

Music, food & more set for Millbrook Community Day

By Rich Thomaselli

It's time to fall in love -- with the Village of Millbrook, that is.

The "Fall in Love with Millbrook" Community Day is scheduled for October 7. It is a Saturday that is set to be filled with fun, frolic, and food, not to mention live music and drinks and more. Organizers, including the Millbrook Business Association, say the day will be filled with the essence of the village.

That must mean a small-town feel in one of Dutchess County's iconic villages.

The theme of "Fall in Love with Millbrook" was created to enhance community spirit and foster a general sense of camaraderie.

Events include begin at 9 a.m. and include the following:

- Live Music: Groove to the rhythm of live musical performances that capture the feeling of Millbrook.

- Children Activities: Families can enjoy a range of delightful activities for children. After all, what is a Community Day without the leaders of the unity tomorrow?

- Axe Throwing: For those seeking a bit of adventure, axe throwing by Hudson Hatchet will provide a thrilling experience that adds a touch of excitement to the day.

- Chili Cook Off: Mmmm chili. A culinary competition that will test the skills of local chefs, as they vie for the title of best chili in town.

- Cake Walk and Ice Cream Truck: Satisfy your sweet tooth with a cake walk and indulge in delectable treats from the ice cream truck. What better way then to top off all the chili tasting?

- Farmers and Makers Market: The heart of the community day,

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Historic donation will fund ER renovation at ND Hospital

Northern Dutchess Hospital (NDH) in Rhinebeck announced a historic philanthropic gift of \$3 million, the largest in the hospital's history.

This generous contribution, made by Gayle Bontecou, a resident of Clinton Corners and Tequesta, Fla., is dedicated to the renovation and expansion of the hospital's emergency department. In recognition of this gift, the space will be named "The Jesse and Gayle Bontecou Emergency Department."

"Northern Dutchess Hospital is profoundly grateful to Gayle Bontecou for her extraordinary generosity. Her remarkable \$3 million naming gift for the renovation and expansion of our emergency department is a testament to her unwavering commitment to the well-being of our community," NDH President Denise George said. "This remarkable donation marks the largest philanthropic gift in our hospital's history, a legacy that will forever be etched in the heart of our institution. Together, we are ensuring Northern Dutchess Hospital continues to provide top-notch healthcare for generations to come."

Bontecou's decision to support NDH is deeply rooted in a personal connection to the hospital, she says. In 2016, after her late husband, Jesse, required emergency medical attention, they experienced the compassionate and dedicated care provided by NDH staff firsthand. The staff went above and beyond to ensure Mr.

Bontecou's comfort and well-being, leaving an indelible mark on the couple. This gesture of kindness led to the gift.

"When my husband needed the best care, he got it through the Northern Dutchess Hospital Emergency Department. The night I drove Jesse to the emergency entrance, Dr. John Sabia came out to help us — we had no idea who he was, but his kindness and concern set the tone for the way my husband and I were treated throughout that frightening time," Gayle Bontecou said. "He became our friend, and we had complete trust in the entire emergency department. I wanted to ensure that everyone can receive this kind of compassionate, generous care and in the best facility."

The Bontecous, who were married for 46 years before Jesse's death in 2020, shared a deep love for the community and were enthusiastic about Clinton Corners resident Gayle Bontecou is pictured with Dr. John Sabia (retired), former vice president of medical affairs at Northern Dutchess Hospital, and a former emergency department physician at the hospital. Courtesy photo



Museum of the Dog in New York City.

With this significant gift, Mrs. Bontecou hopes to inspire others to support Northern Dutchess Hospital and its commitment to providing top-quality healthcare services to the community.

Fall Antiques at Rhinebeck part of a seasonal tradition



Barn Star Productions' Fall Antiques at Rhinebeck will take place Oct. 7-8 at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck. More than 100 exhibitors will be on hand in three spacious buildings. Photo courtesy of Barn Star Productions

By Kate Goldsmith

Right on time for Columbus Day Weekend, Fall Antiques at Rhinebeck will return to the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck on Saturday, Oct. 7 and Sunday, Oct. 8.

Show producer Frank Gaglio said, "Fall Antiques at Rhinebeck presents a colorful and exciting time of year when families and friends come together celebrating the changing of the seasons, and visiting the Rhinebeck Antiques Show as part of the tradition."

Tickets at the gate will be \$15 per person with young collectors under 18 admitted free.

"Back by popular demand, we are thrilled to welcome Violinist Lenny K performing live at our Saturday opening, adding to the shows ambiance and enjoyment," said Gaglio. "Come see the new exhibitors we have brought to the show introducing outstanding fashion statements and cool vintage items the whole family will enjoy, in addition to our magnificent exhibitors from

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ERVK sets Eleanor Roosevelt Coin Recognition event on Oct. 14

The Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill (ERVK) will present the Eleanor Roosevelt Coin Recognition Event, scheduled to take place at The Bellefield Mansion, 4097 Albany Post Road (Route 9), Hyde Park, on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. This exceptional occasion will honor the life and enduring legacy of the iconic First Lady, Eleanor Roosevelt and celebrate her birthday week and the recent release of a special US Mint quarter dollar in her honor.

The event promises to be a heartfelt and meaningful tribute, bringing together a diverse community of historians, collectors, and admirers of Mrs. Roosevelt's remarkable contributions to society. Attendees will have the opportunity to celebrate her indomitable spirit, dedication to civil rights, women's rights, and humanitarian causes.

Event highlights:

- Quarter Dollar Release: US Mint quarter dollar featuring Eleanor Roosevelt, a symbol of her unwavering commitment to positive change.

- Guest Speakers: Distinguished guest speakers include James Turpin from the United Nation; Delphi Cleaveland, who is a Girls Leadership Worldwide alumna who now works at The White House; Anna Seagraves Fierst and Joshua Boettiger, who are both Roosevelt great-

grandchildren, social advocates, and educators; and Amy Bracewell, who is the superintendent of Roosevelt, Vanderbilt and Van Buren historic sites and parks in Hyde Park, who will share insights into Mrs. Roosevelt's life, work, and her enduring impact on our world.

- Engaging Discussions: Engage in thought-provoking discussions about Eleanor Roosevelt's remarkable achievements and her role in advancing civil rights, women's rights, and humanitarian causes. Raise a toast in honor of Eleanor Roosevelt and her invaluable contributions to our society.

- Appetizers: Enjoy a delightful selection of appetizers, wine and refreshments while mingling with fellow attendees.

For more information and to RSVP, visit www.ervk.org, email info@ERVK.org or call (845) 229-5302.

About the speakers:

James Turpin is the United Nations Chief of Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Prevention Sustaining Peace Section, since 2016. James has been with the UN since 2003 holding various positions in the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. James has a degree in Law from King's College, London; Master of Philosophy (MPhil), International Relations from the

University of Cambridge; Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), International Law from the European University Institute.

Delphi Cleaveland is a Girl's Leadership Worldwide Alumna. She is the Policy Advisor for Democracy and Human Rights National Security Council at The White House. She is an experienced Policy Analyst and Project Manager with a demonstrated history of working in the non-profit and private industries. She holds a BA in German Area Studies, and Feminist, Gender & Sexuality Studies from Cornell University; M.A. German and European Studies, and Women, Peace and Security from Georgetown University Walsh School of Foreign Service.

Anna Eleanor Fierst is a great-granddaughter of Eleanor Roosevelt and the daughter of Eleanor Roosevelt's oldest grandchild, Eleanor Roosevelt Seagraves. Anna has a background in publication editing and marketing and managed the communications department of the Woman's National Democratic Club (WNDC) before becoming its president in 2012. Anna recently stepped down from the WNDC to heartily focus on promoting the values espoused in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). Anna holds a BA in history from Columbia University.

Amy Bracewell is the Superintendent of the National Park Service in Hyde Park. Amy oversees the Home of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Eleanor Roosevelt, Vanderbilt Mansion and Martin Van Buren National Historic Site and staff. Previously, Amy was the Supervisor of Saratoga National Historical Park, and the Site Manager at Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park. She has been with the National Parks Service since 2009.

Joshua Boettiger is a great-grandson of Eleanor and Franklin Delano Roosevelt. He is the Jewish Chaplain, Visiting Assistant Professor of the Humanities at Bard College. He teaches Jewish studies, poetry, Mussar/Jewish ethics, modern Jewish thought, and biblical studies. He is the Rosh Yeshiva at the Center for Contemporary Mussar. His poetry is published in numerous sources. He teaches meditation and leads twice-a-year silent retreats. He served as rabbi at Temple Emek Shalom in Ashland, Oregon, and is a Rabbi Without Borders Fellow. Joshua holds a BA from Bard College; Master of Hebrew Letters and Rabbinic Ordination, from Reconstructionist Rabbinical College; MFA, creative writing, from Pacific University.

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13 states."

There will be more than 100 exhibitors in three spacious and well-ventilated buildings which will also adhere to all Health Department regulations for a safe and enjoyable event, according to Barn Star Productions' press release.

What you will find at the show spans not only centuries but cultures, as well, from Oriental rugs to fine, designer and costume jewelry, American and Continental furniture, fine porcelain and ceramics, fine and decorative prints, mid-century and modern design, books and ephemera, Asian arts, military and nautical antiques, fine art and folk art, textiles, samplers and quilts, stoneware and

redware pottery, Native American jewelry and artifacts, Shaker, art pottery, silver, graphic posters, art glass, advertising and folk signs, early toys, watches, vintage décor and much more.

Show hours will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a rain-or-shine event. Trolleys will be available to bring guests from the admissions gate to the show.

For more information, email barnstar1@aol.com or visit www.barnstar.com.

As he always does, Gaglio reminds us of Barn Star's slogan:

"Save Natural Resources, Buy Antiques!"

Antiques displayed in room settings are a hallmark of Antiques at Rhinebeck. Photo courtesy of Barn Star Productions



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The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DBCH) is again partnering with the Dutchess County SPCA to host a free rabies vaccination clinic for pets on Sunday, Oct. 22, at the Dutchess County SPCA, 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. Residents can register at DCSPCA.org or by calling the DCSPCA at (845) 452-7722 ext. 425.

There is no charge 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.

Rabies vaccinations are required by New York State law for all cats, dogs, and domestic ferrets by the age of four months of age. Pet owners are required to revaccinate on a regular schedule to keep

the animal properly immunized against the rabies virus. Owners can be fined up to \$200 if they fail to get their pets vaccinated and keep them up to date.

DBCH is available 24/7 to assist with any questions or concerns regarding potential rabies exposure to people or domestic animals. Pet owners should report to DCBH any incident in which their pet has been bitten by or has an open wound exposed to the saliva or nervous tissue of a domestic or wild animal. Staff will investigate and advise the pet owner of any necessary steps they should take to ensure the safety of their animal.

Residents who see an animal acting strangely are advised to contact their local police agency. If a person has been bitten, or a domestic pet is bitten or is in contact, with any animal, they're to contact DBCH immediately at (845) 486-3404 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or (845) 431-6465 on nights and weekends.

To learn more about rabies, visit dutchessny.gov/rabies or contact DCBH at HealthInfo@dutchessny.gov.



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where local vendors gather to offer fresh produce, handcrafted goods, and unique specialties. It will be moving to Church Street for the day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Pumpkin Painting and Bubble Bus: The Millbrook Library is all set to host pumpkin painting, creating a vibrant display of creativity. The Bubble Bus promises to be a fun and immersive experience for kids.

- Community Fridge Awareness: The Millbrook Rotary Club in collaboration

with the Millbrook Library seek to raise awareness about the Millbrook Community Fridge, an uplifting initiative to support the community's needs. The Fridge is invaluable during times of crisis.

- Local Business and Organization Presence: The event will see the participation of local businesses and organizations, each contributing to the festive atmosphere with engaging resources and activities for all ages.

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PV Community Garden looks back on successful season, seeks volunteers

By Paulette Thomas
Pleasant Valley
Community Garden Volunteer

The Pleasant Valley Community Garden is winding up its successful first season, donating more than 1,200 pounds of fresh produce to the Pleasant Valley Food Pantry.

