

# BEACON FREE PRESS

**COVID-19 update**

## County's Health Commissioner discusses new variant

By Kate Goldsmith

You've no doubt heard (and possibly been irked by) the following statement, or some variation thereof, uttered (justifiably) by officials for some time now:

"We may be done with the pandemic, but the pandemic is not done with us."

A spring reprieve? Not so fast. After leveling off following soaring infections in fall and winter, active cases have been rising for the last month or so in the Northeast and right here in Dutchess County. A highly transmissible sub-variant of omicron called BA.2 is the latest culprit; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently estimated that more than 90 percent of all new COVID cases in the Northeast are caused by BA.2.

That said, hospitalizations and deaths – these are called "lagging indicators" because they don't start rising until several weeks into a new wave – are still relatively low. Does this suggest that BA.2 is milder than previous variants?

And how should we interpret data such as active cases? With the prevalence of home testing, there's no way to know how many positive results (or negative results, for that matter) are actually being reported.

Last week, we spoke to Dr. Livia Santiago-Rosado, MD, FACEP, Commissioner of the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health (DBCH), about these and other questions. Her answers reflected a watchful, respectful approach to a virus that truly isn't done with us yet.

**Q: We seem to be at a place now where, although cases are increasing due to the highly contagious omicron sub-variant, hospitalizations and deaths are not reflecting that trend. Does this point to a sub-variant that is even milder, relatively speaking, than the omicron variant seen in the U. S. this past fall and winter?**

"I think that's a complicated question. I don't know that we can make that assertion," said Dr. Santiago-Rosado. "The data we have does not suggest that it's milder than omicron; [the virus is] encountering a more protected population, through vaccination and [previously infected] people."

She encouraged taking measures to increase the chances that, if infected, you can get through it without severe illness or hospitalization.

"Get a booster, a second booster if you're eligible," she said. "It's all creating a wall for that variant to hit. Its effects are going to be lessened."

**Q: What are the hallmarks of this sub-variant, in terms of symptoms and contagiousness? I've heard it's as contagious as measles.**

"There are multiple BA.2 sub-variants, a whole family tree of sub-variants, that are all particularly transmissible,

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## The Beacon Players to go 'Into the Woods'

By Kristine Coulter

"Into the Woods," the musical fairy tale with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by James Lapine, will be performed by Beacon High School's drama club, The Beacon Players. Performances are slated for April 29, 30 and May 1 at Beacon High School, 101 Matteawan Road, in Beacon. Ticket prices range from \$15 for adults to \$10 for students and seniors.

Performance times are, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m.

There will be a family-friendly performance, of Act 1 only (when everyone is happy), at 1 p.m. on April 30. This performance is for children 12 and younger. Children must be accompanied by an adult, one adult for up to 4 children. Children must be accompanied by an adult, one adult for up to 4 children. One must register and buy tickets at in Beacon. Tickets are on sale now online at [www.beaconplayers.com](http://www.beaconplayers.com).

"It is absolutely exhilarating," said Anthony Scarrone, Director of The Beacon Players, watching these young people take on Stephen Sondheim's score. He said "they have worked extremely hard and watching this show develop has become one of the highlights of the work that we do. This is an ensemble show where everyone gets a chance to shine and it truly reaches levels that has moved each actor to new levels."

Zoe Moreno, a ninth grader at Beacon High School, plays Cinderella's stepmother. "I think the show is beautifully written, with many catchy songs, and some unforgettable moments throughout the show. I love how



The Beacon Players, Beacon High School's drama club, will perform "Into the Woods" at Beacon High School on April 29, April 30 and May 1.

*-Courtesy photo*

we get a taste of every fairy tale story in Act 1, and then see how everything unfolds in Act 2," said Zoe.

Scarrone noted, "The first act is funny and filled with light moments and it's true to many of the stories and ends on a happy note as they get closer to their goals. Act 2 becomes darker as things become more challenging in they faced with the decisions that are not that easy to make. It is clearly up to parents and guardians to research a bit and decide whether it is appropriate for their children."

Max Goodhill plays "The Wolf" in the show.

"I think that "Into the Woods" is one of the most interesting takes on fairy tales. It also subverts all expectations from Act 1 to Act 2 as well." "Into the Woods" is

great and entertaining for most audiences. That's why I think people should watch it, it's funny yet still heartfelt with serious themes and subtle comedy," said Max.

What would Scarrone say about those students who are working on the show behind the scenes?

"What would the Sistine Chapel look without its ceiling? What would a circus be without clowns dressed in their elaborate outfits, a stage or a concert would be in the dark without light and without a sound crew we would hear nothing and what would a magician pull out of his hat? Clearly it is absolutely imperative that theater would be nothing without the behind-the-scenes people that make it what it is and make it as glorified as it is," he said.

## Renegades' pitching off to record-setting start

By Rich Thomaselli

People might dig the longball, as the old baseball commercial used to say, but pitching wins games.

And the Hudson Valley Renegades' pitching has been absolutely scorching, a trend that has been evident through the first 15 games of the season and not just on Sunday.

Six Hudson Valley Renegades pitchers combined to two-hit the Brooklyn Cyclones in a 3-0 triumph on Sunday afternoon at Dutchess Stadium and it was just the latest outstanding pitching performance by the team.

The combined two-hitter was the second two-hitter thrown by the Renegades in the series, and came on the heels of a one-hitter on Saturday.

Renegades President Steve Gliner is not surprised.

Gliner said weeks ago that while the emphasis in the Yankees' organization has been on its player prospects, such as Anthony Volpe, Oswald Peraza and Jasson



Wellington Diaz was one of six pitchers who combined to shut out the Brooklyn Cyclones, 3-0, on Sunday afternoon at Dutchess Stadium.

*-Photo by Dave Janosz*

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# Presentation on possible design for fire house consolidation process

By Kristine Coulter

The City Council heard from Bob Mitchell, of Bob Mitchell and Associates, about the consolidation of the fire houses. The presentation was about the need for the consolidation process.

“Bob Mitchell is an architect working with the City of Beacon on the consolidation process of three first houses to one, eventually,” said Beacon City Administrator Chris White.

It was noted by White that Mitchell has a full-time staff that is dedicated to fire-houses and their design.

“He really goes down in to how the fire department has to comply,” said White.

“This one is getting us all the way there (with the design),” stated Mayor Lee Kyriacou.

The projects goals said Mitchell are to centralize staff and equipment, operational correct and efficient, firefighter health and safety. Also, part of the goals are: enhance morale, user-friendly building, energy efficient, access to training to all levels, and transition from primarily volunteer to paid. Mitchell explained that it will go from 3 bays to 5 bays, update firematic standards, provide decontamination capability, improve energy efficiency, go from 4 to 6 bedrooms and enhance the appearance of the building.

It was shown that in 2006 the initial consolidation study was done. In 2010, an operational analysis of service was done. A consolidation Plan was given in 2014. Two years later, 2016, there was a facility condition report. In 2017 and 2018 there was an analysis of sites and consolidation study. Then in 2019 a consolidation study to go from 3 to 2.

“It will be an all-electric building,” said

Mitchell, of the fire station, which is the Lewis Tompkins Hose station off of Route 9D. He said the current mechanical system is archaic and inefficient.

According to Mitchell, the building is to “last many generations.” Some of the standard features would be high insulation values, airtight construction, heat recovery ventilation, heat pumps for air and water, variable frequency pumps and daylighting.

Some of the reasons mentioned by Mitchell for the consolidation of the stations were: more efficient use of space, increased range of services, additional required equipment, more training, codes and standards (such as lateral forces, health, safety and training, egress) gender equity, and bigger apparatus.

“There will be discussion and community input before the design is finalized,” Mitchell stated.

“The overall project is to completely gut renovate the existing 10,000 square foot standing and build a new 6,000 square foot on it, which is roughly the square footage of Mase and also redo the parking lot next door that’s a gravel parking lot, not only as a public lot but would have dedicated spaces for the fire department.

White noted Beacon Engine was closed as part of the process going from three to two stations.

“If you want to move your fire service in to a modern, efficient service, this is really the next move,” remarked White to the Council.

City of Beacon Fire Chief Gary Van Voorhis stated during the meeting, “I’m excited that we’re not just building a fire house, but making it fit into the city.”

# COVID-19 update

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probably mirroring measles transmissibility,” Dr. Santiago-Rosado said, “but there have been so many layers [of protection]; it’s becoming very difficult to predict all these variables.”

Noting that BA.2 is “certainly very transmissible,” Dr. Santiago-Rosado advises that people continue the familiar mitigation efforts, “anything that we can do to tamp down the possibility of transmission, and if there is transmission to be [as safe as possible],” she said.

**Q: With the increase of home-testing, how accurate a picture are we getting of active cases?**

“They’re much more difficult to interpret, because we don’t know what we don’t know,” Dr. Santiago-Rosado said. “I don’t know how many people are taking home tests and testing positive and not reporting [or how many are testing negative]. The best we can do is look at the trends more than the specific numbers.

“But when we do look at the trends, certainly since the second or third week of March we’ve seen a steady increase [in active cases and community transmission] ... but as you noted we have not seen the [increase in] hospitalization and deaths,” said Dr. Santiago-Rosado. “That’s certainly hopeful, but I would still stay cautious.”

