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New bridge section passes under bridges on Hudson



A new railway bridge section for the Portal North Bridge across the Hackensack River in New Jersey passes under Poughkeepsie's Walkway Over the Hudson Bridge on Jan. 15 en route to its new home. *Photo by Jim Donick*

By Jim Donick

A bridge under a bridge? Sure, why not? The Hudson River has been the largest highway on the East Coast since long before Europeans ever set foot on the continent. It still serves much of that purpose today. AMTRAK and New Jersey Transit just demonstrated that fact last week.

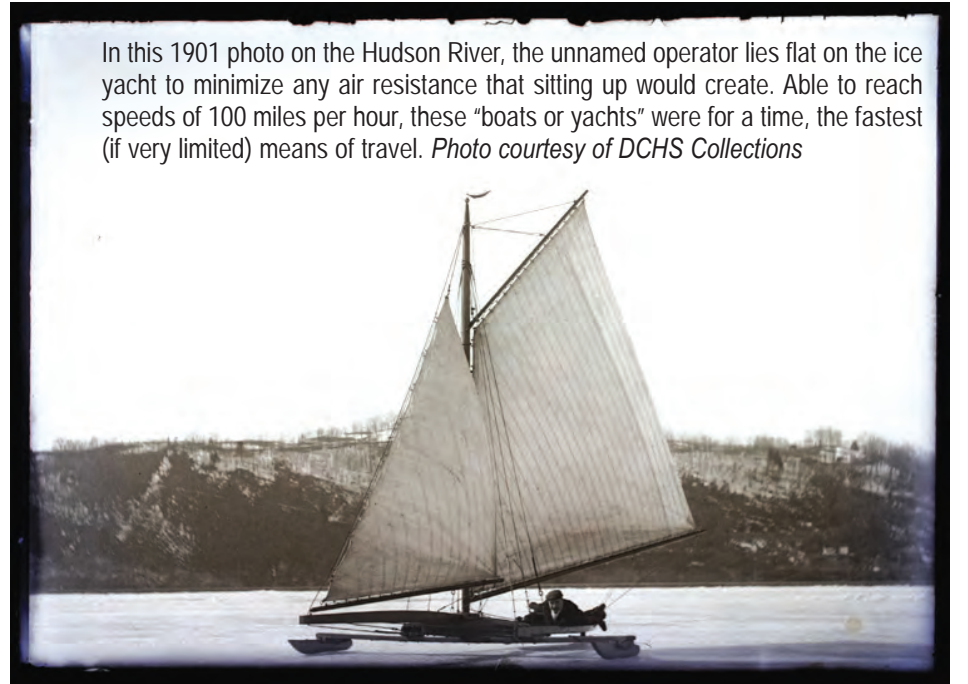
Built in 1910, AMTRAK's 114-year-old Portal North Bridge across the Hackensack River in New Jersey has turned into a major choke point for rail travel through the North East. Any train coming from the south to New York City and points north has had to cross this bridge on their way. It's a bridge that also had to swing open for shipping traffic. After 114 years, that mechanism seems to have passed its "sell-by" date and too often would get stuck in the open position. This stopped rail traffic into New York City, sometimes for hours.

In 2021, AMTRAK and New Jersey Transit, who also use the bridge, had finally gathered the funding to replace the Portal North Bridge. A \$1.5 billion contract with Skanska/Traylor Brothers Joint Venture for the construction of the new Portal North Bridge was signed. This one would be a lot higher, so it wouldn't have to open for river traffic. It would be put in place adjacent to the

existing structure so traffic would continue throughout the project. The only obvious drawback might have been that the contractors were going to build the bridge near Ravena, just south of Albany. That's a long way to travel from New Jersey with a fully constructed bridge section. Fortunately the construction was near to the Hudson River. The three sections of the new bridge are making their way to Jersey by sailing down the river.

The second section of AMTRAK and NJ TRANSIT's Portal North Bridge set sail from the Port of Coeymans early last Wednesday morning, Jan. 15. The structure was loaded onto a very large barge to make the trip to its new home. It came down the river guided by three Carver

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In this 1901 photo on the Hudson River, the unnamed operator lies flat on the ice yacht to minimize any air resistance that sitting up would create. Able to reach speeds of 100 miles per hour, these "boats or yachts" were for a time, the fastest (if very limited) means of travel. *Photo courtesy of DCHS Collections*

Local connections to nearly lost sport of ice yachting

By Bill Jeffway & Aidan Chisamore
 Dutchess County Historical Society

Anyone traveling across the Hudson River locally during this time of year might notice ice dotting the water. Many might be surprised to learn that until around a century ago, the Hudson River routinely completely froze for several months in the middle of the winter. Newspapers announced when the last boat just managed to make a trip and the river was officially "closed" until some months later.

While the hindrance and inconvenience to persons and business is obvious, it did provide a window of unique pleasure and sport as the frozen river became the site of numerous informal races,

known as scrubs. These scrubs, an unorganized form of ice yachting, pitted two or more boats against each other as they raced along a set route.

Originally, employed as winter transportation by the Dutch, ice yachting became a recreational outing led by many of the Hudson River elite but drew interest and involvement of every part of society. By the mid-nineteenth century many Dutchess County residents began to organize into clubs, hoping to establish rules for their races. The Hyde Park Ice Yacht Club was one such organization. Founded in 1899, with only twenty-two members, the club became one of the largest in the county, and it included many important local figures such as President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

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Renegades announce Tom Denlinger as new General Manager



Tom Denlinger *Courtesy photo*

The Hudson Valley Renegades, the High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees, and their ownership group, Diamond Baseball Holdings (DBH), the club's owner and operator, announced today that Tom Denlinger will become the eighth General Manager of the Renegades.

Denlinger joins the Renegades after spending the previous 10 seasons with the Augusta GreenJackets, the Single-A affiliate of the Atlanta Braves. Denlinger served as Augusta's General Manager from 2014-17, and was elevated to Vice President in 2018. During his time with the GreenJackets, the team opened a new riverfront ballpark, SRP Park, which was

named Ballpark Digest's "Ballpark of the Year" in 2018.

"My family and I are excited for the opportunity to come to Hudson Valley and build on the great legacy the Renegades Baseball has played in the community," said Denlinger. "We have a great team and a beautiful venue at Heritage Financial Park, and I look forward to joining and continuing our commitment to Find Your Fun. The 2025 season is going to be a great one, I can't wait for April 4th!"

Outside of baseball, Denlinger served on the steering committee of the North Augusta Miracle League to help fund a

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Serino reports successful start for county's supplemental ambulance coverage

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino reports the County's contracted supplemental ambulance coverage, which began on Jan. 1 is off to successful start, enhancing emergency medical services (EMS) across the county. Through a contract with the County, Empress Ambulance is providing the supplemental service under the direction of Dutchess County 911 Communications Center. The supplemental ambulance coverage is part of the historic \$2 million EMS investment included in the County's 2025 Budget, approved in a bipartisan vote by the Dutchess County Legislature late last year.

Serino said, "By contracting for countywide ambulance units, we are addressing gaps in EMS coverage, improving response times, and ensuring neighbors have access to timely, high-quality emergency care. Whether it's a medical emergency in a rural area or a large-scale event requiring immediate major response capabilities, these resources will assist in ensuring that help will arrive when it's needed most. This initiative is a direct result of listening to our communities and taking action to meet their needs."

Following a Request for Proposals process, the County has contracted with Empress Ambulance Service to serve as the primary provider with 24/7 service that includes two Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulances and one Advanced Life Support (ALS) fly car. These resources are strategically stationed in regions where response times have historically been longer and are repositioned in real-time to improve coverage when primary service providers are at response capacity.

In the first week of operation, the 911 Communications Center has dispatched the contracted Empress ambulances and paramedic fly car 58 times with responses to the towns of East Fishkill, Pawling, Red Hook, Pine Plains, Clinton, Hyde Park, Pleasant Valley, Fishkill, Wappinger, Poughkeepsie, and the villages of Fishkill and Wappingers Falls. Calls for service have ranged from patients experiencing medical emergencies, such as chest pain and difficulty breathing, to evaluating victims of a motor vehicle accident on the Taconic State Parkway.

The new supplemental ambulance coverage follows several months of regional meetings in 2024 with municipal leaders, during which Serino and other County officials discussed the historical and current challenges facing EMS and reviewed data for their specific regions critical to informing strategic solutions.

Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response officials also met with more than 50 representatives from fire departments/rescue squads across the county in December to review the roll-out of the supplemental coverage, outlining how the ambulances, which are staffed by Empress personnel, are under the exclusive control of the Dutchess County 911 Communications Center, and assigned in real-time to address coverage gaps and EMS call surges. The Empress ambulances contracted by the County will be branded as Dutchess County in the coming weeks, clearly identifying them as the contracted supplemental service.

These ambulances do not replace primary coverage; they are supplemental support to ensure care gets to patients

when primary coverage or mutual aid is unable to get to the patient in a timely manner.

The operational plan and protocols for dispatching the supplemental coverage was also reviewed, including:

- Radio identifiers, the unique codes or signal identifying the specific Dutchess County vehicles operated by Empress;
- Procedures for how County units will return to service after completion of a call;
- On-shift schedules, including staggered shift times for County Supplemental EMS units to ensure continuous coverage; and
- Initial posting plan for where the units will be located, and how units will be relocated to geographic areas based on coverage needs.

While DER officials noted it will take time to integrate the new service into the existing response systems, both County officials and fire/rescue squad representatives are optimistic about this important step to address EMS issues. DER officials are reviewing coverage data and any emerging issues on a weekly basis and are encouraging fire and rescue agencies to share feedback about any necessary adjustments or improvements that may be needed.

Dutchess County EMS Council President Chrissy Eighmy said, "This new supplemental service is a significant move forward by the County in helping to address the various challenges for EMS. We appreciate the ongoing dialogue as the County's supplemental service comes online and we look forward working with DC Emergency Response to help ensure the new service is successful

in alleviating some of the stress on the EMS system and getting patients the care they need."

The County is also in contract discussions with Ambulnz by DocGo to serve as the secondary provider, providing ambulance services during peak demand times, as well as on-call ambulance provider for Dutchess County Government-hosted events to ensure safety and timely response for attendees.

The supplemental ambulance coverage is a priority in Serino's larger EMS initiative, announced in 2024, which also focuses on workforce recruitment and retention, and increasing public education. Since taking office, Serino has made enhancing emergency medical services a top priority, and has met with mayors and supervisors or other representatives from every municipality in Dutchess County to discuss the historical and current challenges facing EMS.

Dutchess County recently awarded 10 fire districts grants of up to \$20,000 to purchase life-saving equipment for their fly-cars, in exchange for unified EMS recruitment messaging to be decal on these highly visible vehicles.

"Our significant investment in EMS reflects Dutchess County's commitment to enhancing community safety," said Serino. "By investing in critical resources and fostering partnerships with reliable providers, we're setting a new standard for emergency response services in Dutchess County and the Hudson Valley. This is about more than improving response times; it's about ensuring that every resident, in every corner of our County, feels confident that help is just a call away when they need it most."

Historic Red Hook sets Soup Night Jan. 25

Historic Red Hook will host Soup Night on Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Elmendorph Inn

Saturday, January 25, Elmendorph Inn, 7562 North Broadway (Route 9), Red Hook. Join friends and neighbors for a cozy winter evening and a variety of homemade soups.

Reserve tickets for a seating at 5:15 or 6:30 p.m. Reserved tickets are \$15 per person, but tickets will be \$20 per person at the door. Tickets include two mugs of

soup along with salad, bread, and a non-alcoholic beverage.

Purchase tickets to reserve soup for take out. (\$10 includes a pint of soup and bread).

Guarantee your seat by reserving tickets in advance at www.historicredhook.org, by calling (845) 546-9668 or emailing reserve@historicredhook.org.

Tickets for wine and beer must be purchased separately and can be purchased for \$5 per drink in person.

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In addition, McMahon has in-person office hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., for the month of February. She can be reached at (845) 266-5853, option 6, or taxcollector@townofclinton.com.

For more information see the Town website: www.townofclinton.com/department/tax-collector/

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An architectural rendering of the new Portal North Bridge on the Hackensack River. Courtesy image

Marine Towing tugboats - Erin Elizabeth, Daisy Mae and CMT Pike. The massive structure made good use of the oldest highway on the East Coast, looking majestic as it passed under the bridges at

Poughkeepsie around 4 p.m. By evening, it was all the way to New Jersey. There will still be one more section to come. The date for its transit is yet to be announced.



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Decorated multi-sport athlete, coach Pat Zerbe honored with women's exhibit at Sports Museum

By Morgan Maier

Patsy Zerbe didn't grow up playing ball in the Hudson Valley, but her contributions to local athletics echo through Dutchess County. Since 1962, when she first played field hockey at Vassar College, Zerbe has impacted generations of sports programs as a player, coach, and pioneer.

On May 3, the Sports Museum of Dutchess County (SMDC) will unveil the Patsy Zerbe Women in Sports Room, an exhibit honoring Zerbe's dedication to local athletics, and the athletes continuing her legacy.

Her career encompasses achievements in field hockey and basketball, then tennis, wheelchair tennis, golf and senior golf. Zerbe has empowered her fellow athletes across ages, genders and abilities.

Former players and their families remember her fondly. And Zerbe's field hockey opponents certainly recall her lockdown defense. Her impact on Dutchess County will forever live in SMDC's newest exhibit. Alongside the accomplishments of the county's female athletes, this room will also include a collection of artifacts through Zerbe's career. The idea is to inspire and educate young athletes. "If Maddy Siegrist can come from a small town like Poughkeepsie... kids look at her and think, 'I can do that,'" Zerbe said.

And to think Zerbe started her athletic career on a boys' baseball team in a place

when girls didn't have varsity, or even intramural, sports to join. Baseball, a tradition passed down generations in her hometown, Zerbe says, was the extent of her adolescent athletics. While attending East Stroudsburg State College, Zerbe found herself surrounded by sports she never knew existed. "If I tried at these new sports and succeeded, I fell quickly in love with them," she said.

At its 2025 opening ceremony, the Sports Museum of Dutchess County will unveil the Pat Zerbe Women in Sports Room, including guest speakers and programming highlighting Dutchess women's sports.

Sports Museum President Bill Ponte credits Zerbe with influencing the creation of this room to recognize the achievements of women in sports. "Patsy has spent her life working for women's sports, and this is something that's long overdue," Ponte said. "It's an honor for us to have (her) here."

From Zerbe's first field hockey match in 1962, she became a natural Dutchess County competitor. When she stopped competing, Zerbe's involvement in community sports was far from over. From there, she made it her mission for Dutchess County girls and women to have the opportunities she didn't have as a young athlete. Zerbe spent 44 years coaching at Dutchess Community College. She started DCC's women's varsity basketball program, and led the team to 100 wins from 1966-1978. She further

founded intramural sports to promote involvement for students who didn't have time in their schedule for varsity sports. "I've loved my time in Dutchess County," Zerbe said. "It started with Betty Richey at Vassar College, and just grew and grew."

