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BOE holds organization meeting

By Kristine Coulter

The Beacon City School District Board of Education (BOE) held its organization meeting earlier this month. Board members Meredith Heuer, Antony Tseng and Alena Kush were sworn in. Dr. Matthew Landahl was sworn in as superintendent of schools. Kelly Pologe will continue in the clerk of the board position and took the oath.

After the oaths were taken, Pologe asked for nominations for the president of the BOE.

"I nominate Meredith Heuer," said board member Kristan Flynn.

Tseng seconded the nomination of Heuer.

"Are there any other nominations?" asked Pologe. There were no other nominations. The vote was 8 to 0 to have Heuer be the 2022-23 school year president of the BOE. Board member Craig Wolf was not in attendance with an excused absence.

"Ms. Heuer is declared the president of the Board of Education," announced Pologe. This is the third term Heuer will serve as president.

"Can I have a vote for vice president," Heuer stated.

Tseng nominated board member Flora Stadler. The nomination of Stadler was seconded by Flynn.

"Any other nominations?" Heuer asked. The vote was 8 - 0. Stadler was declared the vice president of the board for the 2022-23 school year.

"Thank you, everyone. I appreciate it," said Stadler.

Pologe then administered the oath of office to Dr. Landahl for the position of superintendent.

The board members have the following committee assignments:

Audit and Finance

Kristan Flynn
Anthony White
Craig Wolf
Meredith Heuer

Facilities & Operations

Anthony White
Kristan Flynn
Craig Wolf
Meredith Heuer

Policy Committee

Antony Tseng
Yunice Heath
Flora Stadler
Meredith Heuer

Public Relations, Advocacy, & Legislative

Flora Stadler
Yunice Heath
Alena Kush
Meredith Heuer

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Meredith Heuer

District Health and Wellness
Yunice Heath

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Heuer told the Beacon Free Press, "The board will be discussing our goals in September and we will come to a consensus about our priorities then."

Honoring a Beacon native

Army Staff Sergeant Bryan Faison died on June 17



The body of Beacon native Bryan Faison, a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army, was honorably transferred back to Beacon on July 11, after landing at John F. Kennedy International Airport in Queens.



U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Bryan Faison was a 2004 graduate of Beacon High School.

-Courtesy photos

By Kristine Coulter

A passion for photography, love of football and being at the beach with his wife and children is how Beacon native Bryan Faison, a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army, will be remembered. Faison's body was honorably transferred back to Beacon on July 11, after landing at John F. Kennedy International Airport in Queens. A service and burial, including military honors, took place on July 16 in Beacon.

The military service member, according to his obituary, died on June 17 in Brunei in Southeast Asia, while he was serving active duty. He was stationed in Hawaii, according to family members. The cause of his death

has not released, due to a pending autopsy, said his family.

"The Faison family has deep multi-generation roots in Beacon, and I was saddened to hear of SSGT Bryan Faison's passing. My condolences to the family," said Mayor Lee Kyriacou, via email.

"The Faison family is long-established in Beacon and it was an honor for me to pay tribute to SSGT Faison and his family," said Harold Delamater, who is the commander of the VFW Post 666 in Beacon. Members of the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) Post 666, American Legion Post 203, Marine Corps League Det 861, Nam Knights MC, DAV

(Disabled American Veterans) and Guardian Revival "rendered honors and paid respect to a soldier whom most have never met," said Delamater.

According to responses and information about Faison that were answered by his sister, Dana-Sky Jevtic, and emailed to Beacon Free Press by Libby Funeral Home on behalf of the family, Faison was a 74D, which is a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear specialist (CBRN).

"They are trained to handle all types of weapons threats as well as decontaminate hazardous material spills or accidents within our own (as an example) hospitals

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DCSPCA seeks donations to defray parvo treatment costs

By Kate Goldsmith

Six puppies ill with the highly contagious and deadly parvo virus were recently brought to the Dutchess County SPCA (DCSPCA). Sadly, five succumbed to the disease; and the lone survivor, a sweet little guy named Marley, has been fighting for his life and receiving around-the-clock care.

Expenses associated with treatment for all six puppies have totaled around \$14,000, with the cost of Marley's care alone exceeding \$5,300. Donations are requested at <https://bit.ly/DCSPCAMarley>.

DCSPCA Executive Director Lynne Meloccaro was happy to report last week that Marley's condition has improved.

"Marley is recovering--we think he will pull through!" said Meloccaro. "Our team worked very hard to give him the care he needs and we are ecstatic about his improvement."

Photo taken on July 12, which accompanies this article, show a decidedly perkier Marley displaying typical puppy playfulness and curiosity.

On June 24, DCSPCA posted an alert on its Facebook page, warning that a man and a woman were reported selling puppies in public places in Dutchess and Ulster counties.



Marley, a 4-month-old puppy rescued by the Dutchess County SPCA, is being treated for parvo virus, a life-threatening disease. In this photo, taken this past week, he is looking more lively.

-Courtesy photo

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Beacon service member remembered

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where radiation from (X-ray), or medicines or fuels (chemicals), as well as biological or nuclear releases. His unit noticed he had a good eye and put his skill to good use. Bryan would photograph different events and even wrote articles for the Army," stated Jevtic. Bryan was previously stationed in Colorado, Springs.

Faison, the son of Sandra and Micheal Faison, was a 2004 graduate of Beacon High School. After high school, said his relative, Faison attended Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana. He then transferred to Florida A&M University in Florida. While matriculating there, he played baseball and studied communications. Faison, said his sister, got injured so he then transferred back home and earned a degree from Hudson Valley Community College.

Jevtic noted that Faison "was not participating in the exercises, he was sent by his unit to [Brunei to] take photos."

During his time serving in the Army, according to his obituary, the 36-year-old was awarded with the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf

Clusters (ARCOMM with 2-OLC), Army Achievement Medal (AAM), Army Good Conduct Medal with two knots (AGCM 2nd award).

In a Facebook post last month, COL Josh Bookout, who was commander 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, posted, "He was well-known throughout the squadron for doing what he loved; taking pictures and highlighting Raider Troopers."

"Bryan's dream growing up was to be a professional athlete. When he got injured, he had to refocus, and I believe that was when he fell in love with photography. Bryan faced a lot of hardship during this time. From losing scholarships, to losing his best friend. Those moments came close to breaking him, but I believe it made him a stronger man," Jevtic stated.

Faison enlisted in the Army in 2014, the same year he married the former Dalissa Muñoz. Jevtic said, "He wanted to build a future he could be proud of, he wanted to know his family would always be taken care of. He would have given her the world if he could. His other motivation was our brother Nakia Mima, Bryan always wanted to make him proud and following in his footsteps was a big way



Local veterans outside Libby Funeral Home in Beacon to pay their respects to U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Bryan Faison.

-Courtesy photo

to show him how much he admired him."

His sister recalled that Faison took a job in a nursing home so his grandmother would never be alone and that he would drive almost two hours to pick one up if one's car broke down.

"Bryan was a protector. He would never let anything happen to anyone who was around him," said Jevtic.

"SSGT Faison did his job honorably and he will not be forgotten,"

Delamater remarked.

Faison is survived by his wife Dalissa Muñoz Faison and his children, Nalani, Aleia and Kainoa. He is also survived by his mother Sandra Faison; his father Micheal Faison; brother Nakia Mima and sister-in-law Nicole Mima; his sister Dana-Sky Jevtic and brother-in-law Ned Jevtic; His nieces and nephews Jaden, Cortez, Nyssa-Sky, Marko; and numerous extended family and friends.

DCSPCA seeks donations to defray parvo treatment costs

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"The puppies are ill—many have died of parvo which is highly contagious," the alert stated. "These puppies are in need of urgent veterinary care, and should not be purchased."

An investigation by the DCSPCA is currently under way.

"Never purchase a puppy from a stranger in any public space. Anyone selling animals this way is not making money because they have invested in these puppies' care," the alert continued. "Puppies will frequently have been taken from their mother too soon, will often have genetic or contagious conditions, and have never received veterinary care. The cost of care these sick animals will require far outweighs the cheap purchase price."

DCSPCA reported that some of the sick puppies were brought to the shelter by distraught owners. Two of them were rescued from a pond where they had been dumped.

"We did all we could for them, but sadly they were too far gone to be saved," the organization posted on its Facebook page.

According to the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine's website, Canine Parvo Virus (CPV) "most

often strikes in pups between six and 20 weeks old, but older animals are sometimes also affected." The disease is devastating in its damage, first attacking the lymph nodes before entering the bloodstream, all the while rapidly dividing. As the disease progresses, it impacts many of the body's systems, particularly targeting the gastrointestinal tract.

"CPV is not always fatal, but when it does kill, death is as a result of either dehydration and shock, along with the effects of septic toxins produced by the intestinal bacteria roaming throughout the bloodstream," notes the Cornell website.

Since the late 1970s, a vaccine to prevent parvo has been a routine part of a dog's veterinary visits.

On July 12, Meloccaro said, "We know that the puppy sellers have been spotted at Woodbury Commons recently, and we have received some very helpful tips from the public. It's difficult because we have to establish the couple's identities and they are moving around across counties, but we are closing in."

Anyone seeing a man or woman selling puppies is asked to try to photograph them and send the photo and location to humanelaw@dcspca.org.



Marley, a 4-month-old puppy rescued by the Dutchess County SPCA, is being treated for parvo virus, a life-threatening disease. He is the only survivor of six puppies suffering from parvo who were recently brought to the shelter. As of last week, Marley was recovering. Donations are requested to help defray costs of Marley's treatment, which have exceeded \$5,000. The above photo, taken around July 6, shows a sick Marley lying in his crate.

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Neurosurgeons perform first fluorescence-guided surgery for glioblastoma at Vassar Brothers Medical Center

Neurosurgeons Dr. David Penn and Dr. Adesh Tandon were the first to use an innovative technology to treat glioblastomas at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. At this time, Vassar Brothers Medical Center is the only hospital offering the neurosurgery technology in Dutchess County, New York. The fluorescence-guided surgery enables neurosurgeons to better visualize cancerous brain tumors, remove them more completely and improve patient outcomes.

Glioblastoma is an aggressive, fast growing type of brain cancer that does not have a cure. Glioblastoma is difficult to surgically remove because the tumor tissue invades the brain and looks similar to healthy tissue.

Glioblastoma surgery is also complex because removing too much brain tissue can greatly affect someone's neurological abilities; depending on the location of the tumor, it can affect cognitive function, eyesight, speech and mobility.

The fluorescence technology lights up the tumor tissue and clearly differentiates it from healthy tissue. Neurosurgeons can simultaneously stay in the safe resection zone while removing as much of the cancer as possible.

The median length of survival for someone with glioblastoma receiving standard of care treatment is 15 to 16

months. Surgery, chemotherapy and radiation therapy may help manage someone's symptoms and extend their life as much as possible. The more cancer that is removed through fluorescence-guided surgery, the greater chance of increasing the survival rate.

At Vassar Brothers Medical Center, neurosurgeons evaluate patients with glioblastomas to determine if fluorescence-guided surgery is right for them depending on the location and size of the tumor.

Patients are admitted to the hospital and ingest a solution three hours before surgery. Patients need to stay in the dark for 48 hours after ingesting the solution because one of the side effects is extreme skin sensitivity to UV light.

"The first fluorescence-guided surgery for glioblastoma could not have gone better. Kudos to our multispecialty teams for making an intricate process seamless," said Dr. Tandon, director of brain tumors at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. "The intensive care unit and transport teams kept the patient in the dark and covered until they were in the operating room. Then, the operating room team prepared in the dark and we operated in a low-light room."

"The first patient's tumor was in the part of their brain that controls facial



Neurosurgeons Dr. Adesh Tandon and Dr. David Penn were the first to use an innovative technology to treat glioblastomas at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. -Courtesy photo

movement and speech. Without the fluorescence technology, we may not have been able to resect as much of the cancer without causing a problem to their facial function or ability to speak," said Dr. Penn.

"The patient was able to go home from the hospital two days after surgery and they are doing well," said Dr. Tandon.

In addition to multispecialty care, patients have surgery and recover in the new, ultramodern Patient Pavilion at Vassar Brothers Medical Center.

Nuvance Health neurosurgeons are also

performing fluorescence-guided surgery for glioblastoma at Danbury Hospital in Connecticut.

While glioblastomas or GBMs are rare, they are the most common primary brain cancer. Symptoms vary depending on the size of the tumor and where it is located in the brain; common symptoms include headaches, seizures, nausea/vomiting, memory problems and declining normal function.

Learn more about brain and spinal tumors and find a neurosurgeon at the Nuvance Health Neuroscience Institute

Clean Path NY schedules Beacon meetings on July 28

Clean Path NY will hold an open house for Dutchess and Putnam Counties on Thursday July 28 in Beacon to invite input, solicit feedback and share important information with residents, businesses, and other community stakeholders on the Clean Path NY transmission line.

Clean Path NY is a collaborative clean energy project of NYPA, Invenegy and energyRe. Upon completion, Clean Path NY is estimated to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the statewide electric sector by 20-22 percent every year and avoid 49 million tons of CO2 emissions through 2040. The project represents an \$11 billion in-state investment that will create an estimated 8,300 in-state jobs and catalyze \$4.7 billion of in-state economic development.

Two sessions are scheduled at the Memorial Building, 413 Main Street in Beacon. Session 1 is from 9-11 a.m. and Session 2 is from 5-7 p.m.

Clean Path NY is comprised of a 175-mile state-of-the-art underground/underwater transmission line that will transport energy from new in-state solar and wind power and New York Power Authority's (NYPA) existing Blenheim-Gilboa pumped storage facility, increasing the reliability of the transmission system and helping transition New York State to a clean energy economy. Together, these assets will help drive a significant reduction in the use of oil and gas-fired fossil

fuel plants, and advance New York's transition to a zero-emission electricity sector by 2040.

Route planning and environmental work is underway on the Clean Path NY transmission line route from Delaware County, in New York's Southern Tier economic development region, through the Mid-Hudson region to New York City. The state planning process ensures that the transmission line will follow the most optimal route, taking into account potential community impact and environmental stewardship. In particular, Clean Path NY's route will be designed specifically to minimize potential impacts to the Hudson River. The transmission line will be sited entirely underground or underwater and primarily in existing NYPA and DOT rights of way already used by transmission lines and roads, limiting impact to surrounding communities and environments and ensuring the line is resilient in extreme weather.

Clean Path NY also includes more than 20 wind and solar energy generation projects spread across New York. The geographic and technological diversity of Clean Path NY's wind and solar generation maximizes the resiliency and reliability of the energy supply. Each wind and solar project will be independently permitted to facilitate public review and engagement, and will follow its own public information schedule to be announced

at a later date.

The project team is committed to working with communities and other stakeholders at every stage of development and all along the project route to ensure that local voices are sought and heard, for the wellbeing of communities and the project's surrounding ecosystem. To date,

the project team has held more than 200 meetings and received more than 600 letters of support and comments from working New Yorkers, elected officials, industry leaders, and advocates across the state.

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DCC signs agreement to make process easier for students to transfer to SUNY New Paltz



Dutchess Community College (DCC) and SUNY New Paltz leaders recently signed an agreement to streamline the process for students who attend DCC to transfer to SUNY New Paltz.

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Leaders from SUNY New Paltz and Dutchess Community College (DCC) on recently met to sign an articulation agreement that will streamline the process for

DCC students to transfer to New Paltz. Among other benefits, qualified DCC students will have their SUNY New Paltz application fees waived and will benefit

from direct outreach and advising from New Paltz Enrollment Management staff to ensure a smooth transfer process.

The program deepens the long-established partnership between DCC and New Paltz with new ways for staff from the two institutions to partner on initiatives and events related to advising, career services and student life. Together, these services provide a steppingstone for DCC students, including those who applied to New Paltz after high school but were not admitted, to succeed in earning their associate degree, transferring seamlessly, and graduating on time with a four-year degree.