Accessibility to and availability of antiviral medications could be one reason for lower hospitalizations and deaths.

“Some of those testing positive might be hopefully reaching out to their primary care physician,” she said.

Dr. Santiago-Rosado noted that the BA.2 sub-variant is breaking off into “sub-sub-variants, [and] we don’t know if they’re going to behave differently.”

Protecting ourselves as much as possible is key, she said.

The Health Commissioner referenced the low rate of pediatric vaccination. While she understands that parents are weighing the risks and benefits of vaccinating their children, it’s still a concern.

**Q: In light of the situation as it stands, what advice do you have for the public, with regard to mitigation strategies such as mask-wearing, and attending indoor gatherings?**

“We’re pretty much adhering to recommendations by the CDC and the state,” said Dr. Santiago-Rosado. “The CDC came up with their paradigm of low, medium, high community levels [see the sidebar on this page for details]. As long as we’re remaining in the low category, for those people who it makes sense to mask anyway, it would still be advisable; otherwise it’s an observation thing. Assess your possible risk and the situation that you’re in. Kind of watch and wait.”

She added a caveat.

“But if these cases continue to go up, there’s certainly a possibility that we’ll be hitting moderate and even high categories again. If we reach high community levels, we’d definitely start masking anywhere indoors, limiting numbers of people [at gatherings], but that’s more when you get into the high community level,” she said. “I want people to be aware of that, though ... I would hate for people to think it was coming out of nowhere. It’s something we’re watching, and we want to stay ahead of this.”

**Q: Is there anything else you’d like to add?**

“[I’d like] to reiterate the importance of those vaccines and boosters,” said Dr. Santiago-Rosado. “For some people it may be a while since they had their first vaccination series.”

She recommends talking to one’s primary care physician to determine the best way to proceed.



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## How the CDC measures COVID-19 Community Levels

The CDC looks at the combination of three metrics — new COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population in the past 7 days, the percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients, and total new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in the past 7 days — to determine the COVID-19 community level. New COVID-19 admissions and the percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied represent the current

potential for strain on the health system. Data on new cases acts as an early warning indicator of potential increases in health system strain in the event of a COVID-19 surge.

Using these data, the COVID-19 community level is classified as low, medium, or high. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html> for specific metrics.

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# Molinaro presents 2022 State of the County

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro presented his 2022 State of the County Address on April 20 at the Stissing Center in Pine Plains, as residents, business and nonprofit leaders, as well as local and state officials, attended to hear the County Executive's vision for the coming year.

"The state of Dutchess County remains strong, as our County has overcome unforeseen obstacles and come through the other side more united and robust than ever," County Executive Molinaro told the more guests in attendance. "Today we are poised for more growth and prosperity because of our decade-long commitment to smart, fiscally conservative and compassionate government. To continue along this path, we must redouble our efforts to keep Dutchess County safe and affordable, creating opportunities and optimism for every County resident."

During his address, the County Executive highlighted priorities for Dutchess County in 2022:

## Affordability

Since taking office in January 2012, County Executive Molinaro has employed sound, conservative fiscal leadership to not only close the \$40 million budget gap Dutchess County Government faced when he began his tenure, but bring the County's fund balance to \$60 million entering 2022.

In light of recent inflation, the highest the nation and county have experienced in four decades, Dutchess County remains committed to fiscal responsibility that cuts costs and delivers relief, whenever possible. County Executive Molinaro has provided local residents unprecedented tax relief in 2022, including the eighth straight property tax reduction, cutting the tax levy by \$5.5 million – the largest tax cut in County history – and the seventh consecutive property tax rate decrease for homeowners and businesses, cutting the rate by 10 percent, all without reducing services to residents.

This year, the County Executive led the way with additional tax relief for residents and businesses, including:

- Elimination of County tax on clothing and footwear items up to \$110, becoming only the ninth county in the state and the first in the Hudson Valley to provide such relief;
- Cutting and capping the County tax on gasoline, limiting the County tax on fuel to just \$.08 per gallon, no matter the purchase; and
- Continuing to fund the County's Municipal Innovation Grant (MIG) program, which in 2022 focuses on projects that improve quality of life, and strengthen and develop communities, reducing residents' local taxes through shared services.

Dutchess County spends 28 percent less per capita than the statewide county average; has a tax levy that is 27 percent lower per capita than the statewide county average; and has outstanding debt that is 50 percent lower per capita than the statewide county average. Additionally, Standard & Poor's has again reaffirmed Dutchess County's AA+ bond rating, the highest among any county in New York.

## Safety

During these times, Molinaro has supported the safety of Dutchess County residents, including urging State leaders to change the bail system and discovery rules, which have

led to an increase in crime.

To further safeguard County residents, Molinaro has renewed his commitment to protect by dedicating resources and funding to programs and initiatives that provide for public safety, including:

- Partnering with Westchester Medical Center Health Network to develop a state-of-the-art behavioral health Center for Excellence bringing 60 mental health professionals and in-patient beds to create one of the largest behavioral health systems in New York State;
- Investing opioid settlement funds to develop the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program, a community-based diversion approach which focuses on a harm-reduction/housing-first framework which allows officers to re-direct low-level offenders engaged in drug or other risky activity to community-based services, instead of jail and prosecution;
- Expanding the successful Intensive Treatment Alternatives Program (ITAP), an alternative to incarceration for those in the grip of substance use disorder;
- Supporting the overall health of the community with a mobile vehicle, planned for deployment later this year, which will bring operations to every region of the County, offering immunizations, case work, sexually transmitted disease testing and education, veterans counseling, group sessions, referrals to community providers and more;
- Investing \$10 million in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding for the design and development of a new, consolidated two-way radio system for first responders, which will replace outdated and uncoordinated two-way radio systems utilized by various emergency services throughout the County, providing all agency interoperability and a reduction in costs for most emergency services;
- Allocating \$4 million for this year's MIG program, which prioritizes fire and rescue agencies, including municipal, non-profit and established fire districts, to enhance their capacity and ability to respond to emergencies;
- Investing more than \$2 million to purchase three vehicles critical to the Department of Emergency Response's mission of preparing and responding to emergencies in the community, including a new state-of-the-art Mobile Communication Command Post vehicle;
- Increasing the diversity of the applicant pool for local law-enforcement agencies, which resulted in a record number of applicants for a recent police officer examination, as well as diversity in the latest graduating class from the Dutchess County Law Enforcement Academy; and
- Building on the Re-Entry Stabilization Transition and Reintegration Track (RESTART) program at the Dutchess County Jail to establish the Re-Entry Community Housing and Resource Guided Empowerment (RECHARGE) program, which provides individuals housed in the jail who are at high risk for re-offending with safe and secure housing, case management and employment assistance.

## Opportunity

Earlier this month, the County released its 2022 Housing Needs Assessment (HNA), an extensive report detailing countywide demographic and housing data, an evalua-



Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro presents his 2022 State of the County Address at the Stissing Center in Pine Plains on April 20.

-Courtesy photo

tion of housing trends over recent years and projections for affordable housing needs over the next 20 years. To address the housing gaps identified in the HNA and help eliminate them, Dutchess County is dedicating \$20 million in ARP funds to invest in several interventions, including, among others:

- The creation of a housing trust fund, with a recommended initial funding of at least \$2 million per year, which will be a valuable source of flexible funding to aid the implementation of a variety of affordable housing efforts;
  - Offset the costs of new or upgraded infrastructure, such as water and sewer, to ensure the viability of mixed-income housing developments; and
  - Identifying sites that would be suitable locations for multi-family developments and ensure those locations are properly zoned for such development; such sites include those with access to household services, alternative forms of transportation and other necessary infrastructure, such as water and sewer.
- Molinaro also elaborated on the County's plan to use ARP funds to build a countywide emergency housing facility, which will provide both temporary housing and wrap-around services for those experiencing homelessness all under one roof, transforming the County's emergency housing response system. Based on a nationally acclaimed model in Bergen County, N.J., Dutchess County's facility will be based on a core philosophy of moving individuals to permanent housing by offering evidence-based programs and intensive case-management services – including, among others, addiction and substance use counseling, mental health and domestic violence counseling, Behavioral Evaluation & Assessment Team (BEAT) and community policing, financial and job assistance and faith-based connections – to help them secure and maintain stable accommodations. The County Legislature will vote on this solution approach at its May board meeting.

