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Local police departments to hold National Night Out events August 1

By Kristine Coulter

Local police departments will host National Night Out on August 1.

Town of Poughkeepsie to host annual event

"National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign, which enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement. This is the 40th Anniversary of the nationwide event, that always occurs on the first Tuesday in August," said Lt. Patrick Barry with the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department. The event is set for August 1 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Greenvale Park, 2260 New Hackensack Road.

The Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department has been participating in National Night Out for the last five years in the City of Poughkeepsie, with the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department, explained Barry. "We last hosted this event in the Town in 2014, and we are bringing it back this year to Greenvale Park, in the Town, so more residents are able to come and participate," he said.

What can attendees expect during the event? "People that attend can expect a fun, free evening, with a lot of family friendly activities with our officers. We will have bounce houses, obstacle course, face-painting, and touch-a-truck to name a few. We will have a dunk-tank with one lucky officer taking the plunge. We also will be doing demonstrations on some of our equipment, such as our robot and drone," said Barry.

The police officers participating will also have a Child ID card center set up. The Child ID card will contain "important pedigree information and photo that first responders can use in the case of an emergency," remarked Barry.

"We have received great feedback from past events, not only from the residents but also our police officers. It is one of the best memories I have as a police officer here with the Town of Poughkeepsie and can't wait to do it again. It is a great opportunity for residents to meet with and converse with our officers in a positive, fun environment," said Barry. He noted the officers will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers and there will be additional snacks and refreshments available as well.

"This event could not happen without the support and partnerships of the following organizations: Town of Poughkeepsie Patrolman's Association, Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation Department, Arlington Fire Department and Dezarhae Otis and her team at Target in Poughkeepsie," said Barry.

Second year of National Night Out in Fishkill

The Town of Fishkill Police Department, along with the Village

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State seeks plans for former Downstate facility

By Kristine Coulter

New York State Urban Development Corporation, Empire State Development (ESD), is seeking proposals for the purchase and redevelopment of the decommissioned former Downstate Correctional Facility. The approximately 80-acre site on Red Schoolhouse Road in Fishkill. The Request for Proposals (RFP) was announced on July 18. The deadline is August 23.

According to the information from the State, "There are 37 buildings on the property, totaling approximately 558,000 square feet. The Site is improved with four nearly identical and symmetrical housing structures (core buildings) that are connected by tunnels to a central reception and commons structure (reception center). The core buildings are composed of single-occupancy cells with a collective capacity for approximately 1,200 incarcerated individuals; each core building also has a small library. The reception center houses the kitchen and cafeteria, medical offices, chapel, and commissary among other services. Other structures on the Site include guard stations, storage sheds, and mechanical rooms." Most of the buildings were built in 1979, according to the State, and some of the guard stations, storage sheds, and mechanical rooms were built over the next few decades, through 2003.

The notice about the RFPs states: "ESD is interested in proposals that will provide maximum benefits to the surrounding community and generate the highest economic return for the State. Given the unique location of the Site in the growing Beacon/Fishkill area, the Project presents



New York State is seeking proposals for the former Downstate Correctional Facility. The site has been decommissioned.

-Courtesy photo

a unique and exciting opportunity for redevelopment for the purposes specified in this RFP."

The objective, the notice states: "The primary development objectives for the

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Dutchess County Historical Society to have new location in Rhinebeck

Agreements have just been finalized for the Dutchess County Historical Society (DCHS) to locate its extensive collections and research library in Rhinebeck. It will be located at 6282 Route 9 about a half-mile south of the village center.

Recently renovated, the 5,000 square foot building (a ground floor and basement) is well known locally as having served as Hobson's Appliance store for over half a century.

Executive Director Bill Jeffway explained, "For at least a decade, the DCHS board of directors has been aware that to accommodate the growth in its collections and libraries other space was needed. Not working under any particular deadline has allowed the board to wait until a most exceptional

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Above left to right: Dutchess County Historical Society (DCHS) Executive Director, Bill Jeffway, Property Manager Howie Traudt, DCHS volunteer Lenny Miller, and Property Owner Elijah Bender are pictured in front of the Historical Society's new location in Rhinebeck.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

State seeks ideas for former Downstate facility

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Project are to maximize benefits to the surrounding community and generate the highest economic return for the State. These benefits may include housing, commercial activity, and job creation. When proposing mixed use development with contextual multifamily housing serving a range of income levels, market rate units should cross subsidize affordable housing units.”

There is “[a]n archeological buffer is present on the site. Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office will take place as part of the SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act) review for the project,” according to the State.

The State included in the notice that some of the buildings are owned by ESD and the remaining buildings are owned by the State of New York under DOCCS (Department of Corrections and Community Supervision) jurisdiction. The entirety of the Site is currently exempt from property taxes.”

It also states two of buildings “are subject to a lease from ESD to the People of the State of New York acting through the Office of General Services (OGS) and a sublease to DOCCS. The remaining buildings are owned by the People of the State of New York acting through OGS and 10 subleased to DOCCS. All leases and subleases would be terminated in connection with the disposition of the Site to a Designated Developer.”



New York State is seeking proposals for the former Downstate Correctional Facility site.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

Rolison addresses federal Disaster Declaration for Dutchess, Orange, Putnam Counties

State Senator Rob Rolison (R-39th District) on Monday released the following statement after the Biden administration issued a Major Disaster Declaration for Dutchess, Orange, and Putnam counties, among others.

The federal government’s order will deliver disaster relief to affected localities and follows on the heels of Rolison and other elected officials demanding that state and federal authorities prioritize towns and villages severely impacted by the July 9 storm that released a season's worth of rain into the Hudson Valley in just a few hours. While damage assessments are ongoing, at least one estimate from the Town of Pawling, Dutchess County puts the total cost at close to \$9 million.

“This action will send much-needed funding and assistance to the Hudson Valley communities hit hardest by the July 9 storm and floods. Help is on the way.

“In the meantime, I will continue to remain in close communication with local leaders in Orange, Dutchess, and Putnam counties to help coordinate the ongoing recovery efforts.

“From its start, this was a team effort, involving a number of hard-working stakeholders, especially our storm- and flood-impacted residents, and will remain so now that the federal government has provided us with the resources our local towns and villages desperately need to rebuild,” said Rolison.

Dutchess County Historical Society to have new Rhinebeck location

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Founded in 1914 out of a meeting at the Pleasant Valley Free Library, DCHS did not have a building of its own until 1979 when it moved into the building it now occupies, Clinton House in Poughkeepsie. The 18th stone house was bought by New York State in the 1890s with a view to turning it into a Revolutionary War museum. Those

plans never materialized and the house became associated with the Mahwenawasigh Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and eventually, DCHS in 1979.

