

Betkowski takes over as GM for Renegades as Jeffers has new role

By Rich Thomaselli

New season, new leadership. There will be a change at the top for the Hudson Valley Renegades in 2024.

Tyson Jeffers is departing the Renegades to take over as the General Manager of a new minor league club in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and Zach Betkowski has been elevated to the role of General Manager of the Renegades.

The team will remain the high Class A affiliate of the New York Yankees. The Renegades won the North Division of the South Atlantic League this past season and fell to Greenville in the best of three finals, 2-0.

Jeffers served as the Renegades General Manager since 2022 and oversaw the first naming rights deal in the history of the facility as Dutchess Stadium became Heritage Financial Park. He also assisted in executing the largest privately-funded ballpark improvement project in the facility's history completed before the 2023 season, which included the renovation of the current clubhouse, the building of a new batting tunnel structure, outfield wall and batter's eye. He also worked hand-in-hand with Dutchess County in constructing the largest expansion and improvement project to the Dutchess County park since the team's inception in 1994, which will be completed before the start of the 2024 season.

In his new role, Jeffers will have the opportunity to build a new franchise from the ground up. The Spartanburg team, also owned by Diamond Baseball Holdings, will break ground on a new ballpark this November which will be part of a multi-phase over \$400-million development project in downtown

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Jill Biden endorses local education on stops in Fishkill, Poughkeepsie

By Kristine Coulter

First Lady Dr. Jill Biden traveled to Dutchess County to make stops in Fishkill and Poughkeepsie on October 6. Biden flew into New York Stewart International Airport in Orange County.

Biden made her way to Fishkill where she participated in the opening of the new advanced manufacturing lab at Dutchess Community College.

To mark National Manufacturing Day on Friday, October 6, the Biden Administration kicked off the Advanced Manufacturing Workforce Sprint with leaders in manufacturing and job training at the White House—the Sprint is an intensive drive to build a pipeline of workers for good jobs, including union jobs, in advanced manufacturing.

Mechatronics is “a groundbreaking new project,” said Biden.

The First lady's trip was part of President Joe Biden's Investing in America Agenda. According to the White House, “companies have committed over \$435 billion in private sector investments across the country.”

In New York state, according to the White House:

- IBM is investing \$20 billion in the Hudson Valley Region to expand quantum computing development and build out its semiconductor ecosystem.
- Micron is investing \$20 billion this



First Lady Dr. Jill Biden addresses local dignitaries, educators and students from Dutchess Community College during a presentation and ribbon-cutting at DCC's Center of Excellence for Industry & Innovation in Fishkill on Friday, Oct. 6. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

decade and up to \$100 billion over t20 years in semiconductor manufacturing in Clay, NY, creating tens of thousands of good paying jobs.

- Anovion is investing \$294 million to expand its battery-grade synthetic graphite manufacturing in Sanborn, NY, a key input into electric vehicles, clean energy storage systems, medical devices,

and other industrial applications.

According to DCC's website, Mechatronics “occupies the intersection of mechanical systems, electrical systems, control systems, and computers.” Some of the companies involved were OnSemi, Emagin, and MPI. The lab, according to DCC, is 6,000 sq. ft. The lab

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Rhinebeck Porchfest returns on Oct. 14

By Stacey van den Thoon

The music of Rhinebeck Porchfest returns to rock n' roll the day away on Saturday, October 14 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the village of Rhinebeck.

Since its inception in 2016, Rhinebeck Porchfest has become a much anticipated free event for all ages to enjoy, with live performances from more than 50 local musicians and a wide variety of musical genres. Founder and Porchfest Chair Liz Mazzarella has been at the helm coordinating the event

in an effort to raise funds for the Fields for Youth Campaign at the Thomas Thompson-Sally Mazzarella Park, located adjacent to the Starr Library in Rhinebeck. “We're excited to bring Porchfest back to Rhinebeck for its sixth year,” said Mazzarella. “It's a great day to come out and enjoy live music, food, and community.”

Thanks to the numerous volunteers and generous sponsors throughout the years, all monies raised from Rhinebeck Porchfest has pro-

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A total of 54 bands are set to play on 22 porches on Livingston and Chestnut Streets in the Village of Rhinebeck throughout the day on Saturday, Oct. 14. Courtesy photo

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Bellefield at Historic Hyde Park establishes \$500,000 scholarship program for HPCSD students

Bellefield at Historic Hyde Park has established a \$500,000 scholarship program to benefit graduating Hyde Park Central School District seniors in financial need who are committed to academic success, serving the Hyde Park community and attending post-high-school education.

The Bellefield-Mulroy Family Scholarship Fund, created via a community benefit agreement between Bellefield and the school district, will provide \$25,000 a year for 20 years. Scholarships will be open to students pursuing a degree in education; STEM (science, technology, engineering or math); fine and performing arts; and the culinary arts. Recipients must attend a two-year or four-year college/university or vocational school in New York State.

The terms of the scholarship were determined in consultation with the Hyde Park Central School District. A committee, including a Bellefield representative, will consider potential recipients. Details on how to apply will be announced at a later date.

“Just as Bellefield is investing in Hyde Park, it’s equally as important to invest in Hyde Park’s youth and future,” said Thomas Mulroy, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of T-Rex Capital Group LLC. “We’re pleased that the Bellefield-Mulroy Family Scholarship Fund will help motivated graduates realize their dreams, decrease tuition burdens and ultimately benefit the region’s quality of life for generations to come.”

The Hyde Park Central School District’s Board of Education and Dr. Pedro Roman, Superintendent of Schools, are appreciative of Bellefield’s donation. According to the Board and Dr. Roman, “The Bellefield-Mulroy Family Scholarship Fund will support college and/or career pathways for students that will provide them with financial independence and positively shape their lives.”

Hyde Park Town Supervisor Alfred (Al) Torreggiani, who was instrumental in progressing the scholarship, said, “By establishing this generous scholarship, Bellefield at Historic Hyde Park will make Hyde Park an even more attractive place to raise a family. The education of our youth always must be paramount and this scholarship – along with opportunities to eventually experience, learn from and potentially seek careers at Bellefield’s many attractions – are superb investments in our future.”

Michael Oates, President of the Hudson Valley Economic Development Corp., echoed that praise. “A singular focus for Bellefield has always been to ensure that Dutchess County remains a great place to live and work. Establishment of this impressive scholarship supports that,” he said. “Bellefield, as a multi-faceted hospitality and tourism destination, will not only be an immediate boon to the local economy, but also will advance the region’s growth and families for years to come.”

Bellefield at Historic Hyde Park is committed to being a supportive member of the local community and looks forward to welcoming visitors to the opening of the development’s first hotel, the Inn at Bellefield, in December. The Inn at Bellefield, with 137 rooms, is a \$55 million project developed by T-Rex in partnership with Shaner Hotel Group, LP. It is the first of two hotels the completed development will offer. At completion, the total project will feature:

- 830,000 square feet of hospitality, commercial, and community spaces featuring restaurants, breweries, community gardens, a high-end grocer, day care, co-working spaces, a film production studio, a performing arts center and amphitheater, and much more.
- 801 residential units comprised of apartments, condominiums, townhomes, and single-family cottages, patio-homes and estate homes.

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Right, First Lady Dr. Jill Biden is pictured with Dr. Peter Grant Jordan, president of Dutchess Community College. Above, the ribbon is cut at the grand opening of the \$3 million Dutchess Community College Mechatronics Lab for Workforce Development in the advanced manufacturing industry. *Photos by Curtis Schmidt*



has state-of-the-art equipment, Electronic/Automation, Mechanical and HVAC Labs, as well as space for hands-on learning assignments.

The 10 main areas of Mechatronics include:

- Electrical – AC/DC
- Pneumatics and Hydraulics
- PLC Basic & Advanced, PLC/ VFD wiring and control
- PLC Networking (ControlNet, Ethernet, HMI programming)
- Motors & Motor Controls
- Mechanical Drives
- Process Control – liquid flow and level, temperature
- Smart Factory
- Robotics
- HVAC

“A job is a lot more than an education, it’s about dignity,” said Biden.

Miguel Cardona, U.S. Secretary of Education, remarked, “When we reinvest in America, we raise the bar for our students.”

Congressman Pat Ryan, NY-18, said, “it’s important for our national security. We need to be a leader again on the world stage.”

Harold King, president of the Council of Industry, said, “Everyone here knows that manufacturing is vital to our economy.” He noted where DCC@Fishkill is was once an empty department store in the former Dutchess Mall.

Dutchess County Executive William F.X. O’Neil remarked, “Dutchess County is proud to be supporting” these endeavors. He told those in attendance the first step was the “successful launch”

of the aviation program at DCC, which began in 2021.

“Dutchess County is serious about investing in our future,” said O’Neil. “This is an amazing new facility,” he added.

Dr. Peter Grant Jordan, president of Dutchess Community College, said, Mechatronics is “a testament” to the partnership between DCC and Dutchess County.

DCC student Robert Bohl, who introduced the first lady, said the lab “isn’t just a place - it’s a bridge” that helps students like him transition into the workforce.

