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Downstate Correctional Facility closed

By Kristine Coulter

Downstate Correctional Facility, a maximum-security facility in Fishkill, is closed.

The New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) said in a statement last week, "Therefore on March 10, 2022, the close of business, the following facilities will officially close: Ogdensburg Correctional Facility, Moriah Shock Incarceration Correctional Facility, Willard Drug Treatment Campus, Southport Correctional Facility, Downstate Correctional Facility and Rochester Correctional Facility."

In the DOCCS statement, it was noted, "The Fiscal Year 2021-22 New York State budget that was voted on and approved by the Legislature authorized the Governor to close state prisons as the incarcerated population continues to decline and as a fiscally prudent and safe way to save taxpayer dollars."

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said in a statement to Southern Dutchess News, "We lament the unnecessary closure of the Downstate Correctional Facility – a move that will fracture the lives of hundreds of Dutchess County residents who have dutifully worked at the site for years, as well as their families – despite my repeated requests for Gov. Kathy Hochul to reconsider, pleas echoed by state and local leaders."

A union representative for this area did not respond to request for comment by deadline.

According to DOCCS, as of March 9, the total incarcerated population in state correctional facilities was 30,602. This represents both a total reduction in excess of 13,600 individuals since January 1, 2020, and the lowest total incarcerated population in New York State prisons since 1983. This is nearly a 58% decline in population since the Department's high of 72,773 in 1999, with New York leading the nation with the lowest imprisonment rate of any large state.

"The State's attempt at compassion for inmates has instead scattered these incarcerated individuals throughout the state, at facilities much farther away from their loved ones, and has left us with a deserted, blighted eyesore in southern Dutchess County," said Molinaro.

"New York State continues to be at the forefront of some of the nation's most progressive criminal justice reforms by spearheading smart

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Five generations of local family serve as firefighters for community

By Kristine Coulter

Five generations of a family have served as firefighters in the Village of Wappingers Falls and City of Beacon.

Four generations of the Lahey family have served a total 118 years, and counting, of active service in the City of Beacon Fire Department. Two generations are still serving in that department.

Dennis P. Lahey leaves legacy in Wappingers Falls

Serving the community in the fire service for the Lahey family began in Wappingers Falls. Dennis P. Lahey was an active member of the S.W. Johnson Engine Company #2 in Wappingers Falls. That was in 1910. He was also served as a constable for Wappingers Falls.

Sons follow in father's footsteps

Dennis P. Lahey's sons, Hank Lahey and Joe Lahey, continued the family's giving back to the community when they became firefighters. Joe Lahey was elected to the Lewis Tompkins Hose Co #1 and the City of Beacon Fire Department (BFD) as an active member in March of 1940. He was elected to Fire Police, 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant and Captain. He was a company trustee for 20 years. He served 59 years, 1940 to 1999, to the company and BFD.

Hank Lahey was a 63-year member of the S.W. Johnson Engine Company #2.

Firefighting tradition continues in Beacon

Dennis "Denny" J. Lahey, Hank's son, served 51 years as an active firefighter, from May 1960 to June 2011.

"I've always been interested [in the fire service] ever since I was a little kid," said Denny recently.

He recalled living across the street from the Johnson fire house in Wappingers Falls growing up. In the Village, two doors down from where Denny



Three of the five generations of the Lahey family who have served as local firefighters. Clockwise from left, Dennis, Denny and Kari Lahey.

-Courtesy photo

lived, was the Academy Theater. Denny remembered that in 1937 there was a fire at the theater.

"We had to get out of the house and cross the street. We watched the fire burn," Denny remarked. He said he was 6 or 7 at the time of that fire.

When he was around 26 years old, Denny joined Tompkins Hose in Beacon.

When asked if he has ever been scared on any calls, Denny replied he had "some

close calls."

"A fire company is organized for the protection of life and property of the community it serves," said Denny.

Denny was elected to active membership in Lewis Tompkins Hose Co #1 and the City of Beacon in May 1960, he said. He held positions of: 2nd lieutenant, 1st

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Service remembers local veteran without known family

By Kristine Coulter

A funeral service was held for U.S. Marine veteran Luis Domingo Olivo-Paz on March 11. The 83-year-old had no known family, so Joseph Schuka, a funeral director with Libby Funeral Home, arranged local veterans and community members to honor the late veteran.

Olivo-Paz was a recent resident of the Montrose VA Hospital, according to his obituary. He was born in Puerto Rico. Schuka noted Olivo-Paz served during the Vietnam War.

"The reason we feel the importance of serving the veterans, especially when there's no next-of-kin, is that no one should ever have to be buried alone. As long as I am serving as a funeral professional, there will always be someone standing over that veteran offering respects, and honoring their life and service," said Schuka.

Rev. John Thawale, parochial vicar of St Joachim-St John the Evangelist Church, led the service. A letter from Timothy Cardinal Dolan was read during the Mass.



Local veterans carry the casket of 83-year-old U.S. Marine veteran Luis Domingo Olivo-Paz during a funeral mass at St. Joachim-St. John Roman Catholic Church in Beacon on March 11.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

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Family committed to local fire service



Five generations of Laheys have served local fire departments. From left, Dennis P. Lahey served the Wappingers Falls community as a constable and firefighter. Hank Lahey holds his grandson Dennis Lahey, who is currently serving with the City of Beacon Fire Department. Firefighter Denny Lahey holds his granddaughter Kari Lahey, who would eventually follow in her grandfather's footsteps as a firefighter for the City of Beacon.

-Courtesy photos

Downstate Correctional facility closed

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and fair policies that have resulted in a drastic decline in the incarcerated population,” stated DOCCS.

DOCCS carefully reviewed the operations at its 50 correctional facilities for possible closure. “This review was based on a variety of factors, including physical infrastructure, program offerings, facility security level, specialized medical and mental health services, proximity of other facilities in the area to minimize the impact to staff, potential re-use options and areas of the state where prior closures have occurred in order to minimize the impact to communities. Consideration of the impact of the recently enacted HALT and Less Is More legislation was also weighed,” according to DOCCS.

DOCCS stated it is working closely with the various bargaining units to provide staff with opportunities for priority placement via voluntary transfers, as well as priority employment at other facilities or other state agencies as a result of the formal Civil Service process that is followed with the closure of a correctional facility. This process is done gradually. DOCCS does not anticipate any layoffs due to these closures.

DOCCS will also work cooperatively with the Office of General Services and Empire State Development to facilitate the re-use of the closed facilities. Upon closure, DOCCS will begin the decommission process in order to protect the State assets for potential re-use, stated DOCCS.

Molinaro noted, “With the site now cast away by New York State, Dutchess County would advocate for its highest and best use, but defers to the Town of Fishkill and its residents to determine how they’d like to see the property repurposed. As the County has successfully done with the repurposing of other large, abandoned or underutilize parcels, our team stands ready to provide support and guidance to the town and the state in any analysis, investor attraction and subsequent permitting process to ensure the best outcome for our community.”

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lieutenant, captain, fire warden (LTH), fire warden (LTH), chief of the BFD, 2nd assistant chief, 1st assistant chief, chief of the department and trustee of the LTH. Denny said he was appointed the first rescue captain of the BFD and first safety officer of the BFD. Denny has served on numerous committees, including the committee to revise the current Rules and Regulations to bring them up to date from 2001 to the present. He also serves as the Tompkins Hose Co. company historian.

Going on calls with dad

Denny’s son, Dennis P. Lahey, is a current active member of the BFD.

“Dennis and I went to the firehouse all the time,” said Denny recalling when his son was growing up in Beacon.

“I went to a lot of fires with him, even before I was old enough to join,” said

Dennis recently.

In January of 1975, Dennis was elected into the Lewis Tompkins Hose Co. 1 and the BFD as an active member. Since that time, he has held the positions of: 2nd lieutenant, 1st lieutenant (twice), captain (twice), 2nd assistant chief, 1st assistant chief, chief. He is in his 47th year of service to the city of Beacon.

With almost five decades serving as a firefighter, Dennis remarked, “A lot of people are not going to do this for free anymore. There are not monetary rewards but the reward is helping people – which is just as good as monetary.”

In 2017, Dennis was awarded for his first responders service by the Beacon Elks, just as his father was in 2009.

First female firefighter in the family serves the city

Kari Lahey, daughter of Dennis and granddaughter of Denny, singed up to

serve in the BFD when she was 16 in 2003. Kari was the first female junior firefighter in the Lewis Tompkins Hose in the BFD.

“I’m proud of her,” Dennis said of his daughter. “I’m at most of the calls she is at. Of course, you’re always concerned that nothing goes wrong.”

Denny said being a firefighter is what his granddaughter loves.

Kari was elected as the first female member of the Tompkins Hose Co. when she was 18 years old as a senior firefighter. She has been elected to: 2nd lieutenant, 1st lieutenant. She went on the exempt rolls in 2010. In 2020, Kari was appointed by the Beacon City Council as the first career female firefighter in the city.

Dennis said anyone who is new to the city, or someone who has lived in Beacon for a long time, should look into how the fire company operates.