The abundance was hard to imagine last spring, when the garden was a weedy field of unused town property on Salt Point Turnpike. Now lush rows of tomatoes, beans, carrots, squash and other vegetables stretch across a 90 by 80 foot bed, alongside sunflowers, zinnias and other blooms.

"We've been trying to get a community garden in Pleasant Valley for 20 years," said Jean Curlee, a long-time community activist, who was one of the organizers of the project. "We are finally doing this."

Volunteers began meeting over the winter to tackle such non-gardening chores as finding property, securing town approvals and obtaining liability insurance. Fortunately, the group included a vibrant mix of master gardeners from Cornell's Cooperative Extension, ex-IBM project managers, a knowledgeable former farmer, and a couple dozen other dedicated volunteers.

By mid-May, the garden plot was secured, "bush-hogged," plowed and ready for its first plantings of pollinator-friendly flowers, with early lettuces soon to follow.

The garden is a true community effort, with all produce going to the Food Pantry. Volunteers contributed seedlings

they had on hand, and constructed compost bins out of discarded wooden pallets. Millhouse Brewery donated watering tanks, and the town provided water to fill them, as well as two picnic tables. Donated fencing keeps out foraging animals. Sponsors include Peckham Materials and Brookside Meadows.

The PVCG promoted its progress at Pleasant Valley Weekend, where three volunteers wandered through the crowd dressed as a giant carrot, pea pod, and a kale leaf. Every week the volunteers weigh the vegetables donated to the food pantry, and mark the growing tally on a poster of a carrot.

The fresh vegetables come at a particularly fortunate time, says Steve Gessner, chairman of the Pleasant Valley Food Pantry, who spoke to the garden volunteers in early August. The number of families served by the pantry has nearly doubled over the last two years, he said, and he noted that the PVCG produce was particularly "high-quality," delivered weekly to the pantry by PVCG volunteers.

The PVCG plans next year to expand its garden space, and to also offer small plots for rent to gardeners, with the hopes that these gardeners will help with the community plot serving the pantry. The group meets monthly on the first Thursday at the Pleasant Valley Library and is currently planning for the next growing season.

"We are looking for many more volunteers!" says Curlee. For her efforts, she was named Volunteer of the Year at Pleasant Valley Weekend in September.

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Is Mother Nature trying to tell us something?

To the editor:

The universe is a barren wasteland. Composed mostly of empty space, the few objects that dot space are mostly large balls of gas, the remaining specks just barren rocks. Mother Nature seems to prefer desolation. In the midst of this void, a tiny planet 1/317th the mass of Jupiter, resides the only life in the solar system. Life is the oddity, the freak. Even on this tiny orb, life is supposedly a relative newcomer, occupying Earth just 1/6 of her existence.

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So maybe the climate alarmists have it all wrong. Maybe Mother Nature considers life itself to be a parasite. Maybe in an effort to return to her more natural and comfortable state of barrenness, nature birthed man as its agent of eradication to cleanse it of these living parasites that spontaneously appeared uninvited.

If life has no purpose or meaning, then maybe we were sent to destroy it that earth may rejoin its place in the vast empty wasteland of the universe.

Jeffrey Mahoney
Hyde Park

Rhinebeck couple celebrates 75th anniversary

Raynold W. Pool and Jean L. Pool celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on September 25, 2023.

Both were raised in New Jersey, Jean in Preakness (Wayne Township) and Raynold in Midland Park. They graduated together from Pompton Lakes High School in June 1948 and were married September 25, 1948. They resided on Cavo Drive (Deerfield Acres, off Route 55) in

the Town of LaGrange from 1954 to 1970, during which time their children were active in the Arlington School District and Raynold, a chemist, was Plant Manager of Lin-Russ Textile Finishing of Poughkeepsie and Newburgh.

They had five children, Paul (Hamilton, NY), David (Rhinebeck), Jacqueline (Abbeville, SC), Kenneth

(Poughkeepsie) and William (York, Maine). Thereafter Jean and Raynold resided in Spartanburg, SC, North Hampton, NH and New Durham, NH before moving to Rhinebeck in 2022. They have 11 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren.

A large party in their honor was held by their family on September 23.

-submitted by Paul Pool

Volunteer Firefighters conduct memorial service

The Dutchess County Volunteer Firefighters Association and the Fire Chief's Association of Dutchess County conducted their annual Memorial Service on Oct. 1. In attendance there were over 100 firefighters and family members of those who have answered their final alarm in the previous year. During the reading of the necrology, solemn music was playing and at the end of the list a trumpet played Taps. At the closing of the ceremony, Presidents Robert Boyles and Aaron Howard laid wreaths. Photos by Vinny Galvin



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Archcare at Ferncliff named sponsor for Alzheimer's Walk

The Center for Advanced Memory Care at ArchCare at Ferncliff Nursing Home has joined the Alzheimer's Association as the presenting sponsor for its Dutchess-Ulster County Walk to End Alzheimer's® on Saturday, Oct. 14.

The Walk to End Alzheimer's starts at 9 a.m. on Oct. 14 at Walkway Over the Hudson in Highland. Participants come together to share their connection to Alzheimer's and show solidarity in the fight against the disease.

ArchCare, the Continuing Care Community of the Archdiocese of New York, is a longtime partner of the Hudson

Valley chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Its Walk sponsorship reflects the commitment both organizations share to supporting families affected by Alzheimer's in New York. A recent study released at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference earlier this year found that New York has the second highest rate of Alzheimer's of any state in the nation.

Michael Deyo, Executive Director of ArchCare at Ferncliff Nursing Home, says, "We walk to support our memory care center residents and their families who bravely face difficult challenges

every day. With over 410,000 people living with Alzheimer's disease in New York State, it's more important than ever to partner with wonderful organizations like the Alzheimer's Association. They provide needed resources to our residents and their families, and we are proud to support their work in finding treatments and helping our residents have a better quality of life."

Today, we are at a turning point in the fight against Alzheimer's. For the first time, there are two FDA-approved treatments to address the causes of Alzheimer's, not just its symptoms. At

this moment, it is imperative to ensure we build on this momentum and ensure everyone has access to early diagnosis, treatment options, and high-quality care.

ArchCare President & CEO Scott LaRue says, "Every step we take in the Alzheimer's Walk brings us closer to a world where memories are cherished, minds are unclouded, and hope shines bright. Together we can stride towards a future free from the grip of this devastating disease."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

New Chess Club in Hyde Park

Every first and third Tuesday of the month, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., the new Hyde Park Chess Club meets at the Hyde Park Library Annex on 2 Main Street. Players of all levels and ages are welcome for friendly games. If you have it, please bring your own chess board and pieces. Free admission. Any questions, please email Steve at ssoifer@gmail.com.

Skyllkill Embroiderer's Guild event set Oct. 4

"Body Mechanics for Needleworkers" will be presented on Wednesday, Oct. 4, at Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, 1168 Rte. 55, Lagrangeville. Skyllkill, a local chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America, presents Chris Campili, PT, DPT, who will speak on relieving and preventing pain and muscular discomforts, focusing on those experienced by people who engage in long periods of time sewing, knitting, embroidery, etc. This program begins at 12:30 p.m. Join other needleworkers for fun and learning beginning at 10 a.m. (bring your own morning project and bag lunch) or, come for this program only beginning at 12:30. For more information visit www.facebook.com/SkyllkillEGA or email to EGASkyllkill@gmail.com.

Meet Pleasant Valley government candidates on Oct. 4

Pleasant Valley Community Network will present Meet the Local Government Candidates on Wednesday, Oct. 4, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the Pleasant Valley Firehouse, 1619 Main Street. The moderator is Tom Sipos of Hudson Valley Focus. The event is free and open to the public. Information: pccommunitynetwork@gmail.com

Yard Sale Oct. 6-7 at Regina Coeli

The Regina Coeli Parish Yard Sale will take place on Friday, Oct. 6, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and Saturday, Oct. 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Indoors and outdoors, rain or shine. There will be many items, all reasonably priced.

The church is on Route 9 in Hyde Park. Email vet91447@aol.com for more information.

Rex Brasher symposium set Oct. 7

On Saturday, October 7, from 2 to 5 p.m., Wassaic Commons is hosting a symposium to introduce artist Rex Brasher to friends and neighbors in Wassaic and beyond. There will be a display with a selection of rarely-seen work and five speakers to talk about Rex's life, his work, and Wassaic Commons' plans for the existing buildings and property. All are welcome to attend. Admission is free. Wassaic Commons is at 3 Main St. in Wassaic.

Pok Elks' Flea Market set Oct. 8

There will be a Flea Market on Sunday, Oct. 8, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Poughkeepsie Elks Lodge, at 20 Overocker Road in Poughkeepsie. There will be 20 vendors, and food will be available for purchase.

Bartender Wars set Oct. 12

The Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its 6th Annual Bartender Wars on Thursday, Oct. 12, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Terrapin Restaurant in the Village of Rhinebeck. Come see who will take home the big prize: Best Cocktail! It's a fun, festive evening full of spirited enjoyment. Proceeds help support Chamber initiatives.

The cost is \$50 per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Go to rhinebeckchamber.com to register.

The Great Staatsburg Baking Competition returns Oct. 14

Calling all bakers! Enter your best homemade baked treats in the Great Staatsburg Baking Competition. Showcase your culinary talents at this fundraiser for Staatsburg Library, on Saturday, Oct. 14 in the NYS Taconic Parks Auditorium, 9 Old Post Road, Staatsburg.

Come to compete or just bring your appetite, watch the expert judging, and taste the sweet masterpieces.

Consider five categories: Pies & Tarts, Cakes & Cupcakes, Cookies, Gluten Free, and Unique Desserts. Select one of three competitive divisions: junior (6 to 12 years), teen (13 to 16 years), and adult (17 and older).

Judges will evaluate entries based on taste, presentation, and creativity. Enter one or more categories for \$5 per entry. For cupcakes and cookies 1 entry equals 1 dozen.

Registration is at 1 p.m., followed by judging at 2 p.m. and a bake sale at 3 p.m. For more details, visit staatsburglibrary.org.

St. Paul's sets Harvest Fest Oct. 14

St. Paul's Church, at 161 Mansion St., Poughkeepsie, will hold its Harvest Fest on Saturday, Oct. 14. A Recorder Concert of German music will begin at 4:30 p.m., followed by a German Dinner at 5:30 p.m. The menu will include pretzel rolls, German mac 'n' cheese, chicken schnitzel, German green beans, latkes, apple strudel and coffee. Eat in or take out; take-out meals will be filled after those eating are served.

For more information, call (845) 452-8440 or email stpaulpk@verizon.net.

Pancake Breakfast in Rhinecliff on Oct. 15

The Rhinecliff Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue Squad present A Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 15, from 8 to 11 a.m., at the Rhinecliff Firehouse, on the corner of Shatzell and Orchard in Rhinecliff. Proceeds support the Rhinecliff Vol. Fire Co.

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 \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. Under age 6 eats for free.

For information, call (845) 876-5738 or e-mail cstaniewski1@gmail.com.

Meeting schedule for County's Mental Hygiene Board

The Dutchess County Mental Hygiene Board meets on the third Monday of each month except for January, February and June (which due to holidays are held the fourth Monday of those months) and there is no meeting in August.

Upcoming meetings will take place at 230 North Road, Poughkeepsie, on Oct. 16, Nov. 20, and Dec. 18.

The public is welcome to attend. For more information, contact (845) 486-2754.

Health Equity Seminar set Oct. 19

The United Way of Dutchess-Orange County (UWDO) will hold a Health Equity Seminar on Thursday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The seminar will be virtual via Zoom; participants will receive a link following registration.

Health equity is a term we often hear these days, but how do we implement policies and procedures that will make a difference? Join

UWDO to learn more about equity in action, the 10 Essential Public Health Services, and community research best-practices. Participants will hear from community partners statewide who are working to address equity. The seminar will end with a practical exercise to help you implement what you learn.

Visit www.uwdor.org to register; for more information, contact Melissa Clark, mclark@uwdor.org.

Milbrook Historical Society meetings

Milbrook Historical Society hosts programs on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m., at the Milbrook Library, unless noted otherwise. The schedule for the remainder of the year includes:

Oct. 19: Washington Precinct: Fate of the Poor prior to the 1864 County Almshouse. Speaker: Will Tatum, Dutchess County Historian.

