

'Prickly' porcupine shares lessons for Rhinebeck's Sinterklaas festival



Themes of nature, growing up define community celebration set Dec. 3

by Kate Goldsmith

The Village of Rhinebeck is the site of the annual Sinterklaas festival this Saturday, Dec. 3. The day-long event features dozens of performances, art installations, a spectacular Starlight Parade and Pageant at dusk and more.

There is a whole mythology around the Sinterklaas festival, which honors the Dutch heritage of the Hudson Valley, but with modern twists conceived by processional artist and Red Hook resident Jeanne Fleming and her top-notch committee. While children are the focus of the festival, Sinterklaas has something for everyone. (Check out www.sinterklaashudsonvalley.com for the event's history and much more.)

With hundreds of participants, volunteers and venues to organize, pulling off the event is no small feat; but it's something Fleming and Company are passionate about. Even when the pandemic prevented the festival from happening, a Sinterklaas film was produced to keep the flame alive. Last year's event happened in-person, albeit on a smaller scale.

This year, things are starting to look more like past happenings, Fleming said, although the pandemic continues to produce uncertainty.

"It's been fascinating trying to pull off things we did in the 'before times,'" she said. "This year is kind of an odd year; some things are working [as before]" and some of the spaces that hosted events are no longer able to do so.

"What's different is, there was, in a weird way, clarity in the last two years that isn't there now," said Fleming. "This year, what we're feeling is people are confused. Their lives have been really

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Volunteers Erik Kiaer, visiting from Portland, Oregon, and Leighann Kowalsky of Red Hook construct trees for the Sinterklaas festival in Rhinebeck on Saturday, Dec. 3. Kowalsky is choreographing "Dancing as a Tree in the Grove." She has been a part of Sinterklaas since its inception. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

'Trees for Troops' gathering remembers Don Cady Sr.

by Curtis Schmidt



Volunteers Pat McKeever, Ray Broas, John Baxter, Colin Burgess and Rich Berger hold the final five trees to be loaded at the "Trees for Troops" event on Saturday, Nov. 26. The 2022 event was dedicated to the remembrance of volunteer Don Cady, Sr. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

The annual "Trees for Troops" event at the Hahn Farm in Salt Point presented a special moment for the many volunteers who gathered to load trees on Saturday morning, Nov. 26.

Event coordinators Jeff Cady of the Salt Point Fire Company and host farmer Tom Hahn remembered Don Cady, Sr. and dedicated the 2022 event in his honor. Don Cady was a familiar visitor to the event. He passed away on July 31.

Jeff Cady saved the final five trees for loading for the special dedication with volunteers Pat McKeever, Ray Broas, John Baxter, Colin Burgess and Rich Berger handling the honors.

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In the photos, clockwise from top left, volunteers gather in front of a ladder engine provided by the Salt Point Fire Company. Melanie Van Buskirk and Bentley Rabbett hold trees prior to loading. Kurt Mizgier unloads trees from a wagon. Local “Trees for Troops” founder Tom Hahn is pictured with Jeff Cady of the Salt Point Fire Company. John Hopper hands trees to other volunteers. *Photos by Curtis Schmidt*

“Trees for Troops” provides free, farm-grown Christmas Trees to U.S. armed forces members in all branches of the military and their families through donations, sponsorships, grants and the work of many volunteers. November is the busy month when Hahn, the local “Trees for Troops” founder, and Jeff Cady gather individuals together, raise funds and load trees for shipment.

This year’s effort resulted in the collection of over 400 trees. A full list of donors will be printed in the Northern and Southern Dutchess News in early December.

In a 2019 interview, Hahn remembered the birth of “Trees for Troops” in the area. He’s the one who started it all. He recalls attending a New York State Christmas Tree Growers Association meeting in Syracuse. “They were looking for volunteers to start ‘Trees for Troops’ programs in different local areas and I volunteered for this area,” he said.

Then, about three or four years later,

he connected with Jeff Cady, who also brought connections with several other area fire departments.

“That was a godsend,” said Hahn. “It opened up a whole new world of donors. Most of the firefighters volunteered, but they all had connections, too. That’s when things really took off and it’s been getting bigger and better every year.”

He added, “The point is – everybody knows somebody. This is a great cause and most of the donors just needed to find out about it. The volunteer fire departments have played a huge role in spreading the word.”

Over 100 volunteers attended the Nov. 26 event that began with the raising of a large American flag from a ladder fire engine provided by the Salt Point Fire Company.

Hahn noted that anyone can donate a tree and donated trees can come from any area Christmas tree farm. He is already making plans for the 2023 event.



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disrupted, things have happened, and there’s kind of a world weariness that on the one hand makes people want Sinterklaas but on the other hand they say, can we celebrate?”

Which brings us to this year’s honored animal: The Porcupine.

“I chose it because everyone is so prickly,” Fleming said with a laugh. When researching the porcupine, she discovered that a group of porcupines is called a “prickle. When consulting Native mythology, she learned that the porcupine is a symbol of innocence, of the child, “but when you attack it, it gets its quills up. So that’s the idea: to embrace the porcupine, not offend it and have everyone get along.”

She added, “If you go after each other, if you get prickly, it doesn’t work out so well.”

Fleming said she was surprised to learn that porcupines live in trees – which added another dimension to this year’s festival.

“With all the climate change, that’s what kids are thinking about,” she said, and she wanted to talk to children about that in an imaginative way.

The result? A tie-in with the classic fairy tale, “Hansel and Gretel,” as well as the opera by Engelbert Humperdinck.

“It’s an amazing story, about having to grow up. It’s about food insecurity, about parents putting the children into the woods because they couldn’t feed them,” said Fleming. The children encounter a witch who tries to eat them, but they outsmart her and return home to their family with jewels.

“Part of growing up is taking care of the woods; nature plays a really important role in our lives. What happens in ‘Hansel and Gretel’ is a story of growing



Alex Kahn of Processional Arts Workshop, center, instructs volunteers Frank and Fairouz Hasselmark as they construct trees for the Porcupines in preparation for the Sinterklaas Festival in Rhinebeck on Saturday, Dec. 3. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

up,” she said. “They grow up, they find a way to make it in the outside world. We transformed the story ... to embrace the woods and nature.”

Hansel and Gretel will host the day, accompanied by a forest of big trees that will walk with them into town at 11:30 a.m. A giant porcupine will lead them.

The forest “will be a Ukrainian chorus dressed as trees; they’re going to talk with children all day,” said Fleming. “Hansel and Gretel are two opera singers from Bard, two exquisite girls.”

Visitors will also be able to enter a grove, constructed by Richard Prouse, with winter on the outside and spring on the inside, with mushroom stools to sit on and musical soundscape.

“There’s other things that are going to

happen,” said Fleming. Recently, 35 trees in Rhinebeck were cut down, so the Ukrainian chorus will sing a song of mourning for the trees, and also for Ukraine, Fleming said.

Teddy the Talking Porcupine will make a virtual appearance, teaching children how to speak porcupine. Throughout the day, 500 porcupine masks will be created for those joining the Sinterklaas prickle. The Gadfly, Pokey Porcupine and a Dancing Porcupine are other characters, in addition to the regulars: Bands, dancing ladies, Morris dancers, concerts, Crowns & Branches workshops for the kids, storytelling ... As always, there is much more to Sinterklaas than can be captured in one article. Check the website for a full

schedule as well as parking information.

“Doing Sinterklaas is such a phenomenal opportunity to check in on the community,” Fleming said.



COMMUNITY HOLIDAY LIGHTINGS/EVENTS IN THE AREA

The first weekend in December is renowned among our local communities for kicking off the holiday season. Here are some events that have been submitted to the Northern Dutchess News by the organizers.

Dec. 2: Celebration of Lights, City of Poughkeepsie. Kick off the holiday season in Poughkeepsie at Dongan Square, 6-9 p.m. (Fireworks at 8:20 p.m.) Food trucks, brass bands, dancers, carolers, a tree lighting, Santa Claus and a fireworks finale. The traditional parade is not happening this year. Instead, there will be a unique pageantry event in downtown Poughkeepsie’s Little Italy (Dongan Place). A “Renewable Holiday Village” that quickly evolves into a Holiday event that highlights Recyclables and Renewables in a festive mood of community celebration. www.bardavon.org

Dec. 2: Parade of Lights, Village of Millbrook. The Angels of Light is hosting a “Meet and Greet” with Mrs. Claus and Santa at their new building at 28 Front St., 3:30-5:30 p.m. The event will include pictures with M/M Claus, snacks and crafts. Afterward, all are then invited to Tribute Garden Christmas tree and join in a holiday sing-along with children from Elm Drive School. There will be activities and music on Franklin Avenue as well. Tree lighting & parade, 6 p.m.

Line-up starts at 4:30 p.m. next to MOST Physical Therapy. Contact: Ceil Collopy at (845) 797-2294 or ceciliacollopy@gmail.com.

Dec. 2: Town of Clinton Tree Lighting, Town Hall, 1215 Centre Rd., Rhinebeck. There will be a 4 p.m. gathering and tree lighting at 4:30 p.m. There will be a parade with firetrucks, and Santa will arrive on a firetruck. Email Town Clerk Carol Mackin at townclerk@townofclinton.com for more information.

Dec. 3: Festival of Lights Celebration, Pleasant Valley. Parade starts at 6:45 p.m. and features decorated trucks, trailers, vehicles and more. Residents & non-residents welcome. Visit Santa after the parade. More info: Sandy Coe, PV Recreation, (845) 635-1111 or scoe@pleasantvalley-ny.gov

Dec. 3: Poughkeepsie’s Holiday Caravan. Line up is 4 p.m. at the NYS Dept. of Transportation Building, adjacent to the Town of Poughkeepsie Highway Garage; and the caravan steps off at 5 p.m. Check <https://www.townof-poughkeepsie.com/> for the route. For more information, call the office of Highway Superintendent Mike Simon at (845) 264-0573.

