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'Move Over' Law expands to include all stopped vehicles on highways

By Kate Goldsmith

As of today, March 27, drivers must slow down or move over to avoid a crash with any disabled or stopped vehicle. New York's Move Over Law was first enacted in 2010 to protect emergency vehicles that were stopped on the highway. It has since been expanded several times to include hazard vehicles, highway worker vehicles, and tow trucks. Last year, Gov. Kathy Hochul signed a bill to further strengthen the law by including this protection for all vehicles stopped on the roadway.

Under the law, when a driver is approaching a vehicle stopped along either shoulder of the road, they should:

- change into a lane not immediately adjacent to the vehicle, or
- slow down to a reasonable speed if unable to safely make a lane change.

"The safety of all New Yorkers is my top priority, especially those pulled over to the side of the road," Hochul said. "If you see that you are approaching a disabled vehicle, slow down and move over as best you can to give them some space."

According to state data, from 2016 to 2020, 37 individuals were killed outside disabled vehicles in New York. Nationally, nearly 300 drivers are struck and killed roadside every year. The Move Over Law was enacted to prevent those tragedies and make New York's roadways safer for all.

Last week, the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee launched a public awareness campaign using radio, social media and other out-of-home elements to remind people they will need to "Slow Down, Move Over" as best they can when they come upon someone stopped on the side of the road or in a driving lane.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, all 50 states have "Move Over" laws to protect law enforcement officers and other first responders, yet one-third of Americans are not aware of these laws.

"We are excited about the new legislation because the safety of the officers, road crews and tow truck operators are very important to us," said Hyde Park Police Chief Robert Benson. "There are many close calls on the Route 9 corridor from East Market Street to Marist where vehicles are traveling a higher speed past the patrol officers conducting traffic stops and helping motorists with disabled vehicles."

Chief Benson added, "We will have officers working overtime details in the near future that coincide with the New York State 'click it or ticket' and selective enforcement patrols. These patrols will be looking for compliance with the Move Over Law while trying to reduce injuries and accidents with these enforcement details."

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Council honors volunteer firefighter for 54 years of service

By Kristine Coulter

City of Beacon officials recognized the years of service by resident Patrick "Pat" Kelliher during the City Council meeting held at City Hall on March 18. Kelliher, who has been a volunteer firefighter for more than 5 decades, is retiring.

"We have a community segment to honor Pat Kelliher for, I can't count this high, 54 years of service as a volunteer firefighter," said Mayor Lee Kyriacou.

City of Beacon Fire Chief Thomas Lucchesi said, "Tonight I want to recognize and pay tribute to an extraordinary individual, Pat Kelliher." He called Kelliher "a beacon of courage."

"His selfless bravery and countless acts of heroism have left an indelible mark on our community and fire department," the chief said.

Lucchesi said "every call, every fire, every life saved, Pat has been there."

Kelliher has a "sincere, genuine desire to make a positive impact," the chief remarked.

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City of Beacon volunteer firefighter Pat Kelliher was honored for his 54 years of service during the Beacon City Council meeting on March 18. He is retiring. Pictured is Kelliher, fourth from right, with present and past members of the fire department.

-Courtesy photo by City of Beacon Professional Firefighters

See 'The Living Last Supper' in Poughkeepsie



"The Living Last Supper" will take place at The Reformed Church of Poughkeepsie, 70 Hooker Ave., in Poughkeepsie on March 28.

-Courtesy photo

By Kristine Coulter

See "The Living Last Supper" at The Reformed Church of Poughkeepsie at 7:30 p.m. on March 28. It is described as seeing "a live rendition of Ernest K. Emurian's work which imagines the inner life of those depicted in Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting." Each disciple of Jesus' perspective

and fear is unique, it was noted, and the program asks attendees to ponder the question, 'Could it be me?'"

The Reformed Church of Poughkeepsie "began performing "The Living Last Supper" in 1991 to offer a more engaging way for the church to offer a way to observe Holy Week. One of our church members had

witnessed "The Living Last Supper" presented at another church and suggested it as an option to the church leadership," said Diana Gensler, who is the director of "The Living Last Supper."

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"It's been an honor and a long time," stated Kelliher. "You stay this long because it's in your blood."

Kelliher said he feels "lucky" because he is leaving behind a department that one can feel "comfortable with knowing" that the department and the city are "in good hands" with the firefighters in the department.

"We're incredibly grateful," said Kyriacou.

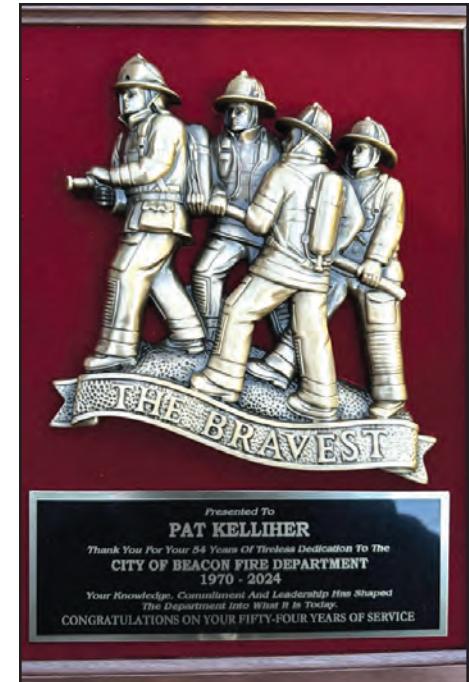
"I lived with the downs, and I enjoyed the ups. If I had to do it again, I'd do it again," said Kelliher.

On the City of Beacon's Facebook page, the following was posted: "At last night's City Council meeting, long-time volunteer firefighter, Pat Kelliher, was honored and recognized for 54 years of service to our community. Thank you for your incredible service and congratulations on your retirement, Pat!"



City of Beacon volunteer firefighter Pat Kelliher, center, with City of Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou, left, and City of Beacon Fire Chief Thomas Lucchesi after the City Council recognized Kelliher for his 54 years of service as a volunteer firefighter on March 18.

-Courtesy photos by City of Beacon Professional Firefighters



This plaque was presented to Pat Kelliher for his 54 years of being a volunteer firefighter in the City of Beacon.

See 'The Living Last Supper' in Poughkeepsie

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There are 13 actors, 3 musicians, 1 narrator, 8 people working on the scenes (lighting, costumes, wigs, make-up) that night, not including the director.

Asked why people should attend, Diana replied, "The Living Last Supper" is more than a repetition of the Biblical betrayal story or a reenactment of it. In the play, you hear the thoughts of each of the Apostles at that fateful moment, including those who remain silent in the Bible story. They speak of concerns, fears, and questions that people of faith continue to have even today."

Bob Gensler portrays Judas, one of the 12 disciples of Jesus who betrayed him for 30 pieces of silver.

"By putting myself in the place of one of the Twelve [Apostles], this becomes more than just a lifeless passage of Scripture. I have to care about my character, even though he might be the most despised man in history. I have to understand what motivated him to do what he did. As I try to understand him, I find that the questions that he has are not so much different from mine when I see the world in its current state: couldn't the Messiah have talked less and acted more,

couldn't the Savior have taken a more active role in defeating evil? This has caused me to reexamine my faith, my belief in who Jesus is and what his purpose truly was, and what my role in my faith should be. I now see that I am the one who needs to take a more active role, using my faith to guide my actions," Bob said.

Bob explained, "I used to see this story only for its symbolism: the establishment of the Communion sacrament and the beginning of the events that led to the Resurrection. I now find it to be far more significant. This is where the church was handed over to humanity, whether humanity was ready to receive it or not. Today, as back then, none of us are ready at first. We need to take on our faith and grow into it, just as the Apostles needed to do."

Bob recalled when he first started taking part in the "The Living Last Supper."

"When I started in this play back in 2006, I was offered a couple of available roles. Most people avoided taking the part of Judas, maybe afraid of being associated with history's greatest traitor, but I jumped at the chance. I knew that his part would be important, and that whoever did it needed to treat it with integrity. I felt

that I could do that, and I thought it would be fun to play the villain. I found that the part had been written to portray Judas not as a money-hungry opportunist nor as someone of weak faith. Once I saw him in a new light, it was easy to find that integrity," said Bob.

Diana stated how seeing the Last Supper live is different than just hearing and reading about it.

"We can get numb to this Scripture story by hearing the same words read every year. The lesson becomes predictable, the outcome is known, the words lose their impact to inspire or to invite personal reflection. By bringing the scene to life, by hearing the voices of other Apostles who remain silent in the Bible story, the play invites you to reconsider the meaning of the Last Supper, to find the humanity in the story beyond the historical account, to ask yourself how you would feel and how you would act were you there, and what does this

moment from our faith mean to you," said Diana. She noted, "This play is different from the usual telling of the Last Supper because, unlike the Biblical accounts, Jesus is silent. Only the Apostles speak. They talk about more than just the impact that Jesus has had on their lives. They speak of questions that they still have, even after following Jesus for years. Those in the audience may find that at least one of the Apostles might voice a question or concern that they themselves have, showing that, like us, even the Apostles did not have all the answers. And, like us, those answers would come with time and reflection."

The church is at 70 Hooker Ave. in Poughkeepsie. There will be a free will offering taken.

For more information, e-mail info@poughkeepsiereformedchurch.com, or visit www.poughkeepsiereformed-church.com, or call The Reformed Church at 845-452-8110.

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Probation Director to retire after 46-year career in Dutchess County

Following a remarkable 46-year career in the Dutchess County Office of Probation and Community Corrections in which she distinguished herself as a compassionate and respected national and statewide leader in restorative justice, Probation Director Mary Ellen Still will retire on April 30, County Executive Sue Serino announced on March 13th. Still is the longest-tenured active department head in Dutchess County Government, having served as Probation Director for more than 22 years.

Throughout her career, Still has been a champion of community engagement and collaboration, forging strong partnerships with local organizations, law-enforcement agencies and community leaders to develop practical and effective solutions. She has actively worked to create a holistic approach to pretrial services and probation supervision – emphasizing rehabilitation, support and the reintegration of individuals back into society.

She has been a trusted leader throughout New York State with Governor Kathy Hochul appointing her in 2022 to serve as Commissioner on the State Probation Commission to advise and consult on all matters relating to probation in New York State.

Serino said, "Mary Ellen Still has dedicated her professional life to Dutchess County's Office of Probation and Community Corrections, ensuring public safety through her innovative solutions – in the process, becoming an esteemed national authority on restorative justice. Mary Ellen has been a driving force in the transformation of our county's probation and community corrections programs, implementing effective strategies that prioritize rehabilitation, public safety and community well-being, including our highly successful alternatives to incarceration. Dutchess County is grateful to Mary Ellen for her decades of service, and we wish her every success in her next chapter."

Still began her tenure in County government as a Probation Officer trainee in 1978, eventually serving every function in the Office of Probation and Community Corrections, being promoted to Senior Probation Officer, Supervisor and Deputy Director, respectively, before then-County Executive William R. Steinhaus tapped her as Director in 2002.

