

Huber elected mayor of Wappingers Falls

Village of Wappingers Falls registered voters elected a new mayor on March 21. Kevin Huber was elected. He received 267 votes (123 on the Democratic line and 144 on the Republican line) to win the position of mayor. Current Mayor Rick Cerino received 87 write-in votes. Huber ran on the Democratic and Republican lines.

Joseph Nicholas received 106 votes in Ward 1. He was on the Democratic and Republican lines. He received 51 votes on the Democratic line and 55 on the Republican line.

Michael Ruffen, was on the Republican line. He received 61 total votes. Ruffen

will represent Ward 2. Eleven votes were from the Democratic line and 50 on the Republican line.

John Tyliszczak received a total of 126 votes to represent Ward 3. He received 67 votes on the Democratic line and 59 on the Republican line. He was on the Democratic and Republican lines.

Judge Raymond C. Chase Jr. was re-elected with 300 votes. He received 142 votes on the Democratic line and 158 on the Republican line. He was on the Democratic and Republican lines.

Results were submitted by Wappingers Falls Village Clerk John Karge.

Fishkill, Wappinger to host Easter egg hunts on April 1

By Kristine Coulter

The towns of Wappinger and Fishkill will host their annual egg hunts on Saturday.

Wappinger to host on-site raffle drawings during Easter Egg Hunt

Mr. Bunny will stop by the Town of Wappinger Easter Egg Hunt on April 1, from 1-3 p.m. The annual event will take place at Martz Field, on Pye Lane, in Wappinger. There is no pre-registration required.

Todd Bowen, who is a recreation assistant, said, "This year you can look forward to the guest of honor Mr. Bunny, joining us for your kiddos to take photos with." There will be thousands of eggs to collect "filled with yummy treats or tiny toys," he said. "A game or two for the kids to win some fun prizes. A craft to enjoy on site or to take home. And of course, our awesome raffles, including our bike raffle!"

The raffle drawings will be happening on site this year around 2:55 p.m., said Bowen, on the day of the event.

The past few years, because of COVID, the drawings were done on Facebook live, he explained.

"We certainly do expect a big turnout like always," said Bowen.

According to Bowen, the schedule for the day is as follows:

- 1 p.m. Check in, snack stop, games, crafts, and the Easter Bunny arrives
- 1:45 p.m. 0-3 year old egg hunt
- 2:10 p.m. 4-6 year old egg hunt
- 2:35 p.m. 7-9 year old egg hunt
- 2:50 p.m. 10-13 year old egg hunt,

- The event ends at 3 p.m.

The Wappinger Rec Department staff advises that attendees should make sure to bring their cameras so one can capture all of the fun moments.

Remember to check the Wappinger Recreation Facebook page or website for any changes or updates regarding the event.

Register for Town of Fishkill's annual Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Town of Fishkill will be held on April 1 from noon to 3 p.m. at Maurer Geering Park, 1 Geering Way, in Fishkill.

"Our Easter Egg Hunt is an annual event and we are excited to be able to offer this event to the community each year. A lot of planning goes in to our community events and each year we try and make the event bigger and better than the previous year," said Lauren McMenamin, the assistant recreation director for the Town of Fishkill.

"This year we will be bringing back the popular bouncy castle, face painting, egg hunt and special appearance by the Easter Bunny," she said. "We have some fun Easter-themed games planned for the kids."

McMenamin noted, "We plan for 500 kids and we typically have that many show up!"

The Town of Fishkill Recreation staff is asking that families register for this event so they can plan for the number of the children that have signed up. Parents and guardians can now register online at FishkillRecreation.com.

Wappinger Rotarians honor March's Students of the Month in the WCSD



The Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls recognized the March 2023 Students of the Month in the Wappingers Central School District. The students who were honored included: Alma Gabriel from Roy C. Ketcham High School, Ty'reic Riddick from Wappingers Junior High School, Axel Suarez Gutierrez from Myers Corners Elementary School, Gianna Stephens from Evans Elementary School and Adam Boris from Sheafe Road Elementary School. Each student received a certificate of recognition and a gift certificate to Barnes & Noble from the Rotary Club, a gift certificate from Longobardi's and a certificate from Town of Wappinger Supervisor Richard Thurston and Village of Wappingers Falls Mayor Rick Cerino. Congratulations to all and keep up the good work!

-Photo by Todd Bowen

Ribbon cutting, tours, job fair at BOCES Salt Point Campus April 15

Dutchess BOCES will be celebrating the completion of its "One Campus" Capital Project on Saturday, April 15 and the public is invited to tour the schools and visit a job fair after a ribbon cutting.

The Dutchess BOCES Board of Trustees, the agency's leadership, and students will cut a ceremonial ribbon at 9:30 a.m. at the new shared entrance for the Alternative High School and the Career and Technical Institute (CTI) located at the back of the building. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. an expo and open houses will take place at all schools, including the Salt Point Center (SPC).

SPC serves students pre-K through eighth grade by providing special education and a variety of support services. The school will host a sensory program in the gymnasium and have information about programming available for visitors. Staff will be providing building tours and sharing information about the trade skills learned at CTI and the sup-

ports and independent study offered at the Alternative High School.