Dec. 3: Stanford’s Holiday of Lights Parade & Community Party, Stanfordville. Parade lineup will be at the Highway

Garage on Creamery Road at 4 p.m. The parade steps off at 6 p.m. and proceeds up Route 82, ending at Duffy Layton Contracting’s driveway, 12 Hunns Lake Road. After the parade, come to the Stanford Firehouse for a community party with refreshments, music and gifts for the children. (Rain/snow date: Dec. 4.) For more information, call (845) 868-1366, ext. 5 (mornings) or (845) 868-1387 (evenings).

Dec. 3: Winterfest, Tivoli. The Village of Tivoli, along with the Tivoli Fire Company, Tivoli Free Library and Tivoli Merchants + Artists, present a family-friendly, community-driven event featuring such holiday favorites as Santa Claus touring the village on a firetruck (2-3 p.m.), a light-up of one of Tivoli’s large

firetrucks (in lieu of a tree) at 4:45 p.m., horse-drawn wagon through the village (5-7 p.m.), kids arts and crafts and cookie decorating (starts 3:30 p.m.), and open houses of local businesses, shops, restaurants and artisan studios (5-7 p.m.). Tivoli’s firehouse is located next to Village Hall at 86 Broadway in Tivoli; parking is available on-street or in municipal lots throughout the village. All events are free and open to the public. More info: tivolinow.com

Dec. 4: Merry and Bright Holiday Market, 4390 Rte. 9 (across from the Hyde Park Town Hall), Hyde Park. Presented by the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce, 3-7 p.m. More info: (845) 229-9336 or (914) 447-8764.

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Project work, which began in the spring, included replacing the existing bridge, located over the Landsman Kill near Daz Lane, with a new, wider structure that includes three-foot shoulders to improve the safety of the roadway for motorists. An average of 321 vehicles traverse Mill Road, daily.

For more information, contact the Dutchess County Department of Public Works’ Engineering Division at (845) 486-2925.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Choose kindness and let it be your constant companion

To the editor:
Capitalism, money, the pound, the dollar, the Euro - It controls us, not the other way around. We buy because we're told to, because we want to show others what we have, what we can afford, how wonderful our lives are, all that we have.
We may not mean to do it, but it makes us secretly feel luckier than others, makes us feel proud of something and we can't even explain it.
We rarely only buy what we actually need, and not the shiny, latest, most amazing thing in advertisements which pop up in front of you on your iphone, smartphone, TV, constantly. It's a kind of "virus" in itself.
At this time of year, people actually wait hours ahead of a store opening to get the latest device, toy or whatever. People have been knocked down, hurt, beat violently and end up in hospitals - for what? The latest Gamespot?
Have your holidays. Celebrate what really matters - those around you, your parents, if they are still around, children, if you have them, family members, who in this time, who still talk to you, to each other.
Have your holidays, without demanding others use the same words as you. It's not about you, it's about others' life choices, to be them. Do not judge or demand others celebrate like you. Believe like you do. So someone or some groups don't have holidays on the same days you do. That shouldn't be bad or good, it's just who we all are.
Be happy others are there, can do what they can. Many are without millions, have no homes, no place to go to. If your beliefs tell you to care, then, damn it, care!
Something I just ran into that made me think - The vast majority of us believe in God and follow one religion or another, yet still find it easy to be unkind to one another. We label ourselves as Christian, Muslim, Jewish or whatever, yet go against the very tenets of the religion by being mean to one another. We pray for peace, yet don't act peaceful. We pray for kindness and act selfish. What will it take for us to live what we pray?"
Regardless of the religious path we choose to walk, let kindness be our constant companion. Rather than label ourselves and carry limiting religious beliefs that separate us from one another, choose to focus on the common thread that weaves all of us together - kindness.
As the Dalai Lama said, "My religion is very simple. My religion is kindness."

Robert Dorn
Red Hook

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Qualified Central Hudson customers can now apply for Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) grants, a federally funded program that provides regular and emergency assistance to help pay heating and utility bills. HEAP grants are available through local Department of Social Services (DSS) offices, at Offices for the Aging and online at

mybenefits.ny.gov.
"Inflationary pressures are having a significant impact on residents of the Hudson Valley and we are pleased that additional assistance is available for those families in need," said Anthony Campagiorni, Senior Vice President of Customer Services and Gas Operations. "We encourage all customers who are eligible to apply."

The amount of the HEAP grant depends on family income and size guidelines. For example, a family of four with natural gas heating and an annual income of \$65,820 would qualify for a \$400 grant. Central Hudson customers who receive HEAP grants or qualify for other assistance programs will also receive additional bill credits for up to 12 months on their Central Hudson bill.
Campagiorni added, "Households receiving a HEAP benefit for non-utility heating fuels such as oil, propane, wood/wood pellets, kerosene, coal or corn are also eligible for a monthly credit on their electric or non-heating gas bill."

Customers who heat with non-utility

heating fuels should email their current Notice of Decision letter to Central Hudson at careunit@cenhud.com to be enrolled and receive the bill credit.
Regular HEAP grants for the fall and upcoming winter are available between Nov.1, 2022, and April 29, 2023, or until funding is exhausted. Emergency HEAP grants will be available between Jan. 3, 2023, and Mar. 15, 2023. These benefits are designed to meet an eligible household's immediate energy needs. The Heating Equipment Repair or Replacement (HERR) program is also available to assist customers who have primary heating equipment that is either inoperable or unsafe. HERR grants are currently available and will remain so through Sept. 30, 2023.
For more information on HEAP eligibility requirements and benefits, visit CentralHudson.com/HEAP or <http://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/program.asp>; and for more on all of Central Hudson's assistance and billing programs, visit CentralHudson.com, and click on "My Account."



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DCTC unveils new logo, celebrates 40 years



The Dutchess County Transportation Council (DCTC), the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Dutchess County, has developed a new logo and tagline, Better ways from here to there, that together express its continued focus on serving the transportation planning needs of Dutchess County.

The logo, developed with Drake Creative, establishes a new style for DCTC and coincides with the Council's 40th anniversary. The Council appreciates its partners' collaboration over the past four decades, and its members look forward to many more years of working together to create a safer, more reliable and resilient transportation system that works for everyone.

The DCTC has recently been recognized by the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations as its honorable mention winner for Outstanding Overall Achievement for a large-area MPO for Moving Dutchess Forward, the DCTC's innovative 25-year transportation plan for Dutchess County, developed in partnership with FHI Studio and Dutchess

County Government's Office of Central and Information Services. For more information about what the DCTC does, please visit www.dutchessny.gov/dctc.

The DCTC is currently in the midst of a 45-day comment period for its draft Public Participation Plan, the council's new outreach strategy to better connect with the public and encourage their involvement in the transportation planning process. The Participation Plan offers a menu of virtual, in-person, and hybrid tools to engage people with the DCTC's work, which includes regional and countywide transportation plans, corridor-based studies, and local projects such as pedestrian plans and safety analyses. The Participation Plan also outlines ways the DCTC will engage populations that have historically been excluded from the planning process.

The DCTC invites residents to read the plan online and offer feedback through December 12. Comments can be submitted by email to dctc@dutchessny.gov, by phone at (845) 486-3600, or by mail to DCTC, 85 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 107, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

O'Neil to fill role of County Executive with departure of Molinaro for Congress

William F.X. O'Neil, who currently serves as Deputy County Executive, will assume the County Executive position when Marc Molinaro vacates the office as he is sworn in as Congressman, in accordance with the Dutchess County Charter.

O'Neil will serve until the expiration of the current term of the County Executive, which ends on December 31, 2023. A general election for the next county executive will be held in the fall of 2023 for a new four-year term to begin January 2024.

O'Neil said, "I have been proud to serve as Deputy County Executive for Marcus Molinaro's administration since Marc took office in 2012. Marc's passion to serve has been inspiring for this county government and this administration has been, and continues to be, very

successful under his leadership.

"Over the next year, together with the strong team that Marc has assembled who lead our administrative departments, we will carry out the objectives and initiatives laid out in the 2023 budget proposal that Marc recently released, including the development of the emergency housing facility, moving the Youth Opportunity Union forward, the enhancement of our parks system, addressing housing issues, ongoing work in our criminal justice system and much more.

"As Marc takes on his new role in the U.S. House of Representatives, I am honored to succeed him, as outlined in the Dutchess County Charter, and continue to carry out this ongoing work over the balance of his term for the benefit of all those who live, work and play in Dutchess County."

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McDonald's group donates \$5K to TeamLacieJae organization



Crew members of the McDonald's Restaurant in Pleasant Valley join members of TeamLacieJae in a celebration at the restaurant on Nov. 19. Below: Chris Paine, Area Supervisor and Tom Ruddy, Director of Operations for O/O Dave Opstad hold a check for \$5,000 to be donated to TeamLacieJae. Photos by Curtis Schmidt

The weekend of Nov. 19 was a great success for the crew of McDonald's in Pleasant Valley and the charitable organization, TeamLacieJae.

Tom Ruddy, Director of Operations for O/O Dave Opstad, Tyler Stepper and Chris Paine, supervisors, Devin Centeno, General Manager of the Pleasant Valley McDonald's restaurant, as well as assistant managers and many crew members all took part in the special event. Also in attendance were members of TeamLacieJae, including President Dora Visbeck, Vice President Nadine Snipe and many other members and volunteers of the organization.

The event kicked off with an opening statement by Ruddy. "I am so proud of the entire Pleasant Valley team. Being able to thank all for what you do every day by taking care of our customers. I also want to give a special social media shoutout to Daymond John of the television show 'Shark Tank' on his visits to our restaurant. I am thrilled to reward each and every employee with a \$100 gift card."

Ruddy added, "Also with the holiday season approaching, I wanted to assist a very local charitable organization that impacts our communities. We are pleased to donate \$5,000 to TeamLacieJae, which provides assistance to families who have a loved one that has been stricken with a cancer diagnosis. Thank you to our crew, managers and leadership team. Thank you to McDonald's for their support and thank you TeamLacieJae."