As Director, Still has led the Office of Probation and Community Corrections, overseeing nearly 50 employees who protect the community through intervention in the lives of those under supervision, facilitating compliance with court orders and serving as a catalyst for positive change. Still's department promotes public safety through effective supervision of some 2,000 defendants and probationers placed on community supervision by the courts, through evidence-based probation and diversion programs. Among others, those programs include the successful interagency collaborative in-jail transition program known as RESTART (Re-Entry Stabilization Transition and Reintegration Track) in partnership with Project M.O.R.E. and Family Services, as well as RECHARGE (Re-Entry Community Housing and Resource Guided Empowerment) to provide justice-involved people with supportive housing and services in partnership with Project M.O.R.E. to increase participants' success once they return to their community.

She has been involved with a multitude of efforts to help individuals who encounter the criminal justice system, including the development of specialized courts for veterans

and substance-users and the creation of college credit classes at the Dutchess County Jail and through EXODUS Transitional Community.

Still has also been instrumental in navigating the evolving New York State bail reform legislation that first passed in 2019 and has undergone various revisions, significantly impacting the criminal justice system process throughout the state.

Still shared the news of her impending retirement Tuesday at the Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council. Still has been involved with the CJC since its original formation in 1993 and currently serves as CJC Chair. The Dutchess County's Criminal Justice Council has been an innovative, national model for working in a collaborative process of information-sharing to maximize resources for an enhanced criminal justice process, utilizing research-based practices to ensure community safety through the promotion and support of intervention for at-risk youth and adults, addressing victims' needs and reduction of recidivism.

Still is also the current Chair of Training and Qualifications Committee for New York State Council of Probation Administrators; Chair of New York State Council of Probation Administrators Area III; as well as being a member of the New York State Probation Commission and the Dutchess County Police Chiefs Association. She was a past member of the Dutchess County Universal Response to Domestic Violence, and she previously served as a member of the New York State Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board.

Dr. Gary Christensen, President of Justice Solutions, Inc, who served for many years as the Dutchess County Jail Administrator, as well as Chair of CJC, said, "Mary Ellen Still is a true legend – committed to ensuring a strong, fair and efficient criminal justice system that is focused on reform, rehabilitation and restorative justice. She stands alone at the forefront of progressive efforts to affect positive change in criminal justice practice both within Dutchess County and beyond, throughout the field of evidence-based criminal justice practice. I have been honored to work with her over the past 45 years and, due to her efforts and teachings, we will all continue to benefit for many years to come. Her work has truly made a difference in people's lives."

In 2017, the National Resource Center on Justice Involved Women and American Jail Association invited Still to speak at its national summit in Washington, D.C., where she presented on the development and current use of the Inventory of Needs instrument – a pretrial and screening tool for justice-involved women used to create unique case plans based on women's needs, resulting in better pretrial and supervision outcomes. Ms. Still has also worked with the Center for Effective Public Policy; engaged in a collaborative project with researchers from the University of Cincinnati and the University of Houston on gender-responsive strategies; and, in partnership with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (NYS DCJS), worked with the Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice on a comprehensive review of the probation and juvenile justice system to enhance system practices, resulting in development of trauma assessment and interventions for young people.

Still has received numerous local, state and national awards and citations, including the Arlington Rotary's Recognition of

Domestic Violence for Outstanding Contributions to Victims in 2003; and Project M.O.R.E.'s 2015 Distinguished Service Award, among others. Still graduated from the U.S. Department of Justice's National Institute of Corrections Executive Excellence Program in 2000, as well as Sam Houston University's Executive Orientation Program in 2002.

Long active in her community, Still has served on various boards and committees, including the County's Mental Hygiene Board, Family Services Board, the Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. She has also served on various workgroups and committees of NYS DCJS, including Staff Development, Revision of Rules and Regulations Governing Probation, Domestic Violence Workgroup.

Still said, "Over my career, I have witnessed a transformative journey of rehabilitation and growth in the criminal justice system. I have been a proud proponent for restorative justice because I've seen, firsthand, the power of second chances and the resilience of the human spirit. I carry with me the belief that compassion and understanding can reshape lives. This hasn't been a career for me; it's a testament to the possibility of transforming lives and the enduring pursuit of a better tomorrow."



Mary Ellen Still

-Courtesy photo

Service in 1995; the Van Bramer Award from Mental Health Association in 2005; New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services' Sara Tullar Fasoldt Leadership and Humanitarian Award in 2011; recognition by the New York State Coalition Against

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Troop K Commander Major Kathryne M. Rohde said, "Every day the members of Troop K work hard to make our roadways safer. It is our duty to continue to educate drivers and enforce the law in furtherance of that goal." She advised drivers to "slow down to a reasonable speed even if you are on the opposite side of the roadway. Move over for any stopped or standing vehicle in the roadway or on the shoulder. We want everyone to reach their destination."

DMV Commissioner and Chair of the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Mark J.F. Schroeder said, "The expansion of the Move Over Law is another example of New York State's commitment to making this state a safe place to live, work, and travel. You never know when you may need to pull over, but when you do, we want to make sure you can do so without putting yourself or others in harm's way. Each of us is responsible for doing our part to prevent tragedies on our roadways, so please follow the law. Slow down and move over when you see another vehicle stopped."

Thruway Authority Acting Executive Director Frank G. Hoare, Esq. said, "Strengthening the Move Over Law by expanding the protection to all vehicles that are stopped on the side of the road will help save lives. The law is meant to protect motorists, emergency responders,

Thruway personnel and others assisting disabled vehicles. When you see any vehicle pulled over, slow down and safely move over. We thank our partners at New York State Police Troop T for their work patrolling the Thruway and keeping motorists safe."

Department of Transportation Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez said, "The expansion of New York's Move Over Law to include disabled and stopped vehicles in the roadway is critical to achieving the goal of eliminating fatalities on the roadways. With 37 individuals killed outside of disable vehicles on New York's roadways from 2016 – 2020, Governor Hochul's actions to expand the Move Over law will fundamentally save lives by putting safety first."

New York State Police Acting Superintendent Steven G. James said, "The New York State Police remains committed to keeping our roadways safe – for those who travel them, and for those who work on them. By expanding the Move Over Law and vigorously enforcing its provisions, we will be able to further improve safety for all who utilize our roads throughout the state. I thank Governor Hochul for her shared dedication and steadfast commitment to enhancing safety on New York's roadways."

Visit <https://trafficsafety.ny.gov/move-over-law> for additional information about the Move Over Law and other highway safety initiatives.

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'Potential' changes to Route 52 or 'already confirmed'?

To the Editor:

There are five committee members listed as Beacon taxpayers, two of those members live near Route 52 corridor. Three members have lived in Beacon 15+ years, most are recent to Beacon, one is a planner/community developer in Westchester, another an urban planner in Peekskill, another an architect and chaired by another architect. Are all members on the committee City of Beacon homeowners/taxpayers? Why is most of the committee "recent" to Beacon? Are there only two members that live near this proposed 'new development' site? Shouldn't those impacted the most – have the most to say? According to the mayor, this committee will "develop conceptual ideas for the NE section" of the city, including a rail trail next to Route 52, a Matteawan Road connector, linkage to Beacon Lofts, Fishkill Creek and Greenway trail. Are these "potential" changes or are these projects already confirmed?

If the latter, then when do taxpayers voices get heard and how? The Rail Trail has been both pushed and opposed by many. Shouldn't the encroachment to abutting landowners/homeowners' privacy be the consideration as well as Riparian rights? Would those who push for a rail trail be happy if it were in their back yard and impact their privacy? What can we do to oppose?

Affordable housing in Beacon, yet most cannot afford it. It seems when development/housing is discussed there is minimal 'affordability'. Yet that seems to be the word to use when it comes to developers working with the city and making money. The council is considering to eliminate minimum parking requirements for new development/substantial rehabs...WHY? There isn't enough parking now.

(According to a local publication: 2012- 2023 +/- 800 apartments, townhouses, condos, housing units had been built in Beacon, PLUS W. Main +62, Main +20, +28, +24, Eliza +9, Cross +18, Tioronda +64, Fishkill Ave. +12, +16, Conklin +37, Highland Place +3, Edgewater Place +246 = 539!)

PLUS future developments discussed: DMV property, Beacon Terminal, Downstate Correctional Facility...what effect would all these projects have on our School District, our water, sewer and our quality of life?

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Lawler, Ryan, Molinaro back Hudson River Protection Act

The Hudson River Protection Act introduced by Representatives Lawler, Ryan, and Molinaro passed through the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee as part of the Coast Guard Reauthorization Act, teeing up the bill for a vote on the House floor in the coming months. This legislation would amend the 2020 Elijah E. Cummings Coast Guard Authorization Act, removing any uncertainty related to geographic definitions (such as the Port of New York) and banning additional anchorages once and for all.

"The Hudson River Protection Act will go a long way to preserving the natural beauty of our Hudson Valley communities - something that has been a top priority of mine from day one," said Lawler (NY-17). "I was glad to see the Hudson River Protection Act pass the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee as part of the Coast Guard Reauthorization Act. I'm going to continue working with my Hudson Valley neighbors and colleagues Pat Ryan and Marc Molinaro to make sure our crucial legislation becomes law."

"Getting anything through this Congress is not easy. But we owe it to our kids, our seniors, and future generations to fight tooth and nail to protect our Hudson River and get this bill across the finish line," said Pat Ryan (NY-18). "Never again will big corporations be able to turn our Hudson River into a parking lot for dangerous barges. This victory proves that when our community stands up with one voice to demand change, we can accomplish anything."

"I'm a conservationist and over the span of several decades have championed causes

to clean up the Hudson alongside Congressman Pat Ryan, Riverkeeper, Scenic Hudson, and other local partners," said Congressman Molinaro (NY-19), former county executive of Dutchess County. "With this bipartisan bill, we are taking another step to protect the Hudson and ensuring we are not doing anything that could erase the progress we've made."

"Riverkeeper is thrilled to see the inclusion of the Hudson River Protection Act within the U.S. Coast Guard Reauthorization. This crucial legislation reflects a significant step forward in safeguarding the Hudson River from the risks of increased anchoring by large vessels in critical habitat areas," said Drew Gamilis, Riverkeeper Staff Attorney. "We thank Congressmen Ryan, Molinaro, and Lawler for prioritizing the concerns of Hudson Valley communities."

"We are grateful to Congressmen Pat Ryan, Marcus Molinaro, and Michael Lawler for their leadership in including the Hudson River Protection Act in the Coast Guard Reauthorization bill," said Ned Sullivan, President of Scenic Hudson. "This critical legislation will protect the inspirational beauty, health, and safety of the Hudson and communities along the river. We remain committed to working with our Congressional delegation and Riverkeeper to safeguard the Hudson Valley's drinking water, wildlife, and people now and for generations to come."

The legislation introduced alongside Congressmen Ryan and Molinaro amends the 2020 Elijah E. Cummings Coast Guard Authorization Act, effectively banning additional anchorages on the Hudson once and for all.

Jacobson fights for funding to be restored to budget

Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson (D-104) scored victories in the Assembly one-house budget, restoring cuts from the Governor Hochul's budget to public schools, highway funding and clean water infrastructure, including the replacement of lead water lines. Jacobson also had additional money added for the county boards of elections.

"I worked with my colleagues to reverse the unnecessary cuts to our public schools. No school district should be forced to have a surprise cut in their State funding," said Jacobson.