Zerbe was blazing trails in sports equity before ESPN and the WNBA (Women's National Basketball Association) were even created. As girls become involved in sports at an early age, and women's sports see increased media exposure, Zerbe sees the future of women's sports growing in the right direction. This room, she says, is only a continuation of what's been started. And women aren't the only ones taking note of these accomplishments. "The gyms are filled not just with women, but men watching women's sports," Zerbe said. "I'm just so proud of that, and how their accomplishments are so well-received."

Dutchess County athletes are encouraged to share artifacts (uniforms, news clippings, medals, books, etc.) to be displayed in this exhibit, which will open on May 3. To learn more about the



Pat Zerbe. Courtesy photo

upcoming exhibit, artifact donation or lending, and volunteering opportunities, contact the Sports Museum of Dutchess County at (845) 476-2314 or (845) 473-0903.

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new field, raising over \$1 million for phase one construction. He also served on numerous community boards, including being Chair of the Augusta Sports Council, Vice Chair of the North Augusta Chamber of Commerce, and helping the North Augusta Family YMCA with fundraising campaigns.

Before his time with the GreenJackets, Denlinger was part of the first front office staff of the Richmond Flying Squirrels, serving as the team's Assistant General Manager from 2010-13. He has also worked as the Assistant GM for the Daytona Cubs (2007-09), as a Group Sales and Sponsorships Executive for the Delmarva Shorebirds (2004-06) and began his career as an intern for the Reading Phillies in 2003.

"Over his impressive 20-year career in Minor League Baseball, Tom has earned a reputation for operational excellence and established himself as a respected leader in the MiLB community," said Pat Battle and Peter Freund, Executive

Chairman and CEO of DBH, respectively. "With the exciting momentum at Heritage Financial Park, Tom is the perfect choice to take the helm of the Renegades and lead them to even greater success. We're thrilled to have him driving the team's future in Hudson Valley."

A native of Paradise, Pennsylvania, Denlinger graduated from Messiah University with a bachelor's degree in Sports Management in 2003. He and his wife Molly have a daughter, Grace, and a rescue pup, Belle.

Vanderbilt Garden Association seeks volunteers

The Frederick W. Vanderbilt Garden Association is looking for volunteers to perform all tasks required to plant and maintain the garden. No gardening expertise is needed; training will be provided as you work. Volunteers need to be at least 18 years old and be able to perform, at minimum, basic physical labor such as bending, kneeling and carrying buckets. Garden work is done during the spring, summer and fall months on Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

The Association also offers a "Greeter Program" on Saturday and Sunday after-

noons. At least two volunteers are needed for each afternoon. No gardening involved. The Greeter volunteers encourage visitation to the formal garden through the provision of self-guided tour brochures and explanation of the garden, emphasizing the volunteerism involved in the garden maintenance and the need for community support through monetary donations.

You are welcome to work as often and on any days that suit your schedule. For further information, e-mail volunteers @vanderbiltgarden.org or visit <http://www.vanderbiltgarden.org>.

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Gillibrand inquires about NYS DHSES preparedness in case of wildfires

The following is the full text of Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's letter to the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services regarding combating potential wildfires in NYS.

Dear Commissioner Jackie Bray,

I am writing today to inquire about the preparedness of New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) and its partners to combat potential wildfires in New York State. Climate change has exacerbated the unpredictability of weather conditions and natural disasters. New York has experienced several natural disasters in recent years, including wildfires, tornadoes, snowstorms, and flooding, and it is critical New York is prepared for the potential of unpredictable weather patterns that may lead to economic losses or loss of life.

With increased periods of drought in New York State, it is increasingly important that New York is prepared to handle naturally occurring or accidental wildfires. The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, as well as the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), do an excellent job at training firefighters, providing technical assistance to communities, and managing New York's forests to prevent the spread of wildfires in our state.

In the wake of the devastation of the ongoing wildfires in California, I am profoundly saddened by the loss of life, homes, and communities. Also considering recent wildfires in New York, such as the Jennings Creek Fire, it is important that New York be proactive in its fire prevention programs through public education, forest management, and government preparedness. I am reaching out to request a briefing from your team on the following topics:

1. What are the preparedness plans for the DHSES and the Office of Fire Prevention and Control in the face of increasing fire threats?
2. How does DHSES coordinate with NYSDEC to consider climate change impacts on wildfire preparedness?
3. What support can the federal government provide to bolster the work of the Office of Fire Control and Prevention to ensure New York is prepared for potential fires?

I look forward to learning more about your plans and the support you provide New York State in the face of increasing wildfire threats. I stand ready to assist you in your vital prevention and preparedness work, and I am committed to ensuring New Yorkers and all Americans are able to recover from these types of natural disasters.

Kirsten Gillibrand
U.S. Senator from NY

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FDR HS senior earns MLK scholarship

FDR High School Senior Jaleena Rodriguez has been named a Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Breakfast Youth Honoree. Jaleena will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to an accredited college or university at the Jan. 24 breakfast held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Poughkeepsie, which is sponsored by Catharine Street, Inc.

The students who receive the scholarship must demonstrate academic

achievements in school and be involved in community service.

Jaleena, who will be the first person in her family to attend college, is truly honored to be awarded the scholarship and is grateful to be recognized for her efforts, which include serving as team captain for the girls basketball team. She appreciates the support she has received from staff, friends and school counselor Rebecca Moore who helped her achieve her academic goals.

"Every student goes through academic struggles, but having the support and guidance through these struggles will always be significant to me," Jaleena said. "I understand that many deserving candidates were also in consideration, which makes this opportunity even more meaningful to me."

Superintendent Dr. Pedro Roman described Jaleena as a high-achieving student who consistently challenges herself academically, which includes pursuing Advance Placement courses and dual enrollment at Dutchess Community College. Additionally, she volunteers at a local soup kitchen, serving others with compassion and empathy.

"This dedication to helping those in need reflects her strong character and desire to make a positive impact on the world," Roman said of Jaleena. "She is a truly deserving candidate who exemplifies the values of leadership, service, and academic excellence."

Moore has seen Jaleena push herself to



Jaleena Rodriguez

take as many rigorous courses as she can, along with juggling her athletic and volunteering roles and working for a large catering hall.

"Throughout our time together, I have been particularly impressed by Jaleena's ability to balance her many commitments with grace," Moore said. "She has a desire to uplift others."

Jaleena plans to pursue a career in either psychology or social work, which stems from her desire to make a positive impact on the lives of others.

"She is a genuinely amazing person and any college will be lucky to have her," Moore said.

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Environmental groups condemn EPA's final review of the Hudson Superfund Site

Environmental groups decry the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) conclusions in the Final Third Five-Year Review of the Hudson River PCB Superfund cleanup released last week. According to the groups, "the review irresponsibly concludes that more data is needed to determine if the dredging of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) in the Upper Hudson is meeting the expectations of the original cleanup plan."

In a statement released by Scenic Hudson on Jan. 17, it was noted that "The EPA's conclusions ignore the agency's own data, which show that the amount of cancer-causing PCBs remaining in the river following the dredging project is significantly higher than anticipated. A

report issued by the Friends of a Clean Hudson coalition in November 2023 found neither fish nor sediment are recovering at the rates needed to achieve the EPA's established goals."

The coalition maintains, based on its independent analysis of the data trends, that the Upper Hudson River PCB cleanup is not protecting human health and the environment as required. The health risks associated with fish consumption are well above the EPA's accepted risk range and well above New York's advisories. The agency disregards long-standing environmental justice policies intended to address pollution in disadvantaged communities.

For over 30 years, General Electric

(GE) dumped PCBs into the Hudson River, turning a 200-mile stretch of the waterway into one of the country's largest Superfund sites. This toxic pollution has burdened the entire region for over 70 years. The persistent nature of PCBs ensures that GE's pollution will continue to travel throughout the Hudson River, resisting degradation and accumulating in human and animal tissue. At the current rate, and without additional interventions, the health risks and impacts to those living, working, and playing within a heavily polluted Superfund site will persist for generations.

Scenic Hudson Executive Director of Policy, Advocacy and Science (and former EPA Region 2 Administrator), Pete Lopez said, "For over 70 years, millions of people along the shores of the Hudson have faced significant environmental, economic, and public health impacts of living, working, and playing near one of the nation's oldest and largest toxic waste sites. With the release of the Final Third Five-Year Review, EPA has squandered its opportunity to put the cleanup back on track and achieve the modest cleanup goals the river communities were promised and deserve. The conclusions in its Five-Year Review mean many low-income families will continue eating tainted fish, and millions of dollars of waterfront economic development remains on hold. Scenic Hudson will press on, regardless, in its campaign for a clean Hudson and the health and economic benefits it will bring."

"Riverkeeper fiercely opposes the EPA's findings in its latest review of the Upper Hudson River PCB cleanup. The EPA's conclusions dismiss clear evidence that PCBs in fish and sediment remain at concentrations hazardous to humans and wildlife. Despite the data, and thousands of public comments, the EPA has once again failed to acknowledge that the cleanup is not succeeding in protecting our communities and our river," said Tracy Brown, President of Riverkeeper. "The agency continues to delay necessary steps to put the Hudson on a real path to recovery. PCBs still course through the Hudson River ecosystem, and without additional action, the river's toxic burden

will endure, harming the health and well-being of current and future generations. Riverkeeper remains steadfast in our advocacy and will continue to push for a meaningful and enduring cleanup of the Hudson River."

"The findings of EPA's Final Third Five-Year Review ignores their own data and misses a critical opportunity to get the Hudson River PCB cleanup back on track. A "Not Protective" determination would have triggered a much needed reevaluation of the cleanup remedy. Communities along the river will experience the impact of this outcome for years to come, particularly families who rely on the river as a primary or secondary food source. The public and scientific consensus support of the need for additional action to expedite the recovery of the Hudson, and regardless of this outcome, Clearwater will continue our advocacy," said David Toman, Executive Director of the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater.

"It is evident from the EPA's own and other sampling and analysis that GE's alleged cleanup of the Hudson River is not adequately protective of human health or the environment. The river remains significantly contaminated with PCBs and thousands of New Yorkers, many of whom represent immigrant, low-income, and minority communities, regularly eat the fish they catch from the Hudson for sustenance and through long-standing traditions — despite health advisories. Barring citizens from eating fish and releasing wait-and-see guidance does not represent the kind of justice Hudson River communities deserve. True justice means the EPA listening to its own data and protecting Hudson communities now," said Mallory Rutigliano, Hudson River Committee Chair for Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter.

The Friends of a Clean Hudson (FOCH), a coalition of national, state, and regional organizations including Riverkeeper, Scenic Hudson, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Sierra Club, Hudson River Fishermen's Association, Arbor Hill Environmental Justice Corporation, and NRDC, has been fighting for decades for the restoration of the Hudson River.

Final round of Youth Wellness Support Microgrants announced

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino has announced grants totaling \$105,924 which have been awarded through the final round of the County's Youth Wellness Support Microgrants program. These grants will support six local organizations that build strong well-being and deter young people from developing substance use issues and other destructive behaviors, setting them up for successful, healthy futures as adults.

Projects funded through the third round of the Youth Wellness Support Microgrants program include:

The Art Effect, City of Poughkeepsie, \$19,000 – Support the mental health and social literacy training seminar for Spark Studios youth and the creation of a youth-produced animated public service announcement on social media use and mental health.

Lucky Orphans Horse Rescue, Dover, \$19,000 – Will offer a unique opportunity for students in need of emotional assistance, mindfulness, self-regulation and wellness; program will provide 16 equine assisted sessions (32 hours total) for groups of select Dover High School students, focusing on ground work with horses while developing wellness tools.

Beatrix Farrand Garden Association, Hyde Park, \$19,000 – Organize a 10-week curriculum, reaching 100 young adults, for classes on garden design and African drumming, as well as framework to continue this program.

Dutchess County Pride Center, City of Poughkeepsie, \$18,761 – Purchase craft

supplies; compensate staff; and provide educational materials that promote healthy coping strategies for managing depression and anxiety, emphasizing alternatives to substance use and the benefits of creative outlets.

Dover Plains Library Association, Dover, \$19,000 – Collaborate with Dover Elementary School to host four school assemblies and additional evening programs for parents at the library to foster a sense of connection for students and give parents tools for self-reflection and engagement with their children.

Hidden Hollow Farm Riding, Red Hook, \$14,924 – Launch, in collaboration with program partners, a specialized program that offers a new cohort of 15 at-risk youth accessible equine-assisted therapy, including incorporating journaling as a method for social and emotional learning as well as to capture participants' experiences and perceived benefits.

Announced in July 2024, the Youth Wellness Support Microgrants program, funded through opioid settlement funds obtained as a result of litigation against the pharmaceutical industry, funded a total of more than \$200,000 in projects from 13 nonprofit organizations, municipalities and grassroots organizations that offer specific programs benefiting youth, with evidence-based wellness activities that help reduce the risk of substance use for children and young adults under age 25.

The first and second rounds of Youth Wellness Support Microgrants were announced in 2024.

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Copake Grange to host events

The Copake Grange (Empire Road, Copake) will host a Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, Jan. 25, (Snow date Sat., Feb. 1) from 5 to 7 p.m., Spice up your winter evening with a delicious variety of chili dishes, from vegetarian to venison, with all the toppings. Take a taste of each one, vote on your favorite and see who wins prizes. Free entry. All chili for sale. Eat in, take-out. For more info or to enter your chili, go to www.copakegrange.org/event.

"Jammin' at the Grange" is set Sunday, Jan. 26, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., at the Grange. Everyone is welcome for an afternoon of creative music making. Bring an instrument, bring your voice, bring a song, and join the jam.

Annual Bonfire set Jan. 25 at Fran Mark Park

The Town of Clinton will hold its annual Bonfire at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25, at Fran Mark Park, 337 Clinton Hollow Road, Salt Point. Residents can drop off their Christmas trees by the fence to the Highway Garage (where the mulch is usually piled) by Jan. 24. Hot cocoa will be served. The event is sponsored by the Town of Clinton Recreation, East Clinton Volunteer Fire District and East Clinton Auxiliary.

Rhinecliff Winter Bonfire set Jan. 25 at Firemen's Field

Rhinebeck Grange #896 in partnership with the Rhinecliff Volunteer Fire Co. and Morton Memorial Library will host the 8th Annual Rhinecliff Winter Bonfire at Rhinecliff Firemen's Field on Saturday, Jan. 25, at 4 p.m. Dress warmly and celebrate Winter around a bonfire made from local holiday trees.

Residents may drop off their tree at Firemen's Field by the parking area. Trees must be cleared of decorations.

Holiday trees from the Rhinecliff Protective Fire District can be picked up from 8 a.m. to noon from residents' homes; please put trees out the night before. Email Joe at jbaer2@gmail.com to arrange for tree pick up and set it at the end of your driveway on Saturday morning.