After the opening statement, the leadership team presented the \$5,000 check to TeamLacieJae. Team members were so appreciative, and many members were brought to tears with joy and thankfulness. The crew members were then presented with their gift cards individually.

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HOLIDAY SCAM PREVENTION FOR CAREGIVERS AND OLDER ADULTS (Part 2 of 2)

One point we repeat in our scam prevention presentations to older adults is that scammers will tailor their messages to the headlines, especially when money is involved. This pattern is already being seen by Social Security's Office of the Inspector General (OIG), who recently issued a warning that criminals are using the annual increase in Social Security benefits as an opportunity to trick people into sharing their personal or financial information.

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One common end-of-year scammers' tactic is pretending they're from Social Security or another government agency, using doctored credentials to give the illusion of legitimacy. They'll claim that you need to give them your personal and financial information to get your 2023 Social Security cost-of-living adjustment, also known as a COLA.

No need to do that. That's never been a Social Security policy. Your 2023 COLA takes effect automatically in the new year. For more on scammers' attempts to impersonate Social Security officials, visit their Inspector General's website at oig.ssa.gov and follow them

on social media at www.facebook.com/oigssa.

For general scam prevention tips and information on how to report scam attempts, there's a printable and regularly updated Scam Prevention Resources flyer at www.dutchessny.gov/aging.

As always, the best way to avoid being victimized is not to communicate with scammers in any way. If you have any reason to think a call or email might not be legitimate, ignore it.

SKETCHY MEDICARE ADS DISAPPEARING IN 2023

Not quite a scam, but close to the line of what's ethical, are the Medicare Advantage ads you've been seeing on TV, receiving in the mail, and viewing online. Among the plans' celebrity pitchmen are William Shatner, Jimmie (J.J.) Walker and Joe Namath.

Come 2023, those ads will be a thing of the past.

Beginning January 1, 2023, Medicare Advantage organizations and Part D drug plans will not be allowed to air TV advertisements before the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved them, according to Kathryn Coleman, director of the Medicare Drug & Health Plan Contract Administration Group.

Coleman says CMS is making the change after receiving thousands of complaints that the ads are confusing, misleading, or inaccurate, and use words and imagery that can cause beneficiaries to believe, incorrectly, that they're seeing advertisements backed by the federal government.

Coleman says none of the ads you've seen this year would qualify under the

rules going into effect next year, meaning that Shatner will have to boldly go...back to the bridge of the U.S.S. Enterprise, perhaps.

Putting those ads aside, if you're a Dutchess County older adult who hasn't yet confirmed their health insurance and Medicare plans for 2023, there are still a few spots left with the unbiased counselors in OFA's Health Insurance, Information, Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP) between now and the close of Medicare Open Enrollment on December 7th. Call OFA at 845-486-2555 to make your appointment.

HOLIDAY DRAMA-CONTROL TIPS

It may have been a while since your last in-person holiday celebration, so let's review a few tips to keep things running as smoothly as possible.

- Keep realistic expectations. Things won't always go according to plan. Embrace imperfection. Relax.
- Put down the devices and turn off the electronics. Make a "no-electronics" rule at special meals and gatherings.

• Keep a sense of humor. Laughter, humor, and a positive attitude are contagious and can cover a multitude of sins.

• Be a giver, not a taker. Listen more than you talk. Give more than you get. Kindness and generosity build happiness and reduce stress.

• Be flexible. Traditions change as families expand. Roll with the changes and remember that it's about people and sharing, not rituals.

• Avoid touchy topics. Steer clear of topics that lead to arguments. If you can't do that, then practice tolerance. Give people the benefit of the doubt.

• Forgive and forget. The holidays are the perfect time to free yourself from the burden of old grudges. Forgiveness is liberating and a gift to both the forgiver and the forgiven.

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December programs at Pleasant Valley Library

All programs are free of charge. Please visit pleasantvalleylibrary.org to register and for more information.

Face & Lymphatic Yoga with Rosalia Henry
Friday, December 2 1:30-2:30pm
Monday, December 14 6:30-7:30pm
Yoga to help engage the muscles in the face and neck to help firm and tone, and remove toxins from your face and body by activating your natural immune support system.

Chair Yoga with Samantha Free
Tuesday, December 6 1:00-2:00pm
A combination of breath work, seated poses, and standing poses - suitable for seniors, people with disabilities or injuries, and yoga beginners. Attendees will not get down on the floor and there are modified poses for those who don't wish to stand.

All-Level Gentle Flow Yoga with Samantha Free
Wednesday, December 7 5:00-6:00pm
A floor/mat yoga that coordinates breath with movement through different variations of postures for balance and strength - modifications will be implemented if necessary.

Alzheimer's Association Effective Communication Strategies featuring

MEternally Memory Kits
Thursday, December 8 2:30-4:00pm
Eileen Hendricksen of Alzheimer's Association will explain the communication changes that take place in a person with dementia and identify strategies to connect and communicate at each stage of the disease. She will show how to use Reminiscence Memory Kits by MEternally (that our library now carries) to help open conversations about memories and life stories.

Chess Club
Thursday, December 8 6:00-8:00pm
Thursday, December 22 6:00-8:00pm
Take risks, make friends and learn sportsmanship with chess. All ages and levels of experience are welcome. No registration required.

Earth to Table: The Winter Harvest with Joe Baldwin
Friday, December 9 3:00-5:00pm
Celebrate the winter harvest and learn more about the importance of fresh vegetables and herbs to our health and healing. Earth to Table is a local initiative providing farm-fresh vegetables, healing plants, herbs, teas, and more along with educational programs and catering.

Crafterday - 3D Holiday Greeting Card/Ornament
Saturday, December 10 12:00-1:00pm

Dr. Joseph Felice of Nuvance Health gains NYS ‘Unsung Hero’ honor

Dr. Joseph Felice, Assistant Director, Ultrasound Division of Emergency Medicine, Nuvance Health Emergency Medicine Residency, has been named a New York State Emergency Medicine “Unsung Hero.”

When asked about Dr. Felice, Marianna Karounos, DO, Emergency Department Director said, "Dr. Felice stands out as embodying the very nature of this award and what it takes to be an excellent emergency physician, an unsung hero. He is kind, caring, incredibly astute, but mostly, one of the most humble individuals I’ve had the pleasure of knowing.”

Dr. Felice is a graduate from SUNY Downstate College of Medicine. He completed his residency training in Emergency Medicine at Yale-New Haven Hospital. He is currently the Assistant Director of the Ultrasound Division of Emergency Medicine at the Nuvance Health Emergency Medicine Residency as well as the Medical Director of EMS for Vassar Brothers Medical Center. He is board certified in Emergency Medicine and is a Clinical Assistant Professor of

Emergency Medicine at Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine.

A New York State Emergency Medicine Unsung Hero goes beyond simply being the embodiment of what it means to be an emergency physician. They are a stalwart of the emergency department, who is deeply committed to the mission of the emergency department, their colleagues, co-workers and patients.

Emergency medicine encompasses planning, oversight and medical direction for community emergency medical response, medical control and disaster preparedness. Emergency physicians possess a unique body of knowledge including the initial evaluation, diagnosis, treatment, coordination of care among multiple providers and disposition of patients requiring expeditious medical, surgical or psychiatric care.

The New York American College of Emergency Physicians represents over 3,100 dedicated professionals committed to speaking out for broad access to quality health care, including and especially emergency health services for all citizens.

Join local artist Michelle Mead of Jolly Good Designs, as she teaches how to make a holiday greeting card that can also be used as an ornament. No experience required, and all materials will be provided.

Flash Fiction
Monday, December 12 6:30-7:30pm
In a fun and supportive environment, participants will be given a fiction writing prompt, time to write, and have an opportunity to share their work with the group. All ages and levels of writing experience are welcome.

Senior Movie Morning - "Harry & Snowman" (2015)
Wednesday, December 14 11:30am-1:30pm
The first movie in our new series for seniors (ages 50+) is the documentary, "Harry & Snowman," about Dutch immigrant Harry DeLeyer and his friendship with Snowman, a plow horse he rescued from slaughter and trained to become a Triple Crown winner in show jumping. Light refreshments will be provided.

Family Movie Matinee - "A Christmas Carol" (1951)
Saturday, December 17 2:00-4:00pm
In our new after library hours family program series, we're showing the classic holiday fantasy drama, "A Christmas Carol," featuring British actor Alastair Sim - long considered the ultimate version of Charles Dickens' treasured holiday tale. Light refreshments provided.

Meditation with hypnotherapist Susan Olin-Dabrowski
Tuesday, December 27 6:30-7:30 pm
Help manage stress and cultivate bal-

ance with a variety of meditation techniques. Please note: Masks are required for ALL attendees, regardless of vaccination status.

Children's Programs
Mr. Conductor Reads "The Polar Express"
Saturday, December 3 10:30am-11:30am & 12:30-1:30pm
A special holiday reading of "The Polar Express," by a real conductor! Afterwards, children will make a holiday craft, enjoy hot chocolate and cookies, and will receive a special gift to take home! No registration is required. Please note that kids will be sitting on the floor so feel free to bring a blanket.

Drop-in Crafts
Friday, December 23 1:00-3:00pm
Miss Julie will have an assortment of holiday themed crafts for children ages 3 to 12 years to make and take home. No registration required - just drop in!

Kids Cookie Decorating
Tuesday, December 27 11:00am-12:00pm & 1:00-2:00pm
Thursday, December 29 11:00am-12:00pm & 1:00-2:00pm
Children ages 5-13 can decorate two winter themed cookies to bring home and enjoy! Children may sign up for one of four sessions.

Kids Countdown Party
Friday, December 30 2:00-3:00pm
Staying up 'til midnight is hard - why not enjoy the fun at our afterNEWn New Year's Party?! Children 4-12 can celebrate the upcoming New Year with movies/music, crafts, and snacks!