National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week set March 21-27

Ahead of National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week, March 21-27, the Council on Addiction Prevention & Education (CAPE) is offering Dutchess County parents and guardians and their children ages 12 to 19 access to Teen Intervene, a program dedicated to helping teenagers in the early stages of alcohol and drug misuse. The free program is part of a state-wide initiative through New York’s Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS).

According to Mental Health America, 4% of adolescents, nationally, reported having a substance use disorder in the last year, 1.64% noted that they are abusing alcohol and 3.16% admitted to using illegal substances. Specifically, New York reports 3.87%, or 52,000, of adolescents

are currently struggling with a substance use disorder. Through Teen Intervene, an evidence-based program, teens and their parents are provided education, support and motivation through a series of two to four sessions that are designed to help reduce, and eventually eliminate, the use of alcohol and/or other drugs and other risky behaviors.

“We know how important it is to meet teens where they are and recognize that many may not see their use as an emerging problem or be aware that they need to change their behavior,” said CAPE’s Agency Director, Crissy Groenewegen. “That’s exactly what this program was designed for – welcoming any teenager who has experienced mild to moderate problems with substance use into a calm,

confidential educational environment.”

Parents and guardians will also have the option to attend a session with their teen to further their own education and learn how they can better support their loved one. In fact, CAPE has expanded the reach of this free program even more by offering both in-person – at a host of locations across Dutchess County, from public and private schools and residential treatment facilities to community centers – and virtual sessions in both English and Spanish.

For more information on Teen Intervene, or to make a referral, please contact Crissy Groenewegen at 845-765-8301 (ex.103) or via email at cgroenewegen@capedc.org.



Crissy Groenewegen

COVID-19 update

Quick facts – Dutchess County

(as of March 5)

Active cases: 104 (down from 141 on March 5)

Community transmission: 8.85 per 100,000 (up from 6.81 on March 5)

Hospitalizations due to COVID-19: 7 (down from 9 on March 5)

Hospitalizations of individuals with COVID-19: 12 (up from 11 on March 5)

Total deaths: 651 (was 650 on March 5)

% population 18+ with at least one dose of vaccine: 85.1 (unchanged from March 5)

% of total county population with at least one dose of vaccine: 76.62 (slightly up from 76.55 on March 5)

% of total county population that has completed their vaccine series: 68.96 (slightly up from 68.85 on March 5)

The county dashboard doesn’t include data on boosters; however, according to the CDC, 50.7 percent of the county’s fully vaccinated population has received a booster, up from 50.4 percent on Feb. 27.

Currently, the CDC classifies Dutchess as a *moderate-risk* county.

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Late veteran honored in Beacon



Local Scouts salute during the funeral procession for U.S. Marine Luis Domingo Olivo-Paz in Beacon on March 11.



U.S. flags are held by members of the Patriot Guard Riders to honor veteran Luis Domingo Olivo-Paz. Inset is veteran Luis Domingo Olivo-Paz.

-Photos by Kristine Coulter

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“Even if it is not a veteran and just an ordinary individual who for whatever reason has no family, I will be there with my staff to utter a kind word of farewell, ‘Go in peace, and be at rest.’ Every life is worth honoring,” stated Schuka.

Honoring the late veteran were local Marines from the Carmen Ramputi Detachment 861 of Beacon, who served as pallbearers.

Members of American Legion 203 and VFW Wm B. Wilson Post 666, of Beacon honored the late veteran. Grand Knight Kevin Allison, and members from Knights of Columbus Trinity Council 445 attended the service, as well as scouts from Scout Troop 41 of Beacon.

Escort assistance was provided by local Patriot Guard Riders.

Olivo-Paz's casket-remains were trans-

ported to the Gerald B.H. Solomon
Saratoga National Cemetery.

Rev. Thawale said during the service, "Luis was a veteran. He had to sacrifice his life for the nation. For the people."

The priest said Luis “is grateful because he knows there are people who love him.” Deacon Martin Mayeski assisted Rev. Thawale with the service.

"I'm so grateful too, for the community

respect that I've gained. Whenever I call out for a funeral with no-family, everyone's eagerness to show up for the deceased person, it's amazing. Even the youth, from the Scouts and recently the local high school band, I receive a star trumpet player to sound Taps for military honors. It's important to me, to teach the younger generation how to show up for the less fortunate." Schuka remarked.

*Deadline to run for
library trustee is March 28*

Beacon City School District residents,
would you consider running for Trustee of
the Howland Public Library?

Trustees also have responsibilities for library financial oversight, policy creation, community outreach and advocacy. Trustees work with the Director of the library to carry out its mission and Long Range Plan.

Candidates for trustee positions must pick up petitions at the library. These petitions should be notarized and returned to the library clerk by 5 p.m. on March 28, and carry the signatures of at least twenty-five people qualified to vote in the Beacon City School District elections.

For anyone who has questions about the

position, contact trustee Phoebe Zinman at Trustee9@beaconlibrary.org.

Trustees meet as a board on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. for one to two hours. Committee meetings and trustee trainings occur less regularly, but you should anticipate a 1.5 hour/week commitment to the library. Many of the trustees are parents and/or working fulltime.

People who are United States citizens, eighteen years or older, and have been residents of this school district for thirty days before the election are eligible to run. We currently have three vacancies on the board, ranging from two to five-year terms.

Youth can follow along with cartoonist on Zoom March 22

The Howland Library will be having a Zoom event on Tuesday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. for children in 1st - 7th grade. Children will follow along with cartoonist, Jim Stromoski, to combine different elements from different animals to create bizarre fun new ones.

All one need is paper, a pencil, pen or Sharpie.

To register, please visit www.beaconlibrary.org and head to the Calendar page.

The Registration link on Calendar page at: www.beaconlibrary.org or <https://forms.gle/1rA1dpoS2FAuKDAe8>.

Mental Hygiene Board to host virtual meeting

The Dutchess County Mental Hygiene Board will be holding its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 21 at noon. One may participate via Microsoft

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and enter Conference ID number 261 140
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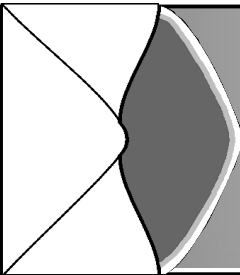
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- Letters that contain statements that are libelous or slanderous will not be published.
- Letters that include personal attacks will not be published
- Letters written in response to other letter writers must address the issue at hand, rather than mentioning the writer by name and must refer to the headline and date the letter was published.
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- All letters must contain a name, hometown and phone number for verification.
- Letters appearing on the Viewpoints page are the views of the writers alone and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Beacon Free Press.

Apology

The staff of the Beacon Free Press apologizes to Paul Hardisty and his family regarding the publishing of a letter in the March 9, 2022 issue. We have adjusted our letters policy and will no longer allow letter writers to conduct personal attacks against other individuals. Letter writers must address the issue – not individuals or other letter writers.

Planning Board discussions could have potential impact on quality of life

To the Editor:

I happened to catch a planning board rebroadcast on TV from Feb. 8th at 2 a.m. regarding a proposed project before the City’s Planning Board that all Beacon residents should know about, because it has the potential to impact the quality of life for those residing in the area of Wolcott Avenue and Route 9D, where I also live nearby.

A developer is proposing to build a 500-seat event venue and a 30-room hotel and restaurant/cafe on the site of the historic Reformed Church of Beacon. Anyone familiar with the parking situation in Beacon would immediately see the first problem with this proposal: It seems obvious that the area cannot sustain such a large influx of vehicles, especially on weekends when most events are held.

Where are these event attendees going to park, and what will this fresh influx of vehicles do to the already congested roadways? No one could seriously believe the developer's comment that the events and the restaurant/cafe will not operate simultaneously to avoid parking strain on the area. Additional considerations include the noise factor (especially with new housing complexes on either side of the church), and the

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additional strain on our septic and water system.

Most residents would certainly agree that an already crowded residential area such as this is not an appropriate location for a venue that would increase traffic, noise and an additional strain on Beacon.

We need to be made aware by our planning and zoning boards, why this is even being considered at this location.

Michael D’Antuono
Beacon

Laerdal leader who lives with heart disease to chair 2022 Heart Challenge in the Hudson Valley

Donna Kosack’s family and her own health history have made her a strong advocate for educating people about heart disease.

“How many people don’t know they have heart disease, or don’t know the signs and symptoms?” Kosack, Systems Adoption Manager at Laerdal Medical, asked. “I’m chairing the 2022 Heart Challenge to help raise awareness.”

The 2022 Dutchess-Ulster Heart Walk is part of the Heart Challenge, and is set for Saturday, April 30, at The Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park. To ensure safety for all participants, the Walk will let people begin walking any time they like between 9 and 11 a.m.



Donna Kosack

Kosack always knew she needed to be diligent about her heart health. When she was in her 20s, her uncle, then in his 40s, had his first heart attack. Her father and grandfather had also had heart disease. But after her mother was diagnosed with cancer for the second time, Kosack was sitting on her couch and felt pressure in her chest. At the physical she had scheduled for the next day, doctors detected a heart murmur and sent her to a cardiologist.