In Jacobson's district, Poughkeepsie, Highland and Beacon schools would be slated for Foundation Aid cuts in Hochul's proposed budget. He also requested an increase in the reimbursement rate for Career and Technical Education (CTE) instructors in the state's Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) programs to ensure that students can access valuable career training. These priorities were reflected in the Assembly budget, which provides a \$1.3-billion increase in Foundation Aid over last year and a minimum increase of three percent for each school district. The budget also proposes to increase the salary cap aid for BOCES CTE instructors from \$30,000 to \$40,000, resulting in an additional \$31 million for this budget.

"Road conditions have long been a priority of mine, from my time on the Newburgh City Council through my tenure in the Assembly. Every municipality in my district relies on these vital State programs so that they can afford to take care of their roads. I was able to restore cuts and even increase aid," said Jacobson.

The Assembly budget increases funding for highway repair programs, including \$598 million for the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS), which restores \$60 million in cuts; \$210 million for PAVE-NY, with an increase of \$60 million; \$150 million for Extreme Weather Recovery, with a \$50-million increase; and \$4.9 billion for the State Road and Bridge program, which is an increase of \$400 million over the Governor's budget.

Jacobson also fought for full funding of New York's Clean Water Infrastructure Act (CWIA), as well funding to replace lead-contaminated water lines — a problem that plagues the cities of Newburgh and Poughkeepsie. The Assembly budget restores the Governor's 50% cut of \$250 million, to match the \$500 million in last year's budget. From that sum, \$100 million is allocated to lead service line replacement.

"There is no safe level of lead in drinking water," said Jacobson.

Jacobson was also successful in getting an extra \$10 million for the County Board of Elections to implement sweeping voting reforms the Legislature has made over the past five years, including early voting, the ability to cure mistakes in absentee ballots, and the on-time counting of early voting and absentee ballots received prior to election day.

After the Governor proposed her budget in January, the Democratic majorities in the Assembly and Senate produced their own budgets. Both houses of the Legislature are now negotiating with the Governor to produce a final budget, due on April 1.

Animal Rescue Foundation to host 4-penny social April 6

Animal Rescue Foundation will be hosting a 4-Penny Social on Saturday, April 6. It will be held at the VFW Memorial Building, corner of Teller Ave. and Main St., in Beacon. Viewing begins at 1 p.m. and the calling begins at 3 p.m.

There will be many items, such as gift baskets, gift certificates, kitchen items, artwork and more. Snacks and drinks will be available.

Call 845-831-5161 for more information.

Firefighters fight 3-alarm blaze at apartment complex

By Kristine Coulter

City of Beacon firefighters, and mutual aid, fought a 3-alarm fire on March 19 at Colonial Spring Apartments, on Colonial Road, in Beacon.

Chief Thomas Lucchesi said several calls were being processed by 911, as City of Newburgh firefighters saw plumes of smoke and called to City of Beacon firefighters to report the incident as well.

"I would stress that the public should immediately call 911 in case of a fire or other emergency and NOT call the firehouse," said Lucchesi.

According to the chief, "Upon arrival of the first arriving City of Beacon Fire Department units three minutes later, a two-story multi-family apartment building was found with a large amount of smoke emitting from the roof. In addition to the Village of Fishkill Fire Department and Castle Point Fire Department, who were already responding on the initial alarm, a second alarm was transmitted, and an additional request was made for a Ladder Truck from the City of Newburgh Fire Department to respond to the scene."

"From my short time with the City of Beacon Fire Department, we receive at least one emergency call for service every week by someone calling the firehouse instead of dialing 911. The problem is if our on-duty firefighters are not in the fire-

house or doing training, there is no one there to answer the phone," said Lucchesi, who stressed - ALWAYS call 911.

"A fast-moving fire was found in the attic space above four apartment units. Firefighters, with the assistance of the City of Beacon Police Department, ensured the building was evacuated and then began an aggressive attack using 3 hose lines to extinguish the fire," he said.

Subsequently, a third alarm was transmitted, which brought both the Glenham and Rombout Fire departments to the scene, along with a Firefighter Assist Search Team (FAST) to the scene from the Coldenham Fire District.

"As a result of the fire, 30 residents were displaced. The American Red Cross provided emergency housing, through the assistance of the Salvation Army, to the displaced residents." According to the American red Cross two people stayed in the shelter at the Salvation Army that night.

The cause of the fire is being investigated by the City of Beacon Police Department, along with the Dutchess County Fire Investigation Division.

Dutchess County Car 13 & Car 17, City of Beacon Medic 1, Beacon Volunteer Ambulance, City of Beacon Water Department and Building Department all provided assistance at the scene.

SPORTS REPORT

Ex-Renegades player Jones stars in Spring Breakout game

By Rich Thomaselli

As the High Class A affiliate of the New York Yankees, the Hudson Valley Renegades partially market themselves as a team where you can see the Major League stars of tomorrow.

One of the more recent players could be former Renegades' outfielder Spencer Jones.

Jones hit two home runs in the very first Spring Breakout game at George M. Steinbrenner Field in Tampa, Florida, last week.

And they weren't fence-scrapers, either, for the team's No. 2 prospect. They were towering shots, according to MLB.com.

"They're all cool -- all home runs are fun, right?" Jones told the website. "But that one was fun. Getting to share it with the guys in that dugout was pretty cool."

Jones, who has drawn comparisons to Yankees slugger Aaron Judge, was the

breakout star of the Renegade's last season. His two home runs in the spring game went for 399 feet to the opposite field and 427 feet later in the game. As spring training comes to a conclusion, his assignment will be known later this week.

"That kid, he's a specimen. He's awesome," said Yankees left-hander Brock Selvige. "He's very fun to watch. The athletic build; he can do everything. It's really cool to share the field with guys like that, who are studs. Obviously, everyone on our team is a stud, but it was super cool to watch him."

In addition to his power, Jones also showed off his speed by beating out an infield single. Jones played 117 games last season between High-A Hudson Valley and Double-A Somerset. Hudson Valley's 2024 season begins with a road game on April 5.

Arlington Winter Guard team wins Class A championship

By Rich Thomaselli

Another title and another banner. Arlington High School Winter Guard has emerged triumphant as the Winter Guard International (WGI) Sport of the Arts Eastern Power Regional Scholastic A Class champions.

The Winter Guard is an indoor color guard competition. In addition to the school's athletic prowess, Arlington has a stellar band and color guard team.

The team's performance catapulted them to the top spot amid 30 groups hailing from across the northeast, including Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. The event took place in Bethlehem, PA and included two rounds of competition.

Arlington secured a resounding victory, clinching a lead of more than four points ahead of its closest competitors. That is

considered a rout in Winter Guard.

This achievement positions them as the current No.1 seed for the upcoming World Championships set to take place April 11 and 12 in Dayton, OH. At this national contest, the Admirals will face off against 120 of the best teams in the United States.

The squad performed a rendition of its own called "Lizzie." The performance illustrates the haunting tale of Lizzie Borden, weaving together elements of her trial and the mystery surrounding the crimes she faced.

Winter Guard is in part a stage production and a color guard performance.

Arlington High School has a long history with the activity, and performed at the national level in the 1980s and 1990s. After a hiatus, the team was reestablished in 2009. The school made the national championship finals in 2016.

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Families of premature babies give back for 'miraculous' births



Members of the Kimisis Greek Orthodox Church of Poughkeepsie recently visited the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Vassar Brothers Medical Center to present special gifts and say "Thank You" for all of the efforts of the doctors and nurses of the unit. From left are Jimmy and Sotirios Drivas, Jimmy Sasso, Theodora, Cassandra Camburn, Spyroula Sasso, Marial Drivas, Catherine and Alex Doxy. Inset is Sotirios Drivas in an incubator 11 years ago.

-Courtesy photos

By Rich Thomaselli

Marial Drivas vividly remembers the date and time.

It was just before Christmas of 2012 and she had just given birth a few days earlier to a premature baby. It was 4:30 in the morning. Her son had stopped breathing. The doctors and nurses in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Vassar Brothers Medical Center sprang into action.

Her son Sotirios was revived and today is a thriving young man. But at the time, he still had to be intubated. For nine days.

In retrospect, it might seem like a small amount of time, but it was a lifetime to Marial and her family.

Drivas leans heavily on her faith and calls it "miraculous."

"He was so tiny he could fit in the palm of my hand," she said.

That's why she and the Kimisis Greek Orthodox Church have a place in their hearts for the doctors and nurses at the NICU. And as Easter approaches, she is especially grateful and the group is just coming off an event in which they made 48 Build-a-Bear stuffed ani-



Working on "Build A Bears" at the Poughkeepsie Galleria are, from left, Elizabeth Papamitoukas, Spyroula Sasso, Amalia, Alexandros and Melissa Toromandes, Barbara Sasso, Melissa Papamitoukas and Theodora Sasso. The children were taking part in a community service project to construct the bears for children in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Vassar Brothers Medical Center.

-Courtesy photo

mals for children at the hospital and made a special financial donation to the NICU.

For Drivas and other mothers of premature babies, it's just their way of giving back and showing their love and appreciation to the doctors and nurses at the NICU, where her son spent the first 71 days of his life.

Drivas is not alone. Several other mothers in the church have given birth to premature babies and they have a special bond and camaraderie.

"My son is 11 now. I wanted to do something to give back to the hospital where he was born," Drivas said. "It's something we'd like to do every year."

The church also donates bags of goodies and supplies to the homeless shelter every November and adopts a family for Christmas.

Drivas knows the frustrating and hopeless feelings.

"Oh man, it was tough," she said. "I mean, you're a first-time mom, and you don't even know if your child is going to make it. You want to take care of him. We even had an oscillator in the house that turned the outside air into oxygen. It was a different experience, to say the least. It was very scary."

She uses her own example and her faith and the openness of her church to guide her.

"Maybe they would want to come to our church and know that there are people out there who have been through the same thing as they are going through," Drivas said. "Maybe we can help them and guide them through a really dark time."

It's a bond and a community forged by difficult circumstances. The uniqueness of the situation has forged lifelong friendships, she said. It's like having a whole other family. In fact, the nurses still check in on her and her son through social media.

That's why, as Easter approaches, she is grateful for the support from friends and family and church members. They donated what they could. It turned out to be quite a bit; the church put on a brunch a couple of months ago that ended up paying for the whole Build-a-Bear event.

"We're blessed," she said.

Susan Browning, President of Vassar Brothers Medical Center, commented, "We're incredibly thankful to the Greek Orthodox Church families in Poughkeepsie. Their fundraiser for our NICU at Vassar Brothers Medical Center not only helps us, but also brings comfort to families in tough times. Their generosity shows the power of community and compassion. Teddy bears play a big role in healing and comforting babies, and their gesture means a lot to us."

Latin Dance Night on March 28 in Beacon

Latin Night Dance will take place at the Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St. in Beacon on March 28 at 7 p.m.

There is a \$10 admission fee, and an

available full menu and bar.

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Bank launches its first Financial Literacy Program for the community



Ulster Savings Bank graduates 22 women from the bank's Financial Literacy Program.

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Ulster Savings Bank launched its first community-based Financial Literacy Program in collaboration with the Center for Creative Education and their SPICE program. The bank's Financial Literacy

Program is designed to equip members of the community with the critical knowledge and skills needed to make strong financial decisions.

On February 22, 22 women graduated

the inaugural class with a celebration honoring their individual successes which was held at the bank's main location in Kingston. The program offered six weeks of in-person financial workshops. Topics covered included banking basics, budgeting, debt management, homeownership, and retirement. The course was taught in English and Spanish by Diana Flores-Reyes, Community Liaison/Business Development, Ulster Savings Bank.

"Thank you to Ulster Savings for your generosity and for believing in the women of SPICE. Your Financial Literacy program was designed so beautifully and effectively. Our group has come a long way in our financial literacy journey, which is a major steppingstone for personal empowerment," said Robin Hayes, SPICE Women's Program Coordinator.

The SPICE (Sisters Persevere in Conscious Evolution) program, offered by the Center for Creative Education focuses on empowering women and particularly women in under-resourced communities, by providing education, opportunities, and experiences that create a more level playing field from which to

reach their goals. SPICE programs are provided at no cost to group members. The program helps to close the gap caused by historic economic, educational, and health inequities, all of which have a profound impact on quality of life.

"We're excited to partner with Ulster Savings Bank for their first Financial Literacy Program, which perfectly aligns with our mission to empower under-resourced communities through art, wellness, and education. This collaboration shows how education and access to resources can transform lives and create a more equitable future for everyone," explained Bryant Drew Andrews, Executive Director, Center for Creative Education.

"Ulster Savings Bank understands the value of caring about the communities we serve. We congratulate this class on their dedication and hard work," expressed Crystal Jacob, AVP Training Officer, Ulster Savings Bank.

For more information about Ulster Savings Bank's Financial Literacy program, please call Crystal Jacob at 845-338-6322.

Bring an Easter basket to annual egg hunt in Town of Fishkill on Saturday

Remember to bring an Easter basket to the Town of Fishkill Recreation Department's Easter Egg Hunt 2024 on Saturday, March 30, from noon to 3 p.m. The egg hunt will take place at Maurer Geering Park, off of Maurer Geering Way, in the town of Fishkill.

The annual event is for children ages 10 and under. There is

no pre-registration required.

The Easter Bunny will be a special guest at the event.

Besides the fun of the egg hunt, there will be face painting and a bouncy castle. There will also be a variety of games for the children to play.

Mr. B's Hot Dog Truck will be on site with food to purchase.

Photos with the Easter Bunny during Easter Egg Hunt in Wappingers Falls on March 30

An Easter Egg Hunt, with free photos with the Easter Bunny, will take place on Saturday, March 30 at noon sponsored by the Wappingers Falls Recreation Department and Wappingers Falls PBA. The event is rain or shine. For all age

groups 12 years and under. There will be a 'golden egg' for each age group. Register online.

Visit the Wappingers Falls PBA's Facebook page for more information.

Rombout Middle School releases names of students on 2nd quarter honor roll

The Rombout Middle School administration released the names of the students who earned a spot on the 2nd quarter honor roll for the 2023-24 school year.

The students are:

Principal's Honor Roll 8th Grade

Kaylyn Adusei, Skylar Carr, Claire Cumming, Jake DeLuise, Evelyn DePalma, Maysie Doyle, Saoirse Fehilly, McKenna Griffin, Henry Gute, Drew Kelly, Maximilian Kong, Heidi Maeng, Louise Mauks, Desmond McGrath, Claire Morgan, Charlotte Netboy, Zora Nicholls, Austin Ricketts, Mackinley Roland, Evangeline Santise, Hazel Schein, Shane Signorelli, Caellum Tripaldi, Owen Youatt.

7th Grade

Natalie Allen, Luna Ayers-Uekawa, Vivianna Bailey, Hazel Balogh, Amaya Bravo, Fiona Burke-Smith, Madison Carr, Ethan Cason, Ivy Cohen, Sebastian Concepcion, Elodie Duquesne, Kylie Ebeling, Lilah Fisher, Alice Gabel, Jordan Garzon, Edith Giunta, Carolina Guerra, Lucien Guido Taylor, Manasvi Gupta, Silas Hayes, Samih Jabar, Samantha Johnson, Davia Kelleher, Julian Khan, Pixie Kimberg, Ileana Lawrence, Vivienne Lipari, Anthony Lopez, James Mack, Suvi O'Shea, Dominick Pulcastro, Adrian Quezada, Ivan Rinaldi, Zbigniew Rybak, Jonathan Saraceno, Ashley Senior, Silas Stampleman, Ryan Sulca, Daniel Tschang, Emery Vergolina, Anita Vigeant, Marina Winters.

6th Grade

Lucinda Arginsky, Leo Aymar-Blair, Olivia Bellis, Amaziah Buffin, Lucas Campos, Gianna Cruz, Dean Cumming, Meera Dieboll, Nathan Domanski, Dafne

Garcia, Asher Hetling, Kai Illa-Hanca, Charlie Jelliffe, Mario Jovel, Zeev Korman-Bennis, Jonah Landahl, Regan Laug, Jonah Lipman, Johanna Marquez, Kai Mason, John McKay, Mikayla McMahon, Daniel Mulligan, Tavin Pennock, Avery Persico, Colten Powlis, Jack Reeves, Aaliyah Ridore, Lorenzo Sait, Roberto Sampson, Emmylou Shay, Anna Sheehy, Lucas Simms, Madeline Smith, Olivia Specker, Yidoen Tenzin, Kevin Vogrincic, Braden Webster, Henry White.

High Honor Roll 8th Grade

Loreimi Alcantara, Owen Allee, Abigail Atkins, Kiersten Barber, Breannah Brace, Gavin Bruno, Noa Buckland, Jayla Bunch, Wyatt Burgos, Sarah Camara, Anthony Castano, Amari Clarke, Zahara Cone, Lia Cosentino, Andrea Delgado, Ryan DiNobile, Josseline Duran, Leah Fahlman, Kyle Fairbanks, Christa George, Maeve Haley, Zoe Hammond, Troi Harvey Semple, Alejandro Herrera, Justin Mann, Bethlee Manzano Cabello, Josue Martell, Ruby Martin, Victoria Maruggi, Uswah Mohammed Murtada, Elise Moran, Henry Mulligan, Catherine Musorofiti, Payton O'Connell, Olivia Ortiz, Gabriel Peluso, Sofia Posso Salcedo, Caleb Ramirez, Stephanie Ramon, Nour Rauf Said, James Reyes, Maeve Rinaldi, Khloe Rocci, Giana Rodriguez, Thalia Rodriguez, Isabella Ruffy, Nathaniel Salvati, Benjamin Seaman, Vardan Singh, Hunter Smith, Gonzalo Soria Velecela, Eliza Verdichizzi, Derek Waltke, Caleb Wells-McGurk, Hayden Wilson, Trey Zapencki, Josefine Zezza.

7th Grade

Riley Anderson, Brayden Arroyo,

Timothy Benito Jr., Sadie Bottone, Matthew Browne, Jack Bunker, Sheyla Caballero Perez, Lily Cheyne, Connor Coldrick, Jackson Coulter, Shuprova Das, Braeden Eraca, Shaniya Evans, Willow Faiella, Grace Fleming, Natalia Garcia, Jack Garrett, Weston Hetrick, Greyson Johnson, Lexie Kaplaneris, Nahlia Keane, Miles King, Ralph Marinaccio IV, Celest Marshall, Ramiro Martinez Jr., Ethan McCredo, Michael Medina, Auwaab Mohammed Murtada, Elena Moleano, Madelyn Newcomb, Sarah Pillcurima Panama, Negatu Price, Dion Qelaj, DeJaun Rigby, Tallix Roan, Sophia Romero, Landon Soltish, Lyra Staab, George Stadler, Ellamarie Tejada, Jaliyah Vasquez, Lily Vogrincic, Callie Winther, Colin Witkowski.

6th Grade

Nia Abonyoh, Daniel Aquino, Mikaela Arce, Sirah Bah, Walter Bean, Preston Bennett, Parker Bennett, Mateo Buckland, Madison Clark, Adrián Conklin, Ali Cosentino, Sofia Cruz, Trey Davis, Riley DiTata, Riley Elwood, Liam Elwood, Amelia Emich, Hudson Faust, Julianna Gannon, Alicia Green, Elias Havers, Matilda Hoffman, Sarai Horne, Jayden Kasmaei, Cole Martin, Damien Mayers, Ava Morgan, Victoria O'Dell, Conal O'Sullivan, Anthony Patino, Maya Pellegrin, Ian Ramkalawon, Kareem Rauf Said, Ella Reyes, Naomi Rivera, Annalise Saiz, Margaret Schall-Wharton, Ethan See, Victoria Squilla, Justinas Turner, Louisa Virgadamo, Nathanyel Walden, Eoin Williams, Zuri Yeboah.

Honor Roll 8th Grade

Kendall Adnams, Jacqueline Albra, Jesse Apostolou, Caden Balfour, Madison Beltran,

Lily Berry, Erica Cabrera, Hawah Camara, Piper Clark, Isabella Davila, SaRiah Faust, Jayden Harrison, Gauge Heeter, Brianna Hunt, Daniel Lamothe, Melody Longino, Oliver Meyer, Stephen Miller, Braelyn Milligan, Gabriel Montleon, Brandon O'Dell, Oscar Pages, Mohammad Rahman, Luis Ramon, Bowie Roy, Shea Tanaka, Julie Vogrincic, Cayden Williams, Jude Williams, Nicholas Zippo.

7th Grade

Lorelei Aakjar, Shannon Anzovino, James Bailey, Gavin Barone, Hawken Brickman, Marcus Brooks Jr., Gabriela Diaz, Emmett Havers, Nathan Hayden, Kaliyah Henderson, Zaphira Hernandez, Grace Just, Connor Kuhhorn, Gabriella Larsson, Katalina McBride, Divine Morris, Amber Perez-Sample, Riley Peterson, Noah Postolan, Sanaa Richardson, Jordan Rojas, Sara Sanusi, Genevieve Shrader, Hannah Spencer, Sherley Tacuri, Mia Tapia, Syed Umrao, Everett VanCott, Dominic Vargas, Joshua Velazquez, Isabel Viera.

6th Grade

Grey Andersen, Nicholas Antalek, Erick Arpi, Myla Ballard, Jessiah Beckwith, Aiden Berry, Charlie Brittain, Troy Burch, Ninalyse Caccamo, Daniel Calderon, Mason Cruz, Avery Fisher, Mia Gombiner, Famous Hart, Bryce Jackson Lane, Luis Jimenez Bueso, Phillip Johnson, Ryan Kibe Jr., Ciel Koerner, Luca Lentini, Abel Marron, Mason McNair, Sophia Milam, Charles Montleon, Azhane Moultrie, Qahtan Mursheed, Mary Rinaldi, George Robitaille, Audrey Savage Jr., Hailey Seddon, Ledion Shtanaj, Bryce Smalls, Joscelyn Sweat, Elliot Trabka, Elianna Watkins, Trinitee White, Jacob Zayas.