Student work will be on display at all schools and information about the Adult Learning Institute, the GED testing site and other divisions will be provided to those who are interested.

Dutchess Community College will be hosting an "Instant Admissions" table for current high school students.

The job fair, which will be held in the new Conference Center, will feature more than 20 community partners who are now hiring. Included will be Onsemi, Central Hudson, Nuvance Health, NYS Corrections and Community Supervision, RK Roofing, Williams Lumber and Home Centers, Veith Electric, Schatz Bearing Corporation, DS Electric and the Gap, Inc.

The Board of Trustees will also be holding its annual meeting and regular April meeting at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. respectively. Both are open to the public.

Book festival April 1

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no one has. It has been a good run, and I am grateful for it," said Bruel.

The Poughkeepsie Book Festival, said Diuguid, is a "mission-critical event" for the Library District.

"Like many of our ongoing literacy and story time programs, the goal is to promote reading from a young age as a way to have fun and grow as a person learning more about the world," Diuguid stated.

Another author that is participating in the Festival this year is Kayla Miller.

"I'm looking forward to connecting with young readers, parents, and educators in the area! I was at the Festival last year and the energy was so positive and fun," Miller said in an email to Southern Dutchess News Group.

Miller remarked, "I think the new book vouchers program sponsored by the Friends of the Poughkeepsie Public

Library District is amazing. My partner and I visit the Friends' Book Store at the Boardman branch all the time, so I'm already a fan of theirs, but these book vouchers are just another reason to support them. They are going to make a lot of kids really happy."

Last year, more than 600 people attended and "the feedback we got was spectacular," said Diuguid. "People really had fun meeting some favorite authors and getting to know many new ones."

One may find out more about the event and see all the authors and illustrators in attendance, by visiting poklib.org/bookfest.

Organizers want to offer special thanks to the Friends of PPLD for sponsoring the free Book Vouchers. Visitors to the Book Festival aged 17 or younger may receive one voucher, which is valued at \$15. Some restrictions apply.

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Aziz Ullah, Lisa Gromoll take on elevated roles at Ulster Savings Bank



Aziz Ullah



Lisa M. Gromoll

-Courtesy photos

Ulster Savings Bank has announced the promotions of two team members: Aziz Ullah and Lisa M. Gromoll. Each of the employees have been recognized for their outstanding achievements.

Aziz Ullah, an employee of Ulster Savings Bank since 2018, has been promoted to Assistant Vice President of Commercial Lending at the Kingston headquarters.

Ullah, a Kingston resident, will assist existing and new clients with commercial mortgages, construction loans, term loans and lines of credit. He will also provide them with other financial services to support their businesses.

He holds a BS in Business from SUNY New Paltz and volunteers in various community events throughout the year.

Lisa M. Gromoll, who joined Ulster

Savings Bank in 1990, has been named Assistant Vice President of Accounting at the bank's Kingston headquarters. In her new role, Ms. Gromoll will have oversight of the daily accounting operations. She will ensure the accuracy of financial data and the integrity of the financial reporting for the bank.

A Tillson resident, Lisa volunteers in various bank community events throughout the year.

"We're pleased to announce the promotions of Aziz and Lisa," said Ulster Savings Bank CEO Bill Calderara. "Both have demonstrated a passion for hard work along with making their communities better - both values of utmost importance to us. We are glad to announce these much-deserved promotions."

John Jay students earn numerous medals during NYS tournament



John Jay High School students took home numerous medals during a recent New York State Tournament in Science.

-Courtesy photos

The Wappingers Central School District administration announced that the John Jay High School Science Olympiad Team did an amazing job at the New York State Tournament recently. The team placed seventh in New York and won nine medals in 23 events, including two first-place medals. Approximately 500 high schools participated in the NY Science Olympiad, with the top 60 teams competing at the state tournament.

John Jay medal winners included:

- It's About Time - 1st place**
Nathan Leobandung & Scott Klosen
- Flight - 1st place**
Jacob Leobandung & Shaylen Bhatt
- Fermi Questions - 4th Place**
Alex Zhu & Scott Klosen
- Codebusters - 5th place**
Alex Zhu, Nathan Leobandung & Jacob

- Leobandung
 - Green Generation - 6th place**
Naflah Mohammad & Shaylen Bhatt
 - Forensics - 7th place**
Nash Pillai & Sophie Patel
 - Bridge - 8th place**
Jes Mukkatt & Shaylen Bhatt
 - Anatomy & Physiology - 9th place**
Naflah Mohammad & Jes Mukkatt
 - WiFi Lab - 10th place**
Jacob Leobandung & David Culcay
- The full list of students who attended the state tournament includes:
Nathan Leobandung, Damien Foster, Jes Mukkatt, Scott Klosen, David Culcay, Sophie Patel, Kenneth Velasquez, Amira Aly, Naflah Mohammed, Alex Zhu, Shaylen Bhatt, Nash Pillai, Emma Mazzotta, Jacob Leobandung, Joseph Marra, Arnav Mishra, Aditi Rathi, Areej Omar, Lindsay Trumpler.

DC Fair to continue scholarship program

Dutchess County Agricultural Society President/CEO Andy Imperati has announced that the organization that operates the Dutchess County Fairgrounds will continue with the scholarship program, which awards a Dutchess County high school senior, college, university or technical school, including graduate students with an \$10,000 scholarship.

The Dutchess County Agricultural Association Inc. sponsors this scholarship.

The qualifying student must be a Dutchess County resident and/or participate in the programs operated by the agricultural society. The recipient must seek an undergraduate degree in agriculture, horticulture or human ecology or a career related to agriculture or horticulture. All applicants must submit their applications by May 11.

Information and a fillable PDF application are available at the Dutchess County Fair's website

dutchessfair.com/participate/scholarships, through Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County and from local high school offices.

The NYSAAF and NYSSA offer an annual scholarship program which is available to students who are New York State residents, who currently are (or have previously been) active in a fair that is a member of the NYSAAF or the NYSSA and who plan to attend (or already attend) college in pursuit of a

degree. The fair where you have been active, or the NYSSA must endorse your application and will submit it for you. The website <https://www.nyfairs.org/scholarships.htm> offers a complete list of member fairs, the scholarship application, and instructions.

Visit [dutchessfair.com/participate/scholarships](https://www.nyfairs.org/scholarships.htm) or <https://www.nyfairs.org/scholarships.htm> for information regarding both scholarships.

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Students display impressive math skills at Pi Day event

On Tuesday, March 21, The Math & Physics Exploration hosted the 8th Annual Pi Day Recognition event. This year at the Van Wyck Junior High School, 59 students were recognized for their competence in being able to multiply infinite power series to prove algebraic identities. However, this year was special because a fifth-grade class of 21 students along with these 59 students were able to multiply 18 x 18 digits to get an answer of 35 digits.

Could this be the only class in Dutchess County, that can achieve such a feat? I am sure that they are willing to challenge any class that doubts this!

The students were asked to compare the approach that they learned with other techniques for doing long multiplication. They found that they could do the work three times as fast, and could be more confident that they had the correct answer. The students were learning how important the layout of a problem was to being able to understand what they were doing and being able to check and correct their work. They were encouraged to challenge what they were learning and to understand the strengths and weaknesses to different approaches for learning and doing long multiplication.

The success of teaching the students was how teachers Nelson, Patterson and Reaves - doing a residency with Dr. Irvin Miller, Executive Director of the Math & Physics Exploration - integrated Miller's techniques with theirs. Most importantly, the work ethic of the students improved as they began to be able to easily identify the associative, com-

mutative and distributive properties.

In the spirit of STEAM, a project was introduced to all the students, in which they were asked to make a ruler that could be used to add and subtract positive and negative numbers. All they needed was some cardboard, a pen, glue and their creative skills.

The Pi Day program began as Superintendent Dr. Bonk and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Cardwell praised the students for their academic growth in learning math and their ability to transfer those skills to learning other subjects. Peggy Kelland, Vice President of the Wappingers Board of Education, continued the praises of Drs. Bonk and Cardwell, and discussed how appreciative she and the board were of their initiation and support of the Enriched Math Program. In gratitude for his interest in the efforts of the students, Mia from the 5th grade class presented Dr. Bonk with a picture she had painted.

The keynote speaker, State Senator Rob Rolison -- who has championed education even as Mayor of Poughkeepsie -- spoke about the importance of good quality education. He was pleased to see the future that these students would bring with their ethics and skill.

Town Supervisors Nicholas D'Alessandro (East Fishkill), Richard Thurston (Wappinger), Ozzy Albra (Fishkill) and Jon Baisley (Poughkeepsie) have been supportive of this program for about four years. Some of the aforementioned people, along with the students' principals, signed certi-



The fifth-grade class of Mrs. Nelson took part in Pi Day activities through a partnership between Van Wyck Junior High School in Wappingers Falls and The Math & Physics Exploration.

-Courtesy photo

icates of recognition. Dr. Shuchat through Theresa Maher provided the resources and skills to produce the trophies for the students.

The program continued as 5th grade teacher Nelson described the academic impact on her students as they changed as mathematicians, and improve their work ethic. Nicolette and her mom spoke about how importance math has been to their family. Her mom, Katherine, not only has been supportive of her daughter and son, but she learned some math from them. Nicolette saw how doing the homework and studying made math easier for her than for children who did not.

Sixth-grader Morgan from Fishkill Plains talked about the importance of practicing to perfect your skills. Johnny Price from Brinckerhoff looked forward to Tuesdays, when he could proceed at a new accelerated rate through the ever-increasing mystery of math. Dean from Oak Grove can now multiply large numbers that he could never have done without the program. Cillian from Oak Grove learned how to challenge what he was taught.

Dr. Miller thanked the Hudson Valley Savings Bank, Top's Markets, Adams Fairacre Farms, and the Daily Planet for their support of this recognition event.

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