was truly a compassionate and committed advocate for families everywhere. Please join us in celebrating her positive spirit and remembering her fierce determination to improve housing conditions around the world," a post on Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County's Facebook page read.

It was announced by The Carter Center earlier this year that she was diagnosed with dementia.

On The Carter Center website, it was posted: "Widely recognized as a leading advocate for mental health and caregiving, former First Lady Rosalynn Carter was actively devoted to building a more caring society. Learn more about her lifetime of service that has made a difference in the lives of so many."

According to Habitat for Humanity, the Carters have donated more than three decades to the organization.

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Impaired driving crackdown runs November 22-26

Law enforcement agencies throughout Dutchess County will participate in a special enforcement effort to crack down on impaired driving to coincide with the national Thanksgiving holiday. The statewide STOP-DWI High Visibility Enforcement Campaign effort starts on Wednesday, Nov. 22 and will end on Sunday, Nov. 26.

Various law enforcement agencies will collaborate across the state and will be out in force in this coordinated effort to reduce the number of alcohol-related injuries and deaths during this period.

The Thanksgiving holiday period is among the most active on U.S. roadways, with the American Automobile Association estimating some 55 million motorists traveled for the holiday in 2019, the vast majority of whom drove to their destination. According to the National Safety Council, 29 percent of driving fatalities during the 2019 Thanksgiving holiday period involved an alcohol-impaired driver.

While STOP-DWI efforts across New York have led to significant reductions in the numbers of alcohol- and drug-related fatalities, still too many lives are being lost because of crashes caused by drunk or impaired drivers. Highly visible and publicized efforts like the STOP-DWI Crackdown Campaign aim to further reduce the incidence of drunk and impaired driving. Residents can make a difference with a sober plan by downloading the "Have a Plan" mobile app.

MRC to host active shooter and preparedness training on Nov. 28

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) of Dutchess County will offer a free Active Shooter & Stop the Bleed Preparedness training on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 6 p.m. at the Dutchess County Emergency Response Center, located at 392 Creek Road in Poughkeepsie. The training is free and open to the public. Seating is limited; reservations are required by emailing mrc@dutchessny.gov.

The training will be presented in partnership with the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office and will focus on how the average citizen should respond if an active shooter is in their vicinity, how to best protect themselves depending on the scenario, and what to expect once law enforcement arrives.

The popular Stop the Bleed training, which is included in the evening's curriculum, will focus on how to identify and effectively control life-threatening bleeding in an emergency.

Comprised of both healthcare and non-healthcare volunteers, Dutchess MRC is part of a national network of more than 200,000 volunteers dedicated to supporting public health infrastructure as well as disaster preparedness and response in the community. Dutchess MRC hosts various trainings for members and non-members alike throughout the year. For more information or to sign-up to volunteer, visit dutchessny.gov/mrc.

CCEDC reinforces commitment to community at annual meeting



The “Honor of the Year” Extension Award was presented to Matthew Shayly of the Community Fresh Produce Project. Presenting the award is Lacie Reilly, CCEDC Board President.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt



The above CCEDC team members received a special “thank you” for their assistance in preparing for the annual meeting. From left are Marcy Latella - Senior Administrator Leadership Team, Mary Lou Carolan - Executive Director, Heather Ohlosn - Family & Consumer Education and Marketing & Communications and Angela Sullivan - Senior Administrative Assistant Leadership Team.

-Courtesy photo

By Curtis Schmidt
New Executive Director Mary Lou Carolan emphasized the pivotal role that all programs within Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County (CCEDC) play in local communities during her address at the 110th annual meeting of the organization on Thursday, Nov. 16.
“We have a steadfast commitment to meet the needs of Dutchess County,” she said. “And all of our programs are inter-dependent. No program stands alone. We all work together to serve our communities.”
She discussed a variety of creative ini-

tiatives, but cited the three key principles of connection, collaboration and community as being the guiding roles for all areas.
“We also want to get to know everyone –and that includes farms, businesses and organizations,” she said.
Inspiring stories of impact by CCEDC programs were presented by Tomasine Oliphant, MSW of the SUNY Dutchess Human Services Program and Green Team Program manager Samantha Brittain.
The “Honor of the Year” Extension Award was presented to Matthew Shayly of the Community Fresh Produce Project.