Nov. 16: The Bacons: A Local Gentleman Farmer and a Celebrated Actress of the 20th Century. Speaker Ezekiel Sanger, Marist College graduate.

For more information, contact Robert McHugh, President, at (845) 677-4381 or milbrookhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

Rhinecliff Soup Sales schedule

It's time for Fall Rhinecliff Soup Sales. Sponsored by Rhinebeck Grange #896.

Mark your calendar: Thursday, Oct. 19; Thursday, Nov. 16; and Thursday, Dec. 14.

\$10/quart, takeout only, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Rhinecliff Firehouse, corner of Shatzell and Orchard, Rhinecliff. Pick up at the side window on Orchard.

Email JoBaer2@gmail.com to get the soup choices for each month and to preorder online; or call Joe Baer at (845) 876-6488 for more information.

Stanford Grange to offer take-out turkey dinner

Stanford Grange #808 will host a Harvest Turkey Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. All dinners are Take Out Only with pick up at 5 p.m. The menu will include roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, home grown mashed butternut squash, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie for dessert. The donation for each dinner is \$17. Drive to the back of the Grange Hall, pay for and get your food through your car window, and take your dinners home to enjoy. For reservations, contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

Clinton Historical Society sets Progressive Dinner Oct. 21

The Clinton Historical Society (CHS) will hold its Progressive Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 21.

The first stop is for wine and cheese at 5 p.m. at someone's home (TBA). Next stop, dinner at

another home at 6:30 p.m. Dessert and Coffee will cap off the evening at 8:30 p.m. This year, dessert will be at the Clinton Town Hall as the Creek Meeting House is undergoing renovations.

Guests pay a minimum donation of \$50 per person for CHS members; \$60 per person for non-members. Dinner hosts invite as many guests as they wish to host.

To participate in this fun event, contact Lisa at (845) 266-4903 or ljohnal@optonline.net.

Anderson 'Pay It Forward' Gala set Nov. 4

Anderson Foundation for Autism will host its Annual Gala on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., at The Grandview, 176 Rinaldi Boulevard, Poughkeepsie.

Attire: Black Tie Optional.

The evening will honor Barry R. Feirstein and the Legacy of Holly Peyton Good Feirstein and include a presentation of the V.V. Anderson Community Service Award and Above & Beyond Award.

RSVP is required; visit <https://www.andersoncenterforautism.org/gala/>.

FARMERS MARKETS

Arlington: Vassar Alumnae Lawn, 123 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. Thursdays, 2-6 p.m., through Oct. 28. www.arlingtonhasit.org

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Germantown: 50 Palatine Park Rd., Germantown. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., through Oct. 14. germantownfarmersmarket@gmail.com

Hudson: Corner of 6th St. & Columbia St., Hudson. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., through Nov. 18. (518) 300-3496

Hudson Thursday Market: 7th Street Park, Hudson. Thursdays, 4-7 p.m., through Oct. 26. upstreetmarket@gmail.com

Hyde Park: Paul's Hyde Park Farmers Market, 4390 Rte. 9 (across from Town Hall), Hyde Park. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. through October. (845) 229-9336 or oakgreen@optonline.net

Millbrook: 3263 Franklin Ave., Millbrook. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. through Oct. 28. millbrookmarketmanager@gmail.com

Millerton: Millerton Methodist Church, 6 Dutches Ave., Millerton. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., through Dec. 30. paul@neccmillerton.org

Rhinebeck: Municipal Parking Lot, 61 E. Market St., Rhinebeck. Sundays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., through Dec. 17. www.rhinebeckfarmersmarket.com

Innovative technology resources earn Dutchess County national recognition

Dutchess County Government has again been nationally recognized for its use of technology to improve how government connects with residents. The County's Office of Central and Information Services (OCIS) has received a 2023 Government Experience Award from the Center for Digital Government (CDG)—ranking fifth place nationwide among county governments for its overall technology experience.

The Government Experience Awards, now in its seventh year, highlight government agencies that are improving the experience of government services. Dutchess County was among only five other counties across the nation to receive an Overall County Government Experience Award for its commitment to providing technology resources that are secure, accessible and citizen-centric.

The County's resources that were recognized included:

- The County's Path to Promise (P2P) website, PathToPromise.net, which provides accessible, comprehensive information on more than 700 community services and resources, including tutoring and mentoring opportunities, to give families, support agencies, and caregivers the tools they need to ensure every child, from birth to age 19, reaches their fullest potential as they mature into young adults;
- Implementation of the national 9-8-8 suicide and crisis hotline, which has been combined with the County's existing

HELPLINE for individuals experiencing mental health crisis, and co-locating the call takers within the 9-1-1 Call Center.

Dutchess County's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Planimetrics with more than 300,000 data points, including address points, parking lots, roads, road edges, and structure outlines for the online ParcelAccess and other GIS applications. These data points are used by agencies such as police, fire and EMS for emergency response planning as well as Real Estate agents, engineers, and local Assessors for permitting, planning, and infrastructure development, among others.

Glenn Marchi, PhD, OCIS Commissioner, said, "Our mission is to ensure Dutchess County residents have safe, secure access to the information they need. The team at OCIS remains at the forefront of developing user-friendly, innovative technology resources, building on our legacy of citizen-centric digital experiences."

"With citizen and employee expectations continually evolving, government agencies are leveraging new technologies and processes to drive innovation through their digital experiences," said Dustin Haisler, Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer for CDG. "The leading government experiences have retained a human-centric approach to service delivery, incorporating digital equity, accessibility and inclusion into all of their experiences."

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County Social Services staff reinforces empathy, compassion through Poverty Simulation Training

Role-play scenarios offer DCFS staff unique insight into the clients they serve

On Thursday, Sept. 27, staff from the Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services (DCFS) couldn't pay their bills on time, struggled to figure out transportation to work, faced unexpected health issues and much more.

It was all part of an immersive poverty simulation designed to help them better understand the complex needs many of their clients have – with the ultimate goal of reinforcing empathy and compassion for the County residents they serve each day to offer even better service. The training, held at the MJN Convention Center in Poughkeepsie, took place throughout the day in two sessions, allowing staff from each of DCFS' various departments to take part and benefit.

During the simulation, DCFS employees assumed the roles of individuals and families living on limited incomes. They had to navigate a variety of real-life scenarios, such as finding employment, securing housing and accessing essential services, all while trying to meet their basic needs. This hands-on experience provided DCFS staff a firsthand perspective on the challenges many clients encounter, while allowing them to develop a deeper appreciation for the complexities of poverty – all to better serve residents who come to DCFS for assistance.

DCFS Commissioner Sabrina Jaar Marzouka said, "Understanding the experiences of our clients and the challenges they have as they navigate our systems is essential for providing effective support and assistance. Today's poverty simulation training underscores our County's commitment to empathetic service and our dedication to improving the lives of our residents."

In 2022, DCFS delivered services to more than 1 in 10 Dutchess County residents, reaching over 30,000 unduplicated individuals across all programs, including temporary assistance, child and adult protective services, youth services, foster care, Medicaid and child support, among others.

Poverty is a complex issue that affects individuals and families in numerous

ways, and DCFS is committed to equipping its staff with the knowledge and understanding needed to better serve the community. The Sept. 27 poverty simulation training offered a unique opportunity for staff members to gain insights into the daily struggles and obstacles faced by residents living in poverty.

The poverty simulation is a highly interactive experience designed to help participants understand what a typical low-income family experiences trying to survive from month to month. In the Sept. 27 simulation, DCFS staff assumed the roles of family members in poverty who interacted with volunteers playing the roles of service providers and other community resources, including a bank, employer, supermarket, health clinic, landlord, school, child care, social services department and utility company.

Poverty simulations are powerful exercises designed to help human service providers deepen their understanding of the day-to-day challenges faced by those living in poverty and how current systems, policies and practices create barriers.

DCFS is committed to supporting its workforce to better address the unique needs of the individuals and families it serves. The department's ongoing commitment to professional development ensures staff members are equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to make a meaningful difference in the lives of Dutchess County residents.

Commissioner Marzouka said, "Residents who seek assistance from us do so during challenging times in their lives, when they need the most compassion from the staff serving them. Today's training reinforced the difficulties our clients often face, allowing our workers to see things from the client's perspective and incorporate this experience when helping residents."

Visit www.dutchessny.gov and select "Community and Family Services" from the list of departments for more information.



On Sept. 27, the Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services (DCFS) held Poverty Simulation Training at the MJN Convention Center in Poughkeepsie. Above: Among the scenarios, a DCFS staff member role-played interacts with a fictitious Criminal Justice Department to report being the victim of theft. Below: A "mother of two young children" worked on a budget to care for her children. Courtesy photos



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Composting, recycling and waste-to-energy are focus of county's Local Solid Waste Management Plan

Strategy to help guide future of waste management in Dutchess County

Development of organic composting opportunities, reduction of waste generation and continued increase of materials being recycled and reused in Dutchess County are the focus areas of the County's 2023 Local Solid Waste Management Plan (LSWMP) which will be reviewed this evening at the County Legislature's Environmental Committee for adoption.

Dutchess County has achieved significant success since issuing its last decennial plan, entitled "Rethinking Waste," increasing the recycling rate for municipal solid waste in the county from 36% in 2012 to 42% in 2022, well above the New York State* recycling rate of 19% and the national* average of 35%. When construction & debris recycling is included, Dutchess County's overall recycling rate is 50.5%, compared to New York's average rate of 43%. (New York State and national rates are 2018 EPA data, the most updated data available).

County Executive William F.X. O'Neil said, "Dutchess County's Division of Solid Waste Management has made great strides in recent years, work-

ing to decrease our community's impact on our environment. Our latest Local Solid Waste Management Plan furthers that progress, emphasizing the important roles composting and waste-to-energy facilities can play to eliminate waste throughout Dutchess County. I invite legislators to study the proposal and its recommendations, and I look forward to their adoption of the comprehensive plan, which outlines simple, common-sense steps every resident – and our county, collectively – can take to ensure the planet's future prosperity."

The new plan builds on that success and prioritizes expanding composting opportunities, particularly for residents. While organic composting has increased throughout Dutchess County each year, it is primarily done by commercial entities; and there has been limited opportunities for residents to take part in such endeavors. For most County residents, the only composting opportunity is backyard composting, which the Division of Solid Waste Management promotes through the sale of backyard composting bins, which are sold at cost.

Dutchess County hopes to build on the success of locally based composting pilot programs that have been done in the City of Beacon, Village of Rhinebeck and the Town of Red Hook. These projects demonstrate how smaller, community-based sites are much more accessible and functional for residents and more eco-

nomic to operate. The County is working on providing opportunity and support for local municipalities to offer the best approach that meets the needs of their residents, providing the ability to compost their own organics close to home which encourages greater participation as well as making it easier to distribute compost to residents for personal use.

The County's plan also emphasizes the benefits of waste-to-energy over landfilling waste, the disposal option many counties throughout New York State utilize. Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency's (RRA) waste-to-energy facility was built in the 1980s, under the direction of past County Executive Lucille Pattison, to end the County's dependence on landfills. Today, there are no operating landfills in Dutchess County. Landfills produce methane, a greenhouse gas that has a global warming potential of more than 80 times that of carbon dioxide in its first 20 years and 25 times greater over the course of 100 years. New York State greenhouse gas emissions from the waste sector represent about 12 percent of statewide emissions; with landfills making up 78 percent of that total. Those statistics do not account for the additional emissions from long-haul trucking to haul waste to landfills.

The RRA's waste-to-energy facility incinerates 140,000 to 150,000 tons of solid waste each year, producing enough electricity for the energy grid to power approximately 10,000 homes. Additionally, 4,000 to 6,000 tons of ferrous metals are recovered each year. The RRA's incineration is closely monitored to ensure operations adhere to strict national air quality regulations. The RRA's operations are well within or below the state and federal emission limits. Independent studies have shown human health is not adversely affected by waste-to-energy facilities and these facilities play a key role as a part of an environmentally sound system, according to the report "The Scientific Truth about Waste to Energy," a 2021 review of scientific industry studies conducted by the City College of New York's Grove School of Engineering which provides an

exhaustive assessment of waste-to-energy processes' influences on public and environmental health and was peer-reviewed by subject matter experts from Columbia University, the University of Maryland, North Carolina State University, and State University of New York-Stony Brook, among others.