The Dr. Franklin A. Butts research library was launched in 1984 and will be located there, as will a very recent acquisition, the Arthur & Nancy Kelly Research Library.

Jeffway explained, “DCHS has largely collected documents and photographs,

and to a lesser extent objects, focusing on research, interpretation and publishing. The 1914 annual yearbook is the longest-serving historical journal in New York State, and we publish what we call ‘occasional publications’ on a variety of topics. Franklin Roosevelt was among the founders and earliest authors.”

Owner Elijah Bender said he is delighted with the agreement, “The building location is a very visible gateway at the south of the village, embedded in a very historic setting. The site is flanked by a streetscape of intact 18th and 19th century architecture including the John Benner House and General Richard Montgomery’s estate, Grasmere. These landmarks along with the new location of the Dutchess County Historical Society demonstrate our rich architectural and cultural heritage. Active farmland is part of the

same parcel. It is a great example of how we can preserve the character that makes Rhinebeck so attractive.”

The building had for more than half a century been home to Hobson’s Appliance. George Hobson received radio training in the U.S. Navy in the 1920s and then after returning home to Rhinebeck started a small radio business in the 1930s. The business continued to grow until it had a significant presence at the building discussed here from the 1950s.

Jeffway concluded, “We really have the best of two worlds: a very contemporary, accessible, efficient building recently designed to sit quietly in the neighborhood – and a location on the historic route that has grown from a footpath for Indigenous Peoples, to the colonial King’s Road, to the Albany Post Road, and today’s Route 9.”

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Revitalized Horse Trials return to Millbrook with full schedule

By Jim Donick

The Millbrook Horse Trials(MHT), long a staple of Dutchess County's summer calendar, is, once again, taking place after a short hiatus in 2022. Bringing a delicious mixture of elegance and mud, the five-day event begins on Wednesday, July 26 and concludes on Sunday, July 30.

Millbrook is one of the few remaining horse trials in the Northeast. It is by far the largest, and it is the only one that still runs all levels through Advanced. The event typically attracts world-class equestrians, as well as grassroots competitors. Some will be competing in the elegance of the dressage competition, while others will emerge from the cross country runs covered in mud, but smiling from ear to ear.

Millbrook, long a popular area with equestrians, offers an all-but-perfect location to draw riders from around the world. It offers a great deal of preserved open countryside, a local foxhound and polo club and strong support from the local community.

The event has strong ties to the Dutchess Land Conservancy, with the cross country course taking place on preserved land that is owned by The Millbrook School and dressage and show jumping being located at Cole Park Farm, just across the road.

The Millbrook Horse Trials is the largest horse trials in the Northeast, with more than 400 entries on average each year since 2007. Once a crowded calendar, 12 events have ceased functioning in Northeast over the last 10 years. Thus, Millbrook is now the only one that still runs the advanced level. The event attracts world-class equestrians, including Boyd Martin, Phillip Dutton and Sara Kozumplik, as well as local favorites like Booli Selmayr and Ariel Grald, who are both seasoned competitors

"It's really charming and special," said co-chair of the board Caroline Merison. "People absolutely love it, and we are constantly working on improving the event." Merison took over as co-chair of the board along with Mimi Babcock when longtime Chair Simon Roosevelt stepped down recently. They are working to ensure that after unavoidable cancellations in 2020 and 2022, the 2023 horse trials will have a fresh start with revitalized energy.

Merison said, "Mimi and I are excited to take on the challenge of reinvigorating the Millbrook Horse Trials after couple of year's hiatus. It is a wonderful event and one that has 30 years of history. It is important to the local community, and to the national eventing calendar."

The event offers something for everybody. Food trucks and vendors will be on-site. There will be a petting zoo for children, as well as free access to the Millbrook School Zoo next door, and an arts and crafts tent on-site.

"It should be a fun weekend for everyone!" notes Merison. "We have been overwhelmed by the generosity and support we have received. We are so grateful for the enthusiasm of all our supporters both from the Millbrook area and the broader equestrian community and feel a huge responsibility to deliver a great event this year."

General admission and parking are free of charge. Fa.m.ily entertainment includes the vendor village and weekend Millbrook Market, as well as food trucks featuring a variety of cuisines. The petting zoo and arts and crafts tent are sure to keep young children entertained.

Tailgating is available during cross country, with each space comfortably accommodating 10 people. People may bring their own tent, chairs and sumptuous picnic, or

enjoy delicious cuisine from local food trucks and the Simply Gourmet concession tent. Cocktails are promised from the elegantly converted horse trailer bar, The Fizzy Filly, expected to be conveniently located next to the tailgating area.

Directions to the event as well as detailed scheduling are available at the MHT website millbrookhorsetrials.com.

Daily Schedule

Wednesday, July 26

4 to 7 p.m. — BBQ dinner available in the Simply Gourmet Food Tent

Thursday, July 27

6 a.m. to 6 p.m. —Simply Gourmet Food Tent open

12 to 5 p.m. — Dressage (Open Training, Training Rider, Open Novice*, Novice Rider* Beginner Novice Rider*)

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Trade Fair open

*denotes divisions that will be split over both days

Friday, July 28

6 a.m. to 6 p.m. —Simply Gourmet Food Tent open

7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Dressage (Advanced, Intermediate, Open Preliminary, Preliminary Rider, J/YR Open Preliminary, Junior Training, Junior Novice, Novice Rider*, Beginner Novice Rider*, Open Beginner Novice)

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Cross Country (Training, novice, Beginner Novice)

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Trade Fair open

11 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Food Trucks open

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. — MHT Welcome Party sponsored by Purina and Triple Crown

*denotes divisions that will be split over both days

Saturday, July 29

6 a.m. to 6 p.m. —Simply Gourmet Food Tent open

7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Stadium Jumping (Training, Novice, Beginner Novice)

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. — Cross Country (Intermediate, Advanced, Preliminary)

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. — Yellowfra.m.e Farm Waterview Tent open to ticket holders



Local rider Ariel Grald is pictured taking a jump on the cross country course at the Millbrook Horse Trials. Grald has represented the USA in international competition.

-Photo by Amber Heintzberger

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Trade Fair open

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Millbrook Market open

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Two by Two Animal Haven Petting Zoo open

11 a.m. to 7 p.m. — Food Trucks open

Sunday, July 30

6 a.m. to 4 p.m. —Simply Gourmet Food Tent open

7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. — Stadium Jumping (Preliminary, Intermediate, Advanced)

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Millbrook Market open

10 a.m. to 3p.m. — Trade Fair open

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Food Trucks open

11:30 a.m. onward — Boxed Lunches available for private ringside tents.

Local police departments to hold National Night Out events August 1

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of Fishkill Police Department, will host National Night Out on August 1 from 5-9 p.m. at Maurer Geering Park, 1 Geering Way, in Fishkill.