The list of nominees for the Program Advisory Committee include the following: Matthew Shayly – Agriculture, Horticulture, Jeremy Adelman and Ann Schwinger – Family & Consumer Education and Krista Greer, Maish Freedman, Chris Shave and Barbara Sbraccia – 4-H Youth Development.
Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the following individuals, businesses and organizations: Mark Price - Recreation Director of the City of Beacon, Bob Jenks - Dutchess County Long Rifles 4-H Club Leader, Irene Decker - Kids for Kids 4-H Club, Pat Miglio - LaTogge

ApliNubiSaana 4-H Club Leader, Sally Graybill - Kids for Kids and Clover Crew 4-H Leader, Michelle Hicks - Here Comes the Beef 4-H Club Leader, Andrea Parent-Tibbetts - Spitters 4-H Club Leader and Flourishing Farmers host/mentor and former CCEDC Board of Directors President, Stacey Lynch Adnams - Stony Ground 4-H Club Leader, Carmelo Rigaglia - High End Automotive, Kyle Perrucci - Cervone's Auto Sales, Stacy Dedring - Dutchess Outreach and Peter Bianco and Susie Sullivan of the Poughkeepsie City School District.

Legislature committee proposes salary raises for elected county officials

Members of the Dutchess County Legislature Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee have offered an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget that would increase salaries for elected officials in County Office.
A public hearing on the proposed County Budget will be held on December 4 at 7 p.m. in the Legislature Chambers on the 6th Floor of the County Office Building. The full County Legislature will vote to approve the County Budget on December 7.
Positions that would be receiving increases include: County Executive, Sheriff, Clerk, Comptroller, Legislator, Chair of the Legislature, Majority and Minority Leaders, and Assistant Majority and Minorities Leaders.
Budget, Finance, and Personnel Committee Chairman Michael Polasek performed extensive research on the topic, comparing the Dutchess County salaries to surrounding counties in the Hudson Valley. He said his findings showed that Dutchess County positions salaries were on-average \$25,000 less than those in other counties in the region.
Polasek said, “I conducted an exhaus-

tive review of salaries for other elected officials in the Hudson Valley region and reviewed County contractual raises over the past twenty years. Further, had legislators’ salaries followed Dutchess’ largest collective bargaining unit’s annual COLA increase (not factoring in merit-based raises) for the past 20 years, a legislator would be compensated roughly \$25,000. Additionally, that number is almost identical to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI Inflation rate for that span of time. For those reasons, we believe it was fair and equitable to the hardworking elected officials in their next term and I am pleased it garnered bipartisan support.”
Democratic legislators opposed the proposed salary increases. Minority Leader Yvette Valdés Smith said, “I will not vote for these pay raises. I believe in a living wage for all, and I know how much we all give as public servants. However, this huge increase in salaries cannot be justified.”
Legislator Kristofer Munn said “Last year the Republicans stuffed a \$25M giveaway for luxury stadium improvements into the budget at the last minute

with no notice and no transparency - we opposed it. In January, they changed the law to allow them to change salaries after Election Day - we opposed it.

And now they have voted for higher salaries - again as an amendment dropped at the last minute.”

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Joe Owens - A Veteran for the Ages

By Ken Cerino
Wappingers Historical Society

The Village of Wappingers Falls lost a special native with the passing of Joseph John (Joe) Owens at his daughter's home in Maryland on Monday, November 6.

A member of the Greatest Generation, he was 99 years and 4 months old.

Joe graduated from Wappingers Central High School in June of 1942 and immediately enlisted in the Army Air Forces Corps on his 18th birthday (July 6) a few weeks later.

Early in 1944, Joe was assigned to a 10-person crew as a ball turret gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress.

On June 14 (eight days after D-Day) Joe (who was a 19-year-old Sergeant on his second mission) and his mates were shot down by a German Messerschmitt 109 fighter aircraft as they neared their target at the Le Bourget airfield outside of Paris.

