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Anderson Center to mark 100-year anniversary in 2024

The executive leadership team at Anderson Center for Autism has announced that 2024 will mark its 100-year anniversary, and a series of Centennial Celebration events will be announced in January. Among the activities planned are the annual gala and Anderson Golf Classic, both of which will include unique 100-year themes.

The nonprofit also plans to launch a capital campaign.

Said Patrick Paul, CEO and Executive Director of Anderson Center for Autism, "As we reflect on the past, honor the present, and envision our future, we are feeling extra-grateful for the people who have been part of Anderson's circle. From our residents, students, and their families to our team members, trustees, volunteers, community partners, and donors, everyone works together to carry out our mission of optimizing the quality of life for individuals with autism."

Added Eliza Bozenski, Chief Development Officer, Anderson Foundation for Autism, "The tagline for our Centennial Celebration captures the heart of what Patrick just shared: 'A legacy of compassion, a century of impact.' It was Taylor Reynolds, dietician at Anderson Center for Autism, who developed that tagline; we all loved it and feel it speaks volumes about our work locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally. This is a time of great celebration of our past and all that lies ahead in our future. We look forward to announcing details for our Centennial Celebration events and kicking off our capital campaign in 2024."

Founded in 1924, Anderson Center for Autism provides educational, vocational, residential, and clinical services to autistic individuals.

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Get out & donate! Claudio Cares adds Blood Drive to Can event



From left, Luigi Coppola is joined by Jack Coppola, Thomas Stritt and Anthony Coppola in placing signs on the Coppola truck and at the family restaurant and bistro in Hyde Park. Claudio Cares Can Drive donations can be placed at the restaurant and at the blood drive on Dec. 16. *Photo by Curtis Schmidt*

By Rich Thomaselli

It's a bittersweet time for Luigi Coppola and his family.

They are enjoying the upcoming 11th anniversary of Claudio Cares, the founda-

tion that the Hyde Park restaurant owner helped put together in his son's name.

The annual December Can Drive is coupled for the first time with a blood drive to be held December 16 at the site of the former Hyde Park Elementary

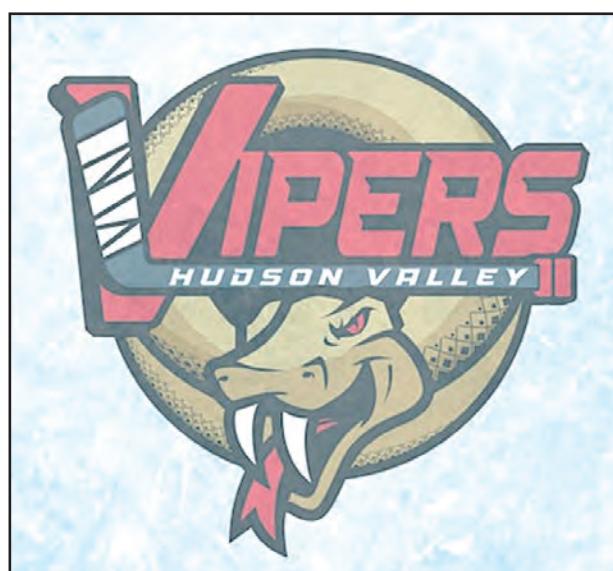
school.

But every year it is tinged with sadness.

The whole reason for the foundation is a tribute to Claudio, who tragically

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Hudson Valley Vipers women's hockey team to play at MJN Center



By Rich Thomaselli

Meet the newest sports team to call Poughkeepsie home.

The Hudson Valley Vipers are a professional minor league hockey team that will call the McCann Ice Arena, part of the re-imagined MJN Center (formerly the Mid-Hudson Civic Center) home.

Here's the cool twist.

The Vipers are a women's hockey team.

The Vipers will be part of the 16-team Union Hockey League whose reach stretches from Michigan to Vermont and down to the Hudson Valley. This year, the season will run January to April with an exhibition game slated for

December. In 2024, the season will permanently start in November, which will include additional teams.

The President of the Vipers is Hudson Valley native Patrick Manning, the former state Assemblyman from Fishkill, who was also instrumental in bringing the Hudson Valley Renegades and minor league baseball to the area 30 years ago.

"The success of the Hudson Valley Renegades is a tale of wholesome, affordable entertainment that is geared to a family," Manning said. "I see the same for the Hudson Valley Vipers, filling a

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Disease Control, autism prevalence rates are now 1 in 36 (2023). The neurological disorder presents with a range of communication, socialization, and sensory processing challenges.

In addition to the full-time residences and school at its Staatsburg campus, Anderson also runs Cold Spring Early Learning Center (in Pine Plains), Anderson Early Learning Academy and The Anderson Center Clinic (based in Latham), Anderson Center International (a training program for scholars from all corners of the globe who spend 12-18 months gaining the skills needed to develop programs upon return to their home countries), and Anderson Center Consulting and Training (which educates families/caregivers, educators, businesses, community groups, and others on how to best support the needs of neurodiverse and autistic individuals). Over 800 people are currently employed by the organization.

Anderson Center for Autism's programs are rooted in the evidence-based principles of Applied Behavior Analysis, and the organization has developed collaborations with institutions of higher

education such as Empire State University and Marist College to cultivate skills and build capacity for future professionals in the field.

Paul noted, "Anderson has expanded and evolved over the years to meet critically important needs - and we are positioned for continued growth in the years ahead. In addition to ensuring that we offer a continuum of services throughout the lifespan, we will also continue to serve as a resource for people from all over the world whose lives have been impacted by autism spectrum disorder. This is more than a job for all of us at Anderson - it is a cause to which we feel deeply devoted. I know that the people who were part of Anderson's past felt likewise about their work. No doubt that this shared sense of purpose has made our longevity a reality; we are mindful of everyone who has brought us to this moment in history as we acknowledge our 100-year anniversary."

To stay up-to-date on news of Anderson Center for Autism's Centennial Celebration events and capital campaign launch, visit andersoncenterforautism.org.

NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINES

Northern Dutchess News will be on a holiday schedule for the December 27, 2023 and January 3, 2024 issues.

Editorial and Advertising deadlines for the December 27 issue is Thursday, December 21, at 5 p.m.

Editorial and Advertising deadlines for the January 3 issue is Thursday, Dec. 28, at 5 p.m.

Email cschmidt@sdutchessnews.com for more information.



Anderson School founder, Dr. Victor Vance Anderson, reads a new newspaper clipping to members of the Anderson School's Camera Club in this vintage photo. Courtesy photo

Clinton Historical Society sets 'Lemmon Slave /case' presentation

The Clinton Historical Society will present "The Eight: The Lemmon Slave Case and the Fight for Freedom" at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8, at the Clinton Town Hall, 1215 Centre Road, Rhinebeck.

The program will be presented by the Honorable Albert M. Rosenblatt, who teaches at the New York University School of Law and is a retired Judge of New York State Court of Appeals.

"The Eight" tells the story of Lemmon v. New York—or, as it's more popularly known, the Lemmon Slave Case. All but forgotten today, it was one of the most momentous civil rights cases in American history. There had been cases in which the enslaved had won their freedom after having resided in free states, but the Lemmon case was unique, posing the question of whether an enslaved person can win freedom by merely setting foot on New York soil—when brought there in the keep of an "owner."

The case concerned the fates of eight enslaved people from Virginia, brought

through New York in 1852 by their owners, Juliet and Jonathan Lemmon. The Eight were in court seeking, legally, to become people—to change their status under law from objects into human beings. The Eight encountered Louis Napoleon, the son of a slave, an abolitionist activist, and a "conductor" of the Underground Railroad, who took enormous risks to help others. He was part of an anti-slavery movement in which African-Americans played an integral role in the fight for freedom.

The case was part of the broader judicial landscape at the time: If a law was morally repugnant but enshrined in the Constitution, what was the duty of the judge? Should there be, as some people advocated, a "higher law" that transcends the written law? These questions were at the heart of the Lemmon case. They were difficult and important ones in the 1850s—and, more than a century and a half later, we must still grapple with them today.

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passed away in a car accident 12 years ago. The food collected goes to Dutchess County food pantries and to those in need. For Luigi, his wife, Lisa, and the entire Coppola family, it is literally a labor of love.

To them, though, it is much more than just a continuation of the unassuming and helpful ways of their son. Over the last decade, the family has helped raise more than 250,000 pounds of food and some \$150,000 in donations and scholarships.

Claudio does indeed care.

Always has and always will.

"It still hurts," Luigi said softly. "It hurts every year. My wife and I cry all the time. It hurts to hear my kids cry at this time of year."

It is a difficult time of year, to be sure. December 17 is Claudio's birthday; a week later, of course, is Christmas. But as his parish priest at Regina Coeli told him, the pain is like a boulder. Eventually, the boulder shrinks down to a rock, but you always know the rock is going to be there. The hurt is always going to be there, but you learn to live, and you breathe again.

The annual can drive – and now blood drive at the suggestion of Luigi's nephew, who was good friends as well as family, with Claudio – certainly helps and gives the family a feeling that they are doing

something for Claudio – and in the name of Claudio.

"It's satisfaction, yes," Luigi said, "but we're giving back to the community that supported us in so many ways when Claudio passed. We are grateful. People really rallied around us."

It's been a symbiotic relationship to the point where Luigi no longer even has to ask Claudio's friends and classmates for help. In fact, the family was honored two years ago by the Dutchess County Mental Health Association for their work in the community.

"Initially, I called them up and said, 'We need help. We have to deliver this food,'" Luigi said. "Now they call me asking where it is and when it is and what time do they have to be there?"

Starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16 at Hyde Park Elementary School, Claudio Cares will be hosting its "Santa Claude" food and blood drive. They have partnered this year with the American Red Cross to make our can drive even better with a blood drive component.

Donors can drive through the Hyde Park Elementary School loop and drop off non-perishable food items and/or they can donate blood through the American Red Cross inside the school.

They will still be accepting non-perishable foods until Christmas. Donations



Jack Coppola, left, and Thomas Stritt prepare to place a Claudio Cares Can Drive banner on the Coppola Restaurant truck. The main days of the drive are Dec. 16 and 17 at the former Hyde Park Elementary School on Rt. 9 in Hyde Park. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

can be brought to Coppola's Restaurant on Rt. 9 in Hyde Park. Additionally, Santa and the Hyde Park Fire Department will be stopping by our restaurant on Monday Dec. 18 to drop food donations

as well. All are welcome to come then as well (6-7 p.m.)

For more information and for those looking to help, go online to Claudiocares.com.

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Gretna Garden Club members celebrate 50th golden jubilee

The past and present members along with guests recently celebrated the Gretna Garden Club's 50th golden jubilee. A luncheon was held at Coppola's Restaurant in Hyde Park with over 30 people in attendance.

The club was formed in 1974 by flower and gardening enthusiasts who cared enough to share their interest in the beauty of nature. Some of the founding mothers are still actively involved today. Founding mothers that were present at

the celebration included Madeline Kilmore, First President; Dobie Waugh, First Vice President; along with Lin Weiss, Jo Andrews and Barbara Horner.

The club continues to meet monthly from September to June with a focus on horticulture lectures, demonstrations and field trips. December meetings are dedicated to a Holiday potluck luncheon and in February an authentic English Tea complete with scones, crumpets and fancy hats.

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LaGrange Library sets Book Sale

LaGrange Library will hold its Big Book Sale on Friday, Dec. 8, from 2 to 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Come shop a special selection of

books and media for gifts and treasures.

All proceeds benefit the Library.

The library is at 1110 State Route 55, Lagrangeville. Call (845) 452-3141 for more information.

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fun spot in people's lives during the winter months. We are looking to create family memories down in the 'snake pit' at the McCann, but also to be another piece in the City of Poughkeepsie's renaissance and one of the jewels on the MJN Center's crown."