"This year we are offering, live music by the Carrie Zazz Band who won Hudson Valleys Best Band Award. For the kids we have, games, bounce house and free face painting, as well as a magician. Local First Responders from the Town of Fishkill Police, Village of Fishkill Police, NY State Police will be at the event providing demonstrations with their motor vehicle crash rollover simulator, Dutchess County Sheriff's Office K-9 will be conducting a K-9 demonstration," said Town of Fishkill Police Chief Keith

Dworkin. "Additional First Responders in attendance are Rombout, Protection Engine, Slater Chemical and Chelsea Fire Departments. Rombout FD is bringing their smoke house simulator. Local ambulance companies from Empress, Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps and Ambulanz will be in attendance."

Dworkin stated, "We invited local businesses and organizations to contact us and apply to participate in the event. Many have been approved to set up tables for recruitment and to promote their business. Local food truck vendors are Empanada Mama, who won Best of the Hudson Valley food truck, BBQ Crew, The Dog House, Waffle Wagon, New York Soda Jerks and

Cheesecake Heaven. This year will be providing two large tents to provide shade from the sun and shelter from the rain as well as high top tables for eating."

As for how this event helps with community and police relations, Dworkin replied, "I strongly believe that providing a highly motivated community policing program pays dividends to our residents. We are constantly seeking ways to improve how we provide police services to the community. Last year I started looking at ways to expand our connection with our residents. The National Night Out program offered the opportunity to do that on a much larger scale. Due to the overwhelmingly positive response from

those who attended last year, we were encouraged to repeat the event this year and make it even better."

Dworkin noted pulling the event off is "a huge undertaking." He thanked Recreation Department Director Jason Maietta and Assistant Director Lauren McMenamin.

"It's a good day for residents and first responders to enjoy good food, good music but more importantly good conversation. It's our mission to keep the lines of communication open and let the residents know that we here for them," said Dworkin.

Check other local police departments websites and Facebook pages for their event dates and times.

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Declaration of Independence Reading Committee Chairperson thanks Troop 41

To the Editor:

I'm writing this letter to thank Troop 41 for presenting an outstanding job of our Color Guard at this year's July 4th event. So, if you attended this event and/or witnessed it on Channel 22, you saw and witnessed Troop 41 at their very best. So, thank you to everyone -- Troop leaders Ms. Bobbie and Ms. Dianne, X-havier, Ysabella, Shylyen.

When they first came to the event, I showed them how I would like them to enter the room. And they did a great job being the Color Guard for the day, and they were invited back every year because of the great and terrific job they did.

The Declaration Committee wants to raise awareness in our community regarding history and to start a conversation about history and continue this by keeping young adults and teenagers and adults involved in the conversation.

Dennis Pavelock
Committee Chair
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Beacon Police Blotter

The following is from the City of Beacon Police Department.

June 16: Harassment-Wolcott Avenue- Caller reported harassment by an individual known to her. Report taken. Party was advised.

June 17: Unattended Death-Beacon- Officers responded to a report of an unattended death. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

June 17: Erratic Driver-Fishkill Avenue-Anne E. Rhodes, 60, of New Windsor, Orange County, was charged with DWI & Miscellaneous V & T.

June 18: Suspicious Person-Deerfield Place -Damon Angelo, 20, of Beacon, was charged Criminal Mischief 3rd.

June 18: Criminal Mischief- Fishkill Avenue-Dana P. Sheehan, 43, of Beacon, was charged with Criminal Mischief 3rd.

June 19: Suspicious Activity- Oak Street- Caller reported suspicious bags left on her street. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

June 19: Assault- Fishkill Avenue-Ryan A. Manzi, 31, of Wappingers Falls, was charged with Assault 3rd, Reckless Endangerment 2nd, Criminal Contempt 2nd, Obstruction Governmental Administration 2nd.

June 20: Larceny- Main Street- Caller reported an individual stealing items from her place of business. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

June 20: Larceny-Main Street- Caller

reported a package that was delivered had been stolen. Report taken. Investigation.

June 20: Lost Plates-Dennings Avenue- Caller reported lost license plates. Report taken.

June 21: Trespass-James Street- Caller reported individuals trespassing on his driveway and looking over his fence. Report taken. Investigation Conducted. Parties advised.

June 21: Larceny-Main Street-Richard A. Carter, 60, of Beacon, was charged with Grand Larceny 4th, Burglary 3rd & Criminal Contempt 2nd.

June 24: Fraud-Wolcott Avenue-Caller reported two unknown individuals claiming to be Microsoft, tried hacking her checking account. Report taken.

June 24: Disturbance-Angela Court-John A. Murphy, 45, of Beacon, was charged with Assault 3rd, Criminal Obstruction of Breath & Resisting Arrest.

June 25: Fraud-Municipal Plaza-Caller reported multiple attempts of someone trying to open credit cards in his name. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

June 28: Lost Plates-Municipal Plaza- Caller reported a missing license plate. Report was taken.

June 29: Larceny-Mead Avenue- Caller reported items taken from his vehicle. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Number of Calls: 326
Auto Accidents: 18
Domestics: 2

County Drug Task Force announces multiple arrests in fentanyl, cocaine investigation

The Dutchess County Drug Task Force announced multiple arrests and the seizure of dangerous drugs and an illegal handgun after search warrants were executed in the City and Town of Poughkeepsie.

The Dutchess County Drug Task Force has been actively investigating the sale of fentanyl and crack cocaine in the Dutchess County area, according to a press release. As a result of this investigation, two search warrants were executed by the Dutchess County Drug Task Force with the assistance of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Unit. During the execution of the warrants on July 18 a loaded illegal handgun was seized as well as a large quantity of fentanyl and crack cocaine, according to law enforcement. The county Drug Taks Force announced the following individuals who reside in the City of Poughkeepsie were arrested as a result of the search warrants executed by the Drug Task Force:

1. Phillip Stephens – Criminal Possession of Weapon – Loaded Firearm, a class C Felony offense.

Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd Degree, a class B Felony

2. William Moore - Felony warrant held by the New York State Police

3. Marisol Rivera - Felony warrant held by the City of Poughkeepsie Police

4. Michelle Butler - Felony warrant held by the New York State Police

Phillip Stephens is being held by the Drug Task Force pending his arrangement in City Court later this morning, stated law enforcement. All other suspects were turned over to the agencies that held the warrants of arrest.