Reducing the amount of solid waste generated in Dutchess County and continuing to increase recycling rates is a key focus for the Division of Solid Waste Management. The Dutchess County Recycling Educator promotes recycling benefits and how-to's to county residents through webinars, zoom meetings, in-person presentations, flyers, online resources and social media as well as collaborations with community organizations. One collaboration is with the Town of Poughkeepsie's Climate Smart Task Force and Sustainable Hudson Valley for the "Poughkeepsie Repair Café" happening this Saturday, September 9th at Environmental Cooperative at the Vassar Barns, 50 Vassar Farm Lane in Poughkeepsie where residents can bring everyday goods to be repaired so they don't have to be discarded.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has reviewed the County's LSWMP and it has been constituted as an "approvable plan" that is in accordance with New York State Environmental Conservation Law and the State's Solid Waste Management Facilities regulations. Per State regulation, the County Legislature must adopt the County's LSWMP to grant final approval. Following adoption by the Environmental Committee, the full County Legislature was scheduled to vote on the LSWMP at its September 11th board meeting. While the LSWMP is a ten-year plan, it is considered a fluid document and is updated every two years, per DEC requirements.

Additional information about the Division of Solid Waste Management, including recycling info and events, is available on the division's website. Go to www.dutchessNY.gov, select Departments-Division of Solid Waste Management.

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Salt Point National Guard soldier receives new rank, new responsibilities

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

Daniel Contini from Salt Point, assigned to the Company A, 101st Expeditionary Signal Battalion, received a promotion August 11, 2023 to the rank of first sergeant.

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U.S. Postal Service ready to deliver for America during the holidays

WASHINGTON, DC — The United States Postal Service (USPS) and its employees across the nation are ready to deliver another successful holiday season of outstanding service.

"Our 2022 peak season was a tremendous success," said Postmaster General and CEO Louis DeJoy. "We are ready to deliver for the holidays in a superior and routine manner. We have been planning early and leveraging investments in our people, infrastructure, transportation and technology made possible by the Delivering for America plan. And with no holiday surcharges, we are strongly positioned to be America's most affordable delivery provider this holiday season."

In 2022, the Postal Service processed more than 11.7 billion mail pieces and packages during the holiday season. On average, it took just 2.5 days to deliver a mailpiece or package to its intended destination.

Throughout 2023, USPS stated it has maintained even stronger service performance while engaging in numerous transformational initiatives across the organization and the country. Due to the ongoing implementation of the Delivering for America strategic plan, 98% of the nation's population currently receives their mail and packages in less than three days. With approximately 40% of first-

class mail and packages getting delivered a day in advance. That noted, the Postal Service is also working hard to correct service-related issues in limited areas across the nation through hiring initiatives and improving operational efficiency.

No holiday surcharges

The Postal Service also announced it will not levy any additional surcharges for customers this holiday season, offering increased predictability in pricing for customers. There will be no additional fees for residential area delivery, for Saturday delivery or for minimum volumes. USPS will continue to be the most affordable way to mail and ship this holiday season.

Key investments ahead of 2023 peak season

Specifically, key Delivering for America investments in the Postal Service's workforce, package processing, and delivery operations ahead of the 2023 peak holiday season include:

- Hiring 10,000 Season Employees: The Postal Service has focused on its Delivering for America initiative to stabilize its workforce – converting over 150,000 pre-career workers into career positions since October 2020. Due to this success, USPS anticipates the need to hire only an additional 10,000 seasonal employees.

- Utilizing 348 New Package Sorting Machines: These new machines are strategic investments in local community postal infrastructure enabling postal workers to sort and process packages of all sizes more quickly and reliably. To date, the Postal Service has installed 348 new package processing machines across the nation since the beginning of 2021. This includes 100 new sorting machines since last peak season. USPS will install an additional 47 new machines ahead of this holiday season. This is part of the organization's \$40 billion investment in new technology and facilities under Delivering for America.

- Increased Daily Processing Capacity to Approximately 70 million: USPS has expanded its daily package processing capacity to approximately 70 million – an increase of approximately 10 million over last year's capacity. Since 2020, the Postal Service has nearly tripled its daily package processing capacity. Increased package processing capacity allows for packages to move through the postal network more quickly and eliminates the need for the leasing of temporary annexes.

- Moving 95% of Volume via More Reliable Ground Transportation: USPS has adapted its transportation and logistics processes to handle the high mail and package volumes expected during the peak holiday season. The Postal Service

continues to move mail and package volume from expensive air transportation to its redesigned ground transportation network. Currently, 95 percent of First-Class Mail and more than 95 percent of First-Class packages are moved through the improved, more reliable ground transportation system.

- New Shipping Solution – USPS Ground Advantage: This enhanced ground solution provides a simple, reliable, and more affordable way to ship packages this holiday season in just two-to-five business days across the continental United States. USPS Ground Advantage provides America's businesses and the public with a compelling new ground shipping option that leverages the organization's unparalleled last-mile delivery route system and improving mail and package postal logistics network.

"We understand the importance of every single package and letter that is sent during the holidays," said DeJoy. "That is why we continue to adapt and execute on strategies to modernize and transform the Postal Service into the high performing organization the nation expects and deserves. I am confident in our ability to handle the peak season surge and deliver exceptional service to the American people during the holidays and beyond."

Spackenkill girls tennis team tops Wallkill, stays unbeaten

Clearly, the high school team of the autumn of 2023 has been Spackenkill girls tennis.

The Spartans remained unbeaten on the season with a 5-0 win over Wallkill last week. They are now 4-0 this fall.

Once again, the Spartans did not drop a set.

Winners were Elena Sung, Katie Park and Jojo Ragusa at first, second, and third singles, respectively.

Angelina Kim and Qadira Scheidelman, and Grace Kunkel and Thanya Tran, were victorious at first and second doubles.

FDR volleyball team rallies to gain win over New Paltz

The Franklin D. Roosevelt High School volleyball team spotted New Paltz a set, but came roaring back with three straights, albeit close, wins for a Mid-Hudson Athletic League victory last week.

Scores were 16-25, 26-24, 25-23 and 26-24.

Saniaya Whitted led the way with 10 kills, 10 digs, and four assists. She was all over the court and even added a block for good measure.

Marina Scott had a superb game with 27 assist, 24 digs, and nine kills.

Emma Bodo Also had nine kills in the game. Emily Conniff added seven kills, and Abbey Greenspan and Dafina Berisha each had a pair of kills. Berisha had three blocks.

During the last set FDR was down 24-17. FDR won the point to make it 18-24 and Dafina Berisha serving. She stayed on serve and closed out the match for the Lady Presidents' rally.



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Music in the Library
October 7th 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Classical guitarist Andrew Baffi will sit and strum for us! No need to register, just drop in and enjoy the music. Andrew will be here on the first Saturday of every month.

October Book Club
October 9th 12:00 pm
August's selection is The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot by Marianne Cronin.

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'Braziliant'!

By Kate Goldsmith

It's been five years since musician and composer Matt Finley has presented a Rio JAZZ concert. For three decades Finley's group, comprised of world-class players, was well-known in the area for their annual April concerts at Dutchess Community College to celebrate Jazz Appreciation Month. On Saturday, Oct. 7, Finley – who knows his way around a flugelhorn and several other instruments – is bringing a different iteration of Rio JAZZ to The Smithfield Church in Amenia for "Intimate Brazilian Jazz," a program of original music along with works by the likes of Antonio Carlos Jobim.

The concert, which is open to the public, will begin at 4 p.m. There is a suggested donation of \$20.

Finley is the director of the Smithfield Chamber Orchestra, which presents concerts at the historic Amenia church in late spring and around Christmastime. It's safe to say that he's had a longtime love of Brazilian jazz.

"I was a pioneer in the music of Brazil as interpreted by North American jazz players since I began playing gigs in 1963, just as the Bossa Nova wave hit the airwaves in the USA," Finley said. "This will be the first small-group concert for me in five years, since I am normally found directing the orchestra or compos-

ing and performing with area jazz big bands, but I never stopped writing for small jazz groups."

Finley added, "During the pandemic, I completely overhauled my musical tools and skills and wrote many of the compositions that will be played at this concert, returning to the style popularized by my band of over 30 years, Rio JAZZ."

Joining Finley for Saturday's concert are Larry Ham, piano; Lou Pappas, bass; and Jeff Siegel, drums. Original compositions by Finley, Ham and Siegel are part of the program.

The concert is sponsored by the Bang Family Concert Series.

There is a lovely story behind the creation of the series. Before he died, Bill Bang, a one-time musician, asked his daughter, parishioner Susan Bang, what drew her to the Smithfield Church. She replied, "First, I came for the music at the annual Christmas Concert and Tea. Then, I realized the spiritual beauty of the church and its congregation. And finally, I became a member because I rediscovered my faith." Bill wanted others to be inspired by the power of music to embrace worship again, so he endowed the Bang Family Concert Series to draw visitors into the fold while providing the church with a new avenue for musicians in the region.

For more information, visit www.smithfieldchurch.org.

The Smithfield Church in Amenia presents an intimate Brazilian jazz performance on Oct. 7



Matt Finley (right) brings Rio JAZZ to The Smithfield Church in Amenia on Oct. 7 for a concert featuring original and classic Brazilian jazz compositions. Courtesy photo

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Let's go fishing

A day out on the water, Coppola style

My grandfather was a fisherman, growing up on a tiny island off the coast of Italy called Ischia. Because of that, fishing has always been in my family's blood. I can remember during the summer, my family would travel to Norwalk, Connecticut and rent a small wooden skiff with a small outboard motor and go fishing in the Long Island Sound. My grandmother would usually accompany us on these trips and sing old Italian songs while we fished.

Now, fishing in my family was a little different than your average American families. For one, fishing usually centered around food. One of the dishes my mother would make was spaghetti pie, a sort of spaghetti quiche, that we would cut up and eat cold usually with some espresso, as we made our way out to our favorite fishing spot, which was in a little cove by a lighthouse.

Another thing that was different was our fishing poles, or rather a lack of fishing poles. My mother explained that growing up during the war, there was very little money, so fishing poles were out of the question. We would fish with

drop lines wrapped around a scrap piece of wood with a large sinker weight that would bring our hooks to the bottom. Once on the bottom, we would feel for fish nipping on our bait. When we felt they were eating, we would yank on our line and set the hook and pull up our fish.

One day, my oldest brother Nick brought home a "ship"! In reality it was an old beat-up 15-foot Chris Craft, but to the eyes of an 8-year-old kid it was a huge "ship" on the scale of the Titanic. There was a lot of excitement in the air with everyone helping to fix and clean this huge "ship" that was parked on a trailer of death in our driveway in anticipation of our first fishing trip to Connecticut on Memorial Day.

On the day of the christening, mom made the Spaghetti Pie, the drop lines were packed, the ice chest filled with wine, sandwiches and snacks was ready to go. On the morning of Memorial Day, we all packed into our huge brown Oldsmobile station wagon land yacht, with our "ship" perched on the trailer of death hooked up behind it, and headed for Norwalk, Connecticut.

We were all anxious. My little brother Vinny and I were riding in the back and talked incessantly about how many fish we were going to catch. Everyone was happy and excited. My older brothers were even patient with Vinny and me and didn't yell at us for talking too much.

It was amazing how quickly that all changed.

Upon arriving at the boat launch, we soon realized that we had to back the boat into the water. For inexperienced boat people, this was no easy task, with many people screaming at us because we were taking so long and others offering to do it for us, just so we would get out of the way. Once we got our "ship" in the water and parked our land yacht with its trailer of death, we all piled into our "ship." My father decided he would take the boat out of the harbor because he was more "experienced."

Pop took the key, put it into the ignition, turned the key and ... nothing. He tried it again ... still nothing. We checked the cables to the battery. Okay, now that the battery was hooked up, he turned the key and ... It turned over but wouldn't

start. We checked the gas tank ... No gas Okay, put gas in the tank. ... Pop turned the key. It turned over, sputtered a little and wouldn't start.

Now people are really getting angry, because we are taking a spot up on the dock.

My father decides to pull the boat out of the water and check it out on dry land. Now we must back up the trailer of death back into the water. Another group of angry stares and snarky remarks as we struggled to back the trailer of death into the water. Once we got the boat out of the water, my father decided to start the engine. He put the key in the ignition, turned the key and ... SNAP! The key broke in the ignition. Somehow, he gets the key out of the ignition.

He decides to go to a locksmith and get a new key made. Meanwhile, my mother, my brother Vinny and I decide to take in the parade that was just starting. Upon our return from the parade, we found my father in the boat, out of the water with the engine running. He flashes a big smile at us. Everything is set, we are going fishing.

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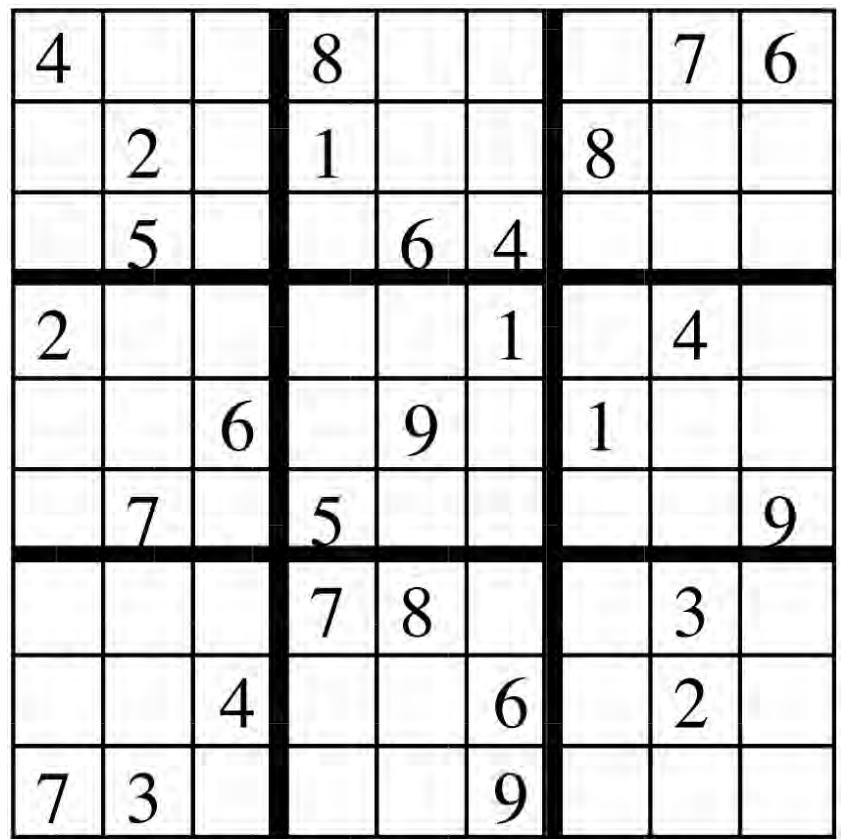
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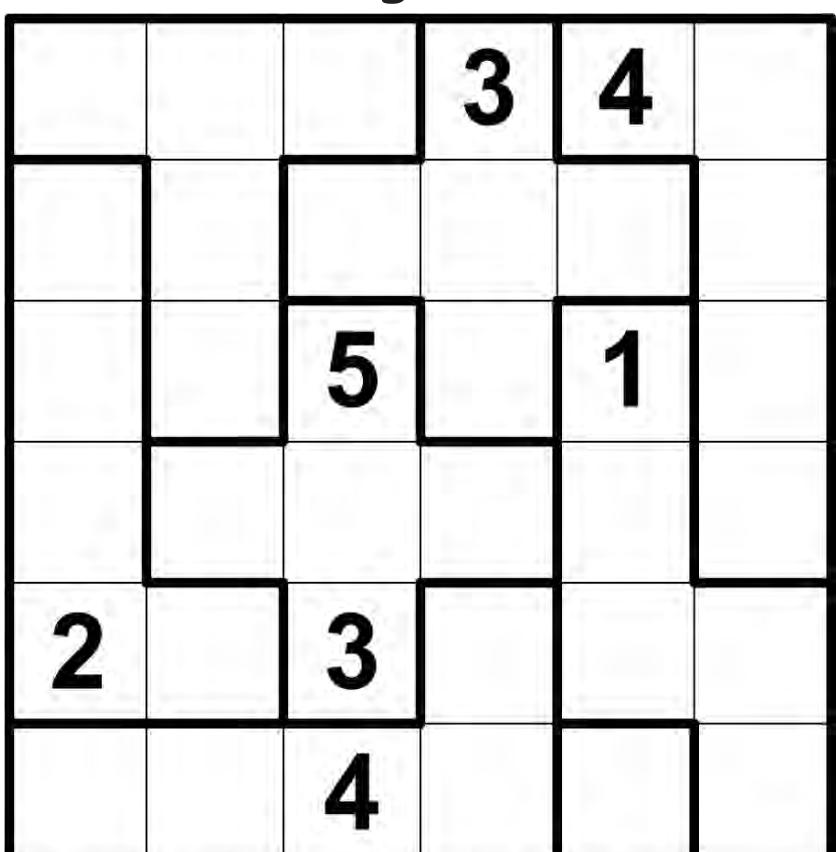
Diversions

SUDOKU

Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills. The object of the game is to fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers. Each row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Each column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Each 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.



Suguru



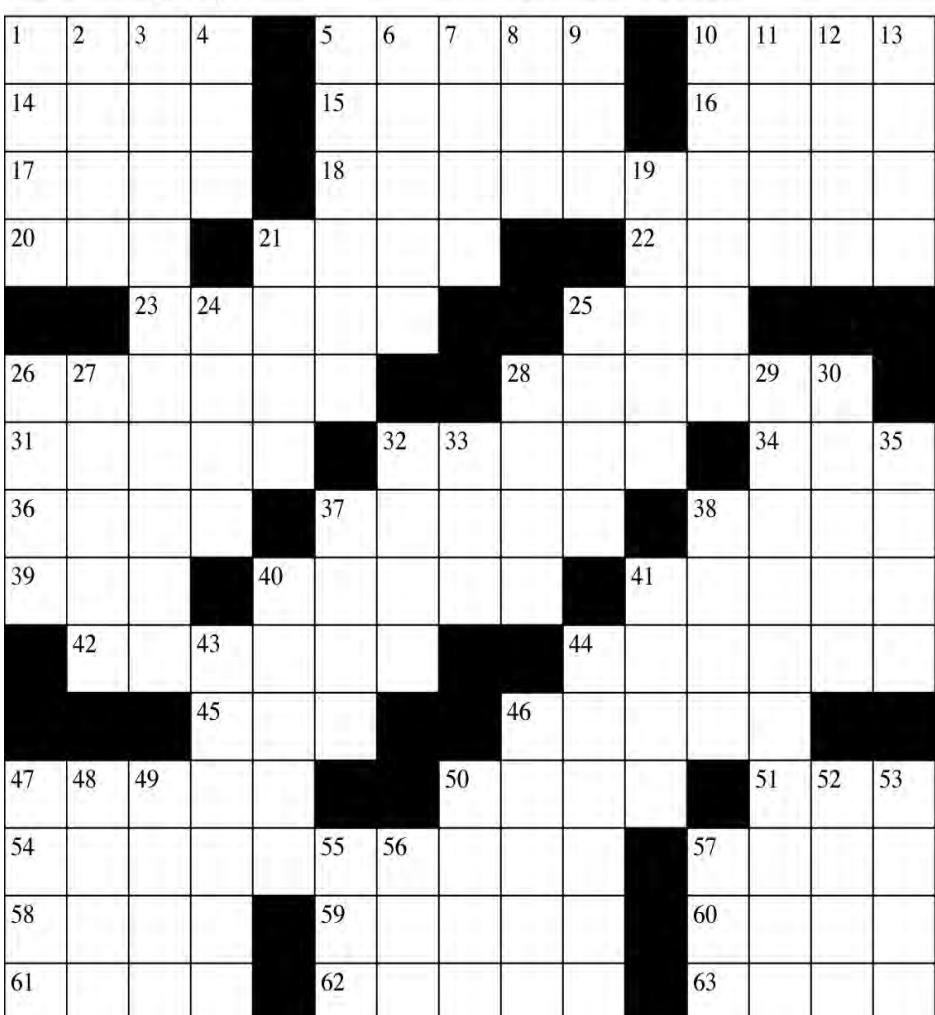
The heavy lines indicate areas, called cages, from one to five squares in size. Fill each cage with unique digits, counting up from 1. So for example a 2-square cage contains the numbers 1 and 2; and a 5-square cage contains the numbers from 1 to 5. Adjacent (touching) squares, even ones that touch diagonally,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

ACROSS

- Agreement
- Colorful liquid
- Bucks
- Grand mal precursor
- Lauder, for one
- Skin lotion ingredient
- Road sign
- Highway patrol setups
- Help letters
- Curb
- Wrong
- Late beloved Bishop
- Croak (less crudely)
- Job
- Flag
- House divisions
- Friendliness or compassion
- Period
- Times
- Hiding places
- South African fox
- Time when a train is expected to leave: abbr.
- One who sent the Wise Men to find Jesus
- UCLA athlete
- Evaluate
- Unclean
- Make lace
- Punitive
- Despicable person
- Cause of distress
- Type of bank acct.
- 160-acre parcels, in 1862
- Completed
- Ruler's title
- Burning
- Subside
- Word of disgust
- Endings for girls' names
- Wraps up

DOWN

- Decline to bid
- Means of transportation
- "__ of America"; Indiana's motto
- Touch lightly
- Annoy
- Fluttering tree
- Object
- Bess Truman __ Wallace
- Joe Sr.'s youngest child
- 1875 Bizet opera
- Kirghiz's __ Mountains
- __ up; absorbs
- Notorious German
- Contaminate
- Spots
- __ in; surrounds
- Place for a speaker
- Canadian tribe member
- Vital vessel
- Musical poet
- Late TV show host
- Riveter of the '40s
- Cigarette ingredients
- Start of a Brazilian city
- Take care of
- In case
- Elaborate solo
- Great amount
- Jaw or hip
- Controls the direction of
- Touch and others
- Man of the cloth
- Female superstar
- City in Italia
- Give off
- Worms, e.g.
- Rip violently
- War deity
- Edison's initials
- Newt
- Be indebted



The solutions to both the Sudoku & Crossword puzzles can be found on page 16

Historic Red Hook announces upcoming events

Visit www.historicredhook.org for more information and to register for events.

Cemetery Crawl 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Free and fun for all ages

This event is both a seasonal scavenger hunt and a year-round, self-guided tour of six Red Hook cemeteries that offers highlights of the lives of interesting individuals and their memorials. All you need is your smartphone and some good weather and you've got a lovely way to spend time enjoying local history.

www.historicredhook.org/cemeterycrawl

Annual Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 5, 6-6:30 p.m.

Join Historic Red Hook at the Elmendorph Inn for its Annual Members' Meeting, where they'll celebrate a devoted volunteer and recognize outgoing board members. After the meeting, stick around to join the festivities as the organization celebrates the 10-year anniversary of Historic Red Hook.

Anniversary Celebration
Thursday, Oct. 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Historic Red Hook is turning 10 this year! Join us at the Elmendorph Inn and Green to celebrate with friends, food, and music.

Historic Tavern Trail at Foster's Coach House

Friday, Oct. 13, 6-7 p.m.

The Dutchess County Historic Tavern Trail returns to Foster's to explore a Spooky Season favorite: Ghost Stories! How have our methods for telling spooky stories changed over the centuries? What are some favorite examples of Dutchess County haunts? Explore the mysteries of local history with Dutchess County Historian William P. Tatum III. RSVP Required.

Cemetery Crawl Award Ceremony
Sunday, Oct. 29, 3 p.m.

Celebrate the end of the Cemetery Crawl with food, music, and fun on the Elmendorph Green. Historic Red Hook will be using recycled materials to turn the green into a cemetery. Raffle winners

will be announced, and participation prizes handed out at 3:30 p.m. Everyone who participates in the scavenger hunt will get a prize and chances to win 1 of 4 grand prize baskets.

Online Benefit Auction

Nov. 1-18

Bid on exclusive local items and experiences including tours of private historic homes and farms, sunset sails on the Hudson, a Rhinebeck Aerodrome biplane ride and more.

Author Talk: Dr. Maeve Kane, Shirts Powdered Red: Haudenosaunee Gender, Trade, and Exchange

Wed., Nov. 8, 7 p.m. on Zoom

Dr. Kane will discuss her new book, which offers a sweeping, detailed cultural history of three centuries of Haudenosaunee women's labor and their

agency to shape their nations' future. Offered in partnership with the Dutchess County Department of History. Details on registering will be available soon.

Trivia Night

Saturday, Nov. 18, 5-7:30 p.m.

Join Historic Red Hook for a night of brain-bending fun at the Elmendorph Inn! Assemble a team, enjoy great company, and challenge your wits with a wide range of exciting trivia questions.

This event will also mark the end of the organization's annual auction.

Holiday Open House

Sunday, Dec. 3, 1-4 p.m.

The Elmendorph Inn looks its festive best for the holidays. Historic Red Hook invites you to enjoy live holiday music, hot mulled cider, homemade cookies and fresh-baked treats from the beehive oven.

EXHIBITIONS

Arts Mid-Hudson Gallery, 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Suite F, Poughkeepsie. **Through Oct. 22:** "Entanglements," an exhibit featuring the work of recent Arts Mid-Hudson grant recipients, exploring intersections of ecology, time, culture, and the everyday. Participating artists: Natalie Beall, Eric Diehl, Serena Domingues, Erica Hauser, Alison McNulty, Laura Moriarty, Sharon Penz, and Suzy Sureck. www.artsmidhudson.org

CO, 6571 Spring Brook Ave. (off Rte. 9, across from the Dutchess County Fairgrounds), Rhinebeck. **Through October:** "Big Polaroids," an exhibit by noted artist Franc Palaia. Featuring large-scale color photographs based on Palaia's award-winning hand-colored SX-70 Polaroids. Palaia is the recipient of two Polaroid Sponsorships for his original technique of hand coloring SX-70 Polaroids with oil-based crayons. He is a painter and photographer who treats his photographs like paintings. The original Polaroids are only 3 inches by 3 inches in size, but after Palaia's hand colors the photographs, they resemble miniature oil paintings. His process continues by scanning the small Polaroids and enlarging them to 3 by 3 feet. The final results are large vibrant and colorful images with the appearance of blended oil paintings with gestural brush strokes and textured pigments. **Artist Talk:** Thurs., Oct. 5, 6-7 p.m. Palaia will talk about the history of Polaroid photos. coworkwith.co

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through October:** Featured in the Hancock and Reception Galleries at 12 Vassar St. will be photographer Frank Ritter whose exhibit is based on his highly-acclaimed book, "9/11 Remembrance Renewal Hope: A Twenty Year Journey," and showcases a collection of visually stunning and sensitive photographs. Mixed-media artist, Morgan Kennedy, brings her Haunt Couture exhibit to the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. that reflects on her experience as a late-in-life diagnosed Autistic woman. Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access to the galleries. cunneen-hackett.org

Pictured: One World Trade Center construction starts April 27, 2006 by Frank Ritter



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

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

Olana State Historic Site, Rte. 9G, Hudson. **Through Oct. 29:** "Terraforming: Olana's Historic Photography Collection Unearthed," an exhibition focusing on Olana's remarkable trove of nearly 5,000 19th-century photographic prints, collected by the artist Frederic Church between 1850 and 1900. An installation of 48 original photographs within Olana's Sharp Family Gallery will include original and historically significant works by pioneering early photographers, including Eadweard Muybridge, William James Stillman, and Claude-Joseph Désiré Charnay. (518) 828-1872 or www.olana.org

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through Oct. 8:** "Weather...or Not!" new exhibit by Hudson Valley artist Marie Cole of paintings, pastels and prints about weather and places. www.tivoliartistsgallery.com

WomensWork.art, 4 S. Clinton St., Poughkeepsie. **Oct. 6-Nov. 18:** "Divina Diosa," with Opening Reception on Fri., Oct. 6, 5-8 p.m. **Artists' Talk:** Sat., Nov. 4, 3-5 p.m. www.womenswork.art

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DC Arts Awards set Oct. 11

Arts Mid-Hudson recently announced the recipients of the 37th Annual Dutchess County Executive's Arts Awards, who will receive their awards on Wednesday, Oct. 11. The event starts at 5:30 p.m. with festive foods, libations, dessert, and balloon pop before moving on to the award presentation. Dutchess County Executive Bill F.X. O'Neil, co-emcee, (Grace) Angela Henry, community members, and civic leaders will honor this year's recipients at a reception held at The Grandview located at 176 Rinaldi Boulevard in Poughkeepsie.

County Executive O'Neil said, "Dutchess County is home to so much creative spirit, from those who teach and inspire others to those constantly making new art for their community. The Arts in our area is a thriving economic driver, offering outlets for personal expression, inspiration, and community discourse. We are grateful to Arts Mid-Hudson for their efforts to support and celebrate the achievements of these individuals and organizations. Congratulations to all of this year's winners and thank you for all you do to inspire the hearts and minds of Dutchess County residents and visitors alike."

The awards are divided into 10 categories: Art in Public Places, Artivist, Arts

Organization, Arts in Education, Business, Individual Artist, Special Citation, ThinkDIFFERENTLY in the Arts, Volunteer, and Youth with Exceptional Promise in the Arts.

The community nominates the recipients who are chosen based on their important contribution to the growth of Dutchess County's cultural life over a significant period of time, the extraordinary support they show of the arts, and/or their vision and leadership in using the arts to enhance community life.

The 2023 selected awardees:

Art in Public Places – Dutchess County Historical Society for Clowes Exhibit

Artivist – Paola Bari

Arts Organization – The Kube Art Center

Arts in Education – Jim Osborn

Business – Albert Shahinian Fine Art

Individual Artist – Jodé Millman

Special Citation – Hudson Valley String Competition Committee

ThinkDIFFERENTLY in the Arts – i2Evo

Volunteer – Randy Caruso

Youth with Exceptional Promise in the Arts – Rowan Parsaca

Tickets are available via www.artsmidhudson.org.

New feature film shooting in Kingston area looking for locals

The casting team for the upcoming feature film, "After This Death," is reaching out to local residents of Kingston and the surrounding areas. They are looking to cast small speaking roles and featured background roles, all paid positions. Casting is dedicated to spreading the opportunity to all residents in the area. To that end, they are looking for locals, whether or not they have any experience acting.

The 10+ roles they are casting include parts of all ages, ethnicities and backgrounds. Roles include a rower, a barber, a young boy and father, an old rock and

roll fan, and many more. Production will take place starting late October 2023 and most roles will only be on set for 1 to 2 days.

The film has been granted a Screen Actors' Guild Interim Agreement and is therefore not a struck project.

All information on the project, as well as information on how to submit, can be found at AfterThisDeathCasting.com. Interested parties should fill out the online form as soon as possible. Non-actors welcome. Anyone interested in more information should send an email to ArnouxAntognini@gmail.com.



A&E Calendar

arts and entertainment happenings

Oct. 6: First Friday, Morton Memorial Library & Community House, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Featuring The Epicurean, food, fun and friends, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Admission \$15. (845) 876-2903

Oct. 6: The Orchestra Now Celebrates the Music of Chen Yi and Zhou Long, Sosnoff Theater, Fisher Center at Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. This performance pays tribute to the extraordinary Chinese-American composers, along with works by their mentor and teacher, Chou Wen-Chung, and two of their acclaimed students, Zhou Juan and Li Shaosheng. 7 p.m. Q&A with the composers at 6 p.m. Tickets & more info at fishercenter.bard.edu

Oct. 6-29: The Haunted Fortress of Stanford, 11 Creamery Rd., Stanfordville. Fri. & Sat., 6:30-9:30 p.m.; Sun., 6:30-8:30 p.m. Admission: Adults \$15, Children age 10 & younger \$10, Seniors \$10. Cash only. www.townofstanford.org/hauntedfortressofstanford; for updates, weather cancellations and sensory-friendly tour dates, call (845) 868-7782 or check Facebook and/or Instagram pages.

Oct. 7, 14, 21 & 28: Living History Cemetery Tours, Old Dutch Church Cemetery, 272 Wall St., Kingston. For their Fall 2023 "living history" presentation Theatre on the Road and the Old Dutch Church offer a new perspective on the Burning of Kingston. There will be five female characters and they'll range from an enslaved person to the wife of a general. Each will deliver a message that is centered around the theme that war, even in victory, has consequences. Tours will be conducted on Saturdays in October at 7 p.m. The tour that will be conducted on Oct. 14 will be part of the city's Burning of Kingston commemoration ceremonies. Tickets \$15 per adult, \$10 students & seniors; 12 and under are free. Advance purchase required at www.livinghistoryny.com. More info: (845) 475-7973

Oct. 7-8: Fall Festival and Pumpkin Bombing, Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome, 9 Norton Rd., Red Hook. www.oldrhinebeck.org

Oct. 8: Jenni Muldaur & Teddy Thompson, Levon Helm Studio, 160 Plochmann Ln., Woodstock. On their new album, "Jenni Muldaur & Teddy Thompson Sing The Great Country Duets," the duo revives the spirit of classic country, paying homage to iconic duets originally recorded by George Jones and Tammy Wynette; Conway Twitty and Loretta Lynn and Porter Wagoner and Dolly Parton. 8 p.m. Tickets \$35 + fees. www.levonhelm.com

County to host sensory-friendly movie event at the Bardavon

Dutchess County invites residents of all abilities and their families to a free sensory-sensitive screening of the Halloween classic, "Hocus Pocus," on Friday, Oct. 20, at the Bardavon Opera House, 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie. The movie will begin at 6:30 p.m., with doors opening at 5:30 p.m.

As part of this special ThinkDIFFERENTLY event, the theater will adjust both the lighting and sound to make the experience more enjoyable for those on the autism spectrum or who experience sensory sensitivities. The showing will also include closed captioning. Individuals, families and support agencies are all invited to this free event. Seating is limited; registration is required and can be completed at dutchessny.gov/show.

Dutchess County All Abilities Director Dana Hopkins said, "We are excited to host another sensory friendly movie night so our friends of all abilities can enjoy a full movie experience and fall fun. In addition to the adjusting lights and sounds, we make sure there is space between attendees to ensure all are comfortable and can enjoy the film. It's sure

to be a bewitching evening."

The movie event is the second of three sensory-friendly ThinkDIFFERENTLY shows and performances the County is sponsoring at the Bardavon this year. This past March, storyteller David Gonzalez took to the stage for an afternoon of live music and interactive stories, and the series will conclude with an hour-long, sensory-sensitive performance of "The Nutcracker" on Friday, Dec. 8th.

Dutchess County's ThinkDIFFERENTLY initiative seeks to change the way individuals, businesses, organizations, and communities relate to individuals with special needs. The County hosts several inclusive events throughout the year such as the annual ThinkDIFFERENTLY Fitness & Field Day, ThinkDIFFERENTLY Thursday at the Dutchess County Fair and the ThinkDIFFERENTLY Conference to ensure individuals and their loved ones have access to vital information and resources as well as inclusive offerings.

To learn more about the ThinkDIFFERENTLY initiative or to see upcoming events visit, thinkdifferently.net.

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That's Italian!

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We back up the trailer of death down the ramp and into the water again, remove the boat and park it at the dock, park the car with the trailer of death, and all pile into the boat again.

Now, it is important to note that my assigned seat in this "ship" is in the very back, next to the outboard motor. When I get to my seat, I notice that we have water coming into our ship. Titanic is going down. I yelled to my father that we were sinking. He told me to shut up and sit down. So, I sat down and shut up.

I poked my brother Anthony in the rib as we pulled out from the dock and pointed to the water coming into our ship. Just then the engine gave out.

My brother Anthony yells out to my father that we were sinking. Pop jumps to the back of the boat and realizes that we were, in fact, sinking. Vinny and I put on our life jackets and waited word to abandon ship, 5 feet from shore. We pull out the oars and row back to the dock with water coming in through the drain hole, all the while people watching us on the dock.

Out comes the trailer of death again and out comes the boat, again. So, as the water drains out of the boat, my father goes to buy a large garbage pail. He is going to fill it with water and run the engine in the garbage pail. Genius! Once all the water drains out, we put the missing drain plug in the hole, Pop starts the engine and runs it with a huge crowd watching this family of idiots try to fix their "ship." Mom breaks out the Spaghetti Pie and we have lunch.

Once Pop is satisfied that our Titanic is ready and that it won't sink, we back the trailer of death down the ramp for a fifth time, remove the boat and park it at the dock. My father decides that he is going to take a spin around the harbor and get the motor warmed up. Pop pulls away from the dock and tears around the harbor like a bat out of hell.

There are signs everywhere around a harbor that reads "No Wake!" Let's just say that we didn't know what that meant. Pop returns to the dock satisfied that the engine is OK. Once we all get into our "ship," a police boat pulls up to us and proceeds to chew my father out for making waves all over the harbor. Very calmly, my father looks at him and says "Me no speaka the English." The harbor police takes one look at my father, figures out that he is Italian and then proceeds to chew my father out again in ... Italian.

We were in trouble.

After Pop gets a ticket, he goes to turn on the engine and ... Yup, it wouldn't

start. Pop, slumps behind the wheel, a defeated man. It's over. We back up the trailer of death, again load up the boat and go home. As a final insult, on the way home, our old brown station wagon land yacht decides to overheat.

When we finally got home, my brother Nick fiddled with the boat and decided to give it another try. Pop wanted nothing to do with it and decided to take a nap instead. We brought our "ship" down to the river, backed it down the ramp easily (we had a lot of experience with that). With my brothers and my mother in the boat, the engine turned over on the first try (new keys, new gas, new cables, new drain plug), and we would take the first and final trip around the river in our "ship."

So as the boating season is starting to come to a close, and you get the itch to buy yourself a little boat, remember my story and remember this one tip. Sea water and fresh water are two different things when it comes to a boat engine.

Enjoy this recipe for Spaghetti Pie. When you are eating it, make sure to share my story. Ciao!

SPAGHETTI PIE

Ingredients

1 (6 ounce) package spaghetti
2 tbsp. butter
1/2 cup grated Pecorino Romano
2 eggs, beaten
1/4 cup diced prosciutto
1/4 cup diced ham
1/4 cup diced salami
1 clove garlic, minced
1 tspn. white sugar
1 tspn. dried oregano
1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Directions

Cook and drain spaghetti. Stir all ingredients while the spaghetti is hot.

Form spaghetti mixture in a non-stick, oven-safe skillet.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Bake for 30 minutes.

Let cool. Cut up into wedges and serve cold.

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.

GOLDEN LIVING

Note: the Office for the Aging and OFA Friendship Centers will be closed for the national Columbus Day holiday on Monday, October 9th. Clients of OFA's Home Delivered Meals program receive their meals in advance of that date.

AGEISM AWARENESS DAY IS OCT. 7

You may still remember the ad, decades later: I've fallen and I can't get up! It may have been a memorable sales tactic to sell life alert devices, but it wasn't an accurate depiction of the day-to-day lives of older adults – not then, and not now. What's more, the company LifeCall that ran the ads went out of business in 1993. A new company, Life Alert, tried picking up the catchphrase for another ad campaign in 2014, and was immediately swamped with complaints that they were preying on older adults' understandable anxiety about falls. Life Alert pulled the ad.

As Ageism Awareness Day approaches on October 7th, we hope businesses and individuals are finally starting to get the message that ageism coupled with fear doesn't sell – but what does? Focusing on the positives of aging, for starters. Research has repeatedly shown that even when the negatives of age-related changes are factored in, older adults feel at least 10 years younger than their chronological age.

As for younger people, we hope they consider how they'd like to be treated when they're older, especially since ageism amounts to a prejudice against one's future self. We doubt they'd like to find their healthcare provider dismissing their concerns, or overmedicating them at the other extreme, because of their age. We doubt our future older adults want to be excluded from society only because of their age, forced out of a job at age 50 because replacing them with an inexperienced 21-year-old is better for a company's balance sheet in the short term.

Aging is everybody's eventual fate – if we're careful and lucky enough to live that long.

ON 'MEDICAL AGEISM'

Ageism in American healthcare is expensive: \$63 billion in excess healthcare costs in 2018, according to a 2020 article in The Gerontologist. Sometimes drugs and treatments are developed using studies that exclude the very older adults who could be treated. In other cases, care that's known to help preserve older adults' independence is not prescribed, simply based on age. Negative self-perceptions of aging are demonstrably harmful as well as expensive and were listed as the single largest excess healthcare cost in the study.

THE BETTER NEWS

Ageism is often an unconscious belief. The upside to that: Once a light is shone on an unconscious belief, we can recognize and be rid of it. A Yale University study found that many conditions we assume are due only to aging – like memory loss, cardiovascular issues, and hearing problems – were tied to negative self-perceptions of aging. Replace the negatives with positives, and individuals in the study lived 7.5 years longer.

That's why we at the Office for the Aging shine our light on the positives of aging. There are more older adults than ever before, living longer in good health. Dutchess County's 85+ population is the fastest growing in New York State, and the county's older adult population is closing in on 70,000.

OFA SENIOR PROM – MONDAY 10/16 – SIGN-UP DEADLINE THIS WEEK

This year's Office for the Aging "Golden Anniversary" Senior Prom is taking place on Monday, October 16th from 12 noon to 4 pm at Villa Borghese, 70 Widmer Rd. in Wappinger, presented with vital support from The Pines at Poughkeepsie. The prom begins with lunch, then the full Bob Martin Band will keep the dance floor packed for the rest of the afternoon.

Reservations opened two weeks ago and are \$20 per person with a deadline of October 6th to pay and thus reserve a seat. We anticipate that the prom will sell out, so don't delay! A printable reservation form is available in the Fall 2023 OFA THRIVE60+ newsletter and on the OFA website at www.dutchessny.gov/aging; and forms are available at all eight OFA Friendship Centers.

If you are anticipating attending as part of a group, please submit all reservation forms and payment together, so that we can do our best to keep your group seated near each other. If your group is larger than 10 people, remember that each table has a maximum capacity of 10 seats. Please make sure all guests' names are printed or written clearly, so that they appear on the guest list correctly. Each guest will be assigned to a specific table.

Each year's prom has a unique theme, and we're going with a "golden anniversary" theme to commemorate 50 years since the 1973 founding of the Office for the Aging. It's optional to dress up; but if you're planning on being creative with your outfit, you'll want to incorporate gold into it.

YOUR VOICE COUNTS AT OFA PUBLIC COMMENT FORUMS

While you can contact the Office for the Aging at any time with your questions and concerns, the annual OFA Public Comment Forums are unique opportunities to speak directly, in person, to OFA leadership and members of the OFA Advisory Board, at the following dates and locations:

Wednesday, October 4, 10:30 am
OFA Friendship Center
114 Delafield St., Poughkeepsie

Friday, October 6, 10:30 am
The Pavilion at Brookmeade
34 Brookmeade Dr., Rhinebeck

If you are unable to attend a Public Comment Forum, you can mail written comments to the Dutchess County Office for the Aging, 114 Delafield St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. You can also email comments to ofo@dutchessny.gov.

All Public Comment Forum locations are handicapped accessible.

'BOOTS BY THE BANDSHELL' AT BOWDOIN PARK (Saturday 10/14)

Join Dutchess County Parks and 97.7 "The Wolf" radio for "Boots by the Bandshell," a free country music event with line dancing, food trucks, family activities and fireworks.

It takes place on Saturday, October 14th from 3:30 to 8:00 pm, at the bandshell pavilion at Bowdoin Park (85 Sheafe Rd., Wappingers Falls). CJ and Jess from The Wolf's morning show will be on hand from 3:30 until 5:00, followed by a performance from Thunder Ridge from 5:00 until 7:30, capped off with a 7:45 fireworks show. For more information, see www.dutchessny.gov/parks.

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

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AG's Office of Special Investigation releases report on death of Amos Domfeh

New York Attorney General Letitia James' Office of Special Investigation (OSI) released its report on September 22 on the death of Amos Domfeh in Dutchess County. Following an investigation, which included review of security camera footage, crash reconstruction analysis, witness interviews, and phone records, OSI concluded that there is insufficient evidence to charge the deputy involved in this case with a crime, according to the Attorney General's Office.

The release stated: "On the evening of September 16, 2021, a deputy sheriff with the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) was driving south in her patrol car on Violet Avenue in Poughkeepsie when she struck Mr. Domfeh, who was crossing Violet Avenue from east to west. After the collision, the deputy radioed for

medical assistance before getting out of the car to administer first aid to Mr. Domfeh. EMS arrived and transported Mr. Domfeh to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead."

Approximately three hours later, the New York State Police (NYSP) Collision Reconstruction Unit arrived at the scene to examine the crash site and administer a breath test to the deputy, which was negative for the presence of alcohol in her blood, according to the Attorney's General Office. Based on analysis of video footage and reconstruction of the crash, the deputy was driving between seven to 14 MPH above the posted speed limit of 35 MPH when she crashed into Domfeh, stated the press release.

"The autopsy report concluded that Mr. Domfeh's cause of death was blunt force injuries and the manner of death

was an accident. A review of the deputy's cellphone records showed that she did not send or receive any phone calls or text messages around the time of the collision. In addition to the absence of a streetlight and crosswalk in the area, there is also a rise in the road that makes it difficult for drivers to see pedestrians," stated the Attorney's General Office.

The release stated: "Under New York law, proving criminally negligent homicide requires evidence that a person failed to perceive a substantial and unjustifiable risk that death would occur and that the failure to perceive the risk was a gross deviation from a reasonable person's standard of care. In addition, case law requires proof of "blameworthy conduct" that turns speeding into "dangerous speeding." There was no evidence in this case that the deputy was not driving in the appropriate lane or that she was impaired

or intoxicated. Although the deputy was driving above the speed limit, there is no indication that she was engaging in any blameworthy conduct. Given the circumstances and evidence, OSI concluded that a prosecutor would not be able to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the deputy committed a crime, and therefore criminal charges could not be pursued in this matter."

While the deputy did not show any signs of intoxication at the time, she was not issued a breath test until three hours after the incident, it was noted by the Attorney's General Office. To ensure accuracy and assure public trust, OSI recommends that NYSP and DCSO hold law enforcement to the same standards as civilians by breath testing their members as quickly as practicable after every serious motor vehicle collision, it was stated.

OBITUARIES

John C. Frenzel

FORMERLY OF MILLBROOK - In the early hours of September 21, 2023, John Charles Frenzel passed away surrounded by his family. A Millbrook, NY native for most of his life, he enjoyed the sun and ocean breezes living in Morehead City, NC for the past two years.

John was born on July 28, 1957 to Tony and Peggy Frenzel of Millbrook. After high school, he worked in Houston, TX for a few years and then returned to the Millbrook area. In 1987, he met and married his "cute little redhead girl," Joan Whalen. In 1989, they celebrated the birth of their daughter, Margaret Ann ("Annie"), who was his pride and joy.

In his first career, he was the pastry chef at Vassar Brothers Hospital in Poughkeepsie, NY for 12 years. He had the courage to go back to school for information technology, and he built a second career as the Director of Information Systems at Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties for 20 years.

His favorite job was retirement! Throughout the first year of the pandemic, he undertook a new calling — "Breadgifting," a grass roots project to bake bread and gift it to neighbors and friends in his community. He inspired many bakers across the country to do the same.

John had the kindest heart and the funniest stories. He had a vast knowledge of and appreciation for music — it was part of his

soul. He was a self-educated master baker and a talented photographer. His love for dogs was infinite. He and Joanie traveled to Italy many times, making lasting friendships and amazing memories.

John is survived by his wife of 36 years, Joanie; his beloved daughter, Annie Peters and her husband Jason; brother, Wayne Frenzel and his wife Carol Ann; sister Toni Lang and her husband Kevin, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents as well as his sister, Karen Tellerday.