Among other efforts to create opportunities for local residents, Dutchess County has undertaken:

- Dedicating \$25 million, including \$10

million in ARP funds, to the construction and development of a countywide Youth Opportunity Union, the YOU, located in the City of Poughkeepsie;

- Investing \$4.1 million in the successful Learn, Play, Create: Supporting Our Kids grant program, which provides one-time grants awards to local non-profit organizations that serve children and families and were negatively impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic, including \$3 million which funded 147 projects in 2021;
  - Engaging in accurately mapping internet access throughout Dutchess County and completing a strategic plan for high-speed internet access across the County;
  - Investing \$1.2 million in ARP funding to establish and equip the Mechatronics Lab at DCC Fishkill, which will provide local students a comprehensive classroom, laboratory, and on-the-job learning program to train them to install, alter, troubleshoot, repair, and maintain electronic, mechanical, computer, control systems and components;
  - Continuation of the successful Think Ahead college program, which will graduate its fourth cohort of Dutchess Community College (DCC) students with intellectual and developmental disabilities at DCC's graduation in May; and
  - Investing \$180,000 to fund various summer youth programming, including summer youth employment, through the County's Agency Partner Grant program.
- More information about Molinaro's 2022 State of the County Address, including video of his remarks is available on Dutchess County's website. The County Executive invites residents to participate in conversations about the 2022 State of the County at town hall forums to be held over the next several weeks, including:
- Office for the Aging Tri-Town Senior Friendship Center, First Presbyterian Church of Pleasant Valley, 1576 Main Street, Pleasant Valley on Tuesday, May 3rd at 12:30 p.m.
  - Red Hook Community Center, 59 Fisk Street on Tuesday, May 10th at 5:30 p.m.
  - American Legion Post 427, 7 Spring Street, Wappingers Falls on Tuesday, May 17th at 5:30 p.m.

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## Why local school board elections matter

### To the Editor:

The Mid-Hudson region bears the unfortunate distinction of currently being the only area in New York where school boards have voted to ban books from public school curricula and libraries, according to PEN America's Freedom to Write Index. The Yorktown School District in Putnam County has banned 10 books; the Wappingers Central School District in Dutchess County has banned one book; the Marlboro School District in Ulster County has banned two.

In two of the three districts, the books - of which all received national awards for literary merit and deemed appropriate for teens by the American Library Association - were banned only after a member of the Florida-based "parental rights" group Moms for Liberty, which recently opened chapters in Putnam, Dutchess and Orange County, demanded their removal. That organization's website reveals that its members deliberately target local school districts. If school board members fail to do what they want (kudos to the Arlington School Board for recently refusing to kowtow to a Moms for Liberty member's ban-this-book request), the activists promise to replace school board members with their own candidates.

While calls to censor the teaching of certain concepts and books they claim "indocinate children in sexual perversion and the need for social justice" is just the latest tactic far-right lawmakers and activists have embraced to energize their base, school boards are meant to be nonpartisan, focusing solely on serving the best interests of all students and not on advancing any political agenda. Mid-Hudson residents can help ensure that our local school board members remain nonpartisan by carefully reviewing each candidate's statement on their school district's website before voting in school board elections on May 17.

According to the National School Boards Association, as few as five percent of registered voters participate in school board elections. It's a mistake to let a tiny minority

of residents determine the composition and direction of Dutchess County's 13 school boards when those votes impact the future of more than 46,000 students and their families.

Finally, children and teens alike continue to struggle to get back on track academically after the disruption of the pandemic. As such, public school teachers, administrators, and school boards desperately need our support. That alone should be enough of a reason to vote on May 17.

Sandi Sonnenfeld  
City of Poughkeepsie

## Maloney should meet with U.S. border agents

### To the Editor:

May I suggest that Sean Patrick Maloney (NY-18 D) who was featured in the photo-op "Maloney meets with Ukrainian leaders, U.S. troops" relating to the Russian invasion of the Ukraine be followed up by Rep. Maloney with a visit to investigate the invasion at our southern border, perhaps around the very active Rio Grande or Del Rio areas.

May I suggest that he meet with the beleaguered Border Patrol Agents who have had over 2,000,000 contacts with illegal immigrants in the past 12 months, including 221,000 migrant encounters in March alone, an all-time record. "These do not include those who have entered without contact nor does it consider the record deaths and drug addictions that result from the drug cartels who have taken advantage of the 'Open Border' policy."

According to Customs and Border Protection data, 23 individuals on the Terror Watch list were apprehended during the past year! One may only speculate how many others invaded without detection. May I also suggest that he acquaint himself with the early morning, secret flights that distribute these immigrants to their selected areas (at taxpayer expense), including the Westchester County airport.

As a final suggestion, a Town Hall Meeting should be scheduled to discuss his findings with the voting public to evaluate this important issue in connection with the upcoming mid-term elections.

Carl L. Schaefer  
Beacon

## Statement from Dutchess County Veterans Services Director Adam Roche

*The following remarks were offered by Director Roche at the April 21 "Hudson Valley Veteran Services" public forum held at the VFW 8645 in New Paltz, which included comments on the possible closure of Castle Point:*

"Thank you for inviting us and allowing me to speak on behalf of Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro and the veterans of Dutchess County and their families today.

County Executive Molinaro sends his best and regrets he cannot be here today due to a previously scheduled engagement.

On behalf of Dutchess County's veterans, who County Executive Molinaro represent, and who I work with every day as the Director of Veterans Services, I am here to express our collective frustration with the federal government's lack of transparency, and our opposition to the proposal outlined in the Asset and Infrastructure Review Commission Report.

Dutchess County has been a willing and able partner in the mission to protect and honor our veterans. For years, we've had an excellent working relationship with Castle Point and local organizations like our VFWs, Hudson River Housing, Mental Health America of Dutchess County and so many more.

We've funded projects like our Housing, Employment, Reintegration and Outreach (or HERO) program, the Tom Zurhellen Fund, and the Vet Zero ride program. The Vet Zero ride program, by the way, offers veterans FREE rides to appointments at Castle Point. Dutchess County has always been a boots-on-the-ground partner of the VA, and of Castle Point. And as such, we want and demand a seat at the table whenever changes to the services our veterans depend on are being planned, especially when we are talking about such a monumental shift in programming and policy.

County Executive Molinaro delivered his State of the County address last night, during which he re-affirmed our commitment to our veterans with several new initiatives (including even more funding for the Vet Zero ride program) as well as opposition to this shortsighted plan. We stand with our veterans and demand there be no reduction in the physical and mental health services offered in Dutchess County and veterans can continue to access the services they depend on.

To that end, I'd like to invite everyone here, including both of you, [Ulster] County Executive (Pat) Ryan and Congressman (Antonio) Delgado, to our Veterans forum we had already previously scheduled with the VA on April 30th at the Poughkeepsie Elks Lodge.

Dutchess County, will continue to fight for, advocate for, and support our veterans community in every way possible. We will not abandon the men and women who have served us, as the federal government seems so keen on doing with the current proposal. Dutchess County is prepared to take legal action, if necessary, to keep the services veterans have come to rely on in our community."

## Watch old time commercials during Zoom May 5 program

Via Zoom, join Brian Rose, Professor of Film and TV History, Fordham University, for a presentation titled, "And Now a Word From Our Sponsor: A Look Back at the Early Days of TV Advertising" on Thursday, May 5 at 1 p.m. In this hour-long virtual presentation, hosted by the Howland Public Library, Rose will talk about television advertising in the 1950s and 1960s. Learn how advertisers embraced new technologies and approaches in order to reach new generations of consumers. See the important role television played in convincing viewers that they could truly buy their

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DISPATCHES FROM THE VFW

by Tom Zurhellen

# The future of Castle Point

Unless you've been completely isolated over the past few weeks, you know what most folks in our veteran community have been talking about recently: the news of the potential closure of the VA Hospital at Castle Point, which is located in Dutchess County and serves thousands of veterans who live all over the Hudson Valley. The news has certainly provoked a bit of anger and confusion among our veteran population, but of course, it's important to have a full understanding of any issue before we react to it. Now I'm certainly not an expert in any sense, but I do feel like I have gained a good amount of perspective on this particular issue.

In March, the Veterans Administration (VA) released a report detailing recommendations for its medical facilities across the country, including our VA Hospital located here at Castle Point. Specifically, the report recommended Castle Point be replaced by a more modern facility to be built in the area; notably, the new proposed facility would not offer all the services now provided at Castle Point. Veterans who need those services not provided at the new facility would have to travel down to Montrose in Westchester County, or else receive those services through a private provider. The time frame recommended in the report for this transition to occur was five years.

As you might expect, many veterans have become critical of this proposed change. Veterans generally don't like

change, and it can take a very long time for a veteran to trust a doctor, nurse, or a medical facility. Furthermore, veterans might be wary of their care being transferred to a private practice because outside medical professionals are not trained to deal with the unique circumstances veterans have in their health care, especially their mental health care.

The veterans I've talked to about this potential closure at Castle Point all have shared their frustration with this news. They feel like the VA is looking at the financial benefits of closing an old facility that was built in 1923, without first looking at the impact that change would have on the veterans who depend on this facility every single day.

One added issue that many folks haven't thought about with this proposed change is transportation. Our VetZero Heroes ride program gives free rides to veterans, and most of those rides are to Castle Point; the program is trying to keep up with demand now. However, if you ask our veterans to transfer their care to a variety of private providers, near and far – well, you can see how much more challenging transportation would become if Castle Point closed. We would need a better transportation solution for such a massive change.

I can understand the VA wanting to build a more modern facility in Dutchess County to replace Castle Point. That



U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer makes remarks on a recent Veterans Affairs report outside the Castle Point VAMC campus on March 25.

-Courtesy photo

makes sense in some ways, since the number of veterans in America will continue to decline in the decades to come. But today, the thousands of veterans who see Castle Point as a sort of second home feel forgotten. I think we should always think of our veterans first, and in this case, it seems like the VA was thinking about efficiency rather than the human cost of such a change. That's just one veteran's opinion, though.

Thankfully, many of our local leaders have also used their voices to express the veteran community's disappointment with this recommendation from the VA. We'll

have to wait and see if the VA's recommendation becomes reality. Personally, I hope it doesn't.

Thanks for listening! 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.

# PSC announces 329 as new area code for portions of Dutchess and other counties

The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) announced that residential, business and wireless customers within the existing 845 area code region (Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester counties) should begin to prepare for the introduction of the new 329 area code, as early as the third quarter of 2023.

To meet the increasing demand for residential and business phone numbers, the Commission, on April 14, approved a new area code to be added to the current 845 area code that serves all or parts of Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester counties. Beginning the third quarter of 2023, customers in the existing 845 area code

requesting new service, an additional line, or a move in the location of their service, may be assigned a number in the new 329 area code, according to the PSC in a press release.

Existing customers in the 845-area code will not be affected by the new overlay area code. An overlay area code is the most effective possible use of numbering resources in the 845-area code region and results in long-term relief, with the least expense, and the least amount of disruption and frustration to consumers as possible. Customers will retain their current telephone numbers, and 10-digit dialing for local calls will continue. The overlay area code will be assigned to newly issued telephone numbers in the region once all existing 845 telephone numbers are exhausted, and will apply to all telephone

numbers, regardless of service type. Customers will retain their current telephone numbers, and 10-digit dialing for local calls will continue. The new area code is projected to provide telephone numbering relief for approximately 28 years, according to the PSC.

What consumers and businesses need to know about the upcoming 845 area code overlay are:

- Current telephone numbers, including current area code, will not change.

- The price of a call, coverage area, or other rates and services will not change due to the overlay.
- What is a local call now will continue to remain a local call.
- Calls between 329 and 845 area codes are local calls.
- Consumers will continue to dial the

area code + telephone number for all calls to other area codes.

- Calls to reach 911 Emergency Service will remain three digits.

The Commission's rulings in this proceeding may be obtained by going to the Commission Documents section of the Commission's Web site at [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov) and entering Case Number 21-C-0600 in the input box labeled "Search for Case/Matter Number". Many libraries offer free Internet access. Commission documents may also be obtained from the Commission's Files Office, 14th floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223 (518-474- 2500). If you have difficulty understanding English, please call us at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this press release.

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SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
	Aberdeen BAL	10	5	.667	-	6-4	L2
	Hudson Valley NY Yankees	8	7	.533	2.0	5-5	W2
	Brooklyn NY Mets	8	7	.533	2.0	6-4	L2
	Wilmington WSH	8	7	.533	2.0	5-5	L1
	Greensboro PIT	6	9	.400	4.0	4-6	W2
	Jersey Shore PHI	6	9	.400	4.0	5-5	W4

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
	Bowling Green TB	11	4	.733	-	7-3	W2
	Rome ATL	9	6	.600	2.0	6-4	L2
	Winston-Salem CWS	9	6	.600	2.0	7-3	W5
	Greenville BOS	7	8	.467	4.0	4-6	L5
	Hickory TEX	6	9	.400	5.0	3-7	W1
	Asheville HOU	2	13	.133	9.0	2-8	L4

## Renegades' pitching off to strong start

*Continued from page 1*  
 Dominguez, the farm system has been blessed with some tremendous pitching arms as well.

"We had 49 strikeouts in three games. I don't know for sure, but it has to be a team record, at least in our history," Gliner said. "It's not entirely surprising but from a standpoint of the game, yeah it's indicative of the organization as well. Great pitching is coming down the pike."

Hudson Valley pitchers combined to strike out 56 Brooklyn batters in the first four games of the current series, setting a new season-high for the staff in each of the first two nights (17 Tuesday, 18 Wednesday). In 2021, the Renegades struck out 17-or-more batters in a game five times, including a season-high of 18 three times. Notably, two of those three games came against Brooklyn

(5/22 @ BRK, 9/9 @ HV). In 2021, the Renegades struck out 408 Cyclones, a rate of 11.81 K/9. With 152 strikeouts through 13 games, Hudson Valley ranks third among all High-A teams in strikeouts, trailing only Aberdeen (166) and Rome (163).

Hudson Valley pitching has been so dominant of late, it has combined to log 21.0 consecutive scoreless innings dating back to the seventh inning on Friday night, a Yankees-era team record. The back-to-back shutout wins are a first for the team since June 10 and 11, 2021, when the 'Gades shut out the Brooklyn Cyclones in consecutive games at Maimonides Park.

The Renegades were off on Monday before welcoming the Wilmington Blue Rocks to Dutchess Stadium on Tuesday, April 26, for a six-game homestand.

## Players Statistics

PLAYER	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
1 T.J. Rumfield 1B	HV	12	48	8	17	5	0	2	11	8	11	3	2	.354	.439	.583	1.022
2 Eduardo Torrealba 2B	HV	9	31	4	12	2	1	0	4	3	5	4	1	.387	.441	.516	.957
3 Trey Sweeney SS	HV	7	32	7	8	1	1	2	7	3	11	1	1	.250	.333	.531	.864
4 Cooper Bowman 2B	HV	13	46	9	12	3	0	2	10	11	11	9	1	.261	.400	.457	.857
5 James Nelson 3B	HV	4	12	1	4	0	0	0	3	4	3	3	0	.333	.500	.333	.833
6 Austin Wells C	HV	12	45	7	14	4	0	0	4	10	14	5	0	.311	.429	.400	.829
7 Everson Pereira CF	HV	13	53	15	16	1	1	1	5	9	17	6	1	.302	.403	.415	.818
8 Aldenis Sanchez LF	HV	12	44	5	12	0	0	1	7	7	16	8	1	.273	.385	.341	.726
9 Aaron Palensky LF	HV	9	27	5	5	1	1	0	5	3	16	0	0	.185	.290	.296	.586
10 Carlos Narvaez C	HV	10	37	4	7	2	0	1	2	3	11	1	1	.189	.250	.324	.574
11 Pat DeMarco RF	HV	11	42	3	9	1	0	0	2	3	13	1	1	.214	.267	.238	.505
12 Tyler Hardman 3B	HV	13	42	3	6	3	0	0	3	5	18	1	0	.143	.224	.214	.438
13 Cristian Perez SS	HV	3	11	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	.182	.182	.182	.364
14 Spencer Henson 1B	HV	8	31	1	3	0	0	0	2	1	17	0	0	.097	.152	.097	.249
15 Saul Torres DH	HV	2	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	.000	.000	.000	.000

## Pitching Statistics

PLAYER	TEAM	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WHIP	AVG
1 Edgar Barclay P	HV	2	1	1.42	5	1	0	0	0	1	12.2	8	3	2	0	1	1	19	0.71	.178
2 Will Warren P	HV	1	1	3.46	3	3	0	0	0	0	13.0	9	5	5	1	1	5	19	1.08	.209



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## Renegades wrap up opening homestand with 3-0 victory

**By Rich Thomaselli**

Six Hudson Valley Renegades pitchers combined to two-hit the Brooklyn Cyclones in a 3-0 triumph on Sunday afternoon at Dutchess Stadium.

Blane Abeyta started for the Renegades by firing 4.0 hitless innings, striking out five and not issuing a walk. Rodney Hutchison (1-1) followed with a perfect inning in back of him. Wellington Diaz, Michael Giacone and Nelson Alvarez all added to the pace with scoreless innings of work, and Alex Mauricio earned his first career save, shutting the door in the ninth.

After opening the season with a nine-game road trip in which they went 4-5, the Renegades – the High Class A farm team of the New York Yankees – came back to The Dutch for the first time in 2022.

They won their home opener on Tuesday and took four of the six games against the Cyclones and improved to 8-7 on the young season.

The Renegades took the lead in the bottom of the first inning on a sacrifice fly from Tyler Hardman scoring Austin Wells, who had doubled earlier in the inning. They tacked on another run in the bottom of the third on an RBI single by Cooper Bowman.

Everson Pereira drove in Aaron



*Austin Wells went 2-for-3 with a double, a walk and a run scored, and is a blazing 10-for-18 in his last five games played for the Renegades.*

*-Photo by Dave Janosz*

Palensky with an RBI single in the bottom of the seventh to extend the lead to a comfortable 3-0.

Aldenis Sanchez finished the game 3-for-4 as Hudson Valley rapped out nine hits in the game.

Wells went 2-for-3 with a double, a walk and a run scored, and is a blazing 10-for-18 in his last five games played.

## GLINER'S KORNER!

# Renovated suites and improving the fan experience

*Every week, Hudson Valley Renegades President Steve Gliner sits down with reporter Rich Thomaselli to discuss the team in particular and minor league baseball in general*

**So you opened up the 2022 home season on Tuesday (April 19) against Brooklyn. What were your first impressions?**

The ballpark looks great. That's the first thing. New ownership has given us some new resources to improve the fan experience. We moved the whole fence line out and created a whole new interior space. We moved the inflatables to the front area, upgraded the suites, and the new signage in the ballpark is much cleaner. Opening night was cold and windy though, so we're really looking forward to these Sunday 2:05 p.m. games (laughs). Overall, it was just good to get the park open and get the people back in the building.

**Anything that you noticed that needs**

**revising, or changing, or needs to be worked on?**

Nothing major, maybe just operationally. It's no different than the players, you have to work things out as the season goes along.

**You've mentioned a couple of times now so far in the early season during our chats about the suites being renovated. Talk a little about that.**

The suites are much fully renovated - new cabinetry, new countertops, new painting, new lighting, everything except for the windows and the floors. We did it in all eight suites. Now we have the Sensory Suite available and so far every family that has been up there has loved it. We have two suites that are rented out season-long, a couple of others that are shared, and a few that are for individual game purposes. As the season progresses the usage gets better. I think since it's still April, we're still going through a little bit of an education in the market and we've



heard from people this week who said they didn't know we were already playing. They're so used to us starting in June like we did for 25-plus years that part of our market outreach has to include that

we're open for business right now.

**I think I already know the answer to this question, but how much of the game did you watch on Opening Night? Or even at all during this first week of the homestand?**

A little here and there. Not a full game. Certainly not as much as I would like to.

**Now that the team has come back home after opening with nine games on the road, how has your interaction been with the new manager?**

Oh, Tyson (Blaser) is great. Again because of the way the protocols are and not as tight as they were last year, I have access to the team. We've had more one-on-one contact. I'm very much a one-on-one contact type of person and I like to do that instead of a phone call. He's very good to work with. He's very appreciative of everything we do. On the flip side, he's been very good with helping us, whether it's with media or a meet-and-greet with fans.

# Diversions

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Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.

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## Suguru

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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

- Rose or peach
- Malayan boat
- Direction
- Can't \_\_; loathe
- Boatman's items
- Pi times radius squared
- Fine tablecloth fabric
- Slowpoke
- Charge
- Connects
- Single
- Group of animals
- Somme srta.
- Firmly fastened
- Set off on a voyage
- Jacuzzi
- Pretigious school
- \_\_ acid
- Up to the time that, for short
- 1977 Bancroft/MacLaine movie
- Rose Kennedy's youngest
- Buckets
- Before: pref.
- Conjunctions
- Plum variety
- Man of the cloth
- Hammer part
- Civil wrong
- Dazzling display
- Desertlike
- New Testament bk.
- Board game
- Omit a syllable in speech
- Multitude
- Sign
- Adamant refusal
- Makes a choice
- Difficult situation
- Minute

### DOWN

- Young animal
- Acting award
- Word with punch or waist
- Elegant poem
- Lease signer
- Sat for an artist
- Vermin
- Boston Bruin Bobby
- Pretty \_\_ picture
- Bird of prey
- \_\_ Guthrie
- Observed
- Biblical weed
- Fast pace
- Wrath
- Search
- Principal electrical lines
- Ending for duck or earth
- Fight
- Old anesthetic
- Certain collegians
- Facial expression
- Restrict to a scanty amount
- Bean variety
- Make changes in
- Negatively charged atom
- Surprising game results
- Abnormal chest sound
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- Fermented taro root
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- Resound
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- For fear that
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# Van Buren honored by DAR chapter



Chapter Regent Joan Miskell, left, and President General Denise VanBuren who was honored at a recent luncheon by the Melzingah Chapter of the DAR.



New members of the Melzingah Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

-Courtesy photos

The Melzingah Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) and Chapter Regent Joan Miskell hosted its Spring Luncheon in honor of Denise Doring VanBuren who will soon be completing her three-year term as the 45th President General of the worldwide service organization of 190,000 members. More than 75 guests attended and heard about Van Buren's DAR journey, including her current position as the highest-ranking official in the NSDAR. President General Van Buren spoke of many of the activities and achievements of the society during her administration.

"I joined Melzingah Chapter on October 11, 1988 - and as I look back, I realize that it was one of the most important decisions of my life," said Mrs. Van Buren. "I recognize now that DAR membership provided me with a platform to express my love of country, participate as an active citizen of our democracy within a republic and, of course, make wonderful friends. I often say that you will meet the most amazing women if you become actively involved in our wonderful organization."

In 1954, members of Melzingah Chapter saved Madam Brett Homestead, the c. 1709 home of Catheryna Rombout Brett, from its demolition - after plans for a local supermarket in its place had been announced. Widowed at a young age, Madam Brett would remain in what was then

wilderness - of what had been New Netherlands only a few decades earlier - to raise her three sons on the 28,000 acres of land she inherited from her father.

Madam Brett's homestead would remain in the family for seven generations, and her descendant served as quartermaster during the American Revolution. As a result, the home was visited by Washington, Lafayette and other important figures of the Revolution. Melzingah has operated the Homestead as a house museum for seven decades, and it provides the local organization a great deal of visibility and engagement in its local community of Beacon, New York. Tours are currently offered second Saturdays through December.

DAR members come from a variety of backgrounds and interests, but all share a common bond of having an ancestor who helped contribute to securing the independence of the United States of America. Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution is eligible to join. If interested in membership, please email Melzingah's Registrar Nancy Giordano at [savgeorgia@aol.com](mailto:savgeorgia@aol.com) with a subject line of DAR Membership.

If interested in learning more about the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, please go to [dar.org](http://dar.org).

# Exhibit celebrates 100 years of Jewish life in Beacon



Louis and his wife Helen Becker Ritter were married 69 years. Louis was a supply officer in England. After WWII he went in business and opened the Louis Ritter Insurance Agency in midtown Beacon.

-Photo by Frank Ritter

An exhibit celebrating 100 years of Jewish life in Beacon is currently on view at the Beacon Historical Society. The exhibit, which showcases a number of Jewish businesses that thrived in Beacon over the last century, will continue through the end of April. Please visit their website for hours and information. Admission is free. <https://www.beacon-historical.org/calendar-of-events>.

In addition, The Jewish Beacon History Walk will continue for approximately one year. The free guided walking tour provides an interactive map of the many Jewish businesses that were once located along Beacon's Main Street. See <https://www.jewishbeaconhistory.com>.

Jacob and Sarah Ritter (photo as shown) first arrived in Beacon in 1920 and opened the Beacon Laundry that same year. The laundry continued to operate for approximately two decades. Their son, Louis Ritter, took over the space shortly after returning from WWII and opened the Louis Ritter

Insurance Agency. Since he had worked in the laundry growing up and subsequently established his own business in the exact same location, he would often say, "I never left home." The insurance agency continued for sixty years serving the Beacon community and the greater Hudson Valley. Many of the employees of the Agency were local Beacon residents.

The businesses currently operating at the site of the original Beacon Laundry include Lord of the Strings and The Pacha Barbershop Unisex. Other businesses which are currently operating on Main Street on sites originally built and owned by Jacob Ritter include: the Beacon Wellness Pharmacy, Eat Paint Love, the Arthur Wood Gallery, Beacon D'Lite's Gift shop, the Beacon Performing Arts Center, and the Beans Cat Café.

Jacob also owned another large building on Main Street which his son Leo Ritter ultimately sold to the City of Beacon and today houses The Howland Library.

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# Obituaries

## Joan G. Goetchius



**WAPPINGERS FALLS** – Joan G. Goetchius, a resident of Wappingers Falls, entered into rest Saturday, April 16, 2022 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie. She was 80. Daughter of the late Herman and Meta Krumme

Mahland, she was born December 15, 1941 in Brooklyn. In 1964, she married David C. Goetchius. Mr. Goetchius survives at home in Wappingers Falls. Joan enjoyed the time she spent at the Wappinger Senior Center and was a longtime member of the Wappinger Bowling League on Tuesday mornings. She was also a member of the Marist Red Fox Club. She will always be remembered for her love of Atlantic City. In addition to her husband, David C. Goetchius of Wappingers Falls, she is survived by her sons, Michael Goetchius of Wappingers Falls and David J. Goetchius and his wife, Nola of Cocksackie; her sister, Anne Demarais of Lawrenceville, NJ; her grandchildren, Jeremy Dengler of Schenectady and Bobi Kotlarich of Colonie; her great-grandchildren, Hannah, Ayden, Anthony and Bella; as well as several cousins, nieces, and nephews. Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Joan's name may be made to Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation, 80 Washington Street, Suite 204, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. 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](http://www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com).