The Drug Task Force was assisted by the City of Poughkeepsie NRU and NYSP. If anyone has information regarding this case or about any other individuals selling drugs in Dutchess County, you are urged to contact the Drug Task Force confidential tip line at 845-463-6040 or by sending an email to the following web address: DrugTaskForceTips@gmail.com

As with any criminal case, the charges described above are merely an accusation and defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Beacon Police: Woman dies after fall into Fishkill Creek

A 42-year-old woman from Beacon died after she fell down an approximate 15-foot embankment into the Fishkill Creek on July 18 around 6:40 p.m. in the area of 50 Leonard St., according to Detective Sergeant Jason Johnson with the City of Beacon Police Department. On July 20, police identified the woman as Sukanya Basu.

"An immediate search of the creek commenced, and the victim was located

by the City of Beacon Fire Department personnel. The victim was unconscious and unresponsive. Lifesaving efforts were initiated, and the victim was transported to a local hospital where she succumbed to her injuries," stated Johnson in a press release.

Johnson stated that an investigation confirmed that the woman accidentally fell backward while having her picture taken.

Halahan appointed to USB board

Winners of Katherine M. Beale Memorial Scholarships announced

The Board of Trustees of Ulster Savings Bank announced the appointment of Maureen Halahan as a new board member.

Halahan has successfully worked in the field of economic development for more than 20 years serving as Chief Executive Officer at the Orange County Partnership. Under her leadership the Partnership transitioned from a public/private organization to being a 100% privately funded corporation. Under her leadership, the Partnership has attracted more than 300 major new companies to our region and created more than 10,000 new jobs in Orange County, generating billions of dollars in capital investments.

A resident of the Hudson Valley, Halahan is an Executive Member of The Governor’s Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council, serves as co-chair of the Stewart Air Service Development Committee, and co-chairs the Board for 17-Forward-86 LDC.

Maureen’s other achievements include being one of the founding members of the Orange County Capital Development Corporation, one of the first Board Chairs of the Hudson Valley Economic Development Corporation, and serving on the Warwick LDC, which resulted in the redevelopment of the Mid-Orange Correctional Facility—the first ground-



Maureen Halahan

-Courtesy photo

up corporate park to be built in Orange County in decades.

When not promoting Orange CountyHalahan supports several greater Hudson Valley community initiatives such as the United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region, Leadership Orange, Hudson Valley Cancer Resource Center, Hudson Valley Honor Flight, the Danny Prial Memorial Golf Outing, and other veteran and humanitarian causes.



The Katherine M. Beale Memorial Scholarships were awarded to Krystal Hegarty, of Stanfordville, and Daniel Leake, of Wappinger. The scholarships are \$1,500 each. Krystal graduated from Stissing Mountain High School in Pine Plains. She will be attending SUNY Purchase, pursuing a degree in Music Production. Daniel is currently at Siena College and pursuing a career as a psychiatrist. Both winners have very strong feelings about family, faith and community.

Krystal and Daniel have been invited to participate in our 29th parade on March 2, 2024. If someone has a convertible that could be available for the winners to ride in, please send your info to dcspc13@gmail.com.

-Courtesy photo

Work to begin on sidewalk from Innis Ave. to Jackman in Poughkeepsie

The Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) has announced work is anticipated to begin to create a continuous sidewalk along the south-bound lane of Innis Avenue (CR-75) from the intersection of Jackman Drive to the intersection of Arnold and East Arnold Road in Poughkeepsie.

Project work will include widening the sidewalks; adding sidewalk where gaps exist; upgrading intersections on both sides of Innis Avenue to meet American Disabilities Act (ADA) standards; adding painted crosswalks to intersections; making improvements to the roadway’s drainage system; and replacing and upgrading the traffic signals at the intersection of Innis Avenue, DeLaval Place

and Emmott Place. Innis Avenue will remain open during construction, but alternating lane closures and traffic interruptions are anticipated. Access will be maintained to driveways in the construction zone. The project is anticipated to be completed by November 2023.

Motorists are advised to plan for additional time and to exercise extra caution near the construction site, obey the posted speed limits, traffic advisory signs, and the directions from flaggers to ensure the safety of workers and other motorists.

For more information, please contact the Dutchess County Department of Public Works’ Engineering Division at 845-486-2925.

Ulster Insurance Service announces Paino awarded Certified Professional Insurance Agent designation

Ulster Insurance Services, a subsidiary of Ulster Savings Bank, announced that Andrew Paino 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). He successfully completed three Insurance Success Seminars. The CPIA designation stands for professionalism, commitment to sales training and results, and technical knowledge.

Paino of New Paltz, has also participated in the CSR Development Program offered through Safeco/Liberty Mutual. He currently serves as a Personal Lines Account Manager

“I am so pleased that Andrew has received the CPIA designation,” said Steve Gadaletto, VP/Ulster Insurance Services. “This prestigious recognition recognizes Andrew’s up-to-date knowledge as a trusted insurance advisor by helping clients in all aspects of



Andrew Paino

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Beacon Summer Scare set for August

Beacon Summer Scare will take place in August at Pvt. William B. Wilson VFW Post 666, 413 Main St. in Beacon The Massacre On Main St. Double feature movie event. Admission is \$3 each, kids 16 & under are free.

Doors open at 4 p.m. on August 12 with “Monster Squad” starting at 6 p.m. and “Phantasm” at 8 p.m.

On August 13, doors open noon – 6 p.m. with Beacon Summer Scare vendor market 413 Main St. in Beacon. Admission is \$3 each, children 16 and under are free. Vendor market brought to you by the Beacon Toy & Comic Book Show.

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Hudson Valley NYY	*	11	13	.458	6.0	4-6	L1
Jersey Shore PHI		10	14	.417	7.0	4-6	W3
Greensboro PIT		8	15	.348	8.5	5-5	W1
Wilmington WSH		8	16	.333	9.0	3-7	L1
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Hickory TEX		17	6	.739	-	5-5	W1
Bowling Green TB		13	11	.542	4.5	4-6	L1
Greenville BOS	*	12	12	.500	5.5	5-5	W1
Rome ATL		12	12	.500	5.5	5-5	L1
Winston-Salem CWS		9	14	.391	8.0	4-6	L3
Asheville HOU		9	15	.375	8.5	6-4	L1

Renegades, Yanks team up to help Red Cross, Eastern NY with check for \$35,000

By Rich Thomaselli

A little cash never hurts.

The Hudson Valley Renegades, and their parent club, the New York Yankees, teamed up to make a joint donation to the American Red Cross of Eastern New York during Friday night's (July 21) game at Heritage Financial Park against the Brooklyn Cyclones.

A check for \$35,000 from the Renegades and Yankees was presented.

Deadly flash floods claimed one life and caused tens of millions of dollars in property damage in the region, destroying homes, roads and businesses. The American Red Cross of Eastern New York has been on site helping those affected by the disaster. This donation from the Renegades and Yankees will

assist in their efforts to help.