"SUNY New Paltz has a longstanding relationship with Dutchess Community College, and we work hard to support the students we share and serve," said President Donald P. Christian, whose signing of this agreement was one of his final official actions before his retirement in July. "Transfer students are a sizable and important part of the New Paltz campus community – about half of our graduates who cross the stage each year came to us as transfers – and as our largest source for transfers annually, Dutchess

Community College is a critical partner in serving these students well as they pursue two- and four-year degrees."

"I'm honored to enter Dutchess Community College into this new agreement, which will further benefit our students, their families and our communities at large," said DCC President Peter Grant Jordan. "Anything we can do to accelerate their journeys to career success, without sacrificing the quality of their education – or adding needless cost – is an advantage for our students, our institutions and the industries and communities which they join upon graduating."

The agreement between the two institutions expands the robust set of perks that students already receive when they transfer from one SUNY institution to another. It further streamlines the credit transfer experience for DCC students, both for the SUNY General Education Requirement and for major requirements at New Paltz.

This program will be available to DCC students who maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5, who are on track to earn their associate degree, and who fully satisfy New Paltz's admissions criteria after their degree is awarded by DCC.

Midsummer Evenings set at Dia Beacon



Midsummer Evenings take place at Dia Beacon July 23. Midsummer Evenings is a series featuring extended visiting hours in the galleries and unique wine and dining options in the café until 8 p.m. Reserve tickets at tickets@diaart.org or 845-231-0811. Dia Beacon is at 3 Beekman St. in Beacon.

For more information, visit www.diaart.org or www.facebook.com/diaart foundation.

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'Stamp' in Our Feet for Pete' set for July 23

The late Pete Seeger, who was a local resident, activist and folk singer, is being honored by the United State Postal Service in the Music Icons stamp series. Sing along with David and Jake Bernz, Thom Joyce, the Beacon Sloop Club and more. "Stamp' in Our Feet for Pete," a free event, will be held on July 23 from 5:30 – 7 p.m. at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., in Beacon.

Bonnie Champion, a Beacon Sloop Club member, said, "The U.S. Post Office is honoring Pete Seeger with a stamp. This is so wonderful and exciting. It has an incredible picture of Pete and the lighting is perfect."

Champion noted, "He was an incredible man who worked hard his whole life, struggling to fix things that needed to be fixed. He and his beloved wife, Toshi, changed the world in so many pos-

itive ways. Pete was humble and he always gave Toshi credit for his accomplishments.

"He worked for Civil Rights. He and Toshi walked with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He founded the Beacon MLK Parade. I had the honor of working with Pete with that and the MLK Essay Contest. He worked for the environment, building the Sloop Clearwater and founding the Beacon Sloop Club. The Hudson River is clean and healthy today, and so Pete founded his floating swimming pool, River Pool.," said Champion.

She continued, "He worked for Union Rights. His music influenced the world and fills our lives with hope and determination. He worked for Peace and in his song "Turn, Turn" he sang, "...there's a time for peace. I swear it's not too late."

Dance at Towne Crier set

Towne Crier Dance Jam, 379 Main St., Admission is \$10. There will be dining, will be held at 7 p.m. on July 21. snacks and dessert.

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DISPATCHES FROM THE VFW

by Tom Zurhellen

'Greatest Generation' veterans have amazing stories to share

Recently I was notified that another World War II veteran in Dutchess County had died. His name was Edwin Joba. We belonged to the same church for some time, but I really got to know Ed after I returned from my walk across America in 2019. He was such an enthusiastic supporter of my mission to raise awareness for our heroes. He wasn't a large man, and he seemed even smaller with his walking cane and stooped back. But even though he was in his 90s, Ed always had a smile on his face. He always wanted to hear my stories -- but like all our World War II veterans, I knew Ed had even more amazing stories of his own.

Ed's upcoming funeral service reminds me that we are losing the last of our heroes from the Greatest Generation. It makes me very sad to think there will come a day when we won't have any World War II veterans among us. That's why it's so important for us to cherish the remaining members of the Greatest Generation, each and every day. Imagine all the stories, the knowledge, and the history we will lose when there are no longer members of that generation in our communities.

When I joined the Poughkeepsie VFW, the very first member I spoke with at the

Post was a World War II veteran. His name was Stu Vidal, and he told me the story of his service in the South Pacific as he watched the Enola Gay take off from the island of Tinian, bound for Japan carrying the atomic bomb. As he told me his incredible story, I realized you can't find this sense of history in any school textbook. These veterans of World War II are the textbooks themselves, and when they are gone, the stories are gone as well. This is why the young folks of today need to have conversations with our older veterans, to better understand the world they live in now.

Stu Vidal passed in March 2020 at the amazing age of 103 years old. He was a father figure and a friend to so many here in Dutchess County. He had such an impact on our community in so many ways, and it's sobering to think there will come a time when someone will ask, "Who was Stu Vidal?" Keeping these stories alive should be a top priority for all of us.

The term "The Greatest Generation" comes from a 1998 book by Tom Brokaw where he profiled members of the generation who grew up in the Great Depression and fought in World War II and Korea. I can't think of a better name for this amazing group who sacrificed so much and rose to

the challenge of defeating the Axis powers; when we say they saved the world, this is not an exaggeration. Subsequent generations have met their own challenges, of course, but it was the Greatest Generation who definitely set the bar, and set that bar high. We owe these folks so much!

As an aside, Frank Buckles was the last American veteran of World War I, and he died back in 2011 at the incredible age of 110. Once Mr. Buckles had passed, our entire connection to that part of our history was lost forever. I shudder to think what we will lose when the last American veteran of World War II passes on.

Whenever we have the opportunity to talk with the World War II veterans in our lives, we must take it. We all know the young kids don't exactly jump when you ask them to sit down and interact with the older folks, so we should make an extra effort to connect these disparate generations to make sure the story of the Greatest Generation lives on in honor and respect.

Thank you to our World War II veterans for saving the world eighty years ago. And thank you, for listening! See you next time!

A Navy veteran, Tom Zurhellen has been Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars



World War II veteran Sgt. Stuart Vidal died in March 2020 at the age of 103, leaving a lasting legacy of service to his neighbors and fellow veterans in Dutchess County.

-Courtesy photo

(VFW) in Poughkeepsie for the past three years. In the summer of 2019, he walked across America from Portland, Oregon, to Poughkeepsie to raise awareness on veteran suicide and veteran homelessness in our country. He continues to work with local veterans in need through the VetZero Project, in partnership with Hudson River Housing.

'Howland 150' celebration planned

The 150th anniversary of the founding of the Howland library and the opening of a remarkable building will be celebrated starting in August.

It was on August 5, 1872, that the Howland Circulating Library was dedicated, launching a century and a half of service to the community. The institution continues today as the Howland Public Library.

The building that was dedicated in 1872 serves today as the Howland Cultural

Center, where the legacy of its patron, Joseph Howland, and its famed architect, Richard Morris Hunt, are honored.

These "Howland 150" observances will also involve the Beacon Historical Society.

The three organizations have planned more than a dozen public events for August and September.

First is "My Heart Towards Home," a dramatic portrayal of Eliza Howland by actor and historian Emily Murnane on

Tuesday, July 26 at 7 p.m. This is presented by the Beacon Historical Society but will take place at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., Beacon. It is an engaging performance with Murnane traveling back in time to tell the story of Eliza Woolsey Howland (wife of Joseph) and her impact on our community. Tickets are free, but advance registration is required at www.beaconhistorical.org/visit

Beginning Aug. 5, a special exhibit will be on display at the Howland Cultural Center. "People Make it Happen, Celebrating 150 years of Literature, Arts and Culture," is created and curated by artist Donna Mikkelsen. The display's

panels create a timeline that shows the founding of the community's first library, its transition to free, its move to new quarters at 313 Main St. and the transformation of the historic building into a cultural center. Artist Jean Marc Superville Sovak is also participating.

Other events will include displays and participation events at the Howland Public Library; an exhibit at the Beacon Historical Society, 61 Leonard St.; a lecture on the local works of Richard Morris Hunt and a performance event at the Howland Cultural Center.

Further details will be publicized as the events near.

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this week's puzzle solutions

This week's answer

SUDOKU

4	2	6	1	8	9	3	7	5
9	3	7	5	4	6	8	2	1
8	5	1	3	7	2	4	6	9
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6	9	3	2	1	8	5	4	7
2	1	4	9	5	7	6	3	8
7	8	5	6	3	4	1	9	2

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4	5	4	2	1	3
1	2	1	3	5	4
3	4	5	4	1	3
2	1	3	2	5	2

Suguru solution

BEACON RECREATION

By Heidi Harrison

BIKE RODEO: Sunday August 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ages 5-12 at Rombout Middle School Parking Lot: Hosted By City of Beacon Recreation, Beacon Police Department & NuVance Health

FREE FARM STAND: Wednesdays from 5 to 6 p.m. at Beacon Recreation Pavilion 23 West Center St. Hosted By Green Teen Beacon & Common Ground Farm Offering Free Produce To The Community

SENIOR EXERCISE: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10-11 a.m. at Beacon Recreation 23 West Center St. Gym

CARDIO HIP HOP: Every Wednesday 10:30-11:15 a.m., Drop Ins Welcome, \$15/class \$5/seniors, Vaccinated Only

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League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
	Hudson Valley NYY	13	7	.650	-	8-2	W2
	Aberdeen BAL	* 11	10	.524	2.5	5-5	L2
	Brooklyn NYM	11	10	.524	2.5	5-5	W2
	Wilmington WSH	10	10	.500	3.0	5-5	L2
	Greensboro PIT	9	11	.450	4.0	4-6	L2
	Jersey Shore PHI	6	14	.300	7.0	4-6	W2
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
	Rome ATL	15	6	.714	-	8-2	L1
	Bowling Green TB	* 11	9	.550	3.5	5-5	W1
	Asheville HOU	10	10	.500	4.5	5-5	W4
	Winston-Salem CWS	10	11	.476	5.0	3-7	L4
	Hickory TEX	9	12	.429	6.0	4-6	W2
	Greenville BOS	7	12	.368	7.0	4-6	L2

Top prospect Domiguez promoted to Renegades

By Rich Thomaselli

He's finally on his way. What had been speculated about since spring training is going to happen in a matter of days.

The New York Yankees, parent club of the High Class A Hudson Valley Renegades minor league baseball team, announced Saturday that outfielder Jasson Domínguez – one of the highest ranked prospects in the franchise and one of the highest in all of baseball – has been promoted to Hudson Valley.



Jasson Domínguez

Domínguez will join the team on Friday on the road after the All-Star Break concludes, and will make his home debut at Dutchess Stadium on July 26.

Domínguez is ranked as the No. 3 Yankees prospect and the No. 39 prospect in all of baseball by MLB.com.

"Jasson is a great kid who loves playing the game and is a joy to be around," said Renegades manager Tyson Blaser. "I got to work with him all last year in the

FCL and he comes ready to play every single day. You can obviously see his raw tools and his talent on display every single night. We are really excited to have him."

Domínguez, 19, hit .266/.374/.440 in 75 games with Single-A Tampa to start the season. He hit a home run Saturday night at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles while representing the American League in the annual Futures Game that showcases baseball's top prospects.

Players Statistics

PLAYER	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS	
1 Austin Wells	C	HV	28	99	21	32	7	0	6	16	19	27	9	0	.323	.429	.576	1.005
2 T.J. Rumfield	1B	HV	15	59	9	19	6	0	2	12	9	14	3	2	.322	.406	.525	.931
3 Anthony Seigler	C	HV	36	117	30	31	7	0	4	16	33	31	10	3	.265	.436	.427	.863
4 Aaron Palensky	LF	HV	54	150	32	37	9	1	7	22	21	56	5	2	.247	.354	.460	.814
5 Everson Pereira	CF	HV	73	288	55	79	13	6	9	43	34	87	19	5	.274	.354	.455	.809
6 Tyler Hardman	3B	HV	68	238	26	60	10	0	13	47	28	79	10	4	.252	.330	.458	.788
7 Eric Wagaman	1B	HV	47	160	17	36	6	0	9	24	25	30	2	0	.225	.335	.431	.766
8 Cooper Bowman	2B	HV	72	267	50	63	15	1	8	35	52	79	34	5	.236	.365	.390	.755
9 Trey Sweeney	SS	HV	66	263	46	63	13	4	9	40	32	77	16	3	.240	.332	.422	.754
10 Carlos Narvaez	C	HV	55	171	24	35	7	0	8	21	28	56	4	2	.205	.327	.386	.713
11 Spencer Henson	1B	HV	49	174	28	37	5	1	8	28	20	62	1	2	.213	.308	.391	.699
12 James Nelson	3B	HV	42	124	16	29	5	0	1	19	29	40	16	7	.234	.385	.298	.683
13 Aldenis Sanchez	CF	HV	69	231	27	57	7	1	1	23	36	79	27	7	.247	.354	.299	.653
14 Eduardo Torrealba	2B	HV	42	131	16	29	5	1	1	18	12	26	9	2	.221	.301	.298	.599
15 Pat DeMarco	RF	HV	57	202	13	42	9	0	0	12	11	61	5	3	.208	.250	.252	.502
16 Saul Torres	C	HV	6	16	2	2	0	1	0	1	2	10	0	0	.125	.222	.250	.472
17 Cristian Perez	SS	HV	24	69	7	12	2	0	0	5	2	19	2	0	.174	.194	.203	.397
18 Grant Richardson	CF	HV	2	7	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	5	0	0	.143	.250	.143	.393
19 Ben Rortvedt	C	HV	4	12	3	1	0	0	0	0	3	6	0	0	.083	.267	.083	.350
20 Blane Abeyta	P	HV	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000	.000
20 Nelvin Correa	P	HV	21	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.000	.000	.000	.000
20 Charlie Ruegger	P	HV	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	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 Matt Sauer	P	HV	5	1	3.29	15	15	0	0	0	76.2	57	33	28	6	11	27	91	1.10	.207
2 Blas Castano	P	HV	3	7	3.86	15	14	1	0	0	74.2	77	35	32	7	8	23	70	1.34	.266



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ROUNDUP

Renegades win series finale with 'Walk-Off'

By Rich Thomaselli

Still hot and now in first place.

The Hudson Valley Renegades scored their first walk-off win of the season on Saturday night at Dutchess Stadium, dispatching the Greenville Drive 5-4 in 10 innings. The win gave the Renegades a 13-7 mark to start the second half of the season. Aberdeen, which won the first half, stands at 11-10.

The victory came ahead of Sunday's rainout, giving Hudson Valley an extra day off as minor league baseball, just as in the Major Leagues, went into a four-day All-Star Break.

With runners on second and third and no outs in the bottom of the 10th, Eric Wagaman lined a walk-off single to right-center off Robert Kwiatkowski to score Aaron Palensky with the winning run.

The Renegades took the lead in the bottom of the first when Wagaman doubled off the wall in left to chase home MLB rehabber Ben Rortvedt. Cooper Bowman added a solo home run in the third off Tyler Uberstine and James Nelson scored in the fourth when Aldenis Sanchez was caught in a pickle between second and third.

T.J. Sikkema turned in another spectacular outing for the Renegades, allowing two runs on only one hit and one walk in a career-high 5.1 innings. The southpaw

struck out 10 batters, giving him double-digit strikeouts in back-to-back appearances.

Greenville rallied to tie the game with three runs in the top of the sixth, and the Drive took a 4-3 lead in the eighth on a Gilberto Jimenez RBI double.

Down to their final strike for two consecutive batters, the Renegades rallied to tie the game in the bottom of the ninth when Cody Scroggins walked three and uncorked a wild pitch to score Sanchez with the tying run.

In the bottom of the 10th, Palensky pinch-ran for Rortvedt as the automatic runner and advanced to third on a Seigler single, setting the stage for Wagaman's heroics.

Sunday's game between the Renegades and the Drive was the last scheduled game this season between the two teams this year and will not be made up.

Fans holding tickets to Sunday's game can exchange them for a ticket of equal-or-lesser value for any other Renegades home game during the 2022 season. Exchanges must be done in-person at the Renegades Ticket Office at Dutchess Stadium.

The Renegades travel to Wilmington for a three-game series starting Friday and then are back at Dutchess Stadium on July 26 to start a six-game series against Brooklyn.



Eric Wagaman celebrates after he lined a walk-off single to right-center to score the winning run on Saturday night over the Greenville Drive.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

GLINER'S KORNER!

Starting the second half strong and working to fill the stadium

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.

Well we're at the All-Star Break, or the unofficial midway point of the season. Can you assess how the first half of the season has gone for the Renegades, on and off the field?

I think it's gone really well so far. I think we've played really well so far, especially now that we're in the second half of the season. We're in first place and I think how they break up the year into two seasons really gives some teams a new life. In the first half, we had that one team in our division, Aberdeen, that really ran away with it. But that's the great thing about the re-start.

You've gone through this type of split season when you were down in Florida.

You played the first 66 games of the year and then the records went back to 0-0 about a month ago for the next set of 66 games. Can you really see that switch in players and teams even though there's no "time off," per se, between the first half and second half?

It really is like a re-set and the players know this. Plus, a lot of parent teams are making adjustments and moving players around, so it many cases it's a completely different roster in the second half. You could have a team that was under .500 in the first half who suddenly has a great team in the second half. So you never really know, and that's part of the nature of minor league baseball. It can go either way.

Do you feel like you've communicated that to the fans who have known nothing but a short-season Single A team for 25-plus years?

Yes, we have standings available at



guest services right away when you come in. A lot of people do pick that up and we put it in our video boards as well. And plus, we always have Zolz (public

address announcer Rick Zolzer) saying things like 'Your first place Renegades!' So that always helps.

From the attendance reports, you're really filling Dutchess Stadium.

The crowds have been really good. Historically, now is the time – right after school ends, early summer – that people come to see us. I still think it's going to take another season or two before our fans fully realize that we're a long-season Class A team that starts playing in April now instead of the middle of June. I mean, think about it. We were a short-season team for 20-something years. We didn't have any season at all in 2020 due to COVID. We started more than a month later than we would have, in May, last year because of COVID. So it kind of threw everybody off. Our goal coming out of June was to see the kinds of crowds that we traditionally have seen in our existence here, and I believe we are.

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.

	8	5	6		4			2
2								8
			2	1			4	
1	6	9						
				9				
						9	5	4
	5			7	2			
9		7						1
4					9	3	7	

Suguru

			2		
3					3
				5	
			3		
4				2	

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. Hold on tightly
6. Inventory
10. 2/5 of a quarter
14. "Ave ___"
15. Pi times radius squared
16. Shape
17. All ___; considering everything
18. Monopoly board square
20. Vehicle for several
21. Frank
23. Lets
24. Seed covering
25. Paul, before he was Paul
27. No longer bearded
30. Norse mythological king
31. Ewe's lament
34. Bern's river
35. Break a traffic law
36. County map abbrs.
37. Original notion
41. Pitcher's stat.
42. White poplar
43. About
44. Snake's "Hello"
45. Wicked
46. Occupation
48. Catch one's breath
49. Yarn
50. Piece of furniture
53. Peddle
54. Presidential monogram
57. Salad toppings
60. Wed without pomp
62. Discharge
63. Use a blue pencil
64. Celebrations
65. Baseball players
66. Like a horror movie
67. Beverage containers

2. ___ Turner
3. Pakistan's neighbor
4. Nothing
5. In abundance
6. Tag
7. Common metal
8. Eel's home
9. Paver's goo
10. Short cylinder
11. First czar of Russia
12. Ice cream concoction
13. Benevolent group
19. Ancient Celtic soothsayers
22. Fastener
24. Rosary prayers
25. Cubic meter
26. Windward's opposite
27. Depositories
28. Filaments
29. Tapestry
30. Item on a teacher's desk
31. Saltwater
32. Worship
33. Actor Edward
35. Refine metal
38. Bar
39. Long-legged bird
40. Address for a king, once
46. Nixon's birthplace: abbr.
47. Declare without proof
48. Street uprisings
49. Irritable
50. Trucker with a radio
51. Part of a horse's collar
52. Bitter substance
53. Move a little
54. Opening
55. Ship's pole
56. Hardy heroine
58. Plead
59. Solemn vow
61. Ordinance

DOWN

1. Early 10th-century year

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
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The solutions to the Sudoko, Crossword puzzle and Suguru can be found on page 5

Obituaries

James Michael Chirico



CASTLE POINT - James Michael Chirico, 93, died peacefully on July 12, 2022 at Castle Point VA Medical Center. He was born in Crugers, NY on Mother's Day, May 12, 1929, to the

late Roger and Elsie Chirico. He attended school in the Town of Cortlandt and graduated from Hendrick Hudson High School. Jim then proudly served in the US Marine Corps for over 4 years during the Korean War up to the Chosin Reservoir and back. He was honorably discharged from the Marines as a decorated Sergeant at Lakehurst, NJ. While in Lakehurst, NJ, he met the love of his life, Betty (Freeman) Chirico and spent the next 69 years with her. Together they raised 3 children, Michele, the oldest, and Jim and Anthony, his twins. Along with his wife, he was very proud of their children. He was a loving grandfather of 6 and an amazing great-grandfather of 7. Jim joined IBM in 1952 and achieved executive positions in his 37 years with them. Although he was a very busy person, he took time to serve and volunteer in his community. Jim had served as President of Protection Engine Co. #1 in Fishkill and then became a charter member of the Rombout Fire Department. He was also a member of the VFW Post 1286 in Fishkill. He had previously served as President of the John Jay Activities Association at John Jay High School and was president of the Fishkill Democratic Club. He also coached for the Fishkill Little League and St. Mary's CYO basketball program. Jim was a parishioner at St. Mary, Mother of the Church in Fishkill where he was part of the choir and served with the St. Mary's Players. Jim was a 4th Degree member of Knights of Columbus #4065 where he had previously served as Grand Knight. He was also an avid golfer with many holes-in-one and he was a former tennis player and skier. Calling hours were held on Thursday, July 14 at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill with a firematic service. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Friday, July 15 St. Mary, Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill followed by entombment at Fishkill Rural Cemetery with military honors. Donations may be made in Jim's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Rombout Fire Department, or Castle Point VAMC DAV #144. For online tributes, please visit Jim's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Wayne R. Ennist



EAST FISHKILL - Wayne R. Ennist, a lifelong local area resident, passed away on Monday, July 11, 2022 at Northern Westchester Hospital in Mount Kisco. He was 77. He was born in

Poughkeepsie on December 25, 1944. Wayne was raised in Millbrook but has resided in East Fishkill for the last 45 years. He was a proud U.S. Air Force Veteran, having been honorably discharged in 1966. For many years, he worked for I.B.M. as a computer programmer and belonged to the Quarter Century Club, retiring in 1993. He then went to work for the Wappingers Central School District, where he was a bus driver and also served as head custodian. Wayne loved music and was a skilled drummer who played in many local bands. He was a life member of the Green Haven Fish & Game Association in Fishkill whose hobbies included gardening, fishing, and classic cars. He was an avid New York Jets fan and also enjoyed attending Marist Red Foxes games. Whether it was cooking holiday meals or working on the pool, Wayne was a genuine "family man" and cherished spending time with his family & friends, most especially his wife, children, and grandchildren. On May 29, 1976, he married Diane Shutowich at St. Denis Church in Hopewell Junction. His devoted and loving wife, Diane, survives at home in East Fishkill. Additional survivors include his daughter, Tara English & her husband Christopher of Fishkill; his son, Corey Ennist & his wife Sarah Abrignani of Fishkill; his grandchildren, Conor and Fiona English; his siblings, Valerie Burdick & her husband Gary, Victor Holmes, Lyn Holmes, and William Holmes & his wife Peggy; his aunt, Simone Townsend; his brothers-in-law, Paul Shutowich & his partner Rosemarie Kuhns and Terrence Raymond; as well as many nieces, nephews, and other relatives & friends. Wayne was predeceased by his mother, Phoebe Townsend; and two sisters-in-law, Debbie Shutowich and Jane Raymond. Calling hours were held on Friday, July 15 at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill. Immediately following the visitation, a memorial service was conducted. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Disabled American Veterans National Service Foundation, P.O. Box 145525, Cincinnati, OH 45250-5525 (www.dav.org); The Salvation Army, 372 Main Street, Beacon, NY 12508 (www.salvationarmyusa.org); or the charity of one's choice. For online tributes, you can visit Wayne's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Robert J. Lesko



FISHKILL - Robert J. Lesko, a Fishkill resident for 50 years and formerly of Yonkers, passed away at home on Tuesday, July 12, 2022. He was 78. Son of the late

Michael and Helen (Sanjaun) Lesko, he was born in Yonkers on July 31, 1943. A master plumber and welder, Bob was a member of the U.A. Local 21 Plumbers & Steamfitters for 50 years. He was a longtime volunteer firefighter and member of Slater Chemical Company in the Town of Glenham and Rombout Fire Company in the Town of Fishkill. As an avid fisherman and hunter, he belonged to many local outdoorsman groups including the Bethlehem Rod & Gun Club, Orange Lake Fish & Game Association, East Fishkill Rod & Gun Club, and Hudson Valley Sportsman Club (Life Member). He was also a parishioner of St. Mary, Mother of the Church in Fishkill. On April 11, 1964, he married Jean Carol Ondek at St. Casimir Church in Yonkers. Jean survives at home in Fishkill. Additional survivors include his daughter, Lori Ann Marvin & her husband Peter of Red Hook; his daughter, Susanne Lesko & Damian DeRenzis of Saratoga Springs; his son, Robert Lesko of Hopewell Junction; his daughter, Jean-Marie Gillette & her husband David of Rhinebeck; his son, Daniel Lesko & his wife Denise of Waxhaw, NC; fifteen grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many other relatives & friends. Bob was predeceased by his parents as well as his sister, Carol Lombardi. Visitation was held with a fireman's honor on Friday, July 15 at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill. Entombment followed in the Community Mausoleum at Fishkill Rural Cemetery. The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to those who have provided such extraordinary support, with special thanks to Bob's "half-brother" Bob Dross, the Kelly family, Susan Maglio, Carol & John Gilman, Joseph Maglio and his loving aides Jessica & Keisha. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Slater Chemical Fire Company, PO Box 391, Glenham, NY 12527. For online tributes, you can visit Bob's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

James C. Nenni



FISHKILL - James C. Nenni, Sr. 89 of Fishkill, New York died in the arms of his daughter on July 15, 2022 and joined his wife Constance Nenni in eternal rest.

Born in Beacon, he was the son of Helen and Ronald Nenni. He was a devoted father and is survived by his daughter Debra McNamee and her husband Stephen McNamee of Hopewell Junction and his son James C. Nenni, Jr, granddaughter Sarah and great-granddaughter Lucy. In addition to his children, he is survived by his sisters Rose Quinn of Fishkill, Dee Horton of Hopewell Junction, and his brother Robert Nenni of New Hampshire. He was owner of Ninnie Construction Corporation, started by his father Ronald Nenni and his father's brother Eugene Ninnie. The excavation business was his life. He started out at age 15 working for his father as a laborer, then as a truck driver. He then enlisted in the US Air Force from 1956 - 1959. James then returned to the business his father started in 1929. In 1963, he became Vice President of Ninnie Construction Corporation. In 1980, he changed the name to Nenni Equipment Corporation. Also in 1980, he started Nenni Construction Co., Inc. which holds 10 office space complex and our yard located on Route 52 in Fishkill. He was also Vice President of Nenni Construction & Excavating Co., Inc. He also owned 102 acres in East Fishkill. In 1968, he won his first project at the IBM complex in East Fishkill and continued to work at all the IBM facilities in the Hudson Valley for the next 29 years. From the early 1990's through today, he has worked on most of the major projects in the area. At one point, in the 1990's he grew the company so large that he had 102 union workers with over 300 pieces of equipment. He was the force behind the excavation business in the Hudson Valley during the 1970's - 1990's and was one of the largest excavating contractors in the area. Visitation was held at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Joachim's Church, 51 Leonard Street, Beacon followed by entombment at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery with military honors. Please visit his Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Reservation due for Veterans Appreciation Picnic July 27

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro and Division of Veterans' Services Director Adam Roche invite veterans to the Red, White, and You! Veterans Appreciation Picnic on August 6th from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Camp Nooteeing located at 22 Camp Nooteeing Road in Salt Point. This free event is open to local veterans and one guest and will be an afternoon of comradery, food, and music. Registration is required as space is limited and can be submitted at dutchessny.gov/veteranspicnic. The reservation deadline is July 27th.

Molinaro said, "In Dutchess we are always grateful for the service of our veterans and for putting it all on the line to protect our freedoms. Our Red, White, and You event is one way to show our appreciation to these local heroes. We encourage all veterans to attend, eat, and enjoy Camp Nooteeing. I look forward to interact-

ing with all in attendance."

The Veterans Appreciation Picnic will give veterans the opportunity to interact with other veterans while enjoying barbeque food, catered by Tavern 23, and listen to live music from country recording artist Jordan Stoner, who will provide an acoustic set from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Local country band, StringMasters, will be performing from 1 to 3 p.m. Attendees will have the chance to take in the grounds and scenic views of Camp Nooteeing, including checking out the new state-of-the-art soccer field, home to Pathfinder FC.

Division of Veterans Services Director Adam Roche said, "The Red, White and You! Appreciation Picnic is set to be an amazing afternoon. Camp Nooteeing is beautiful and scenic, which made it a perfect location to hold the event and I'm confident our veterans will enjoy it. We

owe veterans extreme gratitude for their sacrifices, and this picnic is a great way to express our appreciation for their service to our nation. We are happy to offer this event to our local heroes for a fun opportunity to relax and bond. I hope many can attend!"

The picnic will take place at "Upper Trail Head" at Camp Nooteeing. Directional signs will be posted to help

attendees easily locate the picnic area. Courtesy golf cart rides will be available for those physically disabled and in need of assistance getting from the parking lot to the picnic area.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK INDEX NO. 2021-53821 COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS as the place of trial situs of the real property SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 34 SPRUCE STREET, PAWLING, NY 12564

Section: 7056, Block: 01, Lot: 186652 NATION STAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff, vs. SUSAN SAWYER, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTTEE OF THE ESTATE OF THERESA ANDREOTTI; DOUGLAS ANDREOTTI, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTTEE OF THE ESTATE OF THERESA ANDREOTTI; BARBARA GALLO, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTTEE OF THE ESTATE OF THERESA ANDREOTTI; DENISE ANDREOTTI, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTTEE OF THE ESTATE OF THERESA ANDREOTTI; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTTEES OF THE ESTATE OF THERESA ANDREOTTI, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or whom may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, de-

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visees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CEDAR VALLEY TOWN HOME S HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants.

To the above named Defendants YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$256,500.00 and interest, recorded on August 21, 2004, in Instrument Number 01200420966, of the Public Records of DUTCHESS County, New York., covering

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premises known as 34 SPRUCE STREET, PAWLING, NY 12564.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the mortgage described above.

DUTCHESS County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

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 (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: May 31, 2022 ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Attorney for Plaintiff Aric H. Peymann, Esq. 900 Merchants Course, Suite 310 Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Fishkill, Mayor and Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing, Monday, August 15, 2022, 6:00 PM Eastern Time at Van Wyck Hall 1095 Main Street Fishkill NY 12524 FOR THE PURPOSE OF Bill A-2022; A proposed local law to Amend the Village of Fishkill Zoning Code Rules and Special Use Permit Require-

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ments for Tattoo Parlors LOCAL LAWS are on file for public review between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday at the Village Clerk's office

LEGAL NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Chelsea Fire District of the Town of Wappinger, County of Dutchess, New York, will hold a special meeting on Sunday, July 24, 2022. The meeting will commence at 10:30 a.m., at the Chelsea Fire District Office located at 15 Liberty Street, Chelsea, New York, in the Town of Wappinger, and is open to the public. This notification is being given in accordance with the provisions of Section 94 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York. By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Chelsea Fire District. Claire Gibson Fire District Secretary Chelsea Fire District

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-43-22 Sign Shop Materials

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Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 9th day of August 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our web site http://www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call (845)486-3613.

TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Board of the Town of East Fishkill will hold a public hearing on the 9th of August 2022, at 7:00 p.m., in the Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, New York, or as soon thereafter as the matter may come on to be heard, in the matter of the application of i.Park East Fishkill LLC, project for the granting of Site Plan Approval by said Board of a proposed project known as Warehouse A, as shown on maps prepared by Stantec Engineering, 3 Columbia Circle, Suite 6, Albany, New York, as filed in the

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office of the Planning Department, and which site is located at South Drive and being described as a 32.18-acre tax parcel identified as Tax Parcel #132800-6456-03-958962. The site plan application for consideration by the Board is as follows:

-Proposed construction of new Building Area A, a 253,800 square foot warehouse building All parties in interest and citizens will be heard by the Board at said public hearing scheduled at said time.

BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL DATED: July 6, 2022

TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Board of the Town of East Fishkill will hold a public hearing on the 9th day of August, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., in the Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, New York, or as soon thereafter as the matter may come on to be heard, in the matter of the application of CIM Tech Corporation project for the granting of Site Plan Approval by said Board of a proposed project known as the addition to the

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CIM Tech Corporation Building as shown on maps prepared by Hildenbrand Engineering, PLLC, 208 Creamery Road, Hopewell Junction, & Whalen Architecture, PLLC, 1141 Route 55, Suite A, Lagrangeville, NY as filed in the office of the Planning Department, and which site is located at 40 Corporate Park Drive and being described as a 2.06 acre tax parcel identified as Tax Parcel #6356-04-525017. The site plan application for consideration by the Board is as follows:

- Construct a new single story, 6,400 square foot addition to the Northeast side of the existing building.

All parties in interest and citizens will be heard by the Board at said public hearing scheduled at said time.

BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL DATED: July 11, 2022

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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Notice of Complete Application

Date: 07/12/2022 Applicant: LMD HOMES CORP PO BOX 1670 WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY 12590 Facility: LMD HOMES SUBDIVISION 234 BAXTERTOWN RD Fishkill, NY 12524

Application JD: 3-1330-00221/00001 Permits(s) Applied for: 1 - Article 24 Freshwater Wetlands Project is located: in FISHKILL in DUTCHESS COUNTY

Project Description:

The applicant proposes to disturb 654 square feet of the 100-foot Adjacent Area of DEC Freshwater Wetland WF-20 (Class III), associated with a 6-lot residential subdivision. The activities within the adjacent area include the construction of a driveway, installation of a 12" HDPE culvert and extension of an existing water main

Availability of Application Documents:

Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person.

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination

Project is an Unlisted Action and will not have a significant impact on the environment. A Negative Declaration is on file. A coordinated review was not performed.

SEQR Lead Agency None Designated

State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination

Evaluation using a Structural-Archaeological Assessment Form or other information has concluded that the proposed activity will not impact registered, eligible or inventoried archaeological sites or historic structures.

Availability For Public Comment Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 08/04/2022 or 15 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later.

Contact Person FRANK J BENEDETTO, III NYSDEC 21 S Putt Corners Rd New Paltz, NY 12561

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
TOWN OF WAPPINGER
DUTCHESS COUNTY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Town of Wappinger Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the 26th day of July, 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.

Appeal No.: 22-7758 (Area Variance)

Karan Garewal: Seeking an area variance Section 240-37 of District Regulations in an R80 Zoning District.

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-Where 40 feet to the side yard (left) property line is required, the applicant can provide 30 feet for the legalization of a front bedroom addition, thus requesting a variance of 10 feet.

-Where 40 feet to the side yard (right) property line is required, the applicant can provide 25 feet for the legalization of a rear kitchen addition, thus requesting a variance of 15 feet.

-Where 40 feet to the side yard (left) property line is required, the applicant can provide 12 feet for the legalization of a rear kitchen addition, thus requesting a variance of 28 feet.

-Where 40 feet to the side (right) property line is required, the applicant can provide 27 feet for the legalization of a rear deck addition, thus requesting a variance of 13 feet.

-Where 40 feet to the side (left) property line is required, the applicant can provide 17 feet for the legalization of a rear deck addition, thus requesting a variance of 23 feet.

The property is located at 12 Schlichter Road and is identified as Tax Grid No.: 6156-02-986957 in the Town of Wappinger.

All interested persons will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Wappinger at the public hearing as stated above.

Signed: Peter Galotti, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals
Town of Wappinger
June 15, 2022

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
TOWN OF WAPPINGER
DUTCHESS COUNTY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Town of Wappinger Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the 26th day of July, 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.

Appeal No.: 22-7759 (Area Variance)

Brian & Angela Luhrs: Seeking an area variance Section 240-37 of District Regulations in an R20/40 Zoning District.

-Where 45 feet to the rear yard property line is required, the applicant can provide 8 feet for the installation of an above ground 12' x 24' oval pool, thus requesting a variance of 37 feet.

The property is located at 6 Park Hill Drive and is identified as Tax Grid No.: 6356-01-166971 in the Town of Wappinger.

All interested persons will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Wappinger at the public hearing as stated above.

Signed: Peter Galotti, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals
Town of Wappinger
July 7, 2022

MONTAGE AT EAST FISHKILL

Please Take Notice that the Planning Board of the Town of East Fishkill will continue the public hearing on the 9th day of August 2022 at 7PM in the Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY, or as soon thereafter as the matter may come on to be heard, in the matter of the application of the Montage at East Fishkill project for the granting of subdivision approval for a proposed cluster subdivision with 122 residential lots on a 385.5 acre parcel, as shown on maps prepared by Day & Stokosa Engineering, 3 Van Wyck Lane, Wappinger Falls, New York, as filed in the office of the Town of East Fishkill Planning Department, and which site is located on Route 52 being described as a 385.5 acre tax parcel identified as #6556-00-802836. All parties in interest and citizens will be heard by the Board at said public hearing scheduled at said time.

LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on June 13, 2022, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. Such resolution was subject to permissive referendum. The period of time has elapsed for the submission and filing of a petition for a permissive referendum, and a valid petition has not been submitted and filed in connection with such resolution.

A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Town Clerk for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: Wappingers Falls, New York, July 20, 2022.

Joseph Paoloni
Town Clerk

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JUNE 13, 2022.

A RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTING THE BOND RESOLUTION DATED June 14, 2021, TO AUTHORIZE, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, THE ISSUANCE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$1,750,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COST OF THE RECONSTRUCTION OF AND CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONS TO VARIOUS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES, IN AND FOR SAID TOWN, at a revised maximum estimated cost of \$3,000,000.

Class of objects or purposes: Reconstruction/construction of improvements/ additions to various Highway Department bldgs./facilities

Period of probable usefulness: 25 years
Previously authorized: \$1,250,000 bonds
Amount of obligations to be issued: Additional \$1,750,000 bonds
New maximum estimated cost: \$3,000,000
SEQRA: Type II Action

Please Take Notice that the Planning Board of the Town of East Fishkill will continue the public hearing on the 9th day of August 2022 at 7PM in the Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY, or as soon thereafter as the matter may come on to be heard, in the matter of the application of the Summit Woods project for the granting of subdivision approval for a proposed cluster subdivision with 175 residential lots on a 325.2 acre parcel, as shown on maps prepared by Day & Stokosa Engineering, 3 Van Wyck Lane, Wappinger Falls, New York, as filed in the office of the Town of East Fishkill Planning Department, and which site is located on Route 52 being described as a 325.2 acre (total) tax parcels identified as #132800-6656-00-045715, 132800-6656-00-233608, 132800-6656-00-349637, 132800-6656-00-350690 and 132800-6656-00-361675.