One of the last to bail out, Joe was rescued by a member of the French Resistance where he remained hidden from the enemy for 74 days. Five days later on Aug. 31, 1944, he boarded an Army truck, then a flight to London for debriefing, eventually returning to the United States in early October.

While on furlough, Joe married Helen Dotterer Owens on June 17, 1945, prior to being discharged from the service on November 4 of that year. They were

married for 63 years before Helen passed away in Florida in 2007.

Joe graduated from Clarkson College (NY) in 1950 with a degree in Civil Engineering before embarking on a long career in the construction field. Joe would eventually become the owner of a construction company.

He also was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Hope Hose Fire Company, Rotary, 401st Bomb Group, and the Air Forces Escape and Evasions Society.

Joe met June Hoffman Hauver in 2009 and the two became companions before she passed away on May 11, 2022, at the retirement community where they both resided in Florida.

Joe was the son of Philomena Contelmo Van Benschoten (who was well-known in the Village) and John Owens, and the stepson of Carl Van Benschoten.

Besides his daughter Sandra and her husband Charles (Ed) Meyer, Joe is survived by two grandchildren Cindy Jordan (Jeromy) and Chris Meyer, and two great-grandchildren Rachel and Matthew Jordan.

A Memorial Service for Joe will be held next spring where he will be buried in the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell next to his wife Helen.

Joe Owens, who lived for almost eight decades after being shot out of a plane over France, was truly a remarkable person who enjoyed a remarkable life.



Joe Owens

-Photo by Kelly Cerino

Community organizations work together



The volunteers of the Nifty Thrifty Shop thank the Rotary Club of Fishkill for the donation of a new store sign. Years ago, Fishkill Rotarians donated a store sign for the thrift store. When the Rotary Club of Fishkill Rotarians learned that the original sign they donated needed to be replaced due to wear and tear, they came to the rescue and donated a new sign.

The Nifty Thrifty Shop, 1004 Main St., in Fishkill takes in donations (clothes, small houseware items) from the community and sells them. At the end of the year, the proceeds from the sales of these items (after expenses) are given to local charities. All the "workers" in the store are volunteers, including all of the board members.

The store also serves as a benefit to the community in another way since it allows customers to purchase clothes and merchandise at reduced prices.

The Nifty Thrifty Shop volunteers offer thanks to the Rotarians for their actions showing community organizations working together.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

University students donate Thanksgiving food items to Beacon Elks for VA pantry



The Beacon Elks Lodge #1493 received a donation of turkeys, hams and Thanksgiving-related food from students from Pace University and SUNY New Paltz fraternity Alpha Phi Delta which will be included in the lodge food drive for the Castle Point VA Food Pantry. The Elks and the Fraternity share the same compassion and dedication to our Veterans.

Pictured are Barbara Mulligan, Elks member and Pace University student advisor; Pace University and SUNY New Paltz students; Carl Oken, Lodge Veterans Chair and Michael Zanzarella, Lodge Leading Knight and Air Force Veteran.

-Courtesy photo

this week's puzzle solutions

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Sudoku solution

Broadway star, organizer Kelly Ellenwood new director of development for Bannerman Castle Trust



Bannerman Castle

-Photo by John Morzen



Theater on the Road will perform “A Christmas Carol” on November 30 on Bannerman Island.

-Courtesy photo

The Bannerman Castle Trust announced the appointment of Kelly Ellenwood as its new Director of Development. A former Broadway star and distinguished community organizer in Beacon and in Dutchess County, Kelly brings a wealth of talent, passion, and commitment to the organization.

With a career that includes a memorable performance as “Mrs. Fezziwig” in A Christmas Carol at The Theatre at Madison Square Garden, Kelly Ellenwood has not only graced stages on Broadway and across the United States, but has also dedicated her time and energy to making a positive impact in the local community. Her artistic accomplishment and community-driven spirit make her an ideal fit for the role of Director of Development at The Bannerman Castle Trust.

The Bannerman Castle Trust is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of Bannerman Castle, an iconic structure nestled on Pollepel Island in the Hudson River. As the Director of Development, Kelly will play a pivotal role in advancing the trust’s mission and ensuring the sustained cultural and historical significance of Bannerman Castle.