"The flash flooding earlier this month was devastating to our community, and we are grateful to the Yankees for partnering with us on this donation to help the Red Cross' efforts to help our community recover," said Tyson Jeffers, General Manager of the Renegades, in a statement.

The Renegades ask fans to please join them in supporting the American Red Cross Eastern New York by donating now.

All proceeds will help people affected by disasters like flooding and countless other crises. This gift enables the Red Cross to prepare for, respond to, and help people recover from disasters big and small.

Players Statistics

PLAYER	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
1 Spencer Jones CF	HV	76	309	47	84	22	4	12	46	33	105	22	8	.272	.344	.485	.829
1 Aaron Palensky LF	HV	32	125	29	44	9	2	12	34	15	34	10	0	.352	.434	.744	1.178
3 Spencer Henson 1B	HV	62	224	41	58	13	0	10	37	24	64	1	2	.259	.346	.451	.797
4 Benjamin Cowles 2B	HV	71	252	39	64	12	0	9	29	32	85	11	1	.254	.346	.409	.755
4 Grant Richardson RF	HV	63	216	27	39	5	2	9	27	28	76	11	1	.181	.289	.347	.636
6 Alexander Vargas SS	HV	70	282	36	59	10	4	6	35	18	79	10	5	.209	.257	.337	.594
7 Marcos Cabrera 3B	HV	51	180	19	38	8	2	5	20	17	64	4	1	.211	.283	.361	.644
8 Anthony Garcia RF	HV	46	166	30	30	5	1	4	19	26	73	2	2	.181	.290	.295	.585
8 Agustin Ramirez C	HV	17	68	10	27	10	0	4	13	5	10	1	0	.397	.446	.721	1.167
10 Rafael Flores 1B	HV	70	260	30	75	12	1	3	26	32	76	2	1	.288	.367	.377	.744
10 Antonio Gomez C	HV	61	226	26	53	14	0	3	25	18	81	0	1	.235	.300	.336	.636
12 Christopher Familia LF	HV	16	67	10	15	3	0	2	8	2	21	0	0	.224	.246	.358	.604
12 Ben Rice C	HV	15	44	15	15	2	0	2	10	18	10	3	0	.341	.559	.523	1.082
14 Josh Breaux DH	HV	13	54	6	11	1	0	1	3	5	15	0	0	.204	.271	.278	.549
14 Aldenis Sanchez RF	HV	62	210	25	45	10	4	1	27	22	64	14	6	.214	.290	.314	.604
14 Luis Santos 2B	HV	31	84	11	22	3	2	1	9	14	25	6	3	.262	.376	.381	.757
14 Eduardo Torrealba 3B	HV	38	116	15	32	5	0	1	13	15	18	6	1	.276	.372	.345	.717
18 Kyle Battle LF	HV	9	20	3	1	0	0	0	0	2	9	1	1	.050	.174	.050	.224
18 Juan Crisp C	HV	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	.000	.222	.000	.222
18 Caleb Durbin 2B	HV	22	78	20	26	5	0	0	8	14	9	15	1	.333	.464	.397	.861

Pitcher Statistics

PLAYER	TEAM	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WHIP	AVG
1 Drew Thorpe P	HV	10	1	2.08	16	16	1	1	0	0	99.1	69	27	23	6	0	31	124	1.01	.199
2 Juan Carela P	HV	2	4	3.78	16	15	0	0	0	0	81.0	64	40	34	7	10	32	105	1.19	.216
3 Zach Messinger P	HV	1	8	4.04	16	15	0	0	0	0	78.0	69	46	35	11	5	40	95	1.40	.235



Renegades Extra!





Birchwood Commons plans multi-family development

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Thorpe strikes out 13 vs. Brooklyn to set franchise record for Renegades

By Rich Thomaselli

Another record-setting night for Drew Thorpe propelled the Hudson Valley Renegades to a 3-0 victory over the Brooklyn Cyclones on Saturday night at Heritage Financial Park. The win was one of the few bright spots for the Renegades in the past week, who now have a record of 11-13 in the second half of the season.

Thorpe (10-1) dazzled on Saturday night, striking out a career-high 13 in eight shutout innings. The New York Yankees' No. 6 prospect retired the first 16 batters of the contest before allowing a single to Omar De Los Santos in the sixth inning. The 13 strikeouts are a new Renegades franchise record that was previously held by Thorpe after he punched out 12 vs. Jersey Shore on June 11.

Thorpe has amassed 124 strikeouts this season, the most in single-season franchise history, a record that he took over when he recorded his eighth strikeout of Saturday's game in the fifth inning. His 10 wins passed Josh Maciejewski (2021) and Mike Venafro (1995) for a new franchise record.

Hudson Valley provided Thorpe with some offense beginning in the third inning off Cyclones starter Joander Suárez. After Suárez (3-7) retired the first seven hitters of the contest, Aldenis Sánchez and Luis Santos tallied back-to-back singles before Spencer Jones laced a two-RBI double to left-center to hand the Renegades a 2-0 advantage.

Christopher Familia extended the Renegades lead to 3-0, blasting a solo home run to left-center in the fourth.

The Renegades dropped the series finale against Brooklyn 7-4 on Sunday afternoon.

The Renegades had the long ball working early as Ben Cowles led off the first inning with a solo home run to left field to hand the Renegades a 1-0 advantage. Hudson Valley used a pair of long balls in the third inning to extend their lead to 4-0.

Cowles hit his second blast of the game off Cyclones starter Cameron Foster. He became the seventh Renegade to record a multi-home run game this season and the first since April 30 at Greenville.

The Renegades lost four of their first six games in the second half of the season since the All-Star break. That includes two of the first three games at home against the Cyclones.

It started with a 7-4 decision on Tuesday.

New York Yankees' No. 3 prospect Spencer Jones opened up the scoring in the first inning with a solo blast to right field off Cameron Foster, his 11th home run of the season. The blast was Jones' fourth lead-off home run of the year.

Brooklyn answered right back against Tyrone Yulie with a pair of two-run home runs in the second from Mateo Gil and Rhyllan Thomas to hand the Cyclones a 4-1 advantage. It was a lead that Brooklyn never relinquished.

The Renegades deficit ballooned to six after the Cyclones scored three more runs off Yulie (4-6) in the fourth. Brooklyn collected three doubles in the inning, including a pair of run scoring hits from Cesar Berbesi and Kevin Parada. Berbesi came home to score after he stole third base and advanced home on a throwing error from Agustin Ramirez.

Hudson Valley responded with three runs of their own in the bottom half of the inning to cut the lead to 7-4. Alexander Vargas started the rally with a one-out triple off Foster (4-4). Spencer Henson then singled Vargas home and advanced to second on a throwing error from Stanley Consuegra. Grant Richardson tallied the second triple of the inning and scored on another Cyclones throwing error to complete the game's scoring.