Pantry (emergency support). The service area of both these programs is limited to the Town of Washington Village of Millbrook.

Historic Red Hook auction continues through Dec. 4
Online Benefit Auction: Through Sunday, Dec. 4, 6 p.m. Sumptuous local offerings include personal tours of historic homes, ice cream naming opportunities, insider visits to working farms, vacation getaways to Nantucket and the Berkshires, and much more. Join Historic Red Hook at the Elmendorph Inn (7562 North Broadway, Red Hook) for the final hour and a half of bidding on Sunday, Dec. 4, 4:30-6 p.m. www.historicredhook.org/auction

Learn about the RHS Passion Project Dec. 8
Rhinebeck High School 12th graders will be coming to Starr Library on Thursday, Dec. 8, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., for a special event to help them develop their “Passion Projects.” Community participants willing to lend their knowledge are being sought.

Students are investigating topics as wide-ranging as astronomy and aerospace, global economics, Black culture in America, sports science, nutrition, exploration, history (spies, British queens, Lizzie Borden, Freemasons), and more.

If you're interested in an opportunity to come talk about your passions—whether it's your career or a hobby, you're an expert or an amateur—email nfo@starrlibrary.org. We will see if your interests align with the student topics!

No presentation required. Coffee and pastries will be served.

Town of Poughkeepsie sets Blood Drive for Dec. 13
The Town of Poughkeepsie will host a Blood Drive on Tuesday, Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Town's Meeting Hall Room, 1 Overocker Road, Poughkeepsie. Sign up at nybc.org or call 1-800-933-2566.

Rhinecliff Soup Sale
The Rhinebeck Grange sponsors Rhinecliff's Fall Soup Sales on Thursday, Dec. 15, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Soups are sold by the quart, \$10/quart, take-out only.

The Soup Sale is at the Rhinecliff Firehouse, on the corner of Shatzell Avenue and Orchard in Rhinecliff. Pick up at side window on Orchard Street. Email JoBaer2@gmail.com to be emailed the soup choices and pre-order online.



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Amenia’s Smithfield Church to present holiday concert Dec. 3

by Kate Goldsmith

The Smithfield Church in Amenia will present its popular Annual Christmas Concert and Tea this Saturday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m. The program will feature a mix of classical, pop and jazz holiday favorites performed by the professional musicians that comprise the Smithfield Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Matt Finley.

“It’s amazing how a tiny church in the middle of cows can draw so well,” says Finley, referring to the concert’s pastoral location, a beautiful example of Greek Revival architecture in the Harlem Valley. Finley, who plays a variety of instruments (he’s known mostly for trumpet and flugelhorn), is also a composer

and arranger.

Along with Finley, the Smithfield Chamber Orchestra includes flautists Michelle Demko and Lynnette Benner, clarinetists Charlie Gray and Kay Sutka, violinist Rob Murphy, violist Piotr Kargul, cellist Jean Vilkelis, bassist Lou Pappas, and Larry Ham on piano.

The church’s website states: “Over the course of fifteen years, this annual event grew in quality and scope, with concert goers regularly filling the church to hear the performances of some of the region’s finest performers. Originally performing as soloists, members of this group began playing with each other, to the point where they have collectively become the featured act.”

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The Smithfield Chamber Orchestra rehearses earlier in the year. The Dec. 3 holiday concert will take place at the Smithfield Church in Amenia (facing page). *Courtesy photos*

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Amenia’s Smithfield Church to present holiday concert Dec. 3

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“We have the same group [of musicians] as last Christmas, for the first time ever,” Finley said. “Our former Atlanta Symphony clarinetist, Norman Baker, suffered a stroke a year ago but plans to return and play a solo on a piece I’ve arranged for him, ‘Over the Rainbow.’”

Tea and delicacies will be served in the church community room after the music. Admission is free but a \$20 donation to support future concerts is suggested.

This concert is part of the Bang Family Concert Series. The series is made possible through a generous endowment from lifelong musician Bill Bang, whose daughter, Susan, is a parishioner of Smithfield Church.

The Orchestra also performs a pop concert in the springtime. Church elder Jim Flaherty had high praise for the most recent one presented in May.

Flaherty said, “City people always demean country life with ‘you have noth-

ing live there—just scenery, that’s it.’ I brought one of those naysayers with me to our recent live concert at the Smithfield Presbyterian Church. Ten terrific musicians, directed by a multi-talented fellow named Matt Finley, enhanced all our lives with a joyful tune from Spain and a jig with Irish roots. We remembered ‘West Side Story,’ and visited the masters—Gabriel Faure, Gustav Holst, Percy Grainger, Ivan Lins, and John Phillip Sousa. The musicians included concertmaster Rob Murphy and internationally-known jazz pianist Larry Ham.

“Sitting there in that beautiful sanctuary on a Sunday afternoon in the crime-free calm of Northern Dutchess County, we all congratulated ourselves for having the foresight to settle up here in our beautiful foothills.”

Visit www.thesmithfieldchurch.org/ concerts to learn more about the Orchestra and the church.



Two of Us sets auditions for 2023 productions

The Two Of Us Productions, the award-winning theater company based in Copake, is holding auditions for its first two mainstage productions of 2023: “The Lady and the Clarinet” by Michael Cristofer, performing Feb. 17-26, 2023; and “Stranger In The Attic,” a thriller by John Kaasik performing May 12-21, 2023.

Auditions will be held on Friday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 4, at 2 p.m. Callbacks are on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m., as needed. All auditions and callbacks will be at the Dutch Reformed

Church, 88 Rte. 9, Claverack. Sides will be provided at auditions. If potential auditioners would like to look at sides in advance, please write the director at StephenSanbornPhD@gmail.com.

The Two Of Us Productions is concerned about COVID safety for all everyone. Vaccinations are required for all cast and crew members. Bring proof of vaccination to your audition.

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Diversions

SUDOKU

Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.

The object of the game is to fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers.

Each row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.

Each column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.

Each 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.

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Suguru

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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

- Spilled the beans
- "__ on you!"
- Rifle contents
- Muffin topper
- Mr. Simpson
- Placed
- Half of a famous couple
- Church feature
- Good-hearted
- Drive crazy
- Pours
- Treasury Dept. bureau
- Plastic replica
- Refrigerator brand
- Word with bone or breaker
- Judge's comments
- Specks
- One way to send something
- Surgical beams
- From __ Z
- Seaman
- Illuminated
- Consider
- Beverage container
- __ time; never
- Trick's alternative
- Final bill
- More astute
- Coarse material
- Atlantic, to a Frenchman
- Part of the hearing organ
- Heart and gizzard
- 46 dozen togas
- Lived
- Sacred Greek image
- Ending for Ann or Nan
- Sea duck
- Forbidden action
- Denials
- Kidney problem
- Sufficiency, to a poet

DOWN

- One with warts
- Ancient, once
- Edward or Norman
- Spheres of influence
- Certain carpets
- Gopher's home
- Quantity: abbr.
- Grassy expanse
- Goofed
- Lye and potash
- Primary
- Breath freshener
- Likelihood
- Gun rights org.
- Furniture wood
- Most
- Make suitable
- Engine
- Make reparation
- Cookie container
- Bretons and Welsh
- Threesome
- John Jacob __
- Wide's partner, in phrase
- Part of a journey
- British measurement
- Member of the Daughters of Mary
- Longlegs and Warbucks
- Delta, for one
- Ninny
- Network
- Risqué portraits
- Item for a British bishop
- Perfect place
- Chorale member
- Church formality
- Secluded canyon
- Univ. subject
- __ avail
- Weather forecast
- Nigerian tribe

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The solutions to both the Sudoku & Crossword puzzles can be found on page 17x



Fuhgeddaboutit!

There are many ways to use this popular term.

There are many saying in various cultures that we have come to accept as facts. However, many of these saying have no basis in reality. For instance, the Irish saying “top o’ the mornin’” is mainly fake. However, for every fake term there is a real one. The Australian “g’day,” mostly real.

Then there is the Italian-New York term “fuhgeddaboutit.”

Fuhgeddaboutit is a term that I use often. The beauty of the term is that it can be used in any context. It can be a noun, verb or adjective. It is also very versatile and can used in many different ways.

For instance, it can be used when you are agreeing with someone. “Wow, did you taste this Tira Mi Su. Its freaking beautiful” Your answer would be “Fuhgeddaboutit!”. Note, it is important, that the word be used with a slightly forceful tone, otherwise the meaning is lost.

Now if you don’t agree with some one you could use it also. “Wow, I love the extra taxes I get taken out of my paycheck every week,” and your answer would be, “Fuhgeddaboutit!”

You can also use it when you are making a statement , “If you’re telling me that your mother’s Lasagna is better than my Mother’s, fuhgeddaboutit!”

You can use it to curse someone out. “Hey Luigi, your haircut looks like a cat chewed the hair off your head,” and I would say, “Fuhgeddaboutit!”

Another way to use it is when you want to tell someone to mind their own business. “How much money do you make a week anyway?” and your answer would be, “Fuhgeddaboutit!”

Sometimes It can be used with other Italian phrases. Such as “How YOU doin?” “Fuhgeddaboutit!”

And sometimes you can use

“nonja-you-worry” (don’t you worry), instead of fuhgeddaboutit.

Finally, you can use the term as forget about it. “Hey Johnny, thanks a lot for helping me move my deadbeat cousin out of my house.” Johnny would reply “Fuhgeddaboutit!”

Now, enjoy my recipe for Tira Mi Su. If you think your is better than mine, fuhgeddaboutit!

TIRA MI SU

Ingredients

6 egg yolks
1 1/2 cups white sugar
1 1/2 cups mascarpone cheese
2 cups heavy whipping cream
24 lady fingers (total)
2 oz. Kahlua
2 oz. Brandy
1 tsp. Coffee Grounds
1 cup strong coffee or espresso
1 teaspoon unsweetened cocoa powder (dust)
1 (1 ounce) square semi sweet chocolate (shaved)

Method

Combine egg yolks and sugar in the top of a double boiler.
Reduce heat to low.
Stir the egg yolks and sugar for about 10 minutes. Keep an eye on the eggs and keep stirring.
After 10 minutes of stirring remove the mixture from heat. Let it cool for a bit and then take a beater and whip the yolk/sugar mixture until its thick.
Add the mascarpone to the whipped yolk-sugar mixture. Mix well then place in refrigerator.
Take your whipping cream and make whipped cream using a food processor.
Remove your chilled egg yolk mixture and gently fold into the whipped creme

and set aside.

In a bowl add coffee, Kahlua, brandy, and coffee grounds.

Dip your lady fingers in the coffee mixture and line the bottom of an 8- inch pie tin.

Spoon half of the cream filling over the lady fingers. Dust the cream with cocoa.

Make another layer of soaked lady fingers then add another layer of cream.

The top layer of filling is finished off with cocoa and chocolate curls.

Refrigerate for 1 hour and served with a nice cup of Espresso.

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

ART EXHIBITIONS

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through December:** Featuring the works of painter & photographer Erin Ann Koch (Hallway Art Gallery, 9 Vassar St.), mixed-media artist Marie DiPerri (Reception Gallery, 12 Vassar St.) and photographer & mixed-media artist Kat Spontak (Hancock Galleries, 12 Vassar St.). Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access to the galleries. cunneen-hackett.org

LAND Gallery, 30 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling. **Through Dec. 30:** Holiday Show, featuring the works of nature inspired photographers and other local artists. There are also special Pawling coasters, cards, photographs and more for your local gift giving. (845) 490-2281 or www.landgalleryonline.com

Locust Grove, 2683 South Rd. (Rte. 9), Poughkeepsie. **Through Dec. 30:** The art of pioneering female artist Caroline Clowes (1838 – 1904) a LaGrange resident, in a special exhibit assembled by the Dutchess County Historical Society. Wed.-Sun., 1-5 p.m. (closed Thanksgiving Day) and by appointment. **Special program:** Sun., Dec. 4 at 2 p.m., “Painting in a Challenging Landscape: Women Artists in the 19th Century” with Rob Doyle, President, DCHS. **Through Jan. 22, 2023:** Exhibitions of paintings by celebrated Hudson Valley artist Carolyn H. Edlund in the Locust Grove Transverse Gallery, free every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (845) 454-4500, ext. 212, or www.lgny.org

Olana State Historic Site, 5720 Rte. 9G, Hudson. **Through March 26, 2023:** “Chasing Icebergs: Art and a Disappearing Landscape,” shown primarily in the Sharp Family Gallery at Olana, the exhibition highlights Frederic Church’s iceberg sketches from his 1859 intrepid voyage to the Arctic. (518) 751-6879 or olana.org

Rhinebeck Bank, 6414 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. **Through Dec. 27:** Exhibition of pointillist paintings by Lorna Schipp, on display during regular business hours.

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through Dec. 18:** Holiday Show, featuring unique, handcrafted items such as ceramics, jewelry, small paintings, ornaments, greeting cards, sculptures, textiles and photographs. Gallery Hours: Fri., 5-8:30 p.m.; Sat., noon-8 p.m.; Sun., 1-5 p.m. (845) 757-2667

DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

See page 15 for finished puzzle (no peeking!)

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Note: Please check with event venues for any guidelines related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Dec. 1-3: Uncle Al's Thrift Shop Christmas Sale, St. Joseph School gym (lots of room to shop; ample parking), 25 St. Joseph Drive, Millbrook. The three-day event will feature numerous Christmas and holiday items: decorations for your home (inside and outside), gift items, holiday clothing, and more. Hours: Thurs. & Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. All proceeds from the Christmas Sale and from Uncle Al's Thrift Shop benefit St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Church, Millbrook.

Dec. 1-4: Dutchess Handmade, The Trolley Barn, 489 Main St., Poughkeepsie. Shop Local this holiday season with glass, jewelry, greeting cards, textiles, ceramics, wood, products, prints, paintings, home, decorating items, and more. Find the perfect item for gift giving and collecting from local artists and artisans. Hours: Thurs., Dec. 1, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. (with a 5-7 p.m. event); Fri., Dec. 2, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., Dec. 3 & 4, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (845) 454-3222 or artsmidhudson.org

Dec. 2: Celebration of Lights, City of Poughkeepsie. Kick off the holiday season in Poughkeepsie at Dongan Square, 6-9 p.m. (Fireworks at 8:20 p.m.) Food trucks, brass bands, dancers, carolers, a tree lighting, Santa Claus and a fireworks finale. The traditional parade is not happening this year. Instead, there will be a unique pageantry event in downtown Poughkeepsie's Little Italy (Dongan Place). A "Renewable Holiday Village" that quickly evolves into a Holiday event that highlights Recyclables and Renewables in a festive mood of community celebration. www.bardavon.org

Dec. 2: Parade of Lights, Village of Millbrook. The Angels of Light is hosting a "Meet and Greet" with Mrs. Claus and Santa at their new building at 28 Front St., 3:30-5:30 p.m. The event will include pictures with M/M Claus, snacks and crafts. Afterward, all are then invited to Tribute Garden Christmas tree and join in a holiday sing-along with children from Elm Drive School. There will be activities and music on Franklin Avenue as well. Tree lighting & parade, 6 p.m. Line-up starts at 4:30 p.m. next to MOST Physical Therapy. Contact: Ceil Collopy at (845) 797-2294 or ceciliacollopy@gmail.com.

Dec. 2: Town of Clinton Tree Lighting, Town Hall, 1215 Centre Rd., Rhinebeck. There will be a 4 p.m. gathering and tree lighting at 4:30 p.m. There will be a parade with firetrucks, and Santa will arrive on a firetruck. Email Town Clerk Carol Mackin at townclerk@townofclinton.com for more information.

Dec. 2-3: Festival of Trees, Revel 32, 32 Cannon St., Poughkeepsie. Enjoy beautifully decorated and unique holiday trees and wreaths while shopping local artisans and vendors, \$5 admission. Sat., 5-8 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Special events: Dec. 2: Enjoy the "Get Your Chocolate On" reception for chocolate themed foods and adult hot chocolate, 6-8 p.m. \$25 admission. Dec. 3: Bring your favorite teddy bear for a tea party and meet Santa, 11 a.m. \$5 admission. Dec. 3: Children's story time, 1 p.m. familyservicesny.org/events.

Dec. 2-18: Holiday Tours, Wilderstein Historic Site, 440 Morton Rd., Rhinebeck. Guided tours featuring touches of festive yuletide decor throughout the mansion; be among the first to experience Wilderstein's newly restored second floor. Fri.-Sun. through Dec. 18. Tours at noon, 1, 2 & 3 p.m. Tickets \$16. For advance tickets and more information, call (845) 876-4818.

Dec. 2-18: "It's A Wonderful Life," The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. Adapted for the stage from Frank Capra's beloved, holiday film. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$25. (845) 876 3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

Dec. 3: Bard Conservatory Orchestra: "The Nutcracker," Fisher Center, Bard College, Annadale-on-Hudson. Leon Botstein leads the orchestra in a symphonic concert performance of Pyotr Tchaikovsky's holiday staple, 8 p.m. In-person tickets are available for a suggested donation of \$15-20, and live-stream access is pay-what-you-wish. fishercenter.bard.edu or (845) 758-7900

Dec. 3: Festival of Lights Celebration, Pleasant Valley. Parade starts at 6:45 p.m. and features decorated trucks, trailers, vehicles and more. Residents & non-residents welcome. Visit Santa after the parade. More info: Sandy Coe, PV Recreation, (845) 635-1111 or scoe@pleasantvalley-ny.gov

Dec. 3: Holiday Craft Fair, 1777 Creek Meeting House, 2433 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners. The Town of Clinton's Historical Society will host its Holiday Craft Fair, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Snow date: Sun., Dec. 4.

Dec. 3: Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra: "Holidays with Family," Marriott Pavilion, The Culinary Institute of America, 1946 Campus Dr., Hyde Park. Winter concert, fun for children of all ages, whether you are 9 or 99, 3 p.m. Under the direction of William Stevens, the concert will feature the classic story "The Snowman," a collection of holiday favorites, and a sing-along. Snow date: Dec. 4. Tickets \$38 adults, \$30 seniors, \$10 children/students. (845) 635-0877 or www.ndsorchestra.org

Dec. 3: Poughkeepsie's Holiday Caravan. Line up is 4 p.m. at the NYS Dept. of Transportation Building, adjacent to the Town of Poughkeepsie Highway Garage; and the caravan steps off at 5 p.m. Check <https://www.townofpoughkeepsie.com/> for the route. For more information, call the office of Highway Superintendent Mike Simon at (845) 264-0573.

Dec. 3: Sinterklaas, Village of Rhinebeck. Annual holiday festival celebrating community through art, performance, nature and more, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. This year's honored animal is the Porcupine. Dozens of performances throughout the village, both indoors and outdoors, culminating in the Starlight Parade at 6 p.m., followed by Pageant at 6:30 p.m. Free admission. See www.sinterklaashudsonvalley.com for schedule & parking info.

Dec. 3: Christmas Concert & Tea, The Smithfield Church, Amenia. The Smithfield Chamber Orchestra, directed by Matt Finley, performs a selection of classical, pop and jazz holiday music, 4 p.m. Tea & delicacies will be served in the church community room after the music. Admission is free but a \$20 donation is suggested. TheSmithfieldChurch.org

Dec. 3: Stanford's Holiday of Lights Parade & Community Party, Stanfordville. Parade lineup will be at the Highway Garage on Creamery Road at 4 p.m. The parade steps off at 6 p.m. and proceeds up Route 82, ending at Duffy Layton Contracting's driveway, 12 Hunns Lake Road. After the parade, come to the Stanford Firehouse for a community party with refreshments, music and gifts for the children. (Rain/snow date: Dec. 4.) For more information, call (845) 868-1366, ext. 5 (mornings) or (845) 868-1387 (evenings).