"We are proud to have the Hudson Valley Vipers playing in our McCann Ice Arena. Having a competitive minor-league hockey team is a major win for the MJN Center, the City of Poughkeepsie and the Hudson Valley as a whole," said Michael J. McCormack, Chairman of the Board of the MJN Center. "We ask families far and wide to embrace this

wonderful team as we will be doing. The sky's the limit for the Hudson Valley Vipers in Dutchess County."

MJN Center President Zeidan Nesheiwa is also looking forward to the new venture.

"We are always looking for new ways to draw people to Poughkeepsie and the Vipers are destined to do just that," he said. "We have a great rink, a tremendous facility, and we look forward to having the minor league Hudson Valley Vipers call the MJN their home."



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'Reprehensible' that legislators seek pay increase during difficult economic times

To the editor:

The proposed 2024 Dutchess County budget may include a hefty 68% pay raise to include county legislators and other county officials such as incoming County Executive Sue Serino as well as incumbent County Clerk Kendall.

The budget amendments were approved on November 15th by the legislature's Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee by a 9 to 3 vote with all Republicans and one Democrat voting in favor and 3 Democrats against. Republican Mike Polasek of LaGrange chairs that committee.

The same old political justifying comment by legislator Will Truitt that it'll attract good candidates is a load of you-know-what. It doesn't work that way and history can prove it. This seems more like tax 'n' spend, even more so since the current budget proposal includes an increase in the county sales tax rate to 4%.

What the arrogant Democrats, the majority in Albany, did in securing a 29% pay raise for themselves is no different to what the Dutchess County Republican majority are proposing and as Chairman of the Conservative Party this concerns me and my committee.

Although it's understandable that the part-time legislators may be due for a modest raise, it's reprehensible that they're looking at such an increase especially during these economic times.

We endorsed most of these Republicans for re-election because we thought they had conservative values including fiscal responsibility. So, I ask the county Republicans, "Is this your true colors?"

On a positive note, we're pleased to hear that some Republican legislators are against this ridiculous pay hike.

Don Minichino

Chairman of the Dutchess County Conservative Party

Sinterklaas crowds set ideal example

To the editor:

The news is full of stories about conflict between groups, about city streets with refuse.

But at the Rhinebeck Sinterklaas celebration, thousands of diverse people crowded onto the main street sidewalks of a very small village. There were no scuffles, no trash or bottles on the street, everyone seeming to get along while enjoying the festival and parade.

The only crowd barrier, to keep people out of the path of the parade, was a simple strip painted on the street, back of which people were supposed to stand to let the parade go by. And everyone abided by it.

Our nation is full of very good people. If only our leaders were worthy of them.

Frank Stoppenbach
Red Hook

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Marist men's, women's basketball teams going in opposite directions to start season

By Rich Thomaselli

The men's and women's basketball teams at Marist College are off to disparate starts as we head into the end of semester break.

The men were 4-2 heading into Sunday's game against Manhattan in the

Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference. The Red Foxes were home for the game, but have to go on the road to play Dartmouth on Saturday night.

The women's team is having a tougher start.

Under first-year head coach Erin Doughty, the Foxes are 2-5 after a loss to

a strong St. John's team in its most recent game. Doughty was a long-time assistant under ultra successful coach Brian Giorgis, who announced his retirement two years ago and coached his final game in March.

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Human Rights Day Expo set at Roosevelt sites

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site and Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, along with the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, will host a Human Rights Day Expo on Sunday, Dec. 10. Events will begin at 10 a.m. at the Henry A. Wallace Center in Hyde Park. For more information, including the full program of events, please visit go.nps.gov/humanrightsexpo.

Commemoration events will include talks on human rights-related topics, animated films commissioned by the library, a musical concert, and an expo highlighting a diverse group of local organizations supporting all facets of human rights. The Beatrix Farrand Garden will host a contemplative walk during the day, where people can explore the garden through the words of Eleanor Roosevelt and the UDHR. The FDR Presidential Library and Museum will have a temporary exhibit of Eleanor Roosevelt's copy of the UDHR through December.

"Eleanor Roosevelt said, 'Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home,'" said Superintendent Amy Bracewell. "That

resonates with me and all of our community partners who have helped commemorate this day. Taking care of your neighbors and community can have ripple effects that support everybody's human rights."

The Dutchess County community came together to plan and host this event. The planning team included the National Park Service, the National Archives and Records Administration, the Dutchess County Human Rights Commission, the Beatrix Farrand Garden Association, the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, the Hudson River Valley Greenway, the Roosevelt Institute, and the United Nations Association, Mid-Hudson Valley Chapter.

"Students from around the world can learn about Eleanor Roosevelt's work both in the Library's archival holdings and also at her nearby home, Val-Kill," said William Harris, director of FDR Presidential Library and Museum. "Mrs. Roosevelt's legacy illustrates the fundamental truth that we first begin to create positive change in our homes and communities. We encourage young people to get involved in their communities and, like Eleanor Roosevelt, build a better future for everyone."

St. Nicholas Bazaar, Fine Craft & Holiday Cookie Sale set Dec. 9

Grace Church will host their annual St. Nicholas Bazaar, to include Fine Craft and Holiday Cookie Sale at the church in Millbrook on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event features two floors of exhibitors showcasing fine crafts for sale, door prizes, festivities, and homemade holiday cookies. The cookies are boxed to stay fresh and will be sold @ \$15 per pound. Each package contains an assortment of festive cookies and candies from the traditional to the decadent. Pre-orders are recommended, but not required. Call 845-677-5174. In addition to the cookies will be jams, breads, gluten free cookies, croutons, as well as a large selection of gently used Christmas decorations and home decor items.

In addition, more than 20 local artists

and crafters will be selling their hand-crafted items including pottery, tie-dye clothing, sugar scrubs, jewelry, leather items, hand dyed yarn, colorful felted gifts, crocheted clothing, aromatherapy oils and balms, framed pebble art, silk flower arrangements, hand-woven baskets and shawls, cross-body bags and totes, cards, gifts made from wood, personalized items, candles, goat milk soaps and accessories.

Grace Church is located at 3328 Franklin Avenue, Millbrook. For a complete list of vendors, visit gracemillbrook.org/st-nicholas-bazaar.html. For questions, call the church office at 845-677-3064. Admission is free. Handicap accessible. Zanroy's food truck will be on site for lunch.

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With winter about to arrive, there's no time like now to go over any concerns you have about driving as you age.

In New York State, there's no hard-and-fast rule on an age when giving up the keys is required. The state Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has one standard for driving privileges: your driving ability. A physician, police officer, or someone who knows or has observed the driver can contact DMV if they believe a driving re-evaluation is needed. You can also have your driving skills checked by a driving rehab specialist or occupational therapist.

Because driving is all but essential for independence in a suburban/rural county like Dutchess, it's best to be prepared. It's never too late to learn how to become a better driver, and OFA wants to be a "key" resource for older drivers. We hosted a well-received AARP driver safety course earlier this year; if you're

interested in taking such a course in 2024, please contact us during business hours at 845-486-2555 or email

ofa@dutchessny.gov. Once we've gauged the interest of older adults throughout Dutchess, we can set up however many classes as we need.

In the meantime, there's more to think about. Next time you visit your regular doctor, talk to them about any concerns you may have about your health as it relates to driving. Mention to the doctor if you're concerned that pain, stiffness, arthritis, or medications might impede your driving ability. At your next eye doctor visit, ask if there are ways to improve your eyesight and be sure your prescription is up to date. Sunglasses are a good investment this time of year, given that sunrises and sunsets happen this time of year when roads are busiest. Wintertime snow glare is yet another concern; after all, there's a reason skiers and snowboarders wear sunglasses and it's not just for looks.

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO?

Staying physically active helps improve strength and flexibility, which you'll need to continue driving well. OFA offers both live and remote exercise classes throughout the county; contact us to learn more and get signed up.

MORE ADVICE

When in doubt, don't go out. Dutchess County winters can be tough on both drivers and their vehicles. Plan your travel for when conditions are best. Remember that our geography can affect road conditions. Rain in Poughkeepsie can easily be snow in Millbrook.

Drive like a townie. By that, we mean you should have a good working knowledge of less-crowded alternatives to major roads, without resorting to a mobile device's mapping app. Apps can help you find alternate routes, but there are many mobile signal "dead zones" in Dutchess where your map won't update.

Use assistive devices. Back-up cameras are standard equipment on new cars, but if you're not looking for a new car there are aftermarket cameras that can be installed on older cars.

For more transportation options for older adults, see dutchessny.gov/OFAtransportation or contact OFA.

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT SEASON ENDS DECEMBER 7TH

As of this week, appointments for individual counseling with the Office for the Aging's HIICAP counselors for the remaining days of the open enrollment period were completely booked. Fortunately, there are other sources from which you can seek health insurance information and counseling:

- Medicare (www.medicare.gov; 1-800-633-4227; TTY: 1-877-486-2048) offers a great deal of useful information, including an online Medicare Plan Finder tool which allows beneficiaries to enter the names of their prescription drugs to generate a comparison of available plans;

- Medicare Interactive (www.medicareinteractive.org; 1-800-333-4114) provides easy-to-understand answers to Medicare beneficiaries, family members, caregivers and professionals alike;

- EPIC (Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage) is a New York State program for older adults, administered by the state Department of Health. EPIC operates a toll-free Helpline which is available from 8:00AM to 5:00PM, Monday through Friday. Call 1-800-332-3742 (TTY 1-800-290-9138) for more information; or to request an application, or email nysdohepic@magnallanh.com.

- The Social Security Administration (www.ssa.gov; 1-800-772-1213) can direct you to extra help with Medicare prescription drug costs. The Social Security website includes publications on prescription drug plan cost assistance in 17 languages.

THIS WEEK'S "FRIENDLY CALLS" ORIENTATION SESSION AT OFA

You can brighten the day of an older adult right here in Dutchess County, and help keep them socially connected during the holidays, by joining our "Friendly Calls" program as a volunteer.

It's easy to fit Friendly Calls volunteering into your schedule. All it takes is

20 to 30 minutes of your time, once a week. Make an appointment for a Friendly Calls orientation session at OFA, and we can answer your questions and get you connected with an older Dutchess County resident who's interested in hearing from you.

We have a Friendly Calls orientation available on Thursday, December 7th – 2:00 pm. Space at orientations is limited. To make an appointment, email bjones@dutchessny.gov or call 845-486-2555. If you are unable to come to Poughkeepsie for an orientation, send an email to the address above and we'll work with you on setting up an orientation.

OFA also offers onsite orientations for Dutchess County workplaces with group volunteering programs. Contact OFA to find out more!

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Imagine that your 88-year-old mom in Beacon has been glad to adapt to the world of mobile technology, but she finds ride-sharing apps to be less than user-friendly. Or your 77-year-old dad in Red Hook has heard of Uber and Lyft and is interested but prefers his old reliable landline to a smartphone. They've got appointments to get to but can't always do it on their own.

The scenarios described above might also be your own situation.

The Office for the Aging is connecting Dutchess County's older adults with the non-emergency medical transportation they need, with help from "GoGoGrandparent" (GoGo for short), an on-demand ride-sharing service that's been expanding nationwide, including in Dutchess County.

GoGo is aimed at Dutchess County older adults (age 60+) who are not eligible for transportation via Medicaid and have no other means of transportation to non-emergency appointments.

During the pilot phase of this program, OFA and GoGo are providing a limited number of free non-emergency medical trips for Dutchess County older adults, within Dutchess County, wherever local Uber and Lyft drivers are available.

To register for your first GoGo ride, call OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555. Once registered, you'll receive further instructions on how to sign up for rides.

Note: To apply for access to free GoGo rides, a client must first register for the program by contacting OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555. Contacting GoGo without first contacting OFA to register for the program can result in

being charged for rides.

OTHER TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

As required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Dutchess County Public Transit operates an ADA Complementary Paratransit Service for qualified individuals within Dutchess County and the City of Poughkeepsie. The service is available to eligible individuals who live within three-quarters of a mile of a regularly scheduled bus route and who cannot use the regular fixed route service. The service is available on the days and during the hours that the fixed route operates.