Paul Gervase retired the Renegades lineup in order in the ninth to collect his fourth save of the season.

After Yulie departed, the 'Gades bullpen combined to throw four scoreless innings. Joel Valdez made his first relief appearance of the season, tossing a scoreless 1.2 frames while Harrison Cohen followed and struck out three in 1.1 scoreless innings.

After winning on Wednesday, the Renegades faltered on Thursday night 4-3 at Heritage Financial Park.

After Zach Messinger (1-8) retired the first six batters of the game, the first four men reached in the third inning. Mateo Gil and Cesar Berbesi worked a pair of walks before Rhyllan Thomas singled to load the bases. Gil then scored on a wild pitch by Messinger to hand the Cyclones a 1-0 lead. Kevin Parada hit a sacrifice fly to center to score Thomas, before another wild pitch scored Alex Ramirez, who reached base on a hit by pitch. William Lugo capped off the innings scoring with an RBI single to extended the Cyclones advantage to 4-0.

Blade Tidwell (7-3) kept Hudson Valley off the board until the seventh inning, when Grant Richardson hit an opposite field home run to cut the Cyclones lead to 4-1. After Aldenis Sanchez flied out, Quinn Brodey entered the contest in relief. Eduardo Torrealba doubled and Luis Santos walked to begin Brodey's outing. After Santos was caught stealing second on a double steal attempt, Spencer Jones lashed a single to left field to score Henson and cut the deficit to 4-2.

Agustin Ramirez led off the eighth with a solo blast to left field to inch the Renegades closer at 4-3. Hudson Valley had the tying run at the plate on two occasions, but were unable to drive in a run in the frame.

Paul Gervase entered out of the bullpen for Brooklyn and retired the first two hitters before Jones clobbered a ball to right that Thomas made a leaping catch at the fence to take away extra bases and end the contest.



Pitcher Drew Thorpe has amassed 124 strikeouts this season, the most in single-season franchise history for the Renegades, a record that he took over when he recorded his eighth strikeout of Saturday's game in the fifth inning.
-Photo by Dave Janosz

TYSON'S TIDBITS!

Making it through the 'dog days' and combining baseball & entertainment

Each week writer Rich Thomaselli and Hudson Valley General Manager Tyson Jeffers discuss the Renegades in particular and minor league baseball in general.

I should have asked last week, but do you and the staff get off for the All-Star break too, and relax a little bit and rejuvenate?

Oh, we don't. I think that there is a perception that we do, because of the parent clubs. We still have a lot going on. For instance, we had a Kids Camp here during the All-Star break. We never really stopped. We have a 12-game road trip

coming up (it started Tuesday July 25). We might be able to squeeze in a day off in there.

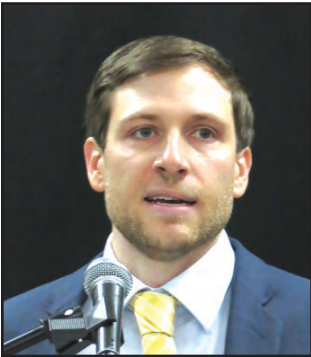
Along those lines, are these the "dog days" for management too?

Yeah, yeah, for sure. I think it's the "dog days of summer" for everyone. So that's definitely a common phrase that we use in the office and use in the industry. So yeah, it's one of those time periods that we're grinding through.

Kind of an off-the-beaten path question, but what do you want people

to know about minor league baseball?

I always try to represent it as something that is more than baseball. When you're going to a Yankees game or a Mets game, you're going to see the baseball. It's the highest form of baseball on this earth. Here, it's a little different, but we still have the guys who hopefully will be playing at the highest level someday. But we also know that it goes beyond the baseball. There is the entertainment aspect as well. Some people come to the game with their families and just want to be entertained. The trick is to capture both.



Tyson Jeffers

Birchwood Commons contracts Mid Hudson Construction Management to construct LaGrange multi-family development; leasing under way

Birchwood Commons, Lagrange’s newest multi-family development, with contractors Mid Hudson Construction Management, has announced the beginning of leasing efforts.

Named as a nod to the property’s surrounding grove of birch trees, Birchwood Commons’ four buildings – the Jackson, Hudson, Taconic, and Admiral — each host five two-story walkup apartments, each containing two-bedroom and two-and-a-half-bath units. At over 1,250 square feet per unit, each of Birchwood Commons’ 20 residencies will feature high-end finishes and open floor plans.

“With this project, the developers sought to combine the charm of a small town with easy access to urban amenities, providing commuting options to neighboring towns and cities as well as access to the beauty of Dutchess County and beyond,” said Scott Travis, CEO of MHCM. “There’s a need for all kinds of housing in Dutchess County right now, and filling this need helps to enhance the economic well-being of the communities we build in by bringing in new patrons to local businesses. We’re proud to be a small part of that positive cycle.”

Pre-leasing has begun with residences starting at \$2,750. The first floor of each unit features an open floor plan and is finished with stainless steel appliances and quartz countertops, as well as a built-in microwave, integrated trash pullout, and tall pantries. The second-floor bedrooms each contain walk-in closets, and ensuite bathrooms featuring built-in bookshelves, and other essential amenities like washers and dryers. Each of the 20 apartments also features a private covered outdoor patio and storage.

Located near access points to Route 82, Route 55, and the Taconic State Parkway, Birchwood Commons is centrally located, approximately ten miles from Poughkeepsie and 20 miles from Beacon. For more information about Birchwood Commons and pre-leasing options, email: BirchwoodCommonsNY@gmail.com.



With the Birchwood Commons project, the developers sought to combine the charm of a small town with easy access to urban amenities.

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Classical guitarist David Temple to perform at The Center

The Center of Performing Arts at Rhinebeck presents guitarist and composer David Temple on Sunday, July 30, at 3 p.m. This unique program, “Summer Suite for Guitar,” will be presented as part of the special July lineup. It will feature music to excite the spirit and the imagination — a musical journey through many places and times, with works from Spain, Paraguay, Brazil, Argentina, Cub and more; and compositions by Barrios, Villa-Lobos, Satie and others.

Tickets are \$20, and are available through The Center’s Box Office by calling 845-876-3080 or online at www.centerforperformingarts.org.

Temple is a graduate of the Music School at Eastern Michigan University and is a founding member of the Mid-Hudson Classical Guitar Society. He has presented concerts for the Festival of the Arts at Mohonk, the Philadelphia Classical Guitar Society, the Ulster Chamber Music Series, and many others. He was soloist with the Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra for their June 2019 performance of Rodrigo’s monumental “Aranjuez” concerto. His mission is to create concerts full of color and variety, appealing to the new-comer as well as the aficionado.