“We are delighted to welcome Kelly Ellenwood to our team as the Director of Development. Her proven track record in fundraising and dedication to the history and culture in the Hudson Valley make her an ideal leader for this crucial role,” said Neil Caplan, Founder and Executive

Director of the Bannerman Castle Trust. “With Kelly’s expertise, we are confident in our ability to secure the resources necessary to safeguard and enhance the legacy of Bannerman Castle for generations to come.”

To celebrate Kelly’s new role and to kick off the holiday season, the Bannerman Castle Trust is hosting a benefit performance of A Christmas Carol at the iconic Mahoney’s Irish Pub in Poughkeepsie on Thursday, November 30. Attendees can look forward to an enchanting evening of festive cheer performed by Theatre on the Road, directed by Frank Marquette and starring regional favorite Dan Anderson as Scrooge. Feast on a sumptuous meal fit for the Ghost of Christmas Past and usher in the holidays while supporting the Bannerman Castle Trust’s efforts to preserve Bannerman Castle on Pollepel Island. Come dressed as a Dickens character and win a prize at the end of the performance!

“We invite the community to come together and support the preservation of Bannerman Castle while enjoying the magic of the holiday season. Your participation in the A Christmas Carol benefit dinner theater performance will directly contribute to the ongoing efforts to stabilize and enhance the Castle and the Island for future generations,” remarked Ellenwood, “I’m so honored to be a part of the incredible team at the Bannerman Castle Trust, and I look forward to serving our region and our local community.”

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"This honor is truly a testament to our teamwork at the firm," said Founding Partner Jeffrey M. Feldman. "Each and every member of the FKCS team brings

unmatched passion and expertise to the table, and it's a privilege to work with them to achieve the best possible results for our clients."

Earlier this year, Feldman was selected by his peers for inclusion in the 30th Edition of The Best Lawyers in America® in the areas of Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants and Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants in Fishkill, NY, marking his 16th consecutive year being honored. In the 2023 edition of Best Law Firms®, FKCS received a Tier 1 designation for Personal Injury Litigation-Defendants and a Tier 2 designation in the area of Medical Malpractice-Defendants in the White Plains, NY metro area. Best Lawyers® and Best Law Firms® employ rigorous, peer-to-peer, industry-driven evaluations to determine rankings.

Bowling tourney benefits DC Firefighters Museum



The Firefighters Museum held its annual bowling fundraiser tournament at Spins Bowl in Wappingers Falls on Sunday Nov. 12 with 10 teams participating. The Firefighters Museum of Dutchess County would like to thank Spins Bowl of Wappingers Falls, especially Bob and Breanna. Teams included Dutchess County Volunteer Firefighters Association, Hughsonville FD for two teams, Putnam County Volunteer Firefighters Association, Team Plumer, Team Pantano, and Slater Chemical with four teams. When the day ended, Putnam County Volunteer Firefighters Association was awarded team high score. Selma from Slater Chemical FD won with ladies' high series and Sammy from Slater Chemical FD had men's high series. The event was a great way to support the Firefighters Museum of Dutchess County.

-Photo by Vinny Galvin

WEDC celebrates 2023 Lillian Vernon honorees



Lillian Vernon's son David Hochberg was on hand for WEDC's Lillian Vernon Awards and took a moment to celebrate with this year's honorees, Filomena Fanelli of Impact PR & Communications, left, and Amy Hall of Hudson Valley Books for Humanity.

-Courtesu photo

In a nod to the legacy of the late Lillian Vernon, a famed Westchester entrepreneur and trailblazer known for her commitment to community, the Women's Enterprise Development Center (WEDC) has named its 2023 Lillian Vernon Awards winners.

Receiving the honor this year, at a reception in Peekskill, were Filomena Fanelli, CEO and founder of Impact PR & Communications in Poughkeepsie, and Amy Hall, owner of Hudson Valley Books for Humanity in Ossining.

Lillian Vernon's son, David Hochberg, was on hand for the ceremony and to present the awards, alongside WEDC CEO Nikki A. Hahn. As part of the event, attendees were invited to bring entrepreneur- or business-related books to donate to WEDC's Lillian Vernon Business Lending Library, which equips WEDC program participants with valuable resources.