Dec. 3: Ulster Savings Holiday Event, Ulster Savings Bank, 7296 S. Broadway, Red Hook. The community is invited to enjoy free refreshments (while supplies last), fun games and activities, sugar cookie decorating, and crafts for kids and more, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Santa will be on hand to have your picture taken with him. Please bring a new ornament to decorate the tree which will be donated to Team Nora.

Dec. 3: Winter Craft Fair, MJN Convention Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. Highlighting local handmade products, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free admission. MJNCenter.org or (845) 454-5800

Dec. 3: Winterfest, Tivoli. The Village of Tivoli, along with the Tivoli Fire Company, Tivoli Free Library and Tivoli Merchants + Artists, present a family-friendly, community-driven event featuring such holiday favorites as Santa Claus touring the village on a firetruck (2-3 p.m.), a light-up of one of Tivoli's large firetrucks (in lieu of a tree) at 4:45 p.m., horse-drawn wagon through the village (5-7 p.m.), kids arts and crafts and cookie decorating (starts 3:30 p.m.), and open houses of local businesses, shops, restaurants and artisan studios (5-7 p.m.). Tivoli's firehouse is located next to Village Hall at 86 Broadway in Tivoli; parking is available on-street or in municipal lots throughout the village. All events are free and open to the public. More info: tivolinow.com

Dec. 3-31: Holiday Tours of the Mansion, Locust Grove, 2683 Rte. 9, Poughkeepsie. Tour the historic mansion, updated with festive holiday decorations! Enjoy trees festooned with antique ornaments in the Drawing Room and Dining Room, along with special exhibits. Dec. 3, 10, 17 & 24; also Dec. 26-31. Tours last about an hour, \$15/person. First tour at 10:15 a.m., last tour at 3:15 p.m. each day. \$15/person. www.lgny.org

Dec. 4: Holiday Open House, 7562 North Broadway, Red Hook. The Elmendorph Inn looks its festive best for the holidays. Historic Red Hook invites you to enjoy live holiday music, hot mulled cider, homemade cookies and fresh-baked treats from the beehive oven, 1-4 p.m.

Dec. 4: Merry and Bright Holiday Market, 4390 Rte. 9 (across from the Hyde Park Town Hall), Hyde Park. Presented by the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce, 3-7 p.m. More info: (845) 229-9336 or (914) 447-8764.

Dec. 4: Trivia & Holiday Drinks, Elmendorph Inn, 7562 N. Broadway, Red Hook. Join Historic Red Hook at the Elmendorph Inn for trivia and holiday drinks for the final hour and a half of bidding in their Online Benefit Auction, 4:30-6 p.m. (View auction: www.historicredhook.org/auction). All the answers to the questions can be found on the Historic Red Hook website. All auction bidding will take place online. www.historicredhook.org

Dec. 4-21: Theatre on the Road: "A Christmas Carol," various locatio Join the festivities, which includes a fine dinner, caroling and interactions with the characters Charles Dickens made immortal. Schedule: Sun., Dec. 4, Stagecoach Inn, Goshen. 1 p.m., doors open at 12:30 p.m. Reservations: (845) 294-5526 or www.stagecoachny.com. Wed., Dec. 7, Beekman Arms, Rhinebeck. 7 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. Reservations: (845) 876-7077, ext. 361. Sun., Dec. 11, Le Chambord at Curry Estate, Hopewell Junction. 2 p.m., doors open at 1:30 p.m. Reservations: (845) 221-1941 or www.curryestate.com. Wed., Dec. 14, Beekman Arms, Rhinebeck. 7 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. Reservations: (845) 876-7077, ext. 361. Sat., Dec. 17, Meadowbrook Lodge, 1290 Rte. 94, New Windsor. 4 p.m., doors open at 3:30 p.m. Reservations: (845) 562-5918. Wed., Dec. 21: The Venue at the Best Western, Washington Ave., Kingston. 7 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. (845) 475-7973 or www.theatreontheroad.com

Dec. 4, 11 & 18: Holiday Hunt in the Mansion, Locust Grove, 2683 Rte. 9, Poughkeepsie. It's a Holiday Hunt for sugar plums, eight tiny reindeer, golden pine cones, and more, hidden in the holiday festooned rooms of Locust Grove's historic mansion, noon-4 p.m. Bring the kids and family to this very special scavenger hunt themed on everyone's favorite holiday story, "A Visit from St. Nicholas." Marvel at the 20 decorated trees on display. The scavenger hunt tour lasts about 45 minutes and includes rooms on three different floors of the mansion. Holiday Hunt is most suitable for kids ages 4 and older and their caregivers. Tickets required for everyone ages 4 and up. \$10/person, kids under 4 are free. Timed tickets available at www.lgny.org/calendar

Dec. 4, 10-11 7 17-18: Dickens' "Christmas Carol," Old Dutch Church, Sleepy Hollow. Performances at 2:30, 3:45, 5 p.m. (No 2:30 p.m. show on Sun., Dec. 18). Recommended for ages 10 & up. Tickets \$45 adults, \$40 children under 18. Capacity is very limited; tickets should be purchased in advance at www.hudsonvalley.org or by calling (914) 366-6900.

Dec. 10: Annual Holiday Penny Social, Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. Hosted by Stanford Grange #808 . Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and calling begins at 7 p.m. Christmas items will be featured. There will be penny prizes, home-made baked goods, \$1 table, door prizes, 50/50 raffle, and theme baskets. Refreshments will be served by the Grange Youth. For more information, contact Therese Fallon at (845) 868-1700 or Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

Dec. 10: Children's Reading Festival, Henry A. Wallace Center, FDR Presidential Library & Museum, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. The Roosevelt Library and the Friends of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District present children's book authors reading from and signing copies of their books, 1:30-4 p.m. Featured books will be available for purchase

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Theatre on the Road to present ‘A Christmas Carol’ at Beekman Arms



Scrooge, Tiny Tim and the other Dickens characters will interact with guests at The Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck on Dec. 13 and 14, when Theatre on the Road brings its interactive dinner performance of “A Christmas Carol.” *Courtesy photo*

Theatre on the Road presents its 23rd annual interactive, dinner theater version of Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol” at the Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck.

Hudson Valley residents have seen Scrooge, Tiny Tim and the Ghosts of Christmas from a theatre seat. This season Theatre on the Road, a local production company, is inviting local residents to dine with them. This is an opportunity to kick-off the Christmas holiday season with song, laughter and nostalgia as actors and carolers bring scenes from Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol to life. The historic Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck, New York will present this unique dinner show and they are offering a three-course dinner with entrée choice, the show, which includes Victorian carolers at tableside, for \$75 per person.

Schedule dates and times for A Christmas Carol at the Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck are Wednesday, December 7th at 7 pm and Wednesday, December 14th at 7 pm. Reservations for either dinner show can be secured by visiting calling 845-876-7077 ext. 361. For information visit www.murdercafe.net and the

December calendar page.

The dinner show will include Victorian carolers at tableside, before the show and during the dinner break, and the performance will be preceded by a reception where guests will meet Ebenezer Scrooge, the Ghosts of Christmas, the Cratchit family including Tiny Tim and Nephew Fred

“Frank and Kristen’s show continues to gain critical praise for every detail including authentic costumes, musical interludes and in depth characterizations”, says Nancy Marcellus, marketing manager of Lawry’s Prime Rib Restaurant.

This production is a tribute to the spirit of a traditional holiday. Audience members are encouraged to interact with the Dickens’ characters, as they settle in for a fine dinner and evening of celebration. Adapted from Charles Dickens’ classic, the script was written by Frank and Kristen Marquette, and she is also providing her handmade costumes.

This is the 23rd season the Marquette’s version of “A Christmas Carol” is being produced.

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in the New Deal Store in the Wallace Center. Authors include: Lu Ann Schnable Kaldor & Eve S. Gendron, “The Angels On My Tree,” 1:30 p.m.; Karen Finnegan, “Jolene, The Disability Awareness Chicken,” 2:15 p.m.; Barbara Ann Mojica, “Little Miss History Travels To Hyde Park, Home Of Franklin D. Roosevelt: Presidential Library & Museum,” 3 p.m. More info: Cliff Laube, Roosevelt Library, (845) 486-7745

Dec. 10: Cookie Walk Sale, Cordes Hall, Rhinebeck Reformed Church, 6368 Mill St., Rhinebeck. Make your selection from 40+ kinds of homemade holiday cookies made by the church’s best bakers for \$11/pound, 9 a.m.-noon. Snow date: Sun., Dec. 11, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Dec. 10: Holiday Open House, The Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site (Val-Kill), Rte. 9G, Hyde Park. The home will be decorated for the holidays and open 12:30-4 p.m. More info: Franceska Macsali Urbin, National Park Service, (845) 229-6225.

Dec. 10: Holiday Open House, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum and the Home of FDR National Historic Site, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. A full day of free holiday events. The Roosevelt Library will be open to visitors free of charge, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The Home of FDR (Springwood) will have tours available, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. There will be holiday decorations, refreshments and special activities, including the annual Children’s Reading Festival (see separate listing), live music and free photos with Santa beginning at noon in the Henry A. Wallace Center. Children can make holiday cards for sailors of the USS Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt at the Wallace Center, adjacent to the FDR Presidential Library, starting at noon. Refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon in the Wallace Center lobby. More info: Cliff Laube, Roosevelt Library, (845) 486-7745; or Franceska Macsali Urbin, National Park Service, (845) 229-6225.

Dec. 10: K104.7 Not So Silent Night, MJN Convention Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. Features Nicky Youre, Armani White, Gayle, Charlie on a Friday and Lauren Spencer-Smith. Doors open 6:30 p.m., show starts 8 p.m. Tickets \$22 General Admission, \$57 VIP. More info at <https://www.midhudsonciviccenter.org/event/>

Dec. 10: Rhinecliff Light-Up Night, downtown Rhinecliff. Walk through the community visiting with neighbors while enjoying complimentary hot cider from The Epicurean and a holiday cookie from Kips Tavern, 5 p.m. Pick up Luminaria kits at Morton Library (\$20 suggested donation, includes 10 candles, bags and sand). Donations will benefit Red Hook Responds. More info: sandy@mortonrhinecliff.org

Dec. 10: St. Nicholas Bazaar, Grace Church, 3328 Franklin Ave., Millbrook. Fine crafts and holiday cookie sale, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Artisans will showcase their crafts throughout the upper and lower levels of the parish hall. Shop your favorite crafts including candles, beaded and crystal jewelry, soaps, local wool yarn, bird houses, and new additions including hand-thrown pottery, hand-woven baskets and shawls, 3-D felted wool sculptures and paintings, Matryoshka nesting dolls, and embroidered bags. A wide assortment of homemade Christmas cookies and candies, all made by the bakers of Grace Church, available for \$14 per pound. Cookies may be pre-ordered by calling Lynda at (845) 677-5174 or purchased at the Bazaar. The Pancake House food truck available for snacks and lunch. More info: Lynda Boisse at (845) 677-5174 or Pam Freeman at (845) 341-7348. Free admission. Door prizes will be awarded. Handicap access is available. Vendor listing at <https://www.gracemillbrook.org/st-nicholas-bazaar.html>. NY.

Dec. 10-11: Rhinebeck Choral Club Holiday Concert, Rhinebeck Reformed Church, 6368 Mill St., Rhinebeck. Family-friendly concert’s theme is “Wonderful Winter.” Performances: Sat., 7 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Free admission; donations welcome. rhinebeckchoralclub.org

Dec. 10-18: Holiday Tours, Mount Gulian Historic Site, 145 Sterling St., Beacon. The Dutch Colonial home of the Verplanck family is beautifully decorated for the holidays, with each room decorated in different styles. Enjoy a close-to-home, relaxing time of good cheer and good company this holiday season. Tours: Sat. & Sun., Dec. 10-11; Wed.-Fri., Dec. 14-16; Sun., Dec. 18. Tours at noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Admission is \$12 adult; \$10 senior; \$6 children 6-18. Children under 6 and Mount Gulian members are free. Reservations required. (845) 831-8172 or info@mountgulian.org

Dec. 11: Christmas Community Choir Event, Lyall Community Church, 30 Maple Avenue, Millbrook. 7 p.m. (845) 677-3485 or <https://www.lyallmemorial.org/>

Dec. 16-18: “A Christmas Carol,” Sosnoff Theater, Fisher Center, Bard College, Annadale-on-Hudson. The Fisher Center presents the world premiere of SITI Company’s re-imagining of Charles Dickens’ holiday tale of redemption, co-directed by Anne Bogart ’74 and Tony Award winner Darron L West. Performances: Fri., 8 p.m.; Sat., 6 p.m.; and Sun., 2 p.m. Tickets \$25–65, with \$5 tickets for Bard students. fishercenter.bard.edu or (845) 758-7900

Dec. 17: Holiday Concert, The First United Presbyterian Church, 3039 Rte. 199, Pine Plains. 7th Annual Holiday Concert, 3 p.m. The concert will feature many local musicians and festive organ music. A free-will offering will be taken for the continued maintenance of the Church’s historic 1926 Estey Pipe Organ. For more information, call the Church at (518) 398-7117.

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Tyler Scott John Brzozowski

POUGHQUAG - Tyler Scott John Brzozowski, 38, passed away at home on November 19, 2022. He was a lifelong area resident who was born in Poughkeepsie on February 14, 1984. Tyler was a graduate from Arlington High School. He enjoyed playing ice hockey and roller hockey. He was an avid fan of the New York Rangers, who also enjoyed cooking and art. He is survived by his mother, Barbara (Ruppenstein) Brzozowski of Poughquag; his brothers, James Brzozowski and his wife Erin of Union Vale, Erik Brzozowski of Camano Island, WA, and Craig Brzozowski and his wife Christin of Union Vale; his nieces and nephews, Paul, Asher, Lucian, Madilyn, and Blake; his aunt, Flo Brzozowski; and many cousins and friends. Tyler was predeceased by his father, Richard E. Brzozowski. Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Kateri Church, 1925 Route 82, Lagrangeville followed by burial at Clove Cemetery. Donations may be made in memory of Tyler to Mental Health America of Dutchess County (www.mhadutchess.org). Please visit his Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Florence Joan Kefor

LAGRANGE - Florence Joan Kefor, 99, of Lagrange, NY passed away on November 18, 2022, at home, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on November 29, 1922, in Lorraine, Pennsylvania. Shortly thereafter, her parents, Wladyslaw and Mary Gastovich, moved the family to Middleport, PA, an old coal mining town in East-Central, PA. The house she was raised in has remained in the family for the past 100 years. Florence was the third of six children. She was predeceased by her sisters, Jean Mattushik, Lottie Galat, Wanda Raptosh, and brother Edwin Gastovich. Her last surviving sister, Mary DeFelice (98) recently passed away on August 21, 2022. Florence grew up in Middleport. As what seems typical for people in her small town, she was known by several other names: Felen, Felicia, or Felka. Depending on who you were, or how you were related seemed to indicate which name

you called her. As her life evolved she picked up several, more cherished references: Aunt Flo, mom, grandma, and great grandma (or grandma-grandma to some). She graduated from Blythe Township High School in 1941. Just days following graduation, she moved to New York City and worked for the Grumbacher's (Art Supply) Company. During WW II she worked for Union Piezo, checking the frequencies for walkie-talkies and then for Western Electric in Carney, New Jersey. In September 1947, she met her future husband, Paul Kefor, at the "Little Czech Restaurant" on the Upper East side of Manhattan. They were married on August 14, 1948, at St. Joseph's Polish National Catholic Church in Middleport, PA. Florence and Paul are both first generation Americans. They proudly honored their respective Polish and Ukrainian ancestries, sharing the cultures and old-world values with their entire family. Florence and Paul moved to Dutchess County in 1949, where they owned and operated Paul's Grocery, on Washington Street in Poughkeepsie. Paul built their family's home in 1952 in Fishkill, NY, residing there 58 years. In 2010, Paul and Florence moved in with their daughter, Marla and son-in-law Michael Hill. Throughout their 69 years of marriage, they displayed the type of lifestyle that all who knew them revered... simple, honest, hardworking, and always focused on the needs of the immediate and extended family. It can be said, "she never made a friend she didn't keep," and, "if you were Polish &/or from Pennsylvania, you got extra points!" Florence will be remembered for the hundreds of Christmas cards (each with personal handwritten notes) that she would send out each year. Unfortunately, the number of cards she received dwindled each year, as she outlived many of her life-long contemporaries. She was a devoted listener to the WVKR, Polish Rascals, radio program. Florence is survived by her three children, 9 Grandchildren and 12 Great-grandchildren. Son, Thomas Kefor and his wife Andrea, their son Todd, his wife Kristine, and their children Declan and Mackennah; son Ty Kefor, his wife Anh Dao, and their children Kai and Mae. Daughter Marla (Kefor) Hill and her husband Michael, their son Colin, his wife

Carrie and their children, Nolan, Brandon, and Ryan; daughter Amanda (Hill) Ruhe, her husband Daniel, and their son Logan; son Andrew, his wife Jackie and their children, Graham and Norah; and daughter Rachel (Hill) Hamdan, her husband Laith, and their children Nasri and Felix. Son Edward Kefor and his wife Claudia and their daughters, Camille, Mahlee and Audrey. Florence was blessed to have many caring nieces and nephews who also survive: Donna Cady, Terri Rudinsky, Carol Kotowski, Elaine Thoman, Janice Spinelli, Walter DeFelice, Raymond DeFelice, Jayne Hickson and William Raptosh. The family would like to thank our neighbors, Yaw and Tanae Apentag and Florence's home-health aide, Roseanne Benante for all the care and comfort they provided. Their support and kindness have touched the hearts of all the family. For the past three months, Florence has been under the watchful care of Hudson Valley Hospice. Her team of Caregivers have been unbelievable. Her aide, Schcola, Nurse/Case Manager Donna, Physical Therapist Teri, Chaplain Wesley, Social Worker Michelle, and Music Therapist Emma have all enriched her final days. Calling hours will be held on Monday, November 21, 2022 from 4PM-7PM at the Wm. G. Miller & Son FH, Inc. 371 Hooker Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 10AM at Holy Trinity Church, 775 Main St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Burial will follow in the family plot at Fishkill Rural Cemetery in Fishkill. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wm. G. Miller & Son FH, Inc. If you wish to send an online condolence, please visit our website at www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com. Contributions may be made, in Florence's honor, to: St. Joseph's Polish National Catholic Church, 20 St. Clair Street, Middleport, PA 17953.

Ethel R. Ludwig

TIVOLI - Ethel R. Ludwig, 84, of Tivoli and a lifelong area resident, passed away on Sunday, November 20th, 2022 at The Baptist Nursing Home in Rhinebeck, NY. Born on April 8, 1938, in Madalin, NY, she was the daughter of the late James and Gladys (Sturges) Redder. Ethel married John "Denis" Ludwig and they were married for over 59 years, prior to his passing on April 20th, 2020. In addition to being a homemaker, Ethel worked in insurance for many years in Red Hook. Her God Son, David Bard, along with his wife Kim Bard and their family of Red Hook, NY; along with numerous friends, survives her. In addition to her husband, her three sisters, Gloria Simmons, Alice Paulson, and Darlene Ritter all predecease her. Friends called at the Burnett & White Funeral Homes in Red Hook. Funeral services were held with interment following in Red Church Cemetery, Tivoli, NY Arrangements are under the direction of Burnett & White Funeral Homes 7461 S. Broadway, Red Hook, NY. To sign the online guest book, please visit www.Burnett-White.com.

