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Holiday in the Village lights up downtown Saugerties



The Ulster Dance Company performed during last Sunday's Holiday in the Village.

LAUREN THOMAS

Fine times

Kingston's 2025 roadway infraction penalties have been increased

by Rokosz Most

WITH THE PASSAGE of the City of Kingston's budget for 2025, few fees are as likely to be be-moaned in the course of the everyday lives of city residents as those related to parking. Leaving a vehicle double-parked on the last block of Wall Street while running inside Vincenzo's to grab a slice?



Obstructing crosswalks in Midtown or blocking driveways on the Strand near the bottom of Broadway? Leaving your ride up on the sidewalk in Ponckhockie?

Beginning on January 1, these roadway infractions will earn the motorist a \$50 fine, up from \$20 for similar infractions in 2024. Unpaid for 15 days, these parking tickets generate surcharges, doubling the penalty to \$100.

Getting a parking ticket can be a distressing experience, but wadding them up and throwing them away is a strategy that will end badly. "Our parking policies indicate that if you do not pay three or more tickets," said mayor Steve

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by Frances Marion Platt

IN DECEMBER, AS THE DAYS GROW shorter, darker and colder and humans tend to retreat indoors, our communities like to organize public celebrations to draw residents back out into the streets (not to mention patronize local merchants). Scheduling outdoor holiday festivals is always risky, of course; if the weather doesn't cooperate, turnout can be disappointing.

This year, the Saugerties Chamber of Commerce lucked out. Sunday, December 8 turned out to be an excellent day

for the annual Holiday in the Village event. The piercing wind of the previous several days calmed down and temperatures warmed up into the balmy mid-40s. The chill in the atmosphere was all vibes: folks being festive in a laid-back sort of way, in classic Saugerties style.

Activities for the day kicked off with a Christmas Breakfast Buffet at the American Legion. Events were happening all over town, including a Reverse Santa Claus Brunch charity fundraiser at the Blackbarn Restaurant, the Festival of Trees exhibit at the Saugerties Library and the Hope Farm petting zoo at

the Kiersted House's Dutch Barn. Live music performances were held at the Library, the Local, the Jane Street Art Center and Rock da Casbah.

The center of the action was downtown, of course, with a section of Main Street closed off to traffic. Families promenaded down the center of the thoroughfare, checking out all the specials, freebies and entertainment that the various businesses had to offer. The Mayone family provided free horsedrawn wagon rides in the early afternoon. There were pop-up crafts markets at the 32 Partition Street park-

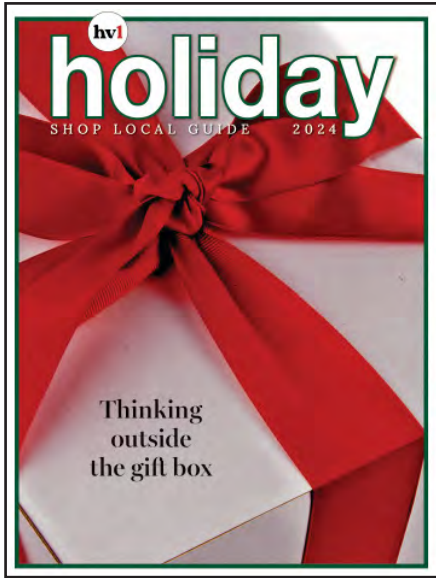
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COMMUNITY: NO IFS, ANDS OR BUTTS ABOUT IT

The question that New Paltz residents have been holding in is, "Who keeps altering the signs at Butt Corners Road?" Whenever there's an unofficial update, local Facebook groups light up to decry the vandals, cheer the artists and critique the comedy. The juvenile joke has been covered in various news outlets, and when two clever folks transformed themselves into the pair of modified road signs and marched in the Halloween parade, it seemed like everyone wanted a selfie with them ...

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The gift of history; Stick with vintage stores; In pursuit of wholeness; Do you need a Snoopy?; The gift of inspiration; The bookstore experience; The gift of life; Recollections of a collection collector ...

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Briefly noted

Hudson Valley ski industry icon Daniel Potter passes peacefully at 78



Hudson Valley ski industry icon Daniel Potter.

THE KINGSTON COMMUNITY IS MOURNING the loss of Daniel Potter, a lifelong resident and prominent figure in the region's ski and sporting industry. According to a recent obituary, Potter, 78, died peacefully at home on Thursday, December 5, 2024, surrounded by family and close friends.

A graduate of Kingston High School's Class of 1964 and a Port Ewen native, Potter dedicated nearly six decades of his life to the family business, Potter Bros. Sporting Goods. He took on a leadership role at the well-known establishment, which was originally located on Fair Street, helping it expand into multiple

stores across New York and beyond. In the obituary, he is described as having been "considered a ski industry icon," an individual who built relationships with customers, employees and industry professionals that he cherished over the years.

Potter's influence extended well beyond the ski shops. The obituary notes that he "was an active member of the YMCA," where he earned a Lifetime Achievement Award, and that he was a longtime member of the Wiltwyck Golf Club. Community members say he practiced a quiet generosity and formed lasting bonds within a wide circle of friends, from fellow golfers and travel companions to his "beloved YMCA family." The obituary emphasizes that "it was the relationships he forged" that truly defined his legacy.

Family was at the center of Potter's life, and he is survived by his wife of 38 years, Cheryl, as well as his children and grandchildren. "Dan's greatest memories was spending time" with them, the obituary states. He is also remembered for his willingness to lend support wherever it was needed, giving back to his community and helping preserve the institutions that brought people together.

Kingston man found hiding under bed violated order of protection, police say

ON NOVEMBER 29, 2024, AT APPROXIMATELY 1:58 p.m., Ulster County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the Kingston Motel in the Town of Ulster following a report that a female was allegedly being held against her will in a motel room. Upon arrival, deputies interviewed the woman and determined that she was not being held against her will. During their investigation, they discovered 53-year-old Brian W. Williams of Kingston hiding beneath a bed in the room.

Williams was found to be in violation of an active order of protection that barred him from being at the woman's motel room, and from having any contact with the woman or her ten-year-old child, who was present during the incident.

Deputies arrested Williams and charged him with two counts of Criminal Contempt in the 1st Degree, Aggravated Family Offense and Aggravated Criminal Contempt — all felonies.

He was processed, arraigned and remanded to the Ulster County Jail without bail, and was scheduled to appear in court.

Tillson father of two dies in Thanksgiving Thruway accident

A 43-YEAR-OLD TILLSON MAN WAS struck and killed on the New York State Thruway in Yonkers on Thanksgiving evening, shortly after attending the holiday parade in New York City. The victim, identified as Christopher A. Colom of Tillson, leaves behind two young children.

According to New York State Police, the incident occurred around 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 28, near Interstate 87's left lane. Colom's 2011 Honda Accord became disabled and he exited the vehicle. At that point, a 2002 Lexus ES 300, driven by 48-year-old Wilmer Figueroa of Danbury, Connecticut, attempted to

Sissy's Cafe in Uptown Kingston is on the market



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Sissy's Restaurant in Kingston.

SISSY'S CAFE IN UPTOWN KINGSTON IS A BELOVED BREAKFAST AND LUNCH spot in Uptown Kingston that often has lines out the door at peak times. And now, it can be yours.

In an Instagram post, Sissy's Cafe wrote: "As some of you may know, Sissy's is on the market!"

"We wanted to take this opportunity to put the word out there on here in the hopes that the perfect new owners will find her," the post read. "It has been a wonderful family for us with great income and support but it's time for new beginnings — new careers, travel, families — we're ready for change!"

The post made clear that the business is accepting inquiries from any and all interested parties.

avoid the stopped Honda and entered the median shoulder, striking Colom.

Emergency responders from the Yonkers Fire Department and Empress EMS tried to save Colom's life, but he was pronounced dead at the scene. State Police say the investigation is ongoing.

Family members described Colom, a Culinary Institute of America graduate who had once earned a Michelin star, as a devoted father who spent his final day watching the parade and enjoying New York City with his girlfriend.

New York State Police made 251 DWI arrests, issued 24,191 tickets in Thanksgiving surge

UTILIZING SOBRIETY CHECKPOINTS and extra patrols, New York State Police said they arrested 251 drivers for driving under the influence over their 2024 "Thanksgiving enforcement period." The number was up from last year, when 178 got DWI charges during the same period.

Troop F, which covers Ulster County save for the Thruway, made 46 DWI arrests, and issued tickets to 506 drivers for speeding. Distracted driving tickets were issued to 52 people. Also ticketed were 201 alleged seat belt violators and 25 alleged Move Over Law violators.

In total, police said 24,191 tickets were issued during the holiday surge, up from 18,690 in 2023. These tickets included 4,338 for speeding, 371 for distracted driving, 2,520 for seatbelt violations and 242 for failing to obey the Move Over Law.

The special enforcement period was funded by the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, which coordinates with law enforcement, government and commu-

nity entities to implement strategies geared toward making the roads safer.

Survey crew found skeletal remains in woods near Mill Street, say Hudson police

A SURVEY CREW IN HUDSON DISCOVERED what authorities have identified as human skeletal remains. According to the Hudson Police Department, the crew made the find around 11:15 a.m. on December 9, in a wooded area near Mill Street.

Shortly after receiving the initial report, officers and detectives from the Hudson Police Department arrived on scene to confirm the presence of human remains. The department is now collaborating with the New York State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation and the Forensic Identification Unit to determine the identity of the individual and establish the circumstances surrounding the discovery.

As of now, the investigation is ongoing, and officials have not released further details regarding the remains or potential leads in the case. Authorities have indicated that additional information will be provided to the public as it becomes available.

Community Theatre to bring movies back to Catskill in 2025

CATSKILL'S COMMUNITY THEATRE (373 Main Street) has been shuttered since the Covid pandemic began, but in May 2025 the doors are expected to open again amidst an estimated \$2.4 million renovation funded by both private and public sources.



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Andrew McCarthy.

“Anti-capitalist” bookstore cafe in Kingston introduces paid memberships

SELF-DESCRIBED “ANARCHIST BOOKSTORE CAFE AUTONOMOUS SPACE” Blackbird Infoshop & Cafe (587 Abeel Street) announced in an Instagram post on Sunday, December 8 that they would be offering \$5/mo. and \$13.12/mo. “monthly sustaining memberships” in the face of challenging circumstances.

“Relying on the market alone to mediate our material relationships is undesirable,” read the post, signed by owner Andrew McCarthy.

He also cited the challenges of refusing to compromise on “unconventional” policies such as requiring well-fitting, high quality masks or respirators at all times, which they admitted in another post was “bad for business.” As such, food and drink must be consumed outside or taken to go.

Blackbird offers, among other things, a sliding scale cafe and bookstore, community space, radical library, free fridge and food distribution, and “autonomous anti-colonial organizing.” They host events such as book readings, long Covid support groups, a queer liberation study group and an anarchism-informed parent-child group.

Detailing their desire to “design a community-accountable, materially sustainable, prefigurative and visionary space and mission,” the post noted, “we need to fight back against State Enclosure and Domination, build the Common and radically care for each other and the earth while we do so.”

McCarthy emphasized Blackbird is not a non-profit, though he left the option open of using what he called “the corporate tool that is 501(c)3 status” on future projects.

Open three days a week and located near the junkyards and shipyards of the Rondout near the corner of Abeel Street and Wilbur Avenue, the post noted “Small business is hard. Even when you have a perfect location and sufficient startup capital, many businesses fail within a few years.”

McCarthy added, “being generally overtly political (and anti-electoral) makes it extra hard.”

The Community Theatre has been a cultural cornerstone in Catskill for decades. Originally operating as a vaudeville theater in 1920, it began showing movies in the 1940s and initially seated 800 patrons between the main floor and balcony. Its name reflects a town-wide effort to rebuild after a fire in the 1910s destroyed the original theater.

The renovation project comprises two phases. The first focuses on expanding restrooms and concessions, installing fire-proof doors and exit signs, repainting and upgrading HVAC and sprinkler systems. This phase is partially financed by a \$550,000 grant from New York State’s Restore New York program, secured by the village of Catskill on behalf

of theater owner and developer Ben Fain. Under the grant, Fain will initially fund the work and be reimbursed later.

The second phase, scheduled for 2026-2027, includes enhancing the main theater’s lighting and acoustics, adding a lobby bar with expanded food and drink options, and creating new backstage amenities like dressing rooms and a green room. Estimated at \$750,000, the village is seeking \$400,000 from the Downtown Revitalization Initiative to support this phase, though funding is not guaranteed.

Fain envisions the revitalized theater hosting events like comedy festivals and live performances. The venue features a deep stage and historic backstage areas with carvings from past performers. Through his company Nice and Weird LLC, Fain has been active in local development, including projects to revitalize Hudson’s waterfront, such as Kitty’s restaurant, Grapefruit Wines, a wedding venue called The Caboose, and a new 16,000 square foot organic grocery store planned for 2026.

“Suspicious” death at Vanderbilt Mansion: Police release photo of body, ask public to help identify

THE BODY OF A FEMALE IN HER MID-50S to mid-60s was discovered by a hiker on the grounds of the Vanderbilt Mansion in Staatsburg on Friday, December 6, according to New York State Police. The

Hyde Park Police also responded.

The death was classified as “suspicious” by law enforcement after the woman’s body was found to be lying on the east shore of the Hudson River, face-down.

Police added that the body is 5’5” tall, weighing 112 pounds, with brown eyes and gray hair. No scars or tattoos were visible on the woman’s body, they said.

Anyone with information that could help the investigation were urged to contact Investigator Filippini at 845-677-7300 and refer to case #NY2400970235.

Saugerties driver failed to yield, caused crash with injuries in Highland, police say

ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT FROM New York State Police, troopers from Highland responded to a car accident at approximately 1:26pm on Monday, Dec. 9.

There at the intersection of Rt. 299 and South Street, police investigated the crash and determined Anastasia Laperuta, 21, of Saugerties had failed to yield right of way while making a left-hand turn in a 2016 Ford F150, striking the 2015 Toyota RAV4 driven by Tyler Vanderee, 25, of New Windsor.

Vanderee was taken to Vassar Brothers Medical Center with injuries. Police said they considered the injuries to be non-life-threatening.

Police noted no tickets had been issued.

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Saugerties School District to hold virtual internet safety seminar

by Crispin Kott

PARENTS IN THE SAUGerties Central School District (SCSD) are being encouraged to sign up for a free virtual seminar on internet safety to be held early next month.

The seminar will be hosted by Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES Director of Regional Safety Services Frank Guglieri on Tuesday, January 7 at 7:00 p.m., and will focus on empowering parents and guardians to play an active role in protecting their children from the risks of uninformed online decisions while encouraging secure,

thoughtful internet use.

SCSD Superintendent Daniel Erceg said he believed the seminar will offer clear tips on how parents can ensure they're doing their part to minimize the risk of the potential pitfalls of internet use.

“I believe this presents a great opportunity to empower families with the knowledge and tools they need to protect their children online,” Erceg said.

range of workshops, seminars, and special events both on campus and online, with a broad definition of safety covering everything from natural disasters, gun violence and drug and alcohol use. Like BOCES, Erceg considers internet awareness a critical component of school safety.

“Children are surrounded by the digital world and it will continue to be a part of their life,” he said. “Students need to be protected from risks such

Like other school districts in the Hudson Valley and around the country, the SCSD must ensure its students and parents are aware of the internet's reach and impact, which sometimes spills over onto campus.

“Saugerties is not exempt from having issues linked to technology,” Erceg said. “Confrontations between students escalate through social media posts due to comments made directly to other

individuals or through individuals sharing comments. Arguments or misunderstandings that start online can escalate, impacting relationships in school. A single post can spread to hundreds of students in a matter of seconds.

onds. A picture or video of another student can be posted for all to see. In addition, there is always a concern about students sharing inappropriate content that will exist on the internet for eternity.”

Erceg said kids can sometimes become dependent upon their internet and social media fix.

“One area that is hard to quantify is overuse of devices,” he said. “How many students are struggling with the need to be connected to social media? How many students are not sleeping well because they are scrolling or play video games? How many are struggling academically? How many are struggling to develop face-to-face relationships?”

Erceg said he hoped the virtual seminar will see greater community engagement than a pair of previous in-person events run by trooper Anca Watt, a school and community outreach coordinator with the New York State Police.

“Unfortunately, her powerful message was only heard by a handful of parents,” Erceg said. “We are optimistic that a virtual presentation may allow for greater access for our families.”

To register for the virtual internet safety seminar, visit <https://bit.ly/3Ok4Vui>.

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“This includes an increased awareness of potential risks their students may face. These include cyberbullying, inappropriate content and privacy issues.”

Additionally, Erceg added, he expects the seminar to give parents a playbook for connecting with their children about the importance of internet safety.

“I also hope that families will leave with actionable tips to set boundaries, monitor their child activity and encourage open communication between students and parents,” he said. “Most importantly, I hope parents feel confident in having follow-up conversations with their children to foster safe and appropriate digital experience.”

Putnam/Northern Dutchess BOCES
Regional Safety Services offers a wide

as cyberbullying, online predators and harmful content. Awareness helps them recognize and avoid these dangers. Students need to learn how to make appropriate choices to protect their digital footprint.”

Parents can also play a key role in helping keep kids safe online.

“Our parents need to be aware of the potential risks and what technology is out there,” Erceg said. “Students are often times several steps ahead of parents in the technology realm. This awareness will help parents to set health boundaries and have informed conversations with their child. When both parents and students are informed, they can work together to hopefully ensure a safer, more positive online experience.”

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A large crowd gathered in Saugerties last Sunday to kick off the holiday season during the Holiday in the Village celebration.



PHOTOS BY LAUREN THOMAS
The award-winning window decorations at Saugerties Antique Center.



A menorah was lit on Sunday evening in Saugerties as part of the town's annual holiday celebration.



The festive shop windows in Saugerties last Sunday evening.



A huge tree was lit on Sunday evening in Saugerties to celebrate the holiday season.

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ing lot, the J. J. Newberry building, the Boys and Girls Club and the Reformed Church of Saugerties.

In the Reis parking lot at the corner of Main and Market Street, a deejay played music while Sawyer Motors held its annual toy raffle, with three drawings throughout the afternoon. A towering holiday tree, donated by the Harkins family in memory of Peter Harkins, dominated the space, flanked by a lighted menorah and a Nativity scene. All around downtown, the Village's vintage-style streetlamps were wreathed in white fairy lights, and storefronts were decked out in holiday splendor.

With Barbara Bravo and Bill Kimble serving as judges, the Chamber awarded four ribbons for the best window displays. The Saugerties Antique Center took First Place in the contest, its entryway flanked by topiary reindeer covered with lights and the two big picture windows transformed into Christmasy dioramas. An antique sleigh pulled by an impressively life-sized carved wooden horse were surrounded by a scattering of old wagons, with vintage Santa figures in various media looking on. A wrought-iron bedstead draped with a mirrored tapestry held a model fire engine that might have been the Christmas morning surprise of some 19th-century child's dreams.

Second Place went to Bosco's Mer-

cantile, whose front window showcased an array of winter coziness: piles of colorful pillows, cushy bathrobes and patterned pajamas, lit by balls of red string lights. The swags of greenery framing the window continued to the right to envelop the stone archway and arbor that leads to the shop's tucked-away patio, where awaited three white Yule trees and two deer statues with scarves wrapped around their necks.

Taking Third Place, Catskill Mountain Moonshine painted its windows with frisky faces of Santa saying "Sleigh" and Mrs. Claus saying "Whiskaaaay!" Flanking the doorway hung outfits for the North Pole's First Couple to relax after all the gift deliveries were done: red thermal underwear with big buttons for Santa himself and a red negligée with white furry trim for his wife. Fourth Place went to Smith Hardware for a clever evergreen tree created from 50 overlapping pairs of gardening

gloves by Angela Gaffney-Smith, with the single decoration of a striking red origami cardinal.

Prizes were also handed out to the fire companies who put on the best show in the Firemen's Parade of Lights that wended its way around the Village streets after dark, with sirens wailing, horns honking and music blaring. This Saugerties tradition is a veritable clan gathering of firefighters, and the competition for fanciest firetrucks and floats is fierce. The Saxton/Asbury fire company clinched First Place with a tribute to the holiday movie National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, including a station wagon with a Christmas tree tied to the roof and a troupe of cosplayers dressed as the hapless Griswold family. Second Place went to Ulster Hose and Third Place to the Centerville Fire District.

The trophies were presented at the parade's endpoint in front of the entrance to Seamon Park. There, Village of Saugerties deputy mayor Jeannine Mayer read Clement C. Moore's beloved poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas," a/k/a "Twas the Night before Christmas," from a book held by the Grinch.

The official climax to the day's events was the illumination of the elaborate holiday display spread across the park's hillside by the Kiwanis Club of Saugerties. This was no mere tree-lighting; the sparkling panorama included multiple trees, shrubs, deer topiaries, wooden figures of Santa, snowmen, carolers, shops and a train, and strings of lights were interwoven with the wrought-iron fence at streetside as well. It's worth a visit, next time you're passing through Saugerties.

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Now is the winter of our discontent

Don't overlook this latest local journalistic enterprise

by Geddy Sveikauskas

SIXTEEN PERSONS SAT IN chairs arranged in a circle at the Phoenicia Library on Main Street last Saturday morning and talked for an hour about what journalism could do to overcome the sense of isolation from their communities that people of all ages are experiencing — and as participant Robert Burke Warren put it, isolation from themselves.

The subject was appropriate for this particular group. Seven of the 16 congregants were, had been, or want to be associated with journalism. The journalists and the non-journalists sang the same song in different registers.

The session had been organized by *The Overlook*, a nascent Woodstock-based journalistic enterprise with high-falutin ambitions to assemble a readership in Hunter, Hurley, Olive, Saugerties, Shandaken and Woodstock “who share a perpetual curiosity about local concerns as well as cultural, environmental and political issues.”

“Its energetic staff embrace qualities such as clarity, integrity and accuracy,” *The Overlook* promises in its mission statement. Since collective noun typically use a singular verb, the word “embraces” would have been more accurate.

Why do these journalists do what they do? Their task is “casting a light on what matters.”

The session, guided by editor-on-chief Noah Eckstein, elicited many expressions of the sense of community whose absence was so missed. People chuckled in appreciation at each others’ wry comments.

One person worried that Main Street had several vacant stores, “lots of missing teeth.” That drew a reply from another participant. “Like so many people living here,” he said. The median age of Phoenicia residents is 55, and there aren’t many dentists in the mountain towns.

Ending about 15 years ago, the hamlet of Phoenicia, with a population of fewer



PHOTO PROVIDED

Congregants sat in chairs arranged in a circle at the Phoenicia Library on Main Street last Saturday morning and talked for an hour about what journalism could do to overcome the sense of isolation from their communities that people of all ages are experiencing.

than 300 souls in a township, Shandaken, with fewer than 3000 residents, had been blessed with its weekly newspaper, *Phoenicia Times*, the brainchild

of the visionary Brian Powers. Several participants in Saturday’s conversation remembered that community-building organ with great fondness. Was it pos-

sible they could ever have a newspaper like that again?

Eckstein asked the attendees what they wanted most to read about in a local

Community | Woodstock

Anti-Trump Woodstockers gather on village green

“We are literally screwed,” says county legislator

by Nick Henderson

REACTION TO DONALD Trump’s election, a group of Woodstockers braved the cold last Saturday to celebrate the power of persistence. The hour-long gathering on the village green featured live music.

Hannah Borucinski, an 18-year-old college freshman, came up with the idea of bringing people together.

“After the election, I just felt really defeated, and the more I reached out to friends of my age, they felt the same,” Borucinski said. “They didn’t know what to do next, so I felt it would be great to just kind of use that energy of anxiety and recycle it to something that’s more

unifying.”

People felt scared and wanted a way to channel the anger and frustration, she explained.

“I know Woodstock has always been a very loving community, so I wanted to use that resource and try to drive more positive feedback into the world,” she said. “I just feel like I couldn’t not do anything.”

The hope is to repeat the December 7 event with more notice in warmer weather.

Town-board member Anula Courtis helped organize the gathering.

“I feel uniquely positioned in between the age groups here,” Courtis said. “I’m following in the footsteps of so many strong women, and I will do everything that I can to help those who are the generation or two behind me.”

Courtis and Borucinski read a poem by Maya Angelou.

Ulster County legislator Jeff Collins

had a dire warning about what he thinks the Trump administration will mean locally.

“We are screwed. We are literally screwed,” he said. “We get \$47 million in the county from the federal government. That’s going to disappear. My prediction, it’ll disappear over the next few years.”

That funding goes to support the most vulnerable citizens, he said.

“It goes for things that support those people in need. We’ll lose that first,” he said.

“We in New

York will be tar-

getted by this president because he’s pissed at us because we didn’t vote for him. We didn’t support him.”

Collins encouraged people to get involved locally. He said that Ulster County government would have to function without help from the federal government.

“I just feel like I couldn’t not do anything.”

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news source. The answers were all over the lot: nature, community characters, reliable cellphone service, education, local people’s thoughts and feelings, meetings, local history, environmental problems, visitors and second homers, etc.

Editor-in-chief Eckstein is an experienced young journalist. Having served stints at the *Hudson Register-Star*, *Hudson Valley 360* and *Semafor*, among other places, and has had other pieces published at a variety of respectable publications. His writing and tech skills are excellent. He has earned a bachelor’s degree in journalism from University

College London and a master’s degree in United States history and politics from the same institution. His native language is Spanish and main language English, Everybody at the December 7 session in Phoenicia agreed that the hamlet and the surrounding Town of Shandaken are unique. They readily admitted that all area communities possess different resources, different histories, different cultures, different economies and unique populations. High-quality journalism seeks to recognize and celebrate these differences.

Those journalistic goals are just words, carefully expended in ink on

fancypaper. When one has not yet begun an intended publication, it’s easy to say what it proposes to be and proposes to do. But it’s the nitty-gritty of doing that work that really tests one’s mission and principles.

The Overlook, a nonprofit enterprise that its founders say will sell advertising, hopes to begin publication next month. It will inaugurate its website and deliver emailed newsletters to its intended audience. Content will expand and deepen over time. Doing a printed paper edition will be considered in the future.

According to *The Overlook* website, Golden Notebook co-owner Jacqueline

Kellachan and media investor Scott Widmeyer are the principals in the venture. William van Roden is doing the design and Elliot Toman is building the website.

The noon Phoenicia fire siren signaled the end of the session. The participants gave the organizers and themselves a deserved round of applause, and began to disperse to the bright and snowy outside. The Pine Hill Trailways bus to Kingston soon arrived and blocked traffic on Main Street.

The Overlook has announced a public meeting at the Olive Free Library at 11 a.m., this coming Saturday, December 14.

Briefly noted | Woodstock



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Decorating the tree in Woodstock.

Woodstock open house



Shops stayed open late and a tree lighting ceremony took place during the townwide Woodstock holiday open house on Friday, December 6.

THE CENTER OF WOODSTOCK WAS A FLURRY OF ACTIVITY LAST FRIDAY AS PEOPLE gathered around the village green and filled the stores open late for the annual open house.

Ars Choralis sang carols on the library lawn. A lighting ceremony showcased this year’s town Christmas tree — nothing like last year’s oddly shaped tree that was replaced after outcry and ridicule.

After the lighting ceremony, the Rock Academy Show Band entertained crowds with a selection of holiday music. The children enjoyed a visit from Bubbles the unicorn, who had a lighted horn.

Down the street, crowds filled the Kleinert/James Center for the 24th annual 5 by



Crowds filled the Kleinert/James Center for the Arts for the 24th annual 5 by 7 Show. Artists donate their works measuring 5 by 7 inches (or 7 by 5 inches) and remain anonymous, their names revealed once the piece is sold. Proceeds go to help the Woodstock Byrdcliffe Guild.



A Nativity scene at the Woodstock Reformed Church.

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At Golden Notebook, artist, musician and bicycle mechanic Michael Esposito signed copies of *Swami Salami*, the best of his *Woodstock Times* cartoons, a staple for readers for decades.

— Nick Henderson

Woodstock Housing Committee seeks members

WOODSTOCK’S HOUSING COMMITTEE is in search of a new member to join its small, hard-working team. Committee members meet monthly to discuss the best ways to create housing for workers, artists, young families and seniors in Woodstock. Applicants need to be a resident of the town to serve. Write to the Woodstock Housing Committee at housing@woodstockny.org for an application.

Town of Hurley Planning Board is looking for volunteers

THE TOWN OF HURLEY PLANNING Board is looking to fill a seat starting January 1, 2025.

The term for the volunteer position is seven years. Applicants must live in Hurley and be age 18 or older.

Interested parties should send an email to Samara Genee, executive assistant to the town supervisor, at supervisorsec@townofhurley.org no later than Friday, December 20.

The planning board meets on the fourth Thursday of each month, starting at 6 p.m. in the town hall.

ARP funding in Woodstock

A FINAL YEAR-END MEASURE IS EXPECTED to inject funding into efforts to ameliorate the housing crisis in Woodstock. The town board is set to vote December 10 to spend its last \$175,000 in American Rescue Plan funds. A feasibility study and engineering to develop housing on town-owned land will get

\$115,000. Another \$40,000 will go to help fund HomeShare Woodstock, a program that matches prospective tenants with homeowners. The remaining \$20,000 will create a trust fund for nonprofit arts organizations

The board had previously earmarked \$199,000 in ARP funds toward a feasibility study and engineering of town lands. Recently the board hired Fisher Associates to come up with likely town-owned sites for affordable housing development. The idea is developers will be more than likely to build needed housing if much of the engineering legwork is done, eliminating a lot of financial risk.

“I’m recommending we put the bulk of the funds toward housing development,” town supervisor Bill McKenna said. “It’s still not enough, but it will get it under way.”

The arts money could go to one organization or be shared among a few,

McKenna said. Councilmember Anula Courtis had come up with a list of arts organizations after several of them, including the Woodstock Film Festival, Woodstock Playhouse and Woodstock Chamber Orchestra, requested funding from the town. Organizations will apply for funding of \$10,000 this year and \$10,000 the next through a request for proposals. The RFP will likely be released in January, and the board will select from responses in February.

— Nick Henderson

Woodstock seniors to celebrate the holidays with a luncheon

THE WOODSTOCK SENIOR CITIZEN’S Club will hold its annual Christmas luncheon on Thursday, December 12, 12:30 p.m., at Allison’s, located at 51 Tinker Street in Woodstock.

Schools | New Paltz

This is how we roll

Student Ethan Greger shares his Eagle Scout project about the local and regional effects of school bus safety with the New Paltz BOE

by Crispin Kott

AT A MEETING OF THE New Paltz Board of Education last week, Greger shared a presentation on school bus safety, his Eagle Scout project, which will not only help him attain the highest rank in the Scouts BSA program but will also give young students in the district now and in the future a relatable lesson about the importance of school bus safety.

“Riding the school bus was kind of one of those important things to me as a kid,” said Greger in an interview with *Hudson Valley One*. “I was always the one who helped the bus drivers and the substitutes who didn’t know the routes. I was there guiding them. And over time, I started to learn their names, their bus routes. Bus drivers connected me to school, they were part of my day ... So I wanted to do a project that really was meaningful to me and that was going to make a difference, and I thought, why not the school bus? Something unique.”

Like many districts in the Hudson



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Ethan Greger.

Like many districts in the Hudson Valley, the New Paltz Central School District covers a lot of geographic territory, with its buses traveling over one million miles per year.

Valley, the New Paltz Central School District covers a lot of geographic territory, with its buses traveling over one million miles per year. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, there are over 17,000 school bus-related injuries per year around the United States. The top causes of school bus-related injuries are around boarding

and exiting, distracted driving caused by student behavior, injuries outside the bus and evacuating in an emergency.

“Kids sometimes rush to get on the bus, and sometimes the bus is not fully stopped, or they rush to get off the bus and they trip,” said Greger at the Wednesday, December 4 school board meeting. “And hopping around in seats,

having a good time on the bus, that can lead to distracted driving, which actually causes injuries. And injuries outside of the school bus, where basically it’s called the danger zone, which we drivers know as the blind spot, is a 10-50 foot radius all around the bus where the driver can’t see the student.”

Last week, Greger said he considered three or four different ideas for his Eagle Scout project before deciding on school bus safety. The project fits the criteria of an Eagle Scout project in that it’s a community service project, it demonstrates leadership skills, displays project management skills and provides organizational and presentational skills.

For his project, Greger created a school bus safety video geared toward younger students, who, if they learn the basics at a young age, can take these tips with them throughout their elementary and secondary school careers.

“Over the summer I went on a Lenape summer school bus route where I filmed a route of kids getting on and off the bus, getting out of the bus in an emergency and being safe around the bus,” Greger said. “And I also recorded a voiceover at the Duzine Elementary School to compose about a five-minute video for the district.”

In the video, students are seen demonstrating poor school bus safety behavior, followed by them doing it the right way. Greger received permission from the parents of all students who participated in the video project.

Greger, who is part of an early college high school program, is both a New Paltz High School senior and a full-time student at SUNY Ulster, and he used editing software he learned this year to create the video.

Though he was unable to share the full video at the school board meeting, Greger did provide a transcript of his voiceover, which shares commonsense tips about how students can play a part in ensuring everyone is safe on the school bus.

“Your attention to safety makes a big difference,” concludes the voiceover. “Let’s make sure every ride is safe and enjoyable for everyone.”

