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Renegades set staff for 2022 season

By Rich Thomaselli

With their 28th season in Wappingers Falls on deck starting next week, the Hudson Valley Renegades minor league baseball team – a High Class-A affiliate of the New York Yankees – unveiled its field staff this week.

Hudson Valley's season begins with an 11-game road trip on April 8. The Renegades open at home on at Dutchess Stadium on April 19.

Tyson Blaser will take over as the manager of the team, the 17th in team history and the second since the Renegades became a Yankees' farm team last year.

He is joined on the coaching staff by Pitching Coach Spencer Medick (1st season), Hitting Coach Rob Benjamin (1st season) and Defensive Coach Jose Javier (first season). They will be joined by Athletic Trainer Jonathan Becker (first season), Strength Coach Danny Smith (second season), Clubhouse Manager Ryan Shute (second season), Video Manager Sullivan Lyons (first season) and Advance Scouting Analyst Steven Dimaria (first season).

After a four-year playing career as a catcher and first baseman in the Yankees organization, Blaser begins his sixth season with Yankees Player Development. He spent the 2021 season as the manager of the Florida Complex League (FCL) Yankees, who finished with a 36-16 record, the best in the FCL North Division and second-best in the 18-team Florida Complex League.

Prior to his being named as the skipper of the FCL squad, Blaser served as an assistant coach in the organization with Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (2017), the GCL Yankees (2018) and the Short Season-A Staten Island (2019). He was set to manage the Rookie-level Pulaski Yankees in 2020 before the season was canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Blaser was an All-Big Ten and a four-time Academic All-Big Ten honoree at the University of Iowa, where he earned a degree in history and secondary education. After his playing career and before joining Yankees Player Development, he was

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Beacon Hebrew Alliance to host 100th anniversary gala



Samuel Beskin was a founding member of Beacon Hebrew Alliance. He emigrated from Russia as a penniless teenager and after much hard work became a successful entrepreneur and Beacon's second mayor. c.1919

-Courtesy photo of Rick Rosenthal

By Kristine Coulter

The Beacon Hebrew Alliance (BHA) will celebrate its 100th anniversary in Beacon with a gala on April 7.

There is also a free exhibit, "Celebrating 100 Years of Jewish Culture in Beacon" from April 2-30 at the Beacon



The Beacon Hebrew Alliance sanctuary circa 1930.

-Courtesy image of Beacon Hebrew Alliance

Historical Society. An opening reception will be held on April 7, from 4 – 6 p.m. Masks are required.

The historical society reception will be followed by a fundraiser Centennial Gala Celebration for BHA at the Roundhouse Event Center, 2 East Main St., in Beacon

on April 7 from 6-9 p.m. Tickets for the gala can be purchased at <https://www.beaconhebrewalliance.org/form/centennial-celebration-sponsorship>.

Anna Marcus, a member of Beacon Hebrew Alliance and chairperson of the

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Habitat Dutchess receives \$1,250,000 donation from philanthropist

By Kristine Coulter

Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County (Habitat Dutchess) has received a donation of \$1,250,000. The donation was announced on March 22.

"It was absolutely unreal. The first two e-mails went unanswered because I thought it was a scam. It took the CEO of Habitat International to convince me it was real," remarked Maureen Brennan Lashlee, Chief Executive Officer of Habitat Dutchess.

Habitat's donor is a billionaire philanthropist

The donor is MacKenzie Scott, an American author and philanthropist. Scott, a billionaire and the former wife of Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, recently donated



Habitat for Humanity Dutchess County recently received a donation of \$1,250,000. Pictured is from a previous home groundbreaking.

-Archive photo

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Celebrating BHA’s 100th anniversary

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Centennial Committee said the planning for the gala “actually began in 2017 – we’ve been planning this a long time.”

Marcus said, “The Gala is going to be at the Roundhouse event space. I’m expecting it’s going to be something like a reunion, where past and present members [will attend],” said Marcus.

The 10-panel exhibition tells the story of BHA, noted Marcus.

Stewart and Sandy Cahn will be honored. Stewart Cahn’s grandparents were Samuel and Minnie Cahn, who were members of BHA.

Minnie Cahn was the sister of Samuel Beskin. Beskin was the second mayor of the city of Beacon. He was mayor from 1918-1921.

“He was an important political and business figure, and Jewish figure, in Beacon,” said Marcus. Beskin owned two Main St. businesses and was influential in developing businesses on Main St, she noted.

“His legacy was putting Beacon on the map,” Marcus remarked.

Beskin, it was mentioned, was appointed to be the New York State road commissioner by former Gov. Al Smith.

The second honoree will be Ellen Gersh, the cantor of BHA.

“I’m really excited about it and am so grateful for everybody’s work. It’s going to connect the past through the present,” said Gersh.

Gersh’s family has been a member of BHA since the founding.

“It goes beyond the building, which

holds wonderful memories. Beacon Hebrew Alliance has given me so many memories... it’s a community that is part of my life,” she said.

“She’s the first woman cantor for our congregation. Her parents were members and beloved in the community,” Marcus remarked. “She has been a benevolent force in the community.” Marcus remarked that Gersh was “instrumental” in connecting committee members with past families of BHA.

Rabbi Brent Chaim Spodek has been leading the Beacon Hebrew Alliance for approximately 12 years.

“We’re really, really incredibly blessed to make up this community,” said Spodek, who added Beacon Hebrew Alliance works with other communities and organizations that make up Beacon.

Marcus noted, “BHA is still the only Jewish synagogue in Beacon. It’s central to the Jewish community since it was formed.” She added, “From the beginning, they never wanted to exclude the rest of the community.” Some of the BHA members have also been involved with: Masons, Elks Lodge, Foresters of America and fire companies.

“BHA members have been out there in the community the whole time. They played a special role in the business community in Beacon,” Marcus remarked.

Spodek said during the next 100 years, “I hope that we continue to grow and develop and deepen our own understanding of our traditions and thrive.”

Exhibit to celebrate 100 years of Jewish culture in Beacon and app

The exhibit, which is at the Beacon



Founding members of Beacon Hebrew Alliance and Beacon business leaders Sarah and Jacob Ritter.

- Courtesy of Frank Ritter

Historical Society, 61 Leonard St., will feature stories, photos and artifacts from the archives of BHS. There will also be oral history interviews that were done with living members of the Jewish community.

A Yiddish translator was engaged to help in the research of articles and advertisements about Beacon that appeared in late 19th and early 20th Century Yiddish publications, said BHS information on the event.

No reservations are needed to see the exhibit.

On April 1, The Jewish Beacon History

Walk app will allow users to learn about former Jewish businesses on Main St. Information on the app comes from archives and oral histories from the BHS’ archives.

This project is made possible, in part, by the Irving and Gloria Schlossberg Family Fund and the Sadie Jane Effron Cahn Beacon Hebrew Alliance Endowment of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley.

Visit beaconhistorical.org for more information and current COVID protocols.

45 years of community at Stony Kill Farm

By Kristine Coulter

Stony Kill Farm Environmental Education Center is celebrating its 45th anniversary this year. Earlier this month a celebration was held to recognize this milestone.

“I often hear folks talk about how Stony Kill is a hidden gem,” said Erik Fyfe, Executive Director of Stony Kill.

The 1,000-acre farm, which according to the Stony Kill website, stonykill.org, is the former homestead of the Verplanck family, is located off of Route 9D in the towns of Wappinger and Fishkill. The site is owned by the NYS Department of Environmental Education (DEC). Volunteers with the Stony Kill Foundation operate it.

Stony Kill is where one “can enjoy the historic atmosphere of the place,” said Fyfe.

According to Stony Kill historical information, The Stony Kill Foundation, Inc. was chartered in 1977 as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization originally formed as a friends group to support the work of DEC.

Around 2009 and 2010, Fyfe said there was a chance “that Stony Kill would shut down all together” because DEC had to significantly reduce its operations.

The Foundation did what it could to keep Stony Kill open, said Fyfe. It entered an agreement with the DEC to manage the daily operations of the facility.

For the past dozen years, the Foundation has kept Stony Kill going by holding numerous activities, events and programs. Stony

Kill is also home to livestock, which includes cows, sheep and chickens. Volunteers are there on the weekends so visitors can stop by during Open Barn hours and visit the animals. It was in 1980 that the farm was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

On its website, the Foundation list its’ mission, which is to “educate the public and cultivate environmental stewardship through interpretation of the rich historical, environmental and agricultural heritage of Stony Kill Farm.”

Stony Kill Foundation’s Goals:

1. Provide educational programs that connect people of all ages to sound agricultural practices and environmental stewardship.
2. Interpret the rich cultural history of agriculture in the Hudson Valley.
3. Connect people to the outdoors and appreciate the natural environment of Stony Kill Farm.

Ed Cigna, Vice President of the Stony Kill Foundation, said, “It’s a unique experience. Some think of it as a step back but I think of it as a step forward in time and what we should be doing and what’s important.”

Celebrating the 45th anniversary “recognizes the efforts of so many people for so long who work to keep the Stony Kill Foundation going,” remarked Cigna. He said he is very proud of their efforts to keep the farm going.

Tim Stanley, President of the Stony Kill Foundation, said Stony Kill is “that connec-



Ed Cigna, Vice President of the Stony Kill Foundation, looks through one of the albums on display that celebrates Stony Kill Farm’s 45th anniversary.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

tion to the land and agriculture.” He noted the recently formed 4-H group at Stony Kill, Stony Ground.

“These are kids that wouldn’t have access to agriculture,” said Stanley.

“What Stony Kill Foundation does in integral to the community, as what agriculture does,” he said.

Stony Kill is open from dawn to dusk.

Dance set at Elks Lodge on April 9

Get On Down at the Elks Lounge Dance Night on Saturday, April 9 at 7 p.m., at 900 Wolcott Avenue (Rt. 9D), Beacon. Dance to a vibrant mix of musical styles; song requests welcome. Admission \$15, \$10 for Elks members,

includes a variety of complimentary snacks, and a full cash bar is available. All are welcome – singles, couples, friends, newcomers.

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Schumer, state & local officials defend Castle Point against possible closure

By Kristine Coulter

Veterans, along with NYS Senator Charles “Chuck” Schumer stood together by the Castle Point VA Medical Center campus sign to call attention to a recent Veterans Affairs report. One of the recommendations was the possible closure of the Castle Point campus and having another facility possibly in the Fishkill area.

“To close the Castle Point VA Medical Center with no clear plan in place for the thousands of veterans who use this facility for their healthcare is unacceptable and won’t become a reality. Our brave service members fought to protect our freedom, and to suggest ripping away their local VAMC as we finally see the light at the end of the tunnel from the pandemic cannot pass,” said Schumer. “On top of that, the fact that many of our veterans and community leaders who work nonstop to help them were not consulted throughout this process cannot continue. That is why I am here in Dutchess County today (March 25) standing with our brave Hudson Valley veterans to call on the VA to rework their recommendations and keep tried and true local healthcare options open so our veterans can continue to receive the lifesaving care they need and deserve. Rest assured, I will fight to make sure that these recommendations as written will not make it across the finish line and that the community is involved every step of the way.”

State Senator Sue Serino, Assemblyman Jonathan Jacobson, County Executive Marc Molinaro, some



U.S. Senator from New York Charles Schumer makes remarks on a recent Veterans Affairs report outside the Castle Point VAMC campus on March 25.
-Courtesy photo

members of the Dutchess County Legislature, and town boards of Fishkill, East Fishkill and Wappinger sent a letter to VA Sec. McDonough against the proposed recommendation of closure.

The Department of Veterans Affairs released its Asset and Infrastructure Review report, released earlier this month, recommends possibly closing Castle Point VA Medical Center (VAMC) for the purpose of making upgrades. It will submit its own recommendations in

2023 to the president for further review. The AIR Commission must conduct public hearings first.

“The current infrastructure and layout do not meet modern health care standards, and the existing facility requires significant capital investment. FCA deficiencies total approximately \$115.5M, and annual operations and maintenance costs total an estimated \$7.6M. There are 4,998 beds within a 60-minute drive time of the VAMC with an average occupancy rate of

76.1%. With the declining population, low demand, substantial maintenance cost, and high-quality community partners for inpatient care nearby, Veterans can sustainably receive care in the community,” states the report.

“VA came to these recommendations by asking ourselves one question above all else: what’s best for the Veterans we serve? Because that is our number one goal, today and every day. That’s what our Asset and Infrastructure Review recommendations are all about,” said VA Secretary Denis McDonough in a press release when the report was released. “We’ve spent the last several weeks and months communicating about this with VA employees, union partners, state partners, Veteran service organizations, Congress, and more. I’m continuing to consult with our unions, and will do so moving forward, because I so appreciate the strong partnership we have with them.” Earlier this month a spokesperson for Castle Point VAMC said there have been no decision or announcement of Castle Point closing.

Schumer called on the VA to immediately begin to work with local leaders who would be able to provide a more complete picture for the care and needs of the local veterans population. Senator Schumer wrote to the Secretary McDonough. The letter highlighted the mentioned concerns. The senator urged the VA to rework its recommendations to keep the Castle Point open to the benefit veterans across the state.

Habitat Dutchess receives donation from philanthropist

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\$436 million to Habitat for Humanity International and 83 U.S. Habitat affiliate organizations.

“When I spoke with Mackenzie’s representative, I truly was speechless. First by the individual and then by the amount,” explained Lashlee.

According to a press release, “This transformational donation will substantially help further Habitat’s vision of a world where everyone has equitable access to a safe, decent and financially sustainable place to call home.”

In 2019, Scott, who is now married to Seattle school teacher Dan Jewett, wrote in a portion of her Giving Pledge letter, “We each come by the gifts we have to offer by an infinite series of influences and lucky breaks we can never fully understand. In addition to whatever assets life has nurtured in me, I have a disproportionate amount of money to share. My approach to philanthropy will continue to be thoughtful. It will take time and effort and care. But I won’t wait. And I will keep at it until the safe is empty.”

In a portion of a letter from December 2021, Scott stated, “It’s also why I’m not including here any amounts of money I’ve donated since my prior posts. I want to let each of these incredible teams speak for themselves first if they choose to, with the hope that when they do, media focuses on their contributions instead of mine.”

A representative for Scott could not be reached for comment. When Scott and Bezos divorced, according to reports, she received 4 percent stake in Amazon.

Donation a ‘shock’ to Habitat Dutchess

“As you can imagine this was a shock to us all in a good way. While there are no restrictions on how we use the gift we want to be good stewards of this opportunity. Habitat Dutchess and our Board is committed to reducing and eliminating the racial bias families of color experience when accessing credit or purchasing a home,” Lashlee said. She added, “When housing isn’t affordable and secure, families suffer. With Mackenzie’s gift we will advance our work to secure access to credit for housing for families of color

long denied an equitable path to homeownership.”

Habitat for Humanity International calls donation ‘incredible gift’

“This incredibly generous gift will allow us to dramatically increase capacity and implement programs that will have a multi-generational impact on communities around the U.S. and our global mission for many years to come,” said Jonathan Reckford, CEO of Habitat for Humanity International said in a statement on the Habitat website. “With this donation, Habitat is well-positioned to meaningfully advocate for the systemic and societal changes needed to improve equitable access to affordable housing.”

According to the statement, “Habitat International will use its \$25 million portion of the donation to prioritize advocacy and programmatic efforts designed to dismantle systemic racism

in housing. Specifically, the donation will allow Habitat to advocate for policy proposals and legislation that enable millions of people access affordable housing through its Cost of Home advocacy campaign; increase Black homeownership in the U.S. by targeting current systemic barriers through a new initiative that will launch this summer; and leverage innovative capital investments that service communities of color.”

Lashlee thanks Scott

“How many ways are there to say thank you? MacKenzie was quoted as saying that she gives because she has been given great opportunity in her life and wants to share that. I really want her to know that every family that is able to purchase a home due to her generosity will forever be a testament to her belief that we all deserve a hand up,” said Lashlee.

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a baseball coach and history teacher at United Township High School in East Moline, Illinois.

Medick begins his first season in the Yankees organization in 2022 and makes his professional coaching debut with Hudson Valley. He previously served as a throwing trainer at Driveline Baseball, a data-driven baseball player development center in Kent, Washington from 2019-22. Before joining Driveline, he was the lead throwing trainer at Prime Sports Performance, and athletic training facility in Glen Arm, Maryland from 2018-19.

He began working at Prime Sports

Performance after finishing a four-year professional career as a left-handed pitcher. Medick pitched for the AZL Diamondbacks in 2014, going 3-0 with a 1.17 ERA (30.2IP/4ER) and 32K in 15 relief appearances. He then spent three seasons playing independent baseball in the Frontier League with the Southern Illinois Miners (2015), Joliet Slammers (2015-16, 18) and Evansville Otters (2018).

He embarked on his professional career after pitching collegiately at Hampden-Sydney College (2010), Polk State College (Fla.) (2011), and Elon University (2012, 13). He graduated from Elon with a bachelor’s degree in business administration and management.

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Molinaro, Pulver propose resolution on County sales tax on gas, diesel fuel

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro and County Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver are proposing a resolution to the County Legislature to temporarily amend the County’s sales tax calculation on retail sales of motor fuel and diesel motor fuel, capping the amount of sales tax the County collects and offering residents much-needed relief as fuel costs spike due to world-wide pricing forces.

Molinaro is proposing Dutchess County change its sales tax calculation for retail motor fuel and diesel motor fuel purchases to provide the maximum benefit for consumers allowed under State law. The County Executive’s proposal would cap the amount of county sales tax collected on each gallon of retail motor fuel at \$.08. Under the current sales tax methodology, consumers pay 3.75 percent county sales tax on their total motor fuel purchase, in addition to a myriad of other State and federally imposed taxes and fees.

Molinaro said, “As the price at the pump skyrockets, I propose Dutchess County do all it can, under New York State law, to ease the pain for local motorists. We recognize this relief is limited, but we must do what we can to help as families, farmers and small businesses are crushed by rising costs. By cutting and capping the county tax on gas - we can provide some assistance and I encourage my colleagues to adopt this proposal.”

New York State law imposes strict parameters on how counties tax motor fuel purchases. Counties have two options for calculating the sales tax on motor fuel – a percentage rate method on the total purchase or a cents-per-gallon methodology, calculated at a cents-per-gallon rate which, when applied to the county’s sales tax percentage of 3.75 percent, equals either \$2 per gallon or \$3 per gallon. Counties do not have an option to exempt retail gasoline or diesel fuel purchases from local sales tax under State law.

As does nearly every county in New York State, Dutchess County currently uses a percentage rate method whereby the County receives sales tax totaling 3.75 percent of all motor fuel sales in the County; if a gallon of gas costs \$4.25 for example, the County receives \$.16 per gallon in sales tax. Under Molinaro’s proposal, the County would implement a cents-per-gallon methodology, rather than a percentage of a climbing price, with county sales tax charged only on

the first \$2 of the per-gallon gasoline price, or a total of \$.08 per gallon.

Pulver said, “Our nation is currently experiencing inflation the likes of which we haven’t seen in some 40 years, including recent spikes at the pump. County Executive Molinaro and I feel strongly about cutting and capping the County’s tax on motor fuel to help families throughout Dutchess County during these difficult economic times, and I urge my fellow legislators to approve this measure to bring relief to residents.”

The County Legislature will vote on the resolution to cut and cap the local county sales tax on retail motor fuel purchases at its April 11th board meeting, and the new sales tax cap would be effective June 1, 2022, pending approval of the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance, and it would expire on December 1, 2022. New York State law states local sales tax enactments of this kind can take effect only on March, June, September or December 1st of any year and a certified copy of the local enacted resolution must be transmitted to the State at least 90 days prior to the effective date. The New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance may reduce the 90-day notice requirement period to not less than 30 days – Dutchess County will request this waiver.

Legislator Yvette Valdés Smith, Minority Leader of the Dutchess County Legislature, said, "Skyrocketing gas prices have affected every single resident of Dutchess County. As a working mom, I know how difficult it is to make ends meet, so I am proud to partner with my colleagues in the Legislature and the County Executive to cap the gas tax and help ease the financial strain that our communities are experiencing. We recognize that this is a first small but important measure and are committed to continue looking for ways to help the residents we serve."

Legislator Will Truitt, Majority Leader of the Dutchess County Legislature, said, “Unlike the failings of leaders at other levels of government that have led to the exponential increase in gas and diesel prices recently, locally we continue to take action to provide relief. I fully support County Executive Molinaro’s and Chairman Pulver’s resolution to provide savings at the pump with this tax cut and cap and I look forward to its enactment so our neighbors throughout the County can keep more of their hard-earned dollars.”

Firefighters receive training from Central Hudson



The Hughsonville Fire Department welcomed Central Hudson Gas & Electric for a training opportunity at the Hughsonville Fire Station on March 21. Central Hudson’s Director of Gas Operations and his team provided training on a multitude of subjects, including natural gas recognition and safety, gas metering, and shut-off considerations and processes.

Central Hudson also brought its Gas Safety trailer, which contained various types of gas meters, regulators, risers and manifolds. Members were provided hands-on instruction on several natural gas appliances found in and around the town.

Hughsonville Fire Chief Justin Jerrick said, “We thank Central Hudson for this valuable training, and we appreciate their ongoing partnership.”

Hughsonville members were joined by the New Hackensack Fire Department for this training, with more than 50 firefighters in attendance.

-Courtesy photo

Beacon Police Blotter

- The following is from the City of Beacon Police Department
- March 1: Criminal Mischief- Wesley Avenue- Caller reported that unknown female was trying to gain entrance into her home. Report filed. Investigation conducted.
- March 2: Fire- Structure- Sycamore Drive- Officers responded to a call for a fire to assist Fire Department. Report filed. Investigation conducted.
- March 2: Unattended Death- Beacon- Officers responded to a call for an unattended death. Report filed. Investigation conducted.
- March 2: Burglary – Attempt- Hammond Plaza- Caller reported damage to her door as a result of a possible burglary attempt. Report filed. Investigation conducted.
- March 2: Auto Accident -Hit & Run Accident-Main Street- Caller reported that her car was sideswiped by another vehicle. Report taken. Investigation Conducted.
- March 3:Disabled Vehicle-North Cedar Street-Gemista I. Smith, 40, of Beacon, was processed on an open warrant of arrest.
- March 3: Auto Accident- Liberty Street-Brandon J. Arena, 25, of Beacon, was charged with DWI, miscellaneous V & T
- March 3: Other-Fishkill Avenue- Caller reported that his vehicle was vandalized. Report taken. Investigation conducted.
- March 4: Auto Accident-Hit-and-run-Main Street-Caller reported that someone hit his vehicle and tried to leave the scene. Report taken. Investigation conducted. Tickets issued.
- March 3: Hazardous Condition-Churchill Street- Officers responded to a call to assist with a hazardous condition involving a tractor trailer. Report on file.
- March 4: Auto Accident- Hit- and-run-Caller reported damage to his car as a result of a hit-and-run Accident. Report taken. Investigation conducted.
- March 6: Warrant-Municipal Plaza-Nygel T. Rivera,31, of Beacon, was processed on an open warrant of arrest.
- March 6: Harassment- Fishkill Avenue-Caller reported that an individual was harassing people within their former place of employment. Report taken. All parties were advised to stop the harassment.
- March 10: Warrant- Municipal Plaza-Trelan J. Mayweather, 21, of Beacon, was processed on an open warrant of arrest.
- March 10: Larceny-North Walnut Street-Caller reported that the license plates were removed from her vehicle. Report filed. Investigation conducted.
- March 10: Harassment-Municipal Plaza- Caller reported online harassment via email and social media from an unknown individual. Report taken. Investigation conducted.
- March 14: Disturbance-Schenck Avenue-Michael B. Spidalieri, 54, of Fishkill, was charged with third-degree assault.
- Number of Calls: 310
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High school seeks Career Fair participants

Beacon High School is currently seeking participants for its annual career fair. The fair will be held on Friday, May 27 from 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. All careers welcome!

Participants will get a table on which they can display any items that represent their career and can serve as talking pieces with the students. Set-up for the event will begin at 9 a.m., and a light breakfast will be served. A light lunch will be available towards the middle of the event.

Please contact Michele Polhamus, School Counselor, for additional information and link to register for the event at polhamus.m@beaconk12.org or 845-838-6900 ext. 3025.

Veterans Financial Health Seminar Series to kick off April 12

We often talk about how mental health is a big part of a veteran’s overall health, and rightfully so. When our mental health suffers, our overall health will suffer, too. Luckily, we have great organizations right here in Dutchess County that directly address the mental health of our heroes, like MHA Dutchess Vet 2 Vet. But what about a veteran’s financial health? I think sometimes we forget how dealing with our finances – or the lack thereof – can really add stress and strain to our lives.

When veterans are discharged from their military service, there is no class or seminar to help them transition into civilian life. Many times, our veterans struggle with the adjustment to the real world. I know, because I certainly did when I left the Navy in 1997. No one teaches you the basic things you’ll need such as managing your credit score, applying for a home loan, or starting your own business. That can lead to a lot of confusion, and unfortunately, that confusion can add a lot of stress to the lives of young veterans and their families.

Luckily for veterans in Dutchess County, one of our elected leaders has stepped up to address that lack of attention to the financial health of our veterans. Robin Lois is the Dutchess County Comptroller, and her office has created a new Veterans Financial Health Seminar Series to help local veterans learn the tools they will need to navigate the “real world.”

“As Comptroller, I’m responsible for the financial health of the county,” Robin told me recently. “We’ve seen a real need in our veteran community, particularly with our younger veterans, for assistance with personal finances, opening a business, planning ahead, and more. That’s why we started this seminar series, to help our heroes make the most of their money. It’s the least we can do for our veterans, and I’m so proud to be a part of it.”

The first installment of the Veterans Financial Health Seminar series will take

place on Tuesday, April 12, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at VFW Post 170, located at 1 Violet Avenue in Poughkeepsie. This first seminar will focus on personal finances and include topics like filing your taxes, raising your credit score, and balancing your home budget. The seminar series is absolutely free, and dinner will be provided by the VFW. There will even be a special presentation by the New York State Comptroller’s office, so you definitely don’t want to miss it!

All veterans, active duty, and their family members are invited to attend. For more information on the Veterans Financial Health Seminar series, you can email the Comptroller’s office at comptroller@dutchessny.gov or call them at 845-486-2050. I’m certainly going to be there on April 12, because Lord knows I need help with my personal financial skills!

On a personal note, it’s refreshing to see when our elected leaders step up like this to address a glaring need for our veterans in Dutchess County. And it’s not even an election year! Thank you to Dutchess County Comptroller Robin Lois and her staff for taking the initiative and supporting our heroes.

And thank you, for listening! If you have a veteran in your life who, like me, could certainly use a boost to his or her financial skills, please connect them with this important program. Who knows, maybe I will be sitting next to you or your veteran at the VFW on April 12!

See you next time!

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, in partnership with Hudson River Housing.



Dutchess County Comptroller Robin Lois joined Tom Zurhellen on WPDH radio recently to talk about a new Veterans Financial Health Seminar series.

-Courtesy photo

County to host training addressing Mental Health of Autistic Adults

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DBCH) will host a special training, virtually via Microsoft Teams on Friday, April 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The workshop will be led by psychologist Dr. Valerie Gaus, PHD, who will offer insight on how to formulate and deliver appropriate treatment or support plans and explain how to conceptualize Cognitive Behavior Therapies for adult individuals living on the autism spectrum. Registration is required in advance and is available online at dutchessny.gov/DrGaus.

The day-long workshop’s programming has been designed for an interdisciplinary audience, including mental health and rehab clinicians, educators, administrators, and advanced direct support workers, but the training is open to all who are interested in learning more. This training is part of the County’s continued effort to ThinkDIFFERENTLY, the initiative started in 2015 by County Executive Marc Molinaro, which seeks to change the way individuals, businesses, organizations, and communities relate to their neighbors of all abilities.

Molinaro said, “Mental health practitioners around the County are increasingly seeing adults in their therapy settings who have autism spectrum disorder (ASD), in addition to the anxiety or mood disorder for which they sought treatment. It is important that all providers are aware of how to treat such patients and give them equal care. Dr. Gaus is a great resource regarding treatment of individu-

als on the spectrum, and I am confident those attending will receive vital information to help them properly treat people of all abilities.”

Topics to be discussed throughout the day include:

- The variety of ways autism spectrum disorder symptoms can appear in more cognitively able, independent adults;
- Typical problems seen in adults with ASD who seek a variety of clinical or support services;
- Considerations in formulating an individualized treatment or support plan for an adult with ASD as well as stress or mental health problem; and
- Practical applications of Cognitive Behavioral Therapies for clients with ASD, with and without modifications.

Dr. Gaus, a psychotherapist of 28 years, has three published books on working with individuals with autism. She will lead the workshop and discuss how the definition of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) has broadened over the last 20 years, which has contributed to the growing number of diagnosed adults who are bright, verbal and functioning independently in many areas which makes a need for such discussion necessary. Her presentation will discuss best practices on guidelines and how to formulate and deliver appropriate treatment or support plans for individuals with ASD.

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.

Fundraiser for VetZero set April 8

Tom Zurhellen, who writes the “Dispatches from the VFW” column for the Northern & Southern Dutchess News and Beacon Free Press, invites the public to join him for “TOMMY Z TURNS 3*: A Birthday Fundraiser for VetZero” on Friday, April 8, from 5 to 8 p.m., at VFW Post 170, located at 1 Violet Avenue in Poughkeepsie. There will be live music from the Carrie Zazz Band, a photo booth by Tom Duggan Photography, delicious food from Flores Food Trucks, and more.

The event is free and all are welcome – Tom requests no gifts, but asks those attending to consider a donation to keep

the VetZero Heroes ride program going.

Tom is turning 53, but April also marks the 3rd anniversary for the VetZero program, which has given more than 2,000 free rides to local veterans to make their vital appointments.

Tom says, “The need is so great! With the news about the future of VA Castle Point, we know transportation will become even more important for our veterans. Please help us support this important program!”

VetZero Heroes is a program of Hudson River Housing Inc.

Quick facts – Dutchess County

(as of March 27)

Active cases: 125 (up from 116 on March 20)

Community transmission: 12.94 per 100,000 (up from 9.53 on March 20)

Hospitalizations due to COVID-19: 3 (up from 1 on March 20)

Hospitalizations of individuals with COVID-19: 5 (no change from March 20)

Total deaths: 655 (was 654 as of March 20)

% population 18+ with at least one dose of vaccine: 85.26 (slightly up from March 20, when it was 85.18)

% of total county population with at least one dose of vaccine: 76.8 (slightly up from 76.71 on March 20)

% of total county population that has completed their vaccine series: 69.18 (slightly up from 69.07 on March 20)

The county dashboard doesn’t include data on boosters; however, according to the CDC, 51 percent of the county’s fully vaccinated population has received a booster, up slightly from 50.9 percent on March 20.

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

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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. Furry animal

5. Immigration agcy.

8. Deceptive scheme

12. Wheel support

13. Reupholster

16. French pronoun

17. Fencing item

18. Fragrance

19. Narrow mountain road

20. Elvis' music

23. Distress signal

24. __ Lanka

25. Courtroom events

27. Distant

30. Cochlea's place

32. Alaskan natives

35. Dignified richness

38. Sidestep

39. Ripening agent

40. Satisfies

43. Prestigious school

44. Talked with excessive enthusiasm

46. Bing and others

48. Penguin or auk

51. Phonograph piece

52. 90° from ENE

53. Imposed a fine

55. Accessory

57. Eland's neighbor

59. Sped up

64. Bank's offering

66. Very willing

67. Writer/director __ Ephron

68. Dog of old TV

69. Work hard

70. Poetic name for an island nation

71. Low-bottomed

72. "Yes, __!"

73. Pungent vegetable
- DOWN

1. 1934-35 heavyweight champion

2. Public show, for short

3. Sir Guinness

4. Has used too much perfume

5. Esfahan residents

6. Intellect

7. Cricket, for one

8. Calendar abbr.

9. School chums

10. To boot

11. Disarray

14. 1952 song "That's __"

15. Surrealistic paintings, for short

21. Length times width

22. With 62 Down, one of five "Greats"

26. Animate

27. Terrors

28. Underwater plants

29. Appraise anew

31. TV brand

33. Scents

34. Feel

36. Web-footed bird

37. Common Latin abbr.

41. Period

42. Wizard

45. Prima donna

47. Mr. Khayyam

49. Sieves spuds

50. Bumper sticker

54. French artist Edgar __

56. Discussion group

57. Cheery

58. Facial feature

60. 1 of 12 Genesis brothers

61. Split

62. See 22 Down

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Students evaluate math techniques at Pi Day Recognition event

Submitted by Dr. Irvin Miller
Director, Math & Physics Exploration

On PI Day, March 14, 2022, students from Wappingers Central School Districts (WCSD), Spackenkill, Arlington and Tuxedo Park were recognized for their outstanding effort in learning math at more than 5 grades above their grade level. The math enrichment program developed at the Math & Physics Exploration was able to integrate the best of the pedagogical techniques for teaching math so that the students could better understand math and solve problems well beyond what they were taught.

County Executive Marc Molinaro, WCSD Superintendent Dwight Bonk, Assistant Superintendent Michelle Cardwell, Congressman Antonio Delgado, Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, State Senator Sue Serino, Chairman of the County Legislature Gregg Pulver and Assemblyman Kieran Lalor signed certificates of recognition and/or made speeches praising the students for their mathematical accomplishments.

Town Supervisors Alan Bell of LaGrange, Jon Baisley of Poughkeepsie, Nicholas D'Alessandro of East Fishkill, Richard Thurston of Wappingers, and Ozzy Albra of Fishkill also signed signed certificates and/or gave speeches to praise the students.

Dr. Bonk and Dr. Cardwell kicked off the ceremony with praise of principals, teachers and students involved with the math enrichment program.

Several students and their parents were selected to write speeches and give presentations on the impact that this enriched math program had on them. The Eisley family was very special in that the older son Nathaniel in Van Wyck had taken the program for two years and their younger son Bennett in Fishkill Plains took the program this year.

Nathaniel commented: "Some of the things I took away included confidence, the ability to present to people and answer questions with a lot less doubt in my answers, and a love for math and how math works." His math teacher was so impressed with Nathaniel that he recommend that he become a math teacher.

Bennett said, "The Enriched Math course helped me a lot in my regular math class. Without it, I feel like it would be a lot more difficult to figure out problems and I probably wouldn't be at the top of my class in math. It has been a great year."



Speakers at the Pi Day event on March 14 included (from left) John Lumia, Ozzy Albra, Veda, Zaynab, Gabrielle, Carra, Richard Thurston, Eleanor, Aanya, Gregg Pulver, Luke, Bennett, Nathaniel, Alan Bell and Irvin Miller.

-Courtesy photo

Their mother Andrea said, "I have been an Enriched Math parent over the past three years, and have only positive things to say of it! Bennett has grown in his confidence this year with the class and loves to ask me if I can do some of the complicated problems he has worked on."

Eleanor from the Oak Grove school compared the techniques for doing multiplication in the enriched math program to those she learned in school. She explained the shortcomings of these techniques by doing an 18 x 18 digit multiplication in which she discovered that in doing it the normal way it would be impossible to get the correct answer, even if you could complete the problem. She was able to complete the problem with the Math & Physics Exploration approach in about 10 minutes with ease. Her parents are so proud of her accomplishments, particularly since math was not their favorite subject when they went to school.

Aanya says, "I use to think my skills were good, but now that I learned all these tricks my skills have improved to a more advanced level. I can also do multiplication in a snap, I also checked my work and I have reduced the number of mistakes I have made. After all my years of school, I have never been taught or have seen the Miller method until now. I thought it would just take the same amount of time and work and just reduce it by 5 minutes. But I was wrong, the Miller method narrowed my time and digits from 30 min, and 324 digits, to 15 min and around 60 digits (that's a lot better)! After joining the math enrichment program, my work

has begun to be neater and much cleaner from mistakes. Since I now check my work to make it clear, I make sure my numbers line up because if I move a digit wrong I can add up wrong and the whole problem could be a disaster!"

Gabrielle also from Oak Grove commented, "As I completed the problem for the first time, I was getting frustrated as I was comparing my answer to the correct answer. So I gave up. As I reached the end for the second time, I never checked it at all! But, before I started this essay, I checked my work finally with the correct answer. And, I had only made one silly mistake. I now realize that as I did the problem again, I was becoming a bit more fluid than how I was during the first attempt. All and all, my reactions for the equation were a bit mixed, but that tells me that if I ever need to do the equation again, I will be ready for it."

Veda from Brinkerhoff said that ever since she joined the program, she noticed a new surge of confidence. Doing the 18 x 18 digit multiplication, she felt it was as easy as doing one plus one. Using these math tricks makes her overflow with pride, because she is learning something that many adults struggle to do.