Doris Mulvaney

FORMERLY OF HYDE PARK - Doris Mulvaney passed away on November 12, 2022, at 90 years old. Born in Peekskill, NY, she lived in Hyde Park, NY for 54 years where she raised her 7 children with her late husband Tom before moving to CT in 2015 to be closer to family. Doris was a devoted advocate for the mental health community and their families, serving on boards and volunteering for various programs in Dutchess County for many years. She received awards and recognition for her dedication. Doris also loved taking walks in nature, reading, traveling extensively around the United States and spending time with her children and grandchildren. She attended the Bard College Lifetime Learning Institute when she retired from volunteer work. Doris is survived by her daughter Joyce and husband Kevin Barnett of Florence, Italy, her son Tom and wife Karen Mulvaney of Richmond, VA, her son Kevin Mulvaney of Kingston, NY, her daughter Marie and husband Louis Loria of Sherman, CT and her son Paul Mulvaney and partner Aigul of Manhattan, NY. She is also survived by her 7 grandchildren. She is predeceased by her husband Thomas and her sons, David and Michael Mulvaney. A memorial service will be held in Spring 2023 at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery. Arrangements are with the William G. Miller & Son FH, Inc. in Poughkeepsie. If you wish to send an online condolence, please visit www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com. Donations may be made in Doris' memory to Gateway Hudson Valley at ghv.org.

Dorothea Whiting

FORMERLY OF POUGHKEEPSIE - Dorothea "Dottie" (Germiller) Whiting, 95, died in her sleep on November 6, 2022 after suffering a stroke. Born on 9/6/1927 in Poughkeepsie, NY to Peter Leo Germiller and Catherine (Nilan) Germiller, Dottie was the fourth of five children. She was raised in Poughkeepsie, NY, graduated from Arlington High School and then went to the School of Arts & Science in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. On 10/29/1948, she married Bradford Cossentine Whiting in Pleasant Valley, NY. She was an X-ray Technician at a local hospital before staying home to raise her two daughters. Later in life after her girls were raised and on their own, she enjoyed working part time at NeoData, Lean' Tree signing cards at Christmas, and IBM on the manufacturing line. Dottie and Brad started their lives together in Red Oak Mills and Poughkeepsie, NY. They moved to Boulder, CO in 1967 with IBM and then retired in Kalispell, MT in 1987. After Brad's death in 2007, Dottie moved to Longmont, CO to be with her daughters. In 2011 she moved in with her younger daughter in Broomfield, CO. Dottie is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law Laura Lass (Ron) and Leah Sievert (Bob) and two of her four siblings, Barbara Gurbel and Mickey MacIsaac of New York. Dottie told her girls, "Don't be sad when I am gone. I lived a wonderful life."

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LEGAL NOTICE

The following entitled bond resolution has been adopted on November 9, 2022, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Dutchess, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York,
November 21, 2022

Leigh Wager
Clerk, County Legislature

RESOLUTION NO. 2022180
BOND RESOLUTION DATED NOVEMBER 9, 2022
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,835,170 SERIAL BONDS AND EXPENDITURE OF \$75,000 AVAILABLE MONIES OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE PURCHASE OF MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, FOR SAID COUNTY

WHEREAS, the capital project hereinafter described, as proposed, has been determined to be a Type II Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, which regulations state that Type II Actions will not have a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the financing of such capital project; NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The purchase of maintenance machinery, apparatus and equipment, each item of which costs \$30,000 or over, in and for the County of Dutchess, New York, including incidental equipment and expenses in connection therewith, is hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$1,835,170.

Section 2. (a) The plan for the financing of such maximum estimated cost shall be by the issuance of \$1,835,170 bonds of said County hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law;

(b) In addition, the purchase of other maintenance machinery, apparatus and equipment, each item of which does not cost \$30,000 or over, is hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$75,000 and the plan for the financing thereof is by the appropriation and expenditure of \$75,000 available funds.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes described in Sections 1 and 2(a) hereof, is fifteen years, pursuant to subdivision 28 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the bonds herein authorized will exceed five years.

Section 4. The faith and credit of said County of Dutchess, New York, are hereby irrevocable pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. To the extent not paid from other sources, there shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said County, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein

authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Commissioner of Finance, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as she shall deem best for the interests of the County; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, she shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the Commissioner of Finance shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 7. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the County of Dutchess, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the Commissioner of Finance and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted or impressed there on and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the County Clerk.

Section 8. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the County by the facsimile signature of the Commissioner of Finance, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the County), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the Commissioner of Finance. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the County not to impose and collect from registered owners of such serial bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Commissioner of Finance shall determine.

Section 9. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.1502. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 10. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said County is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

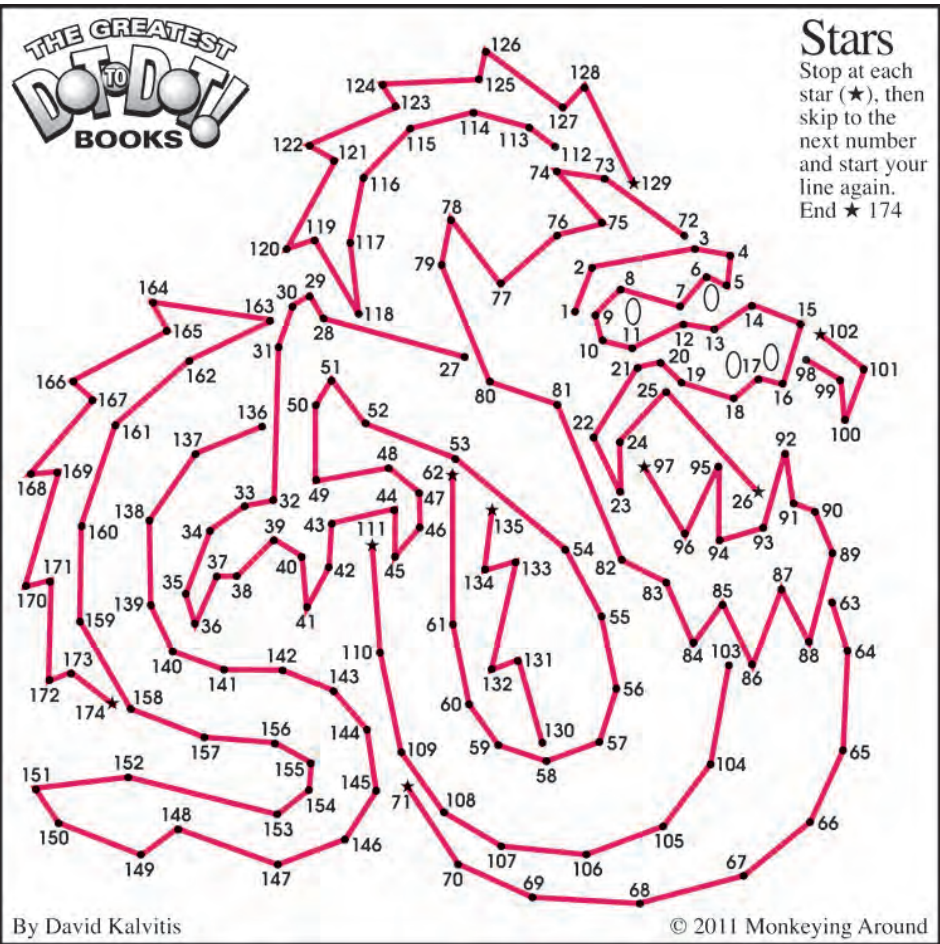
Section 11. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in full in **The Poughkeepsie Journal** and **The Southern Dutchess News**, the official newspapers of said County, together with a notice of the Clerk of the County Legislature in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-74-22 2022 or Newer, 4 Door, 5 Passenger, Mid-Size Sedan(s) Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 20th day of December 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

Deadline for Northern Dutchess News Legals is every Friday @ 12 noon for a Wednesday Publication* *When a public holiday falls on a Monday the deadline becomes Thursday at noon.

Answer to this week's Dot to Dot (puzzle on page 13)



Suguru solution

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1	2	4	3	5	2
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This week's answer

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‘It’s A Wonderful Life’ to open Dec. 2 in Rhinebeck

Up in One Productions rings in the holidays with a presentation of the heart-warming classic “It’s A Wonderful Life,” adapted for the stage from the popular and beloved Frank Capra film. The production runs Dec. 2-18 at The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck.

“It’s A Wonderful Life” tells the story of George Bailey, a small-town everyman who forgoes his big dreams and ambitions to remain in his hometown to help others. One Christmas Eve, despondent and facing ruin, he is rescued from near-suicide by Clarence Odbody, an unconventional angel second class looking to earn his wings. Together, they retrace George’s life in Bedford Falls. Clarence shows George the shadowy world of what his hometown would look like had George never been born. As they spin through flashbacks and could-have-been scenarios, we meet, in turn, his family and colleagues and see how the strands of George’s influence, weave among people and events until George comes to realize that one man’s life touches all around him. And, that he did, indeed, have a wonderful life.

The town of Bedford Falls comes to life through the set construction of Bryan Mechtly, lighting design of Scott Tunkel, and the scenic art of Dan Chester. The period costumes are fashioned by Kim-Denise Barnett.



Mike Risio portrays George Bailey and Madison Anthony plays Mary in Up In One Productions’ “It’s A Wonderful Life,” running Dec. 2-18 at The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck. *Courtesy photo*

The Up In One production is produced and directed by Diana di Grandi. The cast includes Michael Risio (George), Lou Trapani (Mr. Potter), Jim Hammill (Clarence), Madison Anthony (Mary), Tom Starace (Uncle Billy), Stephany Hitchcock (Mrs. Bailey), Ian Magee (Young George), Michael Clark (Mr. Gower), Kirstin Horn (Violet) Elaine Young (Aunt Flora) and a large, supporting cast of seasoned veteran and young actors.

Performances will take place on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and available at www.centerforperformingarts.org or by calling (845) 876-3080.

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