Complementary paratransit service is defined as next day service. Reservations can be scheduled up to seven days in advance. Callers on Saturday, Sunday, and holidays will be connected to a voice-mail box. Please leave your name and phone number, and you will be contacted within 24 hours to arrange your transportation. When scheduling a reservation, please provide the dispatcher with complete addresses for all pick-up and drop-off locations, and any special needs. Dutchess County Public Transit may provide the service with any appropriate vehicle. For more information, call 845-473-8424 or visit www.dutchessny.gov/publictransit, which includes maps of all Dutchess County Public Transit bus routes.

VA Castle Point (845-831-2000 extension 5145) transports veterans to appointments at Veterans Hospitals.

Pawling Resource Center (845-855-3459, www.pawlingresourcecenter.org) serves Town and Village of Pawling older adults.

North East Community Center (518-592-1399 extension 101 or nedt@necmillerton.org) provides transportation services for residents of Amenia, Dover, North East/Millerton, Stanford and Washington/Millbrook, via the Care Car; and also coordinates the Northeast Dutchess Transit Program serving Pine Plains, Stanford and Washington/Millbrook.

Friends of Seniors (845-485-1277, friendsofseniors.org) provides non-emergency medical transportation (and other services) for the frail elderly (60+). As of August 2023, Friends of Seniors services have been taken over by Catholic Charities Community Services of Dutchess County.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

HV Young Professionals' Toy Drive runs through Dec. 14

The Hudson Valley Young Professionals, a committee of the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce, is once again holding its annual Toy Drive to benefit local families. All toys donated will go to families served by Angels of Light, based in Millbrook. The public is encouraged to donate new, unwrapped toys through Dec. 14 at any of the following locations:

- Foam & Wash Shell Express & Car Wash, 1942 South Road, Poughkeepsie
- Foam & Wash Car Wash & Laundromat, 1520 US-9, Wappingers Falls

Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 400, Poughkeepsie

Those that donate will receive a free Simoniz Hot Wax & Shine car wash for use at any Foam & Wash location.

New Chess Club in Hyde Park

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

Red Hook Chamber Holiday party

The Red Hook Chamber of Commerce is hosting a holiday party on Thursday, Dec. 14, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Elmendorph Inn. We'll have holiday treats from local vendors including: Food from Brigitte Bistro, Misto, and The Corner Counter, Hot mulled cider and pies from Migliorelli Farm, Beer from Lasting Joy Brewery and Wine from Sipperley's. Tickets are \$15 for Chamber members and \$25 for the general public.

Rhinebeck Chamber Holiday Breakfast set Dec. 7

The Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce's festive December Holiday Breakfast is set Thursday, Dec. 7, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Socialize and mingle with friends while savoring the delightful melodies of the season courtesy of the Rhinebeck High School Choir. Breakfast provided. Admission to members is \$20, non-members \$25. Advance registration is requested at www.rhinebeckchamber.com.

FDR Library sets 'Tora! Tora! Tora!' film as Pearl Harbor commemoration

In commemoration of Pearl Harbor Day, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum will host a film screening of the 1970 Academy Award winning film, "Tora! Tora! Tora!" at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7. The program will be held in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR

Presidential Library and Home. This is a free public event, but registration is required to attend in-person. Visit fdrlibrary.org to register.

Billed as "the most spectacular film ever made," "Tora! Tora! Tora" is a dramatic re-enactment of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 as told from both American and Japanese perspectives.

Cookie Walk set Dec. 9 in Rhinebeck

Rhinebeck Reformed Church, at 6368 Mill St., will hold a Cookie Walk Sale in Cordes Hall on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 9 a.m. until "all gone." Snow date: Sunday, Dec. 10, starting at noon. Come early for best selection. Choose from over 40 kinds of home-baked cookies made by our church's best bakers. \$12/lb. Visit www.rhinebeckreformed.org for more information.

Land Bank sets two meetings

The Dutchess County-Poughkeepsie Land Bank Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13 and Wednesday Jan. 10 in person at Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll St., Poughkeepsie in the library. Members of the public are encouraged and welcome to attend.

To submit comments, for more information, including any requests for reasonable accommodation, including Sign Language Interpreters (requires 5 days' notice), call (845) 293-3547 or email info@dcpoklandbank.org.

Rhinebeck Soup Sale on Dec. 14

Rhinebeck Grange #896 will sponsor one more Fall Rhinebeck Soup Sale this year on Thursday, Dec. 14. \$10/quart, takeout only, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m., at the Rhinebeck Firehouse, corner of Shatzell and Orchard, Rhinebeck. Pick up at the side window on Orchard. Email JoBaer2@gmail.com to get the soup choices; or call Joe Baer at (845) 876-6488 for more information.

Ray Joyce Memorial Blood Drive

Clinton Alliance Church along with help from our Clinton friends, Seniors Helping Seniors, is holding the 3rd Annual Ray Joyce Memorial Blood Drive on Wednesday, Dec. 27, from 3 to 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center located at 1192 Centre Road in the Town of Rhinebeck. We ask folks to call the NY Blood Center at 800-933-2566 or visit the New York Blood Center website at NYBC.ORG to sign up. Walk-ins are always welcome.

FARMERS MARKETS

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

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

Family Services' Feldman receives Athena Award from Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce

Family Services announced that its CEO Leah Feldman has been awarded the prestigious Athena Award by the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce. This award recognizes leaders who embody the Athena Leadership Model, emphasizing strong leadership traits exemplified in women, such as collaboration, courage, and advocacy.

Throughout her tenure at Family Services, Feldman has passionately focused on combating domestic violence, embodying her commitment to the organization's mission. Her role has been piv-

otal in elevating the agency's impact in the Hudson Valley, from her initial position as a Victim Advocate to her leadership as CEO.

Feldman's dedication extends beyond her professional responsibilities. She co-founded "The Brave Project," a program that addresses real-life issues faced by young girls, such as cyberbullying, building healthy relationships, and self-defense. This initiative not only empowers young girls with essential life skills but also fosters leadership qualities, reflecting Leah's holistic approach to

serving her community.

Feldman's commitment to these causes and her recent 50-mile fundraising run for Family Services, showcases her dedication to raising awareness and funds for the organization. This event, which took place on the scenic trails of Ulster and Dutchess Counties, not only highlighted her personal commitment to the cause, but raised over \$50,000 that will be directly used to fund Family Service programs.

The receipt of the Athena Award is a testament to her exceptional leadership, her impact on the community, and her

dedication to improving the lives of others, especially in advocating for and empowering women and girls.

We congratulate Leah Feldman and all the remarkable women receiving this recognition on their well-deserved honor and look forward to their continued leadership and impacts.

A ceremony and celebration of all nine 2023 Athena Award honorees occurred November 29th at the Villa Borghese in Wappingers Falls.

For more information about Family Services and its programs, please visit www.familyservicesny.org.



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Red Hook team takes part in robotics tournament at John Jay

By Kristine Coulter

The NY Excelsior John Jay FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Qualifier for robotics was held in the Wappingers Central School District on December 2. The tournament brought together high school teams from across the state to compete in the 2023-2024 season game, "Centerstage," presented by RTX. The event took place at John Jay Senior High School, in East Fishkill. The opening ceremony began at 10 a.m. The awards ceremony was held in the evening. There were 22 teams that were registered. FIRST, which is a non-profit organization, stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology." FIRST was founded by Dean Kamen (also the inventor of the segway) in 1989.

The participants learn valuable STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) skills as well as the social skills that are developed working in teams to accomplish goals," stated James Amodio, Conceptual Physics Teacher, Regents Physics Teacher and PLTW: Principles of Engineering Teacher.

Teams at the competition were focused on both winning their matches and judging well in the areas of robot design, community outreach, it was stated.

A John Jay robotics team hosts tournament

The assistant tournament director for this event was John Jay student Anish. The senior has been a member of the robotics team since his freshman year.

"This is the second year we're running it (the tournament)," explained Anish, who is the president of the John Jay robotics team, The Jaybots.

"I think these tournaments are a great way to learn we're interested in engineering and a great way to find out about engineering," he said.

The John Jay Jaybots team did not compete in this specific tournament this year due to the fact they were hosting the event.

However, John Jay's B Team, "Phoenix Robotics," came in 17th place.

Kate, who is in her senior high school year, is another member of the Jaybots at John Jay.

"I've learned a lot of organizational



The RoboRaiders, the team from Red Hook Central Schools, participated in the NY Excelsior John Jay FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Qualifier for robotics in East Fishkill on December 2. With the team members is head referee Steve Kocik (left). Photo by Kristine Coulter

skills. And to constantly work better," said Kate, who was the lead queue.

It is not just about a robot, Kate explained. "It's also about your mentality. And to have a positive mentality, you'll have that wonderful experience as a team," she remarked.

RoboRaiders from Red Hook participate

The Red Hook RoboRaiders from Red Hook Central Schools participated in the day's event.

"We have never seen this much [interest] in robotics," said Wade, the team captain for RoboRaiders. Next school year, he said they are going to begin a junior varsity team.

"We'll impart what we learn this year

and put it into next year," said Wade.

As for the day's tournament, Wade exuded confidence in his team. "Today, I think we're going to do great," he said.

RoboRaiders team member Quinn stated, "Everybody is here and it's great to have a common interest."

Red Hook team member Rosie remarked a friend from soccer said that robotics was fun, which is how she decided to join the team. "Once I got into the building aspect, I said 'really cool,'" remarked Rosie.

Ben Hoen is one of the coaches and a mentor for the RoboRaiders. He noted that at 7 o'clock the night before, the team's robot "had a few problems" and they resolved them.

"I think they're going to do great," said Hoen. He said the tournament "is spreading the word about robotics."

Head Referee Steve Kocik said, "the judges will look for a well-rounded team."

Dutchess Day School students get involved with STEM

Amada Ruhe was with Dutchess Day School and the head coach of that team.

The students on this team were in grades 5-8. They were part of Masterpiece which takes arts and technology and puts them together, she said.

The teams learn about coding, engineering and core values such as inclusion, teamwork and have fun, she said. They were presenting in the high school lobby.

Throughout the day, spectators were able to view robot matches and meet teams in the pits.

The SharkBots from Mamaroneck, in Westchester County, came in first place. Robo Raiders from Scarsdale, Westchester County, came in second while the RoBovines from Ballston Spa in Saratoga County were in third at this tournament.

Red Hook's RoboRaiders move on due to winning the INSPIRE Award, and the RoBovines move forward for winning 2nd place INSPIRE. The Sharkbots move forward based on winning the matches in the Tournament.

For further information on the event, go to <https://sites.google.com/wcsdny.org/john-jay-high-school-robotics2/home>.

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Dec. 7: Menorah Lighting Ceremony, Schoolhouse, Clinton Town Hall, 1215 Centre Rd., Rhinebeck. There will be a Chanukah celebration with Menorah Lighting on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 5 p.m., at the Schoolhouse Building. Refreshments will follow at Clinton Town Hall.

Dec. 9: Rhinecliff Festival of Lights, Downtown Rhinecliff. Residents walk through the hamlet visiting with neighbors while enjoying a complimentary cup of hot cocoa from The Epicurean and a holiday cookie for Kips Tavern, beginning at 5 p.m. Pick up Luminaria kits from Morton Library (suggested donation \$20). (845) 876-2903 or sandy@mortonrhinecliff.org

Dec. 10: Holiday Cookie Swap, Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Bring 3 dozen cookies and plan to swap, 2-4 p.m. Taste, socialize and drink hot cocoa. More info: (845) 876-2903

Dec. 16: Wreaths Across America Event, Stanford. The town will honor its vets with wreath-laying ceremonies at the following locations: St. Mary's Cemetery, wreath laying 11 a.m., ceremony at noon; Sutherland Cemetery, wreath laying and ceremony at 11:30 a.m.; Stanford Cemetery, wreath laying at 10:30 a.m., ceremony at noon. All volunteers are invited to an informal lunch at 12:30 p.m. at the Stanford Free Library's Community Room. Call (845) 868-7320 to volunteer and register for the free lunch.