Kosack was surprised to learn she had a bicuspid aortic valve – a congenital heart defect which means that her heart valve has two flaps instead of the customary three – which has created an aortic aneurysm.

Kosack immediately had her two daughters and son checked to make sure this isn’t something they inherited. They don’t have it.

“I’m monitored closely for the aortic aneurysm,” Kosack said. “If it gets too big, doctors will operate on it, and replace my valve at the same time.”

Kosack credits American Heart Association events with making her more aware of heart disease. Laerdal is a longtime sponsor of the Dutchess-Ulster Heart Walk and Kosack has volunteered and participated in AHA events in the 14 years she has worked at Laerdal. She was also a member of the BetterU program in the Hudson Valley, a 12-week heart-health improvement program for women that is celebrated at the Go Red for Women Luncheon.

“I find takeaways at Heart Association events each year,” she said, “and I try to educate myself and others about heart issues wherever I can.”

Kosack has also followed the Heart Association’s health advice.

“We all have a heart, and we need to protect it,” Kosack said. “I avoid eating any-

thing that could build up calcium in my arteries, abstain from smoking, practice good dental hygiene and drink lots of water. Exercise is also so important, yet challenging. I do aim for 8,000 to 10,000 steps a day, and have set a goal this year to bike 77 miles to Manhattan starting at the Dutchess Rail Trail.

“My message to the community is, look out for your health and take care of each other. We all need to get back outside and what better way than the Heart Walk? By being part of this event, you are joining in heart health and continuing to improve the lives of the people you love.

“As a community, let’s also be there to help the continued efforts of the AHA by investing. By investing time and money we continue the mission of the AHA, which is helping many people lead better and healthier lives. The Heart Association provides educational information, teaches CPR and of course, invests in research.”

“It’s great to be having an in-person event again, and Donna is a terrific leader for this,” said Sunny Intwala, M.D., cardiologist at NuVance Health and president of the Dutchess-Ulster Board of Directors for the American Heart Association. “Her perspective as a survivor reminds us that it can be surprising who suffers from heart disease. Laerdal is a longtime supporter, and Donna has been a longtime participant. She is an enthusiastic and dedicated leader. We’re grateful that she is chairing the campaign.”

The Dutchess-Ulster Heart Walk raises funds so the American Heart Association can continue to fund research and community programs to fight the No. 1 and No. 5 killers in America, heart disease and stroke.

Investigation continues in fatal LaGrange crash

The State Police continue to investigate a fatal crash involving a State Police patrol vehicle and an Arlington School District bus, which occurred on March 8 on Route 55 and South Cross in the Town of LaGrange.

Two adult students were on the bus at the time of the crash and were transported to MidHudson Regional Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. An adult aide on the bus was pronounced deceased on scene by responding LaGrange Fire Department paramedics. The bus driver and trooper were transported to local area hospitals with non-life-threatening injuries.

The initial investigation determined that the State Police patrol vehicle, operated by Trooper Christopher Batista, was eastbound on State Route 55 in a non-emergency status. The Arlington School District bus was northbound on South Cross Road and failed to stop at the stop sign while attempting to enter State Route 55. The patrol vehicle and bus collided, causing the bus to then strike a utility pole.

The investigation determined that the bus aid, Robin P. Alvarez, age 59, of East Fishkill, was not wearing a seat belt.

This investigation remains ongoing.

County to participate in statewide STOP-DWI St. Patrick’s Day enforcement effort

Dutchess County police agencies will participate in a special enforcement effort to crack down on impaired driving during the St. Patrick’s Day holiday. The statewide STOP-DWI crackdown efforts will start on Wednesday, March 16, and will end on Sunday, March 20.

According to the U.S. Department of

Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 10,142 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes nationwide in 2019. On average, more than 10,000 people were killed each year from 2015 to 2019, equating to one person killed in a drunk-driving crash every 52 minutes in 2019.

DISPATCHES FROM THE VFW

by Tom Zurhellen

Women veterans have unique set of challenges

March is Women’s History Month, and it’s a wonderful opportunity to recognize the women among us who have served in the military, and continue to serve their communities in all sorts of ways. All veterans face challenges, but sometimes we forget our women veterans can face even more obstacles – with health care, with employment, and with simply being seen as a veteran.

I’m lucky to be friends with two amazing women veterans who work with MHA Dutchess Veterans Programs, Alyssa and Victoria, and recently we talked on the radio about the unique challenges and triumphs that women vets face every day. Alyssa is an Army veteran and a USMA graduate, while Victoria is a Navy veteran who was stationed out of San Diego during her service. Through their work helping other veterans at MHA as well as their own experiences, both Alyssa and Victoria have first-hand knowledge of many of these unique challenges.

“Sometimes we have to remind people we’re veterans, too,” Victoria shared with me. She told me about an experience she had at the VA Hospital after her discharge from the Navy. “The medical staff at the VA were asking me who I was with, or if I was there with my husband at the hospital,” she said, shaking her head. “And I had to tell them, I am the veteran. I’m not here with anyone. I’m the veteran who is here for health care.”

As a proud graduate of West Point, which did not allow women to participate until 1976, Alyssa also knows the obstacles sometimes facing our women in uniform, both during and after their service.

“As veterans, all we want is to be treated equally,” she said. “At MHA Dutchess

Veterans Programs, when Victoria and I meet a woman vet for the first time, we want them to know we understand their struggles, because we’ve had the same struggles transitioning into civilian life, too.”

MHA Dutchess hosts a regular roundtable session for veterans to talk with other veterans, but Alyssa also mentioned they are trying to add a separate session for women vets only. If you or someone you know is a woman veteran and would like to connect with Alyssa and Victoria at MHA Dutchess, give them a call at (845) 473-2500 or an email to veterans@mhadutchess.org.

We’ve talked about this before in previous Dispatches: the face of our veteran population is certainly changing over time. And yet, when we think of a veteran, often we still picture an older, white male with perhaps a scratchy beard or an anchor tattoo on his arm. But almost 1 out of 8 combat veterans returning from the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts were women, and furthermore, 1 out of 4 of those veterans were people of color. Yes, the face of our brave veterans is changing, and we should ensure all our veterans are honored and recognized in the same way. They deserve nothing less!

We all know sometimes our women veterans may not get the recognition they deserve for their service, even more so than their male counterparts. So this month, let’s take a moment or two to thank the women vets in our lives, as part of Women’s History Month.

Thank you to Alyssa and Victoria from MHA Dutchess Veterans Programs for talking with me on the radio recently. And thank you, for listening! See you next time!



Victoria Newman (left) and Alyssa Carrion (right) of MHA Dutchess Veterans Programs joined Tom Zurhellen on WPDH radio last week to talk about the unique challenges facing women veterans.

-Courtesy photo

A Navy veteran, Tom Zurhellen has been Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in Poughkeepsie for the past three years. In the summer of 2019, he walked across America from Portland, Oregon, to Poughkeepsie to

raise awareness on veteran suicide and veteran homelessness in our country. He continues to work with local veterans in need through the VetZero Project, partnership with Hudson River Housing.

Sheriff’s Office investigating increasing phone scams

The Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office would like to take this opportunity to warn the residents of Dutchess County and surrounding areas about scams that once again seem to be on the rise.

Scams are ways in which criminals will attempt to get money from people by contacting them and making up elaborate stories. In some cases the perpetrators have tried, sometimes successfully, to use the victim’s emotions about a loved one in trouble to get money. It’s common for the perpetrators of these scams to try to get money by telling people that one of their relatives has been seriously hurt or is in jail, and that they need money right away. In many cases they will pose as a law enforcement official or another relative to try and convince the victim that it’s legitimate.

The latest scam involves the perpetrators posing as representatives of law enforcement. The Sheriff’s Office received two calls about this scam on March 9, and in both cases the perpetrators identified themselves as “Sgt. Jason Mark” and left voicemails instructing the victims to call them back right away

about an urgent matter. In both cases the call recipients recognized it as a scam and contact the Sheriff’s Office immediately.

The Sheriff’s Office would like to offer the following tips to help people avoid these scams:

- Legitimate law enforcement would not attempt to satisfy a warrant or make promises to avoid prosecution by soliciting money.
- If you receive an email about an order you didn’t place or asking you to send money call the company using a legitimate number. DO NOT follow the instructions in the email, click on any links in the email, or call the number provided in the email.
- If someone asks you to purchase merchandise, transfer money, provide bank information, or enter a code given to you by them use caution as it is likely a scam.
- Do not meet up with someone that you don’t know; if you’re asked to do this it is surely a scam, and it is very dangerous as well.
- If you’re contacted by someone you don’t know asking for money, for any rea-

son, that’s a signal that it’s most likely a scam.