Town of Fishkill Supervisor Ozzy Albra, who has two children that have attended DCC, said “It’s an honor to have the First Lady of the United States here.” The supervisor added that he is glad to have DCC in Fishkill.

After her remarks at DCC, Biden left to visit the DAY ONE Early Learning Community in Poughkeepsie. While there Biden, who is a professor at Northern Virginia Community College in Virginia, discussed the importance of early childhood education. She met with co-founders Geraldine Laybourne and Dr. Julie Riess along with Joselyn Lucas, Teacher Apprentice, and Kerry Scarlet, Graduate, DAY ONE Teacher Apprenticeship Program and owns a Group Family Care Business.

Biden then delivered remarks at the Reformed Church of Poughkeepsie.

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Spartanburg. The team is slated to play their first season of affiliated baseball in 2025.

“It is always emotional to leave a place that you have invested so much into, and at a time that so much growth is happening, but I have peace of mind knowing that I am leaving it in the hands of a dedicated group that is determined to make this one of the top minor league teams in the country,” said Jeffers in a statement. “What is happening with the Renegades is truly special, and I am excited to watch Zach lead the organization to new heights. I will always be a Renegade at heart, and I am blessed to have had the opportunity to be part of a transformative period of Renegades history. Go ‘Gades!”

“Tyson has made a tremendous impact on the success of the Renegades and the Hudson Valley community, and we’re thrilled to offer him the opportunity to create something equally as special in Spartanburg,” said Pat Battle and Peter Freund, DBH Executive Chairman and CEO, respectively. “We recognize in Zach an exceptional talent and are

confident he will build on the Renegades’ incredible legacy as they enter into the franchise’s 30th anniversary next year.”

Betkowski steps into the General Manager role after serving as the team’s Assistant General Manager since September 2022. He joined the Renegades in March 2021 as the team’s Director of Corporate Partnerships after four seasons with the Lehigh Valley IronPigs, the Triple-A affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies.

“It’s a great day to be a Renegade,” said Betkowski. “Since I’ve arrived in the Hudson Valley, my family and I have fallen in love with this area, and I’m thrilled that I can continue to answer the call as a community leader in my role as General Manager. We have a tremendous staff here with the Renegades that I am proud to roll up my sleeves with every day. We look forward to the Renegades continuing to be the premier destination for affordable, family fun in the Hudson Valley, while also leading the charge as community pioneers that are dedicated to serving others.”

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By John Genn,
Tompkins Financial Advisors







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Dutchess County awards \$1 million in Agency Partner Grants for Infrastructure projects

Grants totaling \$1 million have been awarded for six projects through the Dutchess County Agency Partner Grant (APG): Infrastructure Program. The special funding was allocated by the Dutchess County Legislature in the 2023

Dutchess County Budget to provide support to agencies currently funded through the traditional APG program to implement capital infrastructure initiatives. Projects awarded Agency Partner Grant: Infrastructure funding include:

- Community Based Services, Inc. – \$130,000 to renovate the main barn at Cultivating Dreams Farm, a 10-acre satellite facility located in the Town of Beekman; the project will include full weatherization and installation of heating and cooling systems in the barn, which will allow for year-round indoor programming for individuals with special needs.
- Dutchess Outreach, Inc. – \$28,000 for equipment purchases, including a “grab-and-go” cooler, shed and hoop house-style greenhouse to expand access to local produce and healthy food options for low-income, food-insecure individuals and families throughout Dutchess County.
- Exodus Transitional Community, Inc. – \$44,100 to replace the roof and gutters on the organization’s two-family house, which is used to provide community-based, re-entry services and transitional housing for individuals affected by the justice system.
- Family Services, Inc. – \$523,621 for the continuation of safety and accessibility improvements at the Family Partnership Center in the City of Poughkeepsie, including renovations to

the sidewalks and driveway, replacement of doors and windows, improvements to signage and way finding, and requisite finish upgrades to common area corridors. Rehabilitation and enhancements to the facility will provide long-term stability to numerous local human service organizations that regularly use the building for programming and events.

- Poughkeepsie Farm Project, Inc. – \$24,279 to support accessibility and inclusivity upgrades throughout the farm, including the creation and installation of bilingual directional and educational signage, as well as an outdoor mural-style welcome sign.
- The Art Effect – \$250,000 for the continued construction build-out of The Trolley Barn, which hosts youth-led exhibitions and performances showcasing students’ artwork, including renovations to several areas of the building to be used for studio space, galleries, administrative offices, and event support. Renovations to the building will allow the organization to fulfill its mission of empowering young people to develop their creative voice to shape their futures and bring about positive social change.

Adriance Memorial Library’s 125th Founder’s Day set Oct. 21

The Poughkeepsie Public Library District invites the all to Adriance Memorial Library’s 125th Anniversary with the Founders’ Day celebration on Saturday, October 21 from 1-3 p.m.

The free event will be held at Adriance Library’s 93 Market Street location, which boasts an Italianate style Beaux Arts building designed by Charles Frederick Rose. The celebration honors the original dedication by the Adriance family in 1898. As part of the anniversary, there will be an exhibit about the Library’s history, activities inspired by the late 1800’s, and food for patrons to enjoy.

Featured will be an 1890s historical exhibition displaying an Edison phonograph that plays wax cylinder records, and a stereoscope viewer like the one invented in the mid-1800s by Sir Charles

Wheatstone. These and other artifacts will be on display in the Library’s Local History room. Attendees will be able to peruse other artifacts from the Adriance family and their business, Adriance, Platt & Co., such as photographs and memorabilia.

You can also snack as you would in the Gay Nineties, on penny candy favorites like Tootsie Rolls and Mary Janes, doughnuts, and cider. To top off your experience, pose in an 1890s costume photo booth, where you can get your picture taken.

In a nod to the support of the Adriance family, and to honor their work, there will be a food drive for non-perishable food items for attendees to give back to the community. The food drive will be in support of Dutchess Outreach.

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vided for the construction of a multimillion dollar multi-purpose turf field and several other enhancements at the park. “This year’s funds will go toward maintenance, lighting, seating and future enhancements at the park,” said Mazzarella. “Go take a look - the field is amazing!”

A total of 54 bands are set to play on 22 porches on Livingston and Chestnut Streets in the Village throughout the day. Music enthusiasts will enjoy hearing all genres of music including Rock, Pop, Americana, Folk, Blues, Jazz, Bluegrass, Instrumentals, Indie, Country, Swing, Motown, Reggae, R&B, Punk and acoustic performances. While strolling, or dancing from porch to porch, don’t forget to indulge in some tasty treats from

a variety of local run food trucks and vendors including favorites like Carole’s Hot Dogs, DJs Fish Fry, Forno Rosso Wood Fired pizza, Pura Vida Kettle Corn, Spacey Tracy’s Pickles and Thailicious.

The grand finale will be at the corner of Platt Avenue and Mulberry Street, adjacent to the Dutchess County Fairgrounds, with a performance by The Big Shoe at 6 p.m.

This is a fully outdoor, smoke free, family friendly event and goes on rain or shine. Free parking is available at the Fairgrounds large lot on Mulberry Street across from the bandstand. Visitors can check out the performance map and schedule on Rhinebeck Porchfest’s website at www.Rbkporchfest.com.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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AFD taxpayers can weigh in
on budget increase at Oct. 16 hearing

To the editor:
Taxpayers in the Arlington Fire District (AFD), in the town of Poughkeepsie, will have a chance to comment on the outrageous 13.4 percent tax increase that the fire commissioners have adopted in the 2024 proposed budget. The budget hearing will be on Monday, October 16, at 6 p.m. at the Red Oaks Mill Firehouse, 213 Vassar Road.
The tax increase is way, way over the state’s two percent tax cap. This will be the third time in four consecutive budgets that AFD has gone over the tax cap. The taxes have increased about 31 percent over the four-budget period. Meanwhile, the fire district has overspent their budget for the last three years and has done nothing to curb spending. It’s out of control.
The budget will increase by \$3 million for a total \$25 million budget. Taxpayers in the Arlington Fire District have long paid more for fire taxes than for town or county taxes, and it continues to get worse.
This time the commissioners have added nearly a million dollars to start an in-house ambulance service. That amount is apparently expected to only cover about six months. This is apparently just the beginning of probably a multimillion-dollar venture driven by hubris as verbalized by one of the commissioners who said, “I think it would be the best service in the Hudson Valley and beyond and nobody can provide the service that our department can do.”
Taxpayers need to use this one opportunity they have in this process to voice their concerns by attending the budget hearing on October 16.

Jim Beretta
Arlington Fire District taxpayer

The truth about ‘war within’ our country

To the editor:
I am responding to “Hoping America Survives The War Within,” letter which appeared in the Sept. 20 editions.
The war within our country started several years ago when the politically motivated, with pure hatred for a president was targeted before he was even elected. Americans witnessed the

political and economic downfall of our beloved USA and wanted someone who would put the American people first, not what politicians and “special interest” groups saw as their right.
We have always known a significant portion of elected officials were corrupt and gave “leeway” to that knowledge as Washington reasonably functioned. Donald Trump pulled the curtain back on how bad it really was. We have been lied to for years by the political elites and they have and will do anything to stop the truth.
Donald Trump gave up a life most could only dream of to preserve our way of life for future generations, and that comes at the ultimate cost for some. Never taking presidential salary, he loves our country, defends the Constitution.
Joe Biden is systematically destroying our economy, immigration laws, military, energy independence and most important the respect of allies and fear of enemies. Over 70% feel they are worse off today than three years ago. How can anyone defend Biden’s continuous lies, racial insults and most of all corruption and bad political judgments his entire career? As a NY’er, his claim to have been at Ground Zero on 9/12, is repulsive.
And who has been charged with insurrection? No one!
We the people have every right to question an election, every right to receive answers from those being questioned. Deep blue NY was 40% for Trump in 2020, with all the questionable changes made during the election there was a basis to want answers. The January 6th riot was a set-up by our government, to edge on the crowd into destruction and now political prisoners are being treated like they are in a 3rd world country. If the mainstream media was not in the Democratic pocket, the news would not be biased and more would know the truth.
“Make America Great Again” is what MAGA stands for. We are the millions upon millions who support freedom and a Constitutional Republic. We are not going away.
No country is perfect or has not made mistakes. We learn and find a better way. The government does not make our lives better. We make it better without the government.
In God We Trust.
Deborah Fleury Wingdale

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HV Depression Glass Club sets special event, sale on Oct. 14

This year the Hudson Valley Depression Glass Club will have something special. The resident Linens Expert/Member Debbie Siller will be hosting a Meet & Greet in the upper meeting room of the Veterans Memorial Building at 413 Main Street, Beacon on Saturday, Oct. 14 at 9 a.m. (Refreshments will be served), and Napkin Folding demonstrations at 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m.

The club is also hosting its 51st Semi-Annual Fall Show and Sale of Glass, Pottery, China, and Vintage Accessories on October 14 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person (children under 10 are free) and includes a raffle entry for a \$10 gift certificate good toward a purchase from any of the vendors or for a 1-year membership in the club. Refreshments will be available. For show information, please contact Debbie Siller at (845) 702-4770. The club meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. (except July and August) and guests are encouraged to come by and see what we are all about.

The Hudson Valley Depression Glass Club began in 1972 in Walden, NY by founding members Elinor Eignor, Bill & Ada Metzger, and Gene & Mickey Meier. The purpose of the club was to bring community members and collectors together to gain knowledge and promote any glass manufactured in America from 1920 through the 1940's known as Depression Era Glass. Some 20 different companies produced clear and colored glass during this period such as Hazel Atlas, Hocking, Indiana, Fenton, Federal, and Westmoreland. While the club has continued this tradition for the last 51 years, it has grown to now include all 20th century American glass companies and items such as American pottery companies, some well-known ones are Roseville, McCoy, Hall, Shawnee, Spaulding and Haeger, American China companies such as Blue Ridge, Franciscan, Lenox, Lotus ware, Pickard, Homer Laughlin and Bauer, and vintage kitchen items and accessories.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.

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 csaniewski1@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 (UWDOR) 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.

Join UWDOR 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.

Millbrook Historical Society meetings

Millbrook Historical Society hosts programs on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m., at the Millbrook 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 millbrookhistorical-society@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.

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 for 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 ljnoval@optonline.net.

Autumn Fair at Ruby Hill Farm

Ruby Hill Farm and Madi's Way are celebrating autumn on Oct. 22. We will be offering pumpkin painting, displays by local craft vendors, and fun food. Public admittance to the craft fair is free. Day passes to visit the goats, ponies, sheep, goats, chickens, and ducks are available. Pumpkin painting and other crafts for the children to make are \$15. Craft vendors are invited to bring their own tables and a tent if desired. The cost for the space is \$25 for a 6/8 ft space. To register visit www.rubyhillfarm.com. Ruby Hill Farm is located at 2325 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners.



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Drew Thorpe recognized at MLB awards show

By Rich Thomaselli

WAPPINGERS FALLS – The season might have ended a couple of games short of the South Atlantic League championship, but the accolades keep rolling in for the Hudson Valley Renegades.

Former Renegades pitcher Drew Thorpe was named Minor League Pitching Prospect of the Year by Major League Baseball during MLB's inaugural Minor League Baseball Awards Show.

That's pretty good for a debut summer. In his first professional season, Thorpe was sensational across 23 starts between

the Renegades and Double-A Somerset Patriots. He led all Minor League pitchers in strikeouts (182), and was second in WHIP (0.98), tied for second in wins (14), fourth in ERA (2.52), and sixth in opponent's batting average (.200). He led the South Atlantic League in ERA, wins, opponent's batting average, WHIP, and winning percentage (.833).

Thorpe was previously named South Atlantic League Pitching Prospect of the Year.

In 18 starts with the Renegades, Thorpe set new single-season franchise records for wins (10), and strikeouts

(138). He set the Renegades single-game strikeout record when he punched out 13 Brooklyn Cyclones batters on July 22. In addition to leading the SAL in wins and ERA (2.81), Thorpe finished second in strikeouts, falling one strikeout shy of winning the SAL Pitching Triple Crown.

The right-hander was named SAL Pitcher of the Month for June after posting a 0.31 ERA (1 ER/28.2 IP) with 34 strikeouts and just six walks. At one

point, Thorpe had a 28.1-inning scoreless streak from May 28-June 25, the longest streak by a South Atlantic League pitcher in 2023.

Thorpe, 22, was drafted in the second round of the 2022 First-Year Player Draft by the Yankees out of Cal Poly. After being promoted to the Somerset Patriots on Aug. 8, he went on to be named Eastern League Pitcher of the Month for August.

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New 4-H year has begun – get involved now!

So many opportunities for children and adults are waiting for you! Children – Join a 4-H Club For those who already have farm animals and want to be a part of a program where they can get together with other like-minded youth to learn and even to show, we have sheep, pigs, cattle, and goats clubs.

Other clubs learn about horses, llamas, dogs, rabbits and guinea pigs. But it is not all about animals. Arts, crafts and sewing clubs study a range of subjects.

Adults - Start a Club Looking for a unique way to volunteer? Have a specific skill set you would like to pass on? Help our young people grow into caring adults and responsible leaders by starting a 4-H Club.

Volunteers – Support us a Little or a Lot From a half day to many hours per year, we need over 100 volunteers in a variety of roles to support the 350 kids in our year-round program. Donate - Time, services, goods, funds The more the community supports the program, the more we can do for the kids. 4-H Grows Here with your help.

Inquire about joining by completing the online inquiry form here: <https://dutchesscounty4h.weebly.com/> Contact Jane at jr825@cornell.edu to volunteer or donate.

Upcoming 4-H events

As you drive by the Farm and Home Center on Route 44, look out for the annual display of 4-H carved pumpkins. The week before Halloween, 4-H'ers will be dropping off hand carved pumpkins which will be judged for their style and originality before being illuminated for your delight! Stop and take photos but please don't take pumpkins.

Other events taking place between now and December 31st include the ever-popular Fall Food Festival where youth get to give cooking presentations to community evaluators then we all get to taste their dishes; a Cloverbud Workshop, where children between 5 and 7 come together to gain confidence in sharing their stories through games and activities; and a regular Public Presentation evening with community evaluators providing feedback to help our youth develop their skills and confidence. These events coupled with over 30 clubs meeting regularly and enjoying activities such as Teem Ambassadors baking and icing cookies to give to seniors at holiday time make 4-H so rewarding.



Check out the Pumpkin Display at the Farm and Home Center on Rt. 44 before Halloween. Courtesy photo

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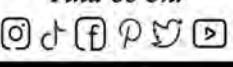
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Dutchess County hosts NYS 4-H Shooting Sports Championships

This fall, the 2023 NYS 4-H Shooting sports championship was hosted by Dutchess County 4-H for the first time.

A total of 55 4-H members from across the state competed in seven disciplines. The event was generously hosted by the Wittenberg Sportsmen's Club, Woodstock and at Maish Freedman's property, the old Bulkeley School in Rhinebeck.

Dutchess County took home honors in two of the seven disciplines: air rifle and archery. We would like to thank all of the volunteers and instructors that took the time to make this event a success!

Youth in our county are incredibly lucky to have opportunities such as this. Reach out to the 4-H office if you would like to support this program and/or become involved in any way.



DCLR members took home honors in both archery and air rifle, thanks to the guidance of their volunteer instructors. Courtesy photos



DCLR member Margot LaPorte competes in 3-D Archery at Wittenberg Sportsmen's Club.

Four ways estate planning helps protect your family

By John Genn
Senior Trust Officer
Tompkins Financial Advisors

With summer behind us and fall just getting started, many folks are in short-term future planning mode: what are our back-to-school or holiday plans? What milestones are being marked? What cold weather festivities are on the docket? For most, long-term intentions like estate planning do not come to mind, but if you don't have your affairs in order, the fall and winter seasons can make for a great opportunity to get started.

Even if you aren't personally planning for what comes next, you may have loved ones who should consider these steps. While it's not pleasant to think about, you may be the person who is responsible for sorting out the affairs of a loved one or close friend. There will also come a time when you need to think about yourself and your own family. Taking steps to plan for you and your family's future and protecting your assets is not a move you want to hesitate to make.

Simply put, estate planning is writing down what you want to happen to your finances, personal items, and other assets after you pass away. This is commonly accomplished using a Will, trusts, advance directives, or beneficiary designations on specific accounts. If you don't have an estate plan in place, you force your loved ones to guess what you wanted to happen with your hard-earned savings and most beloved and treasured items, which can potentially add so much additional stress to your loved ones during an already emotional time. By creating an estate plan, you generously give your family the necessary steps to take to make sure you are honored properly.

Still hesitant? Here are four ways

estate planning can protect you and your family:

1. Protect your assets and your wishes: Without an estate plan, your money, property, and other belongings may not go to the people, person, or organization(s) of your choice. Additionally, some people who receive their inheritance in one lump sum could be at risk of spending it recklessly. By creating an estate plan, you can identify specific inheritance amounts or items for certain beneficiaries or family members, like children or grandchildren.

If you have not established a Will before you pass away, a process called dying intestate begins, according to New York State law. The State has a pre-determined succession line for those who receive money and property left behind. In most cases, if the State can't find any immediate family members, your personal estate and belongings will go to the State where you passed away and additionally, the court will appoint an Administrator to handle your estate who might not be a family member, or anyone who even knew you.

2. Protect your dependents: If not for the sake of your assets, having an estate plan is imperative if you have dependents. While no one wants to think about leaving their young children early, planning for childcare if both parents pass on will protect your children after your passing. It's most important to name someone you trust as their legal guardian in case you are no longer around. Although it can be uncomfortable having a conversation about who this will be, such as your parents, in-laws, sibling, or a trusted friend, setting up an estate plan can prevent arguing among family members, and potential custody battles, and protect the well-being of your children.

3. Protect your personal life: If a person passes away without a Will, in order for a family member to claim their belongings, a probate process must begin. Probate is the formal legal process that gives recognition to a will and appoints the executor or personal representative who will administer the estate and distribute assets to the intended beneficiaries. The probate process in most states takes a minimum of seven months to allow family members to put through claims for your belongings. In addition, claim hearings are public processes, which means your personal business can potentially be aired to everyone and anyone. This process can also be expensive, and high legal costs will reduce the final amount your loved ones inherit, not to mention give them unnecessary additional stress and worry. It is possible to avoid the probate process and ensure a smooth transition of your assets to your loved ones by planning your estate ahead of time.

4. Protect against taxes: Different states have different estate or inheritance tax thresholds, but the best way to plan for these taxes, and possibly reduce them, is to have an estate plan in place. If your heir inherits a traditional IRA, they will need to pay income tax on the money they inherit and withdraw. If a spouse,



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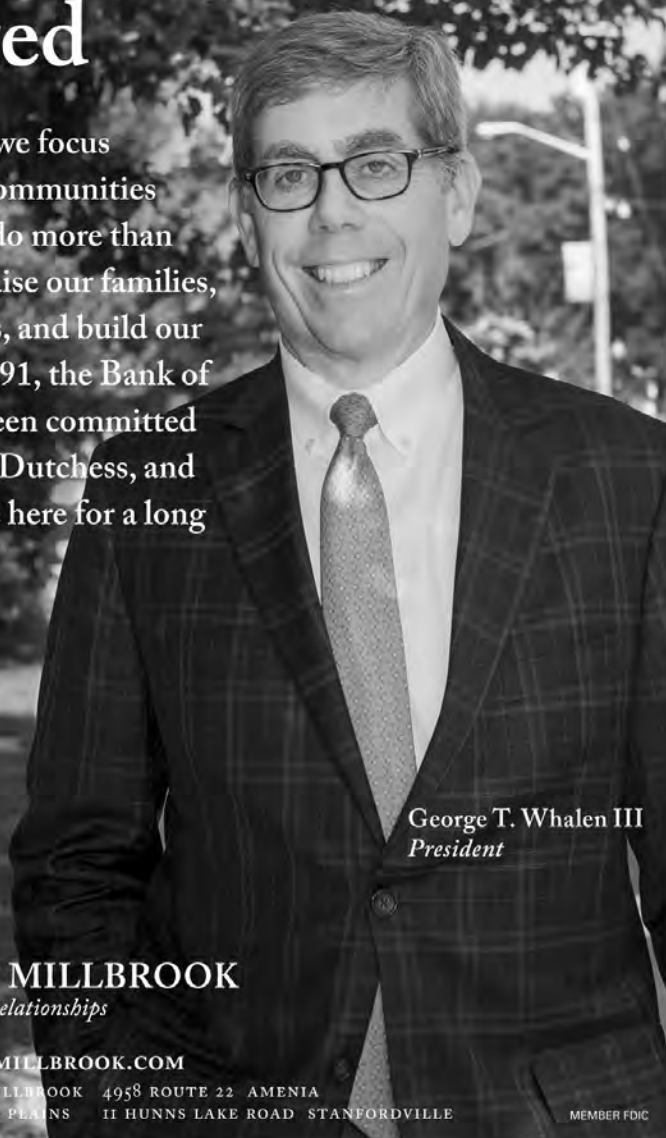
dependent, or other heir inherits a Roth IRA that was funded for five years or more prior to your death, withdrawals or distributions can be taken tax-free. Most states will also charge what is nicknamed the "death tax", a.k.a. an estate tax. Advanced planning can help you plan and manage these different taxes and thus benefit your heirs as best you can.

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Fall Festival set Oct. 15 at Freedom Park in LaGrange

The Fall Festival in the Town of LaGrange returns this year to Freedom Park and the Parks and Recreation Department promises traditional fun with seasonal flair. The event is planned for Sunday, October 15, from noon – 4 p.m. The festival has become the anticipated event of the season drawing crowds to the park for a family-friendly experience.

Attendees can expect the normal slate of activities including a petting zoo from Two by Two Animal Haven, balloon fun with Button Down Balloons, Bee Bee the Clown, arts & crafts, games, a story walk and hike, inflatables and strolling characters. A Halloween costume parade will take place at 3:15 p.m.

There will be live music at the band shell by the Red Barn Band and multiple food and dessert trucks for hungry appetites.

Some special feature areas of the festival include the Farm Fun Zone with the Little Brays of Sunshine therapy donkeys and hands-on farm play. You can also visit the Honor Tent where you can chat with representatives of multiple veteran organizations. The LaGrange Fire Department and Dutchess County Sheriff's Department will be nearby to visit with, and you can sign a card for a veteran or military service member.

A favorite attraction again this year is the Spooky Pavilion, a walk-through activity for all ages that will delight the senses with music, lights, decorations and

themed displays. Adult supervision is required for entrance. Parks and Recreation Director, Sandy Washburn, remarked on this fun part of the day. "We are excited to bring the Spooky Pavilion back. This was such a fantastic addition last year and so well received. We have had a blast working with our Parks crew to change up a few areas of the display. We hope kids of all ages enjoy it!"

The Makers Market is also a huge draw and this year it is bigger than ever. The main pavilion is jam packed with crafters and makers selling their wares and specialty food items. There is an overflow tent filled with crafters as well to meet the great demand for participation. Attendees will be pleased to find a variety of beautiful craft items as well as delicious food offerings. It will be a great time to begin holiday shopping... be sure to bring those shopping bags and carts!

Town Supervisor, Alan Bell, remarked on this special community celebration. "I look forward to this Fall Festival every year. The Parks & Recreation Department has done a tremendous job to grow this festival into one of the best in our region. It is wonderful to see the park filled to capacity and families really enjoying fall fun. It kicks off the season in our town."

For detailed information of all of the day's activities, follow Town of LaGrange Parks and Recreation on Facebook, or go to the town website at www.lagrange.ny.gov/parks-rec.

Rhinebeck Bank to display ‘Teen Visions’ works of art



A collection of student work, select pieces from The Art Effect “Teen Visions” exhibition, will be on display at the Rhinebeck Bank’s branch at 6414 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck through Friday, November 17. *Courtesy images*

Rhinebeck Bank welcomes students from The Art Effect to its Rhinebeck branch to exhibit their artwork. This collection of student work, select pieces from their “Teen Visions” exhibition, will be on display at the Bank’s branch at 6414 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck through Friday, November 17. Everyone is encouraged to visit the branch during regular business hours to enjoy this new art exhibit. The “Teen Visions” exhibit is the culmination of the hard work and dedication of selected young artists from The Art Effect’s 2023 summer programs including Summer Art Institute, MADLab, and Spark Studios and is curated by the Trolley Barn Gallery’s Curatorial Team. “It is an incredible accomplishment to be chosen for the Teen Visions Exhibition,” noted Jaime Ransome, Trolley Barn Gallery manager. For more information about The Art Effect, visit <https://thearteffect.org>.

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. 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

Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. **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/theloeb>.

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

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

Rhinebeck Bank, 6414 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. **Through Nov. 17:** “Teen Visions,” works by students in The Art Effect’s 2023 summer programs. <https://thearteffect.org/>

WomensWork.art, 4 S. Clinton St., Poughkeepsie. **Through Nov. 18:** “Divina Diosa.” Artists’ Talk: Sat., Nov. 4, 3-5 p.m. www.womenswork.art

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Mahavishnu Project to bring classic jazz-rock fusion to Pawling

The Mahavishnu Project will perform at Daryl's House Club in Pawling on Sunday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m.

The group has become well-known for reaching into the jazz-rock repertoire beyond the John McLaughlin-led Mahavishnu Orchestra to include songs of Jeff Beck, featuring guitar virtuoso Robbie Mangano (Sean Lennon/Tom Morello), keyboardist Neil Alexander (The Machine/Eric Person) and bassist Brian Mooney, joining drummer and bandleader Gregg Bendian - well-known for his work with Todd Rundgren, Jan Hammer, Pat Metheny, Nels Cline and Ornette Coleman.

The Mahavishnu Project was founded by Bendian in 2001, during a time of far less attention for "classic jazz-rock fusion." The band is back in action, this time to perform the entire "Birds of Fire" album, the 1973 classic of jazz-rock

fusion music, with new interpretations of the music of Jeff Beck and Jan Hammer in a bonus set of Beck's "Wired" and "Blow By Blow" material, played in honor of the late/great guitar hero.

McLaughlin himself has praised the Mahavishnu Project:

"Just a little note of appreciation for what you are bringing back to life," he wrote. "This musical period was the beginning of finding my own way in music, and to hear you guys playing those tunes in such an unbelievable way is quite amazing. Great job!! Keep up the good work."

For more information: <http://mahavishnuproject.com/>.

Daryl's House Club is at 130 Route 22 in Pawling. Reservations are recommended; call (845) 289-0185 or visit www.darylshouseclub.com.



The Mahavishnu Project, performing the jazz-rock fusion of The Mahavishnu Orchestra and Jeff Beck, will be at Daryl's House Club in Pawling on Sunday, Oct. 15. *Courtesy photo*

HARVEST TEA AT WILDERSTEIN OCT. 28

Teatime has always been a cherished tradition at Wilderstein. Margaret (Daisy) Suckley, the last resident of the estate, was well-known for hosting afternoon tea. To this day, many remember her warmth, elegance, and gracious hospitality.

In that spirit, tea lovers from near and far are cordially invited to attend a special "Harvest Tea" at Wilderstein on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 1 to 3 p.m. It will feature fine tea from Harney & Sons, and an assortment of homemade sweet and savory treats. Guests are encouraged to stay for a tour of the mansion and/or a stroll to experience the beauty of the fall foliage on the grounds.

Tickets for the tea are \$50, and a tour of the mansion may be booked for an additional \$15 per person. Visit www.wilderstein.org to register. For more information, call (845) 876-4818.

DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

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‘Dig’

Mark and Sue attend an off-Broadway play about a flower shop.

A dramatic play that takes place inside a flower shop? Last one I can remember was “Little Shop of Horrors” (which was actually a musical). Now along comes “Dig,” written and directed by Theresa Rebeck, set in a modest flower shop – dig – in a down-at-the-heels neighborhood somewhere in Ohio.

Sue and I just had to go see it. Right off the bat, we felt at home. Set designers Christopher and Justin Swader had created a flower shop so realistic that I wanted to get out of my seat at the 59E59 theater, jump on stage and buy a cut leaf philodendron. There were even bags of Miracle-Gro fertilizer. So, to paraphrase Chekhov, I was looking forward to a plant-feeding demonstration. Of course the shop owner, Roger, played by Jeffrey Bean – a dead ringer for legendary local florist Everett Rood – loves plants more than people.

And, of course, before the curtain falls, he will learn to open his heart to his fellow humans, including drug-addled Megan, played to the hilt by Andrea Sygłowski. Along the way, we endure much Sturm und Drang, and to my surprise, learn an awful lot about botany:

• **Water** – The customer is always wrong. Roger upbraids his first customer of the day, who brings in a shriveled houseplant and seeks some expert advice. “Do you know what water is?” Roger yells. Plants need water to survive. That’s lesson #1.

• **Fertilizer** – Ah, the Chekhov movement. Roger explains, as he takes the Miracle-Gro fertilizer down from the shelf, that plants, just like children, need food to grow. And fertilizer is plant food.

• **Repotting** – As Megan worms her way into Roger’s life, she points out that some of the plants in his shop need repotting. Roger treats us to a soliloquy on the merits of repotting. When the roots

struggle to find space, they can’t take up enough moisture and fertilizer to support the growing foliage. Later in the play, Megan replaces most of Roger’s green foliage houseplants with vibrant colorful violets, kalanchoes and gerbera daisies.

• **Photosynthesis** – Without the ability of green plants to turn sunlight into sugar, life would not exist on earth. Roger goes so deeply into the process, he puts his onstage audience, and maybe a few others, to sleep. The green pigment chlorophyll absorbs the sun’s energy, using it to turn carbon dioxide and water into oxygen and sugar.

• **Marijuana is legal** – Dig’s delivery guy, played by Greg Keller – the only original cast member from the play’s premiere at Vermont’s Dorset Theater Festival in 2018 – is continuously stoned; but Roger, set in his ways, has trouble accepting the new normal.

“Dig” runs off Broadway at 59E59 through October 22. It’s worth checking out, especially if you’re a florist, or have ever set foot in a flower shop.

The Kimlin Cider Mill is hosting its annual Cider Tasting from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 14. The old cider mill at 140 Cedar Avenue in Poughkeepsie was a falling down mess in 2000 when a group of insane people, including my mother Doris, decided to save it from the bulldozers. Lo and behold, they succeeded. Kimlin Cider Mill is now a national historic landmark. I attended last year’s cider tasting and was impressed by the variety of hard ciders from local vendors and the progress of the restoration. Get there early – parking is almost nonexistent.

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



“Dig,” an off-Broadway play, is set in a flower shop. Photo by Mark Adams

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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.

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

Suguru

		4		2	
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		4			

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

- Hillside
- Male animal
- Dagger
- Unconscious conditions
- Food made with corn
- Musical passage
- Halt, at sea
- Within: pref.
- Singing brothers
- Snail's feature
- Change Peking to Beijing, e.g.
- Common Latin abbr.
- Chairpersons' lists
- Warden
- Questioning word
- Of thee and me
- British fencer's weapon
- Church feature
- Clumsy boats
- ___ water; do the dog paddle
- Miffed
- Like a twang
- Llamas' home
- Ingested
- Crazy people
- ___ down; arranged a spot for oneself to sleep
- Smooth dessert
- Free from sin
- Relax
- Ticket that no one wants
- Home for two
- Town on the Thames
- California athlete
- Uncivil
- Seldom found
- Bunker and others
- Beholds
- Basks
- Weather condition

DOWN

- Opposite of "Welcome!"
- Strong emotion
- Country whose capital is Muscat
- Lavender or sky blue
- Landed properties
- Short period of time
- Sound
- Industrious insect
- Burns, for one
- Machines at supermarket checkout lines
- Tent dweller
- Swelling
- Lets up
- Gold measure
- Architect Saarinen
- Leading
- ___ Rivers
- Particular atmosphere
- Sticks in one's craw
- Christopher and family
- ___ X
- Urge on
- Mr. Johnson
- Have to have
- Soup accompaniments
- First appearance
- Banking transaction
- Angels
- Tall ___; difficult assignments
- Particular
- Signalers
- Inappropriate
- One who spends kronor
- Long
- Yellow food
- Lazy
- Heraldic bearing
- Cardinal's home
- Greek letter

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

Great Swamp Celebration set Oct 21, 22 in Pawling

Friends, supporters, members, and all residents in the surrounding communities are invited to join FrOGS (Friends of the Great Swamp) for a weekend celebrating the awesome beauty, incalculable value, and prominent benefits of the Great Swamp.

The “27th Annual Celebration of the Great Swamp” will take place on Saturday and Sunday, October 21 and 22 at Christ Church on Quaker Hill, 17 Church Road in Pawling. The Celebration will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free to all.

The event will feature educational exhibits as well as many hands-on activities for children, who will receive a Game Pack booklet and a “Passport to Fun” to

document their travels through the event. Activities will include Master Falconer Jim Eyring’s popular “Birds of Prey” demonstration (both days). Exhibits include a hands-on watershed demonstration table, live swamp animals, a macro-invertebrate display (insects, worms, crayfish), a clay animal sculpting table, and a matching animal-to-habitat game. The drawing for a Kayak Raffle and other prizes will occur Sunday afternoon.

A highlight of the Celebration is a juried Art Show and sale. Last year, the Art Show featured more than 60 artists with over 100 works of painting, drawing, collage, and photography competing for cash prizes. It has been considered to be the finest autumn show of painting, plein air work, collage, textile art and

photography in the Lower Hudson Valley. Colorful and inventive interpretations of the plants and animals of The Great Swamp created by students from local schools will greatly enliven the show. There will also be a vendor section with local arts and crafts for sale, including pottery, silk and woven scarves, and jewelry.

This annual event celebrates the Great Swamp, a 6,000-acre wetland stretching 20 miles through a valley at the eastern edge of the Hudson Highlands, from Dover in Dutchess County to Brewster in Putnam County. Although one of the largest freshwater wetlands in the state and called one of New York’s “last great places”, it remains mostly unknown to people who live beyond the watershed’s

borders. FrOGS hosts the Celebration to bring attention to the value of the Great Swamp and to encourage its conservation as a source of clean water, a site for recreation, and a home for diverse and rare wildlife.

The Fall Celebration is FrOGS’ major fund-raising event of the year. The money raised will be used to further educational efforts, produce newsletters, undertake water quality testing, monitor rare species, and promote and protect the Great Swamp. For more information on the Great Swamp and FrOGS, the schedule of events for the “27th Annual Celebration of the Great Swamp” or other upcoming events such as hikes and paddles, visit www.frogs-ny.org.

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Oct. 12-14: Neil Gaiman: The Bard Lectures, Parts 3-5, Sosnoff Theater, Fisher Center, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. Lecture series on writing from legendary author and Bard professor Neil Gaiman, exploring his creative strategies, sharing stories and offering advice, live and in-person. Lecture 3: "Pulling Back the Curtain: How Fiction Works and Why It Still Matters," Thurs., Oct. 12, 7 p.m. Lecture 4: "To Pay the Pied Piper: The Cost of Stories," Fri., Oct. 13, 7 p.m. Lecture 5: "On Endings, Epilogues, and Afters," Sat., Oct. 14, 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$25 for each lecture. fishercenter.bard.edu or (845) 758-7900

Oct. 13: Historic Tavern Trail, Foster's Coach House, Rte. 9, Rhinebeck. The Dutchess County Historic Tavern Trail returns to Foster's to explore a Spooky Season favorite: Ghost Stories, 6-7 p.m. 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. Call (845) 876-8052 for reservations.

Oct. 13-15: CP2 Mini-Festival, County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls. Oct. 13-14: "The Cake" by Bekah Brunstetter; directed by Brittany Proia. Fri., 8 p.m.; Sat., 2 p.m. A celebrated North Carolina baker is thrilled to finally design a wedding cake for her goddaugh-

ter. But when she learns the marriage is between two women, she begins to feel conflicted. A surprising and sweet take on a modern-day controversy, steeped in humor and warmth. Oct. 14-15: "The New Century" by Paul Rudnick; directed by Michael J. Frohnhoefer. Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m. A provocative and outrageous comedy featuring a collection of hilarious characters. All seats (reserved seating) are \$15 per reading/\$20 both readings on the same weekend. (845) 298-1491 or countyplayers.org

Oct. 13-29: 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. 14-Nov. 19: The Big Read, various locations. This year's selection is "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown, the true story of the rowing crew that represented the United States at the 1936 Summer Olympics in Berlin, Germany, under the dual historical contexts of the Great Depression and the rise of Nazism. Author Oct. 14: Daniel James Brown will speak about his book, 2:30 p.m., at the Spackenkill High School Auditorium.

Schools across the region will study the Big Read through author visits. Younger readers can join the Big Read with "The Boys in the Boat: Young Readers' Adaptation" by Gregory Mone and "River" by Elisha Cooper, both available at participating libraries. Copies of the book will be available in local school districts. For a complete schedule of events, call (845) 485-3445, ext. 3707, or visit <https://poklib.org/big-read/>.

Oct. 14: Boots by the Bandshell, near the Bandshell Pavilion, Bowdoin Park, 85 Sheafe Rd., Poughkeepsie. Free, family-friendly fun includes covered line dancing, live music, and fireworks. Enjoy line dancing with CJ McIntyre and Frank Alexander (3:30 p.m.), country music by Thunder Ridge Band (5 p.m.), free family activities, food trucks, and more. Fireworks at 7:45 p.m. The event will also feature a fall-themed scavenger hunt and a special family game area, a bonfire with S'mores, and food trucks. Picnics, camp chairs, and coolers are encouraged, but glass containers, alcohol, and smoking or vaping products are prohibited. dutchessny.gov/parks or (845) 298-4600

Oct. 14: Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social and Square Dance, Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, Copake. Copake Grange #935 will celebrate its 120th anniversary with food, ice cream, and a professional square dance caller, 5-8 p.m. Tickets \$25 donation for the square dance, kids get in free. Advance reservations required at www.friendsofcopakegrange.org/our-activities. More info: email friendsofcopakegrange@gmail.com or (917) 270-5989.

Oct. 14: Violent Femmes, UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston. Violent Femmes celebrate the 40th anniversary of their debut album by playing it cover to cover, at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$45.50. (845) 473-5288 (Bardavon), (845) 339-6088 (UPAC) or boxoffice@bardavon.org

Oct. 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. 14-15: Final Show Weekend, Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome, 9 Norton Rd., Red Hook. www.ldrhonebeck.org

Oct. 15: "Romeo & Juliet," Opus 40, 356 George Sickle Rd., Saugerties. A unique adaptation of Shakespeare's tragic play about the romance between two Italian youths from feuding families, 4-5:30 p.m. This adaptation, directed by Bard alumnus Francis Karagodins, brings a new twist to the play, which will be performed on Opus 40's remarkable central sculpture. Tickets \$15 GA. <https://opus40.org/>

Oct. 18: Gregory Alan Isakov & special guest The Milk Carton Kids, UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston. 7:30 p.m. Born in Johannesburg, South Africa, and now calling Colorado home, horticulturist-turned-musician Gregory Alan Isakov has cast an impressive presence on the indie-rock and folk worlds with his five full-length studio albums. In addition to owning his independent record label, Suitcase Town Music, he also runs a small farm in Boulder County, which provides produce to the farm's CSA members and to local restaurants. The Milk Carton Kids are an American indie folk duo from California, consisting of singers and guitarists Kenneth Pattengale and Joey Ryan, who began making music together in 2011 and have received multiple Grammy Award nominations. Tickets start at \$40.50. (845) 473-5288 (Bardavon), (845) 339-6088 (UPAC) or boxoffice@bardavon.org



The Violent Femmes will perform at UPAC in Kingston on Oct. 14. *Courtesy photo*



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Gregory Alan Isakov (above) and special guest The Milk Carton Kids (left), will play UPAC in Kingston on Oct. 18. *Courtesy photos*

Poughkeepsie Harvest Fest set Saturday

By Rich Thomaselli

Now all we have to do is hope for great weather.

The Poughkeepsie Harvest Fest will be held on Saturday, October 14, from 3 to 7:30 p.m. The event will take place at the Barns at the Vassar Ecological Preserve.

Poughkeepsie Harvest Fest is being put on by the Poughkeepsie Farm Project, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to local leadership in sustainable farming, food access, and education, while fostering an inclusive and welcoming community for all.

The event will include:

- Culinary Delights: Local culinary

artisans will showcase their talents, crafting exquisite soups using fresh produce cultivated at Poughkeepsie Farm Project.

- Musical Magic: Groove to the sounds of The Big Takeover Band, as well as Callie Mackenzie. Now throw in DJ Wisdom, a renowned music maestro who will set the perfect mood.
- Artistry on Display: Explore a gallery of exquisitely handcrafted pottery bowls by local artists from Fall Kill Creative Works' Clay Works, adding an artistic flair to the celebration.

As long as rain doesn't dampen the day, it should be a fun time as a little bit of fall comes to Poughkeepsie.

Family Services' Feldman completes '50 Meaningful Miles'



Family Services announced the successful completion of the "50 Meaningful Miles" run by its CEO, Leah Feldman, on September 30. This 50-mile journey served as a symbol of resilience, unity, and the unwavering commitment to support individuals facing life's challenges. Feldman embarked on this physically and emotionally demanding run to raise awareness and critical funds for Family Services. Her determination and the symbolic significance of this run have garnered widespread attention and support. The run took place under challenging weather conditions, with rain persisting for eight relentless hours. Feldman started at the Ulster end of the Walkway at 4 a.m., navigating pitch-dark surroundings for the first three hours. Wet leaves and technical terrain made the 20 miles through Mohonk particularly demanding. *Courtesy photo*

SPORT SHORTS

Rhinebeck golf team bests Dover

By Rich Thomaselli

Ah, if only we could golf like this as a teenager.

James Jacox earned medalist honors with a 47 to lead the Rhinebeck High School golf team to a 192-208 victory

over Dover. The Dragons' Nick Beebe tied for medalist honors, also with a 47.

The Hawks had good bunching as a team.

Sam Fleming, Nico Dentico and Ace Cole shot 48, 49 and 48, respectively.

Spackenkill remains unbeaten

By Rich Thomaselli

The matches were a little more difficult, but the results were the same.

The Spackenkill High School girls tennis team is still undefeated in the Mid-Hudson Athletic League. The Spartans beat both New Paltz and Highland by the identical scores of 3-2 to move to 6-1 overall and 6-0 in the league.

Against New Paltz, Spackenkill lost

the first two singles matches before roaring back for the win behind Josephine Ragusa at third singles and the doubles teams of Angelina Kim and Qadira Scheidelman, and Lauren Jameson and Julia McCloskey.

In the win over Highland, it was the singles players who took the spotlight.

Elena Sung, Katie Park and Ragusa all won their singles matches to block in the victory for the Spartans.

OLL topples Red Hook

By Rich Thomaselli

RED HOOK -- Julia Gigliotti had both goals as the Our Lady of Lourdes High School girls soccer team beat Red Hook, 2-0, in a Mid-Hudson Athletic League game.

Ryleigh Calimano and Jady Menuau were credited with the assist.

It was a superb defensive performance by the Warriors who allowed the Raiders only two shots on goal. Both were saved

by Cassie Gallagher, who had a clean sheet. Her counterpart, Isabella Faraldi of Red Hook, had eight saves.

"Lourdes is a very skilled team that comes at you in waves," Red Hook coach Jason Pavlich said. "We stayed with them for as long as we could, but Gigliotti's speed and skill ended up being the difference."

Red Hook is now 4-5 overall and plays Rondout Valley this week.

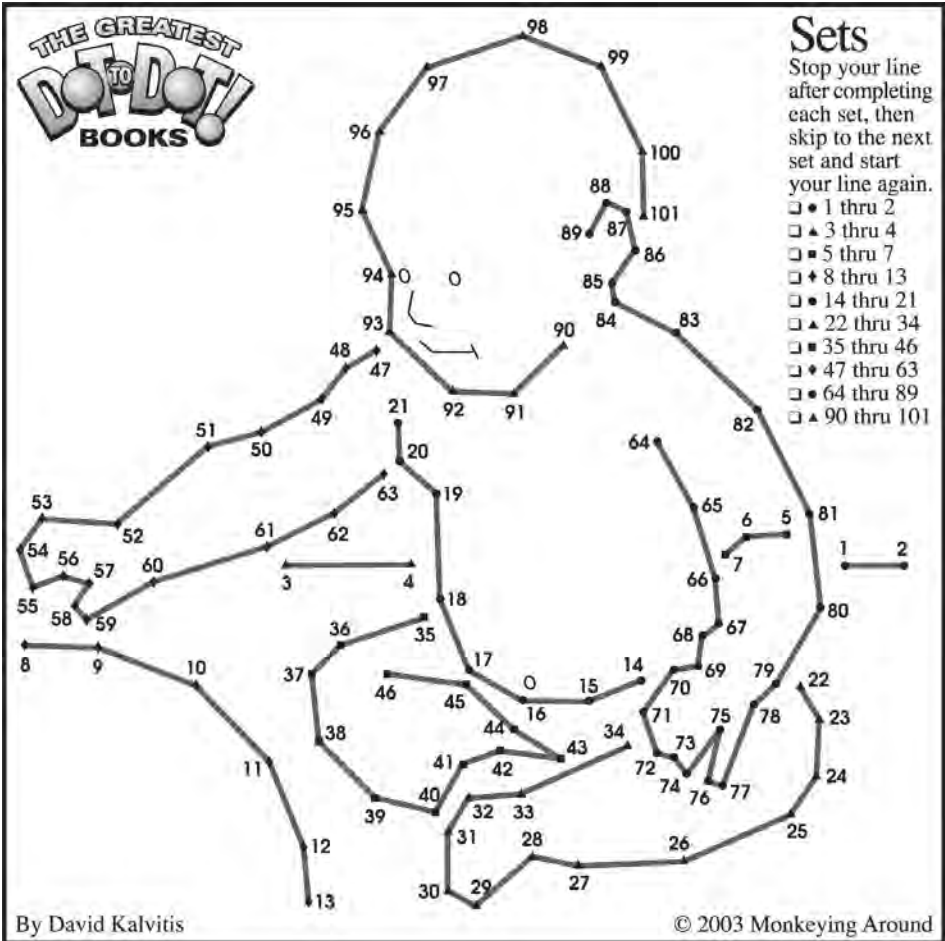
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OBITUARIES

Mary Ann Bolitho

HYDE PARK - Mary Ann Bolitho, 75, formerly of New Jersey and longtime resident of Hyde Park, died on October 3, 2023, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center.

Born on April 12, 1948, in Jersey City, New Jersey, she was the daughter of the late William K. and Vera (Zavracky) Bolitho.

She was a graduate of F.D. Roosevelt High School in Hyde Park, Dutchess Community College, and Marist College. She returned to Marist for her Paralegal Certification and was an avid fan of Marist Women's Basketball.

Mary Ann was a certified Health Unit Coordinator and served as President of the Northeast Chapter of the National Association of Health Unit Coordinators for many terms. She was also very active as a delegate for Local 1199 SEIU at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. She retired from Vassar in 2012.

She is survived by the two rays of sunshine in her life, her beloved daughter, Dannika Bolitho of Hyde Park and great-nephew, John Messick. She is also survived by her brother, Robert W. 'Bill' Bolitho, and nephew, John VonGonten and wife, Beth, all of Hyde Park.

Survivors also include her cousins and their families, Paul Zavracky of Massachusetts, Philip Zavracky of Ohio, David Zavracky of New Jersey, Matthew Zavracky of Kentucky and Veronica Brown of London, England.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Susan VonGonten, and brother-in-law, Tony VonGonten.

The Bolitho family would also like to especially thank Peter Wawrzonek, Carol Russell, and their families.

In keeping with Mary Ann's wishes, cremation has taken place. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday, October 7th at Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel of St. Peter's Parish, 185 Hudson View Dr., Poughkeepsie.

Burial of her ashes will be private in Fairview Cemetery, Fairview, NJ.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Peter's Parish, 171 Salt Point Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 (www.stpetersparishny.com), or the Make a Wish Foundation, 500 5th Ave., Suite 2900, New York, NY 10110 (www.wish.org/newyork), or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet's Funeral Home, Inc., Rte. 9, Hyde Park. To send an online condolence, or for

directions, please visit Mary Ann's obituary page at www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

Barbara Anne Borchers

HYDE PARK - Barbara Anne Borchers, 73, of Hyde Park, died on Sunday, October 1, 2023, at home with her family by her side.

Born September 23, 1950, in Kingston, she was the daughter of Herbert and Anne Crantz Nestell.

Barbara enjoyed gardening, watercolor painting, and taking trips with the retired teachers to the city to see plays. She especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and taking family trips to their lake house in Vermont.

Barbara was a longtime member of the Church of the Messiah in Rhinebeck. She volunteered for many church projects in her retirement.

A graduate of Marist College, Barbara worked for IBM as a programmer. While raising her family Barbara served as the Account for the family business, Telrad. Barbara went on to obtain a Master's degree from Marist. She worked for the Hyde Park Central School District teaching at Violet Avenue and Haviland Middle School. Barbara concluded her career working for Dutchess County B.O.C.E.S as a Math teacher for many years.

On August 31, 1974 she married Fred Borchers, after meeting at Marist College. Mr. Borchers survives at home.

Along with her husband she is survived by her three children, James and wife Demi, David, and Paul and wife Christine, four grandchildren, Derek, Emmett, Madison, and Abigail. She is also survived by two brothers, Charles and wife Janet, Walter, and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be from 4 PM to 7 PM, on Thursday, October 5, 2023, at Sweet's Funeral Home, 4365 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park, NY.

A Funeral Service was held on Friday, October 6, 2023 at Church of the Messiah, 6436 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck, NY 12572.

Burial will take place at the convenience of the family.

Barbara's family respectfully requests memorial donations to Meals on Wheels, 1 Church Street, Hyde Park, NY 12538. www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org

Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet's Funeral Home, Inc., Rte. 9, Hyde Park.

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Maureen K. Jeffreys

RHINEBECK - Maureen K. Jeffreys, 93, passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday September 30, 2023, surrounded by her loving family. Maureen is survived by 12 children, 18 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. Her husband, Thomas R. Jeffreys, a grandson - Benjamin Bortzfield, and her only sibling Thomas Pugh predeceased her.

Maureen was born on December 30, 1929 to Thomas J. Pugh and Kathleen (Dempsey) Pugh. She graduated from the Mary Louise Academy in Queens, NY in 1947. She married Thomas R. Jeffreys on April 17, 1948 at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church in Brooklyn, NY. In 1957, Maureen and Thomas moved to Rhinebeck to raise their growing family. Lifelong sweethearts, Maureen and Thomas were married for 64 years until his passing in 2012.

Maureen's joy and belief in her faith was strong and was reflected in how she cared for and interacted with those around her. She will be remembered for her friendly smiles, listening ear, and patient caring. For many years, she was actively involved in the Good Shepherd parish as a parent, a catechist, a Eucharistic minister, and, later, after receiving her degree from Mount Saint Mary College, as a coordinator of religious education at both Good Shepherd Church in Rhinebeck and Holy Trinity Church in Poughkeepsie. She has been a spiritual guide and support to her family and friends and a joyful role model of a loving Christian life.

Maureen is survived by her twelve children: Therri Jeffreys Bortzfield of East Islip, Thomas and his wife Debbie (Flock) of Red Hook, Kathi Jeffreys Nenni of Jonestown, TX, Eileen Jeffreys of Rhinebeck, Kevin and his wife Ruth (Boyer) of Rhinecliff, Maureen Jeffreys of Elizaville, Deborah Jeffreys Tran of Houston, TX, James and his wife Wendy (Foss) of Milan, Mary Jeffreys Coleman and her husband Doug Roberts of Columbus, OH, John and his wife Rebecca (Cormier) of Surfside, SC, Ann Jeffreys Hritz and her husband Kevin Hritz of Bridgewater, CT, and Christopher and his wife Brandi (Harkness) of Orlando, FL.

Calling hours were on Thursday, 10/5/2023 at the Dapson-Chestney Funeral Home at 51 West Market Street, Rhinebeck, NY. A mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at Good Shepherd church 92 East Market Street, Rhinebeck, NY on Friday, 10/6/2023.

Interment will be at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Hudson Valley Hospice, 374 Violet Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, 845-485-2273 or at <https://www.hvhospice.org/>. As Mom said, they're amazing people.

To send an online condolence, please visit www.dapsonchestney.com.

Joan Murphy

Joan Murphy, 80, a lifelong resident of Amenia, passed away on October 2, 2023 at Sharon Hospital in Sharon, CT. Born on November 5, 1942 she was the daughter of the late Christopher F. and Jane (Edgeworth) Murphy. Joan grew up on the family farm with her five siblings.

She graduated from Webutuck Central High School in 1960 and from the State University College at Oneonta in 1964. For the next 37 years, she was an elementary school teacher in Webutuck District teaching kindergarten, fourth and second grades.

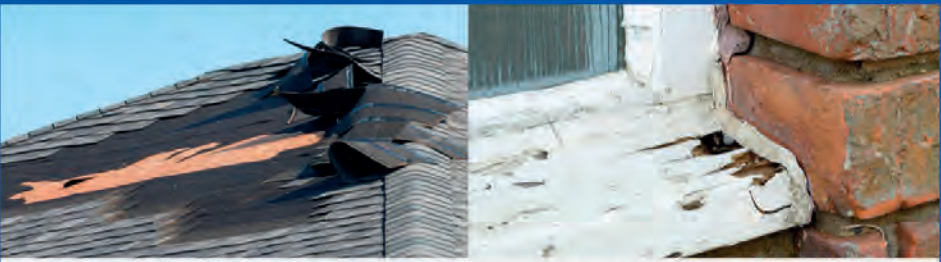
After retirement in 2001, she enjoyed playing school marm at Indian Rock Schoolhouse and doing trunk shows about the schoolhouse for senior citizens. Above all, she enjoyed socializing with the friends and colleagues garnered from her long career in teaching.

Joan is survived by a sister-in-law, Katherine Sweeney and seventeen, very special nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Joan was predeceased by three brothers, Thomas Murphy and his wife, Jean, Christopher Murphy and Joseph Murphy and his wife, Martha and two sisters, Margaret (Peggy) Thompson and her husband, Kenneth and Jane Matta and her husband, George. She was also predeceased by two nephews, Thomas Murphy and Joseph Flynn and two nieces, Karen Murphy and Deirdre Epstein.

Calling hours were held on Monday, October 9, 2023 at the Hufcut Funeral Home, 3159 Route 22, Dover Plains, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at Immaculate Conception Church, 4 Lavelle Rd., Amenia, NY with Rev. R. Kent Wilson. Burial followed at Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Amenia. Memorial contributions may be made to Vine and Branches Food Closet, 4 Lavelle Rd., Amenia, NY or the Indian Rock Schoolhouse, PO Box 172, Amenia, NY 12501. To send the family a condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com

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This week's answer

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Resolution No. 2023158, that this Legislature shall conduct a public hearing on the 10th day of October at 7:00 P.M. in the Legislative Chambers, County Office Building, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York to review and solicit comments from the public with respect to the proposed recommendations from the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board for the modification and consolidation of districts 20, 22, and 23 into Agricultural District No. 21, and **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, that a review of Dutchess County's Agricultural Districts is being conducted pursuant to Sections 303-a and 303-c of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law. This review is coordinated by the Dutchess County Legislature, and by the Dutchess County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board, acting as an appointed body of the Legislature. The Legislature shall thereby determine if the County's Agricultural Districts should be continued without modification, modified, consolidated, or terminated, and **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that the Dutchess County Legislature is required to review the continuation of Dutchess County Agricultural Districts 20, 21, 22, and 23 on or before March 12, 2024, pursuant to Article 25AA of the Agricultural and Markets Law of the State of New York, and **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, during this regular review of the Agricultural Districts, the 303-b annual inclusion process was not held, but rather any landowner wishing to add land to these Agricultural Districts was required to submit their request pursuant to the 303-a review process by May 30, 2023, and **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, in accordance with New York State Agricultural and Markets Law Sections 303-A and 303-C, the Dutchess County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board reviewed existing district parcels and parcels requesting addition to the district and has filed with the Clerk of the Legislature a proposed map and list of parcels, detailing their

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recommendations for the modification and consolidation of districts 20, 22, and 23 into Agricultural District No. 21, and **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that the proposed Agricultural District 21 would encompass lands in the Towns of Amenia, Beekman, Clinton, Dover, East Fishkill, Fishkill, Hyde Park, LaGrange, Milan, North East, Pawling, Pine Plains, Pleasant Valley, Poughkeepsie, Red Hook, Rhinebeck, Stanford, Union Vale, Wappinger, and Washington; and the Villages of Millbrook, Millerton, Pawling, Red Hook, Rhinebeck, and Tivoli; comprised of 193,990 acres, and **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that an interactive map viewer of the existing and proposed agricultural districts can be viewed on the County website at: <https://gis.dutchessny.gov/ag-districts/>, and **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that a copy of Resolution No. 2023158, the map, and the list of parcels in proposed Agricultural District 21, will be available at the Office of the County Clerk located in the County Office Building, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, for 30 days beginning on September 20, 2023, where it may be examined by interested parties during regular business hours. In addition, they will also be available at the following locations: the office of the Clerk of the Legislature located at 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, the office of Dutchess County Planning & Development located at 85 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 107, Poughkeepsie, NY, the office of Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County located at the Dutchess County Farm and Home Center, 2715 Route 44, Millbrook, NY, and at the town and village halls (maps and lists will only be for that respective community at Town or Village halls), and **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, landowners or municipalities within each District may propose a modification of the proposed district by filing such a proposal with the Clerk of the County Legislature by email at CountyLegislature@DutchessNY.gov, no later than October 20, 2023. Dated: October 4, 2023 Dutchess County Legislature

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Leigh Wager, Clerk

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF DUTCHESS RHINEBECK SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff - against - VERVA PARKER A/K/A VERVA AHDERS, 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 AHDERS-80355 Dated: September 11, 2023

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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY 2024 BUDGET MEETING DATES

The Pleasant Valley Town Board will hold their 2024 Budget meetings at Town Hall 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, NY

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on the following dates:

-Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6:00PM

-Monday, October 23, 2023 at 6:00PM

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

-Monday, October 30, 2023 at 6:00PM

Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk

Town of Pleasant Valley

Please take notice pursuant to Town Law Sect. 105, the Hillside Fire District will hold a public hearing to discuss the contents of its proposed budget for 2024. The public hearing will be held at the Hillside Fire Department located at 11 Fox Hollow Road, Rhinebeck, NY at 7:00 pm on October 17th, 2023. A copy of the proposed budget is available at the offices of the Town Clerk of Rhinebeck and Hyde Park where it may be inspected by any interested person during office hours.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCB-18-23

NAME OF PROJECT: On-Call Commercial/Industrial Fencing and Automatic & Non-Automatic Gate Contractor for Construction, Renovation, Rental and Repair. The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities." For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public Works at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. All Addenda will be posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids due on or before Friday, November 3, 2023 and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids for the above project will be received by: Diane McKenna, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. The bid opening for this solicitation will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below, in-person attendance at a bid opening will not be allowed. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 696 206 686#. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic copy and shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Questions will be accepted by the close of business October 27, 2023 and emailed to dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2023011924. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

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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 October 5, 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

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

NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCH-2023-23 NAME OF PROJECT: Replacement of Bridge D-66 (Bin 3343070) on County Road 6 (Old Post Road) Over Swamp River, Town of Dover, Dutchess County, NY. Project Description: County Road 6 over Swamp River Bridge Replacement. The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities." For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public Works at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. All Addenda will be posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids due on or before Wednesday, November 1, 2023, and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids for the above project will be received by: Christopher Sterbenz, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. The bid opening for this solicitation will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below, in-person attendance at a bid opening will not be allowed. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 795 302 034#. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Questions will be accepted by the close of business October 25, 2023 and emailed to ChristopherSterbenz@DutchessNY.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. The anticipated start of construction is April 15, 2024; the anticipated substantial completion date is September 27, 2024 with the anticipated completion date, including all punch list work is October 18, 2024, respectively. Failure to meet these dates will result in liquidated damages. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2023011779. View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

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