HISTORIC HOLIDAY EVENTS

Through Dec. 23: Guided Holiday Tours, Wilderstein Historic Site, 330 Morton Rd., Rhinebeck. Enjoy festive yuletide decor showcased throughout the mansion. Tour includes the landscape, history of the family, exterior of the mansion, first and second floors, and video (there are multiple steps, not ADA accessible). Tours offered Fri., Sat. & Sun., at noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. & 3 p.m. Admission \$18 per person. Advance reservations are not required. Please arrive about 15 minutes early. (845) 876- or www.wilderstein.org

Dec. 9: Free Holiday Events, The FDR Presidential Library and Museum and the Home of FDR National Historic Site, Rte. 9, Hyde Park; also Val-Kill, Rte. 9G, Hyde Park. The FDR Museum will be open to visitors free of charge from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Home of FDR (Springwood) will have tours available from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be holiday decorations, refreshments and special activities beginning at noon in the Henry A. Wallace Center. The annual Children's Reading Festival (1:30-4 p.m.) and free photo time with Santa (1-3 p.m.) will take place in the Wallace Center, as will Holiday Cards for Sailors (1:30-4 p.m.). In addition, Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site (Val-Kill) will be decorated for the holidays and open from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Children's Reading Festival, Santa and Holiday Cards for Sailors will be held in the Henry A. Wallace Center, from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Children's book authors will read from and sign copies of their books. Both the Home and the Roosevelt Library study will be decorated for the holidays as they were during the Roosevelt presidency. Admission is free to the Home and Library throughout the day. Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site (Val-Kill) will also be free, decorated for the holidays, and open to visitors from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. More info: Cliff Laube, Roosevelt Library, (845) 486-7745; or Franceska Macsali Urbin, National Park Service, (845) 229-9115.

Dec. 10 & 17: Holiday Hunt in the Mansion, Locust Grove Estate, 2683 South Rd. (Rte. 9), Poughkeepsie. Family program featuring an entertaining and educational scavenger hunt inside the almost 200-year-old Mansion for hobbies, toys, and games the Young Family enjoyed at Locust Grove in the years 1895-1920. Find ice skates, skis, tennis racquets, a saddle, card games, a doll house, musical instruments, and more among the 20 decorated Christmas trees in the mansion. First tickets at noon; last tickets 3 p.m. Holiday Hunt is best suited for kids ages 4 and older. Reservations of timed tickets recommended. The hunt is not wheelchair or stroller accessible. Cost \$10/person in advance, \$15 at the door if tickets are available; children under age 4 are free. www.lgny.org

Dec. 27-29: Arts and Crafts Family Program, Locust Grove Estate, 2683 South Rd. (Rte. 9), Poughkeepsie. Enjoy two of Annette Young's favorite arts and crafts at Locust Grove; painting and embroidery, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Enjoy looking at Annette's sketches, watercolor paintings, and embroidery samplers from the early 1900s, and then, make some of your own. Participants will learn basic watercolor and needle work skills to make a special Locust Grove piece to take home. Ages 5 and older. Cost \$17.50/person. Everyone needs a ticket, as this is a fundraiser for Locust Grove. This program is wheelchair and stroller accessible, so are the restrooms and visitor's center. www.lgny.org

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIRS/BAZAARS/AUCTIONS

Dec. 6: Skylkill Holiday Auction, Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, 1168 Rte. 55, Lagrangeville. Skylkill's members donate beautifully handcrafted items for you to purchase. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and bidding begins at 10:30 a.m. Bid on items that have been stitched, sewn, embroidered, knitted, crocheted, beaded, quilted, woven, tatting, painted and more. All sales are final; cash or check only. For more information visit www.facebook.com/SkylkillEGA or email to EGASkylkill@gmail.com.

Dec. 9: St. Nicholas Bazaar, Grace Church, 3328 Franklin Ave., Millbrook. Annual St. Nicholas Fine Craft 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. Free admission, door prizes, and home-made holiday cookies for sale at \$15/pound. More info at www.gracemillbrook.org.

HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES

Dec. 7-15: Theatre on the Road presents "A Christmas Carol," various locations. Dinner theater production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." You'll be transported back in time to Victorian England, where you'll be greeted by carolers singing merry songs and actors dressed in amazing costumes. Get ready to be fully immersed in the story as you dine with the Cratchit family and beloved Tiny Tim, be in awe of the Ghosts of Christmas, and witness Scrooge's transformation firsthand. Don't miss out on this heart-warming and unforgettable experience that's perfect for the whole family. The schedule: Dec. 7: Eldred Preserve, Eldred, NY. Tickets and information via EventBrite. Dec. 10: Beekman Arms, Rhinebeck. Two dinner shows: Noon and 5 p.m. Tickets and information via EventBrite. Dec. 14: The Venue Uptown at the Best Western, Kingston. Tickets and information via EventBrite. Dec. 15: The Meadowbrook, New Windsor. Tickets and information: 845-562-5918 or 845-475-7972

Dec. 8: 'No-hush' Performance of "The Nutcracker," The Bardavon, 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie. Dutchess County invites residents of all abilities and their families to a free, sensory-sensitive performance of the holiday classic ballet, "The Nutcracker," presented by the New Paltz Ballet Theatre, 6 p.m. The show will be a "no-hush" performance meant to foster an informal, non-judgmental atmosphere where audience members can experience and respond to the performance in their own way. The Bardavon will adjust both the lighting and sound to make the experience more enjoyable for those on the autism spectrum or who experience sensory concerns. Reservations are required online at dutchessny.gov/nutcracker.

Dec. 8: Holiday Celebration

Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Celebrating the December holidays of Chanukah, Christmas, Kwanzaa and New Year's Eve through short stories, plays and songs, 7 p.m. Produced by Richard Rizzo and the Rhinebeck Readers Theatre. \$10 contribution suggested to benefit the library. Reservations recommended. (845) 876-2903

Dec. 8-9, 15-16: Holidelic, Kaatsbaan Cultural Park, 120 Broadway, Tivoli. GRAMMY-nominated performer and percussionist Everett Bradley brings a sensational holiday funk revue, 8 p.m. Critics have described Holidelic as "a flashy, bass-heavy retro-futuristic take on the holidays" (The New Yorker) and "a holiday funk-tacular" (Time Out New York). Bradley, known for his work with Bruce Springsteen and Bon Jovi, takes on the role of Papadelic, Funk's Father Christmas, an amalgamation of George Clinton and Santa Claus. Features original songs and an ensemble of top-notch musicians. Tickets \$45 General Admission (seats and dance floor space). www.kaatsbaan.org

Dec. 8-10: Catskill Ballet Theatre Presents "The Nutcracker," Ulster Performing Arts Center, 601 Broadway, Kingston. Follow the enchanted adventures of young Clara from a lavish Christmas party to a battle with an evil King Mouse, and then to the magnificent Land of Sweets where she meets the Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier, and is entertained with delightful dances from around the world. Performances: Fri., 7 p.m.; Sat., 4 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m. Tickets \$30 adults; \$25 kids, seniors & students. (845) 473-5288, (845) 339-6088 or boxoffice@bardavon.org. Courtesy photo

Dec. 8-23: "Little Women," The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. Rhinebeck Theatre Society's new adaptation of the beloved and timeless coming-of-age novel (featuring familiar Christmas carols). Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$27. (845) 876-3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

Dec. 9: The Roe Jan Bluegrass Band, Copake Grange Theater, 628 Empire Rd., Copake. Classic bluegrass, country & old-time fiddle tunes, 7-9 p.m. This evening of spirited down home music is suitable for everyone. Tickets are \$15 each or what one can pay. Advance reservations are not required and tickets may be purchased at the door. More info at copakegrange@gmail.com or www.copakegrange.com. Courtesy photo

Dec. 9-10: "The Nutcracker," Bardavon, 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie. New Paltz Ballet Theatre returns for its 24th season to present this classic holiday event featuring dancers from the New York City Ballet. Peter and Lisa Naumann, co-directors of the NPBT, have brought many fine regional artists together to create this beautiful production. Dancers, designers, and technicians have all contributed to make this Nutcracker a visual delight. Come along with Marie as she dreams of a fierce battle between giant mice and toy soldiers followed by a magical journey through the Land of Snow to the Kingdom of Sweets. Performances: Sat., 2 & 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$36 adult, \$31 member, \$30 child. (845) 473-2072, (845) 845-339-6088 or boxoffice@bardavon.org. Courtesy photo



HOLIDAY SOCIALS

Dec. 9: Holiday Penny Social, Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. Stanford Grange #808 will host its annual Holiday Penny Social. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and calling begins at 7 p.m. Christmas items will be featured. There will be penny prizes, homemade baked goods, \$1 table, door prizes, 50/50 raffle and theme baskets. Refreshments will be served by the Grange Youth. For more information, call the Grange Hall at (845) 868-1700 or Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

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Clockwise from top left, cousins Iris Sullivan of Arlington, Ma., left, and Athena Dixon of Montville, NJ are ready for the Sinterklaas parade after putting together their costumes at the Crown & Branches workshop. The Faeries of the Forest and the Grumpuses entertain the crowds. Professor Daniel Kronauer joins Sinterklaas director Jeanne Fleming in the opening ceremony. Bond Street Stilt Band and Michael Rossman of the Bindlestiff Family Circus perform. Ant banners were everywhere.

crowds at Sinterklaas festival

Photos by Curtis Schmidt



Clockwise from top left, the Pokingbrook Morris team performs on the lawn of the Beekman Arms. The Queen Ant welcomes visitors to her Court. The Honk Family Band entertains the crowd. Betty and the Baby Boomers perform at the Open Gate Coffee House. The friendly Polar Bear dances during the opening ceremony.

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Stuffed peppers

They're just the thing for a satisfying meal on a busy weeknight – or anytime!

'Tis the season of comfort food, and so I think we should revisit a classic. Why, you ask? Because this particular one is healthier than most, easy to prepare, can be made ahead of time and is a complete meal in itself. It's also colorful and, of course, tasty. It could be just the thing for busy weeknight dinners, after shopping or while putting up the tree. I even think Santa would appreciate one as a break from all those cookies. I'm talking stuffed peppers!

If you're a little disappointed, I understand. Maybe you were hoping for a creamy, cheesy pasta dish, probably tops on most people's comfort food lists. As a kid, stuffed peppers weren't my favorite, but then I was a picky eater. But as an adult? Quite often they'd be my go-to for lunch since they were portion controlled, hit all the right sweet and savory notes and always satisfied. Even on those days when I wasn't sure it was what I wanted it always, always was. So let's take another look, shall we?

My mother has made stuffed peppers for as long as I can remember. They're

one of my father's favorites, after all. I confess that they were on my list of things I'd never made myself, mainly because I just never thought I could improve on her recipe. I'd never even asked for her recipe to give them a try. I suppose it's also because, as already mentioned, they weren't at the top of my list of favorites. But growing up and becoming a very adventurous eater had me rethinking that, so when I saw them on a hot bar one day many years ago, I thought, what the heck? It's time. Boy am I glad I did!

They really are pretty perfect, all self-contained goodness and just the thing when I didn't bring lunch from home. The time came when I realized I sure could make them myself, so the experimenting began. I took inspiration from mom's version, those I'd gotten at the hot bar and recipes I'd researched and pulled elements I liked best from all of them. Now I love making them as much as eating them, and this recipe makes enough to share or have for a few days so I can take a break from cooking when time is

tight. The secret is the filling, which I could just eat with a spoon (OK, I DO just eat with a spoon), and any left over is also great in tacos. Hang onto your Santa hats, cuz here we go!