## Neil H. Fick



**WAPPINGERS FALLS** – Neil H. Fick passed away April 15, 2022 at the age of 96. Neil was born in Minneapolis, MN to Benjamin and Mary (Huddleston) Fick on January 5, 1926. He gradu-

ated from Edison High School in 1943 and attended the University of Minnesota for two years with ROTC training before being inducted in the US Army during WWII. He served nearly two years, ending his service in the Asiatic/Pacific Theater at Yokota Army Air Base near Tokyo, Japan. After discharge he returned to the University of Minnesota where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry. After graduation he was employed at the Texaco Research Center in Beacon, NY where he worked for 36 years. His work involved laboratory investigations of field problems. He also was a technical recruiter for Texaco Departments visiting 34 colleges and universities in the U.S. He finished his career as Manager of the Analytical Section. He is a member of the Research Society of America and has published four articles in the ACS Journal of Analytical Chemistry. After retiring from Texaco Neil tutored math and chemistry students for two colleges for several years and then worked as a data base manager at an IBM facility for 13 years before retiring for a second time. As a WWII veteran he was a member of The American Legion Post 427 which awarded him the Merit Medal. Outside of the Research Center Neil was an avid tennis player and skier and later took up radio-controlled model airplane flying. He loved to travel and has visited all 48 contiguous states in the U.S. and the Canadian provinces. For over 70 years he was a church musician, serving as Organist, Pianist, Choir Director, vocalist, and ensemble arranger. He was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Newburgh (Rock Tavern), NY where he served as Elder, Organist and Choir Director. Shortly after being employed by Texaco he married the former Sylvia Helen Schonberg of Minneapolis, MN whom he first met in High School. Sylvia preceded him in death July 3, 1993. They had four children: sons Jonathan and his wife Heather, Timothy and his wife Linda, daughters Elisabeth, and Laura Geiges and her husband Peter. He is survived by five grandchildren: Holly Nall, Robin Karoly, Jason Fick, Rebecca Sims and Erin Martineau, as well as four great-grandchildren; Ivy Lynn Nall, Felicity Jayne Nall, Julian Martineau, and Davey Martineau. Interment was in Fishkill Rural Cemetery, Route 9 in Fishkill. Arrangements were under the direction of Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home of Wappingers Falls, NY. To send the family a personal condolence, please visit our website at [www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com](http://www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com).

## Devon Williams Jr.



**HOPEWELL JUNCTION** – Devon G. Williams, Jr., 18, passed away on April 17, 2022, Easter Sunday, surrounded by his family after a 10-month courageous battle with cancer. Devon was born in Binghamton, NY on

November 2, 2003. He was a 2021 graduate of Arlington High School and was currently studying Meteorology at the University at Albany. DJ always enjoyed playing sports. He played football for the Wappinger's Pop Warner Giants, then the Hudson Valley Admirals of the Taconic Football League, and the Arlington High School Football Team. He was also part of the St. Columba CYO Basketball program for many years and played lacrosse for AYL-845Lax and Arlington High School as a freshman. While at Arlington High School, DJ also ran track and was a member of the band. DJ was an avid fan of the Green Bay Packers and LA Clippers. He loved life and lived his to the fullest. He was always about friends and family and left an indelible mark on everyone he touched. His family, teachers, coaches and friends will always remember him as being genuine, kind, generous, adventurous, loving, courageous, and fearless. DJ is survived by his parents, Devon and Marlene (Brown) Williams, Sr.; his siblings, Sherene Williams, Shanielle Williams, Nicole Williams, and Nicolas Williams; his grandparents, Stanley and Florence Thomas and Albert and Reta Brown; many aunts, uncles, and cousins; Godmother, Denise Abrams and countless friends, especially his best buddy, Liam Vaitkus. The family would like to thank the community for their love, support, and compassion during Devon's illness, especially Krista Jones and the entire staff at Sparrow's Nest, the Yorktown Police Department, Memorial Sloan Kettering in NYC, MD Anderson in Houston and the entire Arlington High School community. Calling hours were held on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 10 am at St. Kateri Church, 1925 Route 82, Lagrangeville. The family asks that everyone wear something green to the services since it was Devon's favorite color. A scholarship in memory of Devon is being established for graduating Arlington High School seniors with inclinations towards the sciences, especially biology, marine biology, and atmospheric sciences/meteorology. Donations may be made payable to the Arlington Education Foundation, 144 Todd Hill Road, LaGrangeville, NY 12540. Please reference the Devon G. Williams, Jr. Scholarship in the memo field. Please visit his Book of Memories at [www.mchoulfuneralhome.com](http://www.mchoulfuneralhome.com).

## Dylan M. Cronk



**BEACON** - Dylan M. Cronk, a lifelong resident of Beacon, passed away on April 18, 2022. He was 32 years old. Dylan was born on August 1, 1989 in Mount Kisco, the son of

James and MaryEllen Rogers Cronk. He attended St. Joachim – St. John the Evangelist School and graduated from Beacon High School. Dylan was a cook at several local restaurants. He had an amazing sense of humor, enjoyed ice hockey and loved to cook. He was good with kids and helped with special needs students. Dylan is survived by his parents; his brother, Justin Cronk and fiancé, Shanelle; his sister, Kelsey Cronk; his niece, Mia Tapia; his maternal grandmother, Gloria Rogers; his many aunts, uncles and cousins. Dylan was predeceased by his paternal grandparents, Fred and Dorothy Cronk and his maternal grandfather, John Rogers. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, April 22 at St. Joachim Church, 51 Leonard Street, Beacon. Burial followed at St. Joachim Cemetery, 325 Washington Avenue, Beacon. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to a charity of one's choice. To send a personal condolence please visit [www.riverviewbyhalvey.com](http://www.riverviewbyhalvey.com). Funeral arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

## Patrice Lauricella



**FISHKILL** – Patrice Lauricella, 69, an area resident for the last 13 years, passed away on April 19, 2022 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. Born in New Rochelle in 1952, Pat was the daughter of

the late Theodore and Esther (Cakouros) Mourges. She attended Katharine Gibbs Secretarial College in New York City and worked for Milliken and Company for many years before deciding to become a stay-at-home mom. When her children were a little older, she re-entered the workforce as a teacher's aide for the Mohansic Elementary School. As her multiple sclerosis symptoms progressed, she then retired. Over the past several years she has enjoyed social media, especially playing word feud games with friends. On November 11, 1973 in New Rochelle, Pat married Theodore A. Lauricella. Her husband of almost 50 years survives at home. She is also survived by her children and their spouses, Dena and James Stetz of Fishkill and Jason and Michelle Lauricella of Carmel; her grandchildren, Christopher and Alyssa Lauricella and Makenzie and Aubree Stetz; her brother, John Mourges and his wife Rose; and her nephews, Theodore and Stephen Mourges. Calling hours will be held at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday at 10 am at Kimisis Greek Orthodox Church, 140 South Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie followed by entombment at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery. Donations may be made in Pat's memory to the National MS Society. Please visit her Book of Memories at [www.mchoulfuneralhome.com](http://www.mchoulfuneralhome.com).

## Gloria J. Marchie



**BEACON** – Gloria J. Marchie, a longtime resident of Beacon, passed away peacefully at home on April 21, 2022. She was 91 years old. Gloria was born on December 31, 1930 in New York

City, the daughter of the late Marie Mossa and John Phillips. Gloria was a devoted mother and grandmother who dedicated her life to her family. She loved caring for her grandchildren and watching them grow. Before she stopped working to raise her children and grandchildren, Gloria worked as a Department Manager for Lloyd's Department Store in Newburgh. On February 7, 1981 she married William Marchie, who survives at home. Gloria was a parishioner of St. Joachim – St. John the Evangelist Church and a former member of the Poughkeepsie Moose Lodge 904. Gloria loved to sing and dance, and regularly attended dinner events with her beloved friends. Gloria was an avid baker, who always created beautiful cakes for her family and friend's special events. Gloria was known for her kindness, compassion and loving spirit, often selflessly sacrificing her own needs for those of her family, pets and friends. In addition to her husband, Gloria is survived by her daughter, Marianna Dunderdale and son-in-law, Thomas; her son, John Casale and daughter-in-law, Barbara; her grandchildren, Maria, Lisa (Tim), Nicole (Justin), Marissa (Daniel) and Kara (Jake); her great grandchildren, Johnny, Alyssa, Nicholas, Joseph, Matthew, Saviana, Maximus and Marco. In addition to her parents, Gloria was predeceased by her former husband, John Casale. Family and friends gathered on Sunday, April 24 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, April 25 at St. Joachim Church, 51 Leonard Street, Beacon. Cremation followed and burial of Gloria's cremated remains will be held at St. Joachim Cemetery, Beacon was on Tuesday, April 26. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. To send a personal condolence please visit [www.riverviewbyhalvey.com](http://www.riverviewbyhalvey.com). Funeral arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

## Edward Frederick Hahn



**POUGHKEEPSIE** – It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of Edward Frederick Hahn. He was a great presence in our lives, and we shall forever miss him. He was always there for us. He was born in Baltimore,

Maryland, to Edward A. Hahn and Hildegard Schneider Hahn. His family later moved to Catonsville, Maryland, where they lived for many years. He attended Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, and while there he managed the swim team and wrote a column on the popular music of the day for the school newspaper. His tastes in music were actually varied, from Dave Brubeck and the Modern Jazz Quartet to Louis Armstrong and Turk Murphy, to Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, especially the Ode to Joy section. He was fond of Sousa marches, and would play the Stars and Stripes Forever at full volume, with the doors open, on the Fourth of July. His favorite hymn was Ein Festeburg, or A Mighty Fortress Is our God. In high school he also was a member of DeMolay. After graduating from "Poly," he attended the Whiting School of Engineering at Johns Hopkins University, earning his Bachelor of Science degree in three years. His fraternity brothers knew him as "Smilin' Ed." In 1956, he was hired by I.B.M. in Poughkeepsie, where he worked for 37 years, much of that time in management. Following his career at I.B.M. Ed was a part-time photographer, working for the Djirdjirians and doing some wedding photography. After that, he worked at Ham Central, a local business selling amateur radio equipment. Amateur radio was a long held interest for Ed. He volunteered in communications for the Red Cross for more than fifteen years, and was the recipient of letters of thanks from President George W. Bush and from President Barack Obama for work in communications after Nine Eleven. He taught classes in amateur radio for fifteen years to those wishing to obtain their novice/technician licenses. Ed used to enjoy helping to monitor the cross-country races at Marist, and liked very much helping to monitor the Empire State Games when they were held in the Hudson Valley. He also served as a monitor at the annual Water Derby on the creek, and sometimes joined other observers on the Pumpkin Patrol at Halloween. Several years ago he served as recorder, tape editor and announcer for Sunday services at a local church for broadcast on local radio. He also volunteered for a couple of seasons at the Vanderbilt Mansion's gardens. Ed was a member of Chelsea Yacht Club, from whose dock he liked to sail his red Sunfish out on the Hudson River for some quiet times. He and his family made yearly trips to the beach at Rehoboth, Delaware, during many summers. I.B.M. sent him on working trips to San Jose, to Paris and Montpelier, France, and to Stuttgart, Germany. He went twice to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to interview for the company at Southern University. Ed was an instructor at Fort Monmouth for the