- If someone calls you and tells you that a relative has been hurt or is in jail, confirm it first before sending any money. Call other relatives or a legitimate law enforcement agency for confirmation before any money is sent. If they’re posing as a relative, try and contact that relative for confirmation.
- Sending money overseas is especially risky; use extreme caution.
- Ask the person for their call back number and ask to speak to their supervisor to confirm the info; if it’s a scam they will most likely hang up at this point and the number they give you will be bogus.
- If the person is telling you that a loved one is in the hospital or jail, find out which one and contact the institution yourself to confirm.
- If a loved one has recently passed away be wary; in some cases perpetrators have even preyed on victims by searching through the obituaries and calling surviving loved ones. If you get calls from people you don’t know soon after someone

passes away, be careful and confirm it before you send any money.

- In some cases someone will call and tell the victim that they’ve won money, but to “process the claim” they need to first send money. Beware this is most definitely a scam and don’t send any money – you should never have to pay money to claim a prize. If it seems too good to be true, it most likely is.
- If there’s any doubt about a phone call or email received, contact the Sheriff’s Office before sending any money.
- Scams tend to increase during the holiday season, be especially alert for them during those times.

It is very important to not send any money to anyone that you don’t know until you’ve confirmed the situation through an independent source and feel comfortable with it. If it’s a scam once the money is sent it’s very difficult, and most times impossible, to get it back. If anyone thinks they may have been the victim of a scam they are encouraged to contact the Sheriff’s Office at 845-486-3800 or via the tipline at 845-605-CLUE or dcsotips@gmail.com.

American Red Cross testing for COVID-19 antibodies

For a limited time, the American Red Cross has resumed testing all blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. Plasma from routine donations that have high levels of COVID-19 antibodies may be used as convalescent plasma to help meet the needs of COVID-19 patients with weakened immune systems. At the same time, the Red Cross blood supply remains vulnerable, and individuals are urged to schedule a blood or platelet donation.

All who come to give blood or platelets in March will get a \$10 e-gift card, thanks to Fanatics. Plus, donors will also automatically be entered for a chance to win a trip for two to the 2022 MLB® All-Star Game® in Los Angeles, California, when you come to give March 1-31. The package includes two tickets to 2022 MLB® All-Star Saturday, the 2022 Home Run Derby, and the 2022 MLB® All-Star Game®, round-trip airfare to Los Angeles, four-night hotel accommodations (July 16-

20, 2022), plus a \$750 gift card for expenses (*Details available at rcblood.org/team).

In the days and weeks ahead, it’s critically important the Red Cross maintains a readily available blood supply so hospital patients can receive the care they need. To make an appointment, use the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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Diversions

SUDOKU

Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.
The object of the game is to fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers.
Each row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.
Each column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.
Each 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.

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The heavy lines indicate areas, called cages, from one to five squares in size. Fill each cage with unique digits, counting up from 1. So for example a 2-square cage contains the numbers 1 and 2; and a 5-square cage contains the numbers from 1 to 5. Adjacent (touching) squares, even ones that touch diagonally, may never contain the same number.

ACROSS

1. Stringed instrument

6. Magazine title

10. Seaweed

14. Located near the center

15. Disturbances

16. Time of lessened activity

17. Launch vehicle

18. Type of music

20. French article

21. Make a cake

23. Pays attention

24. Whitney and Wallach

25. Sea swallow

27. George Eliot's Silas

30. Actress Loughlin

31. Pretend

34. Jai ____

35. Have dinner at home

36. Famed Chairman

37. Giants' home, until 1999

41. From ____ Z

42. Mr. Shaw

43. Ceremony

44. Benign skin tumor

45. Manner

46. Old Austro-Hungarian Empire currency

48. Equal

49. Conduct

50. Evil one

53. Beams

54. Fitting

57. Opposite of "gathered"

60. Playful leap

62. Sounds of rebuke

63. Muscle quality

64. Old gathering spot

65. Remain

66. Shortly

67. Ease
2. Playwright William

3. Change for a five

4. Goodman or Cariou

5. Suitable for plowing

6. Fasteners

7. Just sitting there

8. Extinct bird

9. English letter

10. E.T., for one

11. Clare Boothe ____

12. Happy as a lark

13. "____ Well That Ends Well"

19. Diminish

22. Breather's need

24. City in Oklahoma

25. ____ Fields

26. Close, for one

27. Large parrot

28. Winged

29. Talked continuously

30. Mass language—now and forever

31. With great speed

32. A la ____

33. Symbol

35. Organic compound

38. Sad song

39. Shallowest of five

40. Poke

46. Opener

47. Mischievous child

48. Weakling; pushover

49. Burdened

50. Certain jets: abbr.

51. ____ above, superior to

52. Londoner's adieu

53. City in Nevada

54. Find ____ of gold; locate riches

55. South American nation

56. Catch

58. Greek letter

59. Presidential nickname

61. Stone ____

DOWN

1. Small bottle

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Jacobson announces gun violence prevention funding for youth groups in Poughkeepsie, Newburgh

Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson (D-Newburgh) announced a combined total of \$145,000 in state funding for youth organizations operating in the cities of Poughkeepsie and Newburgh. Granted last year through the New York State Office of Children and Family Services and administered by the county youth bureaus, the funding is directed to organizations that offer extracurricular activities to local youth.

Jacobson said, “There continues to be an alarming uptick in gun violence in the Cities of Poughkeepsie and Newburgh, so I am grateful New York State stepped in to provide extra funding for organizations like Newburgh Elite Track and the Boys & Girls Club. We need to give kids something to say “yes” to by providing alternatives to gangs and drugs. By doing so, we will help kids stay off the streets.

“This funding allowed organizations to expand its programming and increase local youth participation in activities ranging from boxing, track and basketball to media production, farming, and the performing arts,” Jacobson continued. “I am committed to keeping our kids and communities safe and will always advocate for funding that can help us do just that.”

The organizations that received funding are the Newburgh Ministry, Newburgh Urban Food and Farm, Newburgh Armory Unity Center, the Zion Lions, Newburgh Elite Track, the Boys & Girls Club of Newburgh and Poughkeepsie, Real Skills, Rebuilding Our Children and community, and Nubian Directions II.



Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson announced a combined total of \$145,000 in state funding for youth organizations operating in the cities of Poughkeepsie and Newburgh. Pictured with Jacobson are Daymon Sutter (Nubian Directions), Felicitia Colón-Gordero (Boys & Girls Club of Poughkeepsie), Kim Davla (Nubian Directions), Cleopatra Jordan-Johnson (R.E.A.L. Skills Network), Dennis Woodbine (Finish Strong Wellness Center), Suatin Watts, Zachiya Roberts, and Satara Brown (Rebuilding Our Children and Communities).

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Serino unanimously endorsed by Dutchess GOP for 43rd Senate seat

Sen. Sue Serino joined the Dutchess County Republican Committee at their convention last week where she was unanimously endorsed as the candidate to run in the newly drawn 43rd District, which will represent parts of Dutchess, Columbia and Rensselaer counties.

Serino was nominated by Dutchess County Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver and seconded by Dutchess County Legislator Faye Garito, who represents the newly included town of Beekman.

Serino also offered the nomination for Acting Sheriff Kirk Imperati as he runs for a full term as the Dutchess County Sheriff this November.

“The energy we are feeling and seeing all across the newly drawn 43rd Senate District has been electric, and tonight’s convention was no different,” said Serino. “The residents of Dutchess County are feeling the harmful effects that one-party rule is having on our communities—whether it’s rising crime, increased spending by the State, or government overreach—it’s clear that they have had enough. I govern by listening, and as we work to rebuild our State, I’m committed to actively bringing the concerns of our neighbors to Albany and remaining a strong and independent voice. I’m thrilled to be running alongside a great slate of candidates, and together, I know that we will restore common sense back to our government.”

Dutchess County Republican

Columbia, Dutchess, Rensselaer Democratic Committees unite in support of Jamie Cheney

Jamie Cheney, candidate for NY State Senate in the newly formed District 43, has received the unanimous endorsement of the Columbia, Dutchess and Rensselaer Democratic Committees.

“I am honored by the committees’ unanimous trust in me to be their candidate for the State Senate, and am excited to continue meeting with the strong and hard-working people and families that make the Hudson Valley and Capital Region the place it is. This is an important milestone for our campaign, and reflects the deep desire in this district to have the representation that the area needs and deserves.” Cheney said.

Cheney and her husband run Falcon’s Fields, a 70-head Wagyu and Angus beef farm in Dutchess County. Cheney also founded a recruiting firm focused on creating flexible roles for working parents.

Cheney is the daughter of a veteran and comes from a family with a history of public service. She serves on the Leadership Council of the National Small Business Association and is active in developing youth agriculture in New York State. She lives with her husband and three sons on their farm in Dutchess County.

Sadie Peterson Delaney Library to open at Family Partnership

The Sadie Peterson Delaney African Roots Branch Library will officially open to the public on Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This new branch is located in the Family Partnership Center in Poughkeepsie at 29 North Hamilton St., Room 224.

The public is invited to explore the new library, get a library card, pick up a free take-and-make craft for the kids and enjoy live jazz music.

The Family Partnership Center building was formerly Poughkeepsie High School and later Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic High School. The new branch will occupy the same space that housed the schools’ libraries. The branch will have a particular focus on early literacy as an important developmental step for children. In addition to the main collection, the 2,100 square foot space includes a program room and office space. The branch will also have access to a 700-seat auditorium for major events. This new library will be within walking distance of the area’s two elementary schools, Morse and Warring.

The branch is named in honor of Sadie Peterson Delaney, who attended



The new Sadie Peterson Delaney African Roots Branch Library will occupy the same space that housed the libraries of Poughkeepsie High School and Our Lady of Lourdes High School.

-Photo by Bradley Diuguid

County seeks input on services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health will hold a virtual public forum on Tuesday, March 29th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams to discuss resources and services available for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) in Dutchess County. Those living in the IDD community, families and caregivers are encouraged to participate in the forum to provide feedback and input for the development of the County’s 2023 Local Services Plan for those living with special needs. Registration is required and can be done at dutchessny.gov/forumcomments.

County Executive Marc Molinaro said, “This forum is a great resource for us to hear directly from members of our community about how we can better support those living with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The event provides an opportunity to learn about resources and services currently available as well as make your voice heard about any changes that may be needed as we continue to work together to make Dutchess County and inclusive and accessible place for all.”

In addition to offering time for public comments and concerns, the forum will feature several speakers from different agencies who will provide updates on

services as well as answer any questions the public may have. Presentations include:

- 2021 accomplishments and planned changes for 2022
- An overview of the county’s ThinkDIFFERENTLY initiative and upcoming plans
- Dutchess County’s Public Transit Administrator Michael Grattini will discuss accessibility and transportation services.
- Educational presentations from several experts covering topics such as Guardianship, Supplemental/ Special Needs Trust and End of Life & Advance Directives.

For those unable to attend, or do not feel comfortable during the forum, DBCH welcomes written comments and questions to be read aloud by the forum moderator. Individuals may submit comments online at dutchessny.gov/forumcomments, fax comments to 845-486-2829, or mail to: Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Forum, 230 North Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

More information about Dutchess County’s efforts to ThinkDIFFERENTLY, as well as ways communities can be more supportive of those of every ability, is available at thinkdifferently.net.

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WCSD high schoolers have good showing on the track



Wappingers Central School District high schooler Nick Castorina placed third among the public high schools and eighth overall in the 600-meter run at the Ocean Breeze athletic complex. Student Abby Kowalczyk also had a strong performance, finishing 16th overall in the 1000-meter run.

-Courtesy photo

Council passes ‘Good Cause Eviction’ law

By Kristine Coulter

The Beacon City Council passed a “Good Cause Eviction” law at its March 7 meeting. The six council members voted for the law, while Mayor Lee Kyriacou had the one dissenting vote.

The Council held a public hearing on the proposed law at the time during its February meeting.

“To clear up misconceptions, this law does not change that evictions require the courts. What it does is sets relevant standards for the proceedings that protect tenants,” said Wren Longno, Ward 3 Councilmember.

According to the council members in a press release, grounds for eviction with good cause include:

- non-payment of rent
- substantial lease violations
- property damage, committing a nuisance
- refusal of access, illegal activity
- bad-faith refusal to sign a written lease
- if the landlord wants to move themselves or a family member into the rented unit.

Additionally, it was noted, rent increases above 5% will require a justification before a judge in cases where the tenant objects to the increase. The law intends to end the practice of arbitrary evictions and steep rental increases which are de facto evictions.

“Passing Good Cause is essential for bringing racial justice to housing,” said Justice McCray, who is councilmember for Ward 2. “More than two-thirds of Black families in New York State rent; and among renters, Black households are the most vulnerable to eviction, the most likely to experience discrimination from landlords, and the ones most likely to be displaced when neighborhoods change. If you’ve been here for not even 10 years, you’ve seen the active displacement of black people in Beacon. Black households in New York are three times as likely to face eviction as white households. Good Cause is an important step in promoting community stability [preserving diversity] and combatting displacement.”

Molly Rhodes, Ward 1 Councilmember, said, “We hope this can be a launching point where both tenants and landlords feel inspired to come together to help the city craft future housing policies and vision.”

Angela Ingham, President of The Dutchess County Association of REALTORS® (DCAR), sent Beacon Free Press the following statement: “The Dutchess County Association of REALTORS® believes strongly that this good cause eviction proposal will reduce the affordable housing stock in the City of Beacon and disincentivize investment in the remaining properties.”

Ward 4 Councilmember Dan Aymar-Blair introduced the law in 2021.

“Tenants can now organize and speak up about their living conditions without fear of retaliatory evictions and jacked rents,” said Aymar-Blair. “Now that the folks who depend on affordable housing can fearlessly join the conversation, the City Council is

ready to turn its attention to creating new affordable housing for low-income residents and working families.”

City Administrator Chris White said at the Jan. 31 meeting, “I just thought about what you could do to maybe lower the risk of litigation, as for the real-estate industry not to sue the City.” He said he was looking for some way not to expend City funds against lawsuits. “Your attorney already told you don’t have the right to do this ...,” White noted.

As of press time, no lawsuits have been brought against the City, it was stated. During discussions, council members did discuss the possibility of lawsuits.

Drew Gamils, attorney for the City, said there is not a sunset provision in this draft. There is a section that talks about City Council review “in June of 2023,” it was stated.

Kyriacou said, “I’m interested in something regarding small landlords because we’re pitting one part of the community against the other.” The mayor continued that he is interested “in focusing this on low-income tenants...” He said he is really concerned “by offering rights to everyone we’re going to crowd out low-income tenants.”

“Beacon is a popular place to live, and with good reason, but increased rents of 20% or more have become common which is simply impossible for most people,” said Councilmember At-Large Paloma Wake “While this law does not directly address affordable housing per se, we know that stable housing has compounding benefits for the entire city. When basic needs are met, individuals can be more active and thriving members of our community.”

“We closed the public hearing,” said Kyriacou, which allowed the Council to vote on the proposed law.

Councilmember At-Large George Mansfield said counsel for the City, Keane & Beane, has looked out for the city. One of his goals is to “help as many people and to hurt as few people, said Mansfield. “No one is fully happy” and no one got fully what they wanted out of this, Mansfield noted.

“I haven’t heard anything that tells us we have the authority to do this,” said Kyriacou. He added, they are pitting one part of the community against the other, “which is sad... I’m just saddened by what’s pitting us against the other.”

The DCAR’s statement noted, “We have no doubt that the City Council is genuine in wanting to help landlords, but we firmly believe that it will do more harm than good as small landlords may be forced to sell their properties leaving larger corporate landlords – as the only ones who can afford to be in the business. Good cause eviction will also strip landlords and property owners of their property rights.”

Kyriacou announced Dutchess County will begin rental support program and said he would be happy to get a lot of that in Beacon.

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Graduates from D.C. Law Enforcement Academy Basic Course for Police Officers announced

Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk A. Imperati announced the graduation of the 25th session of the Dutchess County Law Enforcement Academy Basic Course for Police Officers. The ceremony was held in the James and Betty Hall Theatre at Dutchess Community College.

“Today is the culmination of twenty-six weeks of commitment and perseverance by individuals who have chosen the path of police service within their communities. These graduates have completed an intensive training program that has provided them with a strong foundation to be guardians of their community and to protect and preserve the rights of others,” said Sheriff Imperati. “I congratulate the graduates and their families, and I wish them all a safe and successful law enforcement career.”

Twenty officers from seven different police agencies successfully completed the training program. The curriculum included instruction in such topics as penal law and traffic law, police procedures and investigative techniques, domestic violence, mental health and crisis intervention, de-escalation techniques, CPR/AED/first aid, procedural justice and implicit bias training, physical fitness, defensive tactics, firearms, and emergency vehicle operations.

The Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office Training Bureau is responsible for directing and administering the Dutchess County Law Enforcement Academy. The academy is recognized by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Office of Public Safety as an approved police academy to conduct the Municipal Police Training Council Basic Course for Police Officers. This training is required for all newly appointed deputy sheriffs and police officers in New York state.

Although the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office is the lead agency for the academy, the City of Poughkeepsie, City of Beacon, Town of Poughkeepsie, and Town of East Fishkill police departments, as well as other law enforcement agencies, provide support and instruction throughout the academy that is essential to this successful collaboration. There is also a strong partnership with the legal community, mental health clinicians, substance abuse counselors, domestic violence prevention advocates and representatives from the special needs community who provide valuable guidance and instruction during the police academy.

Sheriff Imperati said, “We engage key stakeholders to ensure that the police recruits are educated in the challenges they will encounter and well versed in the services available to help people in need, especially those experiencing a mental health crisis or substance addiction.”

“The Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office



The recent graduates from D.C. Law Enforcement Academy Basic Course for Police Officers.

-Courtesy photo

has worked diligently to increase diversity within our agency to be more representative of the communities we serve. I’m proud to say that this class represents the most diverse group of graduates in the history of the Dutchess County Law Enforcement Academy,” said Sheriff Imperati. “I will continue our efforts to diversify by working closely with our community leaders and elected officials, including County Executive Marcus Molinaro and the County Legislature, as we strive to get better every day.”

Graduates of the 25th Session of the Dutchess County Law Enforcement Academy:

Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office: Deputy Sheriff John Andersen, Deputy Sheriff Travis Beyea, Deputy Sheriff Devin Carpenter, Deputy Sheriff Ishmael Chisholm, Deputy Sheriff Carisma Collins, Deputy Sheriff Kristy Garcia, and Deputy Sheriff Christian McGaw.

City of Poughkeepsie Police Department: Police Officer Gary Beahan, Police Officer Sequan Heard, and Police Officer Christopher Warrick. Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department: Police Officer Klaus Kutz and Police Officer Tanner Scheible.

City of Beacon Police Department: Police Officer Stephen Donovan.

Town of East Fishkill Police Department: Police Officer Bret Filancia and Police Officer Steven Snyder.

Columbia County Sheriff’s Office: Deputy Sheriff Dana Scott, Deputy Sheriff Daniel Stang, Deputy Sheriff Tyler Suchoski, and Deputy Sheriff Micah Weaver.

Town of Lloyd Police Department: Police Officer Cole Nicolis

Award recipients of the 25th Session of the Dutchess County Law Enforcement Academy:

The Sheriff Adrian H. Anderson Award: Deputy Sheriff Carisma Collins, Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office

Physical Fitness Achievement Award: Deputy Sheriff Christian McGaw, Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office

Firearms Proficiency Achievement Award: Deputy Sheriff Micah Weaver, Columbia County Sheriff’s Office

“Top Cop” Achievement Award: Police Officer Tanner Scheible, Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department

Esprit De Corps Award: Deputy Sheriff Ishmael Chisholm, Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office

Academic Achievement Award: Deputy Sheriff Micah Weaver, Columbia County Sheriff’s Office

Police Officer Klaus Kutz, Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department

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Obituaries

Howard M. Brink



Howard M. Brink, a life-long resident of Beacon, entered into rest on March 7, 2022 at his daughter's home. He was 66 years old. Howard was born on March 21, 1955 in Beacon, the son of the late Howard and Ann D'Amato Brink. Howie had

worked at the Beacon City School District as a custodian and security officer and at Vassar Brothers Medical Center as a security guard for many years. He enjoyed golfing and comedy. Howie is survived by his daughter, Kayla Weise and her husband, Matt of Wappingers Falls; his granddaughters, Hadley Weise and Laurelai Weise; his sisters JoAnne Brink-Racioppo, South Carolina and Debbie (James) Pagliaro, South Carolina, his uncle John Depew, Fishkill and several nieces and nephews. Family and friends gathered on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A funeral service was held at the funeral home. Private cremation will followed. To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

Donald R. Brown Jr.



BEACON - Donald R. Brown Jr., a life-long Beacon-area resident, passed away unexpectedly on March 7, 2022 at the Montefiore St. Luke's-Cornwall Hospital in Newburgh, NY; he was 48 years old. Affectionately

known by his family & friends as 'Donny'. He was born in Beacon, NY on November 30, 1973, son of Sandra (Layton) Brown and the late Donald R. Brown Sr. Donny attended Beacon City Schools, and graduated from Beacon High School, Class of 1991. Donny was an avid bowler, he enjoyed spending time at the Southern Dutchess Lanes in Beacon. He was also an avid professional wrestling fan, he loved the NY Yankees. Along with his mother Sandra Brown, Donny is survived by his two brothers: Christopher Brown and his wife Jeannine, and Michael Brown and his wife Susan. He cherished his nieces & nephews: Michael, Julian, Mason, Laci, Carmelo and Mia. He is also survived by several aunts, uncles, cousins & friends. His Family received Friends on Sunday, March 13th at the LIBBY FUNERAL HOME, 55 Teller Avenue, Beacon, where a Funeral Service was held on Monday, March 14th followed by interment in Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9, Fishkill, NY. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.LibbyFuneralHome.com.

Deborah S. Bonnell



FORMERLY OF BEACON - Deborah S. Bonnell, formerly of Beacon, NY, died March 8, 2022, at Sapphire Nursing at Wappingers Falls. Miss Bonnell was a lifelong area resident. Born on March 28, 1951, in Poughkeepsie, she

was the daughter of the late Josephine Feaster Bonnell. Miss Bonnell worked at Gateway Community Industries in Kingston. She enjoyed gardening and listening to music. She is survived by her son, Mark D. Bonnell of Beacon. In addition to her mother, Miss Bonnell was predeceased by five uncles: Donald, Lamar and William Feaster, Arley Cooper and Harold B. Henderson; her seven aunts: Doris Cooper, Mary Edwards, Rose Senchack, Susan Henderson, Helen Grombeck, Bess Bruce and Sabra Bessimer; three cousins: Richard B. Henderson, Robert J. Wood and Markettia L. Fay; and a longtime friend, Eileen H. McCue. Visitation was held on Thursday, March 10 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, March 11 at St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 Willow Street, Beacon. Interment followed in Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9, Fishkill. To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

Christopher J. Milone



ASTORIA, FORMERLY OF DUTCHESS COUNTY - Christopher James "Mugsy" "Uncle X" Milone, 47, of Astoria, NY, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, March 6, 2022. He was born on February 24, 1975, at

Highland Hospital, Beacon, New York, to Philip Milone and Linda Pasco. Sports, Music, Stock trading, Movie/Television trivia, and laughing were among Christopher's favorite things. His love for his family was only rivaled by his love for the N.Y. Mets. An avid Mets fan since a child, Christopher attended hundreds of games; from Opening day, home or away, to the World Series, the man bled Orange and Blue. During the winter, Chris would be found hitting the slopes and in the summer hitting the golf ball or playing softball. He wrestled in high school and played rugby in college. The more chance for injury, the more he enjoyed it. Music played a large role in Chris' life. His taste in music was indicative of who Chris was - a hard charging, energy laden personality. When the music was on and the ear buds were in he would be in his zone, but one good thing about Mugsy is that he never objected to removing the ear buds to listen to what you had to say. Out of the blue, Chris would provide you with the perfect "Seinfeld" or "Fight Club" quote for the moment at hand. He could quote the entire script of "My Cousin Vinny," "A Few Good Men," or "The Outsiders." Chris also enjoyed grilling and doing projects around the house and yard, ranging from lawn mowing and yard maintenance to building a zipline for his nephews, and his annual tradition of organizing homemade pizza making on Black Friday. Chris graduated from Ketcham High School in 1993, attended Dutchess Community College, then SUNY Oneonta, where he graduated with a Business degree in 2000. Chris worked in sales for several companies on Wall Street over the course of his career. He began and ended his career working for Thompson-Reuters. He used his experience working on Wall Street and enjoyed trading in the market. He always liked a good risk and was willing to prove anyone who doubted him wrong. He was right more times than not. Christopher is survived by his parents, Linda Pasco (Tom Battaglia) of Wappingers Falls, Philip Milone (Peggy) of Hughsonville, his sisters, Victoria Carroll (Patrick), Vanessa Francis (Edward), Stepsister, Michele Perrini, Stepbrother, Michael (Lauren), his fiancée, Denise Perniola and her son, Victor, his niece, Morgan Wright (Eric), nephews, Brendan Carroll, Aidan and Gabriel Francis, his aunts, April Crifo (Joe), Susan Monteferrante (Joe), as well as several cousins. He is predeceased by his grandparents, James and Rose Milone, Walter and Mary Ann Sell, and Aunt Donna Bechtold. Family received friends on Friday, March 11 at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, New York 12590. A memorial service was held at the funeral home. Burial followed at the Fishkill Rural Cemetery, Route 9, Fishkill, NY. In lieu of flowers, just do right by one another and rock on. To send the family a personal condolence, please visit our website at www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.

Gerald P. McCrudden

GLENHAM - Gerald "Jerry" P. McCrudden, a longtime resident of Glenham, passed away on March 5, 2022. He was 76 years old. Jerry was predeceased by his parents, Thomas and Agnes McConnell McCrudden and his brother, Thomas McCrudden. He is survived by his extended family and many friends. He grew up in Groveville in Beacon and attended St. Joachim School. He graduated from Our Lady of Lourdes High School and attended Manhattan College. Jerry served in the U.S. Army and was a Vietnam Veteran. He had a love of sports, especially baseball and basketball, and physical fitness and weightlifting. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, March 14 at St. Joachim Church, 51 Leonard Street, Beacon. Burial with military honors followed at St. Joachim Cemetery, Beacon. To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

Early bond payoff to deliver \$1.55 million in taxpayer savings

Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro has announced the county is again planning to do an early payoff of callable bonds to take advantage of more than \$1.5 million in savings, pending approval of the Dutchess County Legislature. The Department of Finance plans to pay off \$8,595,000 in debt principal on bonds originally issued in 2014, with payments scheduled through 2034. The early payoff will provide for \$1,552,142 in interest savings. The early retirement of debt is part of Dutchess County's smart, fiscally sound debt management strategy to save tax dollars and deliver those dollars back to residents.

Debt service is utilized to finance capital expenditures such as road and bridge projects, equipment acquisition, building construction and renovations, and other authorized activities. The County's operating budget includes annual payment of principal and interest through "debt service." As the county issues new debt, older debt is retired, helping to keep the county's annual operating expenditures stable. Dutchess County remains fiscally conservative with its use of debt - utilizing only 8.8% of the County's total constitutional debt limit. According to a 2020 New York State Comptroller Report, Dutchess County's debt per capita is 50 percent lower than the statewide average.

Standard & Poor's (S&P) Rating Services recently reaffirmed Dutchess County Government's AA+ bond rating - the highest S&P rating of any county in New York State - for the county's most recent debt issuance, which totaled \$70.2 million. This issuance finances numerous critical projects and investments approved by the County Legislature including highway and bridge improvements, Partnership for Manageable Growth, HVAC projects, Urban Trail project, the Dutchess County Justice & Transition Center and more. Although interest rates have been rising over the past few months, rates are still at historically low levels and the county was able to issue this debt at favorable rates ranging from 2.64 percent to 3.00 percent.

The county's bond rating was an important component in securing the low interest rates for the new bonds. S&P has consistently recognized Dutchess County's strong management, strong economy and strong budgetary practices and performances as key factors in its continued assignment of an AA+ bond rating. In its most recent rating, S&P highlighted the county's very strong general fund reserves and low overall net debt, noting "manageable additional capital needs."

As noted in the S&P report, the county's 2020 Year End Audited Financial Statements demonstrate the county's

strong fiscal foundation, including an unassigned fund balance of just over \$60 million, an increase of more than \$3 million from 2019. The county's Fund Balance Policy states the goal of maintaining an undesignated/general fund balance of 1-2 months of general fund operating expenditures in the general fund balance as a means of maintaining financial stability, which would range from \$38 to \$76 million. With the unassigned fund balance well within this target range, the County has been taking proactive steps to pay down or avoid indebtedness as well as provide property tax relief.

The 2022 County Budget included a historic \$20 million in cumulative tax relief, including the eighth consecutive property tax reduction as well as the elimination of the sales tax on clothing and footwear items costing less than \$110 per item. Additionally, over the past several months, the county has been paying off existing debt when allowable (or callable) and funding capital purchases utilizing fund balance rather than issuing additional debt.

Recent examples include:

- Annual vehicle purchase for 2021 totaling \$1.4 million was paid utilizing fund balance rather than a capital bond as has been past practice, saving \$50K in interest costs.
- \$1.25 million in various Dutchess Community College capital projects including plumbing and repairs paid utilizing fund balance rather than a capital bond, resulting in \$388K interest savings.
- Early payoff of \$4.9 million in remaining principal from bonds issued in 2012-2013, resulting in \$470K interest savings and \$4.9 million in overall debt reduction including \$1 million debt service reduction for 2022.
- Recently approved Emergency Response vehicle purchases totaling \$2.1 million to be funded from fund balance rather than capital bond financing, saving \$476K in interest costs.
- Recently approved countywide Radio Communication System Project to be funded utilizing fund balance (as well as American Rescue Plan and New York State SICG grant funding) rather than capital bond financing, saving \$907K in interest costs.

- Bus facility improvements and building roof projects paid utilizing fund balance rather than a capital bond - saving \$636K in interest costs.

The resolution authorizing the early payoff was reviewed at the County Legislature's Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee on March 10. The full County Legislature was expected to vote to authorize the payoff at its March 14 board meeting.

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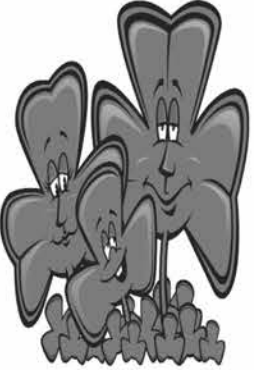
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REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-14-22
Hardware Supplies
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 29th day of March 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our web site <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call (845) 486-3613.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-18-22
Purchase of Rotary Plow at the Hudson Valley Regional Airport
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 6th day of April 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our web site <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call (845) 486-3613.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION OF TRUSTEES HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a vote will be taken upon the following proposition to

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appropriate the funds necessary to meet the estimated expenditures of the Howland Public Library for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to be held at the Howland Public Library, 313 Main Street, Beacon, New York, on April 28, 2022, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m.:
Proposition #1
"Shall the sum of \$1,282,445.00 be appropriated for the annual support of the Howland Public Library for the fiscal year 2022-2023 and shall the Beacon City School District be authorized to levy the taxes necessary to raise such amount?"
NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that at the same time and place, a vote to elect one (1) member to the Board of Trustees for a term of five (5) years, and one (1) member to the Board of Trustees for a term of four (4) years will also occur.
NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of trustee of the Howland Public Library must be filed with the Library Election Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 28, 2022.
Each petition must be directed to the Library Election Clerk, must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the Howland Public Library District, must state the residence of each signer, and must state the name and residence of the candidate. Petition forms may be obtained from the Library weekdays between 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Board of Registration will meet on April 13, 2022, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of preparing a register of the qualified voters of such Library District at the offices of the Howland Public Library, 313 Main Street, Beacon, New York. Anyone not presently registered will be registered in accordance with Section 2014 of the Education Law. Any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration, he/she is known or proven to the satisfaction of such Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school meeting or election for which such register is prepared.
Voters registered for general elections under Article 5 of the

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Election Law are eligible to vote at the April 28, 2022, budget vote and election without further registration. Voters who have been previously registered for any annual or special meeting or election and who have voted at any such annual or special meeting or election held or conducted during the last four calendar years preceding 2021 are eligible to vote at the April 28, 2022, budget vote and election without further registration.
The register prepared will be filed in the office of the Library and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the Library District between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on each of the five days prior to the election. The register will also be available for inspection on the day of the election at the polling place.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the Library office. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed application must be received by the Library Election Clerk no later than 4:00 p.m., prevailing time, seven (7) days before the annual library budget vote and election. If the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter, the completed application must be received by the Library Election Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, one day before the annual library budget vote and election. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection weekdays between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., prevailing time, at the Library office on each of the five (5) days before the annual district vote and election.
By order of the Board of Trustees of the Howland Public Library
Julie Beyer
Library Election Clerk

Notice is hereby given that Public Hearings will be held by the Town of East Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals, Dutchess County, on Tuesday the 22nd day of March, 2022 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may come on to be heard at the Town of East Fishkill, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, the Town of East Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct Public Hearings on the following applications.
1. Anthony Ferrante, 61 Rainbow Crest,

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Hopewell Junction, is requesting a 33' rear line variance for an existing dwelling and a proposed 20'x16' (320 sf) addition, pursuant to the Schedule of Bulk Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance.
2. Jeffery Argow, 3 Brusk Dr. Hopewell Junction, is requesting a 17' side line variance to allow a proposed 25'x30' (750 sf) detached garage, pursuant to the Schedule of Bulk Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance.
3. Anthony Smith, 241 Leetown Rd. Stormville, is requesting variance to allow an existing 18'x14' (252 sf) shed to be located in the front yard, pursuant to Section 194-90 of the Zoning Ordinance.
Norma Drummond
Chairperson
East Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
RFB-DCH-2022-11
D U T C H E S S COUNTY URBAN TRAIL-PHASE 1
Project Description: This project involves the construction of a shared use and split use trail in the Town and City of Poughkeepsie. This project includes construction of a bridge over Fulton Street, installation of retaining walls, railings, drainage structures, grading and paving, establishing trailheads, etc. Beginning: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 8:00 AM: Bid Documents may be obtained in person or by mail (provide your FedEx account number or SASE) at:
Dutchess County DPW, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Business Office, 1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. The bid documents are available on a USB Flash Drive. You must give the following information to obtain the flash drive: Company Name, Contact Name, Address, Phone Number, E-mail Address. All Addendums will be issued to Plan Holders via E-mail, but also posted on BidNet Direct site. A refundable deposit of \$15.00 will be required for each set of Bid Documents, in the form of cash or check made payable to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance. The deposit is refundable in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 102. (The

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refund must be requested in writing). Bids for the above project will be received by: Diane McKenna, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, 1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. On or before Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 2:00pm, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Due to COVID-19, the bid opening for this solicitation will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below, in-person attendance at a bid opening will not be allowed. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 316 749 776#. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check or official bank check) or a letter of credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. The successful bidder's security will be retained until he has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and furnished the required 100% Labor and Material Payment Bond, 100% Performance Bond and acceptable insurance documentation. Each bid shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening. Questions will be accepted by March 31, 2022 at 4:00pm and shall be emailed to Diane McKenna dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov. The anticipated start of construction is May 16, 2022, the anticipated substantial completion date is June 30, 2023, and the anticipated completion date of construction including all punch list work is July 21, 2023. Failure to meet these dates will result in liquidated damages and engineering charges in accordance with the

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Murder Cafe sets ‘Mystery Weekend’ at Le Chambord

In celebration of its 24th year in operation, and its return to live and safe performances, Murder Cafe will partner with Le Chambord at Curry Estate in Hopewell Junction on “Mystery Weekend,” from March 25 to 27.

