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## McCabe and Mack announces passing of Joseph McGowan



J. Joseph McGowan

Partners of McCabe and Mack LLP announced today that J. Joseph McGowan, a longtime attorney who recently retired after 56 years of service to the firm, has passed.

McGowan, who worked as part of the real estate, corporate, banking and secured lending team at the firm, graduated from Georgetown University in 1958 (Bachelor of Science, cum laude) and earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Harvard University Law School in 1961. After serving as Appellate Counsel (Captain) in the Office of the Judge Advocate General of the United States Army (1962-1963), he returned to his home Hudson Valley to begin a career in law that spanned nearly six decades.

The Partners stated: “We are deeply saddened by the passing of Joe McGowan. Indeed, the loss to his family, friends, our firm, and the greater community is a profound one. His intellect, insight, and incredible spirit of service made a tremendous impact on everyone who had the great privilege of working with Joe. His legacy is truly extraordinary, and we will honor that by continuing to set the bar high in all that we do, just as he always did in all areas of his own life.”

In addition to McGowan’s role as a longtime local attorney, he also became well-known for his commitment to community service over the years. Volunteer roles included those with organizations such as Astor Services for Children and Families (where McGowan was Trustee from 1989-2018, Trustee Emeritus 2018-present, and Board President 1992-2004), Mount Saint Mary College (Trustee 1980-1989), Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley (Board Member 2000-2011, Secretary 2006-2011), Mid-Hudson Civic Center (Board President 1984-1985), as well as service to Abilities First and the City of Poughkeepsie Planning board.

McGowan was the recipient of numerous awards, including Garden Party Honoree (Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, 2013), Phelan Meritorious Trustee Award (Archdiocese of New York, 2012), Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Award (Catharine Street Community Center, 2009), Serena Branson Leadership Award (Astor Services for Children and Families, 2004), and Dutchess County Bar

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## Four candidates vying for 4 seats in Beacon schools BOE election

Compiled by Kristine Coulter

Registered voters in the Beacon City School District will head to the polls on May 17 to vote for board of education (BOE) members. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. The 2022-23 school budget will also be on the ballot.

There are four candidates running for the BOE.

There are four seats on the ballot. According to BOE Clerk Kelly Pologe,

To elect four members to the Board of Education as follows:

- Three members to the Board of Education for three-year terms (commencing July 1 and expiring June 30, 2025)

- One (1) member for a two year and six-week term (commencing May 17 and expiring on June 30, 2024)

The following are the candidates’ responses to why they are running for the board and what they would focus on as a member of the board. The answers follow in alphabetical order by candidates’ last names.

### Yunice Heath

“I am running for school board because as a Latina I believe in diversity and representation, and believe the school board should mirror the community it represents. I have three children in the district and have always supported their schools in some way. This opportunity would allow me to support in a way that makes a bigger impact for every student in the district. I also highly value education and the public education system, appreciate the role of the school board, and will put in the work to help better the education of all BCSD students”

Heath stated, “I work in Education as a disability services counselor and have seen an increase in students who have been diagnosed with a mental health disorder, specifically students experiencing



The election for the Beacon City School District Board of Education will take place on May 17. Polls open at 6 a.m. and close at 9 p.m. Four candidates are running for the four seats on the ballot.

-Courtesy image

depression and anxiety. I would like to put more focus on mental health wellness and strengthening the culture of care within the district. I understand, and see, how the state of the students’ mental health can impact their learning. I believe it is important for the district to support all students, especially those living with mental health illnesses, for those students to have an equal opportunity to be successful in their educational goals.”

### Meredith Heuer

“My involvement with the Beacon City School District began 12 years ago when

I became co-chair of the Beacon Arts & Education Foundation. After many years of raising funds to support the students and staff of the BCSD while watching superintendents come and go with little or no transparency around their hiring or firing, I decided to run for school board to see if I could help to stabilize the district. I am proud of the changes we have been able to make in the last 6 years including having the same superintendent in place for the last 5 years, hiring more teachers

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## Dummy light hit during milling of street, will be replaced

By Kristine Coulter

The dummy light in Beacon was hit as milling work was being done on Main St. on April 27. According to City Administrator Chris White the dummy light will be replaced so that it matched as closely as possible the dummy light that was damaged.”

“As many of you know, the City has been milling Main Street the past two days in preparation for repaving next week. Yesterday afternoon, one of our vehicles accidentally backed into the “dummy light” at Main and East Main Streets,” White posted on Facebook.

According to White, the base of the dummy light is “still intact and undamaged.” The administrator noted that

the light was not original as it was a replacement of the original with LED bulbs.

Diane Lapis, Beacon Historical Society president, told the Beacon Free Press, “The Dummy Light on East Main was first installed in 1926 to help control traffic and congestion of cars, people, and the trolley. It was one of three lights installed during that year at a cost of \$250 each (\$3,757 today).”

Lapis stated, “The lights were such a success that many more were quickly installed throughout Main Street. Over time, cars and trucks hit and demolished them. Beacon is proud to have one remaining light, serving our community for almost a century.”



Beacon’s iconic dummy light, before it was recently hit during milling.

-Courtesy photo

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# Light to be replaced



A photo of the dummy light form the Beacon Historical Society.  
-Courtesy photo Beacon Historical Society

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A Facebook post by the Beacon Historical Society concluded “We are fortunate to have this iconic light in our midst... a relic of the past but a symbol for our historic heritage.”

White noted that paving was set to continue May 2 to May 4. From May 2 to May 5 at 9 a.m. there will be no parking because of paving and restriping on Main St.

“Thank you for your patience as we get through this major project and apologies for any inconvenience,” remarked White.

As the historical society post mentioned, “We are fortunate to have this iconic light in our midst... a relic of the past but a symbol for our historic heritage.” The post added: “It has served our community for almost a century and we are excited to see its return to light our way through the dark.”

# Agricultural scholarship applications now available

Through the proceeds from the sale of the milkshakes at the Dutchess County Fair each year, the Dutchess County Dairy Committee (a not for profit organization) provides undergraduate, agricultural scholarships to Dutchess County students.

All forms must be completely filled out and received no later than May 20. Scholarship applications are available by emailing Jennifer Fimbel at jlf20@cornell.edu.

The Dutchess County Dairy Committee Agricultural Scholarship provides \$2,500 for the first year and \$1,500 each academic year thereafter, for a total of 4 years. Priorities are given to, but not limited by those students pursuing a career related to agriculture. Those careers may include:

- Ag Education, Ag Engineering, Agronomy, Ag Economics, Animal Science, Pre-Vet, Communications, and Environmental courses of study.
- Criteria for the scholarship are as follows:
  - The Applicant must be a Dutchess County High School senior accepted to an undergraduate 2 or 4-year program at an accredited Institution of Higher Learning. Also, consideration will be given to Dutchess County returning college students.
  - Must include the applicant’s current transcripts
  - A Completed 2-page application form and
  - Provide a handwritten paragraph as requested on the application form.

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Association Award (Gartland Award for Community Service, 2012).

McGowan lived with wife Mary, a retired certified public accountant, in the City of Poughkeepsie. He had two adult daughters, Ann and Sarah, and one granddaughter.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Wm G. Miller & Son Funeral Home.

Here are some reflections of colleagues of McGowan.

Ellen Baker, Of Counsel at McCabe and Mack LLP: “Joe was a mentor without equal, and a good, honest, and brilliant man. I was fortunate to have worked with him for almost 40 years. Joe brought out the best in the young lawyers who worked with him. He taught us all, in a quiet unassuming manner. He set a high standard and we respected him so much that we did not want to disappoint him. Joe was always involved with charitable organizations because it was the right thing to do, not for the acclaim. He was awarded an important award from the Archdiocese of NY and never told any of us. Doing what is right is what mattered to him.”

Scott D. Bergin, Partner at McCabe and Mack LLP: “Joe was the embodiment of the ideal attorney and counselor at law. He possessed superior intellect and skill and was the consummate gentleman. He was honest, humble, and decent. He was never too busy to listen to any question or concern and was always willing and happy to teach and provide valuable sage advice. Joe was universally recognized as a superior attorney but more importantly as a wonderful human being. Aside from being an excellent attorney, Joe had a genuine concern for his fellow man and giving back to the community. As an example, he served on the Board of Astor Services for Families and Children for more than 30 years. He held many positions including Chair of

the Board of Trustees and devoted countless hours to help this organization. There was not a finer attorney or person than Joe.”

Richard R. DuVall, Partner at McCabe and Mack LLP: “Since I arrived at McCabe and Mack 35 years ago Joe had always been a paragon of steady calm wisdom. I had clear recollections of navigating complex transactions at his side and of his cool head and steady work guiding our clients to the finish line. We were frequently up against a dozen or so lawyers from several big NYC or out of state law firms, and he was unflappable and never outgunned. That made a huge impression on me, and on McCabe and Mack. He taught us all to dig into the meat of the deal, don’t be cowed by the other side, watch the ball and follow through.”

Nancy Griffin, McGowan’s longtime legal assistant (retired): “Joe was a man of integrity and honesty, who did the very best for his clients. Working with Joe for 45 years, I can say he was kind, patient, and had a true impact on my life.”

David L. Posner, Of Counsel at McCabe and Mack LLP: “Joe always practiced law at the highest level with unparalleled dignity and grace. In the 40 years we were at McCabe and Mack together, I never once saw him ruffled or lose his composure or worse still, lose sight of the objective of the best result possible for the client. I believe the entire bar that crossed his path felt the same way.”

The Honorable Albert M. Rosenblatt, Of Counsel at McCabe and Mack LLP: “Having known him as a colleague and a friend for over 50 years, Joe was the embodiment of what the public, and the firm, want in the ideal lawyer: a perfect blend of wisdom, decency, knowledge, empathy, modesty, and integrity. No client community could have been better served than by Joe McGowan. (He was also a really nice guy.)”

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at the elementary level to keep class sizes small, starting band a year earlier, implementing a 1:1 chromebook program (crucial during the pandemic!) and expanding offerings at the high school.”

Heuer said, “My goals if I am re-elected this term are to continue to support our superintendent to implement our board goals: excellence and equity in our curriculum and a strong culture of care in our school climate, transparent communication with our families and staff, fiscal responsibility around our budgeting process, all through the lens of sustainability.”

**Alena Kush**

“My reason for running for the school board is simple, I want to play an active role in the community that I live in and where my children and their friends are educated. I personally do not see many African American women represented in leadership and in the district, and I want to show my two daughters, the community, and other individuals of color that although we may not see people who look like us, it does not mean we cannot go out and be a part of the institutions where changes can be made. As a member of the (Parent Teacher Organization) Board at Rombout [Middle School] it has sparked my desire to continue to be a part of this growing community and educational system.”

Kush continued, “If elected, I would focus on parent and guardian involvement in the district. I believe the relationship

# BCSD candidates on the ballot

between parents; guardian and the district play a vital role in our student’s success. The best way for me to implant this is through active communication which is in alignment with the goals adopted by the Board for this academic year: Communication - The BCSD will build trust and community through open, responsive communication, outreach, and dialogue with all stakeholders.”

**Antony Tseng**

“I would like to continue to serve the public in this capacity. Living in Beacon for more than two decades as well as having two kids graduate in Beacon, there is no question how important our schools are to our community.”

Tseng stated, “I hope to encourage more collaboration with our community, including wider communications, mentorships, and creating career-ready experiences, to improve student achievements. I would also like to ensure that we are not disenfranchising parts of our community. I am a firm believer that there is strength in diversity. At some point, I would like to see more collaborative opportunities of the school district with the library and municipal governments. I believe challenging our limited resources to create more opportunities for our students will help prepare our students for the future. The investments in professional development and leadership will also benefit our students as well for years to come. Also, an annual Science Fair and an annual Engineering Challenge event would be a great opportunity to foster innovation in the schools and our community-at-large.”

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# Andriello named School Bus Driver of the Year

**By Kristine Coulter**

Dutchess County resident Ronald Andriello received The Dutchess County Traffic Safety Board's School Bus Driver of the Year award. A ceremony was held on April 27, outside of the Abilities First facility, off of Myers Corners Road in Wappinger. Andriello, the 19th bus driver recognized with the award over the years, works with Mat Bus Corp./Total Transportation. Dutchess County contracts with Mat Bus Corp./Total Transportation.

Before Andriello transported students to Abilities First in Wappinger, Andriello worked for the U.S. Postal Service in the Wappingers Falls post office. He retired after more than 38 years working as a postal carrier.

"After retiring from the post office, I needed something to do," remarked Andriello. He said he did not want to work full time. He said becoming a bus driver gave him an opportunity to interact with people.

"I appreciate the kids and working with them," Andriello stated.

"We were really surprised and very honored," said Rita Andriello, Ron's wife, when they heard he would be recognized. "He really didn't think he was going to win. He really didn't expect it."

Rita Andriello noted, "It's a big responsibility that [he's] given taking children of other parents into his hands and it takes a lot of patience and care." Andriello's granddaughter Emma was also in attendance to watch as her grandfather received his award.

Gianna Nassani, general manager for Mat Bus Corp./Total Transportation,



School Bus Driver of the Year Award recipient Ronald Andriello is flanked by County, local law enforcement, safety and educational leaders at a ceremony on April 27 outside of the Abilities First location in Wappinger.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

remarked, "Ron is an amazing worker. Literally, there's no other way to describe him." Nassani added: "He is cheerful and energetic."

During his remarks, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said that Andriello "safely transports students of all abilities to Abilities First." Molinaro presented Andriello with a gift certificate from the Culinary Institute of America. Andriello was offered congratulations from Dutchess County Legislator Joseph Cavaccini. Andriello was presented with a certificate that was from NYS Senator Sue Serino.

Dr. Jeffery Fox, CEO and President of Abilities First, said during his remarks, "I have a special place in my heart for bus drivers." He said bus drivers have been heroes.

Wappingers Central School District Superintendent Dr. Dwight Bonk said to Andriello, "I would like to congratulate you on your honor." He thanked all bus drivers. Bonk mentioned that it is bus drivers who are the "first person" the students "see in the morning and the last person they see at the end of the [school] day."

During the ceremony, Safe Stop Education Enforcement Day was high-

lights, which was April 28.

Molinaro remarked that Arlington Central School District (ACSD) and the WCSD have joined the County's school bus safety program, which is a partnership with Bus Patrol. Districts in the partnership with Bus Patrol, according to County leaders, are:

- Hyde Park Central School District (February),
- Arlington Central School District (February)
- Wappingers Central School District (February)
- Pawling Central School District (March)
- Pine Plains (December 2021)
- Red Hook Central School District (currently in warning period)

It was stated that County officials are in discussions with several other districts, which include the Beacon City School District, the Dover Union Free District and the Poughkeepsie City School District, about opting into the program.

To date, according to the County officials, 676 school buses have had the equipment installed on them, resulting in almost 1,400 citations (warnings and violations) being issued. The greatest occurrences of violations have taken place on Routes 9 and 9G in Hyde Park and Routes 44 and 55 in LaGrange, it was noted by officials.

For more information about the School Bus Safety Program is available on the County's website: <https://www.dutchess-ny.gov/Departments/Traffic-Safety/school-bus-safety.htm>.



County Executive Marc Molinaro, left, congratulates Bus Driver of the Year Ronald Andriello, right.

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## Elks recognize youth

### To the Editor:

The Benevolent and Protected Order of Elks recognize our youth the week of May1 - May 7 each year.

The Elks believe in our future and Beacon Elks Lodge #1493 does that by supporting Scouts Troops 41B, Scouts Troop 41G, Girl Scouts, Girls Softball, Youth Basketball, Youth Soccer, Scholarships at the lodge, State and National levels (over 4 million annually) and Student of the Month Recognition at Rombout Middle School.

Let us all remember our youth not just this week but nurture our youth everyday as they are our future.

Carl Oken  
Youth Activities Chair

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## Schumer highlights Community-Based Violence Intervention Programs in Newburgh



*U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer highlights Community-Based Violence Intervention (CVI) Programs in Newburgh on April 20.*

*-Courtesy photo*

Standing at the Newburgh Armory Unity Center with officials, law enforcement, community violence prevention experts, and advocates from Poughkeepsie and Newburgh, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer on April 20 launched his latest push to combat crime and the recent surge of gun violence in the Hudson Valley. Schumer revealed that the Department of Justice just launched the new Community Violence Intervention (CVI) Initiative, a first of its kind grant program, funded through the FY22 Appropriations Bill, aimed at combating gun violence at its root by increasing community trust, identifying those at the highest risk and working to reduce violence through evidence based intervention. Schumer said these programs have already had tremendous success in the Hudson Valley, directly helping reduce violence and save lives, and that he is quadrupling down on his support calling for the administration’s request for \$250 million for the program as a down payment to be fully funded to help reduce crime and keep places like Newburgh safe.

“Hudson Valley residents know far too well how gun violence continues to impact our communities here in the Hudson Valley,” said Senator Schumer. “This is a crisis that we can and must solve, and one of the best ways to reduce violence is by increasing the resources available to local organizers, getting youth in underserved communities off the streets, and providing individuals the support necessary to get on the right track. Community-based Violence Intervention programs have been extremely effective in the Hudson Valley, and that’s why I’m fighting to bolster this funding so these lifesaving programs can be strengthened and expanded like never before.”

Schumer was joined by Poughkeepsie Mayor Rob Rolison; Newburgh Mayor Torrance Harvey; NYS Assemblyman Jonthan Jacobson ; K Bain, Founder of Community Capacity Development; Kevin White, Newburgh Boys and Girls Club; Jose Gomez, City of Newburgh Police Commissioner; Michele McKeon, Chief Operating Officer at Regional Economic Community Action Program; Orenzo Charles, Program organizer; Ray Thomas, NAACP .Newburgh; Jemika Hall, Founder of Marc Friends; Bishop Woody, Pastor of The Cathedral at The House in Newburgh; Whitney Humphrey, Poughkeepsie SNUG Vice President for Community Programs; and Ykim Anderson, SNUG outreach worker

“RECAP would like to thank Senator Schumer for visiting Orange County today and his ongoing commitment to creating healthier and safer communities. Addressing the social determinants of health is the key factor in reducing gun and other violence. We look forward to continue discussions on how to best use the resources available to us to create safer, healthier communities,” said Michele McKeon, Chief Operating Officer of Regional Economic Community Action Program.

Schumer explained that CVI programs use evidence-informed strategies to reduce violence through tailored, community-centered initiatives. These programs

engage individuals and groups to prevent and disrupt cycles of violence and retaliation and establish relationships between individuals and community assets to deliver services that save lives, address trauma, provide opportunity, and improve the physical, social, and economic conditions that drive violence. The DOJ’s Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative grant program began for the first time this year funded at \$50 million, and was just posted yesterday for community groups and local governments to begin to apply. However, Schumer said that while this is strong first step, that the recent wave of gun violence felt across the Hudson Valley warrants even more to bolster these programs, which is why he is quadrupling down and calling for the program to receive at least \$250 million going forward.

Schumer said the SNUG (“Should Never Use Guns”) program, which returned to Newburgh in September 2020, uses conflict mediation and crisis intervention to prevent gun violence in the city’s downtown area is a prime example of how CVI programs work. Newburgh’s SNUG program employs individuals with a prior criminal history of either gun or gang violence to act as credible messengers in reaching out to city residents and youth to encourage a lifestyle that does not include gun violence or gang participation. To date, the Newburgh SNUG program has achieved 54 successful mediations— without the tireless work of the SNUG team there could be 54 more incidents of gun violence. As of April 19, according to SNUG, there had been no incidents of gun violence for 100 days in the downtown area of Newburgh.

Schumer said that a lack of resources in a community can increase the risk for violence to occur, so strategies that bolster community resources and improve community conditions must be used to support CVI strategies. This is why the senator made sure that the American Rescue Plan had \$21 million for the City of Newburgh and \$20 million for the City of Poughkeepsie in local aid. The senator made sure that this funding could be used to invest in evidence-based community violence interventions. The Department of Education has also clarified that ARPA's \$122 billion in K-12 funds could be used for CVI strategies.

This effort to further fund CVI programs comes on the heels of Senator Schumer’s successful push for the federal government’s regulation of “ghost guns and the Senator’s commitment to getting these dangerous, often untraceable, firearms off the streets. Just last week, The Department of Justice announced their submission of the “Frame or Receiver” Final Rule to The Federal Register, expanding the firearm definition by subjecting parts’ kits to the same regulations as fully assembled guns. Earlier this year, Senator Schumer fought to secure \$1.5 billion dollars in funding to The Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. This increase will be critical to tackling gun trafficking and The Iron Pipeline—issues that prominently affect the state of New York.

### Correction

In the Chess Club story in the April 27 issue, it should have said Dan Gilleo, not Ben Gilleo.



# A small scrap of paper reveals a big political divide

By Melody Moore  
DC Historical Society

Curators of historical collections like to talk about “reading” an object. By that they mean: Other than what’s just perfectly obvious, what can I learn about the significance and context of this item if I dig a little deeper and follow some clues.

A simple way to understand this process is to pull out your wallet (or today’s equivalent, your iphone). Initially it looks pretty simple and straight forward – brown, leather, rectangular with a fold in the middle. But by going inside the wallet the curator could, in a very short period of time, learn a great deal about the owner of the wallet: Name, address, physical characteristics including a photo, medical information, shopping habits, and leisure time preferences and memberships.

A recent donation to the Dutchess County Historical Society provided a wonderful opportunity to “read” a rare piece of early American currency and lead us to a greater understanding of the politics of late 18th century Dutchess County.

Several months ago, a member contacted the Historical Society alerting us to an online auction that included what was described as “a scarce upstate New York small change note.” Knowing that the Society does not have a budget for the acquisition of items of historical interest, the member volunteered to bid on the item in the hopes of winning and donating it to our collections. His efforts were successful and shortly thereafter the two pence note arrived at Clinton House.

### Note poses question

Upon first glance, the approximately 2-inch by 3-inch piece of paper seemed pretty straight forward. Printed on the front was the denomination of the coin, the date, the printer, and the ordering organization and its treasurer. But what was the Constitutional Society of Dutchess County, who were Edm. Per Lee and N. Power and why were they printing money in 1791?

In the spring of 1785, a local weekly newspaper was launched in Poughkeepsie by Nicholas Power. The 10th issue, published on October 13 included an announcement about the establishment of his printing office. It is likely that this announcement had run in each of the preceding issues of the paper. Power signed his announcement “The Public’s devoted, very humble servant.” “The Country Journal and Poughkeepsie Advertiser” was located a few doors east of the Court House and by 1791 the name of the newspaper had been shortened to “The Poughkeepsie Journal.” In 1792 Power was appointed the first Poughkeepsie post master.

At the time of the 1788 Constitutional Convention in Poughkeepsie Powers’ newspaper was the only newspaper published in New York outside of Albany and New York City. It’s likely Power had the only printing house in Dutchess at the time, so it’s not surprising to find him listed as the printer of the two pence note.

Edmund Per Lee the 2nd (1752 – 1822) was the son of a Huguenot immigrant who had found his way to Amenia via Boston. Edmund the 1st settled in the Smithfield area of Amenia then known as “The City,” where he kept a tavern and

participated in local government. Son Edmund signed the Pledge of Association in 1775 at the age of 23 and later served in the Revolutionary War, becoming a Major-General. Following the war he continued to serve in public office as a town assessor, overseer of highways in “The City” district, and from 1794 – 1797, as town supervisor.

### A unique society

The most intriguing question raised by the note was the existence of the Constitutional Society of Dutchess County. A query posed to a number of contemporary Dutchess County historians revealed that no one had ever come across any mention of this organization. As fate would have it, issues of Mr. Power’s “Country Journal and Poughkeepsie Advertiser,” would provide essential information regarding the Society. Notifications in the newspaper document that the Society was meeting regularly at least as early as 1787.

While there is no known information regarding the reason for the formation of the organization, it was likely as a result of the ongoing debate over the necessity for a Federal Constitution. The April 15th newspaper would report on the April 8, 1788 Annual Meeting, which had been held at the home of Edmund Per Lee. After the close of normal business those in attendance “took into their serious consideration, the propriety of adopting or rejecting the proposed Constitution – it being an event of the greatest importance, whereon depends our liberties, privileges, and national safety; not only ours, but unborn millions.”

It was the opinion of those present that “if the proposed Constitution is adopted, we shall involve ourselves in many difficulties incompatible with a free people.” The assembled body concluded their meeting by supporting the nominations of Judge Zephaniah Platt, General Swartwout, Melancton Smith, Ezra Thompson, Gilbert Livingston, John De Witt and Jonathan Akin to represent the county in the upcoming July Constitutional Convention. According to scholars such as Staughton Lynd, these seven men were avowed Anti-Federalists. Ironically, when the New York State Constitutional Convention was held from June 17 – July 26 of that same year, four members of that delegation voted for ratification and ensured its passage in New York.

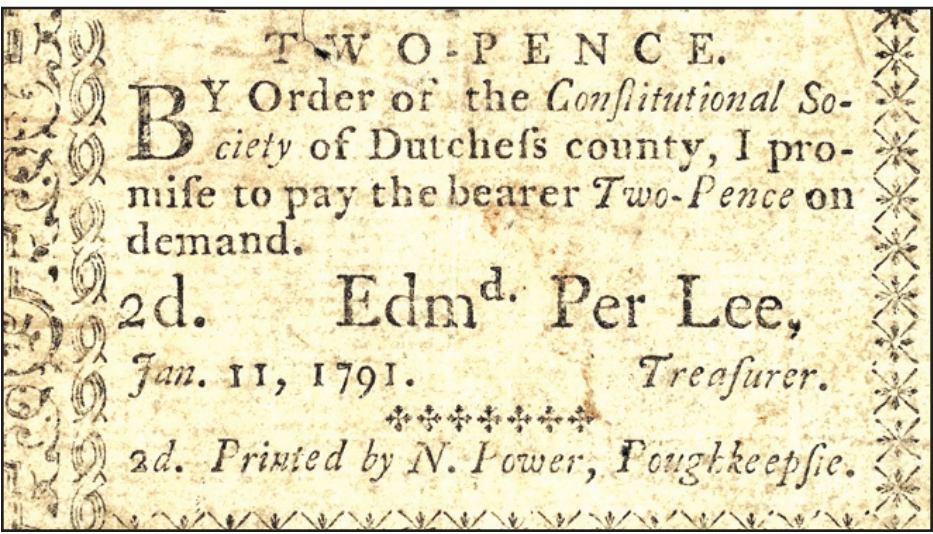
The Society continued to meet following the convention. Announcements of meetings regularly occurred in the Poughkeepsie newspaper, and included the names of officers and meeting locations. The November 11th issue noted that a meeting was to take place at the house of Solomon Sutherland in Bangall. The notice was issued by Stephen Eno, Secretary.

By 1790, the Society was once again meeting at the house of Edmund Per Lee, and the Secretary was now Jacob Bockee. The two pence note that began this odyssey is proof that the Society was still active and influential through the January 11th date on the note.

But why were they printing money?

### Copper coinage issue

The answer lies in the Copper Panic of 1789, a monetary crisis following the Revolution that was caused by the



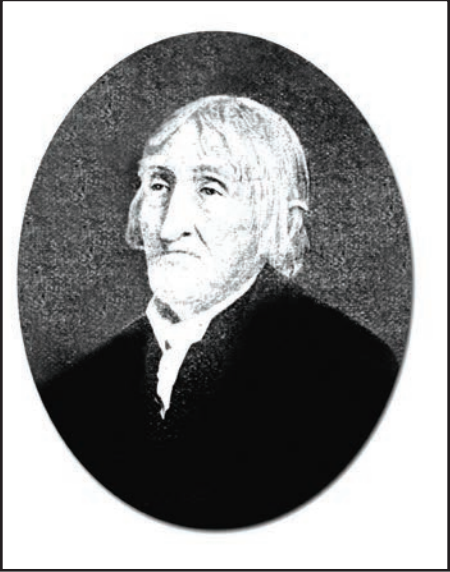
*This small piece of paper, roughly 2 inches by 3 inches, opened the door and shed light on a profound disagreement at the time of the founding of our country.*  
-Image courtesy of DCHS Collections

debasement and loss of confidence in copper coins, in part as a result of counterfeiting. In April 1787, the New York State Legislature passed an act regulating the circulation of copper coins and stated that “after the said first day of August next, ... any copper coin, other than of the Standard and weight aforesaid, such copper coin shall be liable to be seized.”

By 1789, New York was flooded with underweight copper coinage that was now officially illegal and the bottom fell out and panic ensued. The response from cities, businesses, banks and churches was the printing of small change notes. Known New York examples are the 1 penny church money notes issued by the trustees of the Presbyterian Congregational Church of Troy, New York on August 28, 1892, and the December 20, 1792 three pence change note issued by the Lansingburgh Museum, a library and educational institution in Rensselaer and pledged to be accepted by 27 merchants throughout the county. The Dutchess County Constitutional Society two pence small change note can now be added to that list and given that the note owned by DCHS is No. 206 we can be confident that once there were 205 others.

The final question is why, among all the organizations, businesses, churches and banks in Dutchess County in 1791 would the Dutchess County Constitutional Society be the entity to take it upon itself to order the printing of change notes?

It seems likely that the answer lies in the complex personal interrelationships that existed in the Amenia, Stanford and North East heartland of the county where many of the Constitutional Convention delegates came from, and where the men who we now know were the officers and leaders of the Constitutional Society of Dutchess County also resided. Related by marriage, shared service in the Revolutionary War, commitment to public service as justices, and as elected officials at the state level, this group of men



*Stephen Eno of Pine Plains was among a group of influential men like Edmund Per Lee of Amenia, who formed the Dutchess County Constitutional Society.*

-Courtesy of DCHS Image Collection.

would have undoubtedly been one of the most powerful behind-the-scenes influencers in Dutchess County in the last years of the 18th century. Of course, they could print their own money.

There is so much more to learn about this previously unknown organization and the men who were its leaders. Imagine if this very tiny little scrap of paper had not survived the past 231 years.

Melody Moore is a long-standing Board member of DCHS, Chair of its Collections Committee, regular contributor to the DCHS Yearbook, and develops a wide range of programs. More information at [www.DCHSNY.org](http://www.DCHSNY.org).

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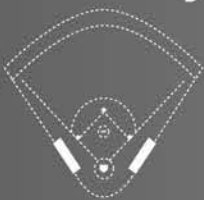


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	Aberdeen BAL					15	5	.750	-	8-2	W5
	Hudson Valley NYY					12	9	.571	3.5	7-3	L1
	Brooklyn NYM					11	10	.524	4.5	4-6	L1
	Wilmington WSH					10	11	.476	5.5	4-6	W1
	Greensboro PIT					8	13	.381	7.5	4-6	W1
	Jersey Shore PHI					6	14	.300	9.0	4-6	L5

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
	Bowling Green TB					14	7	.667	-	5-5	W1
	Rome ATL					13	8	.619	1.0	6-4	L1
	Winston-Salem CWS					13	8	.619	1.0	8-2	L1
	Hickory TEX					11	10	.524	3.0	7-3	L1
	Greenville BOS					8	13	.381	6.0	1-9	W1
	Asheville HOU					4	17	.190	10.0	2-8	W1

## Beck Way leads talented pitching staff

By Rich Thomaselli

When the New York Yankees selected a junior college pitcher in the fourth round of the 2020 Major League Draft with the 129th overall pick, nobody knew what to expect.

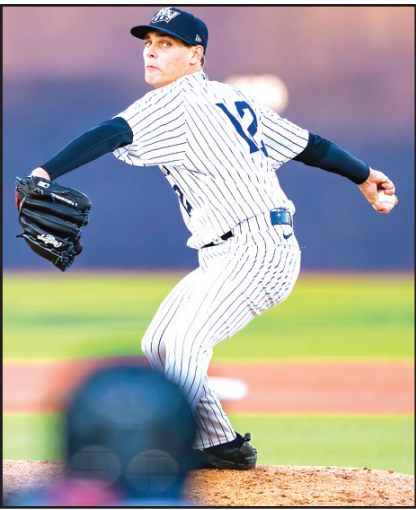
Except the Yankees.

The organization knew it was getting a hard-throwing right-hander who could be groomed as a potential starter in the Bronx someday.

And right now, he's been thrilling to watch right in our backyard at Dutchess Stadium for the High Class A minor league Hudson Valley Renegades.

Beck Way, who was scheduled to make his fourth start of the season on Tuesday, May 3, when the Renegades opened a six-game series at Jersey Shore, is 1-0 with a 3.77 ERA. He has 21 strikeouts in 14.1 innings and a WHIP – walks and hits per innings pitched – of 0.98. Anything at 1.00 or below is considered outstanding.

Way will turn 23 in August and was drafted out of Northwest Florida Junior College. There was a method to his route through a junior college – he started at NCAA Division II Belmont Abbey



Beck Way prepares to release a pitch.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

College in 2019, but his terrific showing in the famed Cape Cod Summer League made him reconsider is decision. So he transferred to Northwest Florida JC so he would be eligible for the 2020 draft. He was so dominant at that level, he was offered a scholarship to Division I Louisiana State University, but gave it up when the Yankees drafted him.

## Players Statistics

PLAYER	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
1 Eric Wagaman 1B	HV	4	12	2	4	1	0	1	4	3	2	0	0	.333	.500	.667	1.167
2 T.J.Rumfield 1B	HV	12	48	8	17	5	0	2	11	8	11	3	2	.354	.439	.583	1.022
3 Austin Wells C	HV	17	61	14	19	4	0	3	9	14	21	8	0	.311	.434	.525	.959
4 Eduardo Torrealba 2B	HV	12	40	4	15	3	1	0	6	4	6	5	1	.375	.432	.500	.932
5 Cooper Bowman 2B	HV	18	58	14	15	5	1	2	10	18	16	12	1	.259	.430	.483	.913
6 Everson Pereira CF	HV	18	70	17	21	1	2	1	7	10	23	8	3	.300	.388	.414	.802
7 James Nelson 3B	HV	8	23	4	7	1	0	0	6	5	5	8	0	.304	.448	.348	.796
8 Trey Sweeney SS	HV	10	43	10	9	1	1	3	8	4	17	1	1	.209	.306	.488	.794
9 Carlos Narvaez C	HV	12	43	7	9	3	0	2	3	5	14	1	1	.209	.292	.419	.711
10 Aldenis Sanchez LF	HV	17	61	6	15	1	1	1	9	9	23	10	1	.246	.352	.344	.696
11 Aaron Palensky LF	HV	13	36	6	7	2	1	1	7	4	18	0	0	.194	.293	.389	.682
12 Tyler Hardman 3B	HV	18	58	4	11	3	0	1	9	6	24	1	1	.190	.258	.293	.551
13 Pat DeMarco RF	HV	16	59	4	11	2	0	0	3	5	16	1	2	.186	.250	.220	.470
14 Cristian Perez SS	HV	6	20	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	.100	.100	.100	.200
15 Spencer Henson 1B	HV	11	42	1	3	0	0	0	2	1	22	0	0	.071	.114	.071	.185
16 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	2	1.56	6	2	0	0	0	1	17.1	13	4	3	0	1	2	24	0.87	.210
2 Will Warren P	HV	1	1	2.65	4	4	0	0	0	0	17.0	11	5	5	1	1	5	22	0.94	.193



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# Renegades open home season with 8-4 mark

By Rich Thomaselli

Despite an 8-6 loss to the Wilmington Blue Rocks on Sunday, the Hudson Valley Renegades completed their first homestand at Dutchess Stadium of 2022 with an 8-4 record.

Wilmington struck in the top of the first against Hudson Valley starter Blane Abeyta. Omar Meregildo lined an RBI single to left to make it 1-0 Blue Rocks.

In the bottom of the second, Eric Wagaman crushed his first homer of the season, a two-run blast to left field, against Wilmington starter Matt Merrill to give Hudson Valley a 2-1 lead.

The Blue Rocks leveled it up in the top of the third on Drew Mendoza's RBI single off Abeyta. The right-hander lasted three innings, allowing two runs on six hits, striking out four and walking none.

In the bottom of the third, Aaron Palensky gave the Renegades the lead with his first home run of the season. Everson Pereira followed with an RBI single later in the inning to extend the Hudson Valley lead to 4-2.

Carson Coleman took over in relief and dominated for the Hudson Valley, firing three shutout innings, only permitting one hit, striking out four and walking none.

The Blue Rocks rallied back to take the lead against Bryan Blanton. In the top of the seventh, Yasel Antuna brought home Darren Baker with a groundout to cut the deficit to 4-3. The following inning, Jeremy Ydens blooped a two-run single to right to give Wilmington a 5-4 edge.

In the bottom of the eighth against Troy Stainbrook, Austin Wells tied the game with a towering home run to left-center, his second homer in three nights off a left-hander. Amos Willingham (1-1) entered and Hudson Valley continued its late-inning life. With two outs, Cooper Bowman doubled and Tyler Hardman singled him home to put the Renegades in front 6-5.

Wilmington bounced right back in the top of the ninth against Charlie Ruegger (0-1). Drew Mendoza banged a go-ahead two-run triple to right and Kevin Strohschein lifted a sacrifice fly to add an insurance run and make it 8-6 Blue Rocks.

Zach Brzykcy earned his second save of the series and third of the year, retiring the Renegades in order in the bottom of the ninth.

The Renegades head to Jersey Shore and were scheduled to start a six-game series on Tuesday with the BlueClaws.



*Shortstop Trey Sweeney has hit three home runs with 8 runs batted in during the first few weeks of the season.*

*-Photo by Dave Janosz*

## GLINER'S KORNER!

# Being prepared is the key for opening home season

*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.*

**How about some quick thoughts on getting the first homestand under your belt? It must have been a bit crazy with 12 games in 13 days.**

It was, but it's great to get the season going. This is what we work the entire off-season for, to see the fruits of our labor in play. We've had a chance to evaluate and tweak some things before we get into the heart of the season. Now we'll get some time off for our staff this week.

**Is there some consistency to what you do year-to-year or have there been wholesale changes to open a season now that you're a full-season Class A team and a Yankees affiliate?**

When you open the ballpark, there is a checklist of things to do and things that need to be in the right place. There are some new things in terms of our operation with Major League Baseball overseeing minor league baseball. The biggest differ-

ence is pacing yourself. It's not a sprint, it's a marathon. I've heard that a lot from my years down in Florida when I opened the park for spring training and then, when the Major League team left to start the season, we began our minor league season.

**How do you prep for 12 games in 13 games, though, in terms of having enough merchandise, enough food, enough beverages?**

You just have to be prepared. The food and beverage is actually different than the merchandise side. Our focus on merchandise was to get in as much stuff as we could. Sweatshirts and blankets are the key items right now (laughs). The weather has been chilly, especially for night games, and we sold out of blankets (Saturday) night. For food and beverage, you have to check inventory and work with your vendors. The food and beverage is different because you go day-by-day. And you have to be aware of supply chain issues. I remember at one point last year we had a problem getting chicken tenders, of all things. They were just hard to come by. We had to check around with different suppliers. But fortunately this year things are starting to become normal again.



**You mentioned that it's been chilly. From your 13 years working down in Florida, you must have gained some insight and perspective on the weather, especially with what seems like daily afternoon storms down there - and really intense storms.**

Oh, I have no problem saying I'm the best weatherman I know (laughs). I got really good at it in Florida. When you have rain on weekends with big promotions, that's the kind of stuff that keeps you up at night. My last year at Fort Myers - and this was part of the reason why I wanted to come back to the Hudson Valley - we had rain in 20 of our last 26 home games in 2016. It drains you, not just physically exhausting, but having to mentally sit on your radar all day. At least up here you can watch it and know it's going to rain for the next four hours and we can make a decision with confidence. The good thing for Dutchess Stadium is that since we got the artificial turf in 2014 we only have small patches of dirt to cover.

**Has anyone from the new ownership group been here yet and how have your dealings with them been so far?**

They were here opening night. They really enjoyed seeing the ballpark. For most of them it was their first time here and they liked the improvements we put into place. They got to meet some of our fans and partners, and it went great.

## Mel Brooks musical ‘Young Frankenstein’ opens at County Players on May 6

County Players, one of the longest running community theatre companies in the area is proud to present the Musical Comedy “Mel Brook’ Young Frankenstein” based upon his film with Book by Mel Brooks & Thomas Meehan, Music Lyrics by Mel Brooks, and directed by Kevin Barnes. The production opens May 6.

From the creators of the record-breaking Broadway sensation, The Producers, comes this monster new musical comedy. The comedy genius, Mel Brooks, adapts his legendarily funny film into a brilliant stage creation – Young Frankenstein! Grandson of the infamous Victor Frankenstein, Frederick Frankenstein, (pronounced “Fronk-en-steen”) inherits his family’s estate in Transylvania. With the help of a hunchbacked sidekick, Igor, (pronounced “Eye-gore”), and a leggy lab assistant, Inga (pronounced normally), Frederick finds himself in the mad scientist shoes of his ancestors. “It’s alive!” he exclaims as he brings to life a creature to rival his grandfather’s. Eventually, of course, the monster escapes and hilarity continuously abounds.

The cast showcases the local talents representing communities throughout the Hudson Valley, featuring: Laura Seaman, Stephanie Blake, Connie Boden, Mike Boden, John Carter, Joseph DeAngelo, Sam Eisenbaum, Matt Fields, Michael Frohnhoefer, Michele George, Liisa Henry, Karen Hoben, Macy McKnight, Mark Moody, Glen Morrice, James Neithardt, Duane Joseph Olson, Dylan Parkin, Jenn Propfe, Howie Riggs, Ed Ringwood, Peggy Ringwood, Amy Schaffer, and Scott Woolley.

Director Barnes said, “I’ve used “Young Frankenstein” as part of my personal comic lexicon since seeing the film (in a movie theater in the 70’s!), so bringing it to life, so to speak, on the stage has



Sam Eisenbaum as Victor Frankenstein.  
-Courtesy photo by Louisa Vilardi Photography

given me, our cast, and crew the opportunity to really experience Mel Brooks' comedy in very personal ways. Come see the monster we’re building in Wappingers Falls!”

Performances will be held Friday and Saturday May 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, & 21 at 8pm, with matinees at 2pm on both Sunday, May 15 and 22, and Saturday May 20. County Players Falls Theatre is located at 2681 W. Main, Wappingers Falls. Tickets are \$25 adults; \$22 Senior 60+/Military/Children under 12 - visit: [countypayers.org/tickets/](http://countypayers.org/tickets/)

As COVID restrictions and mandates are evolving daily please visit the County Players webpage at [countypayers.org](http://countypayers.org) for up-to-date information on theater restrictions and protocols, and individual ticket sales. The box office will not be open for in-person ticket sales either before or on performance days. Season subscriptions, and individual tickets will be available online only and in advance of the performance dates.

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## Fjord Trail receives \$20 million for Phase 1



Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail members joined New York State Senator James Skoufis (District 39) and a group of Fjord Trail project partners on the site of the future Fjord Trail Breakneck Connector to announce that \$20 million in the new state Parks capital budget will go to support construction of the new bridge at Breakneck on April 21. The funding was made possible through an expanded State Parks budget which increased from \$120 million to \$250 million, enabling a whole host of deferred maintenance and important new infrastructure-improvement projects throughout New York State Parks to move forward.

Early in 2023, work will begin on elements of the Breakneck Connector trail plaza, including the bridge over the railroad tracks, new parking lots, enhancements to the Breakneck train station, restrooms, and an improved trail steward station.

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## Town Hall forums on State of County set for May 10, 17

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro will host a series of Town Hall Forums over the next several weeks to discuss the 2022 State of the County with residents. County Executive Molinaro presented his annual State of County Address on April 20th and the town hall forums are an opportunity for residents to learn more about the initiatives and plans for Dutchess County Government over the coming year, as well as ask questions and offer comments.

Following a brief recap of the 2022 State of the County Address, Molinaro will lead an open-topic, question-and-answer session. The forums are open to the public and all are welcome to attend. Questions and feedback from residents regarding any aspect of County government are welcome and encouraged.

Molinaro said, “Dutchess County is in the midst of a lot of exciting initiatives, projects,

and improvements in 2022. We are grateful to be getting back into our communities to share informative dialogue with our residents and answer their questions face-to-face.”

Upcoming Town Hall Forums:

- Tuesday, May 10th, 5:30 p.m. – Red Hook Community Center, 59 Fisk Street, Red Hook
- Tuesday, May 17th, 5:30 p.m. – American Legion Post 427, 7 Spring Street, Wappingers Falls

The May 10th Red Hook forum will also feature a “County Government on the Road” informational fair starting an hour prior to the start of the town hall forum. The informational fair will feature multiple county government departments providing information on services and programs. Department representatives will be on hand to answer questions on specific topics of interest.



The Catholic War Veterans Joseph R. Farina Post #386, Newburgh-New Windsor, Orange County, presented an Award of Appreciation to Adams Fairacre Farms in the town of Newburgh on April 25. The award was for the assistance in the 2021 Poppy Distribution Program. Adams Fairacre Farms provided space for members of CWV Post to distribute the poppies during regular operating hours. Pictured, from left, are Post Cmdr. Robert Murphy, Assistant Store Manager Richard Bryant and 3rd Vice Cmdr, Mike Lutz.

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# Annual science fair held



Dutchess County Regional Science Fair took place at Falcon Hall on the Dutchess Community College campus on April 2. From left, Dr. Maung Htoo, Director DC Regional Science Fair; Magnolia Garbarino, 1st Place Senior Division; Dr. Peter G Jordan, President Dutchess Community College and NYS Senator Sue Serino

-Photos by Gillian Rinaldo



Judges walk around and score the science projects.

The 63rd Annual Dutchess County Regional Science Fair was held April 2 at Falcon Hall on the Dutchess Community College Campus. Seventy students representing twenty-three schools from eight school districts participated. It was a joy to return to an in-person fair after two years under COVID restrictions. The students and judges were excited to share the experience at a mask optional event. Marist College professor Dr. Elisa Woolridge said, “I had a great experience at the Science Fair, so many creative young minds and hope to judge again next year.”

Students ranged from 5th to 12th graders, with projects in biology, chemistry, physics, engineering, earth/space science, computer science, environmental & behavioral sciences. Biology and environmental sciences accounted for over

50% of the projects. Young women presented 57% of the projects, including the overall first, second and third place Senior Division Winners.

At the awards ceremony 200 awards, valued near \$9,000 were presented. Overall, 1st and 2nd place winners, Magnolia Garbarino, Pawling High School and Paige DeMinio, Our Lady of Lourdes High School, were invited to compete at the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair, <https://www.societyforscience.org/isef/>, in Atlanta, GA, this May. Dr. Maung S. Htoo, director of the Dutchess County Regional Science Fair, for nearly 40 years, told the students “I am very proud of your performance. You are the best and brightest science research students in Dutchess County.”

Special awards were provided by the following local organizations; Dutchess County Regional Science Fair, American Chemical Society-Mid Hudson, Chapter, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, CHG&E, Clearwater, Htoo family, IEEE Mid-Hudson, Mid - Hudson Astronomical Society, Mid-Hudson Photography Club, Mid-Hudson Valley Black Network, National Association of Biology Teachers, Pfirman family, Poughkeepsie-Arlington Rotary, Poughkeepsie Farm Project, Society of Women Engineers along with the Society for Science. Dr. Htoo thanked Dutchess Community College, suppliers, numerous donors, organizations and staff for their support.

A list of Competitive and Special Awards can be found on the Dutchess County Regional Science Fair website <https://www.dcssciencefair.org/>.

## Rotarians honor students in Wappingers Central School District



The Wappingers Falls Rotarians recently honored the Students of the Month for April.

Pictured, from left, Village of Wappingers Falls Mayor Rick Cerino, Club President Darby Fabrizio, James Evans Elementary School student Nayana Guitard, Student of the Month Coordinator Stan Straub, Myers Corners School student Jayden Rojas, Town of Wappinger Supervisor Richard Thurston, Wappingers Junior High School student Genevieve Schaefer, Village of Wappingers Falls Clerk John Karge.

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# Dutchess County resident inducted into Buglers Hall of Fame

**By Kristine Coulter**

Local resident Dani Masterson was recently inducted in the Buglers Hall of Fame (BHOFF). The ceremony took place on April 23 at the Batavia Down’s Casino in Batavia, Genesee County.

“I started playing the horn when I was eight years old in the Mid-Hudson Rivermen Jr. Drum and Bugle Corps. Rivermen were out of Poughkeepsie,” Masterson remarked.

A flyer at was handed out at school, Masterson recalled, that stated ‘Hey kids come on Thursday nights and learn to play a bugle/ drums, or spin a flag. March in parades and make lifelong friends.’ “It was free. Next thing you know, I was in Drum Corp.,” she said.

“I’m truly honored and humbled to be part of this very elite group of people. I also happened to be the only female that was voted this year into the Hall of Fame for the class of 2022,” said Masterson.

In order to be inducted into the BHOFF, a member of the Hall of Fame has to sponsor a candidate. Then, according to Masterson, it goes to a vote after a vetting process by the committee.

“When I found out I was nominated, I was truly blown away and didn’t think I would get in. I received a phone call a few weeks later saying that I had gotten in,” she said.

What can playing an instrument do for a person?



Local resident Dani Masterson, third from left, was recently inducted into the Buglers Hall of Fame.



Dani Masterson during the Buglers of Fame event.

-Courtesy photos

Masterson said, “Playing an instrument helps with memory. It built confidence and gives you a sense of achievement. It relieves stress and most of all IT’S FUN!”

Masterson noted, “You never know where your musical road will lead you but

for me, I’ve been fortunate enough to travel and play my horn all over the country. From sounding Taps on Aircraft Carriers to playing in World Championship Drum Corp shows.”

Masterson said she would not be where

she is today without Drum Corp.

“I absolutely have to thank Mr. and Mrs. Brown who were the founders of the Mid-Hudson Rivermen and all my amazing horn instructors over the years,” said Masterson.

# Garden club to host plant sale for Mother’s Day Saturday in Fishkill

**By Kristine Coulter**

Looking for a great present for mom for Mother’s Day? Stop by the Verplanck Garden Club’s annual Mother’s Day Plant Sale. The sale will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on May 7 outside of the Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, in Fishkill.

“We provide education to the community as well as to the members. We do events to support the community,” said Kathryn Bogdan, co-chair of the event along with Prudy Robisch, Deb McLiverty

During the pandemic, Bogdan said the number of members has grown. There are nearly 70 members now.

“There are a lot of people new to this area. A lot of them just started gardening and some are not knowledgeable and have so many questions,” Bogdan remarked.

So, what can one find during the sale?

There will be annual, flowering baskets, herbs and house plants. Members of the garden club will also be selling

some of the perennials from their own gardens.

“There’s a big emphasis on pollinator garden,” said Bogdan. Pollinator gardens focus on bees and butterflies.

There will be a local master gardener from Cornell Cooperative Extension there to assist with any questions and for ideas.

Suppliers from the local area will also be at the event.

“We try to do that to support the businesses,” said Bogdan.

Those businesses are Sunny Gardens in Wappingers Falls, Sabellico Greenhouses & Florist in East Fishkill and The New Corn Crib Greenhouse in Poughkeepsie.

“Who doesn’t love flowers,” said Robisch.

Asked what it is like to see some of the same people coming to the sale year after year, Robisch replied, “It’s great. Then we know we are doing our job.”

There will also be other items available to purchase for mom besides flowers.

For more information, visit The Verplanck Garden Club Facebook page.



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# DC Medical Reserve Corps receives national recognition

The Medical Reserve Corps of Dutchess County (MRC) have been honored by the National Medical Reserve Corps with a 2022 Community Response Award for outstanding COVID-19 vaccine response.

County Executive Mark Molinaro said, “Community volunteers are the heart of Dutchess County, serving their fellow residents in so many ways. From the very start of the COVID-19 pandemic, our Dutchess MRC volunteers were involved in the County’s response to an unprecedented crisis. When the much-anticipated vaccine became available, without hesitation, these dedicated men and women pivoted to take on the herculean task of vaccinating all eligible Dutchess County residents. We honor and celebrate these volunteers for their service, ensuring our vaccine PODs ran smoothly.”

The Dutchess County MRC’s team of volunteers have been trained to assist existing medical response organizations and professionals to respond to large-scale disasters and events. A critical part of the County’s COVID-19 response, more than 500 volunteers contributed more than 40,000 hours – compared to 4,200 hours in all of 2019. This included giving over 22,000 hours at over 150 vaccine clinics, administering over 60,000 vaccinations to County residents at County-operated Points of Distribution (PODs) and community clinics for underserved groups in urban areas, those with limited access to transportation, and those with special needs. The MRC’s Vaccine Assistance Appointment Team (VAAT) also assisted those without access to computers or transportation arrange appointments, transportation, and other services.

Additionally, MRC volunteers spent thousands of hours assisting the County’s Department of Behavioral and Community Health with contact tracing and case investigation, community outreach, delivering groceries to those in isolation, assembling thousands of items of personal protective equipment (PPE) for distribution, and more as part of the COVID-19 response.

The MRC’s rapid and successful COVID-19 vaccination response can be attributed to the extensive POD Planning Team, which developed rapid deployment training required to be completed by all members, as well as members’ years of practice successfully operating flu and other vaccination PODs throughout the county. One such clinic series was held just prior to the COVID-19 pandemic for the homeless and transient populations in the cities of Poughkeepsie and Beacon. In preparation, volunteer nurses were skill-checked and updated on their training and were thus prepared to quickly transition to administering COVID-19 vaccines.

“We are grateful to the many dedicated volunteers of the Dutchess County Medical Reserve Corps who prepare for and respond to the needs of Dutchess County residents in times of significant events. The professionalism, camaraderie, and commitment of our dedicated volunteers truly epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and everything that is good about what happens when strangers come together to help others,” said Dutchess County MRC Coordinator Joe Ryan.

For more information about the Dutchess County Medical Reserves Corps, visit [dutchessny.gov](http://dutchessny.gov).

# RMS students honored by Elks



The Beacon Elks Lodge #1493 honored the Students of the Month for March at Rombout Middle School. Pictured, from left, are Carl Oken, Youth Activities Chair, Lori Edelman, Assistant Principal, Ri’kya White, 8th grader, Lila Welsh, 7th grader, Jaden Brito, 6th grader, and Elks Exalted Ruler Jennifer Velez.

Glazed over Donuts and the Elks provided a gift certificate and framed certificate for their accomplishments.

-Courtesy photo

## HPL director releases budget, trustee vote results

The Howland Public Library budget passed. Registered voters in the Beacon City School District has the opportunity to vote on the budget and trustees on April 28.

“On behalf of the Board of Trustees, staff, and myself, I would like to thank everyone who participated in our Budget and Election vote on April 28th. Once again, our budget passed with a very large margin,” said Kristen Salierno, Howland Public Library Director.

The official results follow:

### Budget Vote:

Yes - 227  
No - 31

### Library Board of Trustees Election:

Marguerite (Greta) Byrum - 89

Yvonne Caruthers - 75  
Pattiann LaVeglia - 79  
Elaine Leinung - 56  
Erin Mack - 49  
Mark Roland - 52  
Brooke Simmons - 112  
Emilia Sweeney - 35  
Jeffrey Young (Yang) - 85

Brooke Simmons has won a 5-year term, Marguerite (Greta) Byrum has won a 4-year term, and Jeffrey Young (Yang) has won a 3-year term.

“The staff and I are eager to start working on all the plans and projects that can be made real with the passing of this budget. We all look forward to the rest of 2022 and beyond,” said Salierno.

# Discussion set for veterans May 7

A discussion for veterans regarding a recent report by the VA about services at Castle Point will be held on May 7 at 10 a.m. Memorial Park pavilion, off of Route

52, across from Ron's Ice Cream Shop. If not vaccinated, wear a mask. For veterans and community in Dutchess and surrounding counties.

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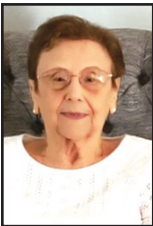
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# Obituaries

## Norma Sileo



**FISHKILL** – Our dear loving mother, Norma Sileo passed away on April 27, 2022 at home. She was born on September 27, 1929 in Greenwich Village to parents Tulio and Delia Ricciotti and had an older

sister, Vivienne. Norma married Frank Sileo on August 9th in 1952 and he predeceased her in April of 1997. For 25 years, Norma worked at Queens College as a Secretary to the Chairman of the Political Science Dept. More than anything, she loved every single person in her extended family. She also enjoyed listening to Frank Sinatra, going to the opera and Broadway shows and watching Jeopardy and Blue Bloods or anything with Tom Selleck. She also loved a good vodka tonic or a glass of wine and enjoyed cooking for her family. She was famous for her eggplant parm, struffoli, Easter bread and rice croquettes. She is survived by her beloved children Lisa (Joe), Gina, and Christopher (Laura); six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Her son, Frank predeceased her in August of 2015. Calling hours took place on Friday April 29th, 2022 at the McHoul Funeral Home 895 Route 82 Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. A Funeral Mass took place on Saturday April 30th, 2022 at St. Columba Church in Hopewell Junction, NY. Memorial donations can be made in Norma’s name to Hudson Valley Hospice [www.hvhospice.org](http://www.hvhospice.org).

## Jo-Ann H. Henry



**WAPPINGERS FALLS** – Jo-Ann H. Henry of Wappingers Falls, NY entered into eternal rest on April 26. She was 66 years old. Jo-Ann was born on April 3, 1956, to Abel and Norma

Williams. On June 5, 1976, she married the love of her life, William “Bill” Henry. She worked at Yorktown Pennysaver for many years. Afterward, she was co-owner of MJD Medical Billing until her retirement. She is survived by her husband, William “Bill” Henry and her son Shane Henry. She was predeceased by her parents and four siblings. She is also survived by eleven siblings and numerous nieces and nephews. Jo-Ann will be greatly missed by her many friends and associates. Calling hours were held at Delehanty Funeral Home in Wappingers Falls on Saturday, April 30, 2022. Private cremation followed. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Diabetes Association or St. Jude Children’s Hospital. Delehanty Funeral Home is honored to assist Jo-Ann’s family with arrangements [www.delehantyfuneral.com](http://www.delehantyfuneral.com).

## Eugene L. Farrell Sr.

**WAPPINGERS FALLS** – Eugene L. Farrell, Sr., 92, passed away on April 24, 2022, at Wingate at Beacon. Born on March 16, 1930, in Poughkeepsie, he was the son of John and Edith (Christmas) Farrell. Eugene graduated from Roosevelt High School. On November 22, 1949, he married Irene E. Close, who predeceased him on June 10, 2017. Eugene (Pop) was a hard worker and great provider for his family. When he was younger, he enjoyed coaching Pop Warner and worked many years as a Local 38 sheet metal worker until his retirement. Survivors include: his son, Eugene L. Farrell, Jr. and wife Carol; grandsons, Eugene III, Shawn (Kim), Steven (Jenn), Shane (Liz); great grandsons, Michael, Aidan, Graeson, Lucas, and Jacob; his brother, Francis (Bud) Farrell, brother-in-law, Lawrence Close, sister-in-law, Dot Child; and several nieces and nephews. Eugene was predeceased by his parents, John and Edith Farrell; his wife, Irene E. Farrell; his son, Steven W. Farrell; and brothers, Robert, Richard, and Roger Farrell. In keeping with his wishes, there were no calling hours. A private burial will be held. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Jude Children’s Hospital. Delehanty Funeral Home is honored to assist Eugene’s family with arrangements.

## Milan ‘Mike’ Kostrna



**FISHKILL** – Milan (Mike) Kostrna peacefully entered into eternal rest on April 25, 2022, surrounded by his loving wife, Irene, and his loving children, Michael and Cindy. Mike

was born on September 13, 1929, in Surovce, Czechoslovakia, to Frank and Anna (Jakubicekova) Kostrna. After the death of his mother, Mike and his siblings, Cyril and Josephine, were raised by their grandmother, Katrina Kostranova. Mike adored his grandmother. Mike grew up in extreme poverty; his grandmother often begged for food to feed Mike, Cyril and Josephine. As a youth, Mike lived through the Nazi occupation of his homeland, digging graves for German soldiers and watching World War II unfold in his backyard. After the end of WWII, Mike’s village was occupied by the Soviet Army. At the age of seventeen, Mike and his sister, Josephine, were able to join their father and stepmother in New York City, living on the Upper Eastside of Manhattan where he met a wonderful Hungarian girl whose name was Irene Timar. Mike worked very hard to improve and educate himself in his new country, even attending Brooklyn Community College, and achieving the American Dream. In 1951, Mike was drafted into the United States Army and proudly served his new country in the Korean Conflict. He was a demolitions expert in Company C of the 1343rd Engineer Combat Battalion, rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant. Mike was honorably discharged from active duty in 1953. Upon his discharge, Mike returned to the Upper Eastside to build his life and pursue his dreams. On July 2, 1955, Mike wed his sweetheart, Irene, at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Manhattan. Mike and Irene raised two wonderful children, Michael and Cindy, who adore and cherish their parents. Mike made many friends in his long life in all the places he lived, and he never hesitated to lend a hand to help his friends and neighbors. In 1968, Mike had the opportunity to finally return to Czechoslovakia with his wife and children, returning to his hometown and reuniting with his brother who he had not seen since 1947. Mike returned to Slovakia several times during his life to attend family events. As a veteran, one of the highlights of Mike’s life was going on Mission 18 of the Hudson Valley Honor Flight in 2017 with his daughter Cindy as his guardian. It was truly an emotional, uplifting and amazing trip, and Mike was so happy to be recognized for his service. Mike often said that this was one of the biggest highlights of his life. In 2019, Mike’s family was able to throw him an amazing 90th birthday party. Many of his oldest friends joined his family in celebrating this remarkable achievement. It was a blessed and joyful evening. Mike loved working with his hands and was proud of the house he renovated in Tappan, New York. Mike loved to garden, enjoyed playing soccer in his younger days, loved to cook and bake - he was famously known for his walnut and poppy seed rolls - and loved to tinker and repair whatever needed to be tinkered with. Mike adored his wife, his children and his grandchildren and did everything he could to provide for his family. He held several jobs in his life including steelworker, printer and head floor director. Mike was a fiercely proud Slovak, a fiercely proud American, a faithful Catholic, a proud veteran, and a loving brother, husband, father and grandfather. His family is heartbroken at his passing, but we know that he continues to watch over us. Our Dad would anything for us - no questions asked. He could very capably solve any problem, no matter how big or small, and never hesitated to reach out and help anyone. In addition to his loving wife, Irene, Mike is survived by his children, Michael and Cindy, his grandchildren, Michael and Gabriel, many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews both in the United States and in Slovakia, as well as many friends and neighbors who he loved and who loved him in return. Visiting hours were on Friday, April 29, 2022, at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, New York. The funeral Mass was celebrated by Fr. Tom Colucci at St. Mary Mother of the Church, 103 Jackson Street, Fishkill, New York. Burial immediately followed at St. Denis Cemetery, 604 Beekman Road, Hopewell Jct., New York. Please visit Milan’s Book of Memories at [mchoulfuneralhome.com](http://mchoulfuneralhome.com).

## Frederick Tedone



**WAPPINGER** – Frederick J. Tedone, 93, an area resident for 50 years, died on April 25, 2022 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Manhattan on November

13, 1928, he was the son of Joseph and Antoinette (Soda) Tedone. Fred proudly served our country in the US Army during the Korean War. He had been employed as a sanitation engineer with the NYC Department of Sanitation. Following his retirement, he worked for sixteen years at St. Columba School. He enjoyed bowling, golfing and painting watercolors, and was an UNO aficionado. On October 4, 1952 in the Bronx, Fred married the love of his life, Christina Casalino, who survives at home. He is also survived by his children, Stephen Tedone, Antoinette Onorato, Teresa Tedone, and Robert Tedone; his grandchildren, Carisa Studer, Joseph Benga, Tara Benga, Nicole Tedone, and Greg Tedone; and his great grandchildren, Adriana Studer, Penelope Studer and Emelia Tedone. Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Columba Church, 835 Route 82, Hopewell Junction followed by entombment in the Community Mausoleum at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

## Timothy W. Rozelle

**FISHKILL** – Timothy W. Rozelle, 42, of Fishkill, NY passed away on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at his home. He was born June 19, 1979 in Rhinebeck, NY, the son of Gordon Rozelle and Deborah Parkerton Vail. Timothy was the Co-Owner of T&A Plumbing & Heating in Poughkeepsie, NY. He loved his motorcycles and Dallas Cowboys. Timothy is survived by his fiancé, Kerrie VanBolhuis of Fishkill, NY, his mother Deborah Vail of Torrington, CT and his father Gordon Rozelle of Staatsburg, NY. Also surviving are his sons Collin Rozelle of New Milford, CT and Johnny Rogers of Wappingers Falls, NY, his daughters Megan Rogers of Wappingers Falls, NY, Jenna Rogers of Italy and Jackie Rogers of Wappingers Falls, NY and his brother Charles ‘Charlie’ Rozelle of Poughkeepsie, NY. Visitation was held on Friday, April 29, 2022 at the Wm. G. Miller & Son FH, Inc., 371 Hooker Ave Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. A graveside service was held on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at the Verbank Rural Cemetery in Verbank, NY. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Timothy’s name to a charity of your choice. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wm. G. Miller & Son FH, Inc. If you wish to send an online condolence, please visit our website at [www.wmg-millerfuneralhome.com](http://www.wmg-millerfuneralhome.com).

## David C. Roncoli



**BEACON** - David C. Roncoli entered into rest on 26APR2022, he was 52 David was born 24APR70. David graduated from Pioneer High School - Ann Arbor, MI in

1988. David graduation from the University of Michigan in 1992. David enjoyed reading, writing, and assembling his Warhammer figures. David worked for IBM - East Fishkill for ten years, then he worked for the United States Postal Service and finally Ethan Allen Temporary Services. David enjoyed volunteer at Beacon Animal Sanctuary walking the rescue dogs. David also enjoyed climbing Mount Beacon. David is survived by his parents Peter and Ingabord Roncoli. sister Claudina Roncoli, brother and sister-in-law Peter and Marie Roncoli, nephews Anthony and Vincent Roncoli, friend Pamela Smith, and best buddy (cat) Cola. Funeral Arrangements pending.

## James J. McGowan



**POUGHKEEPSIE** – James Joseph McGowan was born July 16th, 1936 to Marguerite M. (McGuire) and J. Edward McGowan. An only child, Joe grew up much beloved

and happily surrounded by friends and family in Marlboro, New York. Valedictorian of his high school class, Joe headed off to Georgetown University where he was in ROTC and graduated cum laude in 1958 with a degree in Economics and Military Science. Commissioned as a second lieutenant after graduation, Joe then attended Harvard Law School, graduating in 1961. He served as Appellate Counsel (Captain) of the Office of the Judge Advocate General of the United States Army until 1963.

After meeting Mary Goldmann at a St. Patrick’s Day dance in 1961, Joe and Mary married in 1964 and settled in the Hudson Valley. Shortly after returning to the area, Joe joined the law firm McCabe and Mack as the firm’s first associate. He worked at McCabe and Mack for over 56 years until his retirement in December of 2021. As the firm grew, he focused on transactional law for banks tied to real estate and businesses and was grateful for the work that benefited the growth of the Hudson Valley business community. In addition to his success in the business of the firm, he placed great importance on his role as mentor to the firm’s associates and staff.

Joe was an active member of the community. He served as a Trustee of Astor Services for Children and Families from 1989-2018 (Board President 1992-2004) and as Trustee Emeritus from 2018 until his death. He served Mount Saint Mary College (Trustee 1980-1989), Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley (Board Member 2000—2011, Secretary 2006-2011), Mid-Hudson Civic Center (Board President 1984-1985) as well as service to Abilities First and the City of Poughkeepsie Planning Board.

Joe has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the Army Commendation Medal (Meritorious Service, 1963), Garden Party Honoree (Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, 2013), Phelan Meritorious Trustee Award (Archdiocese of New York, 2012), Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Award (Catharine Street Community Center, 2009), Serena Branson Leadership Award (Astor Services for Children and Families, 2004), and Gartland Award for Community Service (Dutchess County Bar Association, 2012).

Joe was long term member of the Poughkeepsie Tennis Club where he served as President and could often be found on the tennis and squash courts. An old truck buff and history fan, he frequented antique truck shows and loved reading books on military history. More than anything else, Joe enjoyed time with his family. In addition to his wife, Mary, he is survived by his daughters Ann McGowan and Sarah McGowan and a granddaughter, Alice McGowan Cregan. Much loved and respected, he will be missed by many but none will miss him more than his family who were grateful to reap the reward his love, intelligence, kindness and honor.

Visitation is Thursday, May 5th 4pm to 6pm at the Wm G. Miller & Son Funeral Home, 371 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Holy Trinity Church, 775 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY at 10:30am on Friday, May 6th. The family will hold a private burial at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Astor Services for Children and Families or Hudson Valley Hospice. If you wish to send an online condolence please visit our website at [www.wmg-millerfuneralhome.com](http://www.wmg-millerfuneralhome.com).

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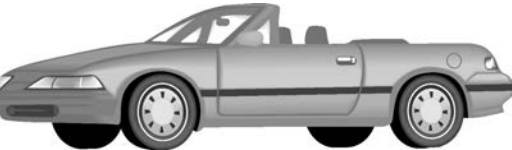
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Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day 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.

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS- RFB-DCB-14-22 PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF SOLAR SHADES** Single Prime Bids shall be received for the following classes of work: General Construction The anticipated start of construction is June 17, 2022; the anticipated completion date is

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September 30, 2022, respectively. Beginning April 28, 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 Friday, May 13, 2022, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids for the above project will be received by: Diane McKenna, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Due to COVID-19, the bid opening for this 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: 885 576 85#. 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 elec-

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tronic copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. A Walk-through is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 11:00am at The Lobby of the County Office Building, 22 Market St., Poughkeepsie. All parties interested in bidding must apprise themselves of the site conditions immediately prior to bidding; if you cannot attend the scheduled walk-through, you can contact Diane McKenna at [dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov](mailto:dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov). Questions will be accepted by the close of business May 9, 2022 and emailed to Diane McKenna at [dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov](mailto:dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov) and [ccdtochristopherboston@cboston@dutchessny.gov](mailto:ccdtochristopherboston@cboston@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 #: 2022004534 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., apprenticeship agreements appropriate for the type and scope of work to be performed and which have been registered with NYS Department of Labor in accordance with Article 23 of the Labor Law. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

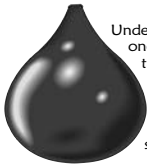
**NOTICE TO BIDDERS- RFB-DCH-2022-15** NAME OF PROJECT: CR-19 Road Improvement Project. Project

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Description: The Project involves road improvement works on County Road 19 (Slate Quarry Road) in the Town of Clinton. This project includes paving, installation of drainage pipes, guide rail etc. Beginning Monday May 2, 2022 at 8:00AM: Bid Documents may be obtained in person 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 All Addenda will be issued via E-mail. A refundable deposit of \$15.00 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 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. Bids due on or before Tuesday May 24, 2022 at 11:00AM and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Due to COVID-19, the bid opening for this solicitation will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below, in-person attendance at a bid opening will not be allowed. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to iden-

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Participants in the 2022 Dutchess-Ulster Heart Walk enjoy a beautiful day on the Walkway Over the Hudson on April 30. Hundreds of walkers supported the American Heart Association by walking across the bridge and raising funds to fight heart disease and stroke. Donations are accepted until June 30 at DutchessUlsterHeartWalk.org. Above, Maria Gonzalez, right, and her daughter Kayla, pause for a moment on The Walkway Over the Hudson. Maria Gonzalez is the chief nursing officer at Ellenville Regional Hospital, and learned in the fall that she had a blocked circumflex artery. She now has a stent. Gonzalez shared her story during the Heart Walk. Right, Brian and Nancy Vigorita embrace at The Dutchess-Ulster Heart Walk. In July 2021, Brian Vigorita suffered sudden cardiac arrest. His stepsons called 911 and began CPR. Vigorita, senior manager, creative services at Laerdal Medical and owner of Powerhouse Gym, shared his story during the Heart Walk.

-Courtesy photos

## Debra Sonnenstein awarded Certified Professional Insurance Agent designation

Ulster Insurance Services, a subsidiary of Ulster Savings Bank, iannounced that Debra Sonnenstein was awarded the designation of Certified Professional Insurance Agent (CPIA), a professional designation conferred by the American Insurance Marketing and Sales Society (the AIMS Society). She successfully completed three Insurance Success Seminars. The CPIA designation stands for professionalism, commitment to sales training and results, and technical knowledge.

Sonnenstein of Rifton, NY, began her insurance career at her father’s agency, which was sold to Ryan J. Ryan, later to become Ulster Insurance Services. For the past 19 years, she has enjoyed working and growing with the Ulster Savings team in personal lines of the bank’s insurance division. Most recently, she was promoted to Senior Personal Lines Account Manager.

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<div>Legal Notices</div> <div>REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE</div> <div>The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-34-22</div> <div>Air Brake Parts and Components</div> <div>Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 31st 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 <a href="http://www.dutchessny.gov">http://www.dutchessny.gov</a>, selecting Government, then selecting Bidding and RFP Opportunities. For additional information, call (845) 486-3613.</div>	<div>Legal Notices</div> <div>Trustees and Stormwater Coordinator of the Village of Wappingers Falls will hold a Public Hearing at the Village Office in the Village Hall 2582 South Ave. in said Village on the 11th day of May 2022 at 7:00 PM. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to provide for public participation and comments about status of objectives for 2023 and to obtain the views of residents on community stormwater runoff concerns. At the scheduled Public Hearing, any interested person or party will be offered an opportunity to be heard, or to submit a written statement.</div> <div>John M. Karge RMC, CMC Village Clerk, MS-4 Coordinator April 27, 2022 Wappingers Falls, NY 12590</div>	<div>Legal Notices</div> <div>20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger Falls, NY pursuant to Section 240-37 of the Zoning Law of the Town of Wappinger to consider the following area variance: PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, the Zoning Board of Appeals has not made a determination of significance pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and hereby reserves its right to make such determination after the conclusion of the public hearing.</div> <div>Appeal No.: 22-7754 (Area Variance) Brian &amp; Christine Zandstra: Seeking an area variance Section 240-37 of District Regulations in an R20/40 Zoning District.</div> <div>-Where 50 feet to the rear yard property line is required, the applicant can provide 34 feet for the installation of a 17 x 26 above ground pool, thus requesting a variance of 16 feet.</div> <div>The property is located at 6 Fowlerhouse Road and is identified as Tax Grid No.: 6157-04-552342 in the Town of Wappinger.</div> <div>All interested persons will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Wappinger at the public hearing as stated</div>	<div>Legal Notices</div> <div>above.</div> <div>Signed: Peter Galotti, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals Town of Wappinger April 27, 2022</div> <div>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TOWN OF WAPPINGER DUTCHESS COUNTY</div> <div>PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Town of Wappinger Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the 10th day of May, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger Falls, NY pursuant to Section 240-37 of the Zoning Law of the Town of Wappinger to consider the following area variance: PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, the Zoning Board of Appeals has not made a determination of significance pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and hereby reserves its right to make such determination after the conclusion of the public hearing.</div> <div>Appeal No.: 22-7752 (Area Variance) Philip Abbate: Seeking an area variance</div>	<div>Legal Notices</div> <div>Section 240-37 of District Regulations in an R40 Zoning District.</div> <div>-Where 25 feet to the side yard (right) property line is required, the applicant can provide 12 10 feet for the legalization of an existing 10 x 20 shed, thus requesting a variance of 12 9 feet.</div> <div>The property is located at 6 Hackensack Heights Road and is identified as Tax Grid No.: 6259-04-556234 in the Town of Wappinger.</div> <div>All interested persons will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Wappinger at the public hearing as stated above.</div> <div>Signed: Peter Galotti, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals Town of Wappinger April 19, 2022</div> <div>LEGAL NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARINGS of the DUTCHESS COUNTY INDEPENDENT REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION</div> <div>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that A Public Hearing will be held by the Dutchess County Independent Reapportionment Commission on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at</div>	<div>Legal Notices</div> <div>Dutchess County Dept. of Behavioral and Community Health, 230 North Road, Poughkeepsie, New York.</div> <div>A Public Hearing will be held by the Dutchess County Independent Reapportionment Commission on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Dutchess County Farm &amp; Home Center, 2715 Route 44, Millbrook, New York.</div> <div>A Public Hearing will be held by the Dutchess County Independent Reapportionment Commission on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Dutchess County Community College, Fishkill Campus, 461 U.S. Route 9, Fishkill, New York.</div> <div>The purpose of these hearings is to provide the public opportunity to inspect and comment on the Commission's draft plan which includes the Independent Reapportionment Commission's proposed draft redistricting map of the Dutchess County Legislative Districts approved April 26, 2022; Evidence of compliance of such proposed draft map with United States Voting Rights Act Section 2; and necessary well-established measurements of</div>	<div>Legal Notices</div> <div>compactness comparing existing and proposed districts.</div> <div>All of these materials are available on the Independent Reapportionment Commission's website: <a href="https://www.dutchessny.gov/independent-reapportionment-commission.htm">https://www.dutchessny.gov/independent-reapportionment-commission.htm</a></div> <div>This notice is given in order to comply with Local Law No. 1 of 2022, Section 3(f)5 and the Open Meetings Law.</div> <div>Please be advised that the public may attend in person, virtually or by telephone via Microsoft TEAMS, links for which will be provided on the Independent Reapportionment Commission's website. Public comments may be submitted using the MS Teams Chat Function or in writing on the comment form on the IRC website - see webpage comment form.</div> <div>Public comments will also be accepted verbally. Each person may only speak once, up to three minutes.</div> <div>At said times and places, all parties interested will be heard.</div> <div>DATED: April 27, 2022 Gregory Rakow Chair</div>
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Diversions

SUDOKU

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

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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

1. Alborg residents
6. Predestined
11. Eur. language
14. Slur over
15. Get up
16. Girl's name
17. Opposes verbally
19. Poet's word
20. Word with any or every
21. Clamp
22. Pronoun
24. Napped
26. Ape
28. \_\_\_ code
30. Levee protection
33. Scorches
36. Out of practice
38. Camel hair cloak
39. Heating chamber
40. Trial setting
41. Vinegar ingredient
42. Fem. title
43. Recipient
44. Outdoor activities
45. Song that begins "My country 'tis of Thee..."
47. Read over quickly
49. Swamp
51. Misbehaves
55. Joint groove
57. Ankaran
59. Quiet \_\_\_ mouse
60. Building extension
61. Urbanite, to country folks
64. Polished off
65. Slaves
66. Strain
67. Whale group
68. Show contempt
69. Actress Spacek

DOWN

1. Room scheme
2. Unattached
3. Nueve, neuf and neun
4. Summertime in NYC
5. Waiters
6. Passing crazes
7. Zodiac sign
8. Facial problem
9. Approximation
10. Inevitable future
11. Dollar bill
12. Viscount's superior
13. Sand ridge
18. Right-hand man
23. Blue
25. Bakery product
27. Comes forth
29. Coliseums
31. Lover of an Irish Rose
32. Wanders about idly
33. Deep unconsciousness
34. Injure
35. Came together
37. French article
40. Calling
41. "\_\_\_ Misbehavin'"
43. Guides
44. Cabdrivers: colloq.
46. Reiner
48. Reiner
50. Afro or Mohawk
52. Drinks served warm
53. Druggies
54. Celebration
55. Gather
56. Singing voice
58. Former nation: abbr.
62. Neck item
63. 111

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# Tom Rush to bring songs and stories to the Towne Crier on May 14

By Kate Goldsmith

Tom Rush is one of America's iconic folk singer-songwriters, but he's also a humorist whose wry observations and self-deprecating jokes enhance his talent for writing, and finding, songs that aim straight for the heart – and often for the funny bone. Over 60-plus years of performing, Rush's distinctive guitar style, trademark humor and warm, expressive voice have made him both a legend and a treasure to audiences around the world.

Rush will perform at the Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon on Saturday, May 14. The show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$50 advance, \$55 at the door; visit [www.townecrier.com](http://www.townecrier.com) or call 845-855-1300 to purchase.

Performing with Rush will be Matt Nakoa, a singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist. The two often work together.

"He does a few songs on his own and steals the show, and I pay him to do it," Rush said.

"While attending Harvard in the 1960s (he graduated with a degree in English Literature), Rush became a fixture on the Cambridge club scene that was fertile ground for the nascent folk revival of the time. He would later be instrumental in yet another revival in the 1980s and 1990s.

"Being in Cambridge was very much in my life path, so seductive, I got drawn into it," Rush said. "It got to the point where people would actually pay me to play music. I'm still amazed at that. I get paid to have fun; how cool is that!"

He's been credited with nurturing the careers of such luminaries as James Taylor, Jackson Browne and Joni

Mitchell, by performing their songs on his albums.

"I've been accused by Rolling Stone of ushering in the singer-songwriter movement," Rush said. Taylor, Browne and Mitchell – described by Rush as brilliant writers – certainly got people's attention, but Rush admits, "I wasn't looking to introduce the world to anything; I just needed new material.

He recalled meeting Mitchell in a Detroit club called the Chess Mate.

"She got up and did [some tunes] and she just blew me away," he said. "I asked her for some new songs."

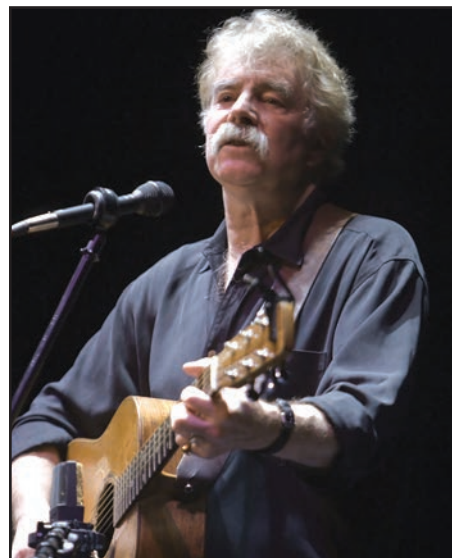
Mitchell sent Rush six tunes, with No. 6 being "The Circle Game." Rush remembered Mitchell apologizing for that one, saying it wasn't very good. Of course, it has since become one of her signature tunes, covered by many artists over the years.

When asked what makes him choose a song, Rush said, "It's a tough one. It's the goose bump factor. Some songs give me goose bumps but I can't do them; they're not within my capabilities. I don't want to just copy a song. I get tired at a show or listening to an album where everything sounds the same. So I mix it up; it keeps me awake."

Rush requests that attendees bring proof of vaccination to his shows, including the May 14 show at the Towne Crier. Although it's often a sore subject among concert-goers, it's a decision he stands by.

"I'm still doing it, because I think my crowd is still worried about it [Covid]," Rush said. "It's now my policy."

Rush said he was "an early adapter" to COVID-19, having contracted it shortly into the pandemic after playing a series of



Tom Rush

-Photo by Michael Wiseman

shows in Florida.

"I think I got it on the airplane," he said. "I started feeling sicker and sicker. I was never hospitalized, but it was five days of feeling sicker and sicker. I don't recommend getting it."

Some of the musical trends brought about by the pandemic have been positive, Rush said. For example, he started a Patreon site, which allows artists of all types to connect with their audiences through a subscription service. Rush's "Rockport Sundays" series is available for \$10 a month to subscribers, who can enjoy a new song and witty banter every week.

"Every Sunday I post a new song," said Rush. "Often it's just me at my kitchen table. I get to be casual ... although I haven't done one in my

pajamas yet."

He said he's gotten great feedback, "but I've learned that when you tell a joke to a video camera, it doesn't laugh. So it's good to get in front of real people [again]."

The interaction with his fans during the pandemic has been wonderful, Rush said.

"It's given me an incentive, an imperative to keep creating," said Rush, adding that he now has enough songs to make an album.

When asked how the pandemic has changed the entertainment industry, and how it will shape the future of the industry, Rush said, "It's a strange landscape. The future's really hard to tell. I know that the audiences I've been playing for have been so enthusiastic and positive, but for many it's the first show they've been to in many months. They've been 'up' audiences. The sub-variant also is a lot milder, hospitalizations are down, deaths are down - if you are vaccinated."

With 60 years of songs under his belt, how does Rush choose his set list?

"Well, Matt and I go up knowing what we're going to open with and close with," Rush said, but everything in between depends on gauging how the audience feels that evening.

"You have to figure out what [they like] and try to send them home happy," he said. "Not happy that it's over; wishing it was longer."

Visit [www.TomRush.com](http://www.TomRush.com) for more information about Rush and the Rockport Sundays series, and to sign up for his newsletter, which he sends out "on an occasional basis."

"They're [newsletters are] a lot of fun," said Rush. "And they're free."

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