The family would like to give a heartfelt thank you to Tonya Batten who took such gentle care of John in his last days. We would also like to thank his hospice team at 3HC, including Natalie Kennedy, Samantha Wallace, and especially Amanda Sigler for the care she gave to John as well as to Joanie, Annie, and Jason.

A celebration of John's life will be held at a future date to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in John's name to the Hospice Program of 3HC (www.3hc.org/donate-now).

Condolences and life tributes may be sent to the family at www.noebrooks.net

Arrangements by Noe-Brooks Funeral Home, Morehead City, NC.

James Michael 'Mike' Knuffke

DOVER PLAINS - James Michael "Mike" Knuffke, 68, a longtime area resident, died on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at

home in Dover Plains, NY. Mike was a painter who owned and operated Spectrum Painting in Amenia, NY.

Born on April 29, 1955 in Sharon, CT, he was the son of the late Francis M. and Hazel (Elliott) Knuffke. He was an active AA member and was a sponsor to many members. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing cards.

He is survived by his daughter, Sarah Knuffke of Hyde Park, NY; three brothers, John Knuffke of Dover Plains, NY; Martin Knuffke of Kingston, NY and Frank Knuffke of Tennessee; two sisters, Bonnie Pellicotti of Dover Plains, NY and Wilma Dills of Pisgah Forest, NC. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Jayden M. Knuffke of LaGrange, NY; Lloyd B. Conners of Pleasant Valley, NY and Nevaeh A. Knuffke of Hyde Park, NY.

Funeral services will be private. To send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcfuneralhome.com.

Dolores Putorti

RHINEBECK - Dolores Putorti, 88, a life-long resident of Rhinebeck, passed away on Friday, September 22, 2023 at Ferncliff Nursing Home.

Born in Rhinebeck, NY in 1935, she was a daughter of the late James and Lula Stone. After graduating from Rhinebeck High School in 1952, she graduated from the Teacher's College at Plattsburgh State in 1956. Dolores was a teacher in Pine Plains from 1957-1962 and a long-time substitute teacher at Rhinebeck High School. She remained

involved in the Rhinebeck Retired Teachers Association and Rhinebeck Alumni Association after her retirement.

Dolores was a member of the Rhinebeck United Methodist Church, where she gifted the congregation with her beautiful singing voice in the choir for many years, along with her sisters. She greatly enjoyed music and participated in the Rhinebeck Legion Band and Rhinebeck Choral Club. She fondly remembered the Rhinebeck of her youth and was a proud wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Survivors include her loving husband of 62 years, Anthony Putorti; two children, Lorraine (Raymond) Ricci and Anthony (Patricia); five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by a brother, James Jr. (Evelyn) and two sisters, Janet (Gordon) Cotting and Irene (Norman) Callaghan.

The funeral service that celebrated her life and faith was held on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at Rhinebeck United Methodist Church, 83 E Market St. Calling hours were held at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in honor of Dolores can be made to the Rhinebeck Rescue Squad or a charity of one's choice.

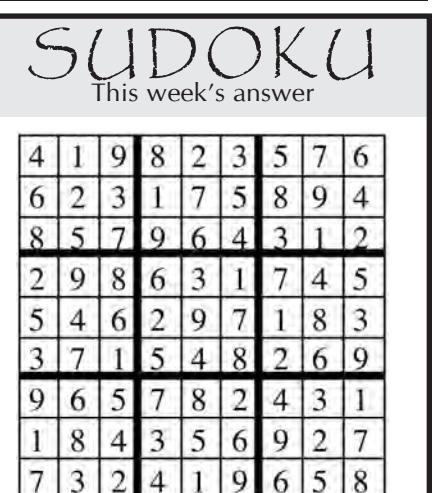
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EXTENDING LOCAL ORDERS 1, 2 & 3 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 5/2023 EXTENSION TO DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDERS DECLARED BY D U T C H E S S COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Please take notice that on September 25, 2023 at 12:00 am., pursuant to Article 2B of the New York State Executive Law, Article III of the Dutchess County Charter and Administrative Code Section 3.05, Acting Dutchess County Executive William F.X.O'Neilex- tended Local Emergency Order#1, Local Emergency Order#2, and Local Emergency Order #3 in furtherance of Executive Order No. 5 of 2023, dated May 18, 2023. The text of the declaration of state of emergency and local emergency orders is available at www.dutchessny.gov .	PUBLIC NOTICE TAKE NOTICE that tentative benefit assessment rolls for Dutchess County Water District Zones of Assessment A, B, C, D, H, I, J, K, L, Q, Rand Xin the Towns of Hyde Park, Rhinebeck, Beekman, Pawling, Red Hook, and Village of Red Hook, Part-County Sewer Districts #1 and #3 in the Town of Beekman, Part County Sewer District #2 in the Town of Pleasant Valley, Part County Sewer District #7 and #8 in the Town of Hyde Park and Part County Sewer District #10 in the Towns of Rhinebeck and Hyde Park, Dutchess County, New York, have been filed with the Clerk of the Dutchess County Legislature and are available for inspection at her office at 22 Market Street, 6th Floor, Poughkeepsie, New York, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday starting September 15, 2023. Zones A, B, C, D, I, L and R cover the Hyde Park Regional Water System along Route 9, Route 9G, Har- bound Hills and Staatsburg in Hyde Park and Mill Road in Rhinebeck. Zone H covers the Dalton Farms Water System and the Poughquag Hamlet Water System in the Town of Beekman. Zone J covers the Shore Haven Water System in the Town of Pawling. Zone K covers the Birch Hill Water System in the Town of Beekman. Zone Q covers the Greenbush Water System in the Town of Hyde Park.	PUBLIC NOTICE TAKE NOTICE that anyone wishing to be heard must file a grievance application with the Clerk of the Legislature on or before the date and time above set forth for hearing objections by mailing to the Dutchess County Legislature, 22 Market Street, 6th Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, by emailing countylegislature@dutchessny.gov ,	Zone X covers the Tivoli Water System in the Town and Village of Red Hook. Part-County Sewer District #1 covers the Chelsea Cove Sewer System in the Town of Beekman. Part-County Sewer District #2 covers the Valley Dale Sewer System in the Town of Pleasant Valley. Part-County Sewer District #3 covers the Dalton Farms Sewer System in the Town of Beekman. Part-County Sewer District #7 covers the Pinebrook Sewer System in the Town of Hyde Park. Part-County Sewer District #8 covers the Greenfields Sewer System in the Town of Hyde Park. Part-County Sewer District #10 covers the Vanderburgh Cove Sewer System in the Towns of Rhinebeck and Hyde Park.	or by hand delivering a complete application to the Dutchess County Legislature during regular office hours. Grievance applications may be obtained during regular office hours or sent via email by calling 845-486-2100. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF BENEFIT ASSESSMENT REVIEW Dated: September 18, 2023 Poughkeepsie, New York Leigh Wager, Clerk of the Legislature	the County of Dutchess at a meeting held on September 11, 2023, adopted a local law entitled: LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF 2023, A LOCAL LAW TO EXTEND THE YOUTH DEER HUNTING PILOT PROGRAM The intent of this Local Law shall be to extend the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Youth Deer Hunting Pilot Program from December 31, 2023, to December 31, 2025, and Dutchess County seeks to further its participation in said pilot program which authorizes a hunting license holder, who is twelve (12) or (13) years of age to hunt deer with a crossbow, shotgun or muzzle-loading firearm through 2025. A copy of the local law is available at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature where it may be inspected during regular office hours. LEIGH WAGER Clerk Dutchess County Legislature Dated: October 4, 2023
REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-60-23 Supplemental Bid for Plumbing Parts and Supplies Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 19th day of October 2023 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website http://www.dutchessny.gov , selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.	REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-60-23 Supplemental Bid for Plumbing Parts and Supplies Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 19th day of October 2023 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website http://www.dutchessny.gov , selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.	REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-60-23 Supplemental Bid for Plumbing Parts and Supplies Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 19th day of October 2023 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website http://www.dutchessny.gov , selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.	REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-60-23 Supplemental Bid for Plumbing Parts and Supplies Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 19th day of October 2023 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website http://www.dutchessny.gov , selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.	REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-60-23 Supplemental Bid for Plumbing Parts and Supplies Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 19th day of October 2023 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website http://www.dutchessny.gov , selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.	REFeree's NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF DUTCHESS RHINEBECK SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff-against - VERVA PARKER A/K/A VERVA AHEDRS, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on August 28, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in the rear lobby of the Dutchess County Courthouse, 10 Market Street, City of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York on the 3rd day of November, 2023 at 2:30 PM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of North East, County of Dutchess and State of New York. Premises known as 4608 Route 199, Millerton, NY 12546. (SBL#: 7170-00-740940 & 719998) Approximate amount of lien \$30,477.63 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 2021-54208. Raymond A. Cote, Esq., Referee. Stein, Wiener & Roth LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 1400 Old Country Road, Suite 315 Westbury, NY 11590 Tel. 516-742-1212 PARKER AKA AHEDRS-80355 Dated: September 11, 2023 During the COVID-19 health emergency, bidders are required to comply with all governmental health requirements in effect at the time of sale including but not limited to, wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing (at least 6-feet apart) during the auction, while tendering deposit and at any subsequent closing. Bidders are also required to comply with the Foreclosure Auction Rules and COVID-19 Health Emergency Rules issued by the Supreme Court of this County in addition to the conditions set forth in the Terms of Sale.

The deadline for Legal is every Friday @ 12 noon for a Wednesday Publication*. *When a public holiday falls on a Monday the deadline becomes Thursday at noon.

County 3rd in nation among mid-size county governments for use of technology

Dutchess County Government's continued commitment to provide innovative technology to serve residents and businesses, and its dedicated focus on cyber security readiness, has again earned the County national recognition. Dutchess County's Office of Central & Information Services (OCIS) has been ranked 3rd in the nation among mid-size county governments for its use of technology in the 2023 Digital Counties Survey conducted by the Center for Digital Government (CDG) and the National Association of Counties (NACo). Dutchess County has been ranked in the top 10 for all 21 years the survey has been conducted.

Commissioner Marchi, who has led OCIS since 2016, has focused on prioritizing cyber security as well as providing the critical tools, support and services County departments and the public rely on.

The need for cybersecurity is evidenced by continued reports of local and state governments facing cyber threats and attacks. A 2023 Data Breach Investigation Report shows 74

percent of all breaches include the human element, where employees are targeted through malicious tactics such as stolen login credentials or social engineering. Cyber-attacks like this can result in sensitive data being stolen and held for ransom. Regionally, Suffolk County is still recovering from the impacts of a 2022 ransomware attack demanding \$2.5 million that forced the county government offline for weeks.

Under Commissioner Marchi's leadership, the County participates in numerous cyber security tabletop exercises and employee trainings annually to increase cybersecurity awareness and preparedness. To help increase municipalities' preparedness, the County contributed to the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) "Cyber Security Primer for Local Government Leaders" in 2022, which was distributed at the County's second annual Cyber Security Seminar.

Dutchess County OCIS is not only a leader in cyber security, but also continues to provide cutting-edge technology services such as

ParcelAccess. This Geographic Information Systems (GIS) applications is one of the County's most popular online applications and was recently revamped to better serve the more than half a million unique visitors who use the application annually to find data on more than 110,000 parcels, including maps, property sales records, well reports, structure photos, historic aerial overviews, wetland and flood zone boundaries, geographic elevations, and more. ParcelAccess' Real Property Tax and assessor data is used by thousands of residents and businesses.

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Other applications that were developed on

upgraded in 2022, include:

- Online platform for the Department of Emergency Response's Access and Functional Needs Registry for individuals who may need additional assistance in an emergency to share their contact information and needs; and
 - Upgraded Electronic Recording capabilities of the Dutchess County Clerk, to allow for electronic filing of land, property, court,

- GIS Open Data Portal providing free and open access to numerous GIS datasets.

“Counties are using technology to pursue bold, cutting-edge approaches to serving our residents,” said NACo Executive Director Matthew Chase. “Whether improving disaster resiliency, enhancing transportation, or exploring the potential of artificial intelligence, counties are leveraging technology to achieve local priorities. We applaud the Digital Counties Survey winners for deploying technological solutions that improve our everyday life.”

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