"Each year we recognize women busi-

ness owners who, like my mother, know that true success means giving back generously to your community," said Hochberg. "Filomena and Amy embody that spirit."

"Both honorees show that it's possible to innovate as entrepreneurs, while also paying it forward and empowering others," said Hahn. "WEDC is happy to shine the spotlight on Filomena and Amy and the sizeable impact they've had in the Mid-Hudson Valley, Westchester and well beyond."

The Lillian Vernon Award was named for its first recipient, Lillian Vernon, who began a mail order catalog business in 1951 at her kitchen table in Mount Vernon and grew it into a multimillion-dollar empire and household name. She became equally well-known for her generous donations of funds and merchandise to nonprofits, as well as her keen interest in sharing her business acumen and inspiration with women entrepreneurs.

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Obituaries

Edward M. Neumar



WAPPINGERS FALLS – Edward M. Neumar, 90, an area resident since 1966 and formerly of College Point, Queens and Derry, NH, died on November 13, 2023 at the Lutheran Care Center.

Born in Flushing on December 22, 1932, he was the son of the late John and Elizabeth (Konzot) Neumar. Edward proudly served our country in the US Navy during the Korean War. He was employed as a Quality Engineer for IBM in Poughkeepsie and East Fishkill, and was a member of the IBM Quarter Century Club. He was a parishioner of St. Columba Church and enjoyed golfing. In his younger days, he was a standout baseball player as both a pitcher and catcher. For many years he coached Town of Wappingers baseball and CYO basketball.

On August 18, 1956 in the Bronx, Edward married Nannette Fitzpatrick who predeceased him on January 7, 2021 after 64 years of marriage.

He is survived by his children and their spouses, Dianne Marvin, Michael and Diane Neumar, and Terry and Bert Martino; his grandchildren, Kevin, Megan, Harley and Thomas; his great-grandchildren, Alex, Declan, and Cameron; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. In addition to his parents and his wife, he was also predeceased by his siblings, John Neumar and Mary Leary and his son-in-law, Chris Marvin.

Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, November 29, from 9-11am at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. The Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11:30am at St. Columba Church, 835 Route 82, Hopewell Junction followed by interment in St. Denis Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at St. Columba Church or a charity of your choice. Please visit his Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Bela Hormann



EAST FISHKILL - Bela Hormann, 85, an area resident since 2000 and formerly of Mohegan Lake, died peacefully at his home on November 14, 2023.

Born in Hungary on October 5, 1938, he was the son of the late Bela and Berta (Wekerli) Hormann, Sr. Bela had been employed as a Tool and Die Maker for the High Tech Machine Shop in Mount Vernon.

Bela was a great handyman. He loved to tinker around his house, and he could fix just about anything. He enjoyed fishing and his favorite sport to watch was soccer.

On May 7, 1960 in Budapest, Hungary, Bela married Elizabeth Balla who predeceased him on January 24, 2023. He is survived by his daughter, Cristina Dorney-Zelensky and her husband John; and his grandson, Michael Dorney Jr.

Calling hours were held on Friday November 17, 2023 from 10am-1pm at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. The Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Saturday November 18, 2023 at 11am at St. Denis Church, 835 Route 82, Hopewell Junction.

Memorial donations may be made to Hudson Valley Hospice or the Dutchess County SPCA.

Marilyn Ann Ettinger

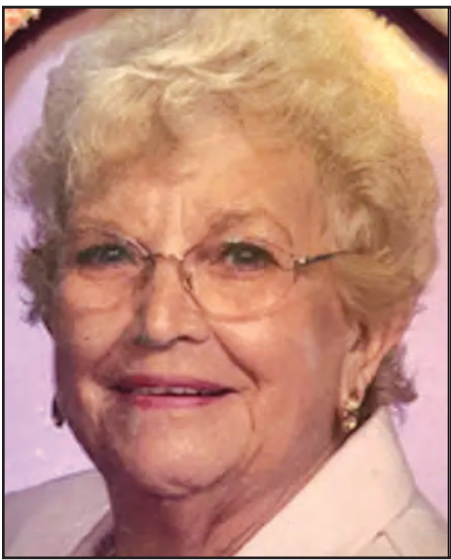
BEACON - Marilyn Ann Ettinger passed away on 11/2/23 in the arms of her loving husband Donald. Don and Marilyn were married on 10/2/1955 and have been inseparable for the past 68 years. Together they raised 3 sons, Dean (wife Norma); Brian (wife Jayne); Bruce (wife Deborah). She was grandmother to Matthew (wife Britney); Brad (wife Courtney); Robert (wife Elizabeth) and Samantha; great grandmother to Aiden, Kira, Riley, Logan, Miles & Hunter.