Innovative youth-led agricultural initiative



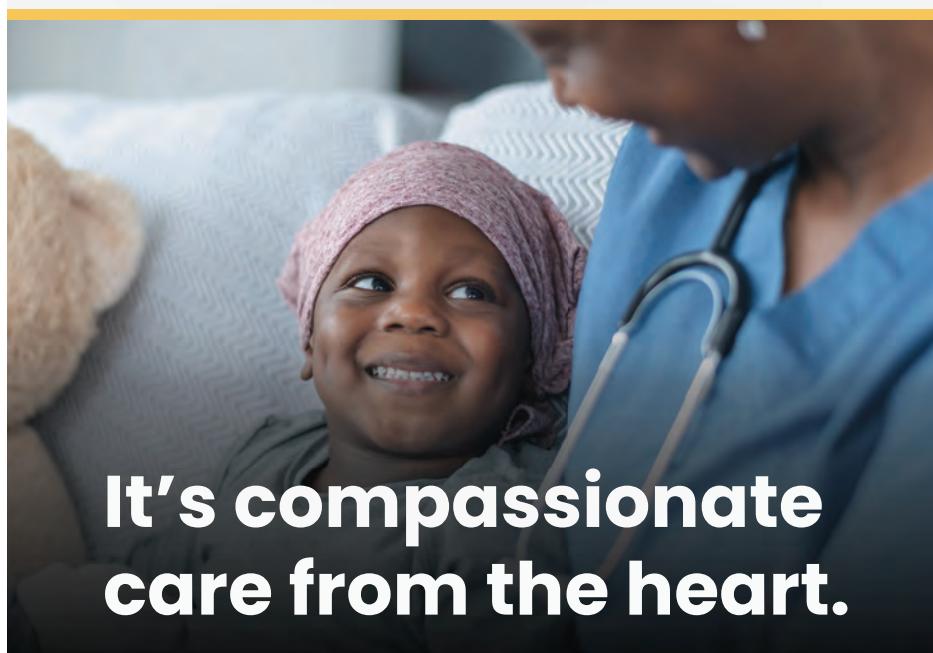
The Youth Sale Reps alongside Chef Paige Rodano crafted delicious pork belly sandwiches at Melzingah Tap House in Beacon, using locally raised pork from To Have and Have Not Farm in Clinton Corners.



Meat Rabbit representative Tessa Mashburn takes a bite of the group's delicious pork belly sandwich creation!

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By Mary Mashburn

In Dutchess County, a select group of 4-H youth, the Youth Livestock Sale Representatives, represent the 400-member strong organization. This program is the brainchild of Emma Kron, the 4-H Program Manager. Seven talented individuals, all 4-H members and some also part of FFA, promote local agriculture and community collaboration. Each month, the youth partner with local farms, restaurants, and chefs to showcase locally raised species, matching their expertise. This initiative unites restaurant owners, chefs, farms, and youth, working together to celebrate and support local products, strengthening the bond between youth, agriculture, business, and community.

Their first stop: Through Melzingah's doors, a new generation of conscious foodies and compassionate youth agriculture leaders emerges, inspired by owner Dana Collins' kindness and dedication to community growth. Dana embodies the spirit of community and mentorship. Donating a day in her restaurant, with talented chef Paige Rodano, and their time to empower youth. Together, they cook, learn, and grow using local pork donated by first generation farmers, Tom and Stacy Bonanno of To Have and Have Not

Farm in Clinton Corners, New York. The Bonanno family, known for their regenerative farm practices, lush landscape for their livestock, and support for the local community, stepped up immediately to donate pork belly.

Promoting a profound appreciation for the journey from farm to table, we invite you to join us in celebrating the food we eat and the farmers and youth who make it possible. Each month, shadow the extraordinary Youth Livestock reps on their journey, nurturing a deeper gratitude for the people and processes that bring fresh produce to our plates in the Hudson Valley.

Are you interested in purchasing locally raised meats? Make sure to mark your calendar for August 24th for the Youth Livestock Sale held at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds. 4-H and FFA members will be auctioning off their incredible projects so that you can fill your freezer with delicious, local meats!

For more information on the Youth Livestock Sale, one can find the Dutchess County Youth Livestock Sale on Facebook or contact Dutchess County 4-H at <https://dutchesscounty4h.weebly.com/>.

Hudson Valley Latino Scholarship Group sets fundraising event April 3

The members of the Hudson Valley Latino Scholarship are celebrating their 25th Year Anniversary with a fundraising event on April, 3 from 5-9 p.m. at the Cafe Con Leche Restaurant, 2710 W Main Street in Wappingers Falls.

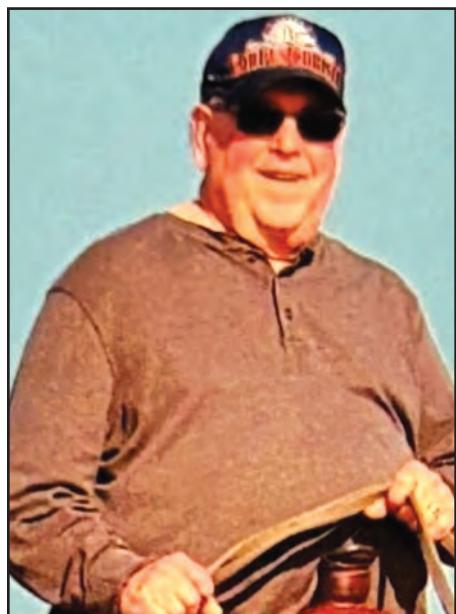
A portion of every dinner purchased will be donated to the Hudson Valley Latino Scholarship Fund, whether you dine in or take out. If you are unavailable to purchase a din-

ner, you can still support the organization by donating online: hvlatinoscholarship.org.

Since 1999, their mission has been to support Latino high school graduates in their quest for higher education and support their extraordinary academic and public service efforts to be successful leaders for our future generations through our 501(c)3 non-profit organization, the Hudson Valley Latino Scholarship Fund.

Obituaries

Albert E. Green



FISHKILL - Albert E. Green, a 58-year resident of Fishkill, died at his home on March 7, 2024; at the age of 83. He was born in Beacon, NY on February 17, 1941, son of the late Ralph & Ethel (Lewis) Green. Albert attended Beacon City Schools and graduated from Beacon High School class of 1958. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from the Albany College of Pharmacy.

On March 22, 1964, he married Jane Soltar of Fishkill, who survives him at home.

Al loved fishing, traveling, and spending time with his family. Al was there for others, and he provided for and loved his family dearly. There wasn't anything he wouldn't do for Jane and his sons and grandsons.

Albert worked as a pharmacist in hospitals and in his own drug store. Later he and his wife Jane, to keep busy, worked for American Greeting.

Along with his wife, Albert is survived by

his two sons: Ian Green and Jason Green. He is also survived by his two grandchildren, Eli and Nolan Green.

His Family will gather privately for a service at the LIBBY FUNERAL HOME, 55 Teller Avenue, Beacon, New York. Interment will be private at his family's discretion. Albert and Jane supported the Community Action Partnership of Beacon, Hospice and The Make-A-Wish Foundation. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.LibbyFuneralHome.com.

Dennis Tang



BEEKMAN - Dennis Tang, a resident of Beekman, NY since 1977 and formerly of Wingdale, Schenectady, New York City, and China, passed away on Friday, March 15, 2024 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, NY. He was 84.

Son of the late T.C. and Bertha Elizabeth (Tom-wye) Tang, he was born In Chunking, China on October 19, 1939. When Dennis was four years old, he emigrated with his family to the United States, where they settled in Manhattan. Dennis received his bachelor's degree from Middlebury College in Vermont and later earned his master's degree from SUNY Albany.

He worked for the New York State Office of Mental Health, where he served as a Psychiatric Rehabilitation Counselor at the former Harlem Valley and Hudson River State Hospitals, retiring in 1999.

Dennis was a naturally talented and skillful musician. He was a multi-instrumentalist who played a variety of instruments such as guitar, mandolin, bass, trombone, trumpet, and more. He belonged to several bands and lent his performance talents to countless community and church events.

Additional hobbies included painting, sculpting, and woodworking. While assisting his late mother in attending the Jackie Robinson Senior Citizen Center in New York City, Dennis became active with the center's Tai Chi program. Following the loss of his mother, he continued attending classes, at times substituting as the lead instructor in the teacher's absence.

He was a longtime dedicated member of the Poughquag United Methodist Church, where he served as a Trustee, formed a church-wide wind ensemble, and dedicated countless hours of volunteerism.

On February 8, 1977, he married Carole Clifton in Beekman, NY. Carole survives at home.

In addition to his wife, other survivors include his son, Paul Tang of Mahopac, NY; his grandson, Jack Tang; his sister, Rosalind T'ang Morf & her husband Martin; and many other loving relatives & friends.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Donations in Dennis' memory may be made to the Poughquag United Methodist Church, 21 Church Street, Poughquag, NY 12570.

Arrangements are under the direction of McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction, NY. For online tributes, you can visit Dennis' Book of Memories at www.mchoufuneralhome.com.

Allen R. Blake



WAPPINGERS FALLS - Allen Ronald Blake of Wappingers Falls, NY passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 17th 2024 at home, surrounded by his loving family. He was 71 years old. He was born in Schenectady, NY. on February 20th, 1953. Son of Virginia Tilton and the late Allen R. Blake. Ron graduated from Roy C. Ketcham in 1971. He was the owner/operator of Blake Paving and excavating for over 40 years. He married the former Christine Ranalli on August 30th, 1975 in Wappingers. Ron is survived by his loving wife Christine of 49 years, his daughter Jennifer Alvarez and grand-daughter Izabella Alvarez and her father Albert. Ron is survived by his mother Virginia Tilton and predeceased by his father Allen, and also is survived by his sisters Karen Russell (Dave)

and Cindy Lodato and several nieces and nephews. Ron enjoyed hunting, fishing and driving in his Challenger on sunny days. He also enjoyed taking his granddaughter four wheeling. The family would like to thank the dedicated staff at Hudson Valley Hospice for their wonderful care during this difficult time. Memorial contributions may be made to www.hvhospice.org. There will be no services with keeping of his wishes and cremation has taken place. He is at peace now and will be greatly missed.

Herman Barker



BEACON - Herman "Hank" Barker, 91, a lifelong resident of Beacon, passed away at his home surrounded by his family on March 22, 2024. His departure leaves a profound void in the hearts of all who were blessed to know him.

Born on July 15, 1932, he was the son of Herman C. Barker and Eva Belding Barker. He and his "bride," Margaret Lucas Barker, celebrated their 71st anniversary on March 1. He was the "best girl dad ever" to: Victoria, wife of Brian of Germansville, PA, Rosanne Callahan of Wappinger Falls, Margaret, wife of Kevin Bacomo of Glenham and Sandra, wife of David Grohosky, of Glenham. He was the proud "grandpa" of 9, Sean, Daryl, Kirstin, Chris, Nicole, Eric, Morgan, Taylor and Britni and beloved "papa" to his 11 great-grandchildren, Madison, Laila, Liam, Amadea, Kyle, Alexander, Braxton, Pierson and Brooklyn. Hank loved his extended family including his surviving family: sister-in-law, Mary Goodall and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his beautiful great-grandsons, William Grayson Callahan and Ian Bacomo and sister, Linda LaGoy.

Following graduation from Beacon High School he enlisted in the United States Navy and served on several ships during the Korean War. For the next 35 years he worked for IBM, climbing the corporate ladder from Machinist to Management Development. In retirement, he and Margaret purchased their dream home on Lake Gaston, NC. His greatest pleasure was spending time watching his grandchildren swimming at the dock and sailing with family and friends on his cherished, "Unicorn". His other favorite pastimes included playing guitar in his Irish folk band, "The Black Velvet Band" with Margaret and cruising with his "girls and their spouses". He was a master storyteller and he loved mesmerizing his grandchildren with his witty stories. When asked how he was doing his favorite response was, "If I was any better, I couldn't stand it". He made everyone he knew feel special and his zest for life and gentle spirit will always live in the hearts of those who were privileged to know and love him.

Hank also leaves behind a legacy of service. As a devout Catholic and member of St Joachim's Church, he served as an usher for many years. He was a life member of the Knights of Columbus, Trinity Council #445. Additionally, he served as the Chaplin for the Beacon VFW, Post #666 and he received many military honors including the privilege of being invited to fly to Washington on the prestigious Honor Flight honoring American Veterans.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at on Monday, April 1 at 11 a.m. at St. Joachim Church, 51 Leonard Street, Beacon.

Memorial donations may be made in Herman's memory to the Wounded Warrior Project in Honor of Herman J Barker at Woundedwarriorproject.org or The Hudson Valley Honor Flight PO Box 375, Walden, NY 12586.

Family and friends are invited to a Celebration of Life at a date and time to be announced.

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.

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Effective: March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025**AMENIA**

1st Dist. Immaculate Conception-St. Anthony's Parish, 11 Lavelle Road, Amenia
2nd Dist. Immaculate Conception-St. Anthony's Parish, 11 Lavelle Road, Amenia

BEEKMAN

1st Dist. Beekman Community Center, 31 Recreation Center Road, Poughquag
2nd Dist. Beekman Town Hall, 4 Main Street, Poughquag
3rd Dist. Beekman Community Center, 31 Recreation Center Road, Poughquag
4th Dist. Beekman Community Center, 31 Recreation Center Road, Poughquag
5th Dist. Beekman Elementary School, 201 Lime Ridge Road, Poughquag
6th Dist. Beekman Elementary School, 201 Lime Ridge Road, Poughquag
7th Dist. Beekman Elementary School, 201 Lime Ridge Road, Poughquag
8th Dist. Beekman Elementary School, 201 Lime Ridge Road, Poughquag
9th Dist. Beekman Town Hall, 4 Main Street, Poughquag
10th Dist. Beekman Town Hall, 4 Main Street, Poughquag

CLINTON

1st Dist. Clinton Town Hall, 1215 Centre Road, Clinton Corners
2nd Dist. Clinton Town Hall, 1215 Centre Road, Clinton Corners

DOVER

1st Dist. Dover Town Hall, 126 East Duncan Hill Road, Dover Plains
2nd Dist. Dover Town Hall, 126 East Duncan Hill Road, Dover Plains
3rd Dist. Dover Middle School, 2368 Route 22, Dover Plains
4th Dist. Dover Middle School, 2368 Route 22, Dover Plains

EAST FISHKILL

1st Dist. Fishkill Plains Elementary School, 17 Lake Walton Road, Wappingers Falls
2nd Dist. Fishkill Plains Elementary School, 17 Lake Walton Road, Wappingers Falls
3rd Dist. Fishkill Plains Elementary School, 17 Lake Walton Road, Wappingers Falls
4th Dist. East Fishkill Community Center, 888 Route 82, Hopewell Junction
5th Dist. East Fishkill Community Center, 888 Route 82, Hopewell Junction
6th Dist. Stormville Fire House, 112 Old Route 52, Stormville
7th Dist. Stormville Fire House, 112 Old Route 52, Stormville
8th Dist. East Fishkill Community Center, 888 Route 82, Hopewell Junction
9th Dist. East Fishkill Fire Training Center, 2502 Route 52, Hopewell Junction
10th Dist. East Fishkill Fire Training Center, 2502 Route 52, Hopewell Junction
11th Dist. East Fishkill Fire Training Center, 2502 Route 52, Hopewell Junction
12th Dist. Mission Church, 4101 Route 52, Holmes
13th Dist. Mission Church, 4101 Route 52, Holmes

FISHKILL

1st Dist. Fishkill Center for Rehab & Nursing, 22 Robert R. Kasin Way, Beacon
2nd Dist. Fishkill Center for Rehab & Nursing, 22 Robert R. Kasin Way, Beacon
3rd Dist. Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill
4th Dist. Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill
5th Dist. Van Wyck Hall, 1095 Main Street, Fishkill
6th Dist. Brinckerhoff Elementary School, 16 Wedgewood Road, Fishkill
7th Dist. Brinckerhoff Elementary School, 16 Wedgewood Road, Fishkill
8th Dist. Slater Chemical Fire House, 76 Old Glenham Road, Glenham
9th Dist. Van Wyck Hall, 1095 Main Street, Fishkill
10th Dist. Slater Chemical Fire House, 76 Old Glenham Road, Glenham

HYDE PARK

1st Dist. North Park Elementary School, 1593 Route 9G, Hyde Park
2nd Dist. North Park Elementary School, 1593 Route 9G, Hyde Park

FIRST WARD

1st Dist. Board of Elections Training Facility, 4280 Albany Post Rd, Hyde Park, NY 12538
2nd Dist. Board of Elections Training Facility, 4280 Albany Post Rd, Hyde Park, NY 12538

THIRD WARD

1st Dist. Roosevelt Fire House #3, 830 Violet Avenue, Hyde Park
2nd Dist. Roosevelt Fire House #3, 830 Violet Avenue, Hyde Park
3rd Dist. Roosevelt Fire House #3, 830 Violet Avenue, Hyde Park

FOURTH WARD

1st Dist. North Park Elementary School, 1593 Route 9G, Hyde Park
2nd Dist. Roosevelt Fire House #2, 265 Cream Street, Poughkeepsie
3rd Dist. Roosevelt Fire House #2, 265 Cream Street, Poughkeepsie

LAGRANGE

1st Dist. LaGrange Fire House #2, 504 Freedom Plains Road, Poughkeepsie
2nd Dist. Freedom Plains Presbyterian Church, Community Room, 1168 Route 55, LaGrangeville
3rd Dist. LaGrange Fire House #2, 504 Freedom Plains Road, Poughkeepsie
4th Dist. LaGrange Fire House #2, 504 Freedom Plains Road, Poughkeepsie
5th Dist. Freedom Plains Presbyterian Church, Community Room, 1168 Route 55, LaGrangeville
6th Dist. LaGrange Town Hall, 120 Stringham Road, LaGrangeville
7th Dist. LaGrange Town Hall, 120 Stringham Road, LaGrangeville

MILAN

1st Dist. Milan - Wilcox Memorial Building Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle (off Route 199), Milan

NORTH EAST

1st Dist. North East - Millerton Library Annex, 28 Century Boulevard, Millerton
2nd Dist. North East - Millerton Library Annex, 28 Century Boulevard, Millerton

PAWLING

ALL ELECTION DISTRICTS Lathrop Center at Lakeside Park, 2 Lakeside Drive, Pawling OR
Holmes Whaley Lake Civic Association, 239 Route 292, Holmes

PINE PLAINS

1st Dist. Stissing Mountain High School, 2829 Church Street, Pine Plains

PLEASANT VALLEY

1st Dist. Salt Point Fire House, 30 Cottage Street, Salt Point
2nd Dist. West Road Intermediate School, 181 West Road, Pleasant Valley
3rd Dist. Salt Point Fire House, 30 Cottage Street, Salt Point
4th Dist. Traver Road Primary School, 801 Traver Road, Pleasant Valley
5th Dist. West Road Intermediate School, 181 West Road, Pleasant Valley
6th Dist. Traver Road Primary School, 801 Traver Road, Pleasant Valley

TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE

FIRST WARD
1st Dist. East End Fire House #2 (New Hamburg Fire District), 2886 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls
2nd Dist. East End Fire House #2 (New Hamburg Fire District), 2886 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls
3rd Dist. Sheafe Road Elementary School, 287 Sheafe Road, Wappingers Falls
4th Dist. Sheafe Road Elementary School, 287 Sheafe Road, Wappingers Falls

SECOND WARD

1st Dist. Vassar Road Elementary School, 174 Vassar Road, Poughkeepsie
2nd Dist. Vassar Road Elementary School, 174 Vassar Road, Poughkeepsie
3rd Dist. Oak Grove Elementary School, 40 Kerr Road, Poughkeepsie
4th Dist. Oak Grove Elementary School, 40 Kerr Road, Poughkeepsie

THIRD WARD

1st Dist. Town of Poughkeepsie Police Community Room, 19 Tucker Drive, Poughkeepsie
Lutheran Care Center, Rear Entrance, 965 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie
Lutheran Care Center, Rear Entrance, 965 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie
Poughkeepsie Town Hall, 1 Overocker Road, Poughkeepsie

FOURTH WARD

1st Dist. Violet Avenue School, 191 Violet Avenue, Poughkeepsie
2nd Dist. Violet Avenue School, 191 Violet Avenue, Poughkeepsie
3rd Dist. Violet Avenue School, 191 Violet Avenue, Poughkeepsie
4th Dist. Town of Poughkeepsie Police Community Room, 19 Tucker Drive, Poughkeepsie

FIFTH WARD

1st Dist. Spackenkill High School, 112 Spackenkill Road, Poughkeepsie
2nd Dist. Spackenkill High School, 112 Spackenkill Road, Poughkeepsie
3rd Dist. Spackenkill High School, 112 Spackenkill Road, Poughkeepsie

SIXTH WARD

1st Dist. Poughkeepsie Town Hall, 1 Overocker Road, Poughkeepsie
Vassar College, The Aula in Ely Hall, 124 Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie
Vassar College, The Aula in Ely Hall, 124 Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie
Spackenkill High School, 112 Spackenkill Road, Poughkeepsie
Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church, 2381 New Hackensack Road, Poughkeepsie
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RED HOOK

1st Dist. Tivoli Fire House, 2 Tivoli Commons, Tivoli
Bertelsmann Campus Center, 30 Campus Rd., Annandale-on-Hudson
Mill Road Intermediate School, 9 Mill Road, Red Hook
Red Hook High School, 103 West Market Street, Red Hook
Red Hook High School, 103 West Market Street, Red Hook
Mill Road Intermediate School, 9 Mill Road, Red Hook

RHINEBECK

1st Dist. Starr Library, 68 West Market Street, Rhinebeck
Pavilion at Brookmeade, 34 Brookmeade Drive, Rhinebeck
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STANFORD

1st Dist. Stanford Town Hall-Ground Level, 26 Town Hall Road, Stanfordville

Stanford Town Hall-Ground Level, 26 Town Hall Road, Stanfordville

UNION VALE

1st Dist. Union Vale Fire House, Station #1, 3373 Route 82, Verbank
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WAPPINGER

1st Dist. Village Hall, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls
Village Hall, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls
Hughsonville Fire House, 88 Old Hopewell Road, Wappingers Falls
Hughsonville Fire House, 88 Old Hopewell Road, Wappingers Falls

SECOND WARD

1st Dist. Hughsonville Fire House, 88 Old Hopewell Road, Wappingers Falls

Hughsonville Fire House, 88 Old Hopewell Road, Wappingers Falls

Mid-Hudson Chinese Christian Church, 306 All Angels Hill Road, Wappingers Falls

THIRD WARD

1st Dist. Roy C. Ketcham High School, 99 Myers Corners Road, Wappingers Falls
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Myers Corners Elementary School, 156 Myers Corners Road, Wappingers Falls
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Mid-Hudson Chinese Christian Church, 306 All Angels Hill Road, Wappingers Falls
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FOURTH WARD

1st Dist. Roy C. Ketcham High School, 99 Myers Corners Road, Wappingers Falls
New Hackensack Fire House, 217 Myers Corners Road, Wappingers Falls
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WASHINGTON

1st Dist. Millbrook Fire House, 20 Front Street, Millbrook
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CITY OF BEACON

FIRST WARD ALL ELECTION DISTRICTS City of Beacon Memorial Building, 413 Main Street, Beacon OR
Rombout Middle School, 84 Matteawan Road, Beacon

SECOND WARD

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CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE

FIRST WARD 1st Dist. Interfaith Towers, 66 Washington Street, Poughkeepsie

2nd Dist. Interfaith Towers, 66 Washington Street, Poughkeepsie

SECOND WARD

1st Dist. Mid-Hudson Library, Auditorium, 105 Market Street, Poughkeepsie
Mid-Hudson Library, Auditorium, 105 Market Street, Poughkeepsie

THIRD WARD

1st Dist. Warring School Gymnasium, 283 Mansion Street, Poughkeepsie

Manor at Woodside, 168 Academy Street, Poughkeepsie

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FIFTH WARD

1st Dist. Warring School Gymnasium, 283 Mansion Street, Poughkeepsie

Beth-El Church of God in Christ - Rear Entrance, 91 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie

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SIXTH WARD

1st Dist. Warring School Gymnasium, 283 Mansion Street, Poughkeepsie

Poughkeepsie Middle School Lobby, 55 College Avenue, Poughkeepsie

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SEVENTH WARD

1st Dist. St. John's Lutheran Church, 55 Wilbur Boulevard, Poughkeepsie

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The following poll sites have been designated as early voting sites:

Pavilion at Brookmeade, 34 Brookmeade Drive, Rhinebeck

Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill

Boardman Road Library, 141 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie

Cornell Cooperative Center, 2715 US-44, Millbrook

Mid-Hudson Library Auditorium, 105 Market St, Poughkeepsie

Board of Elections Training Facility, 4280 Albany Post Rd, Hyde Park, NY 12538

Legal Notices**REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE**

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid#RFB-DCP-16-24 Maintenance and Repair of Fences and Gates for Dutchess County Public Transit. Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 16

Legislature seeks citizens to serve on committees, boards

The Dutchess County Legislature is seeking individuals to serve on the following committees and boards.

Citizens Advisory Committee on Domestic Violence – (member – 1 year term). The committee works to solicit and consider advice and recommendations from the community-at-large with respect to the problem of domestic violence. This committee meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m.

Environmental Management Council – (member – 2 year term) The primary mission of the Council is to advise the legislature and county government on matters affecting the preservation, development, and use of the natural resources,

features and conditions of Dutchess County that impact the quality of the environment. The EMC also considers matters referred to it by the county legislature for research and recommendations. For further information and meeting dates, please visit <https://dutchessemc.org/>

Fish and Wildlife Management Board (District 3), landowner representative (alternate – 2 year term); Must reside on rural lands that engage in production of agricultural commodities or forest products.

sportsman (alternate) – (2-year term) encourages the preservation and development of fish and wildlife resources on privately-owned lands and waters, and to

improve public recreational access to these resources. This board meets March, June, September, and December on the third Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Planning board member – (3-year term) The board advises the Commissioner of Planning and provides recommendations regarding metropolitan, regional, county, or municipal planning issues. For further information and meeting dates, please visit the Dutchess County Planning board website.

Stop-DWI Policy Planning Board (member – open term) The program's mission is to deter drunk/drugged driving through enhanced enforcement, prosecution, rehabilitation, and education services. This program meets on the second

Tuesday during the months of January, May, June, September, and December at 3:30 pm. For further information, please visit [stop-dwi](#).

Tick Task Force (member – 2 year term) The mission of the force is to develop long-term goals and make recommendations to the legislature in the efforts of understanding and safely controlling ticks and reducing Lyme Disease and other tick-borne diseases. The force meets March, April, May, August, September, and October at 4 p.m.

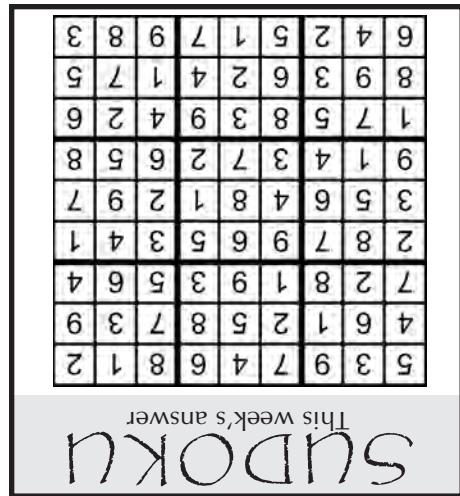
For further information please visit: www.dutchessny.gov/departments/county-legislature/tick-task-force.htm

Water and Wastewater Authority (member – 5 year term) The mission of the authority is to protect and enhance the health, environmental sustainability, and economic stability of Dutchess County and its residents through the provision of clean drinking water and proper treatment of wastewater, acting at all times with a commitment to accountability and transparency.

For further information and meeting dates, please visit [water and wastewater authority](#)

If you are interested, please send a resume and a brief letter of interest to the Dutchess County Legislature, attention: Leigh Wager, 22 Market Street, 6th floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 or email to lwager@dutchessny.gov.

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LEGAL NOTICE
To all voters of Dutchess County, New York
Primary Election, Tuesday, April 2, 2024
The following is a true and correct list of all nominations of candidates for the offices to be filled at the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 certified to us or filed in our office pursuant to the provisions of Election Law.

Democratic Primaries:
President of the United States

Joseph R. Biden Jr.
Marianne Williamson
Dean Phillips

Republican Primaries:
President of the United States

Vivek Ramaswamy
Chris Christie
Nikki R. Haley
Donald J. Trump

Democratic National Delegate – District 17

Nicole Doliner supporting Biden
Vedat Gashi supporting Biden

Schenley D. Vital supporting Biden
Lauren Leader supporting Biden

Mondaire Jones supporting Biden
Beth J. Davidson supporting Biden

Jennifer Colamonico supporting Biden
Mario Cilento supporting Biden

Democratic National Delegate – District 18

Zachary Constantine supporting Biden
Julie Shiroishi Francois supporting Biden

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Christopher Drago supporting Biden
Christine Stage supporting Biden
Barbara Graves-Poller supporting Biden
Brandon Holdridge supporting Biden
Frank L. Cardinale supporting Biden

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NOTICE** that pursuant to Chapter 150, Sections 150-97B. and 150-109 of the Code of the Town of Fishkill, the Town of Fishkill Planning Board (Planning Board) will hold a Combined Public Hearing on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible in the Francois

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R. Cross Meeting Room located in the lobby of the Town of Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524 for the proposal known as Companion Pet Hospital - Amended Site Development Plan and Amended Special Use Permit, for the following approvals:

Site Development Plan Approval and Special Use Permit Approval (Town Code Chapter 150, Sections 150-97B. and 150-109) - The project is proposed to improve and expand the existing veterinary hospital, which shall include the construction of a 2,212 square-foot one-story expansion to the existing veterinary hospital building (expansion is to propagate and connect from the existing building's southeast corner), along with associated site improvements. Site improvements shall include parking lot expansion, pedestrian walkways, lighting, landscaping, and replacement of the existing sewage disposal system. (The current project no longer includes the previously proposed

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dog training facility.) The project site consists of a lot which is situated partly in the Town of Fishkill, Dutchess County, NY identified as Tax Map Parcel No. 6154-00-828389 located at 8 US Route 9 in the Town of Fishkill, consisting of 3.74 ± acres in the GB (General Business) Zoning District and partly in the Town of Phillipstown, Putnam County, NY identified as Tax Map Parcel No. 7-1-13, consisting of 3.76 acres in the HC (Highway Commercial) Zoning District. All proposed improvements will be located on the portion of the site in the Town of Fishkill, Dutchess County, NY.

All interested persons will be heard by the Planning Board of the Town of Fishkill at the public hearing to be held as aforesaid. For any persons unable to attend the public hearing, email comments may be submitted in advance to dcolonna@fishkill-ny.gov. BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FISHKILL, NEW YORK

Debbie Colonna, Planning Board

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Secretary

NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCH-2024-07

NAME OF PROJECT: INSTALLATION AND LAYOUT OF GUIDE RAIL AT VARIOUS HIGHWAYS IN DUTCHESS COUNTY
Project Description: Dutchess County is seeking to contract the hourly, daily, and weekly rates for (1) Guide Rail Post Installation Machine (truck mounted) with (2) Operators to provide Guide Rail Layout and Post Installation on designated Dutchess County Highways. The successful bidder shall honor bid prices for all municipalities and special districts within Dutchess County. The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All calls will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 873 560 901#. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy. 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, which must be visible upon delivery. Questions will be accepted by the close of business Friday, April 19, 2024, and emailed to Caroline Miller at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov. The County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. The anticipated start of construction is May 1, 2024; the anticipated Substantial Completion date is April 30, 2025. Failure to meet these dates may result in liquidated damages. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #2024003287. View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

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- Beacon Free Press
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The event will feature:

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Arts Mid-Hudson is at 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Suite F in Poughkeepsie.

Poughkeepsie Book Festival scheduled March 30 at DCC

The Poughkeepsie Book Festival, scheduled for Saturday, March 30, at Dutchess Community College, is set to be the biggest one yet, with over 100 authors and illustrators of children's and young adult books. Readers can find books of all types - storybooks, chapter books, picture books, and graphic novels, both fiction and non-fiction. There will be opportunities to buy new books and get autographs.

The book festival, organized by the Poughkeepsie Public Library District (PPLD), is an opportunity for children to find a deeper connection with books, and for the authors to make a personal connection with their readers.

And excitement about reading is what the festival is all about! Children and parents will be surrounded by different genres and types of books, offering exposure to new authors and series. Being surrounded by so many different types of genres and books can help children find

themselves in the stories, illustrated by an experience that Diana Murray, author of "Someday, Maybe" had when a young girl with a cochlear implant was able to identify with a character in the book that also had a cochlear implant.

Favorite book characters will be there, such as Clifford from the Clifford the Big Red Dog series. "We hope the book festival helps encourage reading and a lifelong love of books and learning," said John Torres, Librarian and Head of Youth Services at PPLD, the festival organizer.

In addition to the opportunity to meet and interact with the authors, there will be activities, crafts, and all sorts of fun! Volunteers from the Leadership Experience Opportunity (LEO) Club from Spackenkill High School and Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC), as well as other local youth groups will be helping to put on a great festival.

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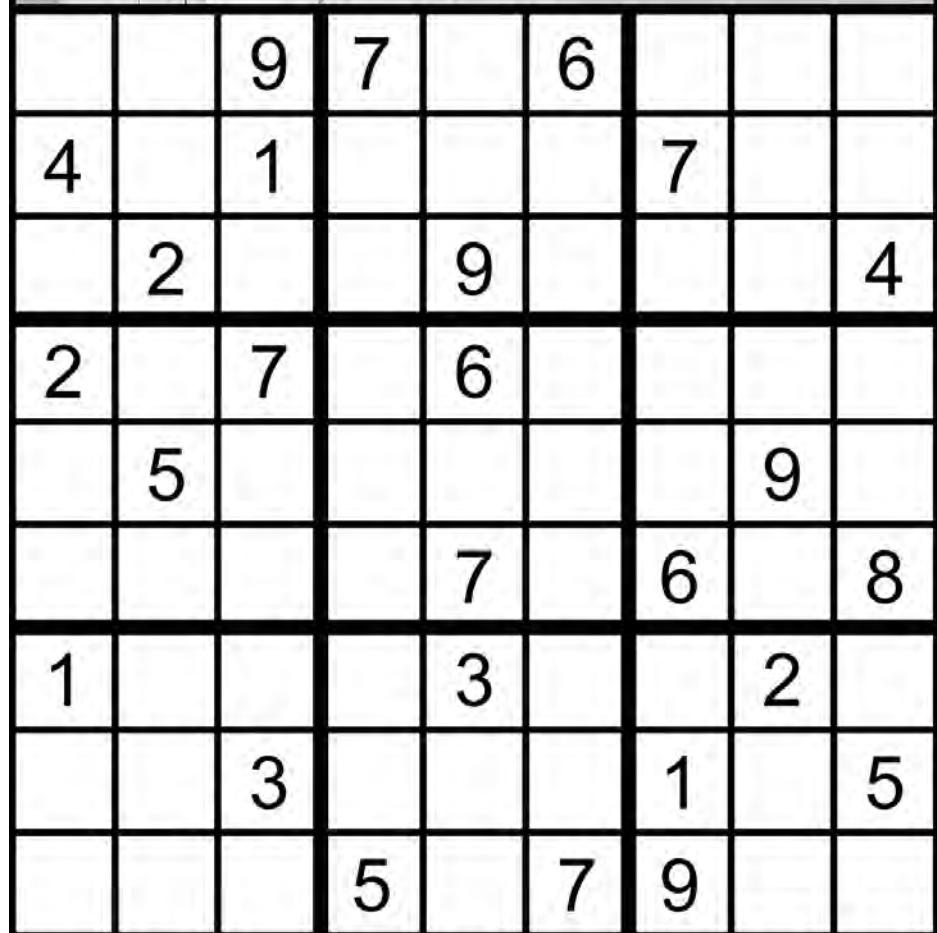
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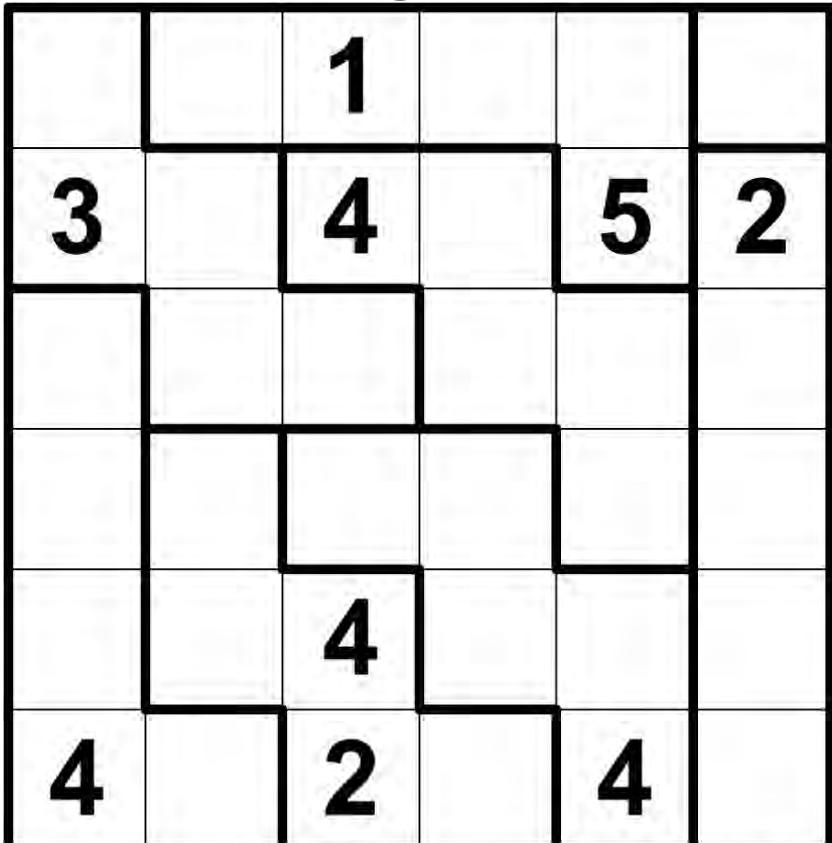
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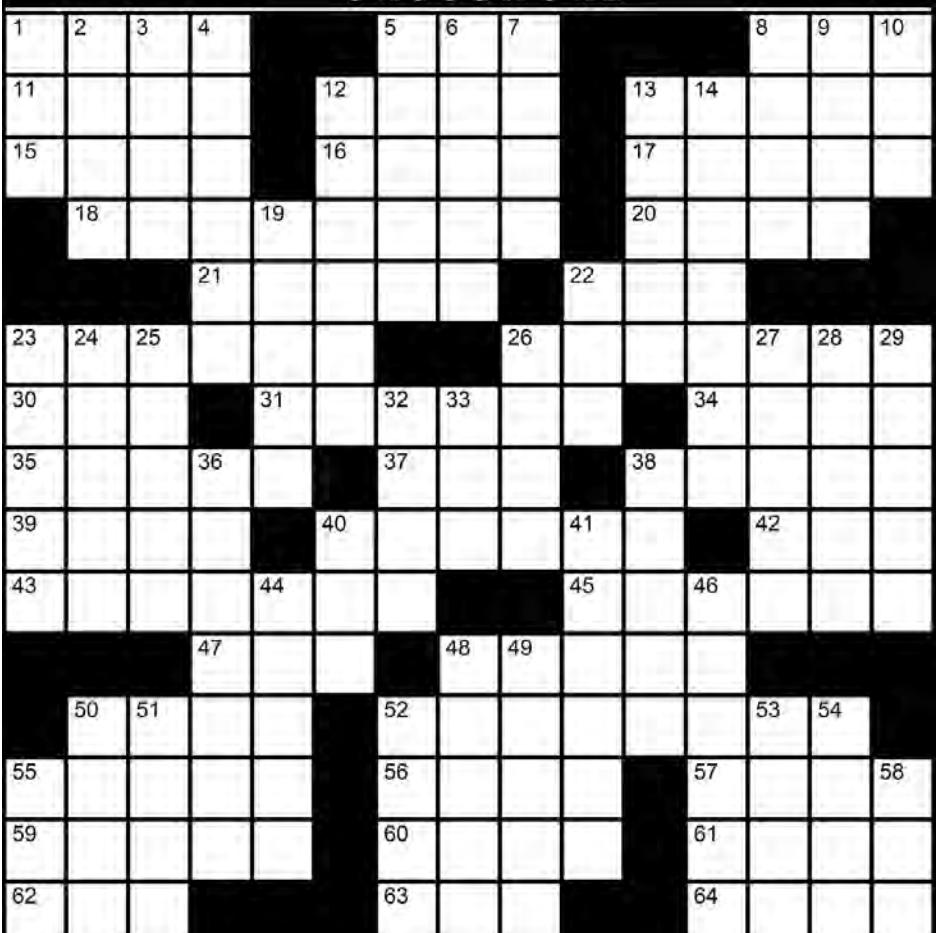
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Local man used art to assist in recovery from stroke

By Kristine Coulter

Scott Garrity, a Beacon resident, has his artwork on exhibit at the Grinnell Library in Wappingers Falls throughout this month.

"I always had a love of art growing up as a young boy. I enjoyed drawing but never did it a lot because I felt I wasn't very good," Garrity said via email.

Garrity suffered a health crisis in 1991—the day before his 20th birthday.

"After my stroke I was in a coma for a month. When I woke up everything had changed. I had difficulty moving and talking. I started to draw because drawing was easier than talking and less frustrating," Garrity, who is 52 now, recalled about that time of his life.

"After my stroke, my parents were told I would probably never walk or talk again. They were afraid that if I woke up, I would be a vegetable because of brain damage. After a month in the hospital, I was sent to live at a rehabilitation center in upstate New York that specializes in traumatic brain injury and stroke recovery. Because I had problems speaking, I turned to art, teaching myself to use my non-dominant hand," explained Garrity. "At first it was very difficult but over time I noticed that my art had improved, and I was developing some talent in this area. Drawing and creating art woke up my right brain. Because the right brain has control of the left side of the body, I am able to use my left hand to draw and paint."

A new 'voice' through art

Garrity described himself as "an introvert" and "loner" before he had a stroke.

"I kept to myself a lot. In rehab I learned to interact with others and meet new people. I learned about the healing power of art because it gave me a voice when it was truly hard to communicate. I



Artwork by Scott Garrity, a resident of the City of Beacon, is on display at Grinnell Library on East Main St. in Wappingers Falls throughout the month of March. Garrity had a stroke in 1991 and used his art during his recovery.

-Courtesy photos

became a totally different person," relayed Garrity.

When Garrity was able to go home after his rehab stay, he began to take art classes. Even though the classes were difficult, said Garrity, he enjoyed them.

"To this day I still have problems speaking and talking and in a way art has become my voice and my way of giving back to the world. I realize that all of us need each other. Ten years after my stroke I was able to get a job at Hudson Valley Community Service. I worked with people who were "exceptionally abled" (a term for someone with special needs). I loved that job. Because of what I had gone through I could understand the people I worked with and their frustrations at what they were going through,"

commented Garrity.

Artwork on display at Grinnell Library

There was a reception for Garrity's artwork on March 9th, but he was unable to attend.

"I have done several craft shows in the past but nothing like this. I am honored and proud of myself. My dream is to open a center where other "exceptionally abled" people can come to learn and experience the healing power of art. I want others to have the opportunity for that same experience," Garrity said.

Regarding art and health, Garrity said, "When you create art in any form you are in a safe zone. Anxiety lessens, your heartbeat slows down, and for a while you stop think-



Scott Garrity

ing about all the things that are bothering you. It's like a respite. Do something you like as art. Also, it is important to exercise, and live a balanced life. We need to play as much as we work so life can be balanced. When we experience too much busyness and [are] overwhelm[ed], we become ill at ease with our body and that's when disease happens."

Garrity advised, "Just do art! It will change your life. I love art. It is fun to do, and art has given me a purpose in life. The completely unexpected challenge of the need to recover from a disabling stroke was the means to discover my passion in life!"

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