U.S. Army Signal Corps and was in the active reserve for some time after that. He was for several years active in the Military Affiliate Radio System as AAR2JB. His civilian call sign was WC2J, as he held an Extra license. He was a marksman and liked to hunt and fish occasionally, but preferred target shooting. The family members wish to express their deepest thanks to all those who gave great care and consideration to Ed: Doctors Weinreich, Varanasi, Kanteros and Intwala and the nursing staff at The Heart Center; Doctors Foster and Rubinstein and their staff at Hudson Valley Primary Care; and to the kind, wonderful staff at The Pines -- we can never thank them enough for all they did. His survivors include his wife Valerie; children Lise Christine, Anne Elizabeth, and Edward Andrew; a sister Hildegard Suter of Maryland; a cousin, Dr. Richard Engroff and his wife Peggy of Maine; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his cousin Nancy Gould; sisters-in-law Judith Mahoney and Joan Baker; brothers-in-law George Suter, Edward D. Henstebeck and James W. Holt, and many old friends and colleagues. If he knew you at all, he likely thought of you as a friend. Services will be private and at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are under the direction of the Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home, 371 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. To send online condolences, please visit our website at [www.doylefuneralhome.com](http://www.doylefuneralhome.com).

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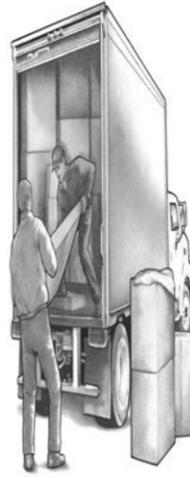
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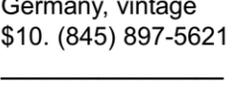
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Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); the United States of America may appear or answer within 60 days of service hereof; 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. That this Supplemental Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated March 31, 2022. 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 the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE OR SUCCESSOR AGENCY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE; New York State law 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 of your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND

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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 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 the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-269-0990 or visit the Department's website at <http://www.dfs.ny.gov>. 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. We are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Christie L. D Alessio, J.S.C. dated March 31, 2022. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 47 Clay Hill Road, Tivoli, NY 11023 located at Section 6174 Block 02 and Lot 637913 Dated: April 4, 2022 Filed: April 4, 2022 Pincus Law Group, PLLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, By: George J. Weissinger, Esq., 425 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556 (516) 699-8902.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHARLESTON IN THE PROBATE COURT NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CASE NO.: 2021-GC-10-188 **SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION** Thomas Legrant Colleton, Jr., Petitioner vs.

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Willie Simmons, Jr., Patrice Simmons and Glynice Simmons, Respondents. TO THE RESPONDENT PATRICE SIMMONS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Petition a copy of which has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Charleston County, 100 Broad Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said Petition upon the subscriber, at 3775 Spruill Avenue, Suite B, North Charleston, South Carolina, 29405, within thirty (30) days after the last date of publication of this Summons; if you fail to answer the Petition, judgment by default can be rendered against you for the relief requested. Charleston County, South Carolina Rachael Arora Charleston Legal Access 843-640-5980 ext. 701 rachael@charlestonlegalaccess.org

Notice is hereby given that a license, number 2229185 for beer and wine has been applied for by CBOCS NY, LLC d/b/a Cracker Barrel Old Country Store #350 to sell beer and wine at retail in a restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 4 Merritt Blvd., Fishkill, NY, Dutchess County for on premises consumption. CBOCS NY, LLC d/b/a Cracker Barrel Old Country Store #350

BEACON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS, INC. WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY MEETING AND ANNUAL ELECTIONS ON THURSDAY, MAY 5th AT 7:30 P.M.

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL** Pursuant to §506 & §526 of the Real Property Tax Law: NOTICE is hereby given that the Assessor of the Town of East Fishkill, County of Dutchess, has completed the tentative assessment roll for the current year 2022. A copy of which is filed with the Town Clerk. The Assessor will be in attendance with such tentative roll at: East Fishkill Town Hall, located at 330 Route 376, Hopewell Jct., NY 12533 The Town Assessor will be available on the following days: May 9, 2022 between the hours of 12pm and 4pm

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May 10, 2022 between the hours of 12pm and 4pm May 16, 2022 between the hours of 2pm and 6pm May 21, 2022 between the hours of 12pm and 4pm Written complaints with respect to the assessments may be filed with the Assessor any time prior to, or on Grievance Day and shall be transmitted by the Assessor, to the Board of Assessment Review, on or before Grievance Day. A publication containing procedures for contesting an assessment is available at the Assessor's office or online at: [www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/publications/orpts/grievancebooklet.pdf](http://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/publications/orpts/grievancebooklet.pdf) 24 **ASSESSOR GRIEVANCE DAY** May 24, 2022 (§508 RPTL) (§525 RPTL) NOTICE is hereby given that the BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW for the Town of East Fishkill in Dutchess County, shall hear and determine complaints in relation to assessments at: 330 Route 376, Hopewell Jct., NY 12533. Contact telephone number for the Assessor is 845-226-6353. The BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW will be in attendance on the following day: May 24, 2022 between the hours of 2pm and 4pm, and 6pm and 8pm. The BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW will then file a copy of the determination with the Town Clerk to become a matter of public record. **BOARD CHAIRMAN** rev 03/12

**REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE** The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-33-22 On-Site Drug Test Kits Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 18th day of May 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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**ESTOPPEL** The following entitled bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on April 11, 2022, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Dutchess, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is each available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice. Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York, April 19, 2022. Leigh Wager Clerk, County Legislature **RESOLUTION NO. 2022048 BOND RESOLUTION DATED APRIL 11, 2022. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$9,466,985 SERIAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COST OF BRIDGE, CULVERT AND HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY.** Class of objects or purposes: Highway, culvert and bridge improvements, including incidental improvements and expenses Period of probable usefulness: 15 years Maximum estimated cost: \$13,693,733 Maximum amount of bonds to be issued: \$9,466,985 bonds Other monies: \$4,226,748 CHIPS and PaveNY monies from State SEQRA status: Will be on a project-by-project basis. SEQRA compliance materials on file in the office of the Clerk of the County Legislature where same may be inspected during regular office hours.

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**Notice of Permissive Referendum** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Chelsea Fire District in the Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County, New York, at a meeting held on the 11th Day of April, 2022, duly adopted the following Resolution, subject to a permissive referendum. **RESOLUTION #1** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CHELSEA FIRE DISTRICT, TOWN OF WAPPINGER, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO SELL OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE FIRE DISTRICT CONSISTING OF A 2005 INTERNATIONAL PIERCE PUMPER, WHICH VEHICLE IS NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR ANY OF THE USES OR PURPOSES OF THE DISTRICT AT SUCH TIME, AND UPON SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE BOARD IN ITS DISCRETION MAY DETERMINE; SAID MONIES REALIZED THEREFROM TO BE USED TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF A NEW 2022 PIERCE RESCUE PUMPER. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Chelsea Fire District in the Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County, New York, as follows: Section 1. The Board of Fire Commissioners is of the opinion that the present 2005 International Pierce Pumper is determined to be obsolete and the District is in need of a new 2022 Pierce Rescue Pumper and the Fire District is to sell or otherwise dispose of the present 2005 International Pierce Pumper. Section 2. That it is determined that the monies to be received from the sale of the 2005 International Pierce Pumper will not exceed \$65,000.00. Section 3. Any monies or sums to be realized from the sale of this 2005 International Pierce Pumper shall be paid into the Fire Fighting Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund, established pursuant to Resolution #1 herein. Section 4. Pursuant to Section 6-g Subdivision 5 of the General Municipal Law, any monies received therefrom shall be paid into such Capital Reserve Fund.

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# Pomona Grange to host 'Tales of Mark Twain' at Stanford Grange Hall

What better way to spend Mother's Day Weekend than by taking her to the theater - the Grange theater, that is.

"Samuel Clemens: Tales of Mark Twain" will be performed by writer/performer Joe Baer at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville, with two performances - Friday, May 6 with an evening performance at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 7 with a matinee performance at 2 p.m. Tickets for both shows are only \$15 per person.

"Samuel Clemens: Tales of Mark Twain" tells the story of Samuel Clemens's life, taking the audience on a journey that reflects how life and story become one. The story unfolds beginning with Clemens's rough childhood, evolves with his adventures as a steamboat pilot on the Mississippi, his western escape from the Civil War, and leads to his success as Mark Twain, writer and lecturer. The performance wades with the ebbs and flow of Clemens' life and ends with reflections that bring the story

full circle.

This 1 hour 40-minute production has one intermission and is narrated by Joe Baer as Samuel Clemens, told in the context of the nearly eight decades in which he lived. The performance is peppered throughout with passages and numerous sayings culled from Mark Twain's many humorous works, in front of a backdrop of historical visual projections. Act 2 includes condensed passages from Clemens's masterwork "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn."

Total proceeds from these shows will benefit the Dutchess County Pomona Grange #32, a county unit of the National Grange, the nation's oldest community service organization with a basis in agriculture.

Celebrating its 125th year of service to Dutchess County, the Dutchess County Pomona Grange hopes to raise money for their annual scholarships for Grange members in Dutchess County pursuing higher learning and for those



specifically going into the fields of agriculture or education.

With the COVID-19 pandemic, opportunities to raise scholarships in the last two years have been curtailed.

Doors open one half hour prior to show time. Tickets may be purchased at the door, electronically through eventbrite.com/e/samuel-clemens-tales-of-mark-twain-tickets-249858803407, or by calling 845-868-7869 and leaving a message.

For more information, contact Pomona Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at 845-868-7869 or visit www.BaerhandsTheater.com.

Left, Joe Baer will bring his one-man show, "Samuel Clemens: Tales of Mark Twain," to the Stanford Grange Hall on May 6 and 7.

-Courtesy photo

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Section 5. This resolution is adopted subject to a permissive referendum.

By Order of the Commissioners of the Chelsea Fire District. Claire Gibson, Secretary Chelsea Fire District Dated: April 11, 2022

#### Beacon Planning Board Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be continued by the Planning Board of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, in the Municipal Center courtroom, One Municipal Plaza, Beacon, New York, on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 immediately following the training session/workshop which begins at 7:00 PM, and prior to the Planning Board's SEQRA determination, to hear and consider comments related to any environmental impacts of the proposed Site Plan Approval for property located at 16 West Main Street, for a 62-unit multi-family building, identified on the City Tax Maps as Section 5954, Block 25, Lot 616969, submitted by Farrell Building Company. Said Planning Board will, at said time and place hear all persons in support of such matter or any objections thereto. Individuals may appear in person, by agent or by attorney.

E. Grogan Secretary Beacon Planning Board

NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCH-2022-12, NAME OF PROJECT: Wilcox

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Park Splash Pad, PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Installation of a splash pad, including all underground water supply lines, splash pad equipment and recirculation system. The anticipated start of construction is June 20, 2022; the anticipated substantial completion date is July 29, 2022 with final completion August 12, 2022, respectively. Beginning April 27, 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 Wednesday, May 18,

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2022 at 11:00AM and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids for the above project will be received by: Denise Spens-Gallagher, 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 solicitation will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below, in-person attendance at a bid opening will not be allowed. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 964 400 060# 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-

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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. Questions will be accepted by the close of business May 10, 2022 and emailed to Denise Spens-Gallagher 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 #: 2022002692. APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM: 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 agreement 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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT OF THE TOWN CODE TOWN OF WAPPINGER, NEW YORK NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town

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Board of the Town of Wappinger will conduct a Public Hearing on the 23rd day of May 2022, at 7:00PM 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, of the Town Code with respect to the Shopping Center Zoning District and Large-Scale Mixed-Uses. 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: April 11, 2022 BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER JOSEPH P. PAOLONI Town Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF FISHKILL Local Law No. [Introductory] of 2022 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Fishkill, New York, will hold a Public Hearing at Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52 Fishkill, New York 12524 on May 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon after as

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the matter may be heard to consider Local Law No. (Introductory) of 2022, amending Town Code Chapter 50, Building Construction, by adding a new section 50-27 entitled Code Interpretation. The Town of Fishkill will make every effort to assure that the public hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or accommodations should contact the Town Clerk. By Order of the Town Board Town of Fishkill Becki Tompkins Town Clerk

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LMD HOMES, INC. - SIX (6) LOT SUBDIVISION FRESHWATER WETLANDS, WATERCOURSE AND WATERBODY PERMIT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to § 82-9.E of the Code of the Town of Fishkill, a public hearing will be held by the Planning Board of the Town of Fishkill on Thursday, May 12, 2022 in the Francois R. Cross Meeting Room (Main Meeting Room at Town Hall), 807 Route 52, Fishkill, New York, beginning at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible in the matter of an Applicant's request to obtain a Freshwater Wetlands, Watercourse and Water Body Permit to conduct regulated activities within a Town regulated wetland, watercourse and/or the associated buffer area. The activities involve the disturbance of the 100 wetland buffer for the proposed driveway entrances, the water

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service and main connections, and detention pond grading, all shown on the Applicant's subdivision plans to be constructed off of Baxtertown Road as part of the LMD Homes, Inc. - Six (6) Lot Subdivision. These regulated activities are defined in Sec. 82-7.C of the Code of the Town of Fishkill. A public hearing for the preliminary subdivision plat was held and closed by the Planning Board on November 18, 2021. The parcels for this proposal are identified as Tax Map Parcel Numbers: 6156-03-387216 consisting of 4.811 acres and 6156-03-413195 consisting of 1.94 acres located at 234 Baxtertown Road in the R-40 Zoning District to be subdivided into six (6) residential lots. The proposed lots will range in size from 0.99 acres to 1.27 acres. An existing home will remain on proposed Lot No. 3. Access to three (3) of the proposed lots will be gained off of Orchard Place and access to the remaining three (3) proposed lots will be gained off of Baxtertown Road. All interested persons will be heard by the Planning Board of the Town of Fishkill at the public hearing to be held as aforesaid. For any persons unable to attend the public hearing, email comments may be submitted in advance to dcolonna@fishkill-ny.gov. BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FISHKILL, NEW YORK Debbie Colonna, Planning Board Secretary

# Sounds of support: Towne Crier to host Ukraine benefit concert

By Kate Goldsmith

“With the horrors going on in Ukraine, the Towne Crier and friends are making a community statement to show our support for Ukrainians on Thursday, April 28, with music and guest speakers,” said Phil Ciganer, owner/operator of the Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon.

Several notable performers from around the Hudson Valley are scheduled, including David Amram, Tom Chapin, Aaron Parks, Joe Louis Walker, Vanaver Caravan, Dylan Doyle, John Sebastian, and Annalyse & Ryan – plus special guests.

The show begins at 7 p.m., and there is a minimum suggested donation of \$25, with proceeds to benefit humanitarian efforts in Ukraine.

Tables will only be reserved for dinner guests; call 845-855-1300 for reservations.

The situation in Ukraine resonates deeply with Ciganer, who was born in Moldova, an Eastern European country and former Soviet republic, just after the end of World War II.

“It’s a part of the world where I was born but never knew firsthand,” he said. “My parents experienced a similar situation [as Ukrainians do now] after World War II. They found themselves fleeing on foot, living in detention camps ... I was the infant you see the mothers carrying.



The Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon will host a fundraising concert on Thursday, April 28, to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine. Performers include Tom Chapin, Joe Louis Walker (photo by Arnie Goodman) and Annalyse & Ryan.

-Courtesy photos

They just literally walked from Moldova to Genoa, Italy.”

Ciganer’s family “jumped an ocean freighter to Cyprus,” he said, and eventually settled in Israel, later moving to the United States when he was a pre-teen.

Keynote speakers at Thursday’s event will include Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou as well as Natalie Pawlenko, President of

Ukrainian National Women’s League of America (UNWLA).

Ciganer said the Mayor will be out of town, but he’ll make a virtual appearance via Zoom.

Kelly Garcia, one of the event organizers, lauded the work of UNWLA. Garcia is not affiliated with the organization but noted its focus on supporting women and especially children.

“There is much more money needed there than we could possibly raise [with the concert], but we’d like to do our part,”

said Ciganer. “This is more of a consciousness raising event, from the Beacon community, [letting Ukrainians know] that we stand with them.”

“Oftentimes, we do get a little hung up on [wondering] will our efforts really help? And I sincerely believe that they do, that every little bit helps,” Garcia said. “It’s a significant group that’s coming together, and a testament of Phil’s integrity in the community.”

The Towne Crier is at 379 Main St. in Beacon. Visit [www.townecrier.com](http://www.townecrier.com) for more information.

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## Free Mother’s Day Bingo and Exercise at Bowdoin Park

The Dutchess County Office for the Aging and Dutchess County Parks present a special free Mother’s Day Bingo and Exercise event on Friday, May 6 from 1-2:30 p.m. at Bowdoin Park, 85 Sheafe Rd., Wappingers Falls. Enjoy an afternoon of bingo, mixed

with simple age-appropriate exercises presented by Jill Bubel, Trauma Injury Prevention Coordinator at Vassar Brothers Medical Center.

Space is limited at this event; please call the Office for the Aging at 845-486-2555 to register.

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