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Obituaries

Michelle Fraleigh



Michelle Fraleigh, age 51, made an unforgettable impact on the lives she touched before suddenly passing on July 14, 2023. She was born on November 3, 1971, in Yonkers, NY to the late John and Carol Perillo. The family moved to Fishkill where Michelle became a Fishkill Frog before graduating from The Beacon Christian Academy in 1989. Michelle attended Dutchess Community College and then graduated from Marist College in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. Michelle was employed by ShopRite in Fishkill and Poughkeepsie before beginning her career at The Cardinal Hayes Home For Children in Millbrook, working up to the Director of QA. She met her future husband in 2000, and together they traveled and truly embraced experiences, enjoying life together. In Mexico on November 11, 2011, she married the love of her life Jeffrey Fraleigh who survives at home along with their pet daughter Luna. In addition, Michelle is survived by her longtime friend and trusted confidante Jason Siko as well as, In-Laws Brian Fraleigh, Sandra Tanner (Michael), Sue Rea (Joseph) all of Lagrange, and nieces and nephews Scott, Ryan (Carlene), Corey, Whitney, Jarett, Darien, Braden, Hayley and Louis. She is also survived by her Aunt Tzi of Florida, sister Carolann Vivirito, and nephew Zachary both of North Carolina.

Michelle made friends wherever she went, and her friends were like family to her. She loved holding parties and entertaining her friends with her uncanny humor and wit. She loved the beach (especially LBI), the tropical weather, and spending time out in the sunshine. She was a fan of Seinfeld and Jaws and had a special love for llamas, gnomes, and unicorns.

Michelle will be remembered for yelling her catchphrases "You're gonna need a bigger boat." and "That's what I'd like to know about it" Michelle was fierce, strong, and full of fire. She lived her life to the fullest and left an unforgettable mark on this world. She Will Be Missed.

No one gets out alive
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The one thing you leave behind
Is how did you love? How did you love?
(Shinedown)

Memorial calling hours were held on Friday, July 21, 2023 at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home.

In memory of Michelle, please consider making a donation to the Fraleigh Scholarship Fund, Arlington Education Foundation, 144 Todd Hill Road, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Please visit her Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Elisa Cushing Sleeper Sawall



WAPPINGERS FALLS - Elisa "Lisa" Cushing Sleeper Sawall died peacefully at her home in Wappingers Falls, New York on July 14, 2023. She was the daughter of the late Jacob Henry Sleeper and Anna Nancy Bowler Lindley, born June 8, 1942 in Brookline, Massachusetts. She is survived by her loving and devoted husband of almost 30 years, Wilhelm "Bill" Sawall; her sister, Diana Sleeper Davis; her children, Kristine Hoff and Alex Hoff; her grandson, Andrew Hoff; her nieces, Ginger Rivera and Sally Hand; her stepson, Jim Sawall and his wife Pam; and her step-granddaughters, Lauren and Jessica. She was predeceased by her brother, Frederick "Phred" Brewer. Lisa also leaves behind a large number of dear friends.

Lisa was raised in Boston, Massachusetts, until age ten or so when she moved to Charleston, South Carolina with her mother and siblings. Soon after she attended Roger's Hall preparatory school in Massachusetts and later the University of South Carolina, from which she obtained her Bachelor's degree in History. At some point, she became determined to go to Norway, and spent her junior year abroad in Oslo where she met Gunnar Hoff. They married in 1964 and a few years later settled in Wappingers Falls and raised their two children. On January 8, 1994 (not coincidentally, Elvis Presley's birthday) she married Bill. The former "Wild Bill" became "Mild Bill."

Lisa worked as a teacher and then as a real estate agent locally for many years. She was an avid tennis player and skier. She later took up golf and only regretted not taking it up earlier. She loved to exercise, especially dance. She enjoyed music, photography, her bridge club of many years, her investment club and her book clubs. She was an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the New Hamburg Yacht Club and was on the board of Wappingers Rural Cemetery. After the death of her mother, she volunteered for the Alzheimer's Association for many years. She enjoyed traveling and traveled the world. Lisa did crossword puzzles or word games almost every day.

Family and friends gathered to celebrate and remember Lisa on Saturday, July 22, 2023 at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 East Main Street in Wappingers Falls.

Interment will be in the spring of 2024 in the Sleeper family plot in Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter, 2649 South Road, Suite 101, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

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

Mark T. Trifilo



FORMERLY OF DUTCHESS COUNTY - Mark T. Trifilo, a resident of Sullivan County for 25 years, formerly of Dutchess County, passed away on Saturday, July 15, 2023 following com-

plications from cardiac arrest. He was 60. Born on December 18, 1962, he was raised in Beacon, NY, where he attended St. John Elementary School and later graduated from Beacon High School. For many years, Mark owned & operated an independent trucking company.

He was a motorcycle enthusiast and avid outdoorsman whose hobbies included fishing, hunting, camping, metal-detecting, and agriculture. Mark loved horseracing and for some time he worked at the Monticello Raceway.

On July 15, 2000, he married Lee Ann Hinkley at St. John The Evangelist Church in Beacon. Lee Ann survives at home in Livingston Manor.

Additional survivors include three children: Melissa Trifilo, Marc Trifilo, and Nakita Trifilo; his father, Eugene T. Trifilo; his siblings, Eugene J. Trifilo and Staci Trifilo; as well as several nieces, nephews, and other loving family members.

Mark was predeceased by his mother, Sandra (Murphy) Trifilo, in 2017; as well as his brother, Frank Trifilo, in 2008.

Calling hours were held on Thursday, July 20 at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at on Friday, July 21 at St. John The Evangelist Church, 31 Willow Street, Beacon, NY 12508.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to help offset the cost of his children's education.

For online tributes, you can visit Mark's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Anthony J. DiVito



WAPPINGERS FALLS - Anthony J. DiVito, 77, died on July 16, 2023 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. A former resident of East Fishkill since

1973, he was most recently residing in Wappingers Falls.

Born in Mount Vernon, NY on May 31, 1946, Tony was the son of the late Louis and Filomena (Pasquale) DiVito. He proudly served in the US Army in the Vietnam War. Tony was employed as a Quality Control Supervisor by the CorCraft division of the NYS Department of Corrections at Green Haven Correctional Facility until his retirement.

An avid fan of the NY Yankees and NY Jets, Tony also enjoyed fishing and hunting. He was a skilled handman who could fix anything.

On October 26, 1969 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Mount Vernon, Tony married his childhood sweetheart, Judith (Brooker) DiVito, who survives at home after over 53 years of marriage. He is also survived by his daughter, Jennifer Munger, her husband Bryan, and their children Skylar and Shaun; his daughter, Amanda Dombrowski, her husband Joseph, and their children, Sierra, Sophia, and Anthony; his brother-in-law, Ronald Rickman; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Tony was also predeceased by his siblings, Barbara Rickman and Louis DiVito.

Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. A Funeral Mass was offered at St. Denis Church, 602 Beekman Road, Hopewell Junction. Please visit Tony's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

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ATHENA Awards submissions due by September 15

The Chamber Foundation Inc. and the Women's Leadership Alliance of the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce will present the 17th Annual ATHENA Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, Nov. 29, to celebrate a distinguished group of professionals who are making a difference for women by providing guidance, mentorship and encouragement in many ways.

Bestowed annually, the ATHENA Award is given to a member of the Hudson Valley community who best embodies the ATHENA Leadership

Model. The Model is unique in that it focuses on personal traits of strong, successful leaders. It captures the spirit and collaborative leadership style often exemplified in women leaders, while also recognizing the importance of traits such as courageous acts and fierce advocacy in the pursuit of excellence.

The submissions deadline is Sept. 15. To nominate someone you believe deserves recognition, go to <https://www.dccoc.org/athena-leadership-awards> for more information.

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• May requisition supplies and equipment;
• May keep records and make reports on activities;
Requirements:
• Must be able to lift 50 lbs.
• Proven experience of two years in grounds maintenance, snow removal, and the operation of loaders, sanders, plows, etc.
• Must possess a valid drivers license
• Position of a valid pesticide license is a plus but not required.
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Prize-winning photographer offers 3 talks on Oaxaca villagers photos

Prize-winning photographer Eric Mindling will give three talks about his artistic process and what he learned from photographing villagers in Oaxaca, Mexico during his 25 years living there. The free talks in English and Spanish, part of Oaxaca Week 2023, will take place in the following locations:

- Saturday, July 29 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. as part of A Taste of Oaxaca, a program presented at the Mid Hudson Library System Auditorium, 103 Market Street, Poughkeepsie.
- Sunday, July 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Greig Farm, 227 Pitcher Lane, Red Hook
- Monday, July 31 from 2 to 4 p.m. at CONVEY/er/or Gallery, 299 Main Street, Poughkeepsie

Mindling's portraits are currently on display at the CONVEY/er/or Gallery until August 10th from noon to 4 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. Other photographs will be shown at Grieg Farm from July 25-30 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mindling's book "Oaxaca Stories in Cloth" will be for sale on July 29 and 31 after his talks.

Currently living in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Mindling is making his first visit to the Hudson Valley. His visit is co-sponsored by Arts Mid-Hudson, the Poughkeepsie Public Library District, Fidelis Health and Steel Imaginations.

For information, contact Ellie Charwat, 845 42-7061 or echarwat@yahoo.com.



Evening book club to meet in East Fishkill July 27

The EFCL Evening Book Club will meet at the East Fishkill Community Library (EFCL) on July 27 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss this month's book "The Maid" by Nita Prose. Copies of the book are available within the Library system. All are welcome to come and join in the discussion of this work.

Call the library at 845-221-9943 for more information.

Prize-winning photographer Eric Mindling will discuss his time and photos in Mexico during talks in Poughkeepsie and Red Hook.

-Courtesy photo

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK INDEX NO. 2022-53681 COUNTY OF DUTCHESS Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS as the place of trial situs of the real property SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS M o r t g a g e d Premises: 92 ROCKLEDGE ROAD, EAST FISHKILL, NY 12533 Section: 6555, Block: 00, Lot: 097326 U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST Plaintiff, vs. PAUL DIPILATO; KIMBERLY M. KNAUS; ANTHONY ANTUNES, AS TRUSTEE OF THE ANTHONY ANTUNES TRUST U/A/D JANUARY 10, 2003, if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property de-	scribed 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, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; 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 OB-	JECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$308,000.00 and interest, recorded on December 09, 2001, in Document Number 01 2001 15703, of the Public Records of DUTCHESS County, New York., covering premises known as 92 ROCKLEDGE ROAD, EAST FISHKILL, NY 12533. 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: June 23, 2023 ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Attorney for Plaintiff Matthew Rothstein, Esq. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310 Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675 EXTENDING LOCAL ORDERS 1, 2 & 3 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 5/2023 EXTENSION TO DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDERS DECLARED BY DUTCHESS COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Please take notice that on July 17,	2023 at 12:00 a.m., pursuant to Article 2B of the New York State Executive Law, Article III of the Dutchess County Charter and Administrative Code Section 3.05, Acting Dutchess County Executive William F. X. O'Neil extended Local Emergency Order # 1, Local Emergency Order #2, and Local Emergency Order #3 in furtherance of Executive Order No. 5 of 2023, dated May 18, 2023. The text of the declaration of state of emergency and local emergency orders is available at www.dutchessny.gov REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-46-23 El Dorado OEM Replacement Parts for Dutchess County Public Transit Vehicles Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 16th day of August 2023 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 website http://www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613. 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Each 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.

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The heavy lines indicate areas, called cages, from one to five squares in size. Fill each cage with unique digits, counting up from 1. So for example a 2-square cage contains the numbers 1 and 2; and a 5-square cage contains the numbers from 1 to 5. Adjacent (touching) squares, even ones that touch diagonally, may never contain the same number.

ACROSS

1. Bitter substance

5. Killer whale

9. Unreasonably zealous

14. Indian princess

15. Warty creature

16. Black

17. Curves

18. Edible tuber

19. Deposit

20. Bruised

23. Fell

24. Dine

25. Suffix for civil or guard

28. Wyoming Indian

32. Interfere

34. Open-eyed

35. River in Europe

37. Sea denizens

38. Chinese dynasty

39. Gum growth

40. Purposely antagonize

41. Feed the kitty

42. City in Yemen

43. Tones down

44. Planter

46. Lowers in rank

48. Former Soviet div.

49. Young, for one

51. Female cells

52. In an outstanding way

58. Two under par

61. Cartoonist Thomas

62. Ye

63. Nest noise

64. Wedding, for one

65. Asia

66. Pays attention

67. Son of Seth

68. Enthusiastic response, in Chihuahua

DOWN

1. Saudi or Jordanian

2. Rob Reiner's dad

3. Early Peruvian

4. Fired

5. Capital city

6. Animal's color

7. Jack, for one

8. Building material

9. Fame

10. Skilled

11. Reptile

12. Abbr. after Mattel or General Mills

13. Coloring

21. Retained

22. Like a poorer excuse

25. Imagine

26. Friendly nations

27. Fits snugly

28. Skirts of the sixties

29. Apartment dweller, often

30. Head covering

31. Greased

33. High society misses

34. Collect

36. Not crackers

39. ___ Osmond

43. Impatient chess player's word

45. Wading birds

47. Card games

50. Type

52. Begged

53. Common street name

54. Ratio words

55. Asian language

56. