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Legislature votes unanimously on ethical, financial disclosure forms

Members of the Dutchess County Legislature voted unanimously to require members of two additional boards to complete the county's ethical and financial disclosure forms annually at the meeting held on April 14.

The change was led by Democrats Lisa Kaul (D-Town of Poughkeepsie) and Kristofer Munn (D-Red Hook).

In 2019, the Legislature passed new ethics rules and disclosure requirements that included the members of four boards: the Dutchess County Labor Development Corporation (LDC), Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency (IDA), the Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency (RRA) and the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority (WWA). But in 2020, Republicans removed the four boards after complaints were lodged by members of the IDA, LDC, and WWA.

The legislature restored the IDA & LDC members to the disclosure list in 2024.

"Every year, I would propose restoring the IDA & LDC to the list, but the Republican majority refused," said Munn. "But last year, they agreed. And this year, we have also added the RRA and WWA. It is good to finally achieve this goal and improve transparency and oversight in Dutchess County."

Lisa Kaul, stated, "I'm gratified to help move Dutchess County toward greater transparency in governance. By establishing clear, consistent standards that apply equally to all who hold significant fiduciary and/or policy making responsibilities, we strengthen public trust and ensure decisions reflect community interests. This transparency isn't just good governance—it's what our residents deserve."

Legislature chairman Will Truitt (R-Poughkeepsie and Pleasant Valley) said, "This motion passed unanimously, and the Republican Caucus is in full agreement. When Legislator Kaul raised the issue back in February, as Chairman I decided to take a deeper look at the issue with the goal of establishing a framework that would guide us in deciding which board members should submit disclosures. After careful review, we decided that any boards that hold significant fiduciary and policy making responsibilities that extend beyond simply advising the legislature should submit disclosures. We continue to prioritize transparency to ensure that the residents of Dutchess County retain confidence in the great working being done by these volunteer boards."

Minority Leader, Yvette Valdés Smith (D-Fishkill/Beacon), said, "This is a win for the people of Dutchess County. Transparency and accountability are pillars of good government. This is what we aim to do here by strengthening and clarifying the parameters of ethical and financial disclosures."

Financial disclosures are required of all county elected officials and county workers that direct policy and financial decisions. The required information includes disclosing relationships with companies that do business with the county.

30-year employee of the City of Beacon dies in house fire

By Kristine Coulter

Eugene Murphy was trying to "keep it together" he said for his family and to do what his father would always do - assist others.

A residential fire at 9 Alice St. took the life of Eugene "Gene" Murphy, 81. Gene was one of four occupants in the house on April 15 when the fire broke out around 6:30 p.m.

The City of Beacon Fire Department was dispatched to the call that day with reports that people were trapped, according to city officials. The exact cause of the fire remains under investigation.

"Upon arrival at scene, Beacon Fire Department Car 2 confirmed heavy fire emanating from the front of the house, as well as from three vehicles in the front of structure. A second alarm was requested. City of Beacon Engines 33-15 and 33-16 arrived simultaneously and began a transitional attack. The deck gun from Engine 33-16 was used to knock down the fire on the front of the house while firefighters stretched an attack line to a door on the porch of the #4 (northeast) side of the structure. Firefighters gained entry into that side door and were met with heavy fire conditions inside," according to a press release from city officials.

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The remnants of 9 Alice St in Beacon after a house fire, in which 81-year-old Eugene "Gene" Murphy, a Beacon resident, died on April 15.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

A chance to thrive!

Alex & Julie and the 'autism advocacy' journey

By Morgan E. Maier

The front door of Julie Barnett's house on Long Island had double-sided locks, closed at all times. Except one day, when her son Alex took his scooter to the train station and went five stops east on the LIRR (Long Island Rail Road). Julie still remembers the angel standing on the platform who called the police before he made it any further.

Before Alex was diagnosed with autism at 18 months, there were signs. Alex didn't turn his head when his name was called. Alex had missed enough milestones to bring about some concern. The president of a known agency evaluated Alex at home one afternoon. As Julie learned over the phone that evening, they didn't need an overnight deliberation to make the diagnosis.

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Julie Barnett and her son, Alex, are pictured walking on campus upon arriving at the Anderson Center for Autism in 2022.

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A chance to thrive!

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When Julie's minivan turned onto Education Lane in 2022, she got the feeling right away. Julie was touring the Anderson Center for Autism, but really, she didn't need to get out of the car. As the gate lifted, the weight on Julie did too. This little town in Staatsburg would be the best place for Alex.

With autism, hospital stays are different. They mean sedation, a care team doing what they can to make everyone in the room comfortable. Carnival days require an extra patrol. Because Alex won't say that he sees something interesting, and he'll be going to take a closer look. If nobody sees him go, a shutdown of the grounds, maybe a call to the police, is soon to follow.

April is Autism Acceptance Month, but parents like Julie have a daily awareness - twenty four hours spent advocating and sleeping with an eye open. Holidays and everyday occasions bring challenges that other individuals don't need to think about. Like when Halloween candy-givers admonish children who avoid eye contact at their door. Or kids growing impatient as a trick-or-treater searches a bowl for one special candy.

For babies born on Independence Day, fireworks are a common birthday treat. Not for Alex. "You don't think you're going to have a kid with autism that's going to be affected by stuff like fireworks," Julie said.

Advocacy is Julie's game since Alex was diagnosed. Autism was something she had heard of, but she didn't know anyone whose child had it. From early intervention to one-to-one aides and OT, she has gotten Alex what he needs.

As the first autistic student to go through his Long Island school district, Alex was the guinea pig for behavioral support services. It was clear Alex needed more than what public school could offer, so Julie enrolled him at BOCES. Smaller class sizes, less time at a desk, and the chance to park in a beanbag and catch up on much-needed sleep. Children with autism and their parents do not get those full eight hours.

Alex loves his DVDs. He might not watch the whole movie, but he'll organize

them by category, open them up, and check out the DVD guides cover-to-cover. He'll reproduce DVD guides with full scenes and extras.

Alex's family, Julie, brothers Joe and Cooper, and Julie's fiancé Steve have taken turns helping him create such renditions. No detail goes overlooked. There's a touch of Alex in everything he does, from DVD guides to Lego sets. The Lego collection lives 20 minutes away from Anderson, in the home Julie and Steve moved into last August. Julie always planned to follow Alex like she would on Long Island, matching his moves on her own scooter.

In the little town on Anderson's campus, where brightly colored houses sit among century-old architecture, Alex has the chance to thrive. The trained staff at Anderson uses Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) in all learning contexts. In ABA methodology, observed behaviors are studied to address responses. Each approach is tailored to the individual.

There's a library, gym class, the pool, and opportunities to enjoy all four seasons of the Hudson Valley. This includes a pond for fishing, plus a prime view of the Hudson River and an ice cream truck that doubles as a hot chocolate machine on wheels.

But it isn't just a school. They teach life skills and lasting tools for productive lives.

Everybody has a role at Anderson, whether it's a job taking inventory, janitorial, helping deliver supplies to buildings, or other roles necessary for Anderson's daily operations. Some have opportunities to participate in work programs within the community.

Julie gets misty when talking about her appreciation for Anderson. It's immense gratitude for the compassion, support during the ups and downs of the last two-and-a-half years since Alex moved in. When Alex turns 21, he will stay at Anderson until he's ready to transition to the next right fit.

Not every family has the option for Anderson's lifelong learning. Not every family gets hugs like the mushy kind that Alex gives his mom. Some travel cross-country for these services, and a day trip to SplashDown isn't feasible. Others don't see certain milestones firsthand, like the first



Alex with the Lego creations he built in less than 48 hours around Christmas time last year.

-Courtesy photo

time Alex said he wanted ice cream.

Julie's advocacy continues as the officer-at-large for the Anderson Family Partners. She describes it as the Anderson PTA, a welcoming committee for the families who come through. Everyone has a different reason for coming to Anderson, and each can lean on others who have been in the same shoes. Together they laugh, cry, and share things that few parents will understand. Like when Julie's neighbor knocked on her door to say, Alex has found his way onto the roof. Some parents would be horrified, pass judgment. Autism parents' support groups say, "I've been there."

Where Alex used to be coaxed to the movie theater for the popcorn and candy, he'll now sit for the entire screening. The staff at Anderson told Julie that Alex is even

eating salad, plus Jamaican patties and pickles. Julie recounts it with equal parts of wonder and amusement, and a shrug of, "That's my Alex." He's 16, loving, happy, and secure in the routine at Anderson Center. Dinner at Julie's house better be cooking at 5 p.m., or Alex will get the pans ready himself.

Each mountain on the horizon, turkey, and deer in her backyard remind Julie she's made the right decisions every time she buckles in to see Alex. Walkway Over the Hudson has become the backdrop for family memories. The "Mom Van" that traversed camping trips and Cooper's college visits now pulls into Stewart's on the way home from the latest adventure.

With Julie's and Alex's matching scooters in the trunk, the family continues the journey.

Cavallo to share life-saving story at Heart Walk on Saturday

Tom Cavallo was in the middle of a regular workout when the unthinkable happened. Instead of catching the gymnastic rings at Warlock Athletics in Poughkeepsie in August 2024, he hit the ground.

Warlock staff reacted immediately, calling 911, getting the AED, and beginning CPR. By the time the LaGrange Fire Department arrived, Cavallo was alert again. He spent a few days in the hospital, and today, the biggest difference in his life is the ICD he now has.

The LaGrange Fire Department honored the Warlock staff with HeartSaver Hero awards in the fall of 2024.

Cavallo will share his story at the Hudson Valley Heart Walk set for Saturday, April 26, on the Poughkeepsie side of the Walkway Over the Hudson, at 9:15 a.m. Walkers can start on either side of the bridge. Registration and activities will begin at 8:30 a.m., the program will begin at 9:15 a.m., and the walk will



Tom Cavallo

- Courtesy photo American Heart Association

start at 9:30 a.m.

For information or to register, visit www.dutchessulsterheartwalk.org.

Anderson Center responds to new autism prevalence rate, now 1 in 31

The executive leadership team at Anderson Center for Autism has responded to the news from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) that autism prevalence rates are now 1 in 31, according to 2022 data.

Autism, a neurodevelopmental disorder, presents with a wide range of communication, sensory processing, behavioral, and socialization differences. The newly-announced incidence rate is up from the CDC's previous report, which was 1 in 36, based on 2020 research.

Said Patrick Paul, CEO/Executive Director of Anderson Center for Autism, "While there are no clear answers on why incidence rates are on the rise, one thing is certain: agencies like Anderson Center for Autism provide critically important services for this population, and we remain deeply committed to doing all we can to meet the growing demands."

Established over 100 years ago in 1924, Anderson provides educational, vocational, clinical, and residential services for people with autism at its Staatsburg, NY campus. The nonprofit organization also runs Anderson Early Learning Academy (AELA) with three locations: Latham, Pine Plains and Mount Marion, Anderson Center Clinic (ACC) in Latham, LifeLong Learning? day habilitation centers and adult residences throughout the Hudson Valley region.

The agency also has a number of affiliates working in other capacities to further its mission. Anderson Center International (ACI) trains scholars from all over the world, who work with Anderson experts to acquire the knowledge needed to establish programs upon return to their home countries. Anderson Center Consulting and Training (ACCT) provides training for schools, universities, families/caregivers, businesses, organizations, and entire communities who seek to join a roster of over 150 entities who have gained designation through ACCT as

"Autism Supportive." And ECHO Autism Anderson is a case-based learning program that offers educators from all over the world an opportunity to connect and learn from experts in the field in order to better support students with autism and other neurodiversities in their schools.

Dr. Tina Marie Covington, Chief Operating Officer at Anderson Center for Autism, said: "We believe we have a responsibility to take our 100-plus years of experience and use it to help empower colleagues - and the general public - with tools to optimize the quality of life for those individuals with autism in their own circles. We've become a go-to resource for agencies large and small, schools and colleges, and companies that range from small-town banks to a major transportation hub like Newark Liberty International Airport. With incidence rates at 1 in 31, we must all work together to better understand what helps autistic and neurodivergent people thrive, and to do everything possible to cultivate a collective spirit of acceptance in society."

Covington added that there is no known cause of autism.

"What we do know is that our evidence-based practices, rooted in the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis, lead to the best possible outcomes for autistic and neurodivergent individuals. We know that offering a continuum of care across the lifespan is also key to well-being and success. We know that parents, caregivers, and siblings need supportive communities too. And we know that the adage is indeed true, that 'if you've met one person with autism, you've met one person with autism.' Each individual has unique characteristics and strengths, and we must customize programs for each person to ensure that we are maximizing potential." For more information, visit andersoncenterforautism.org.

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Jessica Glass of Stenger Glass to Chair CPCA Champions Against Child Abuse Gala

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Firefighters began to knock the fire down and conducted a primary search of the first floor, it was stated. According to officials, during a primary search of the house, no victims were found on the first floor of the residence.

“Once the fire was knocked down on the first floor, members moved up the stairs to the second floor to knock down more fire and conduct a primary search of the second floor. The fire on the second floor was knocked down, and the primary search was negative. Members from Beacon FD (Fire Department) and Castle Point FD began to ventilate and conducted a secondary search of all floors. During the secondary search, a deceased person was located on the first floor in the living room,” according to the release from officials. “The person was confirmed to be deceased, and the Incident Commander was updated. Members used a blanket and tarp to cover the person while conducting an overhaul and extinguishing hot spots throughout the structure.”

Three of the four occupants were able to escape the structure and were transported to the hospital for burn injuries. The fourth occupant, who was declared deceased, was identified by city officials as Gene Murphy.

“To see things on TV, but to be on the other end – to actually have to cope and keep other

family members together...” said Eugene.

“My father was like the ‘Mayor of Dutchess County,’” said Eugene. “He was such a kind, big-hearted man. He always made everyone laugh.”

Gene was a retired City of Beacon Highway Department supervisor, who worked for the City for thirty years, it was stated in the release. “Mayor [Lee] Kyriacou offered his condolences on behalf of the City to Mr. Murphy’s family and friends,” reads the release.

“The way he carried and conducted himself, it was pretty incredible. He always kept his spirits up,” said Eugene about his father.

Eugene remarked that the elder Murphy “loved his tractor.” He even used his walker to assist him getting on the tractor, Eugene recalled of his father.

Eugene explained that his father and brother, who needs assistance, lived in the home, as well as his sister, and his son (who wasn’t home at the time of the fire) lived in the house to help their family members. Gene’s great-grandson, Markus, was severely burned and transported to Westchester Medical Center in Westchester County. The 15-year-old was covered in bandages, said Eugene.

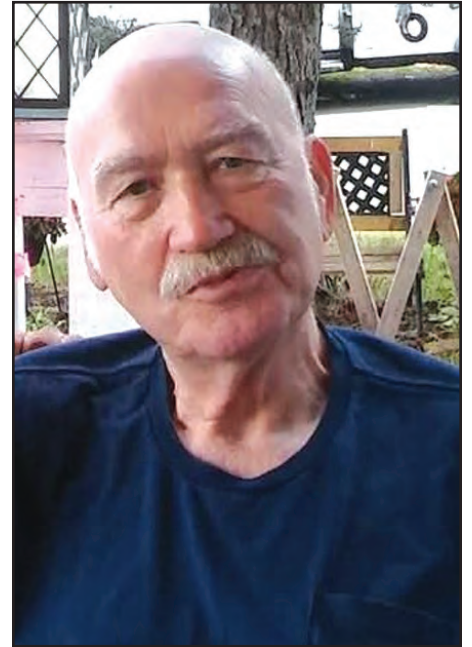
“The community has been outstanding. The support [they’ve shown] – I don’t have words,” said Eugene. He said members of the fire companies, Beacon City School District “and the list goes on and on” have been very supportive.” He also offered thanks to the American Red Cross.

Eugene gave special thanks to family friend Patrick O’Dell who set up a GoFundMe page for the family. “I can’t thank him enough,” remarked Eugene.

Castle Point Fire Department (Engine Truck), the Village of Fishkill Fire Department (Ladder Truck), Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps (BVAC), City of Beacon Medic 1 (Ambulnz), and the City of Beacon Police Department also responded to the call.

The Dutchess County Fire Investigation Division and City of Beacon Police conducted an investigation with the assistance of Fire Department personnel. While operating on scene, four City of Beacon Fire Department members and two Castle Point Fire Department members sustained minor injuries, states the release.

The structures at 9 Alice Street, and the adjacent residence at 15 Alice Street sustained some radiant heat damage from the fire. Those two structures were condemned by the City of Beacon Building Department, according to city officials.



Eugene “Gene” Murphy -Courtesy photo

Ruth Danon named Beacon Poet Laureate for 2024-27

The Beacon Poet Laureate Committee has announced that Ruth Danon has been selected as the next Beacon Poet Laureate for 2025-2027. Danon, a Beacon resident and author, is the former director of the creative and expository writing program at New York University’s School of Professional Studies. In 2021 she was co-curator of the Newburgh Literary Festival in Newburgh, Orange County and was one of the founding curators of the Beacon LitFest.

Danon was also recently named Dutchess County Poet Laureate, making this the first time one poet has held both honors simultaneously. She will be formally recognized at a public reception hosted by the library on Tuesday, April

29 at 6:30 p.m., with remarks from the Mayor of Beacon and outgoing poet laureate, Peter Ullian.

The City of Beacon and the Howland Public Library are pleased to revive the Poet Laureate program, which had been on pause since the pandemic, and are excited to renew this celebration of poetry’s place in the cultural life of the community.

The committee has also named Mark Ungar as Deputy Poet Laureate, a role that honors an outstanding runner-up and serves as a support to the Laureate.

For more information about the Beacon Poet Laureate program and upcoming events, please contact Michelle Rivas at community@beaconlibrary.org.

Community Wellness Day set April 26 at Fishkill Town Hall

The Southern Dutchess Community Coalition (SDCC) invites residents to attend Community Wellness Day on Saturday, April 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fishkill Town Hall, located at 807 Route 52.

This free, family-friendly event will feature food, music, and engaging activities aimed at promoting health and wellness throughout the community. Attendees will have access to safe medication disposal services and a variety of community resources designed to support overall well-being.

“Community Wellness Day is all about bringing people together in a fun

and welcoming environment while also providing essential resources that contribute to a healthier community,” said a representative of the SDCC.

The event is hosted by the Southern Dutchess Community Coalition with special thanks to the Town of Fishkill for their collaboration.

For more information, contact SDCC at sdcc@capedc.org or 845-489-1247.

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'You can erase history, but you cannot erase the facts'

To the Editor:

Some politicians and their appointed policymakers are extending the attack on facts and First Amendment guarantees beyond K-12 school libraries, to institutions that defend these guarantees, sometimes to the death.

Removing 381 titles from the shelves of the Naval Academy Nimitz Library and rendering them "not immediately available" to the adult population of an institute of higher learning is a zealous attempt by a few rogue politicians in charge to erase/whitewash the history of our country. To minimize the struggles that have made us the great nation we are and "disappear" from history the people that own those struggles, is cancel culture at an epic level.

You can erase history, but you cannot erase the facts.

In 1857 Sam Green of Maryland was sentenced to ten years in prison for owning a copy of the then banned book "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Imagine, today he could be facing a one way flight to a prison in El Salvador.

These few politicians, seemingly drunk on power, are taking away the rights of our universities to provide the fertile fields of diverse opinions and critical thinking.

During the Cultural Revolution (1966-1976), Chairman Mao threw China into turmoil in an effort to reverse the historic processes under way. Books were censored and banned that didn't align with his ideology.

In defending the Constitution, I will stand up for and vote to defend our democracy and First Amendment rights...from the most local elections all the way to the top. Standing silently as a few attempt to derail that democracy is no longer an option for me.

Amy James-Oliveras
Wappingers Falls

About one's Social Security contributions and payments

To the Editor:

Without a doubt, mathematics is both the language of the universe and a kind of intellectual lubricant—it helps us think clearly. However, incorrect assumptions often lead to flawed diagnoses and, ultimately, poor decisions.

When evaluating Social Security, it's essential to use accurate assumptions, including the effects of double taxation and the time value of money. Consider a hypothetical individual who earned \$100,000 annually over a 40-year career, retired at age 60, and lived until 90, passing away in 2025. That would mean their working years began in 1956, when the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was just 27.2.

Let's say this individual paid \$10,000 into Social Security. The tax rate was 75%, but using a rate of 28%, they would have actually paid \$12,800 to net that \$10,000 after tax. Adjusting for inflation and applying the time value of money, the present value of that contribution in today's dollars would be approximately \$1,176,471.

Now, if we adjust every annual contribution over 40 years, then account for every after-tax benefit received over the 30 years of retirement—indexing all values over the 70-year span using mid-year CPI rates—the total inflation-adjusted "pay-in" balloons to approximately \$25,409,195, while the total after-tax benefit received amounts to just \$758,100.

This utterly dismantles the widespread claim that retirees "get more out of Social Security than they put in." On the contrary, this analysis shows a massive shortfall.

To address this imbalance, one potential reform would be to treat Social Security contributions as deferred taxes and personal assets, allocating them to inflation-protected instruments like TIPS (Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities), while keeping current disbursement rules intact (starting at age 62½ or later).

It's time to debunk the illusion: Social Security isn't paying more than it collects per individual. Instead, it taxes working income, reinvests it inefficiently, and pays it back in inflated dollars—after taxing it again. Real reform starts with honest math.

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Ree-Play Sale to raise funds for community groups that support children, families

By Kristine Coulter

The annual Ree-Play Sale to raise funds to support kids' programming in Beacon, including Come & Play at the Howland Public Library and Block Party at the Beacon Rec Center, will take place from April 25-27. Funds from the sale will also provide funds to local community organizations supporting children and families, according to organizers. The sale is located at the University Settlement Camp Theater at 724 Wolcott Avenue (9D) in Beacon. One can enter and park at the Beacon City Pool/Disc Golf Course entrance.

Organizers said those who stop by the sale can expect "a lot of good deals and a lot of fun!"

Everything at the sale is priced to sell, with "Fill-A-Bag" promotions for select clothing and books along with a sliding

scale of pricing throughout the sale weekend, stated organizers. The first day of the sale (Friday, April 25) everything is "full price." On day two (Saturday, April 26) everything is 50% off, and on day three (Sunday, April 27) everything is 75% off.

As for feedback about sales in the past, organizers said, "The Ree-Play Sale has become a beloved community event—the line to shop on day one is proof! It is so fun to see families return year after year to donate and shop the sale."

"This sale would not be possible without donations from our community and the volunteers who help to organize them—we are so grateful for all of the support," said organizers.

If one would like to volunteer or find out more information about the sale, go to www.weeplayproject.org/ree-play-sale.

'Volunteerism' an I Am Beacon event set for April 26

I Am Beacon announces the upcoming Community Forum: "Volunteerism: The Fabric of Our Community," a discussion on the history, importance, and impact of giving back in Beacon. The discussion will take place on Saturday, April 26 at 10 a.m. at 15 South Ave. in Beacon.

This event will feature a panel of local experts sharing their insights and experiences on how volunteerism strengthens our community. Attendees will have the opportunity to connect with leaders who are actively making a difference and learn how they, too, can get involved.

"Volunteerism is the heart of any thriving community," said Reuben Simmons, Founder/Executive Director. "This forum

is a chance to celebrate the many ways people give back and to inspire even more engagement in Beacon."

In addition to the panel discussion, local organizations will have dedicated table space to showcase their initiatives, recruit volunteers, and share how they contribute to the community's well-being.

Whether one is looking for a way to give back, learn about impactful initiatives, or simply network with like-minded individuals, this event is not to be missed!

Light refreshments will be provided. For more information and RSVP, please use the following link: <https://iambeacon.org/volunteerism-the-fabric-of-our-community/>.

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Renegades ranking 2025 alternate identities



By Morgan E. Maier

For more than 30 years, we have known the Hudson Valley Renegades. We seen them through three franchises and multiple color palette rebrands, but they've been the same Renegades we know fondly...until now. Some new looks have taken the field a few games a season, in the form of New York homages, fruits, luchadores, and vintage ballplayers. These looks can be seen all together once a game, at the in-game entertainment known as "the Identity Crisis Race." It's a mad dash in which the contestants are sporting merchandise from each special identity. Now that they've been seen together all at once, racing for first place, it's time for the official ranking of the 2025 Renegades' alternate identities, apples to donuts.

4. Fenómenos Enmascarados del Valle de Hudson

"Masked Phenoms" is an insanely cool name for a group of raccoons. The idea was born from the Copa de Diversión, a Minor League Baseball (MiLB) initiative celebrating Latin heritage. The bright palette just screams fun and "Esto es lucha!" The brightly colored aqua, red and gold represent the culture of lucha libre, a professional wrestling style most popular in Mexico. Last year's uniforms

were fitted with a championship belt, proving that our Renegades luchadores are the winners. And Bribón (translation for Rascal) is their favorite mascot friend, trying a different mask for size. Fans can feast like luchadores with some helmet nachos - and maybe demonstrate their signature wrestling move - at their next Renegades outing.

3. Cider donuts

The merchandise even smells like cider donuts. Not sure how they pulled it off, but that's one of the front office secrets we may never know. Maybe a sprinkling of powdered sugar in every thread. The idea is solid, however, I'm not crazy about a chunk taken through my favorite minor leaguers while they play their game. What did they do with the leftover dough? Maybe next year will feature a Donut Holes appearance.

2. Retrievers

Even cat people are raving about this one. The heart dotting the "i" doesn't even compare to my love for this identity. The tail-crossed "t", even better. The Retrievers identity will debut on Sunday, June 15, which is Father's Day and Family Fun Day all in one. Surely there will be some real-life retrievers in atten-



Some of the 2025 alternative identities for the Hudson Valley Renegades will be, from top left, Cider Donuts, Retrievers and Big Apples.

-Courtesy photos HV Renegades

dance. Plus, the Renegades' loyal grounds crew dog, Denver, a non-retriever canine who may have inspired the design. His smile bears an uncanny resemblance to the jersey design.

1. Big Apples

"New York State of Mind" plays in my mind on a loop as I close out this

list. Equal parts 'Excelsior' and excellent brand, the Empire State Big Apples are top of the Yankee affiliate identities list. The Red Delicious is the only clear option for the decal, as a Red Delicious outside of New York is considerably less so. He's Broadway-bound to the core, and fitted with a liberty torch and foam finger.

Renegades improve to 11-4 with six-game sweep over Blue Rocks

By Morgan E. Maier

Which was hotter, the weekend heat wave or the Hudson Valley Renegades' winning streak? Either way, the Wilmington Blue Rocks were sweating through the Renegades' first sweep of the season.

The reigning South Atlantic League (SAL) North champions overpowered their division rivals on both the pitcher's mound and in the batter's box. The Renegades earned their first six-game winning streak of the season, as they improved to 11-4 on the season.

Double trouble - The Renegades were seeing double this week, RBI doubles, that is. With seven runs scored on the two-base hits, Hudson Valley had a revolving door of baserunners in their offensive half of the innings, and came up with the big hits where it mattered. Wilmington's pitching afforded Hudson Valley 63 total bases, leading to 32 total runs. The Renegades improved to a +23 run differential, as they have outscored opponents by 23 runs this season.

1-2 thieves - At the top of the lineup card sits a pair of thieves. Brendan Jones and George Lombard are tied for third and sixth in the SAL for stolen bases. The two have been featured in the 1 and 2 slots in most of the Renegades' games this sea-

son, combining for 15 stolen bases in 17 attempts. More often than not, they are the catalyst to a Renegades rally, reaching one base and stealing another before opponents know what hit them. As a team, Hudson Valley is third in the league in bases swiped, with 30 total bags

The long ball - Torpedo bats are one thing, but making hard contact is a whole other beast. The Renegades loved the long ball this week, with five home runs by four different hitters. Lombard, Jose Colmenares, and Josh Moylan all went yard this week, each with a solo shot. Jones launched his first two home runs of the year, opening up Wednesday's scoring as the first of 10 Hudson Valley runs.

Fire starters - Against the Blue Rocks, Hudson Valley's bullpen was tagged for earned runs in just one game, the 10-7 hump day matinee. Over the week, the bullpen logged 18 2/3 scoreless innings, as five of the Renegades' six starters earned a win. Setup man Hayden Merda was the lone bullpen victor, improving to 1-0 on Easter Sunday.

After Sunday, the Renegades are tied with the Greensboro Grasshoppers for first place in the SAL North. Next up, Hudson Valley rides the winning streak down to North Carolina to face off against the 6-8 Asheville Tourists.



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Inaugural 'Honor-A-Veteran' ceremony recognizes service of Millbrook veteran



From left: Missy Mulligan, Honor-A-Veteran (HAV) Committee; Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino; Rev. Richard LaMorte, St. Joseph's Millbrook; Johann Schmidt, MHA Veterans Services Quilts2Quilts; Mayor Peter Doro; Paige Walag, Dutchess County Veterans Affairs; Virgil Capollari, Dutchess County Veterans Advisory Committee; Adam Roche, Dutchess County Veterans Affairs; Ray Relyea, Commander American Legion Post 1302; Victor Zamaloff, MHA Vet2Vet; Ross Hartlipp, HAV Committee; Craig Marshall, Veterans Historian; Nate Grant, HAV Committee.



Village of Millbrook Mayor Peter Doro, son of Lt. Andrew Peter Doro; and Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino

- Courtesy photo Dutchess County Gov't

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and the Office of Veterans Affairs hosted the County's first "Honor-A-Veteran" Ceremony on Thursday, April 17, paying tribute to the late Andrew Peter Doro, a distinguished U.S. Army veteran and cherished member of the Millbrook community. The event, held at Millbrook's Village Hall, was the first such monthly recognition, which the County Executive will host from April through November, celebrating the lives of local veterans who have passed away and served our country with honor.

Serino said, "Through our new Honor-A-Veteran program, we're making sure the legacies of our local heroes live on – not just in history books, but in the hearts of the people they served. Andrew Doro embodied the very best of what it means to serve – not just in uniform, but in the way he showed up for his family, his community, and his country every day. Honoring him today is more than just a tribute, but rather a reminder of the lasting impact one person can make through service and strength."

Born in the Bronx in 1945, Mr. Doro began his military journey in 1966, serving as an Executive Officer for Basic Training at Fort Ord, Calif. In 1967, he was deployed to Vietnam, where he served as a First Lieutenant. For his heroism in combat, Lt. Doro was honored with numerous awards and commendations, including the Silver Star, the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman Badge and several marksmanship medals. His bravery and steadfast commitment to his fellow soldiers came at great personal cost, leading to more than 18 months of recovery in an Army hospital due to injury.

After being honorably discharged, Lt. Doro earned advanced degrees in management, education and psychology from St. John's University. He dedicated his professional life to education, serving in roles such as psychologist, Vice Principal, Executive Director of Special Education and Chairperson of Special Education Committees across various school districts. Lt. Doro also gave back to the veteran com-

munity as a crisis intervention counselor for those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and he served on the board of directors of a veteran outreach center.

Lt. Doro later founded Millbrook Support Services Inc., where he served as Chief Executive Officer. Under his leadership, the company became one of the nation's fastest-growing Service-Disabled, Veteran-Owned healthcare staffing firms.

Lt. Doro passed away April 11, 2024; read Lt. Doro's obituary at <https://www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com/obituary/andrew-doro>.

Office of Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche said, "Lt. Doro was a highly honored Army veteran, a brave and respected leader in Vietnam, and a man whose courage needed no explanation. His deep devotion to his community, his loved ones and his faith left a lasting impression on many, and his legacy will continue to resonate throughout Dutchess County for years."

During today's ceremony, County Executive Serino and Office of Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche and members of the Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran Committee presented Lt. Doro's family with several honors, including a:

- U.S. flag flown in Dutchess County for 30 days in his memory;
- Proclamation from County Executive Serino;
- Veterans Challenge Coin from the Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran Committee;
- New York State Senate Liberty Medal from Sen. Michelle Hinchey;
- Handmade quilt from Mental Health America of Dutchess County's Veterans Programs' Quilts2Quilts; and

- Custom shadow box of memorabilia from the Office of Veterans Affairs.

Monthly "Honor-A-Veteran" ceremonies will continue through November, dedicated to honoring deceased veterans for their service to their nation. Future ceremonies will take place at 9 a.m. on or about the third Thursday of each month.

To be eligible for this initiative, veterans must meet the following criteria:

- Be deceased for at least 30 days;
- Have served in the United States Armed Forces with an honorable discharge, listed as missing in action, or died while serving in the military; and
- Wartime and peacetime service is eligible, with no specific service dates or length-of-service requirements.

Family, friends and community members are encouraged to nominate a veteran to be recognized through the "Honor-A-Veteran" initiative. Applications for the program are available online at dutchessny.gov/honoraveteran or in person at the Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs, 1335 Route 44 in Pleasant Valley. All submitted applications must be accompanied by a copy of the veteran's military separation papers (DD-214, WD AGO 53-55, NBG-22 or report of casualty), obituary, and death certificate.

Completed applications can be submitted via email to veterans@dutchessny.gov or returned to the Office of Veterans Affairs in person; members of the Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran Committee will review each application for consideration. More information is available by calling the County's Office of Veterans Affairs at 845-486-2060.

Dutchess Outreach receives funding to identify mobility options for residents

To make it easier for community members to get around town, Dutchess Outreach has been funded to study "micro-mobility" options that can be widely accessible, including shuttles, bikes, scooters and pedicabs.

The project is a collaboration with Empire Clean Cities and Sustainable Hudson Valley, two nongovernmental organizations focusing on scaling up electric and clean-powered transportation and transitioning rapidly away from polluting technologies.

A community forum to be held on May 2 from 3-4:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Family Partnership Center at 29 North Hamilton St. in Poughkeepsie.

"With the average cost of car ownership around \$1,000 a month in the US, we know that not everyone can afford their own car. The bus works for some people, sometimes, but the gaps need to be filled. What's changing the game is more affordable micro-trans-

portation options, and new business models that allow for local ownership of services," said Melissa Everett, Executive Director of Sustainable Hudson Valley.

Funded by NYSERDA's Clean Mobility Program, the spring project will gather inputs from residents on where they need to go, at what times, and what barriers they are now experiencing. The project will include studying the business models of successful rent-to-own programs that expand access to people-powered and electric transportation. Similar grants have been given to the City of Kingston, SUNY New Paltz, and a Beacon-Newburgh group called Regional Connector which focuses on making it easier for people to get from Newburgh across the bridge to the Beacon train station. Sustainable Hudson Valley is connecting these and other yet-to-be-funded projects to imagine and create a regional network of services.

Celebrate Mount Gulian's 50th year as historic site

Mount Gulian Historic Site, in Beacon, will celebrate its 50th year as a historic site and museum. Tours of the historic home, 18th century Dutch barn, and heritage garden will be offered at noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays, beginning Sunday, April 27 through Sunday, October 26. Reservations are preferred but walk-ins will be accommodated if space is available. Reservations may be made by calling the site at 845-831-8172 or email at info@mountgulian.org. Payment may be made upon arrival.

Visitors will hear about Mount Gulian's centuries-long history that shaped our nation, including its part in the Revolutionary War as Patriot General Frederick von Steuben's headquarters; the founding at Mount Gulian in 1783 of the Society of the Cincinnati, our country's oldest veterans' organization; and the history of generations of Verplanck family members who lived at Mount Gulian. Visitors will also discover the fascinating stories of James F. Brown, an enslaved man who risked his life for freedom, and of Robert Newlin Verplanck's participation in the Civil War as an officer in the US Colored Troops (USCT). Artifacts on display span the 18th through the 20th centuries and include antique books, furniture,



Mount Gulian will celebrate its 50th year as a historic site in 2025. The new season begins on April 27.

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and an array of Revolutionary War items. Admission is \$15 adults, \$12 seniors, \$8 children (ages 6-18); free for children under 6 and Mount Gulian members. Membership is open to the public.

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love to cook

by vicki frank day

Spaghetti casserole

Hot, cheesy and tasty, this dish lends itself to whatever additions you have on hand.



As a general rule I prefer to eat with the seasons, taking cues and getting inspiration from what's at its peak. This time of year, that can be a bit limiting but would normally have me focused on at least lightening up my menus. There are exceptions to every rule, though, and this recipe is one. It isn't light and fresh or vegetable-forward. What it is is darn tasty; and since it brought me some joy I wanted to share.

Pasta is one of the best things in life, if you ask me. I'll eat it all year long in any number of ways. It's versatile, can be used in cool side salads or hot, cheesy main dishes, is always on hand and always comforting. This recipe falls under the hot and cheesy category. I took inspiration from what I was craving in the moment and what I had that I needed to use up. Sometimes necessity truly is the mother of invention. I had a hankering for lasagna but only had spaghetti. Not a problem – I can adapt. A look in the fridge revealed some ingredients to play with that I thought would fit the bill, so I started to play and was happy with the result. I present to you a baked spaghetti casserole (lately it seems I'm becoming the queen of casseroles) that is cravable, easy to make and comes together in no time. In other words, I think it's a keeper!

Baked Spaghetti Casserole

OK, so the name's a bit redundant, but it's accurate. Nothing fancy; but then, neither is

the recipe. It's just good, old-fashioned comfort food you can make anytime with things you probably already have on hand. I usually make my own sauce but used jarred marinara for this because it was easier. What's wrong with that?

Ingredients

- 1lb spaghetti
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup cottage cheese
- 1 8oz package cream cheese, softened
- Freshly grated Parmesan cheese (about 1/2c)
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 2 shallots or 1/2 an onion
- Olive oil (for the skillet)
- Sliced mushrooms if ya got 'em, about 1 c (optional)
- 1lb ground beef
- Dried oregano (about 1 tablespoon should do it), plus more to sprinkle on top
- 1 jar of your favorite marinara sauce
- 2c shredded mozzarella

Method

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
Cook spaghetti according to package directions. (I add it to boiling salted water and cook about 8 minutes for al dente.) Drain and return it to the pot. Lightly beat the eggs and add them to the pasta. Add cottage cheese, cream cheese and Parmesan and give it a good stir to coat the spaghetti. Season



Spaghetti Casserole - a cheesy dish to cook this spring.

-Photo by Vicki Frank Day

with salt and pepper and transfer to a 9x13 baking dish.

Heat oil in a skillet over medium heat. Add shallots (or onion) and mushrooms, if using, and saute until tender, about 5 minutes. Add ground beef and cook until no longer pink and starting to brown, 6-8 min-

utes. Drain any excess fat; season with salt, pepper and oregano; then add marinara and reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer about 5 minutes to warm through.

Pour sauce over the spaghetti (no need to stir). Top with mozzarella and sprinkle with oregano. Bake until bubbly and cheese is melted and golden-brown, about 30 minutes.

Easy, right? It makes enough to feed a crowd or to ensure leftovers. (It's one of those dishes that's better the next day.) It's rich and satisfying and I make no apologies for it. Every now and then it's fine to break the rules, and I think this dish is a great illustration of that. For me it was a little splurge, and one that made the most of ingredients I needed to use up. No need to feel guilty but if you do, serve it with a simple salad of baby arugula dressed with fresh lemon juice and olive oil. I hope it brings you much happiness. Enjoy!

Vicki Frank Day's background includes over two decades in various aspects of the food service industry. In addition, she has over 27 years' experience in marketing, graphic design, copy writing, food styling and research. She believes cooking should be a fun adventure, that food should be an experience and that every day can be a special occasion. Email her at vickiloves2cook@gmail.com.

Taking It to the Streets inaugural concert, awards message to highlight 'they are loved' no matter where life takes them

By Kristine Coulter

Taking It to the Streets will host its inaugural Music Concert & Awards Ceremony on Saturday, April 26, from 6-9 p.m., at Salem Tabernacle Church, 7 Delavan Ave., in Beacon. If one cannot make it in person, there is the opportunity to watch the event online.

"This free event, held at Salem Tabernacle Church, will feature an exciting lineup of performers whose talents span classical, gospel, blues, musical theater, and more," explained Ruth Anderson, founder of Taking It to the Streets, in an email.

Anderson said, "The message that I hope the people will take away on that evening is the words of our signature song "Who's Going to Tell Them?" that they are loved no matter where life takes one -

will that be YOU?"

During the program the youth classical piano artists Solana Bennett and Brielle Bennett, will perform a complimentary repertoire of classical piano works, it is noted.

"The evening will also showcase Water Walker Praise Dancers, under the artistic direction of Desiree Buffin, presenting beautifully choreographed pieces that blend grace and spiritual depth. Joining the program are Jay Friedman and Journey Blue Heaven, delivering high-energy sets rooted in blues and rock; and Gianna, a versatile multi-genre performer whose dynamic presence bridges musical theater and contemporary styles," according to Anderson.

Also on the list of performers is Deshaun Cummings. Cummings is a

gospel vocalist. What is described as "a heartfelt performance," will be offered by Bernard McClinton & Friends.

The evening of entertainment will end with classical baritone Reginald Bennett Jr.

According to Anderson, "the evening will serve as a celebration of those who have supported the mission of Taking It to the Streets, which is feeding the hungry with dignity and compassion."

The event honorees will not be unveiled until the ceremony.

Anderson explained that a posthumous award will be given to the family of Jeanne Tobin. Tobin is remembered on Taking It to the Street's Wall of Remembrance – Gone but not Forgotten.

To watch online, go to www.salemtabernacle.com.



Taking It to the Streets inaugural Music Concert & Awards Ceremony will be held on April 26 in Beacon. Pictured is Reginald Bennett Jr.

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Jessica Glass of Stenger Glass to chair CPCA Champions Against Child Abuse Gala

Deepening its commitment to community causes, Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele LLP (Stenger Glass) announced that partner Jessica Glass has been named chairperson of the Center for Prevention of Child Abuse's (CPCA) 2025 gala. The Champions Against Child Abuse event will be held on Thursday, May 15 at 5 p.m. at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie and will recognize members of the community who advocate for the organization's mission by keeping children safe from abuse and neglect.

Honorees include Steven and Debra Domber of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices of the Hudson Valley and Brooke Dana Youngwirth of Youngwirth Law PLLC. Michelle Barone-Lepore of MBM Marketing will emcee the event.

"Stenger Glass has been a longtime supporter of the CPCA," said the CPCA's Executive Director, Marco Ingoglia. "In addition, we have admired Jessica's outstanding work in the community. She sits on the boards of Abilities First and Grace Smith House, so she understands both the unique challenges people with disabilities have in raising children and the struggles domestic violence victims have in keeping their children safe. Jessica's energy and passion are an inspiration and made her our top choice for gala chair."

"I am honored to chair the CPCA's 2025 gala, especially after touring the offices and learning more about what the dedicated professionals at the CPCA do day in and day out for our community," said Glass. "The CPCA is

a resource for the children and families of the Hudson Valley and its mission of keeping children safe and helping parents have the resources they need resonates deeply with me. I am a fervent supporter and will continue to work for children and families that have been victimized by abuse."

The event will include a cocktail reception, silent auction and sit-down dinner. For tickets, visit thecpca.org/champions-tickets/.

Current event sponsors include Flory's Gas, Convenience & Deli; Hudson River Truck & Trailer; Montfort Brothers; Petro Home Services; Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele LLP; and Shelley & Steve Turk. To sponsor the event, head to thecpca.org/champions-sponsor/.



Jessica Glass

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Rhinebeck Bancorp., Inc. appoints Sharon A. McGinnis, Nancy K. Patzwahl to Board of Directors

Rhinebeck Bancorp, Inc., along with its wholly-owned subsidiary, Rhinebeck Bank, and its mutual holding company, Rhinebeck Bancorp, MHC, announced the appointment of Sharon A. McGinnis and Nancy K. Patzwahl to their respective Boards of Directors, effective April 15.

Sharon McGinnis currently serves as Chief Human Resources Officer at Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation. Prior to her current role, she held the position of Vice President of Human Resources at Dow Jones. She has proven leadership experience focused on talent management, leadership development, recruitment, employee engagement, and compensation matters. She brings to the Board a proven track record in execu-

tive leadership, organizational development, and corporate governance. In addition to her corporate work, McGinnis is a founding member of the Fortis Women Executive Leadership Council and an active community volunteer through her board service with the United Way of the Dutchess & Orange Region.

McGinnis has been appointed to the Compensation and Governance & Nominating Committees of the Board of Directors, where her expertise in employee relations matters will help guide the Bank's ongoing strategic efforts.

Nancy K. Patzwahl, a certified public accountant and principal at UHY Advisors NY, Inc., brings extensive experience in tax strategy, financial reporting,

and risk oversight. With a long-standing career in both public accounting and private practice including KPMG, Patzwahl has served clients ranging from individuals to complex business entities. She previously served as a director of the National Union Bank of Kinderhook, where she contributed to the Audit Committee and helped oversee the bank's financial operations until its sale in 2019. Her nonprofit service includes trustee roles with the Home for the Aged and the Rheinstrom Hill Community Foundation, both in Hudson, New York.

Patzwahl has been appointed to the

Audit Committee and the Loan Review Committee, providing the Board with valuable insight into accounting standards, internal controls, and regulatory compliance.

"We are thrilled to welcome Sharon and Nancy to the Board," said Bill Irwin, Chairman of Rhinebeck Bank's Board of Directors. "Sharon's expertise in human resources and corporate leadership, along with Nancy's wealth of experience in accounting and bank governance, will strengthen our Board's ability to uphold our core values of integrity, accountability, and community service."

Ulster Insurance Services, Inc. announces new insurance licensing for Timothy Murphy

Ulster Insurance Services (UIS), a subsidiary of Ulster Savings Bank, has announced that Timothy "Tim" Murphy has successfully completed all education and licensing testing to become a New York State-licensed Property and Casualty Insurance Broker. This license enables him to sell and support a variety of personal and commercial insurance policies. Murphy joined UIS in March 2025 and will serve as an Account Manager for commercial clients.

"Tim is a great addition to our commercial services team," said Steve Gadaletto-Rosario, VP/Ulster Insurance Services. "His insur-

ance underwriting background, combined with his banking experience -- both high-intensity customer service roles -- makes him an ideal fit for our agency."

Prior to joining UIS, Murphy worked as a commercial and agricultural Underwriting Associate. Before that he was with a local bank, starting as a teller and working his way up to Relationship Manager and Personal Banker.

Murphy graduated in 2018 from the State University of New York at Potsdam with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

County to host 3 free Home Composting Workshops

Dutchess County continues to recognize Earth Month and encourages residents to take meaningful steps to protect the environment for future generations. To help achieve that goal, the County's Division of Solid Waste Management, in collaboration with Dutchess County Cornell Cooperative Extension, will host a series of free Home Composting Workshops to help residents learn how to effectively manage organic waste and create nutrient-rich compost for their gardens. The first workshop, scheduled for April 29 in the Town of Stanford, is one of several environmentally friendly events the County is hosting throughout the month, including its annual Earth Day Event and highway cleanups, among

other efforts.

The workshops will be held at 6 p.m. at the following locations:

Tuesday, April 29th

Stanford Town Hall
26 Town Hall Road, Stanfordville

Tuesday, July 29th

Dutchess County Farm & Home Center
2715 Route 44, Millbrook

Tuesday, Sept. 30th

Boardman Road Branch Library
141 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie

These workshops are free and open to the public. For more information, please email solidwastemgmt@dutchessny.gov or call 845-463-6020.

Skilled Trades Fair at Dutchess BOCES on April 30

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino is teaming up with Dutchess BOCES to host a Skilled Trades Fair designed to connect students and young adults with career and technical education and job opportunities in the Hudson Valley. Representatives from various trades along with Dutchess BOCES' Career and Technical Institute and Adult Learning Institute will be at Dutchess BOCES, 5 BOCES Road, Poughkeepsie, to provide insights, answer questions, and share information about rewarding career paths in fields like construction, electrical work, plumbing, and more. The event will take place on Wednesday, April 30, from 5-7 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public and students from all Dutchess County school dis-

tricts. No RSVP is required to attend.

Local businesses and trade organizations interested in showcasing their opportunities at the fair are encouraged to register online at <https://forms.gle/XzsTQsPgGvUUGmSw9> or contact Sharon Myers at 845-486-8001 Ext. 4518 or sharon.myers@dcbooces.org. There is no fee to participate, however space is limited, and spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Participating businesses will have a unique opportunity to engage with motivated students and young adults eager to explore careers in their trades.

County Executive Serino's Skilled Trades Fairs are popular annual events, with hundreds of attendees at each one.

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Obituaries

Katherine (Kathy) Lokey Hogan



Katherine (Kathy) Lokey Hogan passed away peacefully at home in Fishkill, New York on Saturday, April 12, 2025 at the age of 79. She was married to Daniel Skooglund. They shared 34 happy years together and were married for 27 years.

Kathy was born on July 8, 1945 in Rome, Georgia and was raised in Augusta, Georgia. She was the daughter of Warren and Laura Lokey. She married Spurgeon Hogan Jr in September 1964, and they had two children together, Spurgeon Hogan III and Laurie Stone. They moved to Poughkeepsie, New York in 1967. Katherine graduated cum laude from Vassar College in 1980 with a degree in Psychology. She worked for IBM as a Programmer and Project Manager until retiring in 2000.

Kathy had a wonderful life and always stayed active with travel, yoga, hiking, ski-

ing, biking, book club, gym classes, gardening and countless other activities. She practiced yoga for most of her life and taught yoga classes for many years. She lived a very spiritual life based on her yoga discipline, which she learned from her guru, Amrit Desai.

Kathy was a kind, supportive and loving wife, mother, sister and friend. She loved and was loved by everyone she met. She is survived by her husband, Daniel Skooglund, her children, Spurgeon Hogan III (Elizabeth Sarabia) and Laurie Stone, her siblings, Linda (Bill) McGowan, Warren (Susan) Lokey, Jean (John) Greene and her step-grandson, Diego Sarabia. In addition, she is survived by numerous nieces and nephews and their families. She was predeceased by her parents, Warren and Laura Lokey.

Memorial calling hours will be held on Friday May 9, 2025 at McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, 1089 Main St. Fishkill, NY. A short commemoration of Kathy's life will begin at 3:30 pm.

Memorial donations may be made to the Amrit Yoga Institute (<https://amrityoga.org/>) in lieu of flowers.

Arno Adolf Kano



Arno Adolf Kano, 90, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 20th, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Arno was born in Tangermunde, East Germany on December 12, 1934, where he trained to become a butcher and brought his craft and skills to the United States in the 1960's, where he owned and operated multiple successful Delicatessens, most notably the A-One Deli in Glenham NY. It was known for its fried chicken and Arno's famous homemade Meatloaf, where he worked side by side with his wife Hannelore, his children and grandchildren – this was a true family business.

Arno's passion for life stood out in the things he loved. He enjoyed skiing, boating on the Hudson River, camping, dancing, traveling, golfing and storytelling. His infectious laugh while telling a joke would have everyone in tears before he could finish with

the punchline. He enjoyed spending time with his family and hosting guests from Germany, showing them his favorite tourist destinations.

Above all, Arno's family was his greatest joy. His family and friends will always remember him as the life of the party.

He is preceded in death by his wife Hannelore Kano and his daughter Iris Kano Wilson (Herbert). He is survived by his former wife Rosemarie Kano, his children, Michele Popielaski (Phillip), Carol Neelis (Robert), Hannelore Harding and Lewis Bulson, his grandchildren, Sarah Crossman, Theresa Cox, Robert Neelis, Christopher Harding, Kelsey Harding, Amber Wilson, Erik Popielaski, Ella Popielaski, Isabella Bulson and Abigail Bulson, and many great grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday May 4th at the Slater Chemical Fire Company located at 76 Old Glenham Rd, Glenham NY 12527, from 1-4pm.

Sr. Ignatius Orellana, OBT



Sr. Ignatius Orellana, OBT, age 91, died on April 13, 2025 at St. Mary's Care Center. Sister was born August 20, 1933, to Ceferino and Damiana Guardado in Arcatao, El Salvador.

She entered the convent in El Salvador, completed her Novitiate in Costa Rica, and came to the United States in 1951. She made her temporary profession in 1950, and perpetual profession in 1956. She became a US Citizen in 1958.

Sr. Ignatius came from a family of 12 children. One of her sisters was also a member of this community.

In 1952, Sr. Ignatius worked at the Seminary of the Fathers of Mercy in Lenox, MA, doing what was needed to assist the priests and seminarians. Her sister, Sr. Teresa Orellana, was also there working side by side. In 1955, Sr. Ignatius

was assigned to St. Clare's School in the Bronx, NY as a Kindergarten Teacher.

In 1970, Sr. Ignatius came to St. Maria Goretti (SMG) in Madison, WI. She taught Art, Spanish, and Religion at SMG.

In 1998, Sister went to St. Michael's School in Dane, WI, and taught Art and Spanish. She retired in 2010.

Always a smile and sweetness about her.

Jo-Anne "Jan" Riley Morrell



Jo-Anne "Jan" Riley Morrell passed away at home on April 11, 2025. Jan was born in Providence, Rhode Island, on September 13, 1947 and moved to Beacon at 6 weeks old. She spent the rest of her life in and around Beacon and loved the city and its people, many of whom she knew personally.

Jan graduated from Beacon High School in 1965 and from Krissler Business Institute in 1966. She worked for the Beacon City School District from 1966 until her retirement as Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools in 2006. From her time working in the school system, Jan had an uncanny ability to recite former students' birthdays, home addresses, and phone numbers off the top of her head when she would run into them on Main Street.

Jan's favorite activity in retirement was caring for her grandson John, whom she adored. They spent many happy hours together fishing, at the playground, playing silly games, and reading during her monthly trips to Arlington, VA. During COVID, "Nanny" served as John's personal audiobook, reading to him in marathon sessions for hours a day over FaceTime.

Jan enjoyed volunteering to provide meals for Beacon residents at the Salvation Army and, later, the Tabernacle of Christ Church. She previously served as a commissioner at Dutchess Junction Fire House. She also enjoyed shopping for the best bargains around, cooking food for her family, and spending time in Beacon, the Hudson Valley, and Vermont.

Jan was a parishioner at St. John the Evangelist Church, where she attended elementary school.

Jan is survived by her loving husband Joe, whom she married in 1981 and enjoyed 44 happy years of marriage. Jan thought Joe was the most patient, kind, and loving man on Earth. Jan is also survived by her son Joe, daughter-in-law Eileen, and their son John, of Arlington, VA; her brother Robert Riley, sister-in-law Jane, and niece Caitlin, also of Beacon; a group of cousins in Rhode Island; and her dog Quinn. Jan was predeceased by her brother D. Patrick Riley, and her parents D. J. and Margaret (Frances) Riley, all of Beacon. Jan also leaves behind lifelong friends Trish D'Angelo, Pat O'Brien, Paulette Pettorossi, Jean Sablinks, and numerous other friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at St. John the Evangelist, Willow Street in Beacon. Inurnment followed at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, Route 9 in Fishkill.

To send the family a personal condolence, please visit our website at www.riverviewbyhalvey.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon, NY 12508.

Eugene Murphy



Eugene Murphy, known as "Murph," a resident of Beacon, died on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at his home. He was 81.

Son of the late Arthur and Evelyn Booth Murphy, he was born October 24, 1943 in Beacon. Prior to his retirement in 200, Gene worked for the City of Beacon Highway Department as a supervisor. He also worked as the dog warden in Beacon. He was a member of Beacon Engine Company. Gene enjoyed riding his motorcycle, playing cards, junking and watching wrestling. He will always be remembered for having a cigar in his mouth.

Survivors include his wife, Martha A. Murphy; his children, Eugene A. Murphy and wife Debbie, Korrin Murphy and Charles Murphy; his sisters, Sylvia Long

and her husband Dan, Grace Padworski and her husband Tom and Elma Bennett; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and his step children, Jeanette Olson, John Olson, Erik Olson and Peter Olson.

Predeceased by his parents and sisters; Katherine Cross, Joan Brenner and Nina Mandigo.

Family and friends gathered on Tuesday, April 22 at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 East Main Street in Wappingers Falls. A time of remembrance was held during the visitation.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 23 at Clove Cemetery, Clove Road in Lagrangeville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to charity of your choice.

Arthur Strudler



Arthur Strudler passed away on April 12, 2025 at Calvary Hospital in the Bronx. He was 88. He was born in the Bronx to the late Joseph and Freida Strudler.

Arthur is survived by his son Paul Strudler, and daughter Wendy Trager.

He was a proud grandfather of 4, Alexa, Brandon, Pierce and Justin and a great grandfather of three, Austin, Cooper, and Bennett.

A graveside service took place on Tuesday April 15, 2025 at Fishkill Rural Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill 1089 Main St. Fishkill, NY.

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The City of Beacon continues its initiatives to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from City operations, including securing hundreds of thousands of dollars in Clean Energy Communities grant funding through New York State to purchase new electric vehicles, install new EV charging stations, and conduct energy performance audits to identify energy saving improvements for a number of City-owned facilities. The City is currently a Certified Climate Smart Community with silver status, the highest available rating at this time.

Mayor Lee Kyriacou noted that the City continues to strive towards being a local and statewide leader in climate-oriented policymaking and sustainability. Kyriacou noted, "At a time when federal leadership in addressing the global climate crisis is being dismantled, it is more critical than ever for local governments to redouble our efforts to

transition towards a clean-energy future."

Over the past year, the City has received grant awards through the New York State Clean Energy Communities (CEC) program totaling more than \$890,000. These funds are being used to conduct building energy performance studies at three City-owned facilities and then fund energy efficiency improvements such as conversions to electric heating and cooling. The facilities are: the Wastewater Treatment Plant's administrative building, the Veterans Memorial Building, and the Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps (BVAC) facility. Additionally, CEC grants funds are being used to fund the purchase of electric vehicles (EVs) for multiple City departments, including the Police, Administration, Recreation, and Building Departments. Lastly, grant funding will be used to install new EV charging stations at

City Hall and the Recreation Center to support Beacon's transition to EVs.

The City is also preparing to bid a new solar photovoltaic project on the City's Highway Garage, which will further build upon the City's local renewable energy generation. Currently, the City produces approximately 70 percent of the electricity used by the City government from the solar energy facility on the former landfill on Dennings Avenue. The Highway Garage solar project, funded partially through State-directed funding through Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson, will add another 223,000 kWh per year in locally generated solar power for City operations. In addition, the City is participating in the EPA funded Mid-Hudson Municipal Landfill Emissions Mitigation Project, which involves biofilter installation to reduce methane emissions from 14

regional landfills, including Beacon's.

The City's Climate Smart Coordinator Faye Leone has facilitated and overseen the recent grants, assisting Beacon in implementing its aggressive climate goals. Leone highlighted, "With each grant and every public project that the City undertakes, we gradually reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. We are trying to do this in a way that shows how the low-carbon transition protects our environment and public health, while reducing operating costs long-term." Leone cited the example of the Central Fire Station project that was completed in November 2024, which is all-electric, super-insulated, and heated and cooled with a geothermal system. "The Firehouse project sets a new bar for City buildings: zero- or low-emissions, cost-efficient, and healthy and comfortable for those who work there."

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In order to put a human face to this situation, I called Todd Erling, executive director of the Hudson Valley AgriBusiness Development Corporation, who helps procure and administer state and USDA grants. Todd agreed that the system is in turmoil, and steered me to a public forum (@hvyoungfarmers) set up by the Hudson Valley Young Farmers Coalition & Catskill Young Farmers.

Of the 41 farmers who posted their fund-

ing troubles, many were involved with the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program administered by Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County. This USDA-funded program assists beginning farmers in the Catskills-Hudson Valley region through group training, one-on-one conversations, farm visits, farmer-to-farmer mentoring, farming networks, and an intensive learning cohort. Melinda Meddaugh, the Agriculture and Food Systems Sr. Issue Leader at Sullivan Extension, told me that the program has indeed been suspended, and, to her knowledge, canceled.

I decided to visit one of the farmers affected by the cancellation.

Brett Budde started Majestic Farm 17 years ago near Rock Hill in Sullivan County. On his 23 acres he, with wife Sara, raise 2,000 chickens and 50 pigs, and run a 4 1/2 acre U-pick certified organic apple orchard. It's not easy farming in the aptly named Rock Hill neighborhood. A lack of farm-

related infrastructure makes it hard to buy supplies, or get equipment repaired. Brett trucks his pigs to Bethlehem, PA for processing. He founded Rock Hill Farmers Market, but still needs to drive all the way to the Tarrytown Farmers Market, where his chicken sausage is a local favorite.

Brett has been mentoring beginning farmers, receiving a USDA stipend for his carefully documented work. But no more. Here is Brett's testimony:

"I am speaking on behalf of my experience as a mentor in the Young Farmer program in Sullivan County, N.Y. This program is not a simple money giveaway to farmers or people who are becoming farmers. This is a training workshop that includes mentorship training, business and marketing, classes on farm safety, farm insurance, land use and how to acquire land for farmers. They also include classes that are required for farmers to sell their products to the public. If you come to one of the breakfast sessions, you'll see there are many young farmers



Brett Budde with pig.

-Photo by Mark Adams

who need lots of help getting their farm running. This isn't just important for them. It's also important for other farmers in the area. The agriculture community of Sullivan County has been dwindling over the last few decades. These young farmers are going to be the strength we need to bring back the necessary resources and ancillary businesses that are required for farms to exist here.

"The training that farmers are receiving in these classes, and the farmers that are going through them are going to shape agriculture in our county for the next ten years. This mentorship program is one of the most powerful tools that the government has put forward since I started farming 17 years ago. There are more young farmers interested in farming than ever before. These are small farms that require a broad base of knowledge. It's not something you could pick up in a college class. The mentorship program is extensive and necessary to build successful farmers. The hands-on information provided by mentors is invaluable as many of these farmers did not come from farming families, but they're happy to do the work."

That's Brett's testimony. May I add...

Does Elon Musk know where his food comes from?

Mark Adams is an agricultural advisor to the Dutchess County Executive, Dutchess County B.O.C.E.S. and Cornell University.

this week's puzzle solutions

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCB-05-25 Alterations to Dutchess County Office for Central and Information Services. Single Prime Bids shall be received for the following classes of work: General Construction. The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RFPOp-

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portunities." For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public Works at dpcwcontracts@dutchessny.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm: 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. All Addenda will be posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. 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. Bids due on or before 11:00am May 12, 2025, and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received

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after that time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be attended through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below. 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: 901 438 668#. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive 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

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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, April 24, 2025 at 10:00am at 503 Haight Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY. All parties interested in bidding must apprise themselves of the site conditions immediately prior to bidding. Questions will be accepted by the close of business May 5, 2025 and emailed to Diane McKenna at dpcwcontracts@dutchessny.gov and cc'dmckenna@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 #: 2025004188. Starting

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December 30, 2024: NYSDOL Contractor and Subcontractor registry requirements. View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

BEACON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS, INC. WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY MEETING AND ANNUAL ELECTIONS ON THURSDAY, MAY 1st AT 7:30 P.M.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN
CENTURY AGGREGATES
107 US ROUTE 9
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Chapter 150-97B of the Code of the Town of Fishkill, the Town of Fishkill Planning Board (Planning Board) will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possi-**

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ble in the Francois R. Cross Meeting Room located in the lobby of the Town of Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524 for the proposal known as Century Aggregates, identified as Tax Map Parcel No. 6154-00-683590 located at 107 US Route 9, consisting of 310± acres in the GB (General Business), PI (Planned Industry) and R-40 (Residential One-Family) Zoning Districts for the following approval: **Site Development Plan Approval** (Town Code Chapter 150-97B.) - Site Development Plan Approval to redevelop a 0.91-acre portion of an existing commercial site known as the Snow Valley Campground. The project involves the construction of an 8,050 SF concrete batch plant in the area where the former Snow Valley Campground was located. The site also contains the remains of a building that served several commercial uses. The project also involves the removal of

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the existing wood pavilion and the existing wooden structure to the north of the existing wood pavilion. The Applicant is proposing 11 parking spaces for the concrete trucks and the concrete plant employees. The concrete plant will be accessed using the existing bridge over Clove Creek that served the former Snow Valley site. Public access to the site will solely occur from the entrance on US Route 9 opposite Carol Lane. All interested persons will be heard by the Planning Board of the Town of Fishkill at the public hearing to be held as aforesaid. For any persons unable to attend the public hearing, email comments 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

Beacon Players to bring 'show-stopping' dance numbers to the stage during 'Guys & Dolls' April 25-27

By Kristine Coulter

The Beacon Players, Beacon High School's drama club, will perform "Guys & Dolls" at the Pete & Toshi Seeger Theatre at Beacon High School, 101 Matteawan Rd., on April 25-27. Shows on April 25 and April 26 are at 7 p.m. and on April 27 at 2 p.m.

Anthony Scarrone, known for producing high school musicals that receive rave reviews from audiences, is the director and advisor of The Beacon Players. Following successful consecutive seasons involving "Les Misérables" and "The Phantom of the Opera," Scarrone has chosen "Guys and Dolls" because "of its well-known score, comedic characters, and show-stopping dance numbers," it was stated. He noted the show features classics as "Luck Be a Lady," "I've Never Been in Love Before," "A Bushel and a Peck," and "Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat."

"We wanted to undertake the classic American musical and provide our students with something lighthearted and fun for a change of pace for us," said Scarrone.

Are there any "surprises" audiences can expect?

"We have included two new scenes that have one additional song from the movie and have created additional characters to increase the storyline based upon the Damon Runyon guidelines. Our dances and choreography are above and beyond our original expectations and are truly spectacular. Our sets are different than the usual "Guys and Dolls" style. The designs truly enhance the period as well as the



costumes which, for the most part, have been designed and created by our students," he said.

Evelyn Moreno, who is a senior at the high school, portrays the character Harry the Horse.

"We've changed him to Highrolling



The Beacon Players will perform "Guys & Dolls" at Beacon High School from April 25-27.

Above: Members of the cast, from left, McKenna Griffin, Molly Lyons, Hartley Brickman and Evangeline Santise.

Left: Beacon Players members Molly Lyons and Charlie Klein.

-Courtesy photo Beacon Players

Heléne, a tough, resilient female craps shooter who stands on business, inspired by my middle name. I've gotten the experience of many characters in the show as an understudy, such as Agatha in the mission band, Big Jule, Nicely Nicely, but Heléne is my very own at this point," said Evelyn.

"My favorite scene is the craps shooters' ballet. We get to dive into the personalities of the craps shooters just through this intense, breathtaking dance number. There's so many layers and pieces to the scene, just as the sewer and the lighting; it ties everything together and gives us dancers more color," said Evelyn.

Asked how the students been doing in rehearsals, Scarrone replied, "It is always amazing to watch these young actors and actresses, lighting and set designers and all of our crew members come to life and create such amazing moments for our audiences. They undertake tasks that one would think are far beyond their ability. They step up to levels of achievement that are truly remarkable. It has been fun watching them take on the show talking about this period in our history and trying to develop the New York-style of speaking and discussing how New York City

was in early post war environment. They are learning about Damon Runyon and his characters and trying to explain places like Howard Johnson, and some of the meanings of some of the colloquialisms have been fun, but of course, as always to be a player. Students have reason to create an amazing evening of theater for our audiences."

Sky Masterson, a gambler who ends up falling for a "mission doll," is played by Beacon High School senior Charlie Klein.

"My favorite scene would have to be "Havana." It's the turning point for Sky and Sarah, and a lot of fun for everyone," said Charlie.

Why should people go to see the show? "People should come to see the show because it's very lighthearted and fun, and I think there's something in it for everyone to appreciate," said Charlie.

Evelyn stated, "Everybody should see this show because it's just fantastic! Diligence shines through the actors, the set pieces, the costumes, the lighting, and the musicians. Everything is present. It's funny, it's classic, and it's exhilarating. Please come see the show," said Evelyn.

Craft Fair set for April 26 at Slater Chemical Firehouse in Glenham



A Spring Craft Fair will be held by the Slater Chemical Auxiliary at the Slater Chemical Firehouse, 72 Old Glenham Rd., from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 26. There will be vendors with a variety of wares. The Slater Chemical Fire Company will also be hosting a RecruitNY for people to find out info and learn as well as applications to join.

-Courtesy photo Slater Chemical Auxiliary

Arbor Day events set in Beacon

The following are Arbor Day events set in Beacon.

On April 25, 10 a.m., there will be an Arbor Day Storytime, for ages 2-5, at the Howland Public Library, 313 Main St., in Beacon.

The event will feature Vickie Raabin, Beacon Tree Advisory Committee

Member. The event is free. Registration required through Howland Public Library.

Then on April 25, at 4:30 p.m., an Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony will be held on Henry St. (behind the post office). the event is hosted by the Beacon Tree Advisory Committee.

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