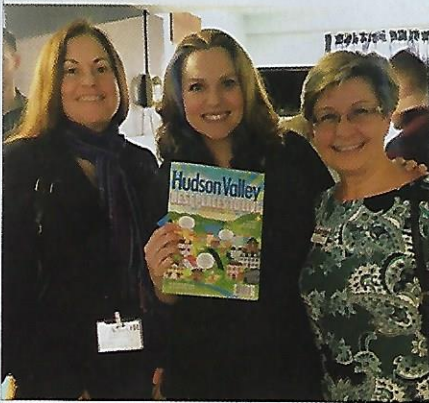


Astor Services for Children & Families

Renovation Project Breaks Ground, Rhinebeck

Actress Hilarie Burton was on hand to kick-off the second renovation project of Astor's residential treatment center at its Rhinebeck campus. Burton and her husband, actor Jeffrey Dean Morgan, are providing hands-on assistance in the renovation of 10 residential treatment center beds, with the long-term goal to fully renovate the outdated residential units. The first phase of the project was completed in April 2017.

Pictured: (From left) Jennifer Borrero, Hilarie Burton, and Carol Berman



Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center

Spring Gala, Poughkeepsie

The 11th Annual "Stand Together" gala hosted by the Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center was an evening honoring the strength, spirit, and unity of the LGBTQ community in our region. Several individuals accepted awards for their dedication, support, and advocacy for the LGBTQ community including James Dale, recipient of the Courage Award, and Michael Urie, recipient of the Service to the Community Award.

Pictured: (From left) Jamie Levato, Sandy Zerbe, Peter Heymann, Janet Bosco, Rachel Ritter, and Victory Reese

Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce

State of Rhinebeck & Good Egg Award Dinner, Rhinebeck

Local artist, small business owner, and Rhinebeck Chamber member Betsy Jacaruso received the Good Egg Award at the Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck. The award, given by the Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce, is based on an individual's involvement for the betterment of the community.

Pictured: Phillip Meltzer with Betsy Jacaruso and Claudia Cooley



Palace Theatre

Backstage Ball, Albany

Hundreds gathered at the historic Palace Theatre earlier this spring for an evening of arts and entertainment. This annual event raises unrestricted funds to support free arts education programming, low-cost and free community movies for the entire family, and performing arts experiences that reach thousands each year. This year the Patron of the Arts Award was presented to Michele Vennard, Albany County Convention & Visitors Bureau (ACCVB) President and CEO. In her 25-year career at the ACCVB, she worked to promote the Capital Region and was instrumental in bringing the Albany Capital Center project to fruition.

Pictured: Congressman Paul Tonko, Michele Vennard, and Palace Theatre Executive Director Susan Rosko Fogarty

The Culinary Institute of America (CIA)

Spring Revival Charity Dinner, Hyde Park

Seniors in the Foodservice Management class at the CIA in Hyde Park combined skills they have gathered over the course of their education to execute a four-course dinner that began with the tastes of winter and ended with the flavors of spring. Proceeds were donated to Dutchess Outreach and the CIA Side Towel Scholarship, which provides financial assistance to CIA students to help them complete their studies.

Pictured: The graduating class of April 12, 2018



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