Zaynab from Brinkerhoff said that "your studying habits effect your learning and understanding of any subject. Dr. Miller teaches us the proper way to study, a method that does not waste your time. What shocked me the most is that studying math does not mean staring at a piece of paper, it's more of doing."

Lawmakers lead push for Lyme Disease funding in final state budget

With zero new dollars included in either the NYS Assembly or Senate One-House Budget Proposals to combat the spread of Lyme and tick-borne diseases (TBDs), Senators Sue Serino, Daphne Jordan, and Alexis Weik joined researchers, patients, and advocates from across New York in a virtual press conference on Monday to urge legislative leaders to invest in research, education and prevention initiatives in this year's State Budget. The coalition is pushing for at least \$1.5 million to be included in the final enacted budget that is slated to pass by April 1.

"As the number of Lyme and tick-borne disease cases continues to climb, and the state sits on a significant budget surplus, now is the time to make meaningful investments in research, education, and prevention initiatives that can protect New Yorkers from the spread of Lyme and TBDs for generations to come," said Senator Serino. "Not including any funding to help prevent the spread of these diseases that impact thousands of New Yorkers each year defies logic. With only days to go before a final budget is expected to be voted on, we are asking our colleagues to do the right thing, ensure that the voices of New Yorkers who live with these devastating diseases are heard, and include significant funding to help put an end to the Lyme and tick-borne disease epidemic in the final state budget."

With New York being home to the second highest number of confirmed Lyme disease cases in the nation, presenters argued that the number of ticks and the diseases they transmit are increasing across the state. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), among the infections that can be transmitted to humans through the bite of a tick, Lyme disease makes up over 80 percent of the cases reported to the agency. The CDC also estimates that there are nearly a half million new cases of Lyme disease in the US each year, which makes Lyme the third most common bacterial infectious disease in America. However, due to inaccurate diagnostic testing, the actual number of cases remains illusive.

Marist men's coach Dunne signs contract extension

By Rich Thomaselli
A week after Marist College announced its succession plan when Marist College women's basketball coach Brian Giorgis retires next year – naming associate head coach Erin Doughty as the new coach – the school has now locked up its men's basketball coach.

John Dunne has signed a multi-year contract extension according to an announcement by Director of Athletics Tim Murray. Per Marist College policy, terms of the extension will not be disclosed. "I am very excited to have my contract extended," Dunne said in a statement. "Marist is a special place with great people.

We have become very competitive and I look forward to taking the next step in building this program." Dunne completed his fourth season as the Red Foxes' head coach in the 2021-22 season. In his tenure, the program has raised its level of play on the court while achieving high marks off the floor.

- Highlights of Dunne's tenure include:
- Two MAAC major award winners (Ryan Funk, Sixth Player of the Year, 2018-19; Jao Ituka, Rookie of the Year, 2021-22).
 - Four MAAC All-Rookie Team selections.
 - Three All-MAAC selections.
 - The program's best MAAC regular-season finish and overall winning percentage in 14 years in the 2020-21 season.
 - The program's longest winning streak in 15 years in the 2021-22 season.
 - Won the Samson Bracket championship of the Basketball Hall of Fame Belfast Classic in the 2018-19 season.
 - Jordan Jones was one of 10 men's basketball players nationwide to be named to the NABC Community Assist Team for his community work in September 2021.
 - Dunne was named a finalist for the Skip Prosser Man of the Year Award in the 2020-21 season.
 - 15 MAAC All-Academic Team selections, including a MAAC-best five in 2019-20.
- "I'm pleased that Coach Dunne will be our head coach moving forward," Murray said. "John has embraced Marist and is building an outstanding foundation for our basketball program. We believe that he is an exceptional fit for Marist College."
- Dunne was hired as the 12th head coach in program history on April 3, 2018.

this week's puzzle solutions

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This week's answer
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West Point Band to perform on April 2 at Eisenhower Hall



The West Point Band will present “Live from Eisenhower Hall” on Saturday, April 2 at 2 p.m. at Eisenhower Hall Theatre at West Point. Join the U.S. Army’s oldest band for a unique and varied program of music from across the spectrum of the American experience. This event is free and open to the public. Proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 is required for all patrons aged 12 and over. Patrons aged 5-11 without proof of vaccination must show proof of a negative COVID test taken no more than 72 hours before the start of the event.

For concert information, cancellations, and updates, call 845-938-2617 or visit www.westpointband.com. West Point Band news can also be found by following us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Twitter.

-Courtesy photo

KP Devlin exhibit opens April 9 at Bannerman Gallery in Beacon



The Bannerman Island Gallery, 150 Main Street, in Beacon, presents an “extraordinary” exhibition of Fine Art paintings by surrealist painter KP Devlin on view in the gallery from April 9th –May 29th. An opening reception for the artist and public will be held on Saturday, April 9, from from 4– 6 p.m. Gallery hours are Saturdays and Sundays, noon – 5 p.m. and weekday afternoons and early evenings (by chance or appointment) by calling 845-416-8342.

KP Devlin’s colorful and imaginative “moon lit” paintings are so profoundly unique that each work transports the viewer into a different world that is open to interpretation, creating a very personal experience for each person.

Shown are, right “Beware the Basilisk (and a bunch of other things too)” and above “The Transylvania Effect” by KP Devlin.

-Courtesy images

Poughkeepsie Book Festival with 40-plus authors set April 2

The annual Poughkeepsie Book Festival returns on Saturday, April 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

More than 40 authors and illustrators of youth literature will converge on Poughkeepsie High School, eager to meet young readers and share their passion for books. Chris Grabenstein, who wrote the New York Times bestselling “Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library,” will be there. Pat Schories, who illustrated the Biscuit books for children, will also be participating, and costumed characters, including Curious George and Elephant and Piggie, will be strolling around high-fiving their fans and posing for photos.

The Poughkeepsie Book Festival is a free, family event designed for kids of all ages. There will be books available for purchase and signing, craft activities, photo ops with story book characters, and several vendors of programs and services geared toward children and youth.

The festival is presented in collaboration with the City of Poughkeepsie Schools and the Friends of PPLD. Free parking is available in lots surrounding the Poughkeepsie High School at 70 Forbus Street. Attendees can also visit



Children’s book author Diana Murray greets visitors at the 2019 Poughkeepsie Book Festival. Kids greet book character “Elephant.”

-Courtesy photo

Rover the Roaming Library, the Library District’s bookmobile, parked in front of the high school.

Find a complete list of participating authors and illustrators on the PPLD website poklib.org under Events.

Spirit of the Hudson Gala set April 3

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater will present its 2022 Spirit of the Hudson Gala on Sunday, April 3rd, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. The event will take place at The Garrison, 2015 US 9, Garrison, Putnam County.

The event will recognize and honor

educator, environmentalist, and editor of the Hudson River Almanac Tom Lake and Master Shipwright Jim Kricker for their extraordinary contributions to the protection and celebration of the Hudson River and its watershed.



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Maple festivals held at Sharpe Reservation, Bowdoin Park



Nearly 800 people attended the annual Sugar Maple Festival at The Fresh Air Fund Sharpe Reservation in Fishkill on March 26. Clockwise from top left, Amy Dendy making maple cotton candy, which was a popular item. Guests learning about the process of maple sugaring at the Sharpe Sugar Shack. Jane Raush, the Maple Fairy was busy at The Fresh Air Fund Welcome desk. Judges chose Cronin’s Maple Farm as the best syrup this year. In the photo, from left, are judges David Lecker, Toni Day, Frank Ferrara, and James Callahan with Sharpe Reservation Director Tim Stanley. Second Place went to The Fresh Air Fund Maple Farm and Third Place went to Maple Leaf Restoration.

“Sap Happy Maple Weekend” was held at Bowdoin Park by Dutchess County over March 25 – 27.

-Courtesy photos

County Players to hold auditions for comedy ‘Native Gardens’ April 24, 25

County Players, one of the longest running community theatre companies in the area, will host open auditions on April 24 & 25 for the contemporary comedy “Native Gardens” by Karen Zacarias. Open auditions will be held at the County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main Street, in the Village of Wappingers Falls. This July Main Stage Production is directed by Christine Crawfis. Performances dates are scheduled for Friday and Saturday July 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23 at 8 p.m., with a matinee at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 17.

In this comedy, cultures and gardens clash, turning well-intentioned neighbors into feuding enemies. Pablo, a rising attorney, and Tania, his pregnant wife, have purchased a home next to Frank and Virginia, a well-established D.C. couple with a prize-worthy English garden. An impending barbeque and a disagreement over a fence line soon spiral into an all-out border dispute. “The difference between a flower and a weed ... is a judgement.”

Characters: Tania Del Valle – early to mid-thirties; smart, likable, positive, passionate, highly-energized, pregnant, PhD candidate and gardener; Pablo Del Valle – early to mid-thirties; smart, likable, ambitious, savvy, young attorney; Virginia Butley – sixty to mid-seventies; smart, likable, assertive, direct, no-nonsense engineer; Frank Butley – sixty to mid-seventies; smart, likable, excitable, caring, detail-oriented federal

employee and gardener.