STUFFED PEPPERS

This recipe calls for 6-8 bell peppers but, depending on their size and whether you want left over filling, you could stretch it to 10. You don't need to pre-cook the peppers: they turn out perfect every time when they go in raw and hold their shape to boot, which is ideal. Feel free to play with ingredients as you see fit. Swap out the ground beef for ground turkey or pork, sausage or your favorite meatless alternative. Make them ahead by prep-ing the peppers and filling and storing them separately in the fridge. Fill and bake when you're ready to serve.

INGREDIENTS

1/2 cup uncooked rice
6-8 bell peppers (any color works but I like red and green for this time of year)
Olive oil (2 tablespoons for the skillet and more to drizzle)
1 medium onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
3 tablespoons tomato paste
1lb ground beef
1 (14oz) can diced tomatoes (no need to drain liquid)
Salt, pepper and dried oregano, to taste
Shredded cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese (1-2 cups)

METHOD

Prepare rice according to package



A stuffed pepper is a complete meal in itself. Photo by Vicki Frank Day

directions.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Line a 9x13 baking dish with foil (for easier cleanup) and set aside.

Cut tops off peppers and remove cores, seeds and any fleshy ribs. Shake upside down to remove any stray seeds. It's fine if you don't get them all. Set aside.

In a large skillet, heat olive oil. Add onion and cook over medium heat until soft, stirring occasionally, about 7 minutes. Add garlic and cook 3 minutes more before stirring in tomato paste. Stir and cook 2 minutes. The paste may not melt

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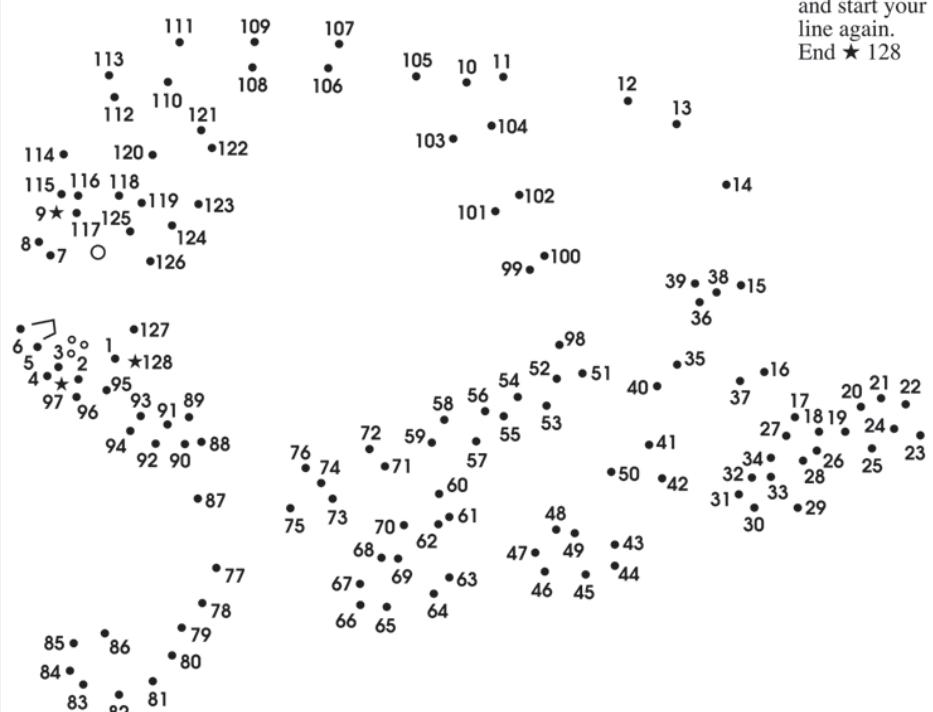
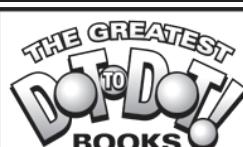


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DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

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By David Kalvitis

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Decemberfest at Eastdale

Lots of new places to check out during the holidays

My pig was slaughtered here at Frank Brothers' Farm, on the Pleasant Valley Road, just east of Poughkeepsie. Then I blinked. Forty years later, I'm sitting in the same spot, sipping a Bud Lite at Tomo Asian Fusion restaurant. Eastdale Village sprang up like a field of mushrooms after an autumn shower. Suddenly, 23 local shops have appeared. After I finished my beer, Sue and I set out to visit every one of them, in anticipation of the Eastdale Village Decemberfest, happening 4-8 p.m., December 8 and 9. We wondered what special gifts might be on offer for the holidays:

- The Crafted Kup and the Bakery at CK – Special Snowflake latte for the holidays, CK cereal yogurt and fruit cup, gift certificates. All pastries are baked on site.

- Freddy B – Named for the owner Beth Madsen's dog, Freddy Beau. Cozy sweaters, fleeces, stocking stuffers, Taylor Swift inspired gifts. Not sure if TS will make an appearance.

- Pizzeria Posto – Gift certificates for their wood fired pizza and caesar salads. Margarita pizza is the most popular at holiday time.

- Ye Olde Gift Shoppe – Special tea tastings (Harney & Sons Teas) during Decemberfest. Wooden roses, tabletop candle warmer make great gifts. Owner Sonya "the candle lady" hosts candle making seminars. Call 845-454-1725.

- Eastdale Avenue Bagels – Holiday eggnog and cinnamon cream cheese to spread on their traditional (boiled then baked) bagels, which I've heard are delicious. Gift cards available. Closes at 3 pm.

- Lily & Marigold – Co-owner Mary Bligh recommends her curated gift boxes: Self Care Spa, Cozy Cocktail, Cheese, and Coffee Lover. Decemberfest event – same day wood engraving on selected items.

- Lily's Natural Pet Store – Manager

Sam Paraszti's top picks for the holidays – coffee wood (heavy chew sticks), Barkuterie Box for Dogs from Bell's Bakeries and Grandma Cozy's Collars, made by owner Patrick Rousell's grandmother.

- Pampered Pooch Grooming and Boutique – Christmas cookies for dogs, clothes – sweaters, jackets, pj's and more. Specials for Decemberfest: Adults, buy one white paw squeaky toy and get a white claw drink, Children, buy a Hot Chocolate Toy and receive a hot cocoa bomb.

- Doughnut Dolly – Alana suggested gift cards and candles for the holiday. Special doughnuts for the season – chocolate candy cane, boston cream, hot cocoa, gingerbread cream cheese and chocolate cream filled.

- Utensil Kitchenware – June told me, "People come in and say they don't need anything, but then say, 'I didn't know I needed this!'" Lots to choose from for foodies and chefs. They offer knife sharpening.

- Amanda's Macaron Shoppe – Boba Buddies plush toys and special macaroons for the holidays – gingerbread cheesecake, sugar cookie, peppermint bark and spiced hot chocolate. My granddaughter Priya loves the bubble tea.

- Reconnect Foods Street Food Concepts – Owner David Cruz is offering \$2 tacos and \$3 bao (filled steamed bun) during Decemberfest. The cuisine is Latin American fusions, all made on site.

- Hudson Valley Floral – Owner Donna Peck will be serving cocktails from 4 to 8 p.m. during Decemberfest. Her wreath making seminars are sold out, but bouquets, arrangements and poinsettias are top notch. Donna's work is decorating Skye Studio.

- Skye Studio – Special gift bundles. The "Angel Tree" offers patrons the opportunity to "adopt" a needy child. Gift



Above: Freddy Beau Photo by Mark Adams. Below: Sam Paraszti, Lilly's Natural Pet Store. Photo by Sue Adams

certificates available for their hair salon services.

- Daffodil's Gift Shoppe – Jellycat stuffed animals are the new beanie babies. Specialties in Brighton jewelry, elegant baby apparel, Mayoral children's fashion and more.

- Chakra Bowls Cafe – Best of the Hudson Valley for Aai Bowls and Vegan menu. The "avocado on the shelf" promotion promises a different special for each day in December. Open late for Decemberfest.

- The Refillery Storehouse – Holiday baskets, sugar cookies in a jar, hot cocoa bag mixes. Specializing in package-free bulk food.

- Bertolozzi Physical Therapy – The staff was decorating for the holidays. "We're full of holiday cheer," they assured me.

- State Farm – Open late for Decemberfest, giving out grab bags full of "interesting stuff." Agent Catherine Ryan says the best gift you can give is a life insurance policy with your loved one

as beneficiary.

- Sims and Associates Podiatry – They offer an assortment of footwear for purchase, in addition to their full service podiatry practice.

- Rossi & Sons – The new location at Eastdale ("alimentari") adds to Rossi's reputation as the best deli maybe in the world. Panatone bread, nutella lattes and quaresimali are among the holiday favorites. Catering available.

- Tomo Asian Fusion Restaurant – Sushi, hibachi style without the traditional table, and a fullbar. Sue and I can attest to the quality. Word on the street has it that two more restaurants are in the works – a burger joint and a cajun bistro.

- Spoons Ice Cream & More – After you've visited all of the above shops, stop in for delicious ice cream and a milkshake, open until 9:30 p.m.

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



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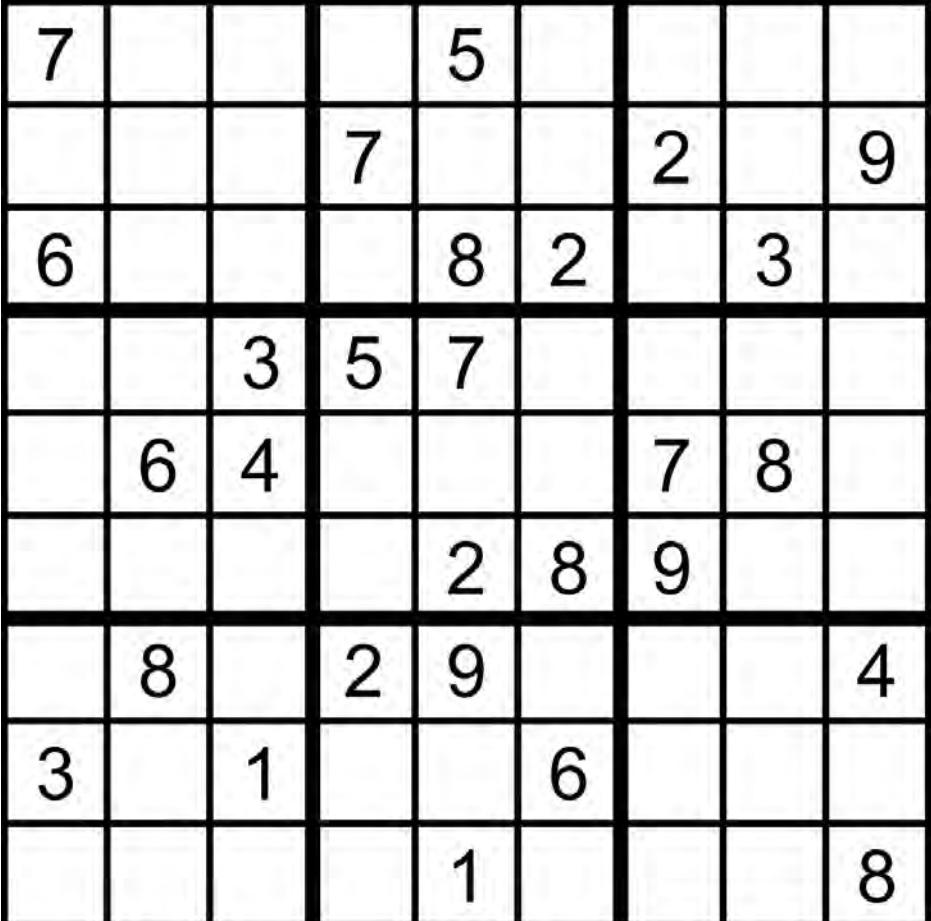
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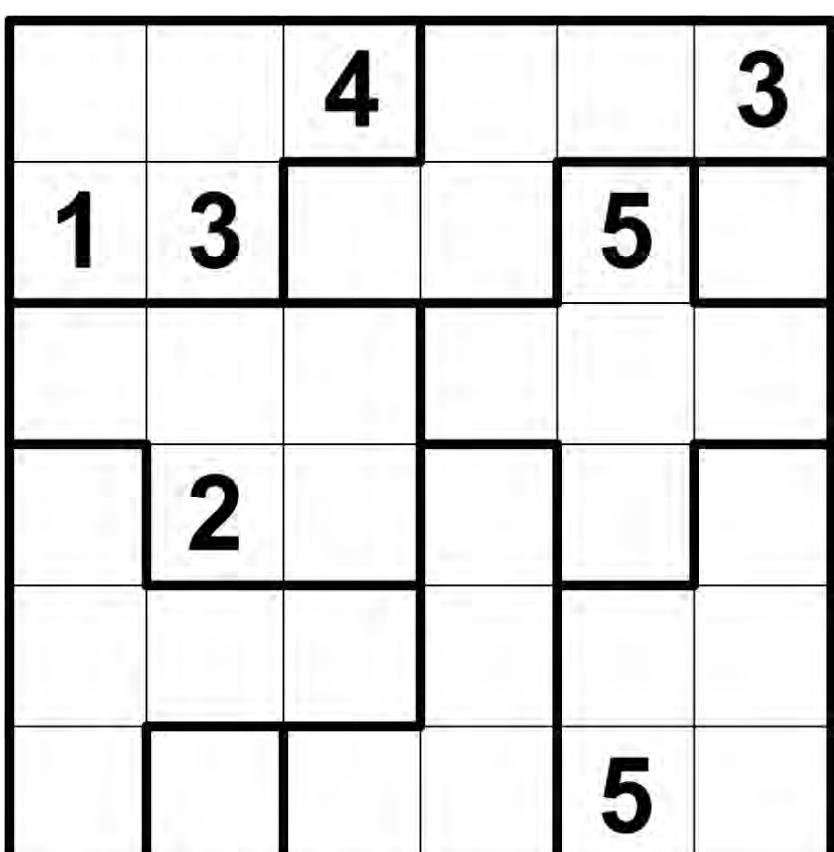
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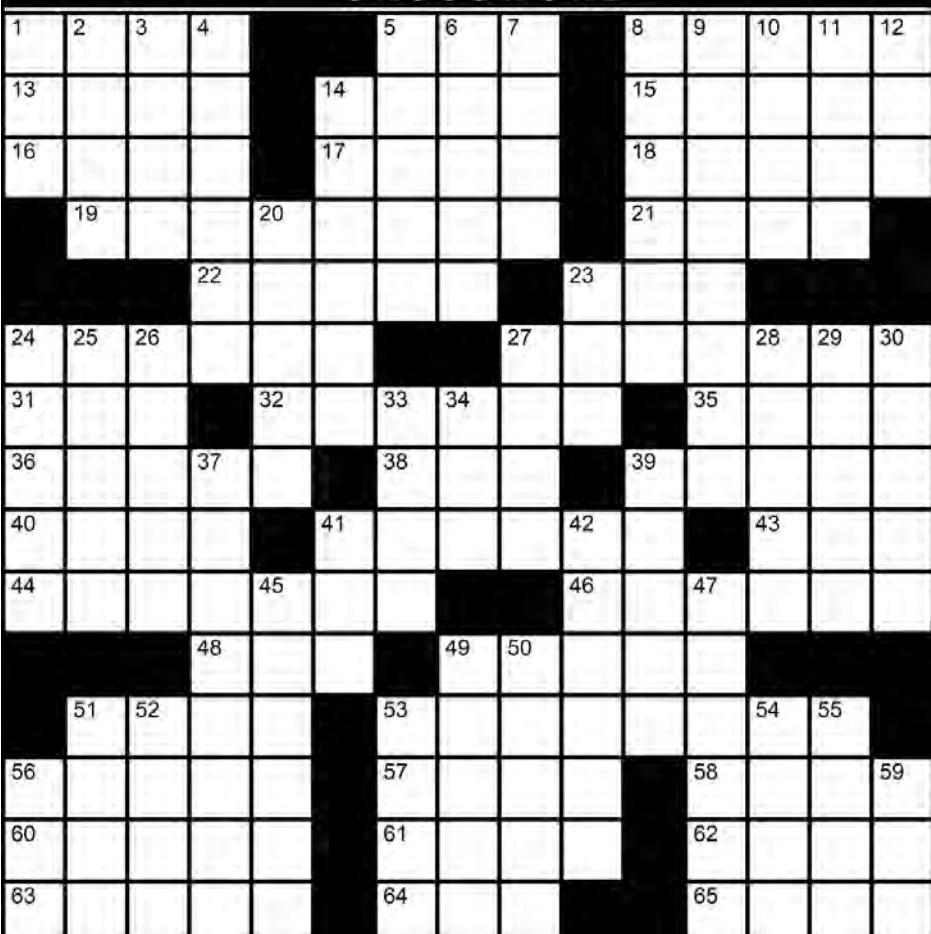
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1. **Heaven's on Fire" band
5. *Setting of "Cheers" TV show
8. Derive
13. "I'm ____ you!"
14. Gas station brand
15. Affirmatives
16. Image in Orthodox Church
17. *Robert Wagner or Stephanie Powers, on TV
18. *Vote for H.W. Bush, e.g.
19. *Weird Al's last name
21. Forum, pl.
22. Dog-____ book
23. Clingy plant
24. Spiky succulent
27. Accumulates (2 words)
31. Turkish military leader
32. Consequence
35. *Wintour of Vogue
36. Zoroaster follower
38. E in B.C.E.
39. #53 Down, third person singular
40. Do like exhaust pipe
41. Hertz' offering
43. Extra cost
44. Expert, in U.K. (2 words)
46. *Ricky Martin's boy band
48. Arrival time acronym
49. *Piano player Lee Curreri on "Fame"
51. *Baltimore player
53. *Mikhail Gorbachev's policy
56. Recipient of money
57. *Umberto Eco's "The ____ of the Rose"
58. Oration station
60. Some tournaments
61. In the thick of
62. Place, in French
63. Not at all good
64. Bitty
65. Other than what is

DOWN

1. Ornamental pond dweller
2. Deep black
3. Greek promenade
4. Shakespeare's output
5. * Lou Reed's "Home of the ____"
6. Like thick smoke
7. Campus military org.
8. Attractive to look at
9. **Back to the Future" car
10. One on drugs
11. Cecum, pl.
12. Is, in Paris
14. "A horse is ____ ____, of course, of course"
20. Resin-producing tree
23. Took the bait
24. *Christopher Reeve's sartorial style in "Superman II"
25. Old World lizard
26. Indigenous person from Suriname or Guyana
27. Surveyor's map
28. Mix-up
29. Not married
30. Promenade in Spain
33. Tournament ranking
34. Remains container
37. *Washington's volcano Mount ____
39. *Close of "The Big Chill"
41. Genetic initials
42. Entertained
45. Affirm to be true
47. Cavatappi or udon, sing.
49. Scapegoat's due
50. Fiber crop variety
51. Head of family
52. Deed hearing
53. Chew on
54. Schooner canvas
55. *TV's "Family ____"
56. Sound of explosion
59. **Peggy ____ Got Married"

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Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through Dec. 29:** Three new art exhibitions in their Visual Art Galleries. Featured in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. is painter Arlene Seymour; and at 12 Vassar St. is photographer Lijah Friedman in the Reception Gallery and painter Rachel Williams in the Hancock Gallery. Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access. More info: cunneenhackett.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/thelob>

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Photo by Vicki Frank Day

to combine well, but that's OK.

Add ground beef by breaking it up with your hands. Stir to combine into onion mixture. Cook until browned with no pink showing, about 7 minutes, further breaking it up with a wooden spoon. Drain excess fat if you prefer.

Stir in rice, diced tomatoes, salt, pepper and oregano. Reduce heat and cook, stirring occasionally, until some of the liquid has reduced, about 5 minutes.

Drizzle inside of peppers with a little olive oil. Spoon filling into each pepper about halfway. Add a little of the shredded cheese to the center then more filling to the top.

Place peppers in the baking dish, top each with cheese and a sprinkle of oregano. Cover dish with foil (not too tight or the cheese will stick) and bake 35 minutes. Remove foil and continue to bake until cheese is melted and bubbling, 8-10 minutes more.

Whether you want a satisfying weeknight dinner, a make-ahead meal for this busy time of year or an easy yet comforting dish that cooks in the time it takes to set up the Christmas tree, stuffed peppers can be just the thing. They may not be the most elegant thing to serve, but with their beautiful colors, savory filling, melted cheese and perfect portions they're sure to win your heart as they did mine and warm the hearts of those you love. Enjoy!

Vicki Frank Day's background includes over two decades in various aspects of the food service industry. In addition, she has over 27 years' experience in marketing, graphic design, copy writing, food styling and research. She believes cooking should be a fun adventure, that food should be an experience and that every day can be a special occasion. Email her at vickiloves2cook@gmail.com.

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TO THE ABOVE
NAMED DEFEN-
DANTS:

YOU ARE
HEREBY SUM-
MONED to answer the
complaint in this ac-
tion and to serve a
copy of your answer,
or notice of appear-
ance on the attorneys
for the Plaintiff within
thirty (30) days after
the service of this
summons, exclusive

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of the day of service.
The United States of
America, if designated
as a defendant in this
action, may appear within
sixty (60) days of service
hereof. In case of your
failure to appear or answer
judgment will be taken
against you by default
for the relief demanded
in the complaint.

TO THE ABOVE
NAMED DEFEN-
DANTS: The forego-
ing Summons is
served upon you by
publication pursuant
to an Order of the Hon.
Maria G. Rosa, a Justice
of the Supreme Court,
Dutchess County, entered Nov.
6, 2023 and filed with
the complaint and
other papers in the
Dutchess County Clerk's
Office.

NOTICE OF NATURE
OF ACTION AND RELIEF
SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above
captioned action is to
foreclose a Consoli-
dation and/or Modifi-
ed Mortgage (hereinafter
"the Mortgage") to secure
\$186,180.00 and in-
terest, recorded in the
Dutchess County Clerk's
Office on December 27,
2012, in Document Number
01 2012 14101 covering
premises known as 96
Creek Road, Pough-
keepsie, NY 12601
a/k/a Section 6162,
Block 02, Lot 718719.
The relief sought in the
within action is a final
judgment directing
the sale of the prem-
ises described above
to satisfy the debt se-
cured by the Mortgage
described above.

Plaintiff designates
Dutchess County as
the place of trial.
Venue is based upon
the County in which
the mortgaged prem-
ises is situated.

NOTICE

YOU ARE IN DAN-
GER OF LOSING
YOUR HOME
IF YOU DO NOT RE-
SPOND TO THIS
SUMMONS AND
COMPLAINT BY
SERVING A COPY
OF THE ANSWER
ON THE ATTORNEY
FOR THE MORT-
GAGE

COMPANY WHO
FILED THIS FORE-
CLOSURE PRO-
CEEDING AGAINST
YOU AND FILING
THE ANSWER WITH
THE COURT, A DE-
FAULT JUDGMENT
MAY BE ENTERED
AND YOU CAN LOSE
YOUR HOME.

SPEAK TO AN AT-
TORNEY OR GO TO
THE COURT
WHERE YOUR
CASE IS PENDING
FOR FURTHER IN-
FORMATION ON
HOW TO ANSWER
THE SUMMONS
AND PROTECT
YOUR PROPERTY.
SENDING A PAY-
MENT TO YOUR
MORTGAGE COM-

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PANY WILL NOT
STOP THIS FORE-
CLOSURE ACTION.
YOU MUST RE-
SPOND BY SERV-
ING A COPY OF THE
ANSWER ON THE
ATTORNEY FOR

THE PLAINTIFF
(MORTGAGE COM-
PANY) AND FILING
THE ANSWER WITH
THE COURT.

Dated: September 7,
2023

Frank M. Cassara,
Esq.
Senior Associate
Attorney

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GROUP LLP

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Our File No.
22-092035
#100959

EXTENDING LOCAL
ORDERS 1,2&3 OF
EXECUTIVE ORDER
5/2023

EXTENSION TO
DECLARATION OF
LOCAL EMERGENCY
ORDERS DECLARED
BY DUTCHESS COUNTY
EXECUTIVE: Please
take notice that on November 29, 2023 at 12:00 am., pursuant to Article 2B of the New York State Executive Law, Article III of the Dutchess County Charter and Administrative Code Section 3.05, Acting Dutchess County Executive Order #1, 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.

REQUEST FOR BIDS
NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent,
County of Dutchess,
Poughkeepsie, New
York, hereby invites the
submission of sealed
bids for: Bid#RFB-DCP-
78-23

Parts for Heavy-Duty
Vehicles for Dutchess
County Public Transit
Bids will be received until
2:00 p.m. on the 21st
day of December 2023 at
the Dutchess County Division
of Central Services, 378 Violet
Avenue, Suite 2, Pough-
keepsie, New York
12601. Specifications
and bid forms may be
obtained by visiting our
[websi](http://www.dutchessny.gov)t
e <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

REQUEST FOR
EXPRESSION OF IN-
TEREST
NOTICE

The County of Dutchess,
Department of Public
Works, Poughkeepsie,
New York, hereby invites
the submission of sealed
responses for: #RFEOL-
DCB-20-23

Request For
Expression Of
Interest (RFEOL)
Professional Services
For Planning, Design,
Construction Docu-
ments,
Construction Adminis-
tration, Construction
Management
And Grant
Administration For
The Airport Support
Buildings Project At
Hudson Valley
Regional Airport
263 New Hackensack
Road,
Wappingers Falls, Ny
12590
Responses will be
received until 3:00 p.m.
on the 22nd day of Decem-
ber 2023 at the
Dutchess County Public
Works, 626 Dutchess
Turnpike, Poughkeepsie,
New York 12603,
Attn: Contract Special-
ist, Diane McKenna.
Specifications and
RFEOL forms may be ob-
tained by visiting our
[websi](http://www.dutchessny.gov)t
e <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities."

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ment", then selecting
"Bidding and RFP Op-
portunities" or [www.
bidnetdirect.com/](http://www.bidnetdirect.com/) new-
y o r k / c o u n t y - o f -
dutchess. For additional
information, call 845-
486-2121.

EXTENDING LOCAL
ORDERS 1,2&3 OF
EXECUTIVE ORDER
5/2023

EXTENSION TO DECLARA-
TION OF LOCAL
EMERGENCY ORDERS
DECLARED BY
DUTCHESS COUNTY
EXECUTIVE: Please

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS-
RFB-DCH-2023-26

NAME OF PROJECT:
**BOWDOIN PARK
PLAYGROUND IN-
STALLATION** Project
Description: furnish all
labor, material, equipment
and other facilities and items neces-
sary or proper for or in-
cidental to the installa-
tion of playground
equipment furnished
by Owner at Bowdoin
Park. The County of
Dutchess official bid
documents for this projec-
tare 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-y o r k / c o u n t y - o f -
dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities."

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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 for the above project will be received by: Caroline Miller, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 on or before 11:00AM Friday, December 22, 2023, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be attended through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud via Teams, will need to call into the phone number listed below. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All calls will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 250 757 409 036 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 Friday December 15, 2023 and emailed to Caroline Miller at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. The anticipated start of construction is August 1, 2024; the anticipated substantial completion date is November 1, 2024. Failure to meet these dates may result in liquidated damages. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2023013225 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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SUPREME COURT
OF THE STATE OF
NEW YORK
COUNTY OF
DUTCHESS
INDEX NO.
2023-51579

Plaintiff designates
DUTCHESS as the
place of trial situs of
the real property

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Mortgaged premises:
4335 ALBANY POST
ROAD, HYDE PARK,
NY 12538

Section: 6065,
Block: 20,
Lot: 855142
FEDERAL HOME
LOAN MORTGAGE
CORPORATION, AS
TRUSTEE FOR THE
BENEFIT OF THE
FREDDIE MAC SEA-
SONED LOANS
STRUCTURED
TRANSACTION
TRUST, SERIES
2019-3

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Plaintiff,
vs.
DOLORES JAEGER-
ALLT, if living, and if
she/he be dead, any
and all persons un-
known to plaintiff,
claiming, or who may
claim to have an inter-
est in, or general or
specific lien upon the
real property de-
scribed in this action;
such unknown per-
sons being herein
generally described
and intended to be in-
cluded in the following
designation, namely:
the wife, widow, hus-
band, widower, heirs
at law, next of kin, de-
scendants, executors,
administrators, de-
visees, legatees, credi-
tors, trustees, com-
mittees, lienors, and
assignees of such
deceased, any and all
persons deriving in-
terest in or lien upon,
or title to said real
property by, through
or under them, or ei-
ther of them, and their
respective wives, wid-
ows, husbands, wid-
owers, heirs at law,
next of kin, descen-
dants, executors, ad-
ministrators, de-
visees, legatees, credi-
tors, trustees, com-
mittees, lienors and
assignees, all of
whom and whose
names, except as
stated, are unknown
to plaintiff; COUNTY
OF DUTCHESS;
PEOPLE OF THE
STATE OF NEW
YORK; UNITED
STATES OF
AMERICA; "JOHN
DOE #1" through
"JOHN DOE #12," the
last twelve names
being fictitious
and unknown to plain-
tiff, the persons or par-
ties intended being
the tenants, occu-
pants, persons or cor-
porations, if any, hav-
ing or claiming an in-
terest in or lien upon
the premises,

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described in
the complaint.
Defendants.
To the above
named Defendants
YOU ARE
HEREBY SUM-
MONED to answer the
Complaint in the
above entitled action
and to serve a copy of
your Answer on the
plaintiff's attorney
within twenty (20)
days of the service of
this Summons, exclu-
sive of the day of serv-
ice, or within thirty (30)
days after service of
the same is complete
where service is made
in any manner other
than by personal de-
livery within the State.
The United States of
America, if design-
ated as a defendant
in this action, may an-
swer or appear within
sixty (60) days of serv-
ice. Your failure to ap-
pear or to answer will
result in a judgment
against you by default

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for the relief de-
manded in the Com-
plaint. In the event that
a deficiency balance
remains from the sale
proceeds, a judgment
may be entered
against you.

**NOTICE OF
NATURE OF
ACTION AND
RELIEF SOUGHT**

THE OBJECT of the above
caption action is to
foreclose a Mort-
gage to secure the
sum of \$142,500.00
and interest,
recorded on May 28,
2003, in Document
Number 01 2003
11883, of the Public
Records of
DUTCHESS County,
New York, covering
premises known as
4335 ALBANY POST
ROAD, HYDE PARK,
NY 12538.

The relief
sought in the within
action is a final judg-
ment directing the

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sale of the premises
described above to
satisfy the debt se-
cured by the Mort-
gage described
above.

DUTCHESS
County is design-
ated as the place of
trial because the real
property affected by
this action is located
in said county.

**NOTICE
YOU ARE IN
DANGER OF LOS-
ING YOUR HOME**
If you do not respond
to this summons
and complaint by
serving a copy of the
answer on the attorney
for the mortgage
company who filed
this foreclosure pro-
ceeding against you
and filing the answer
with the court, a de-
fault judgment may
be entered and you
can lose your home.
Speak to an attorney
or go to the court
where your case is

pending for further
information on how
to answer the sum-
mons and protect
your property.
Sending a payment
to the mortgage
company will not
stop the foreclosure
action.

**YOU MUST RE-
SPOND BY SERV-
ING A COPY OF THE
ANSWER ON THE
ATTORNEY FOR
THE PLAINTIFF
(MORTGAGE COM-
PANY) AND FILING
THE ANSWER WITH
THE COURT.**

Dated:
November 15th, 2023
ROBERTSON,
ANSCHUTZ,
SCHNEID, CRANE &
PARTNERS, PLLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
Matthew Rothstein,
Esq.
900 Merchants Con-
course, Suite 310
Westbury, NY 11590
516-280-7675

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

Millbrook Library's December events

Spice of the Month: Taurus Mountain Thyme

Available for Pickup: December 1 All Day

Taurus Mountain Thyme is grown in the area known as the Middle Taurus Mountains, between Mersin and Hatay. A rare variety originally transplanted from the Himalayas, it has a vibrant green hue and an earthy, savory aroma and flavor that's perfect for meat rubs and roasted vegetables. Stop by the Library any time during December to get a packet of this amazing spice!

Qigong with Cris Caivano

Friday, December 1

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Qigong ("chee-gung") is a Chinese mind-body exercise system proven to lower blood pressure, build strength, improve balance and flexibility, and trans-

form stress into energy. Its pleasant, easy-to-learn movements are similar to Yoga but more circular and flowing--- great for returning mobility to stiff or achy joints. This class will include acupressure self-massage techniques (acupuncture evolved from Qigong) and a bit of history about Qigong's fascinating roots in Taoism. Wear comfy clothes that are easy to move in! You can also choose to attend this program virtually on Zoom - register for the link.

Pilates with Michelle

Saturday, December 2

10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Join Pilates instructor Michelle Pantaleo Nolen for a great workout! In this class, you will learn Pilates's basic movements and techniques. This workout will include core strengthening movement, balance, and increased flexibility.

The only equipment you will need to bring is a mat. All levels welcome!

Chair Yoga with Lyette

Monday, December 4

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Yoga helps to promote strength, balance, and flexibility along with a sense of mental clarity and focus. Learn how Yoga postures, mindful movements, and breathing techniques can have a beneficial effect on your nervous system. This class is for any experience level and uses a chair for seated postures. Wear comfortable clothing that you can move and stretch in.

Come Write In

Monday, December 4

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Do you enjoy writing stories, poems, or essays? Do you have a story you've

always wanted to share? Or maybe you just want to take a gander at this whole writing thing. Whatever you write for, Come Write In is a creative space where writers of all levels can come together to learn about writing, and share their work.

Computer Lab: Create with Canva

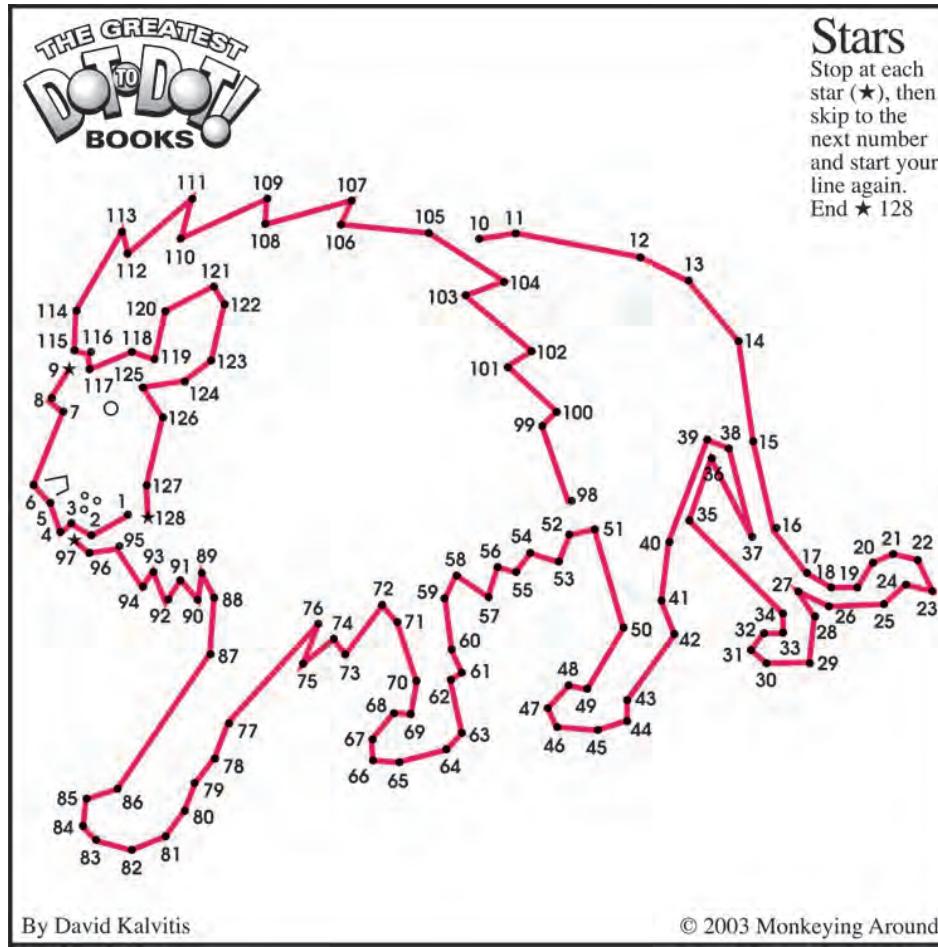
Tuesday, December 5

11:30 - 12:30 a.m.

Do you want to make knock-out flyers to advertise your business or organization? We can get you started! In this session, you will learn how to choose from Canva templates, design your own flyers and even your own social media posts! Millbrook Library is providing all attendees with a limited trial of Canva Pro for this special session of Computer Lab.

continued on page 20

Answer to this week's Dot to Dot (puzzle on page 12)



Stars

Stop at each star (★), then skip to the next number and start your line again. End ★ 128

Suguru solution

5	2	4	1	4	3
1	3	5	2	5	1
5	4	1	4	3	2
1	2	3	2	1	4
3	4	5	4	3	2
2	1	3	1	5	1

Answers to this
week's diversions

(puzzles on page 14)

KISS	BAR	EDUCE
ONTO	ARCO	YESSES
IKON	HART	ELECT
YANKOVIC	FORA	
EARED	BUR	
CACTUS	PILE SUP	
AGA	RESULT	ANNA
PARSI	ERA	GNAWS
EMIT	RENTAL	FEE
DAB	HAND	MENUDO
ETA	BRUNO	
COLT	GLASNOST	
PAYEE	NAME	DAIS
OPENS	AMID	LIEU
WORST	WEE	ELSE

SUDOKU

This week's answer

7	2	9	4	5	3	8	6	1
4	3	8	7	6	1	2	5	9
6	1	5	9	8	2	4	3	7
8	9	3	5	7	4	1	2	6
2	6	4	1	3	9	7	8	5
1	5	7	6	2	8	9	4	3
5	8	6	2	9	7	3	1	4
3	7	1	8	4	6	5	9	2
9	4	2	3	1	5	6	7	8

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OBITUARIES

Marilyn Frances Burfeindt

MILLBROOK - Marilyn Frances Burfeindt, 81, of Millbrook, NY passed away on November 25, 2023. She was born on July 15, 1942 in Bronx, New York to the late William and the late Edna Wagner.

Marilyn has been a local resident since 1971 previously from the Bronx.

She was a Sorter for US Post Office for over 25 years retiring in 1997.

Survivors include son Craig Burfeindt Millbrook New York, daughter and son in-law Lynn and Steven O'Dell Elizaville New York, son and daughter in-law Eric and Jill Burfeindt Millbrook New York, sister Edna Pelliccia, 7 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Friends may call on Thursday, November 30, 2023 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home, 371 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY.

Funeral Services were held December 1, 2023 from Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home, 371 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY. Burial will follow at St. Denis Cemetery Hopewell, NY.

Memorial donations can be made to Special Olympics 94 New Karner Road Suite 208

If you would like to leave an online condolence, please visit our website at www.doylefuneralhome.com

Euarda 'Peggy' Laura Flinn

CLINTON CORNERS - Euarda "Peggy" Laura Flinn, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on November 25, 2023. She was born on May 2, 1931 to the late Violet and Ward Withers at Vassar Hospital. In 1948, she graduated from Pine Plains School and on October 1, 1950 she married Darwin Flinn.

Euarda worked at the Cold Spring School as the head of the cafeteria and then for many years as the head teller for Stissing Bank in Stanfordville. She enjoyed crocheting, country music and dancing. An avid reader who enjoyed many books at her home that she loved so much. Peggy loved her family and enjoyed being a grandmother and was the definition of a great grandmother. She also enjoyed dining out locally with her husband. Peggy is survived by her loving husband

of 73 years, Darwin. Her two devoted sons; Darwin Jr. (Donna) of South Carolina and Mark (Gigi) of Stanfordville. Her four loving grandchildren, Jessica, Steven, Mark Jr., and Tyler. Five great grandchildren, Robert, Avalyn, Grant, Nash & Bence. Her sister, Shirley Jenks, of Dover.

A time for sharing memories and offering condolences was held on Thursday, November 30, 2023 at Peck & Peck Funeral Homes, 7749 S. Main St. Pine Plains, NY. Interment will take place at the convenience of the family in Stanford Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Peggy's memory may be made to the Stanford Free Library, 6035 Route 82, Stanfordville, NY 12581. For directions or to leave a message of condolence please visit www.peckandpeck.net.

Debra Ann Hartwick

PLEASANT VALLEY - Debra Ann Hartwick, aged 60, of Pleasant Valley, peacefully passed away on November 8th, 2023, surrounded by her family.

She was born in Poughkeepsie on August 23, 1963, the cherished daughter of the late Frederick and Margaret Hartwick. Debra

spent her formative years in Poughkeepsie and graduated from Arlington High School in 1981. Following her high school years, she ventured to Los Angeles, where she resided for two decades. During her time in LA, she devoted herself to the compassionate care of an elderly couple, a testament to her innate gift for caring for others, especially seniors. Concurrently, she pursued her passions, establishing a career as a personal fitness trainer and an EMT specialist.

In 2005, Debra returned to Poughkeepsie, dedicating herself to self-employment while exploring her interests in the arts and antiques. Throughout a devoted period, she lovingly cared for her mother, embodying her generous and caring nature. Debra's spirit was free, and her kindness was boundless, touching the lives of those around her in countless ways.

Debra is survived by her brother, Perry Hartwick, sister-in-law, Michele Hartwick, sister, Janet Wiser, brother-in-law, Kevin Wiser, aunt, Gertrude Isaacson, niece, Sarah Gonzalez, nephews Christopher Hartwick and Brian Wiser, and niece Katherine Wiser.

Relax from the seasonal rush with a holiday tour of Mount Gulian

By Kristine Coulter

Good cheer and good company at the Verplanck family home, known as Mount Gulian Historic Site. The Dutch Colonial home will be open to visitors for the annual Holiday Tours on December 10, and then December 13 – December 17.

All tours days will have tours offered at noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Organizers prefer attendees to make a reservation, but reservations are not required. It was noted walk-ins will be welcomed if spots are available. Reservations may be made by calling Mount Gulian at 845-831-8172 or email at info@mountgulian.org.

"We've been doing our Holiday Tours for about thirty years and it's always a popular event. The home is decorated in several styles, including opulent Victorian and simple rustic, which visitors are always fascinated to see. We have faux candlelight throughout the house, a great, fresh Christmas tree in the dining room, and basically every surface, including the doors and bannisters are beautifully [adorned]. The holiday tours touch on Mount Gulian's role in American history, with additional information about how the Verplanck family celebrated Christmas, and rarely seen Christmas cards, from the museum collection, are on display," said Elaine Hayes. Hayes is the executive director of Mount Gulian.

Admission is \$12 adult; \$10 senior; \$6 youngsters (6-18 years of age). Mount Gulian members and children under 6 years may go on a tour for free. Mount Gulian membership is open to the public. See the Mount Gulian website at www.mountgulian.org for more information regarding membership.

"Visitors have told us they enjoy seeing the house this time of year because the house "comes alive." The decorations create a comfortable, joyful, inviting environment that makes it easy for our visitors to imagine the Verplancks celebrating the holiday, welcoming family and neighbors, and enjoying each other's company," remarked Hayes.

The site's historic rooms will be decorated in different styles: opulent Victorian style décor adorning the dining room; charming, rustic decor in the study; contemporary holiday displays embellishing the home's main room said Hayes.

Hayes added: "The decorations will be up for our Children's Holiday Tea on December 27th. We haven't held this event since the pandemic, but we're looking forward to hosting our young visitors with afternoon tea, dainty sandwiches and delicious desserts. It's always sold out, so for those who are interested, reservations should be made soon."

For further information please call 845-831-8172 or email info@mountgulian.org. Prepayment for tours is not required.



The dining room at Mount Gulian Historic Site decorated for Christmas. Courtesy photo

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Walking Club at Bennett Park
Wednesday, December 6
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

There's no better way to beat the chill than with a walk! Join the Walking Club at Bennett Park. We will be walking along the paved pathways. Please register for this program to receive updates about cancellations. Before embarking on the walk, please note that you will need to sign a Sports Waiver.

Library Jams
Wednesday, December 6
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Join Millbrook's musical community for Library Jams! All you need is your instrument and your singing voice. Eric Marshall will lead you through a myriad of memorable tunes. This group is perfect for beginner and advanced musicians.

Estate Tour: Boscobel House and Gardens
Thursday, December 7
10:30 - 12:00 a.m.

Registration ends 3 days before the event

Please join us for a tour of the Boscobel House and Gardens! Built between 1804 and 1808, it was originally the dream house of wealthy Loyalists. After falling into disrepair, the house was demolished and reassembled to—or beyond—its previous grandeur. This visit will include a guided tour of the house. This program is free. Please register for this event. You will have to sign a Sports Waiver before embarking on the tour.

Film Club: Bill Cunningham New York
Thursday, December 7
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Join the Film Club for a biopic about a New York City eccentric! Bill Cunningham has been obsessively and inventively chronicling fashion trends and high society charity soirees for the New York Times Style section on his columns for decades. Presented in a delicate, funny, and often poignant portrait of a dedicated artist whose only wealth is his own humanity and unassuming grace.

Millbook Club: The Boys in the Boat
Friday, December 8
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Please join the Millbook Club to discuss this month's pick, *The Boys in the*

Boat. This nonfiction book tells the true story of the 1938 University of Washington rowing team and their experience participating in the Olympics in Berlin.

Opera Club: Rigoletto by Giuseppe Verdi
Saturday, December 9
2:00 - 4:30

150 minutes with brief intermissions - DVD recorded in 1981 at Metropolitan Opera House in New York, featuring tenor Luciano Pavarotti at the height of his remarkable career. This classic tragic Verdi opera flows effortlessly from aria to aria. Light refreshments will be served.

Koekje, Cooky, or Cookie? A History of American Christmas Cookies
Monday, December 11
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Why do the Brits call them biscuits and we call them cookies? The answer lies in the 17th century Dutch colony of New Netherland. But cookies have a peculiar history. Once the purview of only the wealthy, their flavors, shapes, and textures have changed over time. Influenced by changing technologies, household labor, slavery, social status, agricultural innovations, and immigration, cookies have become the standard American Christmastime treat. But how did we get there? In this illustrated lecture, food historian Sarah Wassberg Johnson discusses the history of cookies in America, Christmas traditions through the ages, and why we eat so many cookies during the holiday season.

Winter Birds of Dutchess County
Tuesday, December 12
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Join Alan Peterson, the education chair for the Ralph T Waterman Bird Club, for an educational presentation about the different species of birds present in Dutchess County during the colder season. You will leave with a better understanding of your feathery backyard visitors!

Glitter Globes
Wednesday, December 13
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
What's a holiday decoration without a little sparkle? Join the Library for a fun spin on the classic snow globe. All supplies provided.

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