Greger also created gift bags for kindergartners, which include a coloring packet, a school bus safety pencil and a school bus safety bookmark. He will distribute those to Duzine kindergartners soon.

District officials were impressed enough that they plan to share the completed safety video on the NPCSD website and social media channels. Greger will also have to impress a panel of three Boy Scout leaders as part of the Eagle Scout project review, which will take place sometime after his 18th birthday next month.

After that, Greger hopes to polish his video enough so that it has a local appeal beyond New Paltz.

“The original plan was for the New Paltz Central School District, but there’s no reason why it can’t be used as an example for other schools,” Greger said. “So it’s not just a local impact, it’s actually kind of a regional impact, specifically in the Hudson Valley. It takes the whole level of the project and what it affects and who it impacts on a whole other level, which is great.”

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No ifs, ands or Butts about it

Who keeps changing the “South Putt Corners” sign in New Paltz to “Butt Corners”

by Terence P Ward

THE QUESTION THAT NEW Paltz residents have been holding in is, “Who keeps altering the signs at Putt Corners Road?” Whenever there’s an unofficial update, local Facebook groups light up to decry the vandals, cheer the artists and critique the comedy.

North and South Putt Corners roads

ered vandalism. In New York, that could be charged as either criminal mischief or criminal tampering. Both have a range of degrees that’s based on the intent and the cost to repair, among other factors. As for the consequences to the public purse, Campbell wrote, “It would be UC DPW [Ulster County Department of Public Works personnel] who would change it back, as it is a county sign. However, we have not received any complaints on the edit to these signs, which to my knowledge have been being altered — much to the chagrin of locals and visitors alike — for decades; since at least the ‘70s or ‘80s, if not before. “For me personally,” Campbell continued, “as someone born and bred here, I think it’s a unifying local tradition, a grassroots gesture that reminds people not to take life too seriously, and that we can all (or most of us, anyway) share a

“For me personally, as someone born and bred here, I think it’s a unifying local tradition, a grassroots gesture that reminds people not to take life too seriously, and that we can all (or most of us, anyway) share a laugh in this stressful world,” said Amberly Campbell.

are a misspelling of an area of town that was called “Put Corners” before the village was incorporated, ruining the fun of going from Butterville to Jenkinstown as if the town was part of a Virginia Lee Burton book. It’s not clear when the extra letter was added, but it’s become a focal point for one or more individuals, allowing them to change the ‘P’ to a ‘B’ in order to create Butt Corners instead. The juvenile joke has been covered in various news outlets, and when two clever folks transformed themselves into the pair of modified road signs and marched in the Halloween parade, it seemed like everyone wanted a selfie with them.

A more recent addition, though, was not as well-received. Spray-painting the word “ass” onto the sign was welcomed by some social media users, but others see it as reductive. There remains a certain portion of the community for whom vandalism is vandalism; it’s clear from their online reactions that these shenanigans are downright infuriating.

Putt Corners is a county road as confirmed by Amberly Jane Campbell, assistant deputy county executive. Reached via email for comment, Campbell responded, “we do not know who is altering the sign. I highly doubt it’s always the same person or group of people.”

Some local residents claim to have cameras trained on the area, and Campbell was pressed for information consequences — should the perpetrators be caught sitting down on the job. “The ‘crime’ would be defacing a county sign,” Campbell confirmed, which is consid-

laugh in this stressful world. “No ifs, ands, or Butts about it, it always gives me a chuckle.”

Board vacancies in Gardiner

THE TOWN OF GARDINER HAS VACANCIES on the Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Ethics and Parks & Recreation



LAUREN THOMAS

This picture of a couple dressed as the Butt Corners sign was taken on Halloween in New Paltz.

Committee. The town is also are looking for someone to handle its zoom account, eblasts, Facebook page and website. All interested parties should contact Supervisor Majestic by Monday, December 23 at supervisor.tog@gmail.com or 845-255-9675, ext. 101.

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Feat of clay

Art Atelier opening
this Saturday at
former Unison
space in New Paltz

by Frances Marion Platt

THE LAST TIME *HV1* checked in with the owners of the building at 68 Mountain Rest Road in New Paltz that since 1976 had been the home of the Unison Arts and Learning Center (<https://hudsonvalleyone.com/2024/01/12/former-unison-arts-site-in-new-paltz-seeks-new-steward>), Stuart and Helene Bigley were in a quandary. The Unison board had decided to relocate all its operations to the Jacob and Charity Holsted House on Paradies Lane, a historic building closer to town that had been donated to the not-for-profit arts organization. Effective in March 2024, the building and its 11-acre site reverted back to their owners and next-door neighbors, the Bigleys. Stuart was one of the founders of Unison – originally known as the Friends of the Mountain School – and ran it for 37 years before retiring in 2016.

The question at that point was whether Stuart, a painter, and Helene, a ceramist, would be able to stay in their home. Who would take over the former Unison space? “We went March through October without any rent coming in,” Stuart explained. “I never really made any money running Unison, and I certainly never collected a pension. The rent coming from Unison, plus a little Social Security, was what made it possible for us to stay here.”



LAUREN THOMAS

Entrepreneur Mariu Gonzalez has taken over the former Unison space on Mountain Rest Road in new Paltz. She is pictured here with her French bulldog Archie. The two rugs hung on the wall were created by reknowned American artist Robert Indiana. They are be part of the first art exhibit in the revamped space.

At the time, nearly a year ago, Stuart admitted, “It would probably not be difficult to rent it to someone making widgets,” but the Bigleys didn’t want to see the space to which they’d dedicated most of their working lives become anything more prosaic than an arts-related venue. So, they hired real estate broker Matt Eyler to market the site to potential tenants who would fully appreciate its history and want to put it to a similar use. Happily, such an occupant has been found, and the former Unison is about to reopen as a gallery and workshop

with an emphasis on the clay arts, to be known henceforward as the Art Atelier Creative Space. (The doubled T is intentional, for trademark reasons.) An opening event for its first exhibition will be held this Saturday, December 14, and the public is invited.

Getting to this happy outcome wasn’t easy. “We’ve been through probably six variations on the theme of ‘almost there,’” Stuart said. “There were three dancers who were interested. That looked really good, but then fell apart. There was also a boxing gym that wanted to come in.”

While they waited for the right tenant, the Bigleys brought in a crew to help them renovate the building, which includes a large gallery and performance space as well as a lobby, kitchen, bathrooms and several rooms previously used for classrooms, offices and storage. “We tore out the carpeting and put in laminate floors. We painted the whole building exterior. It was taxing, physically and financially,” said Stuart, who turned 80 last year.

Finally, the right person found the

listing and came to have a look: a woman with long experience of running a high-end gallery in Manhattan, plenty of contacts in the international art world, a longtime weekend home in Pine Bush and a determination to make a new beginning outside the City. “The moment she walked in, it looked like home to her,” Stuart related.

Known professionally as Mariu Gonzalez de Tovar, the new tenant is in the midst of “dropping the *de*,” she said, since she’s in the midst of a divorce from the owner of the Leon Tovar Gallery. A native of Colombia, Mariu Gonzalez met her husband there, got involved in the buying and selling of works by contemporary Latin American artists and, 25 years ago, moved to New York. While helping Tovar run his Upper East Side gallery and raising two children, she developed a side career in flower arranging for upscale events with a company called Floratorium. Five years ago, she began to learn pottery techniques. “I love to do meditation, and one day I had a vision of a house where I could do ceramics,”

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she told *HV1*. “When I found this house, it was like a dream come true.”

The next step was to establish an art outpost of her own in the mid-Hudson, where other people could come to take workshops in the clay arts. Gonzalez noted to her surprise that New Paltz – “a magnificent place,” in her words – didn’t offer any such venue. “I’ve been familiar with New Paltz for 20 years,” she said. “My kids love to be around here.” So it was that, when she spotted the listing for the former Unison site on a real estate app, she immediately knew that it was the venue she sought. Her first visit confirmed that impression, and expanded her vision to include maintaining it as a place for exhibitions. “I said to myself, ‘I have to keep this gallery.’ And I couldn’t believe the sculpture garden. Most of the sculpture garden will stay. I think that is the most value we have in this place.”

Upon signing the lease, Gonzalez immediately set to work on repainting the interior walls – mostly a light grey, with black walls covered with stenciled patterns in the bathrooms and kitchen. She had new lighting installed throughout the building and is transforming the former office and storage spaces into ceramics studios, bringing in new tables, wheels and kilns. She’s collaborating

with Helene Bigley to incorporate her own clay teaching business into the Art Atelier space, and is currently looking for additional instructors. Stuart will also be welcome to continue to teach his long-running drawing classes there, Gonzalez said.

“People come here for music, for dance; I say let’s keep it. And let’s see what I can bring new... I want it to be a place that is very cozy, where people are very friendly.” She’s looking forward to having Art Atelier become a destination for her art-world acquaintances in New York City and abroad as well, noting that she has friends from Montreal and Madrid coming in for next weekend’s opening. The inaugural show is billed as “a preview of Art Atelier’s offerings and a special ceramics exhibition showcasing

the works of talented artists Kim Alderman, Helene Bigley, Marlene Leonard and Bill Shillalies.”

Noting that works in clay were once overlooked as a fine arts medium, Gonzalez has seen a change in the air in recent years. “Now ceramics are a huge part of shows internationally – not only in Europe, but they’re also being shown in Brazil, in Venezuela,” she said. “I want to be focused on ceramics now.” The initial plan is for Art Atelier to present three

exhibitions per year, while the space is also used for classes, artmaking, performance and community events.

“What’s happening here is very organic. Everything is in flow,” said Gonzalez. “As for what will be happening next year – I don’t know; something great.”

Art Atelier’s opening event will take place in the main gallery at 68 Mountain Rest Road in New Paltz from 1 to 6 p.m. on December 14. Admission is free and open to the general public.

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Finding a middle ground

Kingston superintendent explains difficult circumstances surrounding Montessori program at George Washington Elementary School

by Crispin Kott

FOR SOME TIME, PARENTS OF George Washington Elementary School (GW) students have come to meetings of the Board of Education to accuse Kingston City School District (KCS D) officials of undermining the Montessori program, dating further back than a two-year plan to improve academic achievement. This week, Superintendent Paul Padalino argued that the district is finding its way forward under difficult circumstances.

“We’ve invested a lot of time, money and human resources, and we spend more per pupil at GW than the average of every school in the district,” Padalino said. “So as far as us not providing the support, that’s inaccurate. I mean, is it as fast or as perfect as one would want it? It’s not going to be. We’ve invested a significant amount of money, significant amount of time, significant amount of human resources to try to make this work. And we continue to do so.”

The National Center for Montessori in the Public Sector identifies over 500

public Montessori schools across the United States. But despite being the fourth most populous state in the U.S., New York has just 12, including PS 482 Albee Square Montessori Public School in Brooklyn, which opened earlier this year. George Washington’s Montessori program was phased in beginning with the 2008-09 school year, and Padalino this week said it has sometimes struggled with balancing a traditional free-flowing Montessori environment with the rigors and demands of public schools in the state.

According to data from the 2022-23 school year published by NYSED, George Washington’s student population is around 80 percent white or Hispanic/Latino, with the numbers split roughly down the middle. The student population is also 62 percent economically disadvantaged, 24 percent English language learners, 22 percent students with disabilities and 5 percent homeless.

Some parents who aren’t satisfied with the implementation of the Montessori program have organized their efforts through a group called Save Montessori at GW. They and others have taken to public comment periods at school board meetings to accuse the district of, among other things, putting educators in classroom positions they’re not qualified for and endorsing an atmosphere that encourages longtime teachers to leave.

Padalino countered that no teacher in the district is unqualified, adding that there is no New York State certification for Montessori teachers.

“When we hire teachers, we hire teachers for the Kingston City School District, not for GW or Edson or JFK or any of those,” he said. Montessori

programs in the state’s public schools are always faced with having to adapt the philosophy to meet state achievement requirements in ways private schools are not.

“We are working to implement a Montessori philosophy school within a regular public education system,” Padalino said. “There’s a reason you don’t see many of us, and why most Montessori schools are private schools.”

“We’re doing what we can within the constraints that we have to try to make this as much of a Montessori school as we can,” said Paul Padalino. “Maybe that’s not enough for some and that’s unfortunate...But I think there needs to be an understanding that we have to find a middle ground.”

Padalino said that critics of the program may not understand the difficulty in maintaining a Montessori program in a public school.

“Just because we call this school Montessori, we aren’t relieved of our responsibilities around the State Education Department, around testing, around identification for student performance,” he said. “We are still mandated to follow the New York State standards for education. We spend so much time building crosswalks between the standards for the state and the testing for the state and the Montessori philosophy, and it’s

a challenge to do so.”

Padalino added that George Washington has more teacher assistants than any other elementary school in the KCS D and has a full-time instructional coach.

“No other building has that,” Padalino said, adding that the district has further incentivized its teachers to train in Montessori education, but due to contractual issues is not able to demand it.

The superintendent added that many parents are happy with George Washington.

“When we’ve done our climate and culture surveys over there, we have responses that students love to come to school, that attendance in the building is good and other indications of things that are positive,” he said.

Padalino said he understood where the parents who are unhappy with Montessori at George Washington are coming from, but said that it may not be possible to meet their expectations fully. He added that he believes there is a future for Montessori in the KCS D, even if it isn’t exactly what some parents are hoping for.

“We’re doing what we can within the constraints that we have to try to make this as much of a Montessori school as we can. Maybe that’s not enough for some and that’s unfortunate. But we continue to invest, we continue to put a lot of time and money into that building to try to make this happen and make this work...But I think there needs to be an understanding that we have to find a middle ground.”

Crime | Town of Ulster

Jail time

Owner of controversial property in Ulster in jail for failing to make good on a divorce settlement

by Crispin Kott

A TOWN OF ULSTER RESIDENT’S stay in jail isn’t letting him off the hook with his neighbors, some of whom are demanding town officials take action to clean up his property.

On November 21, Catelo Viviani was remanded to the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center by state Supreme Court Judge Sharon Graff for allegedly failing to make good on a divorce settlement and pay attorney’s fees totaling more than \$354,000. Viviani will remain in jail until a February court date or he pays the settlement in full. As of

press time Viviani is still in jail.

Earlier in November, Viviani failed to appeal a July state Supreme Court order to clean up his 1.3-acre property at 338 Glenerie Boulevard, giving Ulster town officials what they and neighbors have been seeking for a long time: The legal right to clean up the property and raze any unsafe structures, including two cottages they say were built without a permit.

The ongoing feud between Viviani and the Town of Ulster has been simmering for years. Back in July 2022, town officials issued a scathing 14-violation notice against Viviani’s property. The violations ranged from unsightly debris and overgrown vegetation to structural issues with multiple cottages.

Viviani’s property, purchased from Ulster County in 2018, has become a neighborhood eyesore. Neighbors have described it as a “debacle,” with disrepair and neglect evident in every corner.

Despite the town’s efforts to date, Viviani has consistently defied orders and shown little interest in addressing the problem. At a 2022 town board meeting, he even blamed his neighbors

for not offering to help out.

“If my neighbors were that concerned, they could have knocked on my door and talked to me,” Viviani said. “Maybe they could have given me a hand. I would have paid them.”

Unfortunately, his promises of cosmetic and structural improvements have fallen short, leading town officials to pursue legal action. The town’s stance is clear: the property’s multiple cottages, many of which have been unoccupied for years, violate local zoning laws. The town is determined to enforce these regulations, drawing parallels to a previous case involving Buck’s junkyard.

But while the town has finally received the green light to clean up the property, Viviani’s neighbors feel they aren’t moving quickly enough. At a Town of Ulster board meeting held on Thursday, December 5, Joyann Simmons thanked council members and town attorney Jason Kovacs for their diligence on taking legal steps to ensure the matter would be addressed, but their patience has worn thin.

“We know that the property no longer has a special permit, so it is now considered a residential property,” Simmons said. “The two cabins that are next to our property are only a foot off our property line. There are nine cabins on the property now; there should only be one...The other cabins are not fit for occupancy. Three of the cabins have their back walls removed and they’re just open right now and they could fall.”

Simmons also asked that construc-

tion materials and scaffolding be removed as well.

“As I said in the beginning, I think we have been patient enough,” Simmons said. “And if everyone had done their job in the first place and followed the construction codes, this matter would have been resolved years ago.”

At a town board meeting held on Thursday, July 21, 2022, officials detailed an order to remedy notice covering 14 violations against Viviani dated July 13 of that year and, according to town building inspector Warren Tutt, delivered by both certified and regular mail.

Among the violations cited by the Town of Ulster were dumping and outdoor storage of waste, maintenance of grass lawns, weeds and other rank or noxious vegetation, general sanitation and numerous issues with the structures themselves.

Last week, town supervisor James E. Quigley, III said officials are continuing to follow the legal path to ensure that when they act, there are no possible repercussions for the town and its taxpayers.

“(If we act too soon, Viviani) gets out and sues the town and it costs us half a million dollars to pay him for the damage that he thinks we did to his property,” Quigley said. “That’s what I’m trying to avoid.”

That was not good enough for Simmons.

“I know you haven’t had time,” she said. “But we’re living with it and we’re tired of living with it.”

Lead in your water?

Letter mailed to 4767 Kingston residents

by Rokosz Most

A LETTER IN THE MAIL TO 2711 households in Kingston identified for their use of water pipes made of lead. An additional 2056 households will receive letters, though it has not yet been established whether they too have lead in their pipes. Better safe than sorry.

The length of pipe connecting kitchen and bathroom sinks, showers, toilets and washing machines to the water delivered through the pressurized water mains is called a service line. The potential for lead contamination in the water supply from degraded lead service lines is bad news.

The letter from the water department italicized the deleterious health effects of lead. Exposure to lead in drinking water can result in permanent decreases in IQ and attention span among infants and

children, coinciding with learning and behavior problems. Among adults, heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney or nervous system problems can crop up. Lead can interfere with the production of the red blood cells necessary to carry oxygen to all parts of the body.

Many of the legacy lead pipes have been left buried, still connected to water mains.

The use of lead-based paint was banned from use in homes in 1978, The Safe Drinking Water Act in 1986 banned the use of lead pipe, solder and flux in the installation or repair of plumbing in facilities which provide water for human consumption.

The delivery of lead service notification letters to potentially affected residents were mandated by the federal government. The Kingston Water Department was tasked with identifying possible lead service lines to private property in the city.

No city resources have been offered to replace lead lines, the condition and upkeep of which is the responsibility of the property owner.

“We know that these letters can be

alarming,” mayor Steve Noble acknowledged. “And we want to reassure residents that precautions can be taken to keep your family’s drinking water safe.”

Noble expressed his hope that state and federal funds will be available for homeowners to access to help with this lead line replacement. The mayor recommended residents concerned about lead in their drinking water contact an accredited lab that can conduct testing.

Assuming immediate replacement is not possible, the water department recommends running the tap to flush the water pipes before drinking, bathing, or doing laundry or dishes; the use of a certified lead-removing water filter; regular removal and cleaning of the screen underneath the faucet head, called an aerator; and the use of cold water rather than hot for drinking, cooking and making baby formula.

Numerous residents and even an alder of the common council have expressed some bafflement to the water department’s advisement that only cold water should be used for drinking, cooking or making baby formula because “lead dissolves more easily into

hot water.”

The Kingston water department expects that its efforts in identifying and submitting a catalog of possible lead service lines to the federal government may lead to a more timely consideration regarding funding opportunities to assist property owners with replacing their lead service lines.

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Water leaches lead from contaminated pipes while we sleep

MATTHEW DYSARD, SUPERINTENDENT of the Kingston Water Department, drinks his tap water in a jug through a Brita filter, but not because he has concerns about his tap water. The jug is just a convenient container, he explains, with which to store his water in the fridge.

“I would still drink it [out of a jar] and put that in the fridge,” he says. “I like the water cold, and that’s just what we have.”

The quality of the water sent out from the water department to homes in Kingston is above reproach, Dysard insists. He points out that concerns over lead in the drinking water are related directly to what chemical elements the water can leach out from the privately maintained connector pipes, known as “service leads,” which connect homes and businesses to the city-maintained water mains.

This is where the pH level of the treated water coming through the pipes plays a pivotal role.

“So we add lime to our water as our corrosion control, to adjust the pH,” Dysard explains. “Our raw water [has a pH of about] seven. After it’s been chlorinated, treated, and come into the city, it’s closer to nine, nine and a half.”

A measure of how acidic a substance is, a pH of zero is rated the most acidic. Concentrated hydrochloric acid, which has a pH of zero, can eat through cast iron.

A pH of seven is considered neutral, and so tap water ideally has a pH between 6.5 and 8.5. It’s the range considered least corrosive.

At the other extreme is a pH of 14, the most alkali (basic), at which a substance becomes corrosive again. Lye, for example, used to make soap, is a corrosive soda capable of dissolving animal tissue.

“Because the water that’s been sitting there has been exposed to lead for a longer period of time, the lead in the service line is what you don’t want to consume,” Dysard warned. He recommended opening the taps and flushing the water through the system in the mornings.

“A lot of times people get up and they’ll flush the toilet, they’ll wash their hands, then run the water to make sure it’s cool to the touch. At that point [when it’s cool to the touch], you’re getting the water from the mains in the street.”

Dysard expressed skepticism about the choice that some residents have made to rely on natural spring water for their drinking-water needs, even after boiling it before drinking.

“Personally, I would just flush my system for a minute or two and drink that water because with the spring there’s no guarantee that there’s no bacteria in that water. There’s no treatment. There’s no filtration. I mean, we have UV systems, we chlorinate, we filter.”

Cataloging lines is key

The water department bears the responsibility for maintaining an up-to-date inventory of all service lines, The department wants to be updated when service lines are swapped out. A catalog of known lead pipes is updated annually. Dysard hopes to see the number of lead connector pipes or “unknowns” reduced between now and the next submittal.

“We’re already seeing people that have received letters call in and say, well, no, my service was replaced in 1992 by this plumber, and it’s not really lead

any more. So we can take them off the inventory. We have records going back to the 1890s, but there’s times when the homeowner has replaced it and not told us.”

For now, no funds have been announced to aid city residents in swapping out their lead connector pipes. Dysard expects the completion of the citywide lead service-line catalog, which took two years to complete, will reinforce a city request for state or federal funds.

“We’re looking at potential funding to help assist property owners in replacement,” Dysard said. “Typically, the feds will give it to the state. That’s how New York sends out drinking-water funds. It will most likely be filtered down through the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC), through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

For information on having water tested: laboratory@kingston-ny.gov

Websites providing information about chemicals in drinking water: epa.gov and ewg.org.

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Noble, “you may have your car immobilized with a boot until you pay your parking tickets.”

The additional fee for immobilization? \$50.

Vehicles parked on any street, highway or parking area in Kingston not indicated for the purpose of emergency parking during a snowstorm will be assumed abandoned and can be impounded.

“These incidents may occur during a snow emergency,” said Noble, “when a street needs to get cleared or during an event that for the safety of the residents, we require that there be no parked cars on the street.”

Blocking the path of a snow plow during a snow emergency can earn the owner of the vehicle a \$125 towing charge.

Blocking a fire hydrant will result in a \$100 fine.

One act of municipal generosity in the fee schedule for the new year is that the penalty for an expired parking meter remains at \$25.

A list of private towing companies

identified through the procurement process at the city level are entered onto a roster. Tow-truck companies are contacted on a rotating basis. Companies can charge anywhere below a maximum set in the city code.

The maximum for a tow on a weekend, at night, or on a holiday can cost the owner of the towed vehicle \$120. Storage of the vehicle will cost an additional \$40 a day if the owner can’t pick up their vehicle by the end of the following workday.

“Most cities do not have their own towing operation, as most cities do not have the need to tow that many cars,”

Getting a parking ticket can be a distressing experience, but wadding them up and throwing them away is a strategy that will end badly.

noted the mayor.

Viewed from an adversarial perspective, towing, ticketing and immobilizing can seem manifestations of a revenue-hungry municipal government eager to encroach. Viewed from a municipal planning best-practices perspective, levying fines against the



private property of an individual serves to prevent congestion, decreased access to businesses, and avoid environmental harm and inconveniences to travelers.

According to Contemporary Approaches to Parking Pricing, a federal transportation primer, parking meters aren’t the agent of a municipal shake-down. They are the realization of a philosophy which says vehicular traffic

fic being trucks.

If everyone parked and disgorged their vehicles at the same time, even a tenth of that traffic could paralyze all the shopping-district parking spaces in Kingston.

Mayor Noble believes the city’s parking price structure has allowed for prime on-street spots to encourage the desired turnover. “We recently applied for a grant to hire a consultant to do a parking management plan, which would look at the city and all of its business districts to determine best practices to further balance the need for parking while also encouraging people to use other means of transportation in and around the city,” he said.

The implementation of no-idling signs has been educating motorists of the undesirability of the practice. The mayor said that’s been a successful addition to the traffic-flow paradigm

“And with high gas prices,” Noble added, “I believe many people have come to their own conclusion that idling costs them actual dollars, so why do it?”

Parking meters have been part of the municipal landscape for 90 years after the first parking meter — the Park-o-meter #1 — was installed in Oklahoma City. With it, a new source of municipal revenue was born.

City of Kingston revenues generated in 2024 from parking violation fees, surcharges on those initial fees and immobilization boot fees were budgeted at \$487,000. Expenses for running and staffing the department of parking violations were budgeted for 2024 at \$157,712.

For the 2025 budget, \$523,000 in revenues are anticipated from all parking-related fees and surcharges. Expenses for the department in 2025 are projected to total \$164,212.

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The news

The news isn't President Biden's pardon of his son Hunter. The news is Trump's dream team of a convicted felon, sexual predators, climate and science deniers, misogynists, domestic violence abusers, dictator sympathizers, fascists and bigots.

That's the news.

JO GALANTE CICALÉ
Saugerties

An environmentally significant action

With the federal government about to radically change, there is a sense that less advocacy is at play ... to say the least. But we can fight for issues affecting our State of New York. We've got a government here not run by Trump and we have environmental issues, social justice concerns and immigrants to fight for.

The New York Packaging and Recycling Infrastructure Act (S2426-b and A5322-b) is a bill that requires companies to pay for recycling their own packaging waste instead of us taxpayers holding the bag, so to say! It would also end the use of toxic chemicals in packaging. This is an environmentally significant action to take on.

Please call Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie (518-455-3791) to enact it. It's time companies took responsibility, not just profits.

DORIS CHORNY
Wallkill

It's one way you airbrush history

It's disheartening to see. The most unqualified people in positions of power. What a country. President-elect Donald Trump is naming cabinet ministers who have no experience in their new positions. But who will be Minister of Silly Walks? My vote would be for Marjorie Taylor Greene, who would do "Monty Python" so proud! Overall, Donald Trump is so predictable. He loves to use

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the "shock and awe" approach.

Given the proposed cabinet picks so far, Trump's one regret must be that Charles Ponzi is not still alive and in jail so that he can be pardoned and placed in charge of the Federal Reserve ... The short-term dismay over many of Trump's cabinet nominations will still lead to a long-term brain drain from government service.

Whatever happened to "I picked the best people"? He is creating another, worse circus. At least the first time, there were reasonable picks. But he fired most, or they quit, because they disagreed with him

Two weeks after Donald Trump's victory, there is at least some good news: Matt Gaetz's tenure as attorney general will never happen, and he is now out of Congress, hopefully never to return. I can't wait to hear what happens with Pete Hegseth [a drunken hopeful and misogynist] and his selection to be secretary of defense. Or Kash Patel, who has little management or law enforcement experience. Plus, he was the primary author of what has come to be called the secret "Nunes memo." Donald Trump is playing a game of chicken with America.

With each cabinet nominee he appears to be repeating this pattern: Exactly how unqualified must the person be to force "responsible" people to respond? If the adulterous Bible salesman, a president-elect draft dodger, likes a guy with brain worms, were all for it, right BUTZ?!? Happy Holidays!

That's the thing about horror movie

sequels. They're always worse than the original. The plot always gets more nonsensical and the body counts always rise. So, cozy up with a loved one, grab your popcorn and get ready for that familiar feeling of impending dread. Deranged Donald is back! Only this time he's so terrifying even his own reflection screams "impeach!"

NEIL JARMEL
West Hurley

Confusing?

At a recent town board meeting, councilmember Laura Ricci said she was 100 percent behind Alan Weber's message, a resolution that in essence would require Woodstockers to defend the rights of all members of our community, and said, "If such a measure were brought up for a vote, it would likely be a memorializing resolution" so as not to potentially break any laws. Guess she forgot that Supervisor McKenna had previously "expressed his disdain for memorializing resolutions at the town level saying they have little to no impact..."

HOWARD HARRIS
Woodstock

Action plans and the people's person

I had been an intern for the NY State Democrats since February 2024. I felt unprepared for the election, scarcely trained in activism, outreach and organizing practices, but I was inspired by the strong community here in New Paltz. I love this place and came to love it even more through my canvassing and registration efforts.

'Efforts' being the word — I wanted to feel like I was doing something, really doing something that would help this place grow. A way to support this community which I love so dearly.

I first met Deputy Mayor Alexandria Wojcik in the spring of 2024 through an alumni on the New Paltz Council. She is a stunning presence, equipped with at least one article fully bedazzled. I began to spot her at work events and we quickly became friends. What I liked most about Alex, she does not waste time.

Everything she does is intentional, meaningful and fruitful. She provides, creates opportunity and growth and moves our community in substantial ways. The most recent noteworthy example: passing Good Cause Eviction this past October, which protects tenants from unprecedented eviction. There is no facade, nothing to interpret or question, Alex is Alex, and she will tell you how it is. So we joined forces.

Late September came with a grim voter registration count. I wanted people to know the importance of voting locally, the opportunity we had to flip the house. E Day was right on our tails. Alex has many friends, two of which happen to be

our Assemblymember Sarahana Shrestha and State Senator Michelle Hinchey. She managed to secure these two pillars of hope for our community, to come to campus and be with the students, to talk to them in person face to face. A tell-all on why you should get out and vote, how to vote and what was being voted on.

I always felt excited about the work we were doing, I knew with her there was an action plan for real change. It is impossible to deny her passion for this place, her genuine care and strong respect for every single person she meets. It rubs off too, an explosive cycle of this, celebrating and fixing and changing and commemorating this beautiful place. I want to take this moment to publicly thank Alex Wojcik for being a true community leader and a friend.

ISABELA RODRIGUEZ
New Paltz

Renewable energy installations at our school should be of the highest priority

The New Paltz Central School District (NPCSD) is proposing a \$48 million school bond with a vote on January 16, 2025. As a retired school social worker and the parent of two sons who graduated from NPCSD, I have always supported school budgets and capital projects. Regrettably, this time, I will be voting NO for the three propositions that make up the bond proposal because there are no provisions for energy-efficient solar panels in proposition one and no provision for air source heat pumps instead of air conditioning in proposition two.

Given the seriousness of the climate crisis, the impact it will have on students now and in the future, and the financial incentives still available, renewable energy installations at our school should be of the highest priority. They will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, enhance student health, provide long-term fiscal savings and be a model for school leaders of civic responsibility and sound stewardship.

Voting NO on the present bond would require the school board and administration to go back to the drawing board for a do-over that prioritizes a vision of sustainability. Many of us in the community would be happy to work together with the board to that end and to move toward a future YES vote.

I appreciate the efforts of the school board to fashion a plan for the years ahead, but unfortunately the plan lacks a vision to deal with the upcoming onslaught of the climate crisis. Establishing a Sustainability Committee comprised of students, school faculty and community

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History column | Carol Johnson

Our towns

What the newspapers said 100 years ago

The “Our towns” column is compiled each month by Carol Johnson of the Haviland-Heidgerd Historical Collection. The entries have been copied from the December issues of the New Paltz Independent. To get a closer look at these newspapers of the past, visit the staff of the Haviland-Heidgerd Historical Collection at the Elting Memorial Library at 93 Main Street in New Paltz, or call 255-5030.

WHEN HICKORY NUTS and butternuts are ripe in the first frosts, the trouble men of upstate electric service companies sharpen their climbing spurs. The squirrels are busy gathering their winter’s store of food and labor under the delusion that the big white insulators on electric pole are good to eat. When the nutting season begins, a certain number of enterprising squirrels always investigate the electric cross-arms. The squirrel stands on his hind legs and puts his paws on the porcelain insulator. If the cross-arm is wet, as it usually is in the early morning, and if the squirrel happens to touch the electric wire on the insulator as he usually does, there is a short circuit, a burned wire and no further “if” for the squirrel. The squirrel’s troubles end, and the trouble-man’s begin, for he must fol-

low the line over hill and dale until he comes to the place where the tragedy occurred and repair the broken circuit. So serious has the interference of misguided squirrels become on a number of electric lines that the companies have found it necessary to girdle each of the thousands of poles with an 18-inch belt of galvanized iron. This means “keep off” to a squirrel, so the squirrel’s life is saved and the electric current does not fail.

The members of the Clintondale Grange are very much elated over the new interior repairs and decorations to their grange hall, made under the efficient chairmanship of Mrs. R. F. Harcourt and associating committee. When a few more finishing touches are completed, this grange hall will present an appearance nearly equal to any other in the county. Very zealous efforts on the part of the Graces are now being made for the entertainment of Ulster County Pomona grange which meets at Clintondale December 5. A large attendance is desired.

Johnny Denzlinger has just butchered two pigs, springers if you please, just eight months old. The one weighed 302 pounds and the other one 314. Many people looking at them refused to believe that they were not wintered hogs. He purchased them from Henry Hasbrouck. Johnnie says they give him good stock and he can just about double his money every time. He says the particular thing about feeding the pigs is — regular meals on time and warm mash when the weather is cold. This method Johnnie has added a bath twice a week. Johnnie



COURTESY HAVILAND-HEIDGERD HISTORICAL COLLECTION

Now home to the Jewish Congregation of New Paltz, 100 years ago it was the home of the New Paltz Methodist Church. A Christmas program was held there for the children of the Normal School, which included a play, “The coming of Santa Claus,” in which the following children took part: Richard Mack, Clarence Koenig, Marion Depew, Margaret wicks, Henrietta Wicks, Violet Schmalkuche, Mary Yost, Mildred Radley, William Hasbrouck, Caroline Yeaple, Ruth Van Valen Blanch Gulnac, Elaine Kniffin, George Bogart and Fred Forsch. Of course Santa Claus arrived. He came in time to appear in the plat and then stayed to distribute the candy and popcorn-balls which were handed out to all who belonged to the school, both big and little.

says they look for the bath every time he picks up the hose. They all know what is coming and come around waiting for it.

The Christmas Committee, under whose auspices the union service on Sunday evening is to be held (which is but one phase of the Committee’s activities) has about completed its canvas of the village. The solicitors meant to call on you. If you were missed, it was a great mistake and should be rectified at once. Take the matter into your own hands. Walk into Harvey Gregory’s and he will extend to you all the “rites and privileges” as soon as you signify your desire to contribute. Or take your contribution to the appointed room under the Opera House on Tuesday, December 22. Here you will be met by Edward Maclaury and a staff of assistants who will receive your offering and see that it is properly taken care of. The Committee can use money, worn but wearable clothing and shoes, canned, or fresh vegetables and fruits and in a word, any useful usable thing. The Committee continues its work throughout the year. It relies upon your generosity, expressed annually at the holiday season, for funds and material with which to relieve deserving cases of want throughout the entire year. The Christmas Committee is a cheerful committee. It collects cheer and then distributes it, using common sense and giving unostentatious cheery aid where it is needed.

A Christmas Entertainment with all the trimmings took place at the Methodist Sunday School last Thursday evening. The church was beautifully decorated under the expert direction of Mr. S. M. Kevan and with the assistance of Normal Students. In spite of the rain, there was a

church full of people who had begun to arrive way before the advertised time for commencement. The program opened with the depositing of gifts in a manger, a custom commenced last year. Instead of the Sunday School people receiving gifts they have been encouraged to make it a time of giving to children who are not so fortunate as themselves. A large collection of presents was the result and these were sent to the Five Points Mission in New York.

Oscar Tschirky of New Paltz and the Waldorf, has had his portrait painted by Baron Arpad De Paszthory, the Hungarian painter. Baron de Paszthory has made portraits of Pope Pius X, the late King Edward of England, the late Emperor Franz Josef, and Mme. Melba, and he is said to be the only artist, whoever succeeded in getting Mrs. Hetty Green to pose for a picture.

A story of brutal treatment beyond the wildest imagination was told by Charles Lagattuta yesterday following his arrest by the authorities on a charge of shooting his father, Angelo Lagattuta, at Ohioville Wednesday morning. Charles Lagattuta, 24 years old, deformed and crippled, told of his father’s brutal treatment, not only to him but also to his mother and other members of the family. Injuries sustained when he was nine years old at the hands of his father, he says, are responsible for his present crippled condition. Charles was arrested at his home Wednesday after he had shot and killed his father whom he held in deadly fear. He was brought to the county jail at 1:15 o’clock and held to await arraignment this morning before Justice of the Peace, W. J. Brown on a charge of murder.

Kevin R. Hunter

WOODSTOCK — After a long fight with cancer, Kevin R. Hunter passed away peacefully on December 2, 2024, surrounded by family and friends.

Kevin was born January 10, 1958, in Kingston NY to Reginald and Catherine (Brandt) Hunter. He was raised, lived and worked in Woodstock, NY.

Kevin began his career with the NYS Thruway where he worked on the Berkshire Spur. In 1978, he started work with the Town of Woodstock, where he worked for 35 years. He worked first for the Woodstock Highway Department and then, after certification, became the Superintendent of the Town’s Water and Sewer Department.

At age 55, after 35 years with the town, he retired and spent his days with his family, friends and his dogs.

Kevin was an active member of the Woodstock Fire Department and the Woodstock American Legion Post 1026. At The Post, you could find him bartending on Sundays or sitting quietly on the other side, playing Bell Jars. His passions included watching wildlife out of his back door, taking his dogs for walks to the stream, spending time with family or volunteering to keep the Rick Voltz Memorial Little League Field mowed and ready for the kids.

He was predeceased by his son, Kevin R. Hunter, Jr., his mother Catherine Hunter, father Reginald Hunter and stepfather Wellington (Duke) Hunter Jr. He is survived by his daughter, Stacy A. Hunter, two grandsons Gavin Sessler and Jacob Connelly. He is also survived by his siblings Debra J. Carter, Indiana, Reginald Hunter (Nancy Wilkerson), Tennessee, Robin Hunter (Audrey), Florida, and Jacquelyn Earley (Tad), Woodstock, and his dear friends Linda and Louis Mancuso.

Visitation was held Saturday December 7th at the Seamon Wilsey Funeral Home in Saugerties from 12pm to 2pm. Contributions in lieu of flowers can be made to the Woodstock Rescue Squad or the Saugerties Animal Shelter.

Burial will be private and take place at a later date. Expressions of condolence can be shared with the family on Kevin’s Tribute Wall at SeamonWilseyFuneralHome.com or LasherFH.com.



members, would give the BOE an ongoing avenue to deal with climate change questions as well as help gather research and explore grant opportunities.

Climate change is complicated, but there is one simple undeniable equation: burning fossil fuel equals heating the planet which is one of the most consequential problems our generation and future generations will ever face. Make no mistake — the impact will land heavily on this generation of students and well beyond.

The Reformed Church of New Paltz installed solar panels, air source heat pumps and upgraded insulation as part of declaring itself a “green” church. It wasn’t always an easy sell for the con-

gregation, but a combination of logic, economic pay back, energy efficiency and the desire to do the moral, ethical, right thing has kept moving the church in the direction of sustainability. Having been around for centuries, since the time of the Huguenots, enabled the church to think ahead to the future and long-term consequences of its actions.

What does the Reformed Church have to do with our school district’s capital plan? Both the church and the school district have financial restraints, both have to deal with overcoming doing things differently from the past and a natural resistance to change. In addition, both need to take the long view, (what’s more future oriented than a school that

takes on the task of educating children for 13 years?) and significantly, both have an obligation to do the right thing.

The school district in this bond issue needs to move toward transitioning away from fossil fuels and toward sustainable practices like installing solar panels, energy-efficient air source heat pumps instead of conventional air conditioning and plan for a future transition to electric school buses. This can be expensive — like all capital projects — but funding from the federal government is still available as is state aid that provides substantial help to offset the cost. In addition, solar panels, once installed, run on sunshine not fossil fuels, which will continue to provide energy for years ahead. The interesting thing about renewable energy is the very fact that it is renewable: sunshine is not only renewable it's free!

In conclusion, as the consequences of our increasingly warming planet become more evident, there is a vital need for the school district to model good stewardship and good citizenship for its students. The school district needs to walk the talk and do the right thing! The capital project needs to go back to the drawing board and revisit renewable energy investments. Therefore, for now, it's a Vote NO so we can vote YES in the Spring.

JAMES O'DOWD
New Paltz

A money pit

Sneaky, having a vote on a lifetime added tax for New Paltz residents being voted on in mid-winter. Hoping for an icy cold day, perhaps? Really skilled and sneaky politics at work, and the results will be a permanent increase in the high cost of living in our hip, cool town.

We have a fast shrinking school population. Kids do not want gym class to be swimming between classes. No way! This money will, at best, benefit a few kids who will get swimming scholarships.

If you do care about the climate, this will be very damaging. Pools take a lot of energy to keep warm, and a lot of chemicals to keep clean. The pumps for filtering the water are strong enough to run a truck. This is waste! It harms the environment.

Staffing the pool is not on the ballot. Last spring, three athletic staffers were fired and not replaced due to our school budget.

New Paltz has a fast shrinking population of kids.

Please, vote no on the pool for your personal family budget, vote no for the environment. The college pool has been fine for years for our small swim team and will be for years to come.

PAUL RAYMOND
New Paltz

When the going gets tough

With each successive policy and nomination Team Trump announces, certain words plant themselves more and more firmly in my mind, including "unfit," "heartless," "sexually rapacious," "morally bankrupt"...and yes, "fascistic."

A few of the effects I'm afraid we'll see, unless moderate GOP politicians begin to vote with courage, compassion and common sense, are: a further widening of the wealth gap, tears in our safety nets, a more volatile (and ultimately drilled-and-killed) planet, skyrocketing prices, a hellish existence for immigrants (illegal and legal), disaster for Gazans and Ukrainians, an erosion of civil liberties, brutal times for our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters, continued attacks on women's rights, a decline in our education system, a weakened and demoralized military and intelligence community — indeed, a weakened and

demoralized country.

The lives of privilege, long enjoyed by members of the incoming administration, have allowed them to see themselves as "the elite," the "master race," to define "to the victor go the spoils" as a winner-take-all game, and to feel that — as proved by their wealth, superior intelligence, positions of power and 2024 election "mandate" (in name only: Trump won less than 50 percent of the popular vote) — they are clearly "the victors" and we the people clearly "the losers," "the suckers"...as no-count, Trump might say, as John McCain and fallen soldiers.

Let's trump Trump. Let's we the people, Democrat and Republican alike, stand tall and stick together: protest, march, contact people in government, write letters to the editor, initiate dialogue with people on the other side of the fence ...

Or volunteer — for instance, at the Ulster Immigrant Defense Network (888-726-7276/UIDN@ulsterimmigrantdefensenetwork.org); the Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center (845-331-5300/info@lgbtqcenter.org); the New York Civil Liberties Union (914-979-7479/lowerhudsonvalley@nyclu.org); or Sustainable Hudson Valley (845-514-8567/info@sustainhv.org).

It's when the going gets tough time. Let's emulate and honor our soldiers and not fall without a fight — and fight hard enough that we don't fall, but instead emerge from the coming battle even stronger.

TOM CHERWIN
Saugerties

Winston Farm — our moral obligation

The Saugerties community, like most towns, is home to people who have been here for generations and others who

came recently. We all share the same concern for our community's welfare and are invested in the outcome of the Winston Farm development. As is always the case, there is a difference of opinion regarding this plan. To some of us, the current plan is deeply distressing. If it goes forward, as proposed, the quality of life and character of our community will be adversely affected from this time forward. The Saugerties Town Board and community members must not be swept up in the happy talk and promises we are given by this plan. We are at a crossroads in the future of Saugerties. If we get it wrong, there is no going back.

We are led to believe that Saugerties is broken and needs major repair. This is not true. Saugerties is not broken, quite the contrary. It is a community dedicated to its small town character and physical beauty. That is what draws people here. They are not coming to visit yet another mall with acres of asphalt-covered parking spaces. If this plan goes forward, we will bear a heavy burden for what we have done.

Moral values do not change with time, they are constants, a bedrock that guides our lives and decisions. The value so prominently displayed on the wall behind the Saugerties Town Board "Climate Smart Saugerties committed to a sustainable future" — will be forsaken should this plan go forward. We hold this value as a guiding star, our North Star. We must keep our eyes focused on this and not allow ourselves to be blinded by shiny objects that distort our vision and foresight. If approved, this plan will likely open the floodgates to further development in this lovely and treasured small Hudson Valley town. Other developers will now see us as a soft touch for continued development, not as a community dedicated to preserving our natural inheritance.

The Winston Farm development

project cannot solve the myriad problems communities face. To solve problems, we must play to our strengths and use them to enrich our lives and encourage others to come along with us. One of our strengths is our natural beauty and our commitment to its preservation. Winston Farm is a natural preserve and a place of uncommon quiet, beauty and shelter for all living things that currently occupy it. By preserving it we will send a strong message that we have our eyes focused on our North Star, a moral obligation to preserve what has been thousands of years in the making. We must be steadfast in this commitment to ourselves and the generations that will follow. They will thank us.

MARC BRODKIN
JOHN KAVANAGH
ANTOINETTE BRODKIN
Saugerties

New sister city mayor

The recent election in Niimi, Japan (New Paltz's sister city since 1998) saw incumbent mayor Hitoshi Ebisu lose to challenger Minoru Ishida in a close race, 49% to 51%. A total of 15,534 votes were cast. The city has an estimated population of 27,106 in 12,626 households.

Niimi's principle industries include limestone quarrying, cement production, forestry and tourism. Niimi is known for touring its limestone caves and Niimi College.

We enjoyed hiking its caves and touring Niimi College, along with meeting Mayor Ebisu in October 2023. Subse-

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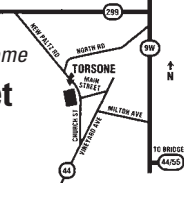
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quently, the mayor visited New Paltz earlier this year in May.

Mayor Ebisu, good luck in your next chapter. Congratulations to Niimi City mayor-elect Minoru Ishida. We look forward to meeting you in person sometime soon.

MAYOR TIM ROGERS
New Paltz

Please plea

While legitimate concerns are in abundance in our national and global society, take the time and awareness to remember those MANY people who contribute positively to our human landscape. Regardless of our differing perspectives, always try to see where our lives and others intersect with shared values. Keep the door open!

“Pure water is the world’s first and foremost medicine (Slovakian proverb). Additionally, the soil that we walk on should be treasured, protected and if contaminated, have the contaminants removed. To state the obvious extension then, why has there been and continues to be such a hesitancy/refusal to defend and protect EACH resident of Woodstock and all visitors from the effects of contaminated soil? By all appearances, past and current efforts have been to avoid responsibility for the town’s present and future health. These efforts have far outshined any efforts to support those who have been victimized. By communicating openly and with a willingness to learn from Woodstock’s community, some of those in office might restore the trust that seems to have been lost. After all, if one person/family is not defended or supported, then all can be considered to be not defended or supported. Working together does not have to be painful. Join one another in working toward common goals. It’s never too late!

In this joyous season, some people do, in fact, experience much anxiety. Please make sure that firearms are safely stored — locked, unloaded, away from ammo and away from children of any age, especially if there is even a remote possibility that a stressful event may occur. Also, be strong enough to remove yourself from stressful events. I also urge responsible firearm owners to join in seeking expanded background checks, an assault weapons ban and tougher handgun measures. On another note, with the dubious results of the UN COP 29 gathering (insufficient funding for nations of the global south to rebuild after environmental abuse by the global north), let us all recommit to acting responsibly for the sake of the environment. Additionally, I urge you to register a demand that President Biden grant clemency (before January 20) to those who are federally sentenced to execution. One more “ask” — by being welcoming to our new arrival brothers/sisters, the value of each life and our interconnectedness can be highlighted. Many issues — but step-by-step — we all can be part of making each day a better day.

I urge you to make a plea to the local officials of Woodstock, to our state and federal representatives and to President Biden to take action in a way that reflects concern and respect for every resident of our shared community. Contact our members of Congress (Schumer, Gillibrand) through the Capitol Switchboard (202-224-3121) and/or President Biden at the White House Comment Line (202-456-1111). Death Penalty Action/Innocence Project/Catholic Mobilizing Network can each provide information on their websites concerning petitions opposing executions at the state and federal levels.

With each dawn and dusk book-ending our days, let us accentuate the

positive and work to eliminate the negative — together, young and not so young, with strength and compassion.

TERENCE LOVER
Woodstock

Feeding birds, feeding humanity

The sparrows came like the tide, relentless and hungry, drowning out the song of other birds at my feeder. At first, I resented them — those tiny, brown marauders monopolizing what was meant to be shared. The more I read about controlling sparrows, the more disillusioned I became. Suggestions ranged from segregation to outright cruelty: glue traps, poison and even guns. I couldn’t reconcile this with the joy of birdwatching, the simple act of offering sustenance to life.

My first attempts to outwit the sparrows were futile. Cracked corn distracted them for a moment, but not entirely. Striped sunflower seeds — too harsh for their beaks — seemed a solution, albeit an expensive one. Yet, they adapted, cracking open shells and feeding squirrels below. The “undesirables,” as some might call them, refused to disappear.

But last night, something shifted. I stopped fighting. I filled one feeder with the seeds sparrows love and left the other exclusively for birds with the beaks built to crack more rigid shells. I watched something remarkable this morning: sparrows feasting on their cracked corn while chickadees and titmice dined in peace at the sunflower seed feeder — balance, at last.

It hit me then, this lesson in seed and sparrows: the problem wasn’t the birds — it was my resistance to their hunger. What if we fed people like this, meeting their needs instead of trying to exclude them? Sparrows are loud, persistent

and overwhelming, but aren’t hunger and despair the same? Feed them their cracked corn, and the cardinals of the world — those quieter, more polished — can finally eat, too.

The cost of the striped sunflower seed stings my wallet, but the alternative — starving birds and empty branches — is unbearable. Isn’t it the same for us? Hunger and inequality grow louder when ignored, and the cost of neglect is greater than the price of feeding everyone.

The seeds will run out one day; they always do. But the question isn’t if we’ll have enough — it’s whether we’ll share what we have while we can. Perhaps the sparrows and titmice at my feeders are teaching me this: peace doesn’t come from denying the hungry but from offering them a place at the table.

LARRY WINTERS
New Paltz

Post election forecast

Hellooooooooo, boys and girls. The presidential election of 2024 is over. We have Donald Trump for the next four years. It should be a very interesting four years, to say the least. I am not going to belabor the outcome and the catastrophic results which could and might arise. This letter, however, presents some straight-forward facts that the average person drawing benefits — benefits such as Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and the Affordable Health Care (Obama Care) should be aware of, if you aren’t already. Let’s take a little trip back to the early years of this 20th century.

By the end of Hoover’s first term, 1929-1933, the Great Depression was in the after effects of the Stock Market Crash of 1929. His administration did not institute programs to any extent that would address the social calamities that arose from this. Because of this, the

legal notices

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AREA COFFEE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/15/24. Office: Ulster County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 29 Boulevard, Kingston, NY 12401. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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LISA LANE ATHENS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/28/24. Office: Greene County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 440 89th Street, Suite 3A, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Tetra Woodworks LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 9/9/24. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 16 Longyear Ave, Tillson NY 12486. Purpose: For any lawful purpose

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 17 Oneil Street LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/23/2024. Office Location: Ulster County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 418 Broadway STE R, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Publication Notice of Organization of Limited Liability Company
FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is S. Demarest & Sons Contracting, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the “company”).
SECOND: The articles of organization of the company were filed with the Secretary of State on October 18, 2024.
THIRD: The county within New York in which the office of the company is to be located is Ulster County.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is: 26 Angiel Lane Saugerties, New York 12477.

FIFTH: The purpose of the company is real estate development, and to engage in any other lawful activity or acts for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law.
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121 NORTH ROAD, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/4/24. Office in Ulster Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to PO Box 2812, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 121 North Rd., Highland, NY 12528.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Viewpoint Property Holdings LLC.

Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/23/2024. Office Location: Ulster County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 418 Broadway STE R, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION
54 MAIN ST NY LLC has filed Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State on November 12, 2024. Its office is located in Ulster County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served and a copy of any process will be mailed to United Corporate Services, Inc., 10 Bank Street, Suite 560, White Plains, NY 10606, USA. The purpose of the LLC is any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

MRK INNOVATIONS LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/2/24. Office in Ulster Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 4051 Route 32, Saugerties, NY 12477. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Registered agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave., Ste. 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC): Shadore LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/09/2024. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: Shadore LLC 797 Old Post Road New Paltz, NY 12561. Purpose: Any lawful acts or activities. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date.

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LEGAL NOTICE

210 CENTER STREET ELLENVILLE LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/16/24. Office in Ulster Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to PO Box 1754, Pine Bush, NY 12566. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 210 Center St., Ellenville, NY 12428.

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Notice of Formation of Heart of Rosendale, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 11/19/2024. Office location: Ulster Co., NY.; SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process c/o the Company, PO Box 110, Rosendale, NY 12472. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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LEGAL NOTICE

VIPIC-NIC LLC. App. for Auth.

filed with the SSNY on 11/20/24. Originally filed with the Secretary of State of New Jersey on 05/26/21. Office: Ulster County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 335 Herbertsville Road, Howell, NJ 07731. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 176 Hudson Street Apts LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/28/2024. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 176 Hudson Street Glasco NY 12432. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: CHEESELOUSEFAMILY LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 2/15/2023. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 1 powdermill Bridge Road, Kingston NY 12401. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Publication Notice of Organization of Limited Liability Company

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is John 39 Building, LLC (herein after referred to as the “company”).

SECOND: The articles of organization of the company were filed with the Secretary of State on July 25, 2024.

THIRD: The county within New York in which the office of the company is to be located is Ulster County.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is: 247 Rockwell Lane Kingston, New York

12401.

FIFTH: The purpose of the company is real estate management, and to engage in any other lawful activity or acts for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law.

DATED: November 27, 2024
John J. Greco, Esq.
Attorney for: John 39 Building, LLC
Office & P.O. Address
Governor Clinton Building
One Albany Avenue
Kingston, New York 12401
Tel. (845)331-6073

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF New York Injury Law, LLP. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on November 22, 2024. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLP served upon him/her is: PO Box 3037, Kingston, NY 12402. The principal business address of the LLP is 282 Main St, Kingston, NY 12401. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF ULSTER, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. AUGUST C. EMANUELE, JR., ET AL., Defendant(s).
Pursuant to an Order Amending Caption, Confirming Referee’s Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on October 18, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Ulster County Courthouse, 285 Wall Street, Kingston, NY 12401 on January 7, 2025 at 1:00 p.m., premises known as 1110 Route 44/55, Clintondale, NY 12515. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Platekill, County of Ulster and State of New York, Section 95.3, Block 1 and Lot 2.1. Approximate amount of judgment is \$264,789.84 plus interest and costs. Premises

GOP was reluctant to support him for his second term, 1933-1937. It was felt and feared that based upon his first term record, they did not expect anything different; they could and would be voted out of office. Therefore, by a vote of 81% Republican and 87% Democrat, FDR was elected for his first term, on the same underlying premise that if they did not support FDR and his agenda, the mid-term elections could and would find a number of GOP legislatures out on the sidewalk looking for work as well. The same underlying current of self-preservation was in full swing here.

The same process is apparent with Donald Trump's GOP. He has to go very slow in the first two years of his administration. Because if he does not and he goes after our paid benefits with a vengeance, will the GOP rank and file in both chambers support him? Will they risk his wrath and not support him or the wrath of their constituents in supporting him and having their benefits butchered that they have paid into for years? It's a very interesting problem. If they support Trump, there is a distinct possibility they just might be out on the street looking for work, knowing full well that grandpa's and grandma's Social Security check and Medicare are cut and possibility eliminated, not to mention Medicaid and the Affordable Health Care Act as well. But if they don't support him under these conditions, what are their chances they will be re-elected by their constituents? I venture to say, their chances are good.

The danger that I see, is in his final two years of the presidency, 2026-2028, particularly if both chambers of congress remain in GOP control. Here he has no brake on his agenda to eliminate the 'deep state'. But having said that. He cannot run for re-election again as this is his second and final term, plus he will be 81 years old?

It all depends on who the Republican nominee will be in 2028 and the Democratic nominee, likewise. So, for all you old crones out there (I'll be 86 in February — nothing personal — and 89 in 2028). The next four years will be anything and everything, but placid it will not be.

ROBERT LAPOLT
New Paltz

The Mask

The new soft mask of snow on Overlook also covers the village with its nit an grit softening industrial streets. Snow on the Catskills so too on dirty hubcaps here: heavy flakes run sideways over parking meters and signs. In the morning in digging out you find there is no difference. As Shakespeare said: 'one touch of nature makes the whole world kin.'

PATRICK HAMMER, JR.
Saugerties

A kind of understanding with Tom

In Tom Cherwin's "Can two men come to an understanding," I agree with Tom that he is hopeful while praying and appealing to Trump voters to "elevate Trump" but with a noticeable presumption that Trump and his cabinet will not be capable of being humane and compassionate. Tom's reference to those Americans who are heartbroken and frightened at the election results confirms a lack of confidence in the new administration.

Tom, you're transferring my comment

of Trump's "poor *personal* moral decisions" into the realm of the political when you make reference to Trump's "immoral and irresponsible vow to drill baby drill." Drilling is one of the main behaviors we must pursue and accomplish if we have any chance of turning around the Biden/Harris financial woes. Having the largest supply of oil in the world, this will not only make us energy independent, again, but make us energy dominant in the world. This will bring economic and financial stability to the people. This process is necessary because, right now, the U.S. is nowhere near being able to establish and maintain an alternate non-fossil fuel energy environment. We have some school bus manufacturers halting the development of EV buses, as well as some semi-truck manufacturers doing the same. We have a good number of car dealers with EV's just sitting on their lots because people either don't want them or, more likely, can't afford them ... hardly the climate to be ditching fossil fuels.

Regarding vaccines and the pandemic, we're just now seeing government reports confirming that we were given inappropriate or false information and guidance. While this misguidance was going on, several conservative medical experts were silenced by Biden/Harris, their lame stream pocket buddies and the Zuckerberg crowd saying that these reputable conservative experts were just "conspiracy theorists spreading misinformation." Funny how the truth eventually surfaces.

Tom, I don't think we disagree on everything. I just think that I have much more confidence in the Trump administration being able to stop the Biden/Harris bleeding than you do.

And, we haven't even touched upon the intentional Biden/Harris border fiasco and Trump's vow of "mass" deportation. It's already been stated

that he will only start with all illegal criminals, terrorists and all eventually identifiable gotaways. The rest of the illegals without criminal records will likely not be touched during Trump's four years. The original DACA illegals will be protected. But, as we all know, the lame stream circus has exaggerated and lied just about to the point where all National Guard troops, other military reservists, ICE and all nationwide spare police officers will be going door to door preparing ALL illegals for deportation.

At his point in sad journalistic times, why does anyone still believe or trust *any* of the never ending propaganda and fear mongering from the sputtering bias centers at CNN, MSNBC, et al?

JOHN N. BUTZ
Modena

A plastic-free holiday is best!

Please take a gander at Citizens Concerned About Plastic Pollution (CCAPP)'s holiday feast of alternatives to plastics in Houst's window.

We started as Covid was peaking — now with members from Woodstock, Saugerties, Kingston, West Hurley and Shokan (join us, please). What to do about the plastic wrapped around fruits that used to be loose on shelves, the deluge of take-home dinners sealed in plastic? That's the first question we get asked by people who stop at our tables at farm festivals, Repair Cafes and environmental events. Everyone is confused, of course. Cutting down on what you buy is a start. Refuse, reuse and shop smart. As bad as things are, there are more products than ever made of woven bamboo, beeswax, silicone, etc. Some of the beautiful and useful items in the window: wooden storage box, fabric bread basket, bamboo cutlery, Tiffin boxes (these stainless take-

will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #EF2023-870. Cash will not be accepted.

Maria O. Zeno, Esq., Referee
Knuckles & Manfro, LLP, 120 White Plains Road, Suite 215, Tarrytown, New York 10591, Attorneys for Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

OLD OUTLOOK FARM, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/12/24. Office: Ulster County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 585 Albany Post Road, New Paltz, NY 12561. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ULSTER
Index No. EF2023-2851
Date Filed:
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
Premises being foreclosed:
81 Witchtree Rd.
Woodstock, NY 12498
ACTION TO FORECLOSE
MORTGAGE ON PROPERTY SITUATED IN ULSTER COUNTY
Rondout Savings Bank,
Plaintiff,
-against-

Alexa Piccoli as heir at law, next of kin, and devisee of the Estate of Morgan Marie Bower a/k/a Morgan Bower Gutierrez, decedent, David Piccolo, as natural guardian of C.P. a minor child as heir at law of Morgan Marie Bower a/k/a Morgan Bower Gutierrez, decedent, David Piccolo, as natural guardian of E.P. a minor child, as heir at law of Morgan Marie Bower a/k/a Morgan Bower Gutierrez, decedent, United States of America Department of Treasury Internal Revenue Services, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance-Tax Compliance Division-C.O.- ATC, Frances Cassone, Rondout Savings Bank, Joey Williams and
All the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest and the creditors, assignees and successors in interest and the creditors, assignees and successors in interest there of the aforesaid classes of persons, if they or any of them

be dead, all of whom and whose names and places or residence are unknown to the plaintiff of Morgan Marie Bower a/k/a Morgan Bower Gutierrez, Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer, or if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of the Summons exclusive of the day of service or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. In case of your failure to appear, or answer, judgment will take against you by default for the relief demanded in this Complaint.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. Julian D. Schreiber, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Ulster County, entered Oct. 1, 2024 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Ulster County Clerk's Office. THE OBJECT OF THE ACTION is to foreclose a mortgage recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Ulster on Sept. 28, 2012 in Book 10101, Page 319, covering premises k/a 81 Witchtree Road, Woodstock, NY 12498 a/k/a Section 27.19, Block 4, Lot 6.

Plaintiff designates Ulster County as the place for trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated.

NOTICE

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING 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 proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default 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 summons and protect your property.

Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: November 12, 2024
Westbury, New York
Karen B. Migdal, Esq.
Stein, Wiener & Roth, LLP
Attorneys for Plaintiff
1400 Old Country Road,
Suite 315
Westbury, NY 11590
(516) 742-1212
File No. 80417 - #101964

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 597 Tuckers Corners Road LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 11/26/24. Office location: Ulster County. Princ. bus. addr.: 50 Quality St. #110357, Trumbull, CT 06611. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Cogency Global Inc., 122 E. 42nd St., 18th Fl., NY, NY 10168. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 985MBK LLC. Articles of organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/04/2024. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to: 985MBK LLC, 61 Wilson Ave., Kingston, NY 12401. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC): Jennifer Quintero NP in Psychiatry PLLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/04/2024. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: Jennifer Quintero NP in Psychiatry PLLC, 7 Cummings La., Highland NY 12528. Purpose: Any lawful acts or activities. Latest date upon which PLLC is to dissolve: No specific

date.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY(LLC). NAME:

Landen Estates & Property Management LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/19/2024. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to LLC. Po Box 92 Ulster Park NY. 12487. Purpose for any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Montgomery & Allen, LLC. The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is Montgomery & Allen, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the NYS Dept. of State on 12/6/2024. The office of the LLC is in Ulster County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it is 36 Allen Street, Saugerties, NY 12477. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC): Prime Athletic Events, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/28/2024. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: Prime Athletic Events, LLC 106 Bruceville Road, High Falls, NY 12440. Purpose: Any lawful acts or activities. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS: Sealed bids will be received, publicly opened, and read at the Ulster County Purchasing Department, 100 Development Court, Kingston, NY 12401 on **Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 2:30 PM for BID #RFB-UC24-044 COLD IN PLACE RECYCLING.** Specifications and conditions may be obtained at the above address or on our

website at www.ulstercountyny.gov/purchasing.

Ed Jordan, Ulster County Director of Purchasing

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS: Sealed bids will be received, publicly opened, and read at the Ulster County Purchasing Department, 100 Development Court, Kingston, NY 12401 on **Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 2:45 PM for BID #RFB-UC24-045 STEEL SHEET PILING.** Specifications and conditions may be obtained at the above address or on our website at www.ulstercountyny.gov/purchasing.

Ed Jordan, Ulster County Director of Purchasing

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS: Sealed bids will be received, publicly opened, and read at the Ulster County Purchasing Department, 100 Development Court, Kingston, NY 12401 on **Friday, January 3, 2025 at 3:00 PM for BID #RFB-UC24-050 OEM INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER CASE.** Specifications and conditions may be obtained at the above address or on our website at www.ulstercountyny.gov/purchasing.

Ed Jordan, Ulster County Director of Purchasing

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO RESPONDERS: Sealed proposals for **RFP-UC24-046 THREAT ASSESSMENT TRAINING** will be received on or before **Friday, January 10, 2025 at 4:00 PM** at the Ulster County Purchasing Department, 100 Development Court, Kingston, NY, 12401. Specifications and conditions may be obtained at the above address or on our website at www.co.ulster.ny.us/purchasing

Ed Jordan, Ulster County Director of Purchasing

LEGAL NOTICE

THE MINORKEYS, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/14/24. Office in Ulster Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 80 Dashville Rd., New Paltz, NY 12561, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

NAME: TOTAL DRY SOLUTIONS LLC. Articles of organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/05/2024. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to: TOTAL DRY SOLUTIONS LLC, 61 Wilson Ave., Kingston, NY 12401. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE TOWN OF NEW PALTZ ZONING BOARD, TOWN OF NEW PALTZ, COUNTY OF ULSTER AT THE TOWN OF NEW PALTZ COURT HOUSE, 59 N. PUTT CORNERS ROAD, NEW PALTZ, NY 12561.

DATE: December 16, 2024
TIME: 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION OF: ZB24-00366 3 Julia Ave Area Variance, 3 Julia Ave.

The applicant is requesting an Area Variance to erect a 6 feet tall privacy fence along the property at 3 Julia Ave. where the Code allows for a maximum fence height of 4 feet.

The application and supporting documents are available in the Zoning Board office for review by the public, as well as on the Zoning Board website. At 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, the public hearing will be opened and the Zoning Board will accept comments from all interested members of the public. The public hearing may be closed or continued at the Zoning Board's discretion.

The Town of New Paltz will make every effort to assure that the hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodation should contact the Town Clerk. All interested parties are invited to attend.

ALL PARTIES FOR OR AGAINST SAID SUBJECT WILL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD IN RESPECT TO THIS APPLICATION.

ZBA Secretary

home food containers — which CCAPP has at its tables). If a store has small plastic bags for your lentils, ask for small brown bags, etc.

Plastics — made from fossil fuels and chemicals — are a ghastly mix (4,200 chemicals are known to be hazardous to human health). So, here's the rundown

on the world's biggest plastic polluters whose products you want to avoid: Coca-Cola, Pepsi, Nestle, Unilever, Mars. Aside from unspeakable damage to the earth, plastics give us infertility, obesity, cancers, thyroid and cardio-vascular systems damage. Much of CCAPP's focus is on single-use so don't forget that washing

with soap and water is just as good as using those ubiquitous plastic gloves.

In Woodstock, Houst and Sunflower have bottle-refill stations and the town has installed its own «station» near the Chamber booth. Fill up. (Note these are appearing in lots of places — at the municipal building in Kingston, Health

Alliance Hospital.) They save millions of single-use bottles nationally.

CCAPP.earth is our wonderful website which includes updates on new research and tips for everything from back-to-school to holiday ideas. We are on Facebook. And, sign up for our newsletter. We are an affiliate of Judy Enck's Beyond Plastics, an important organization in the fight on all fronts. Legislation is key — for New York to sign into law the nation's strongest EPR (Producer Responsibility law — so the manufacturer will deal with its own plastic rather than municipalities and people).

There are organizations in America and world-wide in this fight. Plastics have been earmarked by the big guns as the profitable, wonder child of the future due to electric car growth. And a fight like this isn't, obviously, to be won easily or quickly. For us, at CCAPP, we mostly succeed in not being over-whelmed because we are a community of fighters. We set goals and try tasks. Think of Suffrage or the Civil Rights movement — battles won — in time — and we're still working on those. Change can happen.

So, please, instead of being discouraged by seeing a pile of plastic debris or a photo of a seal with plastic in its mouth, buy something else — when you can. Or get creative. You're doing your part.

Happiness in the holidays.

JO YANOW-SCHWARTZ
Woodstock

Money mindset

Elon is the richest man on earth, but
he will be the poorest man on Mars.

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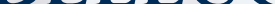
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CAN'T STOP THE PRESSES

Behind the scenes of Hudson Valley newspaper print shop
Southern Dutchess News

by Rokosz Most

According to the 2024 *State of Local News*, a report released annually by Northwestern University in Illinois, since 2005, more than 3,200 print newspapers have folded, representing a number greater than one third of all newspapers in the United States. Last year alone saw the closure of 130 newspapers. Information-thirsty residents suffer, a news desert expands.

Here in Ulster County, *HV1*, (*Hudson Valley One*), is all that remains of a flower once fully formed — the Ulster Publishing empire — *Saugerties Times*, *Kingston Times*, *New Paltz Times*, *Woodstock Times*. The petals have closed, but the center lives on, its circulation stubborn: a weekly print newspaper with its *Almanac* heart folded inside as it pursues a dual online, doorstep distribution model, still subsisting on subscriptions and advertising.

Printed at the Southern Dutchess News warehouse in Wappingers Falls, the two sections of the weekly paper — *HV1* and the *Almanac* — spring to life fully formed every Wednesday, having emerged through a line of Goss Community offset presses, each a cast iron monster weighing as much as a 1968 Volkswagen Beetle.

Behind them stand two vats, tall and wide enough to drown two well-fed newspaper reporters. These act as reservoirs for the gallons of black ink which is pumped out through lines attached to the presses. Aluminum plates etched with the image of the news copy and photographs are affixed to rollers and doused in ink, then the exact image is transferred to a rubber roller — called a “blanket” in industry jargon — which in its turn inks the wood-pulped newsprint itself.

The machine rumbling of the presses are constant as is the music from a radio. Over the course of an hour, Chaka Khan’s “I Feel For You” played twice, followed by “The Message” by Grandmaster Flash, which makes sense. Melle Mel raps in both songs, but I digress.

The setlist was auspicious. Tom, top button opened on his short-sleeved button-down uniform, demystified the operation of the presses.

“This is one press line here, these are three black units and then these two units tie in to this press — these are the blacks and then the two towers there, that’s how we get the color.”

Like pulpy film wound through a modular, room-sized theater projector, the long sheet of newsprint unspools from a roll near a half ton heavy, and once conveyed through the initial line of presses, gets pulled upward through the final four stacked towers of the presses which handle colored ink — each splashed and drenched in a different hue — cyan, magenta, yellow and Black — the building blocks of a rainbow of newspaper color.

Dark hair trimmed, silvering on the sides, Julio Medina works in the binding department. With the exception of a few breaks, he’s been with the operation for 15 years. The front and back sections of *HV1* which together yield 32 pages on average are sorted here.

“We’re the ones that finish the product,” Medina says. “You know, we put the inserts in. We tie them up. We get them together for the order. We put it in bins, get it ready to go out, so when the guys come to pick it up, it’s already done.”

At most paper-based industries, paper cuts along the fingertips can be a problem, but Medina says they aren’t common here.

“Actually, it’s very rare that you have a paper cut because it’s coming out the press, it’s warm, it’s soft.”

Stuffed with advertising inserts, the finished newspaper is bundled and tied and then stacked on rolling mail carts to await the van that will drive them all to the headquarters on Wall Street in Kingston, where they will be organized for their distribution to post offices, to be mailed out to residential and commercial addresses in various towns, cities and states as far flung as California. A few will even cross the Atlantic.

HV1’s publisher, Geddy Sveikauskas, still remembers the first

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Julio Medina at the loading dock.



Geddy Sveikauskas, publisher of *HV1*.

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calendar of events

Looking for holiday events?



SCAN THIS QR CODE TO GET OUR complete guide to holiday events in Ulster County.

Thursday

12/12

The Nutcracker at Bardavon Theater in Poughkeepsie, 9:30am, 12pm.

Kingston Walk-in Clinic at YWCA in Kingston, 4pm.

Sip 'n' Paint Holiday Cards at Hutton Brickyards in Kingston, 4pm.

A Taste of Italy. Live music by Phil Palladino, over 30 mini shops, cash bar with seasonal cocktails, Italian-inspired tapas menu, baked goods, raffles, Toys for Tots drop box, and more. Free entry. Fortune Valley Manor in Saugerties, 5pm.

Ben Gardner's Boat Improv Show at Boughton Place in Highland, 6pm.

Meet the Artist w/ Deb Todd Wheeler at CPW in Kingston, 6pm.

Mike & Pete: An Irish Christmas at Keegan Ales in Kingston, 6pm.

Open Mic Night at Pearl Moon in Woodstock, 6pm.

Open Mic / Open Jam at Park Theater in Hudson, 6pm.

Karaoke & Open Mic at Outpost BBQ in Kerhonkson, 6pm.

Holiday Party w/ Paddy Kaye at Stonehouse Tavern in Accord, 6:30pm.

Open Mic Night on the Salon Stage at Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon, 6:30pm.

Holiday Piano Bar Singalong at The Spy Social Eatery in High Falls, 7pm.

Sleepover Trading Co. presents Don't Open Till Christmas at the Avalon Lounge in Catskill, 7pm.

Eldorado Slim at the Colony in Woodstock, 7pm.

Open Mic at High Falls Cafe in High Falls, 7pm.

Union (w/ Amazon Labor Union Organizers) at Starr Cinema in Rhinebeck, 7pm.

Paint and Sip w/ Crust and Magic at The Dutch in Saugerties, 7pm.

The Mahavishnu Project: Love Devotion Surrender at The Falcon in Marlboro, 7pm.

Cocktail Class at Toasted in Newburgh, 7pm.

Rae Simone at The Lemon Squeeze in New Paltz, 7:30pm.

Petey Hop / Misty Blues at Daryl's House in Pawling, 8pm.

Andrew Marlin Stringband / The Murphy Beds at Levon Helm Studios in Woodstock, 8pm.

Karaoke w/ Major Mayhem at Tinker Street Tavern in Woodstock, 8pm.

Friday

12/13

Madeline's Christmas at Woodstock Playhouse in Woodstock, 10am.

NextGen STEAM at Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum in Poughkeepsie, 11am.

The Nutcracker at Bardavon Theater in Poughkeepsie, 12pm.

Heavenly Soups-to-go at United Reformed Church in Bloomington, 3pm.

Paynes Grey Sky at RMV Cellars in West Park, 5pm.

Opening Reception: Senior Project Showcase at Trolley Barn Gallery in Poughkeepsie, 5pm.

Paint & Sip with Roost Arts. Holiday Paint and Sip, Holiday cheer, a glass of wine, snacks, all painting supplies, and instruction by certified art teacher, Marcy Bernstein. Roost Arts Hudson Valley, New Paltz, 6pm.

Trivia Night: Taylor Swift Edition at Angry Orchard in Walden, 6pm.

Mike Herman at The Dutch in Saugerties, 6pm.

Holiday Paint and Sip at Roost Arts Hudson Valley in New Paltz, 6pm.

Christmas Line Dancing at Hudson House in West Park, 6pm.

Beacon Songsmiths on the Salon Stage at Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon, 6pm.

Dirty Stay Out Skiffers playing Old Timey/Jug Band/Blues/Folk at the Kerhonkytonk Roadhouse at Outpost BBQ in Kerhonkson, 6pm.

How the (David) Lynch Stole Christmas at The Yard in Beacon, 6:30pm, 7:30pm.

The Nutcracker at Ulster Performing Arts Center in Kingston, 7pm.

Marky Ramones Holiday Blitzkrieg presents The Ramones Classic at Bearsville Theater in Woodstock, 7pm.

Son Little w/ Tonina at the Colony in Woodstock, 7pm.

The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberley at Shadowland Stages in Ellenville, 7pm.

Tatiana Eva-Marie at The Falcon in Marlboro, 7pm.

The Kairos at Tilda's Kitchen in Kingston, 7pm.

Big Ang Acoustic at Di'Vine Wine Bar in Wappingers, 7pm.

Artist Talk & Holiday Tasting w/ David Lionheart at Hudson House in West Park, 7pm.

Doctor Marigold by Charles Dickens at Park Theater in Hudson, 7pm.

Christmas with the Cadets: Cadets of Past, Present & Future at Troy Savings Bank Music Hall in Troy, 7pm.

8th Annual Christmastime Benefit Concert at Redeemer Lutheran Church in New Paltz, 7pm.

It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play at Hilltown Commons in Rensselaerville, 7pm.

Holiday Short Films at Denizen Theater in New Paltz, 7:30pm.

KALE at The Lemon Squeeze in New Paltz, 7:30pm.

A Christmas Carol at the Center for the Performing Arts in Rhinebeck, 8pm.

Adrenalize: The Ultimate Def Leopard Experience at Daryl's House in Pawling, 8pm.

Soul City at Keegan Ales in Kingston, 8pm.

Willie Watson / Viv & Riley at Levon



Thu. 12/12 • 7-9:30pm

Holiday Piano Bar Singalong

The Spy Social Eatery, 155 Main St., High Falls.

There's something magical about sitting around a piano singing along to tunes everyone knows. It's how music was enjoyed before recording technology allowed songs to be detached from their live performances. All we had was sheet music, a piano, and each other. This Thursday you can recreate that magic with a holiday theme at The Spy. This community tradition features Elliot Matz on the keys playing holiday classics dating back over a century, alongside co-host Jay Blotcher. It's free to attend, though reservations are recommended to secure a seat in the main dining room. All tips for the pianist will benefit the Rondout Valley Food Pantry.

Helm Studios in Woodstock, 8pm.

Crystal Ship: The Ultimate Tribute to The Doors at Silk Factory in Newburgh, 8pm.

Laugh It Up presents Robert Kelly at Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon, 8pm.

Spaghetti Eastern at Green Kill in Kingston, 8pm.

The Frequency Collective at the Avalon Lounge in Catskill, 9pm.

Christmas Pajama Party w/ DJ Eddie Parker at Ole Savannah in Kingston, 9pm.

Live Funk & R&B w/ B*Boyz Band at Pearl Moon in Woodstock, 9:30pm.

Rocky Horror Picture Show at Starr Cinema in Rhinebeck, 9:30pm.

Friday the 13th Full Moon Party w/ DJ 2Pull & Krampelli at Toasted in Newburgh, 10pm.

Saturday

12/14

Holiday Open House at FDR Presidential Library & Museum in Hyde Park, 9am.

VOS Gem Show Kingston. Voices of the Stones' gem show: beautiful exhibit and sale of crystals, minerals & fossils, semiprecious and silver jewelry, beads, and cabochons. From decorator pieces to pocket rocks, sterling and stone rings, chain, earrings, pendants with good energy and value. Holiday Inn Express in Lake Katrine, 10am.

Holiday Market Fair at Historical Society of Woodstock in Woodstock, 10am.

Holiday Pop-up Shop at Olana State Historic Site in Hudson, 10am.

Boden USA Sample Sale at Senate Garage in Kingston, 10am.



Sat. 12/14 • 5pm

Bluegrass Clubhouse

Woodstock Library, 5 Library Lane

Get ready to pluck some heartstrings—An Evening with the Bluegrass Clubhouse is strumming its way to the Woodstock Library Forum. This annual gathering showcases the talents of Fran Hollander, Tim Kapeluck, Geoff Harden, and Brian Hollander, who have been performing together for decades. With roots in the 1940s bluegrass traditions of the Carolinas, Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee, the quartet blends sweet country songs, compelling originals, and timeless standards with high-energy acoustic arrangements featuring banjo, mandolin, fiddle, guitar, and bass. This free event, part of the Hudson Valley's longest-running cultural series, promises a night of soaring harmonies and heartfelt storytelling.

5th Annual Festival of Wreaths Vendor & Craft Fair at Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School in Hudson, 10am.

The Fuller Market at the Fuller Building in Kingston, 10am.

Pet Photos with Santa at Ulster Savings Bank in Hyde Park, 10am.

VOS Gem Show at Holiday Inn Express in Lake Katrine, 10am.

Woodstock Farm Festival Winter Market at Woodstock Community Center in Woodstock, 10am.

Santa Paws Photos at the Ulster County SPCA in Kingston, 11am.

Christmas Cookie Walk. New Paltz Methodist Play School's annual Christmas Cookie Walk, outside on Grove St. lawn of the New Paltz Methodist Church. Purchase cookies individually or by the pound. All cookies are delicious & homemade by the parents of Play School, 11am.

Chatham Winter Fest in Chatham, 11am.

Brunch: Larry Stevens at Daryl's House in Pawling, 12pm.

Peace, Love & Lights: Holiday Pop-up Market at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts in Bethel, 12pm.

Artists & Makers Holiday Market at ArtPort in Kingston, 12pm.

Holiday Pop-up Shop: Local Meets Luxury at Kingston Pop-up Shop & Cafe in Kingston, 12pm.

Into the Light: A Tale of Hope w/ Vanaver Caravan & Arm-of-the-Sea Theatre at Rosendale Theater in Rosendale, 1pm, 4pm.

Victorian Stroll at Athens Cultural Center in Athens, 1pm.



Fri. 12/13 • 6-9pm

Dirty Stay Out Skiffers

Outpost BBQ at the Kerhonkytonk Roadhouse, 6611 US-209, Kerhonkson. Dirty Stay Out Skiffers are a lively trio serving up a blend of old-timey charm, jug band energy, and bluesy folk vibes. With Dan Berger on harmonica, Donna Nestler adding banjo/elele, washboard, kazoo, and vocals, and Rick Nestler on 12-string guitar and vocals, they’ve been delighting audiences since 2000. Their repertoire spans Tin Pan Alley classics, folk standards, original tunes, and pop favorites—perfect for foot-tap-ping, smiling, and even singing along.



Sat. 12/14 • 1pm

Fossil Finding

Woodstock Library, 5 Library Lane. Dig into the past with “Fossil Finding: Unearthing History Near and Far”, an interactive event that rocks for budding paleontologists. Geology and fossil expert Rafael Higuera will guide kids and their caregivers through the fascinating world of fossils, showcasing local finds from Woodstock alongside specimens from distant locales. Participants will get hands-on, cracking open rocks in search of hidden treasures and leaving with a fossilized shark tooth to spark their imaginations.



Fri. 12/13 • 7pm

Marky Ramone’s Holiday Blitzkrieg

Bearsville Theater, 291 Tinker St., Woodstock. There’s nothing particularly punk rock about Christmas, so fortunately Marky Ramone’s Holiday Blitzkrieg is sleighing around the East Coast to stuff some studded leather stockings with cheap beer and cigarettes. This festive spin on the legendary drummer’s year-round touring act delivers a high-energy set of Ramones classics like “Blitzkrieg Bop” and “Rockaway Beach,” sprinkled with a touch of holiday cheer. Featuring Marky Ramone—an icon of the seminal punk band—the show captures the raw, fast-paced spirit of the Ramones with a lively band.

at Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon, 8pm.
Fulathela / DJ Guy at the Avalon Lounge in Catskill, 9pm.
Latin Night w/ DJ Big Will at Toasted in Newburgh, 10pm.

Sunday 12/15

Holiday Market Fair at Historical Society of Woodstock in Woodstock, 10am.
Brunch with Santa at Ole Savannah in Kingston, 10am.
Jazz Brunch w/ Jay Collins’ Gravy Train at Pearl Moon in Woodstock, 11am.
Queerly Holiday Sip, Sale & Dance Fundraiser Party at Pearl Moon in Woodstock, 11am, 5pm.
Hurley Mountain Highway at Silk Factory in Newburgh, 11am.
Brunch with the Eric Puente Jazz Quartet on the Salon Stage at Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon, 11:30am.
Brunch: Jim Pospisil at Daryl’s House in Pawling, 12pm.
The Sacred Yoni Stitch Gathering at Orpheum Theater in Saugerties, 1pm.
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Fossil Finding at Woodstock Library, 1pm.
The Nutcracker at Bardavon Theater in Poughkeepsie, 2pm, 7:30pm.
The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberley at Shadowland Stages in Ellen-ville, 2pm, 7pm.
Party at the North Pole at Mountain View Studio in Woodstock, 2pm.
The Nutcracker at Ulster Performing Arts Center in Kingston, 4pm.
Opening Reception: Renee Samuels Art at KinoSaito Arts Center in Ver-planck, 4pm.
Dinner with Santa at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts in Bethel, 4pm, 6pm.
Bluegrass Clubhouse at Woodstock Library Forum, 5pm.
Loyales at RMV Cellars in West Park, 5pm.
Catskill Crew Holiday Party at Glen Falls House in Round Top, 6pm.
Mistletoe Jam ‘24 at MJN Convention Center in Poughkeepsie, 6pm.
Hurricane Annie at Hudson House in West Park, 6pm.
Tina Ross & Nick Carter on the Salon Stage at Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon, 6pm.
Spaghetti Eastern at Rock da Casbah in Saugerties, 6pm.
Cheryl & Kurt Henry at Stonehouse Tavern in Accord, 6:30pm.
How the (David) Lynch Stole Christ-

mas at The Yard in Beacon, 6:30pm, 7:30pm.
Mihalizade at Bearsville Theater in Woodstock, 7pm.
Nefesh Mountain: Love & Light Holiday Show at the Colony in Woodstock, 7pm.
Ugly Sweater Party w/ Fishbowl at High Falls Cafe in High Falls, 7pm.
The Deadbeats at Keegan Ales in Kingston, 7pm.
How The Grinch Stole Christmas: Interactive Storytelling & Cabaret at Phoenicia Playhouse in Phoenicia, 7pm.
Jeremy Baum Trio: Charlie “Baum” Christmas at The Falcon in Marlboro, 7pm.
Grampfather/ Jack Manley at Tubby’s in Kingston, 7pm.
Madeline’s Christmas at Woodstock Playhouse in Woodstock, 7pm.
The Nutcracker at the Orpheum Performing Arts Center in Tannersville, 7pm.
Dogpark: A Poetry Reading Series at Camp Kingston in Kingston, 7pm.
Mike Hamel at Di’Vine Wine Bar in Wappingers, 7pm.
Ars Choralis presents Welcome Yule: Time Was at Holy Cross Santa Cruz Episcopal Church in Kingston, 7pm.
Beyond Utopia Documentary Screening at Reformed Church in Woodstock, 7pm.
It’s a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio

Play at Hilltown Commons in Rensse-laerville, 7pm.
Jay Collins & The Gravy Train at The Lemon Squeeze in New Paltz, 7:30pm.
Holiday Swing Dance w/ Club Swing & Lesson at White Eagle Hall in Kings-ton, 7:30pm.
A Christmas Carol at for Performing Arts in Rhinebeck, 8pm.
Fantastic Cat at Daryl’s House in Pawling, 8pm.
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The presses

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conversation he had with Al Osten, owner of the above-mentioned printhouse and publisher of three bonafide weekly print newspapers: *Southern Dutchess News*, *Northern Dutchess News* and the *Beacon Free Press*. Sveikauskas is loose with the dates, but says the conversation took place somewhere between 1968 and 1971. Heady years, those.

“He had just taken over that part of the business, publishing newspapers,” Sveikauskas recalls. “His father, Herman, started it, and Al grew up in the business, working as a young person. When he took over he was handling hippie newspapers and stuff like that. So I give him my idealistic dreams of what I had in mind, to start my own newspaper, and he says to me, ‘let me tell you one thing. Newspaper printing is one step better than shit.’ I remember that 54 years later. Al’s a font of wisdom.”

Another newspaper lifer, Steve Wanzer joined on to the Wappingers Falls printing operation in 1978.

“Sure. I know Geddy,” says Wanzer, “Geddy used to come in the old days with his long hair, with his beard and his sandals. He was definitely like Woodstock-Era, you know what I mean?”

The publisher still favors wearing his hair longer, and his beard and sandals.

“These were the days we used to shoot everything on cameras,” says Wanzer, “and when I started, this was in the camera room, you took the 35 millimeter film out of the camera and developed it. And when the pages were all laid out with the photographs, you had already cut the boxes, and then laid out all the different font sizes, that was all typeset, when you glue those headlines down, then you had to take them and shoot them and make them into negatives and put those negatives in the right page order so they came out on the plate right. And then the plates went on to press.”

Over the years, Wanzer has watched the job change. No more developing baths. No more cameras. No more photographs. I asked him whether the



romance had gone out of it.

“It made the job a lot easier for me, for a lot of people,” he said. “In the old days, to do the *Almanac*, it’d probably take an hour and a half to two hours to get one section done. Now it takes me about 15 minutes.”

So maybe romance lost isn’t the right word combination. What hasn’t changed is the essential operation of the presses. Barring a malfunction, mechanically predictable and efficient, their design delivers what it always has.

“The main pressman, Lindell, does an excellent job,” says Wanzer. “He’s the guy who has to adjust all the color settings. Most of the time between Lindell and

Juan... those guys can fix just about anything. And Roger. Roger worked in the printing business with his father. He’s been doing it since he was a kid.”

Roger Pitassi was hired on to do the job as a general manager for the print house in 1985. His youth immersed in ink, Pitassi has no illusions about the precariousness of the business.

“There’s not a lot of newspaper printers around anymore,” Pitassi said. “There’s a big one in New Jersey, I think where the *Poughkeepsie Journal* prints now. Their printing operation closed down. And there was a large printer in Dallas that just went out of business and so we got numerous jobs out of Texas.”

Working steadily and watching the craft evolve throughout his 35 years, Pitassi has seen the business model of even the largest print news operations like the *Baltimore Sun* and *Chicago Tribune* founder during the suck tide of the print-to-online sea change. Even the *Daily Freeman*. Only the purchase and squeeze of a vulture capital hedge fund has kept operations of their size solvent. For the famous *Washington Post*, whose news operation managed to avoid capsizing after all, it was only the timely interest of a billionaire which saved them.

The south Dutchess operation has been able to earn its own way largely through the patronage of two key customer groups: high school newspapers on the one hand and filmmakers in need of movie props on the other. Set off from the newspaper printing floor, in a room where the RIP machines slumber (RIPs are Raster Image Processors which etch the aluminum plates) Pitassi gestures to two entire walls taken up with shelves supporting the copies of individual papers, to be used as reference for future orders.

“We print all over the country,” Pitassi says. “This is mostly New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts. Over here we’ve got the Carolinas and Virginia. We actually print a couple from Hawaii and these are mostly California. Every year you lose ten to fifteen percent and you hope to pick up new ones, and when you hear a printer goes out of business then you try to pick up some of their work, but it’s definitely a dying business.”

Printing fake newspapers as a reliable revenue sideline was a totally unexpected development.

“Back in maybe the late eighties, there was a movie that was filmed locally, *Nobody’s Fool*. Paul Newman was in it. They just called us and said, could you print us some newspapers? And we did, and it just kind of spun off of that. You get a prop master who goes and talks to somebody else, another artist, and we do tons of them now.”

Pitassi said they printed newspapers for the entire run of seasons for *House of Cards* and *Boardwalk Empire*. Recently

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The Nutcracker at Ulster Performing Arts Center in Kingston, 2pm.

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Christmas Cookie Decorating Class & Live Music w/ Tilly Foster at Hudson House in West Park, 2pm.

Finding Christmas: An Old Fashioned Rock ‘n’ Roll Holiday at Palace Theater in Albany, 2pm.

16th Annual Christmas Show at Silk Factory in Newburgh, 2pm.

It’s a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play at Hilltown Commons in Rensselaerville, 2pm.

The Nutcracker at Bardavon Theater in Poughkeepsie, 3pm.

A Christmas Carol at Center for Performing Arts in Rhinebeck, 3pm.

Aine Minogue: To Warm the Winter’s Eve at Christ the King Episcopal Church in Stone Ridge, 3pm.

Doctor Marigold by Charles Dickens at Park Theater in Hudson, 3pm.

The Many Moods of Christmas at Troy Savings Bank Music Hall in Troy, 3pm.

Saugerties Band Holiday Concert at Reformed Church in Saugerties, 3pm.

Kingston Jazz Jam at Chromatic Studios in Kingston, 4pm.

Ars Choralis presents Welcome Yule: Time Was at Overlook United Methodist Church in Woodstock, 4pm.

Gingerbread Build & Sip at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts in Bethel, 6:30pm.

Rubblebucket w/ Hannah Mohan at

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they printed newspapers for *Elsbeth*.
“And there was another movie about the Pentagon Papers. Probably one-hundred different titles we did for that one.’
But it’s not all simulacrum and sophomore journalism.
“We still got quite a few newspapers,” says Wanzer. “They’re usually weeklies. The *Pike County Dispatch* in Pennsylvania. The *Putnam County Press*. The *Croton Gazette*. And we’ve been doing *Shawangunk Journal* for years, which is harder to spell. Used to be called the *Ellenville Journal*. That’s a good paper, though. I don’t know if we have them from every state, but just about. We have one from Hawaii. We have one from Brazil. I think that’s a regular paper but I can’t read it, so I don’t know.”
Asked which he prefers, internet news versus the print version, Wanzer responds, “I don’t really look at news much on the internet, because on the internet I don’t know whether it’s true or not.” He pauses. “Could be the same

with newspapers too, I guess.”
But then Wanzer tends to get the news from the genuine articles themselves — reporters he can talk to directly, in-house. Pitassi also prefers his news from sources other than the internet.
“Maybe just because I print newspapers, I still get my daily newspaper. But I spend a lot of time in my car so I receive a lot of news in my car. As far as actually reading the newspapers, other than checking what they look like on the press, you know, I really don’t.”
What’s beyond dispute is that the number of eyeballs one can attract by publishing online is astronomically greater than compared to print, a difference not lost on advertisers.
Still, there is the sheer vastness of the internet itself paired with the oversaturation found in every sector of the global online marketplace which together tends to promote a deadening effect on potential consumer attention.
Trends do suggest that advertisers

looking hone in on niche, hyperlocal markets have belatedly recognized the value in returning to print in order to stand out from the online hum. This is because readers too appear to have been rediscovering the value in objects they can hold and feel with their fingertips. As part of a movement which resembles nostalgia, attending live music shows in live music venues, taking in live theater, watching movies in cinemas, and meeting strangers in real world settings, the craving for a return to living in the world of five senses has been palpable over the last summer — possibly a response to the hangover caused by the Covid lockdowns.
Even though advertising numbers aren’t what they were ten or twenty years ago, locally-owned print papers are not yet living on subscriptions alone. But since laying out any kind of argument here in support of supporting family-owned, grass-fed, pasture raised and free ranging, locally sourced weekly

newspaper reporting would be crass, it will be better still to point out the practical usefulness of collecting and conserving a reporter’s words in a stack of newsprint.
Even if one grows lazy about reading them, or grows averse to the news itself, remember: When the electricity fails and the winter weather grows bitter, instead of breaking up the tables and the chairs for kindling, one can keep warm by burning newspapers instead.
“Or you can wrap fish in them,” says Pitassi.
Whatever one does with newspapers, Pitassi can see the institutional knowledge of the newspaper printing houses disappearing out the door with the old-school devotees.
“The older advisors tend to stick with the newspapers,” Pitassi notes. “and then when they retire they tend to retire the newspaper along with them.”
While Medina looks forward to retiring, at 64, he’s not in any burning rush.
“I really didn’t want to work after 70, but I might just keep working. If I can still do it, I want to keep on going because I think that a little work, it keeps you alive. And there’s a whole bunch of good guys here. We don’t make a lot of money but we get along.”
Medina says that when the weather is right and when the morning is slow, waiting for the action to pick up, the workers turn to grilling outside.
“We’ve got a grill outside and while the other guys do their job, one guy cooks. I’m the one that always cooks. We cook chicken. We cook hotdogs. It’s a fun environment.”
If he had things his way, after retirement he would buy a camper and travel the country.
Wherever he drove, he said he would avoid reading newspapers.
“You know why I don’t really like the news? Because the news is all bad news. Mix it up and have some good things going on! I wish that more people would be interested in doing stuff like that. It doesn’t have to be about us. It could be any story. Because it keeps us going. It keeps us printing papers.”

Tivoli, 5pm.
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Trivia Break Tuesdays with Andre at Keegan Ales in Kingston, 6:30pm.

Spaghetti Eastern at Snug Harbor in New Paltz, 9:30pm.
Wednesday 12/18
Knit Night at the Yarn Farm in Kingston, 5pm.
The Bob Cats at the Colony in Woodstock, 6pm.
Sisterhood Support & Sanctuary at HV LGBTQ+ Community Center in Kingston, 6pm.
Broadway Open Mic at Silk Factory in Newburgh, 6pm.
Open Mic at Stonehouse Tavern in Accord, 6:30pm.
The Downtown Sessions at Arts Society of Kingston in Kingston, 7pm.

Kelli Scarr’s North of Amarillo at The Pines in Mt Tremper, 7pm.
Big Trouble in Little China (1986) at Rosendale Theater in Rosendale, 7:30pm.
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The Director of People Operations will be aligned with Radio Kingston's ethos of being in service to the mission and community they serve and understand the importance of cultivating an agile, adaptable learning organization. The changing nature of the Kingston

Responsibilities include the following:

Organizational Leadership and Management
Be a proactive, trusted partner in shaping and implementing the mission of Radio Kingston in alignment with the vision of the organization

Work collaboratively with the Executive Director and staff to define long-term direction and goals for the organization and develop and implement strategies and practices that support the overall healthy functioning of the organization

Lead and support work processes across the organization's functional areas

In partnership with the Executive Director and other key staff roles, serve as a representative of Radio Kingston, those outside of the organization in a way that conveys deep understanding and embodiment of the organization's unique role in the community at large

Staff Leadership
In partnership with the Executive Director, design and implement organizational change initiatives that support the long-term viability and sustainability of the organization

Manage and mentor Radio Kingston staff in ways that develop and support ongoing growth and development

Champion and foster effective, healthy staff collaboration and communication

Coach and coordinate the efforts of all staff in ways that support staff to be more impactful and aligned toward a shared orientation

Operational Management
Direct overall operations of Radio Kingston, including financial operations (via managing the relationship and oversight of outsourced financial management services), infrastructure management and development, human resource management, and general administration

Oversee contract and risk management such as insurance policies, attorney relationships, leases, and employment contracts

In partnership with the Executive Director, responsible for mindful stewardship of initiatives unique to Radio Kingston, including the Community Fund, Community Solar, and public green space

Professional Experience and Background
The ideal candidate brings the following qualifications:
Demonstrated track record of leadership/management roles, ideally in areas of people management and operations
Extensive knowledge of organizational and leadership development
Demonstrated passion and experience in community building in collaboration with other local nonprofits and community members
Strong social, emotional, and relationship management skills; ability to develop positive working relationships with people across different backgrounds
Strong sense of self-awareness, humility, imagination, and ability to improvise and think quickly on one's feet
Creative and flexible thinker with a commitment to finding ways to support the meaningful work at hand
Excellent verbal and written communication skills
Bilingual English/Spanish preferred

Competencies and Qualifications
In terms of the performance and personal competencies required for the position, we highlight the following skills of the ideal candidate (while recognizing that no one candidate is likely to have all of these strengths):
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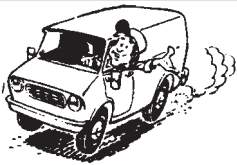
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