Also to be cast: an ensemble of two to four silent roles who play the Surveyor, Landscapers, and Building Examiners. For complete audition information including character breakdowns, age ranges, sides, and audition form visit countyplayers.org/shows/auditions/

COVID Audition Protocol: At this time, all actors and crew must be fully vaccinated. Please wear a mask and be prepared to show proof of vaccination. The stage manager will provide the audition form (or one may download it from this page, print, fill it out, and bring it to the audition.) Once inside the theatre, one may be unmasked (if fully vaccinated) and/or to read for the audition.

Schedule: Be prepared to list all possible conflicts. Rehearsal schedule will be respectful of performers’ time and conflicts. Please note, due to COVID restrictions, fully vaccinated actors planning to audition are asked to carefully consider travel out of state during rehearsals or performances. County Players will follow current CDC guidelines for domestic and international travel restrictions for fully vaccinated individuals. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>. Note: There are separate sections for both domestic and international travel which are updated as COVID-19 levels fluctuate.

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Obituaries

Ann Joyce Muise



EAST FISHKILL - Ann Joyce Muise, 90, passed away peacefully on March 18, 2022 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. An area resident since 1964, she previously lived in Essex Junction, VT and Kingston, NY. Born in Hinesburg, VT on October 26, 1931, Ann was the daughter of the late Hector and Mildred (Harvey) Aube. As second eldest of eleven children, Ann helped raise her brothers and sisters on the family farm. She was a proud Vermonter, raised with the philosophy to “use it up, wear it out, make it last.” She met James H. (“Harry”) Muise and the two wed on January 17, 1953. They remained happily married for 50 years until Harry passed away in 2003. Ann will be remembered as the central figure for a large, loving family. Her five children, nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren were the joy of her life. Ann cherished her Vermont clan including ten brothers and sisters, seven of whom survive her. Ann was an accomplished artist who especially loved painting and drawing, and was a member of the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon. She is survived by her four children and their spouses, and predeceased by her daughter, Denise, in 2011. Son Jeffery Muise and his wife Janice Pavell of Colorado Springs, CO, son Andrew Muise and his wife Rita of Hopewell Junction, NY, son Gregory Muise and his wife Deborah of Escondido, CA, and son Scott Muise and his wife Karen of Colorado Springs, CO; and her grandchildren, Laura Ally of Albany, NY, Michael Muise of Gansevoort, NY, Jacquelynn Dichter of Philadelphia, PA, Shannon Muise of Colorado Springs, CO, Helen Muise of Laramie, WY, Kyle Muise of Escondido, CA, Daniel Muise of Escondido, CA, Jared Muise of Centennial, CO, and Ryan Muise of Centennial, CO; and her great-grandchildren Noah & Adam (Laura), Savannah (Michael), Jasiah & Tavarus (Shannon), Colton & Julianna (Jared). A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, April 3, 2022 from 1 – 4 pm at the East Fishkill Community Center, 890 Route 82, Hopewell Junction, NY. An additional Celebration of Life will be held in upstate Vermont, sometime in early June. Consider a donation in Ann’s memory to the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main Street, Beacon, NY 12508 (<http://www.howlandculturalcenter.org/donate.html>), as this brought her much joy and friendship for many years. Arrangements are under the direction of the McHoul Funeral Home. Please visit and/or upload to Ann’s Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Noreen Holyoake Keese



WAPPINGERS FALLS - Noreen Holyoake Keese of Wappingers Falls, formerly of Cold Spring and County Kerry, Ireland, passed away peacefully on March 22, 2022 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was aged 65. Born on November 14, 1956 in Ireland to Bernard and Margaret Holyoake. Noreen immigrated to the United States in the early 1980s to Houston, Texas where she met her future Husband Scott. On January 21, 1984 they were married. Together they raised their only child Megan in Cold Spring and Wappingers Falls, NY. Noreen is survived by her devoted husband of 38 years Scott, Loving Daughter Megan Keese and her fiancé Adam Clauson, and her cherished grandson Dennis Ferris who will miss her dearly. Noreen is also survived by her precious mother Margaret “Peg” Holyoake, her loving siblings Helen Keane and her husband Gerald, Michael Holyoake and his wife Bernadette, Jerry Holyoake and his wife Ann, Bernard Holyoake and his wife Tina, Joseph Holyoake, TJ Holyoake, Mary Crisci and her husband Jim, Chris Holyoake and a host of nieces and nephews here and abroad. Friends called on Friday March 25, 2022 at Clinton Funeral Home, 21 Parrott Street, Cold Spring. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday March 26, 2022 at Our Lady of Loretto Church, 24 Fair Street, Cold Spring, New York. Private Burial will be held in Cold Spring Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the American Cancer Society in Noreen’s name. To send a message of condolence to Noreen’s family, please visit www.clintonfh.com.

Gary J. Campbell



BEACON - Gary James Campbell, 76, passed away on Sunday morning, March 20, 2022, in Poughkeepsie. The son of Robert and Dorothy Campbell was a lifelong resident of Dutchess County, since his July 1945 birth in Beacon. Mr. Campbell spent the last several years displaying his stubborn Scottish pride fighting recurring illnesses that he refused to bow down to. Mr. Campbell was a 1963 graduate of Beacon High School. He is survived by his bride of 53 years, Florence Emily Gerth Campbell, and their son, Darren Campbell who resides in Poughkeepsie. His brother Jeffrey resides in Ann Arbor, Michigan, with his wife Lisa. Gary Campbell’s two nieces, Allison, married to husband Bryant, and their son Evan, along with Gary’s niece Margaret are mourning the loss of their uncle. In Poughkeepsie, Gary’s granddaughter Lily remains at the side of her father Darren and grandmother Florence during this sad time. Gary, a graduate of Dutchess Community College met his future wife Florence on the college campus in 1967. The two married on the first day of the infamous Woodstock festival, August 16, 1969, in the Town of Poughkeepsie. They settled in the City of Poughkeepsie where Gary spent a career in banking with Beneficial Financial while his bride “Flo” also spent 40 years in the banking industry. In addition to his love of his wife Florence, he enjoyed genealogy and ham radio operations. Gary was able to trace his lineage back to the Alden family who arrived in America on the Mayflower. He spent years serving as the 1st Vice-president of the Alden Kindred of America, based in Duxbury, Massachusetts. In lieu of calling hours, there will be a “Celebration of Life” at the Shamrock Association in Poughkeepsie, where Gary held membership since 2008. The date has not yet been determined. On the first weekend of August, Gary’s family will travel to the Alden House Historic Site in Duxbury, Massachusetts to spread his ashes on the site where his ancestors began their American life. Campbell’s affection for ham radio operations began at an early age. He received his license at the age of 14 in NYC. He used the opportunity to chat with people around the globe, using the call sign “WA2KSL”. He also had an attraction to cars and purchased a brand-new Plymouth Roadrunner in 1969. Donations in Gary’s memory can be made to the Alden Kindred of America. Donations in Mr. Campbell’s memory are also being accepted by the Dutchess County Scottish Society. Checks payable to the Dutchess County Scottish Society should include “Gary Campbell” in the memo section and be mailed to the DCSS, c/o Margaret Schumacher, 50 Pembroke Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverview-byhalvey.com. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

Paul Michael Gauquie



BEACON - Paul Michael Gauquie, a lifelong Beacon resident passed away unexpectedly on March 18, 2022. He was 44 years old. Paul was born at Butterfield Hospital in Cold Spring, N.Y. on April 10, 1977 to Anne C. (Hayden) Gauquie and James J. Gauquie. He graduated from Beacon High School class of 1995. He also attended Dutchess Community College, SUNY Cobleskill, & Mount Saint Mary College where he studied network technology. Paul worked as a technician at eMagin Corporation in Hopewell Junction. Paul enjoyed hiking, playing guitar, and recording his own music. He was an avid reader. He loved hockey and was a diehard NY Rangers fan. He loved animals, especially his beloved dog “Belle” who recently passed away. Along with both of his parents, Paul is survived by his sister Jenine, brother Jason and sister-in-law Jennifer (Selage), and his niece Olivia and nephew Braeden. Paul is also survived by aunts Bernadette Clement & Gail Boccia and uncle James R. Hayden (Renee) as well as several cousins. Paul is also survived by a host of his dear childhood friends. He was truly loved and will be greatly missed. His family received friends on Saturday, March 26 at the LIBBY FUNERAL HOME, 55 Teller Ave, Beacon where a service was held. Interment will be private at the discretion of his family. In lieu of flowers his family wishes for memorial donations to be made in Paul’s name to the Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF), P.O. box 1179 Beacon, N.Y. 12508. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: LibbyFuneralHome.com.

Louis Frank Cava



FISHKILL, FORMERLY OF COLD SPRING - Louis Frank Cava, a lifelong Cold Spring, NY resident, recently of Fishkill, NY, passed away on March 14, 2022 at the Montefiore St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital in Newburgh, NY; he was 64 years old. He was born at the Peekskill Hospital in Peekskill, NY on January 11, 1958, son of the late William and Rose Marie (Prestiani) Cava. He attended and graduated from the Haldane High School, Class of 1976. Lou enjoyed sports in high school, especially football; he was known by classmates and teammates as ‘Galloping Lou Cava.’ Upon graduating from High School Louis enlisted in the United States Army serving from July 16, 1976 until July 15, 1979. He received an honorable discharge of service which he was proud. Lou further his education and attended Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY; where he received a Bachelor of Science degree. Later on in life, he loved working at the Walmart Supercenter in Fishkill, NY as a store associate. He will be greatly missed by many of his friends and coworkers. Louis is survived by his loving sister Susan Marie Confalone; his nephew and niece, Christopher Confalone and Melissa (Curt) Williams; and his caring great niece Carina Williams. He will always be remembered for being a loving son, brother, uncle & friend. His Family & Friends will gather to celebrate & remember his Life on Wednesday, March 30th from 7-9pm at the LIBBY FUNERAL HOME, where at 8:00PM a prayer service will be offered with military honors rendered by the United States Army Honor Guard. A Private Interment will be at the discretion and convenience of his family. In lieu of flowers the family wishes for memorial donations to be made to either the Our Lady of Loretto Church, 24 Fair Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516; Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF), P.O. Box 1129, Beacon, NY 12508; or to a charity of your choice. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.LibbyFuneralHome.com.

Daniel Edward McGarvey

COLORADO- Daniel Edward McGarvey, 70, of Colorado Springs, Colorado passed away at home after a short illness. Dan was born in Newburgh on May 18, 1951 to Charles F. McGarvey and Margaret Goodall McGarvey who predeceased him. He leaves brothers, John (Deborah) of Lagrange, Charles (Robin) of Huntsville, Alabama and Martin (Nancy) of Mrytle Beach, South Carolina; his sisters, Mary Sorci (Richard) of Fishkill and Sarah LoPresti of Geneseo. Dan was also predeceased by his brother, Jeffrey. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews as well as his godsons, Nicholas LoPresti and Nicholas Sorci. Dan graduated from St. John’s School in Beacon, St. Patrick’s High School in Newburgh and Marist College. He was an accomplished chef having worked at many restaurants locally in New York and also in Colorado. He loved fishing and golfing. Funeral services and burial will be at the convenience of the family. To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverview-byhalvey.com. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

Poughkeepsie one of 25 towns to receive grant from T-Mobile

T-Mobile announced Poughkeepsie as one of the 25 small towns winning Hometown Grants to jumpstart vital community development projects to re-energize these towns and build upon what makes them unique. Poughkeepsie’s grant will go towards repurposing one of its existing baseball fields into a softball field to better accommodate the Town of Poughkeepsie Girls Little League Softball program.

“The Town of Poughkeepsie is grateful to receive this grant from T-Mobile,” said Poughkeepsie Town Supervisor Jon Jay Baisley. “This will play an important role in the upgrade to this park and future plans for the town park infrastructure.

Clinton Historical Society sets Spring Tag Sale

The Clinton Historical Society will hold its Spring Tag Sale on Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. each day at the Creek Meeting House, 2433 Salt Point Turnpike in Clinton Corners.

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Grace U. Graham

WAPPINGERS FALLS - Grace U. Graham, 85, a lifelong resident, died on December 4, 2021 peacefully at her daughter’s home in Atlanta, Georgia. Born in Beacon New York on July 27, 1936, Grace was the daughter of Albert and Grace Uhl. Grace graduated from Wappingers Central Schools and was a graduate of Albany Business College. She worked as a secretary for the Wappingers Central School District. Grace was an active member of Zion Episcopal Church for many years. Grace is survived by her husband Tom of 63 years; her daughter, Lisa and son-in-law Michael Agunzo; and two grandchildren, Jessica Mueller and Brandon Mueller and his wife, Vesna Mueller. She is also survived by her brother Albert Uhl and his wife Effie; nephew, Christopher Uhl; and several cousins. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Zion Episcopal Church, 12 Satterlee Place in Wappingers Falls. Donations may be made to Zion Episcopal Church, 12 Satterlee Place, Wappingers Falls NY 12590. Arrangements are under the direction of Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 East Main Street in Wappingers Falls. To send the family a personal condolence, please visit our website at www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.

Tracy Ann Cuccinello

FORMERLY OF WAPPINGERS FALLS - Tracy Ann Cuccinello (Gunthert), 54, of Palm Coast, Florida went to rest on March 13, 2022. Originally from Wappinger Falls, NY, Tracy was born to Katherine and Gerard Gunthert on May 25, 1967. As the oldest of seven children, Tracy always made sure the needs of everyone else were met before her own. Her kindness and love for others was especially apparent as she raised her three children, Matt, Douglas and Mia. She always strived to be involved in her children’s interests from football with Matt and Doug to pet fostering and adoption with Mia. Tracy is survived by her son, Douglas, and daughter, Mia, their father, Anthony Cuccinello, all of Palm Coast, FL, her mother, Katherine Gunthert of Rockville, MD, her siblings Gerard and Abby Gunthert (Atlanta, GA), Dana and Jim Curren (Wilmington, DE), Kevin and Katie Gunthert (Silver Spring, MD) Nanci Gunthert (Dunedin, FL), Scott and Jeannie Gunthert (Cortlandt, NY) and Elizabeth and Chris Leibundguth (Silver Spring, MD), many nieces and nephews and countless friends. She joins at rest her son, Matthew, and her father, Gerard Gunthert. A celebration of Tracy’s life will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations are made in Tracy’s name to ASPCA (www.aspc.org).

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The check presentation will be held on Saturday, April 23rd at 10 a.m. at the Stanley Still Park, site of the “to-be-repurposed” field to align with opening day of softball.

fee will be available for purchase.

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Mentalist show at Towne Crier

A ‘mind reader’ show by Vinny DePonto will be held on April 7 at 8 p.m. Towne Crier Café, 379 Main St. in Beacon. Vinny wants to use Beacon as his testing ground for new elements to his shows. This will be his introduction to the Beacon and Hudson Valley community - a way for everyone to get to know another new talent in the neighborhood. Tickets available at townecrier.com.

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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 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 and one (1) member to the Board of Trustees for a term of three (3) years.

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

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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 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. one 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

The Annual Meeting of the Clove Cemetery Assn. will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at the Valley Bible Fellowship

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Church, 1875 Clove Valley Road, La-Grangeville, NY. All plot owners are invited to attend. For further information, contact Elfriede Tillman (845) 724-5840.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK – COUNTY OF DUTCHESS INDEX # 2018-51943 FILED 2/25/2022 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the place of trial based on the location of the mortgaged premises in this action.

Plaintiff's principal place of business is C/O Seterus, Inc. 14523 SW Milikan Way Suite 200, Beaverton, Oregon 97005. FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, Donald Kennedy, if living, and if dead, the respective heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignors, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and their respective husbands, wives or widow, if any, and each and every person not specifically named who may be entitled to or claim to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the verified complaint; all of whom and whose names and places of residence unknown, and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained by the Plaintiff, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, Defendants. To the above-named defendants:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the plaintiff's attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State

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of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. This action was commenced to foreclose a mortgage against real property located at 493 Stanton Terrace, Poughkeepsie, New York 12603. You are named as a party defendant herein because you may have an interest in the premises. McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC, Attorneys for Plaintiff, 1 Huntington Quadrangle, Suite 3C20, Melville, NY 11747, (631) 812-4084, (855) 845-2584 facsimile. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE New York State requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the Summons and Complaint in this foreclosure action, you may lose your home. Please read the Summons and Complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies, and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about

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possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by New York State Department of Financial Services' at 1-877-BANK-NYS (1-877-226-5697) or visit the Department's website at WWW.BANK-ING.STATE.NY.US. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. You have the right to stay in your home during the foreclosure process. You are not required to leave your home unless and until your property is sold at auction pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale. Regardless of whether you choose to remain in your home, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY and pay your taxes in accordance with state and local law. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. File# 560-3877

The Howland Public Library, 313 Main Street, Beacon, will hold voter registration on April 13, 2022, between the hours of 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM. Voters registered for general elections are already eligible to vote at the April 28, 2022, budget vote and trustee election. Applications for absentee ballots are available, call the library election clerk at 831-1134 ext.101

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-08-22
Police Vehicle

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Replacement Parts

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 5th 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 TO BIDDERS

RFB-DCB-09-22 Boiler Replacement at 60 Market Street, Poughkeepsie. The anticipated start of construction is September 1, 2022; the anticipated completion date is October 15, 2022, respectively. Beginning March 24, 2022 at 8:00AM: Bid Specifications and Drawings may be obtained in person Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm or by mail (provide your FedEx account number or SASE) at: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, 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 will be distributed on a USB Flash Drive. You must give the following information to obtain the flash drive: Company Name, Address, Contact Name, Phone Number, E-mail Address. A refundable deposit of \$15.00 is required for each bid set, in the form of a check made payable to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance or cash will be required for each set of bid documents. The deposit is refundable in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 102 and will be made by the County upon receipt of a written request accompanied by said USB Flash Drive. Bids due on or before 11:00am Friday, April 22, 2022, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids for the above project will be received by: Diane McKenna, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Due to COVID-19, the bid opening for this so-

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licitation 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: 956 123 409#

All Addenda will be issued to Plan Holders via E-mail, but also posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security 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. A Walk-through is scheduled for Thursday, March 31, 2022 at 10:00AM at Dutchess County Community and Family Services, front entrance 60 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. All parties interested in bidding must apprise themselves of the site conditions immediately prior to bidding; if you cannot attend the scheduled walk-through, you can contact Diane McKenna at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov. Questions will be accepted by the close of business April 15, 2022 and emailed to Diane McKenna at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2022002891. APPRENTICESHIP R O G R A M :

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Dutchess County requires that any contractor or subcontractor have, prior to entering into a Contract for the process of building, renovating or demolishing a public building, owned, operated and maintained by Dutchess County, with a value in excess of \$250,000., an apprenticeship agreements appropriate for the type and scope of work to be performed and which have been registered with NYS Department of Labor in accordance with Article 23 of the Labor Law. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-27-22

Supplemental Equipment Replacement Parts Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 13th 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.

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Please take notice that the Planning Board of the Village of Wappingers Falls will hold a public hearing on April 7, 2022, at 7:00 pm, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the American Legion Hall, 7 Spring Street, Wappingers Falls, NY on the application submitted by Steven Tinkelman, applicant, for Ormater Development Corp., owner, for property having an address of 1557-1571 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY (Tax Parcel Identification No. 135601-6158-19-527150), and located in the Commercial Mixed Use (CMU) Zoning District. The applicant is seeking a lot line adjustment to transfer +0.673 acres to the lot bearing Tax Parcel Identification No. 135601-6158-18-473155, also owned by Ormater Development Corp. A copy of this applica-

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tion is on file in the Planning and Zoning Department and is available for inspection when the Department is open, Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. The telephone number is 845-297-5277. All interested persons may appear in person, by agent, or by attorney, and all will be heard. Date: March 21, 2022

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Individual sealed bids for performing the work entitled, "Red Hook Public Library-Roof Replacement Project – Project No. D14-151-3R" located in the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York will be received by the Red Hook Public Library, 7444 South Broadway, Red Hook, New York 12571, Attention Dawn Jardine, Director, until 3:00 P.M. prevailing time, April 22, 2022 at which time and place they will be opened and read aloud publicly. The Contract Documents may be examined at the following location: Praetorius and Conrad, P.C. 74 Main Street Saugerties, NY 12477

The project generally consists of the following: Removing the existing roof covering, adding a layer of roof

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sheathing, and installing a new combination of low slope roofing and shingle roofing covering. The project is subject to prevailing wage requirements. Digital copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from Praetorius and Conrad, P.C., 74 Main Street, Saugerties, New York 12477, hard are also available upon payment of a fee of \$50.00 for each set. Partial sets of Contract Documents will not be available. Neither the owner nor the Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Contract Documents, including any addenda, obtained from other sources. Checks for documents shall be made payable to Praetorius and Conrad, P.C. Each Bid must be accompanied by a certified check made payable to the Red Hook Public Library or a Bid Bond, conditioned as set forth in Instructions to Bidders, for a sum equal to 5% of the Bid. A 100% Payment and 100% Performance Bond will be required of the successful bidder. The Red Hook Public Library reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive any informalities for any Bid, and to accept any Bid

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which is in the best interest of the Town. The Owner and Engineer will conduct an optional Pre-Bid Site visit for all plan holders on 30 March 2022 at 3:30 p.m. By order of the Red Hook Public Library Board

Ms. Dawn Jardine—Director of the Red Hook Public Library

Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT OF THE TOWN CODE TOWN OF WAPPINGER, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Wappinger will conduct a Public Hearing on the 11th day of April 2022, at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, New York, at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard as to whether the Town Board of the Town of Wappinger should adopt Local Law of 2022 which would amend Chapter 240, Zoning, Chapter 210, Solid Waste, Littering and Storage of Garbage, and Chapter 217, Subdivision of Land, of the Town Code with Respect to a Variety of Matters.

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Town Board has reserved its right to make its Determination of Significance pursuant to SEQRA at the conclusion of the Public Hearing to be held on the adoption of the proposed Local Law.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the full text of the proposed Local Law will be available for review and inspection at the office of the Town Clerk on weekdays from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

DATED: March 28, 2022

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER

JOSEPH P. PAOLONI
Town Clerk
Town of Wappinger

TOWN OF FISHKILL PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FISHKILL SUPPPORT CENTER OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Chapter 150-97.B. of the Code of the Town of Fishkill, that the Planning Board of the Town of Fishkill will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall in the Francois R. Cross

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meeting room located in the lobby of the Town of Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY on Thursday, April 14, 2022 commencing at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, in the matter of an Applicant's request for Site Development Plan approval for the construction of a 47,073 S.F. two-story office building, a 15,187 S.F. one-story accessory maintenance building, the reconstruction of an existing 14,527 S.F. warehouse for accessory storage and exercise use and the addition of an accessory park and meditation area along with all associated improvements including 247 parking spaces and four (4) loading spaces. This proposed project is for use by members of the religious order and religious volunteers. The parcels for this proposal are located in the PI (Planned Industry) Zoning District and are identified as Tax Map Parcel No.: 5955-02-798930 consisting of 52.20 ± acres located at 5 Chelsea Industrial Park and Tax Map Parcel No.: 5955-02-791875 consisting of 5.14 ± acres located at 26 Chelsea Industrial Park.

All interested persons will be heard by the Planning Board of the

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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 Secretary

TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS

The East Fishkill Town Board is requesting proposals on Brush Drop Off for the Town of East Fishkill. Brush Drop off dates will be for Spring and Fall of 2022.

Bid specifications may be obtained at the Town Clerks Office in the East Fishkill Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:45 pm. Bids are to be returned to the Town Clerks Office in a sealed envelope clearly marked Brush Drop Off Bid no later than noon April 25, 2022.

Peter J. Cassidy
Town Clerk

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL

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‘Highland Lights’ set at The Garrison

Together with Processional Arts Workshop, The Garrison will host the first-ever “Highland Lights,” a celebration of art and nature.

“Highland Lights” invites neighbors to create collaborative works during free public workshops and culminates in a spectacular outdoor procession of lights and lanterns through The Garrison paths.

In partnership with several local not-for-profits, including the Garrison Art Center, Haldane Arts Alliance, Hudson Highlands Land Trust, Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival, and the Hudson Valley Performing Arts Laboratory, the workshops will run every Saturday and Sunday through April 10. Broken into two daily sessions, the participants will work collaboratively to create lanterns, incorporating techniques for wire-forming, decoupage, and LED lighting.

“Community-based events like this are what I imagined could be possible with the repurposing of the Garrison property in its next chapter,” said Garrison resident Chris Davis, the current owner of the site. “The site is a space for celebrations of art and nature, for community connection, for environmental protection--all in one.”

The workshops will culminate with a spectacular outdoor procession of lights and community-built lanterns celebrating this year’s theme: A Reawakened Landscape. The procession will take place at The Garrison on Sunday, April 17 at 7:30 p.m., coupled with live music and refreshments.

“What a wonderful way to welcome the community to this space. We are looking forward to this reimagined future and are grateful for the partnership that has helped to get this project off the ground,” said Chip Allemann, vice president of The Garrison.

Jeff Mikkelson, Advocacy Chair of the Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce added, “We’re always looking for ways to connect with other organizations in our community, and we’re particularly excited about this creative collaboration. Seeing the lanterns and processional come together after weekends of workshops should be an amazing spectacle, and a great way to bring people together for a unique shared experience.”

To learn more and register for workshops and the procession, please visit highlandlights.org.



Pictured above is a scene from “Morningside Lights,” 2016, in partnership with Processional Arts Workshop (PAW).

-Photo by Karli Cadel

DC Baseball Hall of Fame seeks nominations for Class of 2022

The Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame (DCBHOF) currently has 11 applications for the Class of 2022 and members are looking for more.

Every year the DCBHOF recognizes outstanding ballplayers for their achievements on the ball field, as well as qualified coaches, umpires and sponsors. Also, two high school “Players of the Year” are presented \$1,000 scholarships. Nomination requires the individuals must have been a Dutchess County resident during their career.

The organization was founded in November 1957 with the purpose of supporting and keeping the great game of baseball active in Dutchess County.

Membership is for coaches/umpires/sponsors and individuals interested in baseball. Dues are \$15 per year. Raffle tickets are sold to help donate money to community groups as well as scholarships.

There are 10 Membership Meetings (March-December) at Madison’s Restaurant in Pleasant Valley, at noon for lunch to coordinate activities, committee reports, etc. One of the activities is raffling off Renegades Tickets.

For additional information contact President Skip Rottkamp at 845-97-3546, cyrilrothkamp@gmail.com.

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Blues great Joe Louis Walker to perform April 2 at Towne Crier



Joe Louis Walker, one of the greatest bluesmen of his generation, returns to the Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon on Saturday, April 2, at 8 p.m. Walker recently released a new album of new music, “Eclectic Electric,” which features his original music and very interesting covers of the Eagles’ “Hotel California,” Warren Zevon’s “Werewolves of London” and Don Henley’s “All She Wants to Do is Dance.”

Walker is a four-time Blues Music Award winner and 2013 Blues Hall of Fame inductee who has appeared on multiple Grammy-winning albums. He is known worldwide as one of the genre’s top musical trailblazers—a mesmerizing guitarist and soul-testifying vocalist.

The New York Times raves, “Walker is a singer with a Cadillac of a voice. He delivers no-nonsense, gutsy blues. His guitar solos are fast, wiry and incisive, moaning with bluesy despair.” Rolling Stone simply calls him “ferocious.”

And Billboard writes: “His playing blows all over the map ... gutbucket blues, joyous gospel, Rolling Stones-style rock crunch, and aching R&B. Walker’s guitar playing is fine and fierce.”

Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. Visit www.townecrier.com or call 845-855-1300 to purchase, and for more information.

-Photo of Joe Louis Walker by Mickey Deneher