The weekend of mystery and fine dining, and Murder Café’s original production, “The Mystery of the Alien Invasion,” begins on Friday, March 25, when you’ll be treated to a fine dining experience and the first part of the alien invasion.

When you return on Saturday morning, March 26, for part two of the mystery, you will uncover more clues while enjoying a breakfast buffet. Saturday night dinner is served while you start to put all the pieces together for this whodunit. And on Sunday, March 27, you’ll enjoy Le Chambord’s celebrated brunch while the murderer is revealed.

Murder Cafe owner-operator Frank Marquette explains the plot as follows:

“It’s 1954 and Curry Estate is hosting a convention for Americans Against Saucer Secrecy. As Dr. E. T. Mars makes his opening remarks he is met with conflict and the eerie sound of a crash. He soon discovers a flying saucer has landed on nearby Mount Beacon. According to an Air Force colonel who disrupts the convention, an alien is one of the guests. And to make matters worse, a murder occurs. Be a part of an out-of-this-world experience as you encounter 7 suspects, one of whom is the alien and the murderer!”

Prizes will be awarded along with memories that will last a lifetime. The entire weekend, filled with mystery, fun and fine dining, is \$325 per person. Upgrade the weekend with an overnight stay at Le Chambord by calling 845- 221-1941 for room reservations.

To purchase tickets for “Mystery Weekend,” visit www.curryestate.com/events.

Founded in Las Vegas in 1998, Murder Cafe is the creation of actor, writer and director Frank Marquette, along with wife and producing partner, Kristen Marquette. Since returning to their native New York in 2009, they have been serving quality entertainment for both public and private events. Primarily known for comedies, musicals and murder mysteries, Murder Cafe provides entertainment for company parties, fundraising events, schools and colleges, casinos and a number of choice public venues.

Visit www.murdercafe.com for more information.



The cast of “The Mystery of the Alien Invasion” includes Jim Keenen, Ellen Pavloff, Lauren Roberts, Tom Roberts, Nanette Ayers, Dan Anderson, Jessica Boyd and Marisa Gorsline. The play was written and directed by Frank Marquette.

-Courtesy photo

Pancake breakfast at Rombout firehouse

Members of the Rombout Fire Company, 901 Main Street, Fishkill, is hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday March 27, from 8 – 11 a.m. On the menu will be pancakes, eggs, omelet station, home fries, sausage, bacon, juice, coffee and tea. Admission is adults \$13, seniors \$11 (age 65 and over), children \$7 (under age 5 is free).

For more information call 845-896-8620 or visit www.romboutfire.com.

Historical society to offer virtual program

The Art of Bottle Detecting will be held on Tuesday, March 22 from 7-8:30 p.m. via Zoom. The program is free but one must register, www.beaconhistorical.org/calendar-of-events. For more information, contact Diane Lapis dlapis@beaconhistorical.org.

Next three dates for Virtual Socrates Café announced

Adults, join moderator and Beacon resident, Daniel Fisherman, on the following Tuesdays: March 29, April 26, and May 27 via Zoom from 4 – 5 p.m., as he leads a Socrates Café discussion program. These events for adults are free and are hosted by the Howland Public Library. Please email Adult Services Librarian, Alison Herrero, at adults@beaconlibrary.org to request an invitation link.

Socrates Café are gatherings around the world where adults from different back-

grounds get together and exchange thoughtful ideas and experiences while embracing the central theme of Socratizing; the idea that we learn more when we question and question with others. Dan Fisherman has been facilitating communal philosophical inquiry in the Hudson Valley since 2003, when he started the philosophy with children program at the Randolph School in Wappingers Falls. He has worked with children at every grade level, most recently with middle and high school students at Poughkeepsie Day School and the Rivertown Homeschoolers Hub. Dan is a member of the faculty at Montclair State University, where he teaches educational philosophy. He has a master’s degree in analytical philosophy from the University of Pennsylvania, and a doctorate from Montclair State.

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TOWNE CRIER DANCE JAM

SET MARCH 24

Get On Down at the Towne Crier Dance Jam on Thursday, March 24 at 7 p.m. at 379 Main Street, Beacon. All are welcome – singles, couples, friends, newcomers.

Admission is \$10.

For more information, call 845- 765-0667 or email rhodaja@optonline.net.

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NYSDOT specifications January 1, 2022. This project is subject to New York State Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC # 2022002482. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in Bids and in bidding and to reject any or all Bids. “Bidders shall promptly notify the County of any errors, omissions, conflicts, and/or ambiguity that they identify in the contract documents by emailing dpwcontracts@dutchesny.gov.”

The Annual Meeting of the Clove Cemetery Assn. will be held on Saturday, April 2,

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2022 at the Valley Bible Fellowship Church, 1875 Clove Valley Road, La-

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Grangeville, NY. All plot owners are invited to attend. For further information, contact

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Elfriede Tillman (845)724-5840.

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Poughkeepsie resident reappointed poet laureate for Dutchess County

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro announced he has reappointed Poughkeepsie resident Dr. Lucia Cherciu as the County’s Poet Laureate for 2022. Dr. Cherciu will continue to bring poetry to the community through a series of reading events throughout the year.

Molinaro said, “The bold creativity of the artists within our Dutchess County arts community have helped to bolster our spirits, strengthen our relationships, and build us all up during some of the most trying times we’ve been through. I am confident, as we find our way back to normalcy, the arts and our artists will continue to keep us connected and improve our quality of life. We are proud to continue our commitment to the arts and look forward to Dr. Cherciu’s continued contributions as our 2022 Poet Laureate.”

Dr. Cherciu was born in Romania and came to the United States in 1995. She received her Ph.D. in English from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 2000 with a dissertation on women and laughter, titled “Ludicrous ‘Scribbling Women’: The Politics of Laughter and Nineteenth-Century American Women Writers.” She is a Professor of English at SUNY/Dutchess Community College, where she has been working for twenty years. She enjoys working with her students and in spring she usually conducts a Service Learning Project at Morse

Elementary School.

“These are difficult times, when people around the world understand how important it is to work together, support one another, and use writing in order to communicate, show compassion, and help in the process of healing.” Dr. Cherciu said, “The crisis in Ukraine has demonstrated to us how words can be used to show solidarity and work towards making peace. Poetry, story-telling, and all the arts can contribute to changing the world, making us more empathetic and kind, so we can reach out to our neighbors and help them out. We should all work together to ensure that all schools have access to resources in order to teach Visual Arts, Music, Poetry, and use creativity in the spirit of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.”

Dr. Cherciu writes both in English and Romanian and is the author of five books of poetry: Train Ride to Bucharest (Sheep Meadow Press, 2017), which received the Eugene Paul Nassar Poetry Prize, Edible Flowers (Main Street Rag, 2016), Lalele din Paradis / Tulips in Paradise (Editura Eikon, 2017), Altoiul Răsului / Grafted Laughter (Editura Brumar, 2010), and Lepadarea de Limba / The Abandonment of Language (Editura Vinea, 2009). Dr. Cherciu’s poetry was nominated three times for a Pushcart Prize, twice for Best of the Net, and her work has appeared in numerous publications.

Arts Mid-Hudson manages the Poet



Dr. Lucia Cherciu

Laureate selection process, which includes inviting a panel of literary professionals and community members to review nominations and make their recommendation. Public nominations for the unpaid role of 2023 Dutchess County Poet Laureate will be accepted this summer.

“We are so appreciative of Dr. Lucia Cherciu, our Dutchess County poet Laureate for 2021 and are thrilled with the decision to reappoint her for another year in 2022,” said Alyson Pou, Executive Director for Arts Mid-Hudson. “Poetry enriches all our lives. Many thanks to County Executive Molinaro for his continued support of Arts and Culture in Dutchess County.”

Dr. Cherciu will speak at the County Executive’s 2022 State of the County address, details of which will be announced soon.

Historical society to host ‘Hidden Treasures of the Hudson Valley’ talk

The Wappingers Historical Society is hosting a talk entitled “Hidden Treasures of the Hudson Valley,” presented by local historian and author Anthony Musso. Musso will discuss lesser known, beautiful historic properties located right here in the mid-Hudson Valley.

Musso will highlight several of the fifty-five lesser-known but historically important sites contained in Volume 3 of his book series, “Hidden Treasures of the Hudson Valley”. The Hudson Valley is rich in heritage and culture, and in this presentation, you’ll get a glimpse into numerous properties located throughout the region. Tony’s extensive knowledge and engaging style allow you to gain an understanding of the region’s buildings, open space and important landmarks and their relation to our past.

This presentation will take place on Thursday, March 24th at 7 p.m. at the Town of Wappinger Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls. The presentation will begin immediately following a brief WHS business update. Wappingers Historical Society members and the general public are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be provided. Suggested donation of \$5 for non-WHS members.

For more information, please call 845-632-1281 or email info@wappingershistoricalsociety.org.

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| 11 Cliff St. | 4 | 2/1 | 1,932 | \$499,900 |
| 11 Schofield Pl. | 4 | 2/1 | 2,045 | \$565,000 |
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