Defensive Driving Course offered Jan. 25 at Stanford Grange

Stanford Grange #808 will host a Defensive Driving Course on Saturday, January 25, 2025, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Cost is \$38 per person. This course allows New York drivers to receive a 10% discount off their collision and auto liability insurance and remove up to 4 points on your license for any violations incurred in the last 18 months. The class includes festive classroom participation and informative movies as well as a delicious homemade lunch served by the Grange Dinner Committee with a free will offering asked. For more information or to request an application for the course, contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

Repair Cafe set Jan. 25 in Red Hook

The Red Hook Community Center (59 Fisk St., Red Hook) will host a Repair Cafe on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free fixes will be available for lamps, appliances, digital devices, wood items, bikes, textiles and more. A Deconstruction Table will be available for the kids.

The Repair Cafe is a collaboration between Red Hook Community Center, the Red Hook Conservation Advisory Committee, Hudson Valley Repair Café, and the Town of Red Hook. Visit redhookcommunitycenter.org for more information.

HP Rotary fundraiser to benefit food pantry

Hyde Park Rotary Club is sponsoring a fundraiser to benefit the Hyde Park Food Pantry on Thursday, Jan. 30, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at La Catrina Restaurant, 4076 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park. There will be appetizers, music and a community mixer. To RSVP, email Rotaryofhydepark@gmail.com or call (917) 359-5616.

Take-out Chicken BBQ Dinner set Feb. 1

The Clinton Volunteer Fire Department will hold a Take-out Chicken BBQ Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 1, with pick-up from 4 to 6 p.m. The menu will include 1/2 chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, roll and dessert. The cost is \$15. Pick up at the East Clinton Firehouse, 9 Firehouse Lane, Clinton Corners. For reservations, call Lynn at (845) 266-5485.

Pancake Breakfasts set at Rhinecliff Firehouse

The Rhinecliff Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue Squad will host Winter Pancake Breakfasts from 8 to 11:30 a.m. on the following Sundays: Feb. 9 and March 9. Enjoy a pile-high of "Rhinecliff's Best" pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee and juice. It's all-you-can-eat so bring your appetite and your friends. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$4 for children, and free for children age 5 and younger. Breakfasts will be served at the Rhinecliff Firehouse (corner of Shatzell & Orchard in Rhinecliff). Proceeds will support the Rhinecliff Volunteer Fire Co. For more information, call Cynthia at (845) 876-5738 or e-mail: csaniewski1@gmail.com.

County to offer free rabies clinic Feb. 15

The Dutchess County Department of Health (DOH), in partnership with the Dutchess County SPCA (DCSPCA), will offer a free rabies vaccination clinic on Saturday, Feb. 15, at the DCSPCA Adoptions and Education Center located at 636 Violet Avenue in Hyde Park from 8 a.m. to noon. This clinic is open to dogs, cats and domestic ferrets 3 months of age and older. Advance registration is required; registration opens on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at DCSPCA.org or by calling the DCSPCA at (845) 452-7722, extension 425.

The clinic is free for Dutchess County residents; non-residents will be charged a fee of \$10 per pet vaccinated. All dogs must be on leash, and cats and domestic ferrets must be in carriers. Vaccinations will be good for three years for pets with proper proof of a prior immunization. For those without proof, the vaccination will be good for one year.

Winter Soup Sales to benefit Rhinebeck Grange

It's time for Winter Soup Sales in Rhinecliff, sponsored by Rhinebeck Grange #896. Mark your calendar for the following Thursdays: Feb. 20 and March 20. The cost is \$10 per quart (two pint-size containers). Take-out only. Pick up at the Rhinecliff Firehouse, corner of Shatzell Ave. and Orchard Drive, Rhinecliff, at the side door on Orchard Drive, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

New: Pick up is also available at Morton Library (82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff) from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Email JoBaer2@gmail.com to be sent the soup choices for each month and to pre-order online. Proceeds support the Rhinebeck Grange.

For more information, contact Joe Baer at (845) 876-6488, JoBaer2@gmail.com.

PV Rec to host 'Beauty & The Beast' Movie Night Feb. 21

Pleasant Valley Recreation will present "Beauty & The Beast" Movie Night on Friday, Feb. 21. Come dressed as your favorite prince or princess and enjoy a classic movie that's sure to bring joy and wonder, along with a special visit from a real-life princess from 6 to 6:40 p.m., so be sure to come on time. Bring your tiaras, capes, and crowns, and let the enchantment begin!

This is a free event, but registration is required at pvrec.com.

Email pvrecreation@pleasantvalley-ny.gov or call (845) 635-1111, ext. 203 for more information.

Rhinebeck Garden Club meeting set Feb. 26

The Rhinebeck Garden Club's next meeting will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Rhinebeck Village Hall, 76 East Market Street. The program, "From Drab to Fab! How to Take your Grocery Bouquet or Flowers to the Next Level," will be presented by Jay Bell, a floral designer for 25 years in NYC and a member of the Rhinebeck Garden Club. Refreshments will be served. Visitors are welcomed.

Every year the Rhinebeck Garden Club puts together a series of meetings, field trips and events. Most meetings are open to the public, but visitors are asked to join after attending two meetings. For information, call Sue at (845) 797-3226 or logon to <https://www.facebook.com/p/Rhinebeck-Garden-Club-100064834505072/>

ONGOING

The Frederick W. Vanderbilt Garden Association is looking for volunteers to perform all tasks required to plant and maintain the garden. No gardening expertise is needed, we will train as we work. You need to be eighteen years old or older and be able to perform, at minimum, basic physical labor such as bending, kneeling and carrying buckets. Garden work is done during the spring, summer and fall months on Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to noon. You are welcome to work as often and on any days that suit your schedule. For further information, visit <http://www.vanderbiltgarden.org> or call 845-229-6432.

Meals on Wheels of Hyde Park and the Village of Rhinebeck is seeking volunteer drivers during the hours of 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Drivers are needed Monday-Friday. You can drive one or more days each week or substitute as needed. All drivers work in teams so couples or friends are encouraged to volunteer together. For more information visit www.mealsonwheelsofhp.org or, contact Andrea Tkazyik at (845) 229-5896.

The New to You Thrift Shop at St. Christopher's in Red Hook has cold-weather clothing, with everything from shoes to coats, bags, scarves, hats...Come in and outfit yourself for the chillier times. The prices are amazing. And while the ladies are browsing clothing, we have children's clothing and toys and games. The shop is at 30 Benner Road in Red Hook by St. Christopher's School.

DEC forest rangers deployed to California to assist in the containment of wildfires

Governor Kathy Hochul announced last week that a team of 10 Department of Environmental Conservation Forest Rangers is traveling to California to support ongoing efforts to contain wildfires raging in Los Angeles. The Forest Rangers flew out of Albany this morning for what is expected to be a two-week assignment.

"When other states and nations ask for New York's help, we are always prepared to send assistance," Hochul said. New York's expert wildland firefighting Forest Rangers were eager to answer the call and will do what they can to help in response to the extraordinary devastation in and around Los Angeles. I thank them for their bravery and look forward to their safe return."

New York State regularly deploys highly trained wildland firefighters to help battle fires in other states and nations as part of interstate and international firefighting compacts, according to state officials. In Southern California, the fires have killed an estimated 27 people to date, burned more than 40,000 acres, and destroyed more than 12,000 structures. The fires started on Jan. 7 and were then

fueled by Santa Ana winds.

Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar said, "DEC's Forest Rangers are highly trained wildland firefighters who are prepared to use their expertise to assist communities in need whenever they get the call. I appreciate the Rangers stepping up to run toward danger and bolster the efforts of firefighters from across the U.S., Mexico, Canada, and other nations to battle these destructive wildfires."

In 1979, New York sent its first firefighting crew to assist western states with large wildfires. On average, one or two crews are deployed as needed to assist with wildfires every year. In addition to helping contain wildfires and minimize damage to people and property, these crews gain valuable experience that will be utilized fighting wildfires and managing incidents in New York.

All personnel and travel expenses for the New York crews are either paid directly by the U.S. Forest Service or reimbursed to New York State based on a mutual aid agreement between states and federal land agencies.

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Field Hall Foundation seeks Letter of Inquiry for grants by Jan. 30

Field Hall Foundation supports programs and projects that improve the lives of older adults and caregivers in Dutchess, Putnam and Westchester counties. Priority is given to proposals focused on the basic needs of low-income older adults (60+ years old) and their unpaid caregivers.

The Foundation awards one-year small and full-sized grants. This Letter of Inquiry form is for full grants only (more than \$15,000). Visit the Foundation's website, fieldhallfoundation.org, for a Letter of Inquiry form for full grant requests, as well as guidelines and eligibility requirements.

Previous grant recipients are eligible to submit another Letter of Inquiry after a) at least one year has passed since receiving a grant, and b) a final report for that grant has been submitted to and accepted by the Foundation. It is important to note that, because of the large number of organizations the Foundation supports, previous grantees are generally not considered for another grant until approximately two years after receiving a grant.

If one's organization is eligible to apply, complete the second page of this form and email it, along with a Letter of Inquiry (LOI) to phorvath@fieldhallfdn.org by Jan. 30.

The LOI should include the following information and be a Word or pdf document, two pages or less, in black, 12-point Times New Roman type.

1. A brief introduction to the organization, including the mission and programs offered

2. A summary of the proposed program/project, the need it addresses, and its goal(s).

3. The approximate starting date and duration of the program/project. The grant period for the Spring 2025 grant cycle is from July 2025 to June 2026. Include an explanation if the proposal has a different timeline.

4. A preliminary budget showing how the requested funding will be allocated and if additional funding is needed for the program/project. Up to 10% of requested funding can be allocated for indirect/administrative costs. Refer to the Dates & Forms page on the Foundation's website, fieldhallfoundation.org, for all allowable costs.

5. How the program/project is typically, or will be, funded. Please note that the Foundation does not renew grants or award multi-year grants.

For more information, contact Patti Lavan Horvath, Program Officer: phorvath@fieldhallfdn.org or 914-813-9103.

Heritage Financial Park to host 8 Marist baseball games in March

The Hudson Valley Renegades, the High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees, and Marist College Athletics are proud to announce today an agreement for Heritage Financial Park to host eight games during the upcoming NCAA Division I baseball season.

The first contest to take place at Heritage Financial Park is also the Red Foxes' home opener and Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference opener, as they battle the Merrimack Warriors on Friday, March 7. The entire three-game series with Merrimack will take place at Heritage Financial Park. Additionally, Marist will play a second MAAC series against Niagara beginning March 14 (14-16) and take on non-conference opponents FDU (March 19), and Yale (March 26).

"This is a huge moment for our program," said Marist head coach Lance Ratchford. "We are really excited about our new partnership with the Renegades organization and Heritage Financial Park. This is a game changer for us with our conference schedule beginning in early March. This gives our program the opportunity to play in New York early as well as play in one of the best professional parks in the country. This also gives our players another incredible facility to train and get outside early for the pre-season. We are truly grateful and excited to play at Heritage Financial Park. This will be a second home to the Ball Foxes."

"We are so excited to partner with the Marist Athletics Department to bring seven Red Foxes baseball games to Heritage Financial Park this season," said Tom Hubmaster, the Renegades Senior

Director, Stadium Operations & Events. "Bringing high-level Division I college baseball to the ballpark throughout the month of March will be great for our fans and our community."

The Marist baseball schedule at Heritage Financial Park is as follows:

- Friday, March 7 – Marist vs. Merrimack – 3 p.m.
- Saturday, March 8 – Marist vs. Merrimack – 12 p.m.
- Sunday, March 9 – Marist vs. Merrimack – 12 p.m.
- Friday, March 14 – Marist vs. Niagara – 3 p.m.
- Saturday, March 15 – Marist vs. Niagara – 12 p.m.
- Sunday, March 16 – Marist vs. Niagara – 12 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 19 – Marist vs. FDU – 3 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 26 – Marist vs. Yale – 3 p.m.

This marks a return to the venue for Marist, who played Army West Point at the ballpark annually from 2006 through 2018 in the Hudson Valley Baseball Classic.

Heritage Financial Park hosted the MAAC Baseball Championship Tournament from 1998 through 2007, and again in 2010. The Red Foxes are six-time MAAC champions, and won three straight conference titles at Heritage Financial Park from 2000 through 2002.

This joins a growing portfolio of collegiate baseball games hosted by Heritage Financial Park, which includes the Northeast Conference Baseball Championship and games played by Dutchess Community College.

NY Army National Guard Promotions

LATHAM, NY - Major General Ray Shields, the Adjutant General for the State of New York, announces the promotion of members of the New York Army National Guard in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership.

John Bolde from Hyde Park, assigned to the Company B, NY Recruiting & Retention Battalion, received a promotion December 13, 2024 to the rank of private.

Matthew Melin Alfonso from Millerton, assigned to the Company B, NY Recruiting & Retention Battalion, received a promotion November 26, 2024 to the rank of private.

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Town of Poughkeepsie secures grant to develop plan for VandeWater landfill

Town of Poughkeepsie Supervisor Rebecca Edwards announced last week that the Town has secured a \$252,000 state grant to develop a community plan for the former VandeWater landfill at Route 44 and Tucker and Burnett Drives.

New York's Department of State awarded the grant through the Brownfields Opportunity Area (BOA) program. The Town will use the funds to launch a multi-year planning process. The goal is to bring together business owners, tenants, neighbors, and other stakeholders to envision future uses for the proposed Burnett-Tucker Brownfield Opportunity Area.

"The Department of State's Brownfield Opportunity Area program has a proven track record of reimagining undesirable areas like the VanderWater landfill and transforming them into valuable community assets," said New York Secretary of State Walter T. Mosley. "We are excited to partner with the Town, community leaders and residents to create a bold vision for the re-use and redevelopment of this area."

Encompassing at least 20 property parcels and over 120 acres, the area was historically a wetland, headwaters of the Casperkill. In the nineteenth century a clay mining operation took over the area, which became known for a century as "Brickyard Hill." After the clay mine closed in the 1930s, leftover clay pits became dumping sites for garbage, and from 1948 to 1971 the area operated as a landfill.

"I'm proud to launch this community initiative," said Supervisor Edwards, "and grateful to Assemblymember Didi

Barrett and everyone who helped the Town win this funding. Residents ask me all the time about the 'former K-Mart site.' It's the Town's largest and most visible eyesore. There's a long road ahead, but we now have the resources to bring the community together and re-envision the area for the future."

"Repurposing brownfields and vacant spaces is a key component of both economic and environmental sustainability. I was thrilled to work with the Town of Poughkeepsie and the New York State Department of State's Brownfield Opportunity Area office to secure funding to reimagine the former VandeWater landfill," said Barrett. "This is an exciting opportunity to repurpose this area into a mixed-use space for the community to enjoy for generations to come."

The BOA program provides planning and pre-development grants to communities to develop community-driven plans for the re-use and redevelopment of brownfield affected areas—neighborhoods negatively affected by real or perceived environmental conditions. Completed BOA plans are submitted to the New York State Secretary of State for approval, also known as "designation," which then entitles the BOA area to receive priority funding from several State programs. The program is funded through the State's Environmental Protection Fund, which Governor Kathy Hochul increased from \$300 million to \$400 million in 2022.