All parties in interest and citizens will be heard by the Board at said public hearing scheduled at said time.

The deadline for Legals is every Monday @ 12 noon for a Wednesday Publication*

*When a public holiday falls on a Monday the deadline becomes Friday at noon.

Notice is hereby given that Public Hearings will be held by the Town of East Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals, Dutchess County, on Tuesday the 26th day of July, 2022 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may come on to be heard at the East Fishkill Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, the Town of East Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct Public Hearings on the following applications.

1. Courtney Schettino, 13 Wright Blvd. Hopewell Junction, is requesting a 16' side line variance to allow a 24' x 30' (770 sf) garage addition and a 13' side line variance for a 12' x 16' (192 sf) deck, pursuant to the Schedule of Bulk Regulations of the Zoning.

2. John Granger, 41 Blackberry Way. Hopewell Junction, is requesting a 407 sf size variance for a proposed 757sf pool house, pursuant to Section 194-107.D of the Zoning Ordinance.

Norma Drummond
Chairperson
East Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals

Brian Doyle to retire as CEO of Family Services in fall

Family Services Board of Directors Chairman, Freddimir Garcia has announced that Brian Doyle, Chief Executive Officer of Family Services, has decided to retire effective October 2022. Doyle will continue in his role as CEO until such time insuring a smooth transition.

As Family Services approaches its 150th year of serving the community, Family Services will continue fostering relationships with community and government partners and stakeholders—offering thoughtful, impactful, and innovative programs, and providing the leadership, strategic ideas, and plans that help the community flourish.

“Brian has given so much to Family Services, the non-profit community and to those we serve, and I am personally grateful for all he has done and continues to do,” said Garcia. “I’ve been blessed with a front row seat to a master class on inclusive, compassionate, and strategic leadership. It is a true honor for me to see Brian step into the next phase of his life to enjoy his family and grandchildren.”

Since stepping into the role of CEO in 2011, Doyle has played a critical role in helping the agency adapt to changes and establishing new partnerships which contributed significantly to the agency’s growth and commitment to its mission. In his tenure, expended resources have increased from \$10 million to \$26 million expended services have increased from Dutchess to Ulster to Orange counties, tenant occupancy at the Family Partnership Center has reached a 95 percent occupancy level; and are close to closing out a \$9 million Capital Campaign goal.

Garcia said, “Brian brought to the role of CEO devotion, perseverance and sacri-



Brian Doyle

...fice which will be difficult to match. His tenure has brought such growth and stability to the agency that we are prepared and poised to move into the future with excitement and big plans! We continue to move onward and Family Services Strong! Be assured that our Board of Directors at Family Services will search diligently to find the best qualified, community centered candidate to succeed Brian as next CEO.” “While this chapter of Brian Doyle’s journey ends with his retirement, Brian’s legacy will long live on through the countless County families whose lives he has made better,” said County Executive Marcus J. Molinaro.

Saturday is ‘Night at the Movies’ at West Point



The West Point Band will continue its Music Under the Stars concert series with “Night at the Movies” on July 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Trophy Point Amphitheater. Join the West Point Band as they bring to life some of the best music composed for the silver screen! From the exciting and dramatic to lighthearted and comedic soundtracks, this program has something for everyone. This performance is free and open to all; for more information visit www.westpointband.com.

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

-Courtesy photo

Newburgh Symphony to perform ‘Sultans of Swing’ Concert July 23



Russell Ger, music director, will conduct the Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra, at its annual Summer Pops Concert. The “Sultans of Swing” Concert is set for July 23 in Orange County.

-Courtesy photo

The Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra (GNSO) presents its annual Summer Pops Concert as a tribute to Frank Sinatra and Ella Fitzgerald. “Sultans of Swing” will be performed Saturday, July 23 at 4 p.m. at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, Orange County.

Russell Ger, Music Director of the GNSO, said “Frank Sinatra and Ella Fitzgerald are two of the supreme vocalists of all time. Their instantly recognizable voices and inimitable musical swagger meant that the songs they interpreted became timeless classics. For this Summer Pops Concert, the orchestra will transform into a huge Big Band to perform some of swing music’s greatest hits.”

This is the third concert in less than a month for the GNSO, which performed “The Swan Becomes the Sun” in Newburgh on July 25 and a patriotic medley before a sell-out crowd of 700 at Boscobel House & Garden on July 3. Now in his fifth season of GNSO leadership, Mr. Ger has led the orchestra to new attendance records and artistic heights.

Again, “Sultans of Swing” will be presented Saturday, July 23 at 4 p.m. at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh. Tickets – Balcony \$50, Reserved \$40, Open \$35, Senior Citizen \$25 – can be purchased online or at the door. Call 845/913-7157 or visit www.newburghsymphony.org. Students are admitted free to Open seating.

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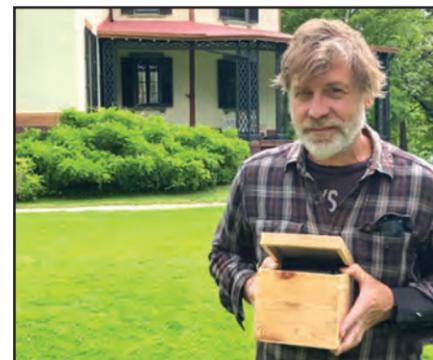
Belongalong experience comes to Locust Grove in Poughkeepsie

Locust Grove's over 100-year-old historic majestic Maples, Beeches and Black Locust Trees will watch over the immersive Belongalong experience with Christopher Bowen on Sunday, July 24 from 1- 3 p.m.

Locust Grove, the former summer home of Morse code inventor Samuel Morse, is a nature center, museum, education center and wedding/event venue located at 2683 South Road in Poughkeepsie.

Belongalong is a 12-person musical "instrument" created by musician, composer, performer and 30-year Blue Man Group veteran Christopher Bowen. He said Belongalong is 12 "wooden resonating boxes like blank canvases of sound, specially designed to give voice when held close to the participants' bodies. Invisibly connected and fully portable, they enable participants to engage through space in collaborative expression with each other and the environment."

As each person opens and closes their Belongalong box and brings it closer and further away from their chests, the sounds get louder and softer and changes. According to Bowen at Belongalong.com, "Belongalong...invites collaborative music-making and an expansion of the senses by connecting through sounds, images, and space. Belongalong is an experience that is as much about listening and opening up sonic space for others as it is about one's own expression"



Christopher Bowen, a former New York City and now Hudson Valley resident, invented the Belongalong instruments just last year.

-Courtesy photo

Bowen, a former New York City and now Hudson Valley resident, invented the Belongalong instruments just last year. He approached Emily Ellison, Locust Grove's new Director of Programs and Marketing, to bring them to the Grove because of its bucolic setting; high on a bluff overlooking the majestic Hudson River, ensconced in the shade of its towering giant trees.

Ellison said, "The minute Chris pulled the boxes out and we started experimenting with them, I knew we needed to invite people to enjoy them here at Locust Grove. They are really cool!"

A chance to 'meet' Eliza Woolsey Howland July 26

Travel back in time to meet one of our city's heroes: Eliza Woolsey Howland. Join BHS Trustee Emily Murnane, as she portrays Eliza in a presentation that includes photographs, stories, and materials relating to Eliza's incredible life as a Civil War nurse, humanitarian, and historical writer whose acts of charity have benefited Beacon for more than a century.

The event will take place at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main Street in Beacon on July 26 at 7 p.m. Please reserve tickets as

seating is limited. If one plans to attend one must be fully vaccinated and show valid proof at the door. If you are unable to attend in person, visit www.beaconhistorical.org to get the Zoom link for live streaming a few minutes before 7 p.m.. Free and accessible.

Join the Beacon Historical Society, the Howland Public Library, and the Howland Cultural Center as we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our city's library. Please visit www.beaconlibrary.org/howland150 for more events.

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