Marilyn was born in Beacon, NY on 2/10/55 to Ethel & Andrew Kacur. She is predeceased by her parents, brother and sister-in-law Jack & Shirley Kacur, and sister-in-law Denise Ettinger-Speedling.

Marilyn was the first volunteer female firefighter in Peekskill and started the first Farmer's Market in Peekskill, which she ran for 22 years. She was very proud to serve her community and took great pride in the work she did.

Marilyn is survived by her nieces, nephews, cousins, and lifelong friends.

Elsie H. Sheppard



CHELSEA - Elsie H. Sheppard (99 years of age) passed away on Friday, November 10, 2023, at home.

Elsie was born in Bronx, NY on January 26, 1924. She was only 3 lbs. when she was born and due to allergies could only have barley water. Her will and spiritual strength sustained her. She grew up to be an angel on earth, caring for and helping all those who knew her.

Elsie's parents, Marie and Emil Kiefer, owned Kiefer's Bakery in the Bronx, where she went to school and met her husband to be, Eugene John Sheppard. They were married on July 15, 1945.

In 1947 Elsie's parents bought a farm in Pine Plains, NY. Elsie and Eugene moved in and had 2 children, Lynne, and Mark.

The next move was to Chelsea, NY,

where her parents bought a house and Elsie and Eugene built a house on the property in 1957. There she became known as "ELSIE FROM CHELSEA". She attended Beautician School and opened The Pink Door beauty shop in their home. Her customers were more like friends than clients and she had the business for 33 years.

Then in 1990, Elsie and Eugene moved to Vero Beach, Florida, where they made their third home. She made absolutely beautiful stained-glass pieces, which she started doing while in Chelsea. Her favorite pieces to make were angels and crosses. She actually made stained-glass doors for their church in Vero Beach when she was 80 years old. Everyone she knew had a stained-glass piece from Elsie. She also played accordion by ear and had an organ as well, not to mention crocheting and other gifts always made and given with love.

Elsie was predeceased by her husband Eugene, parents Marie and Emil Kiefer, and her brother Emil and his wife Julie Kiefer.

She cherished and loved her family dearly, including her children, Lynne Sheppard and John, and Mark Sheppard and wife Debbie; grandchildren, Melanie Roberts and husband Kevin, and Michael Sheppard; great-grandson, Joshua Roberts; and many cousins and extended family members. Those left behind will cherish her forever; God blessed us with her.

Our family would like to thank all the wonderful caregivers and nurses who were instrumental in keeping Elsie safe and comfortable in her elder years at home in Chelsea.

A service was held at Zion Episcopal Church, 12 Satterlee Place, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590, on Sunday, November 19. Interment will be at a later date for immediate family.

In lieu of flowers, our family requests that donations be made, in memory of Elsie, to Zion Episcopal Church. Elsie's signature color was pink, and we know that she'd love to see anyone inclined to do so, wear something pink to her service. She was an Angel on Earth who has now joined the Angels in Heaven.

Arrangements are under the direction of Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 E. Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. To send a personal condolence, please visit www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.

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K14-120 Volt Electrical Receptacle, In	KHF-Alternator, Dual, 170 Amp & 220 Amp	QZT-Tires: LT235/80 R17 AI Terrain, Blackwall
Cab PCI-Convenience Package	NQF-Transfer Case: w/ Rotary Dial Control, Electronic Shift	U01-Roof Marker Lamps
RFO-CREDIT - NOT EQUIPPED WITH REAR USB PORTS	P03-Painted Wheel Trim Skins, Painted Center Caps	UE1-OnStar Communication System
VYU-Snow Plow Prep/ Camper Package	PYW-Wheels: 17" Steel, Painted--Dual Rear Wheels	UEU-Sensor, Forward Collision Alert
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Free classical concert to kick off festive activities at Bowdoin Park



The festivities kick off on November 27th at 6 p.m. with a free classical music performance by The Handman Quartet inside the historic Ellessdie Chapel at Bowdoin Park.

-Courtesy photo

Dutchess County Parks will host an array of festive activities this holiday season at Bowdoin Park, at 85 Sheafe Road in the Town of Poughkeepsie, including a wreath lighting and classical music concert, piped holiday music, and a special session of the popular archery program.

Dutchess County Parks Director Susanne O’Neil said, “Bowdoin Park during the colder months is a scenic place to stroll and take in the winter views. What better way to enjoy the holiday season than with festive music and twinkling lights. Plus, our popular archery classes are a unique gift idea for that outdoor enthusiast on your list. We hope you’ll join us this season as we help keep everyone’s holiday spirit merry and bright.”

The festivities kick off on November 27th at 6 p.m. with a free classical music perform-

ance by The Handman Quartet inside the historic Ellessdie Chapel at Bowdoin Park. The event will feature light refreshments and the performance will be followed by a ceremonial lighting of the wreath hung on the chapel’s steeple.

Comprised of violinists Rachel Handman and Stephen Minor, violist Elizabeth Handman, and cellist Chris Santos, The Handman Quartet is a group of musicians with backgrounds that range from Broadway and Carnegie Hall performances to local symphonies to co-director of Arlington High School’s orchestra program. The group performs numerous concerts throughout the year in a wide array of musical genres.

And starting at 3pm on Saturdays, December 2nd, 9th, and 16th visitors can enjoy holiday music piped from the Chapel

as Melodies at Dusk returns to the park.

Looking for a fun gift idea for outdoor enthusiasts, registration for this year’s Gift of Archery session will open on December 12th. The program is designed for all skill levels ages 8 and up. Registration is \$70 and includes five sessions held alternating Wednesday evenings starting January 10th in the Bowdoin Park auditorium. Equipment is provided and registration is required by calling 845-298-4602.

Kevin McCurdy’s Holiday Spirit Festival, located on Bowdoin Park property across Sheafe Road from the main park entrance, opens Friday, November 24th. For more information and tickets, visit holidayspirit-festival.com.

For more information on Dutchess County Parks, visit dutchessny.gov/parks.

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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-73-23
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Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 12th day of December 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.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid#RFB-DCP-61-23
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EXTENDING LOCAL ORDERS 1, 2 & 3 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 5/2023 EXTENSION TO DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDERS DECLARED BY DUTCHESS COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Please take notice that on November 19, 2023 at 12:00 am., pursuant to Article 2B of the New York State Executive

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Law, Article III of the Dutchess County Charter and Administrative Code Section 3.05, Acting Dutchess County Executive William F. X. O’Neil extended Local Emergency Order #1, Local Emergency Order #2, and Local Emergency Order #3 in furtherance of Executive Order No. 5 of 2023, dated May 18, 2023. The text of the declaration of state of emergency and local emergency orders is available at www.dutchessny.gov.

LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL
The following entitled bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on November 9, 2023, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Dutchess, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is each available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.
Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York, November 16, 2023.
Clerk, County Legislature
RESOLUTION NO. 2023207
BOND RESOLUTION DATED NOVEMBER 9, 2023.
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING the purchase and installation of

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equipment and related technology for the center for mechatronics at the fishkill campus of the dutchess community college, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF dutchess, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$973,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$486,500 BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF.
Class of objects or purposes: Purchase/installation of equipment/related technology for the Center for Mechatronics at the Fishkill Campus of the DCCC
Period of probable usefulness: 5 years
Maximum estimated cost: \$973,000
Amount of bonds to be issued: \$ 4 8 6 , 5 0 0 bonds
Other monies: \$486,500
State grants-in-aid
SEQRA status: Type II Action

LEGAL NOTICE
The following entitled bond resolution has been adopted on November 9, 2023, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Dutchess, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.
Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York, November 16, 2023.
Clerk, County Legislature
RESOLUTION NO. 2023185
BOND RESOLUTION DATED NOVEMBER 9,

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2023.
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,702,760 SERIAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE PURCHASE OF maintenance EQUIPMENT, FOR SAID COUNTY. WHEREAS, all conditions precedent to the financing of the capital project hereinafter described, including compliance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, have been performed; and WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the financing of such capital project; NOW, THEREFORE
BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess, New York, as follows:
Section 1. The purchase of maintenance equipment, with alternative fuel modalities where appropriate and available, including incidental equipment and expenses in connection therewith, for said County, is hereby authorized at an aggregate maximum estimated cost of \$2,702,760, allocated as follows:
(a) The purchase of equipment, each item of which costs \$30,000 or over, including incidental equipment and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$2,686,600, being a class of objects or purposes having a period of probable usefulness of 15 years, pursuant to subdivision 28 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law; and
(b) The purchase of mower equipment, which costs over \$15,000 but less than \$30,000, including incidental equipment and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$16,160, being a specific object or purpose having a period of probable usefulness of 10 years, pursuant to subdivision 28 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the

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Local Finance Law. Section 2. It is hereby determined that the plan for the financing of the aforesaid objects or purposes is by the issuance of \$2,702,760 serial bonds of said County hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, allocated as described in Section 1 hereof.
Section 3. 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 serial 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.
Section 4. The faith and credit of said County of Dutchess, New York, are hereby irrevocably 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. 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.
Section 5. 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 thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the County Clerk.
Section 6. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for

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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.
Section 7. A l l 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 Fi-

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nance 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.
Section 8. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. 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.
Section 9. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:
1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said County is not authorized to expend money, or
2) 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
3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.
Section 10. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in full in The Poughkeepsie Journal and the Southern Dutchess News, 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.

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5. End of philosophical system

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11. Indian flatbread

12. Take down, as in a dragon

13. Yemeni neighbor

15. Homer's "Iliad", e.g.

16. *Copper coin with issuer of Thanksgiving Proclamation

17. A sign or symbol, archaic

18. *A certain famous Mayflower rock

20. *5K, a.k.a. Turkey ____

21. Blair or Hayek

22. Spy org.

23. Like hikers' camps

26. Tourney grid

30. Beehive State native

31. Casual top

34. Money in Milan

35. Belches

37. Roth ____, acr.

38. Low-ranking workers

39. Old Norse texts

40. Major Black Sea port

42. Dog command

43. Resize

45. *Thanksgiving, a.k.a. ____ Day

47. Baby goat

48. Subway entrance

50. Parting words

52. *Massachusetts' contender for first Thanksgiving celebration

55. Oyster gem

56. One thing on a list

57. Of two minds

59. Sonnets and such

60. Mastercard rival

61. Carve in stone

62. Ted Turner's "baby"

63. Lt.'s inferior, in the Navy

64. "James and the Giant Peach" author

DOWN

1. Compass dir.

2. Arctic native

3. Flying jib, e.g.

4. Enclose in a cyst

5. Part of small intestine

6. *Traditional occupant of the last parade float

7. *Pumpkin pie at the first Thanksgiving, e.g.

8. Asian food thickener

9. *Tbs. or tsp., in Thanksgiving recipe

10. Zip

12. Chews out

13. Ostium, pl.

14. *"____ on 34th Street"

19. '90s TV sitcom "Boy ____ World"

22. TV tube in days gone by, acr.

23. *Sweet one or russet one

24. Short musical composition

25. Smart candy?

26. Women's undergarments

27. Newsstand, e.g.

28. "Sesame Street" Muppet

29. *Dinner exclamation?

32. Sweep under the rug

33. Fury

36. *Lions' opponent this year

38. ____ exclusion principle in physics

40. Like something for a wedding day

41. Bad rep

44. Supermarket walkway

46. Let for money

48. Form of civil disobedience

49. Lock of hair

50. Past participle of "be"

51. Knitter's ball

52. Long live, in French

53. Itty-bitty bit

54. Like part of McDonald's logo

55. Rubber substitute, acr.

58. Stanley Cup org.

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