More information on New York's Brownfields Opportunity Area program can be found at: <https://dos.ny.gov/brownfield-redevelopment>.

Anderson Foundation for Autism announces recipients of recent grantmaking cycle

The leadership team and trustees of Anderson Foundation for Autism recently announced the recipients of its 2024 year-end grantmaking cycle.

The latest list of Anderson Foundation grant award winners includes: Autism at Face Value, located in Dover, Pennsylvania (\$5,500); Eastern Marshall County EMS, located in Wenona, Illinois (\$1,200); and Rock Autism, Inc., located in Buffalo, New York (\$5,000).

This news comes on the heels of Anderson Foundation's October announcement, when recipients of its first-ever set of grant awards were named: Bluepath Service Dogs (grant award: \$5,000), Bring On The Spectrum (grant award: \$6,000); Flower Petals Adaptive Dance Studio (grant award: \$4,200), and Project Ready (grant award: \$6,500).

Said Kevin Kollar, Chair of Anderson Foundation for Autism's Board of Trustees: "The work of each of these nonprofit organizations aligns beautifully with our mission at Anderson, which is to optimize the quality of life for individuals with autism. We are so pleased to be able to help them make some of their goals a reality and continue their stellar work in our field."

Explained Patrick Paul, CEO/Executive Director of Anderson Center for Autism: "Initially, our Foundation was developed with the goal of building a rainy day fund for Anderson. We were successful in doing so, and the Foundation has now grown to the point where we're able to 'pay it forward' to other organizations in the field who are furthering our mission. It is very gratifying for all of us to position others for success in this way, and we look forward to seeing the impact of these awards as time goes on."

President of Autism at Face Value, Angela Kot, said of her organization's grant award: "Autism at Face Value is grateful to Anderson Foundation for Autism for seeing the value in our work using tabletop roleplaying games (RPGs) as a unique and impactful tool for social and emotional growth. These activities have shown remarkable benefits for individuals facing challenges such as autism, anxiety, and depression, as they provide both a safe space for self-expression and a dynamic environment for skill-building. With this grant, our community outreach will grow and more individuals living with autism will benefit from our enrichment programs."

Other grant recipients likewise expressed gratitude for the grants and are working to plan initiatives made possible by the funds. Said Jacy Ahrens, Assistant Supervisor and Training Coordinator for Eastern Marshall County EMS, "This award is being utilized to host an Autism Awareness Course for police, fire and EMS agencies in our area. The grant will allow our area first responders to gain knowledge in autism and related disor-

ders to help benefit those within the communities we serve. We are looking forward to our upcoming course in March!"

Paul noted that the next grantmaking cycle is now underway and that Anderson Foundation for Autism has reserved up to \$50,000 in total for its 2025 awards.

Eliza Bozenski, Chief Development Officer at Anderson Foundation for Autism, said: "We are in awe of the wide range of projects and geographic regions represented in the proposals we've received - and now that our 2025 online submission form is online, we're excited to see what comes our way in the months ahead. Interested nonprofits must complete their applications before June 30th, at which point our committee will begin the proposal review phase. Our plan is to make decisions before September 30th and notify all applicants of our decisions by December 31st.

Bozenski stated that applications will be reviewed by members of Anderson Foundation for Autism's Board of Trustees and grant committee members. Employees of Anderson Center for Autism are not included in the review and selection process. Grantees will be required to provide outcome updates to Anderson Foundation for Autism following award disbursements.

Anderson Center for Autism (ACA), founded in 1924, which also receives funds from Anderson Foundation for Autism, offers evidence-based educational, vocational, residential, and consulting/training programs, drawing students and residents from all over the United States to experience its school and residential offerings. Its affiliate, Anderson Center International (ACI), hosts scholars from countries throughout the world for a 12-18 month training program at Anderson's Staatsburg campus (today, that includes 26 scholars from 10 countries). During this experience at Anderson, scholars gain the education needed to improve schooling, workplace environments, and overall therapy and care for people with autism upon returning to their home countries. Another Anderson Center for Autism affiliate, Anderson Center Consulting and Training (ACCT), has, among other activities, delivered training needed for over 150 businesses to gain designation as being "Autism Supportive."

Anderson also runs Early Learning Academy programs (in Pine Plains and Latham, NY) and The Anderson Center Clinic (Latham, NY).

For more information, contact Eliza Bozenski, Chief Development Officer of Anderson Foundation for Autism at (845) 889-9594 or by email: EBozenski@AndersonCares.org.

Grant applications must be submitted on or before June 30, 2025 using this link: <https://forms.gle/dvhpeCPNR6mER5z89>. Visit <https://www.andersoncenterforautism.org/afagrants/> for further details.

Poughkeepsie man sentenced to 20 years to life for kidnapping, attempted robbery

The Dutchess County District Attorney's Office announced that on Jan. 8, Derrick Woodhouse was sentenced to 20 years to life following his conviction for Kidnapping in the Second Degree and 2-4 years for his conviction for Attempted Robbery in the Third Degree. On June 11, 2024 a Dutchess County jury convicted 50-year-old Derrick Woodhouse, of Poughkeepsie, of two counts of Kidnapping in the Second Degree, Class B Violent Felonies and one count of Attempted Robbery in the Third Degree, a Class E Felony. The jury concluded that on Feb. 6, 2023, at approximately 6:20 p.m. in the City of Poughkeepsie, the defendant intentionally abducted Gretchen Mungia and two minor children in her custody at knife-point. Woodhouse approached the pregnant victim's vehicle while the two minor children were seated in the backseat and held a knife to her stomach. The defen-

dant threatened to hurt the children and ordered her to drive to an ATM and get money out. The defendant demanded the money and when the victim accidentally dropped the wallet and money, the defendant left the vehicle.

District Attorney Anthony Parisi said, "This sentencing reflects the gravity of the defendant's actions. The kidnapping and robbery of a vulnerable, pregnant woman and her children is an egregious crime. This 20-year-to-life sentence ensures that the defendant will be held accountable for his actions and that justice is served for the victim, her family, and the community. It is our duty to protect the most vulnerable among us, and this sentence reinforces our commitment to doing so."

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorneys James Bryant and Jason Richland. The Honorable Jessica Z. Segal presided over the case.

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Nasal congestion is ‘snot’ funny!

Although I rarely comment on it, breathing is one of my favorite things. Especially through my nose. I really like it. But, I recently had a cold, which reminded me of an oft-overlooked, but much appreciated bodily secretion: Mucus.

Your epithelial tissue produces it

Epithelial tissue lines your body tracts and cavities, producing mucus, which provides protection and lubrication to the cells that lie beneath. Because of its viscosity, mucus traps unwanted substances and microbes. It is mostly made of water, but contains many other components such as antibodies, enzymes, and mucins, which help your body fight infections.

Even when you’re healthy, your body is a mucus-making machine. Most of us make one to two quarts a day. You probably don’t notice it ... unless your body starts making more, or its consistency changes. That’s when you might wish your body didn’t make it. Especially when you need to blow your nose due to a sinus infection. But you wouldn’t want to live without mucus!

You notice when it changes

It generally takes a bad cold, allergy, or contact with something irritating – like a plate of spicy chicken wings – to throw your body’s nasal mucus production into overdrive. Allergies and gustatory rhinitis, as well as pathogens, can make your nose run. Besides overproduction, changes to your mucosal lining, and the relative viscosity of your mucus will be noticeable. Respiratory mucus is affected by a dry indoor environment; dehydration from inadequate water, over-consumption of coffee, tea, or alcohol; some medications; and smoking.

Do this if you have a sick sense of humor

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the average uncovered sneeze sends mucosal droplets about six feet. Small particles can become suspended and travel over three times as far. Particles expelled in a sneeze or cough can carry germs for an array of

infectious diseases, including coronavirus, colds, the flu, chickenpox, measles and more.

If you have a sick sense of humor and an inquiring mind, investigate snot projectiles! Kids will enjoy investigating the effect of viscosity on the distance mucus travels. To do the activity, you’ll need plastic sheeting or a couple of shower curtains, permanent markers, two stools, tape, meter sticks, gelatin, corn syrup, food coloring, a sponge, two containers, and two plastic pipettes (eye droppers).

Make two batches of “model snot”: a thick version and thin version. Both batches can be made with gelatin, corn syrup, and water. Make one batch more “watery” and the other with less water, so it is more viscous. Differentiate the batches with opposing food coloring so that they can be easily compared.

Lay shower curtains over the experimental area (wall and floor) and tape them in place. Mark measurements at intervals along the shower curtains in the anticipated projectile zone. Place each of the containers with the two kinds of model snot, as well as a pipette, on a separate stool. Fill the bulb of each pipette and hold each horizontally on top of each stool. Make sure the pipettes are facing the shower curtains to contain the mess and get an accurate measurement. When you squeeze the pipettes, you are simulating a sneeze.

Keep track of the number of large (>5mm) and small (<5mm) drops that fell at the different intervals. Repeat this process 5-10 times for both the thick and thin model snot. The idea of experimenting with a “snot model” can be icky and entertaining at the same time.

Healthier choices

To keep from spreading germs (in actual snot), cover your nose and mouth with a tissue whenever you sneeze or cough. If you’re caught without a tissue, health experts suggest using the crook of your elbow. That will keep the germs from becoming airborne and will keep your hands from getting germ-y. If you do



Dealing with the symptoms of nasal congestion. Photo by Francine Wizner

sneeze or cough into your hands, wash them immediately with soap and water, or an alcohol-based sanitizer. The best choice to prevent the airborne spread of germs is to avoid close contact with anyone who is sick. If you are ill and likely to cough or sneeze, stay home until you’re healthy.

Francine Wizner is a native of the Hudson Valley. She grew up in the Catskills of Greene County and spent over 3 decades teaching in Ulster County. She creates science-themed instructional materials and books, as well as being a Citizen Scientist in the management of her current home in an enchanted woodland of Dutchess County. Find her at <https://medium.com/@wiznerf>, <https://substack.com/@gkatzchronicle>, and <https://www.pleasantvalleymaplelodging.com/>

Rhinebeck Writers Retreat announces search for new Executive Director

The Board of Rhinebeck Writers Retreat recently announced that Kathy Evans will be leaving her position as Founding Executive Director later this year, and the search for the new Executive Director is under way. After 14 years, Evans has decided to turn Rhinebeck Writers Retreat over to a successor and will pursue personal projects. She will remain with the organization for a transition period of several months, working with the new Executive Director through the end of this summer’s residencies.

Board Secretary and Search Committee member Daniel Egan said, “Kathy was a visionary to start Rhinebeck Writers Retreat and has been an extraordinary advocate for musical theatre writers and the development of new musicals. We are grateful for all she has done. We look forward to finding the person who can build on her vision and make Rhinebeck Writers Retreat the premiere residency to accelerate the development of new musicals.”

Evans said, “I am so proud of what we

created at Rhinebeck Writers Retreat – a safe place for musical theatre writers to come to the Hudson Valley, collaborate, live together for one week, and focus on writing their musicals. We have always believed that writers should have no financial burden to participate. I am so grateful to our Board of Directors and the donors, foundations, and government funders who have made our work and the support of incredibly talented writers and musicals possible. It feels like a perfect time to pass the torch, as we are in strong shape artistically and financially, and, for the first time, we have a show that we developed in Rhinebeck coming to Broadway – OPERATION MINCEMEAT.”

A search committee from the Board of Directors will conduct the search. All information regarding the position can be found at www.rhinebeckwriters.org. Interested applicants should submit resumes by Feb. 23. Questions can be addressed to searchcommittee@rhinebeckwriters.org.

Morton sends out call for talent, visual art

Morton Memorial Library’s annual Talent Show is set Friday, March 7, starting at 6:30 p.m. Members of the community are encouraged to register to participate and share their special talent.

All kinds of talent are wanted: An evening of jokes, bands, storytelling, guitar playing, dance and more. This show and the Morton community are all about enjoyment and camaraderie – never judgment.

Contact Sandy at sandy@mortonrhinecliff.org by Feb. 1 if you are interested in participating, and include your talent.

Those who aren’t in Rhinecliff, but would like to share their talents, may record their performance and send it in.

Morton will create a video to share during the show.

Richard Kopyscianski has again agreed to emcee the event.

There is a separate call for the visual art component of the Talent Show. Morton invites the community to submit their artistic works, which will be on view for the month of March. The Talent Show Art Opening will take place on Friday, Feb. 28, from 6 to 8 p.m. This is a week before the performance component of the show.

Contact sandy@mortonrhinecliff.org by Feb. 1 if you are interested. Bring in your piece to the library by Saturday, Feb. 22.

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'Bach to Rock' presentation set Jan. 29 at LaGrange Association Library

"Bach to Rock" with Alex Prizgintas will be presented at the LaGrange Association Library, 1110 Route 55, Lagrangeville, on Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 6 p.m. Register for the event at <https://laglib.org/events-calendar/>.

Prizgintas is an Orange County-based author, historian, and musician who has made a career of blending harmonies with the rich histories of composers and songwriters from decades past, in addition to pushing the classical cello into realms that are unique and unexpected.

According to Prizgintas, "Most often, cellists play concerts. I'm a little different in that I try to give a show."

Prizgintas works to give a show that offers more give-and-take with the audience while delivering bits of information revealing some of the background behind the melodies and the melody makers.

"Some of my favorite selections in the 'Bach to Rock' program include the Baroque cello suites of J.S. Bach, Latin tangos such as Astor Piazzolla's 'Libertango,' and opera selections like Donizetti's 'Una Furtiva Lagrima' and

Verdi's 'La Donna Mobile,'" said Prizgintas. "I enjoy the lyricism of opera especially when contrasted by the counterpoint of jazz by masters like Miles Davis, John Coltrane, Dizzy Gillespie and Dave Brubeck. And then, there are times where I stray towards the rebellion of the mid-to-late '60s British Invasion with groups like Cream, Led Zeppelin, The Beatles, Procol Harum, The Kinks, and The Zombies—to name just a few."

With each performance, Prizgintas strives to communicate, not only with the cello but with the back-stories that reveal interesting facts about each selection.

"I have three rock selections with personal ties to Jimi Hendrix, an explanation about Bach's Preludes to each cello suite, and where Dave Brubeck found inspiration for 'Blue Rondo a la Turk,' just to name a few," he said. "Along with the tunes, my goal is to build a better understanding and a deeper relationship with my audiences."

To learn more and see other video samples of his music and lectures, visit alexprizgintas.com.



Author, historian, and musician Alex Prizgintas will present "Bach to Rock" at the LaGrange Association Library on Wednesday, Jan. 29. *Courtesy photo*

PUTNAM SYMPHONY SEEKS MUSICIANS FOR SPRING CONCERT

Putnam Symphony Orchestra has openings for all qualified musicians to join them in their Spring Concert featuring the music of American women composers on May 4.

Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Brewster High School beginning January 22. There are no auditions and no fee to join.

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

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Local connection to nearly lost sport of ice yachting

continued from cover

Several items from Dutchess County Historical Society (DCHS) Collections can connect us to these distant activities, as did a recent exhibit at the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center at Hyde Park's FDR Presidential Library & Museum that was created by the Hudson River Ice Yacht Preservation Trust. This article will examine both.

Held in DCHS's collections and archives, the Record of Roll and Proceeding of Colors of the Hyde Park Ice Yacht Club provides an important overview of the organization and the development of its boating culture in its first three decades, 1899-1927. The text reveals a rich history of the functioning of the organization, including meeting minutes, subcommittee reports, and racing records.

The first meeting of the yacht club convened on February 16th, 1899. An entry in the book shows that at this meeting the name of the organization was chosen, members were elected, a subcommittee was appointed to draft bylaws, and the first members were deemed charter members. In the preceding year, the club set forth the guidelines for the structure and organization of the races. Subcommittees were tasked with formulating rules and regulations for the races. This included items such as standards for yacht size classes and vehicle handicaps which ensured fairer races.

The charter members of the club comprised the first twenty-two racing positions. As subsequent members were added or removed, each year any given member might be assigned a new number. A chart highlights the order which any given race might take, showing the sequence of racers.

From its founding, the Club hosted regattas through which members could compete against each other. During the meeting on November 16, 1899, Commodore Sterling Bird announced the commencement of the Point Prize Cup for the 1899-1900 season. In his address he outlined the goal of the competition was a fair competition: "the object of the cup is to induce all yachts to start in all club races, as the one starting the greatest number is most likely to win." A history of the Hyde Park-based club, also part of DCHS's collections, described the course for the first season. Beginning at Bard's Rock, later the club house at Hyde Park Landing, the races would make their way five miles north, looping around Esopus Island. Times were calculated against the

handicap and recorded.

While the careful preservation of physical items can make a strong impression on the present viewer, imagine how powerful it is to discover that an item (the size and scale of an ice yacht) was created by a family member, a lineal ancestor.

That's what happened recently when lifetime Dutchess County residents Tim Amodeo, and his son Leo, walked into the Wallace Center, mentioned earlier. What they discovered amazed both of them.

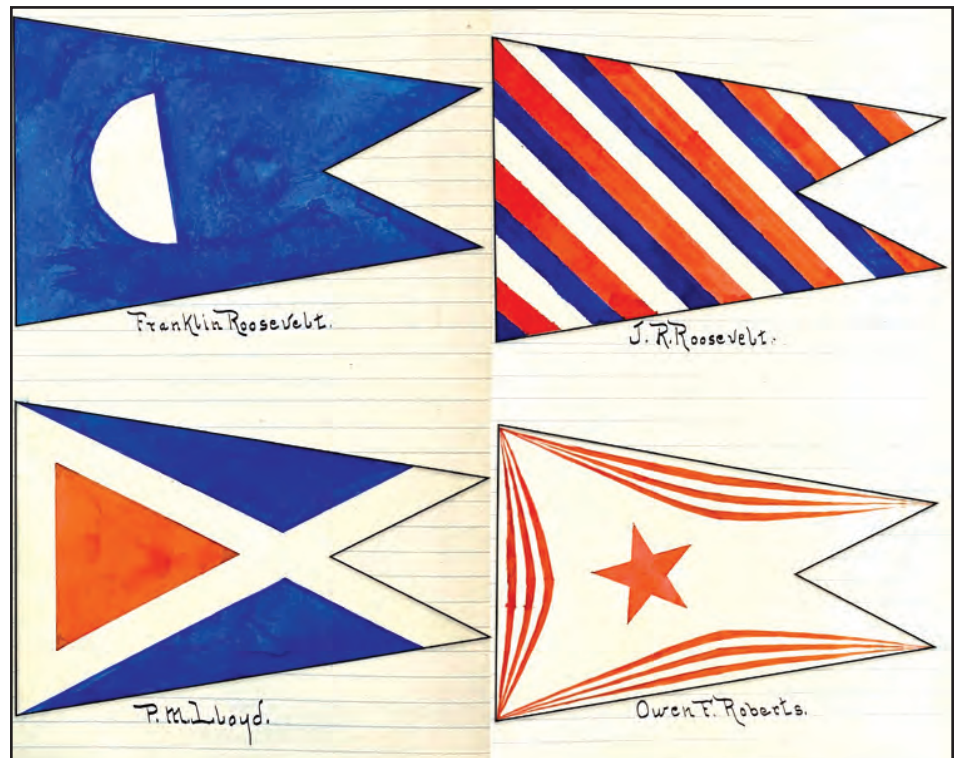
Tim Amodeo comments, "We used to sit around my grandmother's kitchen and hear stories of [my grandfather] Samuel or 'Danny' Rogers building iceboats. I was told he built boats for FDR and knowing what they could do he then built himself better boats that proceeded to beat him."

To Amodeo's surprise, there at the exhibit was a boat made by his grandfather. Named "Allons," in French approximately let's go, the boat raced from 1900 to 1910. Decked out with hardwood runners (which hold sharpened metal skates), a slightly tattered, white canvas sail and maroon colored cloth covered the pilot's running plank; "old-school" without an inch of fiberglass or laminate to be found over its nineteen foot-seven-inch structure.

Leo, a freshman at Dutchess Community College said, "It was truly a fascinating day. I was thrilled to see the ice boats in person and their intricacies, to physically witness the handy work of my great-great-grandfather was quite an experience."

Bob Wills is President of Hudson River Ice Yacht Preservation Trust and explains that changes in climate and increased ice breaking activities to keep a channel open to the Troy dam have virtually eliminated ice yachting except occasionally in small areas. From the 1970s until a decade ago, there was intermittent sailing north of Rhinecliff up to Barrytown. Wills explains that due to the topography, there has been recent ice boating at Athens, across from Hudson, NY.

Wills comments, "We have had to go to the Stockbridge Bowl, a small lake west of Stockbridge, MA, this past February for some sailing, and in trips in the past two years to the Great Sacandaga Lake, some of our members have had only two days of sailing. However, we are eternally optimistic. So far, January of 2025 is looking promising, and we will



Deep personal pride and fierce competitiveness are reflected in the formally acknowledged flags that include the future US President Franklin Roosevelt, and his half-brother James Roosevelt Roosevelt, among others. From DCHS Collections, ledger entitled, "Record of Proceeding and Roll of Colors, Hyde Park Ice Yacht Club, Organized February 16, 1899. Hyde Park, New York."

be sailing on Orange Lake in the coming days, with the hope that Athens or Barrytown ice will allow us to sail!"

DCHS has bundled and republished articles in our DCHS Yearbook (since 1914) that relate to Hudson River sports: "Rowing & Ice Yachting: The Hudson River & Year-round Sport" at www.dchsny.org/encore.

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Left to right: Leo, Tim, and Christa Amodeo visited the recent exhibit hosted by the Hudson River Ice Yacht Preservation Trust at the FDR Presidential Library & Museum. They were surprised to learn that Tim's grandfather, Samuel Rogers, was the builder of the boat, "Allons," just behind them. Photo provided by Amodeo family. Inset: At left, Henry Sleight at the helm of "Allons." At right, Rogers sailing "Bessie." Image courtesy of FDR Presidential Library & Museum

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- Capone's family
- Wild swine
- "You're not allowed," to a baby
- Deal with it
- Cunningly
- Shower with affection
- Allege
- City in Belgium
- *Snow Day exercise?
- Poet Pound
- Ovine sign of the zodiac
- Tasseled hat
- All together (2 words)
- Military College of South Carolina, with The
- For every
- a.k.a. association football
- *All-day Snow Day garb?
- Delete
- Crude fuel
- Read-only disc
- Good's counterpart
- Popular flowering shrub
- Female ancestor
- Two heads are better than one, e.g.
- Bering Strait state
- Rudolph's Clarice, e.g.
- Like thick smoke
- Fountain option
- *No two are alike, sing.
- Surround (2 words)
- Tangerine plus grapefruit
- *Like a river, with over
- #51 Down, pl.
- Heidi's "Magic Wooden Shoe"
- Olufsen's partner
- Sound of a bell
- Not him
- Surfer's stop

DOWN

- Odds' partners
- Tubby little cubby
- "He's Just Not That ____ You"
- Of the same period
- *Popular Snow Day pastime
- Some tournaments
- Zugspitze, e.g.
- *Severe weather
- Deed hearing
- Algae, sing.
- Marble bread
- ____ Jack, English pirate
- *As opposed to rain
- Irregular
- Type of conifer
- Musketeers' swords
- High-strung
- Cerebellum location
- Unit of life
- Students' dwellings
- *Snow Day reading choice
- Helping theorem
- *Like soft pj's
- Intelligence org.
- *Slope fun
- Shorter than California
- Number of years
- No, it doesn't crawl in one's ear
- Horse of certain color, pl.
- Spontaneous additions
- Obtuse one
- Tom Cruise's "The ____ of Money"
- Highway hauler
- Bad sign
- Of a particular kind
- Smoothie berry
- Superman's last name
- Part of a seat
- *Like chocolate on a Snow Day

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The Toboggan

Watch out for those trees!

Behind our house, we had what seemed to us a giant mountain perfect for sleigh riding. At the end of the mountain was woods with a trail running through it, which led to another bigger hill in our neighbor's yard. The trick was to ride our hill through the woods to the second hill and down to the street on the other side. The problem was if you missed the trail, you hit a bunch of trees.

I remember one year we got a colossal wooden toboggan with rope handles for Christmas which could hold two of us. The beauty of the colossal wooden toboggan with rope handles was that the extra weight would allow you to shoot through the woods and down the second hill.

I was about 8 years old when got the colossal wooden toboggan with rope handles and we couldn't wait for the first storm so we could try it out. A couple of days after Christmas we got our storm and my brother Vinny, who was around four at the time, and I towed the colossal wooden toboggan with rope handles out to the hill. However, before we even got out side, my mother dressed us with long johns, sweat pants, wool sweater, full snow suit, homemade knitted scarf, homemade knitted hat, gloves, wool socks, rubber boots, holly water, and

rosary beads.

So, Vinny and I started our trek dressed for the Arctic winter. Because we were so loaded down with the extra Arctic gear, a short walk to the hill seemed like a trek across the Glacier Bay National Park. When we finally arrived at our destination, we took a minute to catch our breath and to break off the icicles that were forming on our scarf from our hot breath.

I set up the colossal wooden toboggan with rope handles with Vinny in the front. I sat behind him and carefully lined up the toboggan with the trail. I looked up into the snowy sky and imagined I was on a bob sled run at Lake Placid. I wiped my nose using the sleeve of my snow suit and pushed off to start our run.

I clutched Vinny tightly because I didn't want him to get hurt - and thus get into trouble yet again. As we got halfway down the hill, I realized we were going to miss the trail, so I got ready to ditch before we hit the trees. I slid off the colossal wooden toboggan with rope handles. In that instant, I realized that I didn't grab Vinny and he was still on the colossal wooden toboggan with rope handles and headed for the trees.

As Vinny plunged into the trees look-

ing like a giant snowball, I realized I was about to get into big trouble again.

Well, Vinny smacked into the tree so hard the snow fell from the branches and covered him. All that stuck out of the pile of snow was the top of his head, which was covered with the homemade knitted hat. I knew I was dead.

I dug him out as he screamed bloody murder. Once he was freed from his arctic snow prison, together we dragged the giant wooden toboggan up the hill and back home for what I was sure was a trip to the County Jail.

When we got inside, Mom ordered us downstairs into the basement where we undressed, hanging our layers of clothes by the furnace to dry. When we got upstairs, Vinny started to tell Mom how I purposely left him on the toboggan and how he almost died from the avalanche of snow that came down and buried him.

Mom listened intently, put two bowls of escarole and potato soup on the kitchen table and told us to eat our lunch. The funny thing was, by the time we finished our soup, Vinny had forgotten about his life-changing sledding accident and so had Mom.

ESCAROLE AND POTATO SOUP

Ingredients

- 1 lb. cooked diced fennel sausage
- 2 potatoes, diced
- 1 cup diced Spanish onion
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 2 cups escarole, washed and shredded
- 1 qt. chicken stock

Method

Place onions, garlic and sausage in a large saucepan and cook over medium heat until onions are almost clear.

Add chicken stock and potatoes, simmer 15 minutes.

Add escarole and simmer for 15 more minutes then serve.

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

Rhinebeck HS students bring awareness to social issues through art

At a recent NYS Art Teachers Conference, Rhinebeck High School art teacher Cynthia Baer had the pleasure of attending a lecture given by Andres Gallardo, a New York-based artist who combines activism with art. Known as the "The GEM Guy," Andres has given away over 1,000 works of art around the world, while encouraging others in his path to share their own gifts. He shared the story of how he "discovered his art talent and passion, which ultimately led him to share his gifts and to Give Everyone Moments ("GEM") around the world. Gallardo believes it is the artists' duty to bring beauty into the world, to spread important messages and to leave the world better than he finds it." (TED conference 2016 <http://ted.com/tedx>)

Explains Baer, "My Studio Art and Crafts classes had already begun a print-making project with a theme of Social Change. When I heard this talk, I got the idea of expanding the project out into the community so my students could experience both giving their art away to strangers as well as feeling the empowerment of having the changes they advocate

for in their art sent out into the world."

The students have sewn over 70 small block-printed bags with their social cause art printed on one side and the theme of "Seeds for Change" on the other. Students learned how to hand sew and use a sewing machine. Inside, the bag includes a website that connects their art to an activist organization, and a small packet of seeds to begin an intention to grow in the recipient.

"Our intention is to have our own local 'Art Drop' in the Village of Rhinebeck where students will 'drop' their art in public places where people find them easily and take them at will. Our hope is that each recipient will have a positive reaction to this 'gift' and 'plant a seed of change,' too."

The Art Drop is set to happen in synch with the Martin Luther King holiday. On Friday, Jan. 24, HS students will drop art on trees and shrubs with in the Village. Keep your eyes open for these little GEMS from Rhinebeck HS students. Send a picture or reaction to Rhinebeck HS's Facebook page at Log in or sign up to view.



Rhinebeck High School students in Cynthia Baer's Studio Art and Crafts classes have created "Seeds of Change" artworks to distribute freely around the Village of Rhinebeck. Courtesy photo

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Vicki Frank Day shares stories and recipes.

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Jan. 24-26: "Shrek The Musical," The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. Tony Award-winning fairy tale adventure based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film. Featuring all new songs from Jeanine Tesori ("Thoroughly Modern Millie," "Caroline, or Change") and a side-splitting book by David Lindsay-Abaire, "Shrek" brings all the beloved characters you know from the film to life on stage and proves there's more to the story than meets the ears. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$29. (845) 876-3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

Jan. 25: Sixth Annual "The Sound of Spring" Chinese New Year Concert, Fisher Center, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. Each year, "The Sound of

Spring" showcases exemplary symphonic works from the modern and contemporary repertoire, often featuring concertos for traditional Chinese instruments, 3 p.m. Pre-concert event in the Fisher Center lobby at 2 p.m. Tickets \$25. <http://barduschinamusic.org/events/spring-25-bard>

Jan. 27: International Holocaust Remembrance Day Presentation and Book Signing, Henry A. Wallace Center, FDR Library & Museum, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. "Dear Miss Perkins: A Story of Frances Perkins's Efforts to Aid Refugees from Nazi Germany" with David Pietrusza, 2 p.m. This inspiring new narrative of the first woman to serve in a president's cabinet reveals the full, never-before-told story of her role in saving Jewish refugees during the Nazi regime. Event will be held in-person & virtually. Free public event. Registration is required for in-person attendance. www.fdrlibrary.org

Jan. 28: Book Launch: John Sayles, "To Save the Man," Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. 6:30 p.m. Tickets are free. Books will be available to purchase through Oblong Books. RSVP required via EventBrite. (845) 876-2903

Applications accepted for Powerhouse Theater 2025 Training Program

Vassar College will present its annual Powerhouse Theater season from June 20 to July 27. As in previous years, the Powerhouse Theater Training Program will be offered for students who seek a unique opportunity to dive headfirst into a conservatory-like intensive on the Vassar College campus. Actors, directors, and writers hone their respective crafts through both class work and practical experiences.

By engaging with professional theater companies and artists who are in residence each summer, students deepen their understanding of the art and the industry. A summer at Powerhouse exposes students to new theater making

possibilities through a process of self-discovery.

A Powerhouse day includes morning and early afternoon classes, led by some of the country's leading theater practitioners and instructors. The core classes for all disciplines are acting, movement, and Soundpainting. Powerhouse afternoons and evenings consist of rehearsals, masterclasses, performances, talkbacks, and much more.

Applications will be accepted through April 1. Apply at <https://app.getacc.eptd.com/powerhousetheater>.

Call (845) 437-5907 or email powerhouse@vassar.edu for more information.

MHLS awards \$23,000 in mini-grants to member libraries

In 2024, the Mid-Hudson Library System (MHLS) awarded 23 \$1,000 Outreach Mini-Grants to member libraries. This grant supports MHLS' commitment to uphold the public's right to free and equitable access to information.

"We are proud to support the work of our member libraries in breaking down barriers and creating a sense of belonging in communities across the Hudson Valley," said Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Executive Director of the Mid-Hudson Library System, "Now more than ever, libraries play a critical role in helping people feel less isolated and welcomed as part of their community."

Award funds were used to extend the libraries' reach, especially to traditionally underserved populations within their service area. Each project's focus was dependent on the specific needs of the community served by the local library. Projects were aimed at reducing barriers to access, developing special programming, and/or improving collection inclusivity. Some highlights include:

- The East Fishkill Community Library designed a project aimed at supporting, welcoming and nurturing neurodivergent youth;
- The Hudson Area Association Library increased the number of Spanish language and bilingual English-Spanish books;
- The Woodstock Public Library purchased youth braille and sign language instruction materials;
- The Beekman Library is partnering with the Redhawk Native American Arts Council to present a multigenerational program to educate residents about Native American heritage through song, dance, theater and other cultural expressions.

The member libraries that each received the \$1,000 grant include: Beekman Library, Cairo Public Library, Catskill Public Library, Claverack Free Library, Desmond-Fish Public Library (Garrison), East Fishkill Community Library, Elting Memorial Library (New Paltz), Germantown Library, Highland Public Library, Hudson Area Association Library, Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library (Cold Spring), Kinderhook Memorial Library, LaGrange Association Library, Millbrook Library, Olive Free Library Association, Philmont Public Library, Phoenicia Library, Rosendale Library, Roeliff Jansen Community Library (Ancram, Copake, Hillsdale), Saugerties Library, Starr Library (Rhinebeck), Town of Esopus Library, Town of Ulster Public Library, Woodstock Public Library District.

The funds for this program are part of the New York State Outreach Categorical Aid program made available in the state budget and administered by the Mid-Hudson Library System in the region. These funds are earmarked by the state for libraries to develop programs and services to attract and connect to outreach target populations and form relevant community partnerships at the local level.

MHLS is a cooperative public library system chartered by the New York State Board of Regents and overseen by the New York State Education Department via the Division of Library Development (DLD). MHLS is dedicated to working together with 66 member libraries in the Mid-Hudson region to strengthen local library services while saving local tax dollars. For more information, visit www.midhudson.org or follow the library system on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

Wilderstein to host Victorian Valentine 'Craft & Sip' workshop

Wilderstein Historic Site (330 Morton Road, Rhinebeck) will hold a Victorian Valentine "Craft & Sip" workshop Saturday, Feb. 8 at 10 a.m. In the spirit of Wilderstein, enjoy sipping on Harney & Sons tea as you craft a beautiful 11-inch wood panel heart for your sweetheart. This is Wilderstein's modern take on the Victorian Valentine's Day gift-making tradition.

Participants will learn about the histo-

ry of valentines while creating their own original art. All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring any greeting cards you may have or other ephemera to add that special something to your project. The cost is \$40.

The workshop is sponsored by Hudson Valley Vintage. Registration is required. For more information, call Wilderstein at (845) 876-4818 or visit www.wilderstein.org.

EXHIBITIONS

Art Gallery 71, 71 E. Market St., Rhinebeck. **Through Feb. 2:** To commemorate its five year anniversary, Art Gallery 71's January feature is a group exhibition of the seven artists that founded the cooperative: Alix Travis, Wendy Sheasby, Evelyn LaStella, Richard Chianella, Trevor Hunter, Mary Belliveau and Ted Braggins. Reception/party: Sat., Jan. 25, 4-6 p.m. www.artgallery71.com

Bannerman Island Gallery, 150 Main St., Beacon. **Through January:** "The True Story of Bannerman's Island," Bannerman Castle Trust's 30th anniversary exhibition featuring fine art, historic & contemporary photographs, Bannerman Island antiques & artifacts. www.bannermancastle.org

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through January:** New art installations featuring Melanie Gonzalez in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St., and Jessica Licciardello in the Reception and Hancock Galleries at 12 Vassar St. Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access. More info: cunneen-hackett.org

Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. **Through Feb. 2:** "Reproductive: Health, Fertility, Agency," an exhibition that brings together diverse artistic perspectives to address critical issues including birth, miscarriage, pleasure, access to abortion, trauma, and the loss of fertility. Through a range of media and approaches, the artists provide a space for reflection and dialogue on these vital topics, challenging viewers to engage with the complexities of reproductive experiences and the pursuit of agency. (845) 437-5632 or <https://www.vassar.edu/theloeb>

Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. **Through January:** "Objective Perception and Reclamation of Agency," new series of paintings and textile art pieces by Gina Malfetano. **Closing Party:** Sat., Jan. 31, 5-7 p.m. (845) 876-2903

Rhinebeck Bank, 6414 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. **Through January:** Artworks by Deztiny Di Meo on display. A Hyde Park resident, Di Meo utilizes a mix of different media to create her artwork, including acrylic paint, marker, pen, and paper clippings. Her artwork has been displayed at the Hyde Park Library, the Millbrook Library, and The Crafted Kup as part of WomensWork.Art Gallery. <https://deztinydimeo.com/art>.

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through Feb. 2:** "Artists Choice ~ Member Selected Work," TAG members will exhibit their imaginative works that challenge traditional notions of art with their unique artistic styles, diverse mediums and thought-provoking themes. They make free association between ideas, concepts, emotions, memories and symbols. (845) 757-2667 or www.tivoliartistsgallery.com

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Music in the Library
Saturday, Feb. 1, 11 a.m.-noon
Andrew Baffi will be back his bringing classical guitar for all to enjoy.

Read to Therapy Dog Jambo
Tuesday, Feb. 11, 4-5 p.m.
He's a gentle giant who loves to make new friends. People of all ages are welcome to come and visit with him. Sign up for a 15-minute slot with Jambo.

February Book Club
Monday, Feb. 12, 1-2 p.m.
This month's selection is "Crow Lake" by Mary Lawson.

Supper Club with Lenny
Wednesday, Feb. 12, 6-7 p.m.
Enjoy a community tasting and sharing event with friends and family. This month's theme is Chocolate. Bring a

chocolate desert, bars or a chocolate infused savory dish to share. No need to register; just come with your cuisine and enjoy food and conversation!

Chair Yoga
Friday, Feb. 14, 1-2 p.m.
This is gentle yoga with a chair to support and aid seated and standing postures.

Library Talk on Antártica
Saturday, Feb. 15, 12:30 p.m.
Melissa Coggeshall will speak about her "Life on the Ice" while living in Antártica. Melissa has amazing stories and insights about her trips to Antártica that she will share with us. She will show us the clothing she wore and speak about what it is like to live on the ice! Registration not required but appreciated.

ONGOING EVENTS

Home School Stories and STEAM
Students in Grade K-3: Thursdays, 12:45-1:45 p.m.
Students Grade 4-6 (STEAM only) Thursdays, 2-3 p.m.

Preschool Storytime
Tuesday Mornings
Preschoolers (Age 3-4) 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Toddlers (Age 18 months-2 years)
10:30-11:15 a.m.
Babies (Birth-18 months) 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Stories, songs and free play every week!

Water Color Workshop
First, Third and Fifth Tuesday of each month, 1-4 p.m.
Using the Basic Watercolor Techniques:
A Flat Wash, Graded Wash, Wet-In-Wet or Drybrush
We will be happy to provide guidance but this is a Watercolor Workshop not a Watercolor Class. Supplies are not provided, a list of needed materials is available at the library.

Literacy Connections Classes for English Language Learners
Mondays 6-8 p.m.
All levels welcome.

Knitting
First, Third and Fifth Thursday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m.
Come for knitting, tea and conversation.
All levels welcome. Advanced knitters will teach beginners.

Brain Games
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.-noon
Calling all seniors: Join in the fun and laughter of our brain games! Fun, stimulating, invigorating word games, board games, card games, conversation and laughter!

Mahjong for Intermediate Players
Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon
Come and play Mahjong with this fun, friendly group. Are you a beginner or want to learn the game, ask at the library for more information.

STARR LIBRARY
68 West Market St., Rhinebeck
(845) 876-4030
www.starrlibrary.org

UPCOMING EXHIBITION

We're celebrating the reissue of a bold new edition of "The Artist's Guide to Sketching," the groundbreaking book by two of America's most prominent visual artists, James Gurney ("Dinotopia," "Color and Light"), and Thomas Kinkade, freshly updated with a new introduction, archival photographs, and

illuminating text to guide a new generation of illustrators. An exhibition of selected works will be on view in the library through March 30.

KIDS & FAMILIES

Valentine's Cookie Decorating Workshop
Thursday, Feb. 13, 5-6:30 p.m.
Theresa Corrigan is back to teach us the art of cookie decorating! Open to anyone, but families and children will be given priority. Decorate a small batch of home-baked cookies and give them out to loved ones for an extra special Valentine's Day. Registration required

Music and Movement with Terry Watson
Thursdays, Jan. 23 & Feb. 13
Session 1: 11:15-11:45 a.m.
Session 2: Noon-12:30 p.m.
By popular demand, we've moved our twice monthly music and movement workshop to a later time slot, and expanded to two back-to-back sessions. Licensed music therapist Terry Watson delights with songs, chants, puppetry, instruments, storytelling and movement/dance with a focus on child development and early literacy. Sessions are geared toward children 0-4 years old with their caregivers or parents. Parents with slightly older children are welcome, too. Registration required.

Connect & Play
Monday, Jan. 27
10:30-11:30 a.m.
(3 mo-4 yrs)

Join Jane Korn and other parents, caregivers, and children for a play group at the library! This is an opportunity for parents to connect and share ideas while their young ones interact, play and grow. Registration is required each week through our online calendar.

Storytime with Robbie
Every Tuesday, 10:15-11 a.m.
(2-6 years old)
Robbie's beloved storytime brings together an animated, fun, and engaging reading style with literacy-focused activities, including fingerplays and crafts.

Super Lego Hour
Every Tuesday, 4-5 p.m.
This amazing group of kids and their adults meets weekly to work on their Lego creations. Ages range widely, from 5-13.

GOLDEN LIVING

The third Monday in January has been unofficially dubbed "Blue Monday" – supposedly the most depressing day of the year. It's the coldest part of midwinter, and the holiday season is three weeks in the past. It can seem like what little daylight we get is obscured by clouds, and many New Year's resolutions have fallen flat.

"Blue Monday" was originally concocted by a British travel firm looking to promote winter business. It's a sales pitch disguised as science; still, seasonal depression embodied in the "Blue Monday" concept is all too real, and stands apart from a normal case of the winter blahs. Seasonal depression, also known as seasonal affective disorder (SAD), affects about 5% of adults, according to the Cleveland Clinic.

Feeling down this time of year? You can take steps to feel better, whether that means talking with a loved one, looking for new things to do, or seeking professional help.

Add an OFA Friendship Center to your day
OFA operates eight Friendship Centers throughout Dutchess County: in Beacon, East Fishkill, Millerton, Pawling, Pleasant Valley, Poughkeepsie, Red Hook, and Wassaia. If you'd like to test the waters, contact OFA at ofa@dutchessny.gov or 845-486-2555 to arrange a suitable time and date. Guests can enjoy a nutritious hot lunch along with a wide variety of activities, and the direct connection to OFA means our Friendship Center clients can be well-informed as to the services available to them and their caregivers.

We're not going to tell you to 'just cheer up'

But let's try being kind to ourselves. OFA's "Friendly Calls" program offers a simple route to re-connection. You can make a phone call once a week to an older adult at risk of isolation. You can choose to receive a call, too. If you'd like to both make and receive calls, great! It's an eight week, once-a-week commitment for 20-30 minutes per call. If you're new to volunteering and want to make a recognizable difference, but don't want to overcommit, "Friendly Calls" ticks all the boxes.

We hold regular orientations for "Friendly Calls" volunteers at our headquarters in Poughkeepsie. Reach out to OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555, or email "Friendly Calls" coordinator Linda Edgar at ledgar@dutchessny.gov.

If you're not able to get to an in-person orientation, a remote option can be arranged. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age, and participants must be Dutchess County residents over age 60.

Older adults often don't realize they're

depressed. It may come as a surprise for you to find out that clinical depression is more common among younger people than older adults. Signs of depression include a loss of interest or pleasure in activities; changes in weight or appetite; feelings of worthlessness, helplessness, restlessness, fatigue, or guilt; and, both difficulty sleeping and sleeping too much.

If you choose to seek professional help, treatments for SAD can include light therapy, psychotherapy, and medications.

POUGHKEEPSIE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE – TEMPORARY CLOSURE STARTS JAN. 30

Beginning Thursday, January 30, 2025, the U.S. Social Security office at 332 Main Street in Poughkeepsie will be temporarily closed for renovations.

Social Security officials note that many services are available either online at ssa.gov, or by phone at 800-772-1213.

During the renovations at the Poughkeepsie office, individuals requiring in-person services may visit the Social Security office in Middletown at 85 Crystal Run Road (Suite 100).

'FRIENDLY CALLS' UPCOMING VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS

With OFA's "Friendly Calls" program, you can choose to make phone calls to older adults at risk of social isolation, or you can choose to receive calls - or you can do both. For those of you who haven't volunteered before and are exploring your possibilities, "Friendly Calls" can be ideal. A typical "Friendly Calls" series takes place once a week, for 20-30 minutes a call, for eight weeks. "Friendly Calls" volunteers must be at least 18 years of age. Those who wish to receive calls must be Dutchess County residents at least 60 years of age.

An Upcoming "Friendly Calls" orientation at OFA headquarters at 114 Delafield St. in Poughkeepsie is scheduled Monday 1/27/25, 1:30pm.

To schedule your orientation – they last about an hour – here at our Poughkeepsie office, call 845-486-2555 during business hours, or email ledgar@dutchessny.gov.

SCAM/SPAM OF THE WEEK

Have you received any unsolicited text messages asking about whether you're interested in selling your home? The verdict: Sketchy at best, thieves at worst. Ignore them.

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

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

Stars
Stop at each star (★), then skip to the next number and start your line again. End ★ 144

THE GREATEST DOT TO DOT BOOKS

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OBITUARIES

Marni Joan Bakst

Marni Joan Bakst peacefully left this world on December 18, 2024, at her home in Verbank with her husband and daughter by her side. She was born on July 23, 1949, and grew up in New York City on the Upper West Side. After attending the University of Chicago and the California College of Arts, she went on to open her own stained glass studio in the East Village. Marni's distinctive work was soon on display at the Heller Gallery as well as the cover of Stained Glass Magazine. Years later, she turned her attention to other passions, including buying, selling, and collecting antiques.

Friends and family treasured her intelligence, tenacity, and generosity.

She is survived by her daughter Sadler Colley Bakst, her son-in-law Daniel Hallock, her grandchildren Jack Ransom and Josie Rocket, and her very grateful husband of 45 years, William Sadler. She will be dearly missed.

David Kiesling

David A. Kiesling passed away unexpectedly on January 2, 2025. The son of Frank and Loise Kiesling, he was born and raised in Rochester, N.Y. After graduating from Charlotte High School, he went on to attend Michigan State University graduating with a degree in Electrical Engineering. A job with IBM brought him to Dutchess County where he lived ever since. He truly loved this area often referring to it as "the best place on earth." On 7/14/90 at the New Hackensack Reformed Church he married Earlyn Knepek Schaefer.

As an electrical engineer David had a remarkable 44 year career with IBM, greatly valuing the richness of experiences in working with so many people of other cultures. Retiring in 2012 gave him the time and opportunity to be with Earlyn enjoying his passion for the outdoors, whether paddling his canoe, bike riding or hiking. He especially enjoyed the many flower gardens around their home, which always included a Spring pilgrimage to local garden centers.

David was a quiet, humble man devoted to serving others. Generous beyond measure, he impacted countless lives in large and small ways. A member of Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church, he truly lived his deep religious convictions.

He was predeceased by his parents Frank and Loise Kiesling. He is survived by his devoted wife of 35 years Earlyn. In addition survivors include his children Brian, Jeffrey (Adrienne), and Christine (Joel) Reel, and step son Adam (Stella) Schaefer, also his brother Robert (Susanah) of San Diego and brother John (Marilyn) of Colorado Springs, four grandchildren and five nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. There were no calling hours. A memorial service was held at Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. on Jan. 16. At a later date his ashes will be spread in the Hudson River, where he spent so many happy, happy hours in his canoe. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church or Habitat for Humanity.

Merri Carol Cook

Merri Carol Cook, 65, passed away peacefully with family by her side on January 14, 2025.

Merri was born on Christmas Day, 1959, to parents Milda and Richard Wardenburg in Madison, Wisconsin. She was the fourth of six children for the couple, who moved around the country until settling in Marin County, California, in 1962. Merri graduated from Terra Linda High School and later studied at San Diego State University before embarking on a colorful career at Pepsi-Cola. In 1981, she met David Cook, and the two married in 1985 before moving to New York City, where Merri became a top marketer for Chanel, opening retail locations across the country.

In 1993, the couple welcomed their first child, Matthew, and just three years after the birth of their second, Carolyn, in 1997, the young family moved upstate from the Upper West Side to Rhinebeck. Merri began her career in the mortgage business serving the Hudson Valley in the early 2000s.

Merri worked tirelessly and became a well-known and loved loan officer in the area for the last 20 years, spending the last thirteen years with Homestead Funding. She was passionate about her work and loved sharing the beauty of the Hudson Valley with new residents. In her spare time, she enjoyed working on her property and spending time with her children and family. She was an amazing mother, sister, aunt, and friend.

Merri is preceded in death by her parents, Milda and Richard Wardenburg. She is survived by her children, Matthew Cook of Ithaca, NY, and Carolyn Cook of Rhinebeck, NY; her siblings, Peter (Lorie) Wardenburg of Novato, CA, Ellen (Lance) Swanson of Novato, CA, Carla (Andrew) Whitten of Scottsdale, AZ, Julie Jeffries of Roseville, CA, and Michael (Lisa) Wardenburg of Novato, CA; along with numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and many friends.

There will be a celebration of life at her home

on January 25, 2025. Friends, colleagues, and those wishing to attend are welcome to come from 2-4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Dutchess County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (DCSPCA), an organization Merri supported and volunteered for over many years.

Arrangements are under the care of Burnett & White Funeral Homes, 91 E. Market St. Rhinebeck, NY.

John J. Fitzpatrick

John J. Fitzpatrick, Ph.D, 90, a longtime resident of Rhinebeck, NY, passed away peacefully on January 10, 2025 at his home in Rhinebeck.

John was born November 25, 1934, in Dansville, NY, to the late William Harry and Cecelia (Schmidt) Fitzpatrick. John got his Bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1959, his Master's degree from Hofstra University in 1970 and his Ph.D. from the New York University in 2000. John spent his 30 year teaching career at Hewlett High School in Hewlett, NY where he also served as beloved coach of the award winning Speech and Debate Team and where he was affectionately known as "Fitz" to the thousands of students whose lives he touched.

In addition to his parents, John is predeceased by dear sisters Ruth Stapleton, Rita Lamonte and Theresa Kessler and is survived by numerous dear family and friends.

A graveside service was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at the Rhinebeck Natural Cemetery in Rhinebeck, NY. Memorial donations may be made in John's memory to: The John Fitzpatrick Speech and Debate Fund, Hewlett High School, 60 Everit Avenue, Hewlett, NY 11557; OR In honor of John Fitzpatrick, Vermont Studio Center, 80 Pearl Street, Johnson, VT 05656.

Arrangements are under the direction of Burnett & White Funeral Homes 91 E. Market St., Rhinebeck, NY.

Elaine M. Lombardi

Elaine M. Lombardi, 73, a longtime Rhinebeck resident, passed away unexpectedly on January 11, 2025 at her home.

Elaine was born on February 7, 1951 in Coventry, RI to the late Eugene and Gloria (Carlos) Gaetano. Elaine spent most of her young life in Rhode Island until she moved to the big apple for more opportunity. She attended MRI technical school and became a traveling tech, which brought her to many hospitals and caring for many patients.

In the late 1990's, Elaine met the love of her life, Ronald Lombardi. The two married in 2000 and soon after moved to the area where they found serenity and peace. Together the pair enjoyed their time outdoors, taking walks or riding bikes. They also took many trips back to Rhode Island to spend time with family.

In her free time, she could be found spoiling her beloved cats and birds, whom she loved more than anything. She also enjoyed going to IXL gym and valued the friendships that she made from there.

She is survived by her loving husband, Ronald Lombardi; her son, Chad Michael Froman of Rhode Island; her sister, Gloria of Rhode Island; her grandchildren, Dalilah Marie, Olivia Rose, Joslynn Estelle, and Stuart Eugene; her great grandchildren, Zezaya Kayda and Zailey Kencey Wood; her nieces and nephews; in addition to extended family and friends.

It would be Elaine's greatest wish if you made a donation to a charity of your choice in her memory.

Friends and family may call for Memorial Visitation at Burnett & White Funeral Homes on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 from 4 to 6PM. Funeral arrangements were trusted to Burnett & White Funeral Homes - Red Hook, 7461 South Broadway Red Hook, NY 12571.

Sharon Lyons

Sharon Ruth Lyons, 75, of Pleasant Valley, passed away after a long illness January 6, 2025, with family at her side. Born on December 9, 1949, in Summit, NJ, she was the daughter of the late Walter and Dorothy (Petrat) Siefert.

Sharon graduated from Pope Pius XII High School, Passaic NJ, in 1967. She also attended Bloomfield College. Sharon worked in many fields throughout her life, all while raising three children, but was most proud to have retired from the United States Postal Service after serving for over twenty years as a mail carrier. Outside of her professional life, Sharon was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, and friend.

She especially enjoyed spending time with her family. She was so proud of and loved to brag about her children and grandchildren, attending sporting events, plays, dance recitals, and graduations whenever she had the opportunity.

She was a regular blood donor, Mets fan, avid Hallmark Channel watcher, and lover of animals, but her true passion was her cherished Dalmatians. For over 40 years, she was the owner of Erin Dalmatians, breeding or owning over 190 Champions. In addition, she was certified to judge over 100 different dog breeds. She was a member of the Dalmatian Club of

America, the Dalmatian Club of Greater New York, and the Mid-Hudson Kennel Club.

Sharon is survived by her children, Brendan and his wife, Diane, Sean and his wife, Sara, Meghan and her husband, Joe; her grandchildren, Bailey (Dre), Kevin, Emily, Grace, Preston, and Gabi; her brother Walter; and her former spouse, John Lyons.

Sharon's family would like to express their gratitude to her home health aides, especially Junie, who lovingly cared for her for nearly three years, and to the nurses at Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital.

Sharon's desire to help others led to her anatomical donation to the Harvard Brain Tissue Resource Center.

A memorial service to celebrate Sharon's life will be held from 2:00-4:00 pm on Sunday, February 23, 2025, at the Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home, 371 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration, at theaftd.org, or the Dalmatian Club of America Foundation, at dcaaf.org, in Sharon's memory.

Gustav Carl Pack, Jr

Gustav Carl Pack, Jr, 93, a longtime resident of Red Hook, NY, passed away on January 12, 2025 at Vassar Brother's Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, NY. Born on October 30, 1931 in Trenton, NJ to the late Gustav Carl Pack, Sr. and Emily Anna (Emig) Pack.

Known as both Gus to his co-workers or Carl to his friends, he met the love of his life-Lorraine Alice Erickson while attending Hamilton High School- in the Hamilton Township in NJ, where he was their 1950 Class President. They married on September 12, 1953 at the Groveville United Methodist Church and Lorraine predeceased Carl on February 2, 2017. Lorraine and Carl settled in Red Hook, NY in 1966.

Gus career spanned decades as a Management Consultant and Spokesperson. Recently he worked for Coopers & Lybrand, now known as Price Waterhouse Coopers. After which he developed his own business- Power Pack, Inc.

Always active, Carl was a lifelong ardent NY Yankee fan- and was a season ticket holder for years. He and his family were also supporters of West Point Football, attending numerous games at Michie Stadium. Locally he serviced as a Town of Red Hook Councilman, and was a member of the Board of Directors during the creation of the Red Hook Rec Park. Carl was 70+ year Mason and was member of Hendrick Hudson Lodge based in Red Hook, NY, and also was a lifetime member of the BPOE (Elks). Carl also served as Shriner.

Carl is survived by loving daughter and son in law, Cynthia & Kevin Kelly of Red Hook, NY; a brother, Frederick William (Barbara) Pack of Arizona; his sisters-in-law, Rita Jean Clement of Columbus, NJ, and Jacqueline Marchesi of Hamilton, NJ; along with nieces, nephews, extended family, friends, and colleagues. In addition to his loving wife, he is predeceased by his son, Gustav Carl Pack, III (2020).

Friends and family were received Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 3:00 PM to 6:00 pm at Burnett & White Funeral Homes, 7461 S. Broadway Red Hook, NY 12571. Hendrick Hudson Lodge conducted services at 5:45 pm, and a funeral service was held at 6 pm with Pastor Stephen Ernst of the Red Hook United Methodist Church officiating.

Graveside services and interment in the Pack family plot will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at Groveville Cemetery in Groveville, NJ. Memorials may be made in Carl's memory to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, or to Shriners Hospital for Children.

Funeral arrangements were trusted to Burnett & White Funeral Homes - Red Hook, 7461 South Broadway Red Hook, NY 12571.

Daniel J. Scribner

Daniel J. Scribner, 46, passed away on January 13, 2025 at his residence. On August 4, 1978 in Rhinebeck, he was born the son of Clifford and Mary (Elsbree) Scribner. He attended Stissing Mountain High School and went to work as a carpenter. Growing up he would work on anything with a motor and could build almost anything. He enjoyed four wheeling, driving motorcycles, and teaching others how to drive.

Dan was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed the serenity of being in nature. Together with his mother and daughters, they enjoyed long walks, taking hikes, and camping. Together they climbed to the top of Stissing Mountain and other high points locally. He also enjoyed spending time with his loved ones and working around the family property.

Daniel is survived by his three daughters, Jalinna Kipp, Hannah Barrett and Kevia Tyler-Scribner. His grandson, Asher Sands and his parents, Clifford and Mary Scribner. He is also survived by his aunt and uncle, Marie and Mike Knapp and his cousins, Laura Blanchard and Michael Knapp Jr., who was like a brother to Dan.

A time for sharing memories and offering

condolences was held on Sunday, January 19, 2025 at Peck & Peck Funeral Homes, Pine Plains. A prayer service was held to conclude the afternoon. To leave a message of condolence for the family, please visit www.peckandpeck.net.

Karen Simmons

Karen Anne Simmons, 77, passed away peacefully on December 24, 2024, at the Hudson Valley Hospice House in Hyde Park, NY, surrounded by loved ones.

Born on April 6, 1947, in Rhinebeck, Karen was the daughter of the late William Sr. and Doris Kirby, and sister to Patricia, William Jr., Suzanne, and Marian.

Karen is survived by her beloved husband, Barry. Their love story began on a double date, at the end of which, Barry boldly told Karen he would marry her someday. They wed six months later, on March 14, 1970, in Rhinebeck, NY, and remained madly in love for over 54 years.

Karen dedicated 32 years to the Dutchess County Department of Health as a Health Inspector. After retiring, she took on various roles, including a decade with the Census Bureau. She and Barry also owned and operated Sweets & Treats in Rhinebeck, which they sold in 2020.

A lifelong learner, Karen enjoyed numerous hobbies such as gardening, hiking, baking, calligraphy, cross-stitch, sewing, and furniture restoration. Karen took great joy in bringing comfort and companionship to everyone she met, always ready to lend a helping hand or offer her company. She was the glue that held her family together, creating magic out of everyday life.

In addition to her husband, Karen is survived by her children, Rebecca (Brian) Tamm of Rhinebeck, NY, and Trevor (Adoracion) Simmons of Concord, MA; her grandchildren, Daphne Tamm, Luna Simmons, and William Simmons; and several nieces and nephews. They all miss her terribly but are grateful for the time they had with her. To love her and be loved by her was truly a gift.

Calling hours were held at the Rhinebeck Reformed Church on Saturday, January 18th, followed by a memorial service.

A Celebration of Life will be scheduled later in the year, as Karen requested many years ago: "Please don't cry for me - have a party and celebrate our time together."

Memorial donations in Karen's honor can be made to Hudson Valley Hospice at <https://www.hvhospice.org/donate-now>, or if you prefer to mail a donation, please send it to: Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation, 80 Washington Street, Suite 204, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

Arrangements under the direction of the Dapson-Chestney Funeral Home, Rhinebeck. To send an online condolence, please visit www.dapsonchestney.com

David R. Tuller

David R. Tuller, 74, of Clermont, NY, passed away peacefully on January 6, 2025, in Rhinebeck, NY. Born on June 16, 1950, in Connecticut, to the late Oliver and Dorothy (nee Brown) Tuller. Dave loved his family beyond belief, had an immense passion for medicine, and was resilient in the face of adversity.

In his early years, Dave spent a lot of his time on his family farm, Tulmeadow Farm in West Simsbury, Connecticut, a land that has been in the Tuller family for over 240 years, since 1768. Growing up on the historic farm, originally known as Basswood Farm in the early 1900s, Dave learned the values of hard work, perseverance, and the importance of family. The rhythm of farm life taught him to respect nature's cycles and cherish the tight-knit bond of his family, who worked the land together for generations. The farm was more than a place; it was the heart of his upbringing, instilling in him a deep connection to his roots and the enduring legacy of the Tuller family.

As one of the founding partners of Red Hook Family Practice in the early 1980's, he dedicated himself to the well-being of his patients until an untimely retirement in 2003 due to an everlasting injury. Despite this setback, Dave's indomitable spirit shone through as he overcame his challenges, continuing to be an active and inspiring presence in the lives of those around him.

Dave is survived by his loving spouse and primary caregiver, Noreen (Freeman) Tuller of Clermont, NY, whom he married on December 19, 1998. His legacy continues through his children, David Michael Tuller of Columbia, MD; Krista Rider and her husband Norm of Saugerties, NY; James Tuller of Rosendale, NY; and Michael Freeman of Clermont, NY. He was a cherished brother to Oliver Jr. "Buzz" Tuller of West Simsbury, CT, and Richard Tuller of Florida. Dave was predeceased by his brother Roger Tuller, and his son, Brian Tuller, who tragically passed away in 2001.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dave's name to Brain Injury Association of America.

Funeral services will be private. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Burnett & White Funeral Homes, Red Hook, NY.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS- RFB-DCH-2025-02
NOTE CORRECTION FOR BID DUE DATE. BIDS ARE DUE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025, AND NOT FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025 AS ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED.
NAME OF PROJECT: Reconstruction of PA-01 and PA-04 Culverts, Town of Pawling, Dutchess County, State of New York
Project Description: Replacement of two existing culverts with appurtenant structures located on CR-68 (North Quaker Hill Rd.) in the Town of Pawling, Dutchess County, State of New York.
The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities." For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public Works at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm: 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. All Addenda will be posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids for the above project will be received by: Christopher Sterbenz, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 on or before 11:00AM, Tuesday, February 18, 2025, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be attended through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud via Teams, will need to call into the phone number listed below. 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. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting, +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll), Con-

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ference ID: 319 605 841#. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Questions will be accepted by the close of business Thursday, February 13, 2025 and emailed to Caroline Miller at 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 April 1, 2025; the Anticipated Substantial Completion Date is October 31, 2025. Final Completion Date is November 14, 2025. Failure to meet these dates may result in Liquidated Damages. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #2025000096. IMPORTANT: Starting December 30, 2024: NYSDOL Contractor and Subcontractor Registry Requirements. THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM DOES NOT APPLY TO THIS PROJECT. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.
NOTICE TO BIDDERS- RFB-DCH-2025-01
PLEASE NOTE THIS NOTICE CONTAINS A CORRECTION OF THE MICROSOFT TEAMS CONFERENCE ID NUMBER. NAME OF PROJECT: Replacement of Bridge L-29 Town of Lagrange, Dutchess County, New York. Project Description: Replacement of a single-span (38 ft.) jack-arch bridge with a 58 ft. span bridge comprised of adjacent precast concrete box beams, with a cast-in-place concrete deck, supported by integral abutments. The County

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of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities." For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public Works at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm: 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. All Addenda will be posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids for the above project will be received by: Christopher Sterbenz, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 on or before 11:00AM Friday, January 24, 2025, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be attended through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud via Teams, will need to call into the phone number listed below. 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. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting, +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll), Con-

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MEETING NOTICE EAST CLINTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the East Clinton Fire District Board of Commissioners will hold a Workshop Meeting for the new Facility on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the East Clinton Fire District

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Firehouse, 9 Firehouse Lane, Clinton Corners, NY. Dated: January 15, 2025
East Clinton Fire District Board of Commissioners
Carol Mackin, Secretary
TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 101/2025 RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF TOWN BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2025
BE IT RESOLVED, that subject to the schedule set forth below the regular meetings of the Pleasant Valley Town Board will take place on the third (3rd) Monday of each month for the year 2025 at 7:00 PM in the main meeting room of the Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that subject to the schedule set forth below the Town Board Workshops will take place on the first (1st) Monday of each month for the year 2025, at 7:00 PM in main meeting room, and that special meetings will be scheduled and advertised by posting the announcement on the front door entrance of the Town Hall, with notification to the press (time permitting); and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2025 meeting dates are as listed below:
January 6 Re-Organizational Meeting
January 22 (Wed) Regular Meeting
February 3 Workshop Meeting
February 19 (Wed) Regular Meeting
March 3 Workshop Meeting
March 18 Regular Meeting
April 7 Workshop Meeting
April 21 Regular Meeting
May 5 Workshop Meeting
May 19 Regular Meeting
June 2 Workshop Meeting
June 16 Regular Meeting
July 7 Workshop Meeting
July 21 Regular Meeting
August 4 Workshop Meeting
August 18 Regular Meeting
September 3 (Wed) Workshop Meeting
September 15 Regular Meeting
October 6 Workshop Meeting
October 20 Regular Meeting
November 3 Workshop Meeting
November 17 Regular Meeting
December 1 Workshop Meeting
December 15 Regular Meeting
And;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any changes to the above-mentioned schedules will be posted at the Town Hall entrance as necessary, with notification to the press.
MOTION: Councilman Rifenburgh
SECOND: Councilwoman Chapman
DATED: January 6, 2025
ROLL CALL:
Councilwoman Chapman AYE
Councilman Cookinham X
Councilman Degan *ABSENT
Councilman Rifenburgh X
Supervisor Albrecht X
Carried. NAY

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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 103/2025 RE: 2025 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley annually establishes the paid holidays for those employed by the Town in accordance with Section 801 of the Town of Pleasant Valley Employee Handbook; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, that the paid holiday schedule for 2025 is as follows:
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Assessor Clerk; Monday through Thursday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Building, Planning & Zoning: Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM & Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
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Answers to this week's diversions

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COLLEGE NOTES

CALIFORNIA, PA - Congratulations to Marisa Markou of Clinton Corners on being named to the Pennsylvania Western University Dean's List for the Fall 2024 semester.

Markou studies at PennWest's Clarion Campus.

Degree-seeking undergraduate students who achieve high academic standards are identified in accordance with the following criteria:

The student must earn a minimum semester GPA of 3.40;

The student must earn a minimum of 12 graded credits during the semester, not including credits by proficiency examinations, incomplete grads, temporary grades (e.g., Not Reported), or satisfactory/unsatisfactory grades.

CEDARVILLE, OH - Students at Cedarville University have been named to the Dean's Honor List for the Fall 2024 semester. Local students include Gabriel Hieter of Clinton Corners and Elizabeth Hieter of Clinton Corners.

This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Cedarville University, a Baptist institution in southwest Ohio, offers undergraduate and graduate residential and online programs across arts, sciences, and professional fields.

CANTON, NY - SUNY Canton congratulates the students who earned the grades necessary for President's List honors during the fall 2024 semester.

Area students on the President's List include:

Megan E. Cowles, a SUNY Canton Crime Analysis major from Hyde Park.

Chris Sowinski, a SUNY Canton Cybersecurity major from Red Hook.

Harol Quintero, a SUNY Canton Cybersecurity major from Wassaic.

To earn a spot on the President's List, full-time students must earn a 3.75 or greater GPA during a single semester of study.

CANTON, NY - SUNY Canton congratulates the students who earned the grades necessary for Dean's List honors during the fall 2024 semester.

Area students on the Dean's List include:

Michael V. Bonanno, a SUNY Canton Criminal Justice major from Pleasant Valley.

Trevor W. Scarperi, a SUNY Canton Esports Management major from Millbrook.

Dean's List recognizes full-time students who earned a GPA between 3.25 and 3.74.

POTSDAM, NY - Lianna M Agate of Red Hook, a junior majoring in psychology, was named to the Dean's List for the

Fall 2024 semester at Clarkson University.

Dean's List students must achieve a minimum 3.25 grade-point average and also carry at least 14 credit hours.

POTSDAM, NY - Eric J Laferriere of Pleasant Valley, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering, was named a Presidential Scholar for the Fall 2024 semester at Clarkson University.

Presidential Scholars must achieve a minimum 3.80 grade-point average and carry at least 14 credit hours.

POTSDAM, NY - Students have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2024 semester at Clarkson University included Ethan Jazayeri of Poughquag and Samuel Renaud of Lagrangeville.

Dean's List students must achieve a minimum 3.25 grade-point average and also carry at least 14 credit hours.

ALFRED, NY - The fall 2024 Dean's List features 804 Alfred State College students.

The following local students were named to the 2024 fall dean's list:

Andrew Clegg: Rhinebeck Central School: Heavy Equipment Operations

Greg Gorga: Red Hook Central High School: Automotive Service Technician

Chris Herriman: F D Roosevelt High School: Cyber Security

Caleb Plunkett: Arlington Senior High School: Welding Technology

Timothy Schmitt: Spackenkill High School: Digital Media and Animation

Courtland Thomas: Spackenkill High School: Heating Ventilation & Air Cond

Declan Walther: Rhinebeck Central School: Welding Technology

To be named to the Dean's List, students had to take a minimum of 12 credit hours of course work and earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average (GPA) out of a possible 4.0.

CANTON, NY - SUNY Canton congratulates the students who earned the grades necessary for Part-Time Honors during the fall 2024 semester.

Area students who earned Part-Time Honors include:

Alex McPhee, a SUNY Canton Emergency Management major from Hyde Park.

Alaina N. Watson, a SUNY Canton Finance major from Hyde Park.

Part-Time Honors recognize students who earned at least a 3.25 GPA in 6 to 11 credit hours of coursework during a single semester.

SLIPPERY ROCK, PA - Rebecca Rugar from Clinton Corners has been named to the dean's list at Slippery Rock University for the Fall 2024 semester. The dean's list consists of SRU undergraduate students who earned an adjusted semester grade-point average of 3.5 or higher, based on a schedule of at least 12 newly attempted and earned credits.

SPRINGFIELD, MA - Western New England University (WNE) is proud to announce that Paige Kehoe of Lagrangeville has been named to the President's List for the Fall 2024 semester. Kehoe is working toward a BS in Construction Management.

Students are named to the President's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.80 or higher.

SPRINGFIELD, MA (01/10/2025)--Western New England University (WNE) is proud to announce Caylen Hunt of Staatsburg has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2024 semester. Hunt is working toward a BSE in Computer Engineering.

Students are named to the Dean's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.30 or higher.

ONEONTA, NY - More than 1275 SUNY Oneonta students earned Dean's List honors for the fall 2024 semester. Local students include Nammari Drayton of Pleasant Valley, Madison Knapp of Red Hook, Delano Knox of Pleasant Valley, Nj O'Hearn of Pleasant Valley, Jack Viator of Rhinebeck, Thomas Westpfal of Pine Plains, Nicholas Whitten of Salt Point, Joshua Youngquist of Rhinebeck.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher while carrying a course load of 12 hours or more.

ONEONTA, NY - Leah Brody of Red Hook was one of 258 students who earned Provost's List honors for the fall 2024 semester. Brody is studying Early Childhood/Childhood Education (B-6) at SUNY Oneonta.

To qualify for the Provost's List, a student must earn a perfect 4.0 grade-point average while carrying a course load of 12 hours or more.

OLD WESTBURY, NY - Laurence Graziano of Rhinebeck is one of 14 future physicians from the Class of 2025 at New York Institute of Technology's medical school (New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine) who have matched into U.S. military residencies.

Graziano will complete an Emergency Medicine residency with the U.S. Air Force at Jefferson Einstein Philadelphia Hospital (Philadelphia, Pa.).

After graduating from medical school, physicians in the United States must complete a residency training program, obtain a medical license, and become board-certified in a specialty. Medical students committed to military service complete their residency as armed forces members.

Military physicians serve in the medical corps of the U.S. Air Force, Army, or Navy, where they practice in a range of specialties, from psychiatry and urology to family medicine, anesthesiology, pediatrics, and others. These clinicians work in various settings, including hospital ships, military bases, and international medical centers, where they treat military personnel and their families. In addition, as commissioned military officers, they are called upon to provide care in high-pressure situations, including combat battles, disaster relief missions, and humanitarian efforts.

EAST STROUDSBURG, PA - A total of 1,771 students have been named to the Dean's List at East Stroudsburg University for the Fall 2024 semester of the 2024-2025 academic year, as announced by Margaret Ball D.M.A., the university's provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Local students include: Eleena Francia, a Physical Education Teacher Education major from Clinton Corners;

Tashakay Mason, a Social Work major from Pleasant Valley.

BUFFALO, NY - The University at Buffalo has named 4,330 students to the fall 2024 dean's list.

Local students include Jayden McCluskey of Tivoli, Lowell Santoro of Stanfordville, Cassie Jarvis of Staatsburg, Alex Ulrich of Rhinebeck, Benjamin Finch of Red Hook, Sarah Holtman of Red Hook, Alexander Miller of Red Hook, Giancarlo Martinez of Pleasant Valley, Jacob Kosilla of Hyde Park, Micah Sinclair of Amenia.

To qualify for the dean's list, full-time undergraduate students must demonstrate academic excellence by earning a grade point average of at least 3.600 while completing a minimum of 15 or more UB credit hours, of which 12 are graded (A-F) credits. Students are named to the dean's list at the end of the fall and spring semesters.

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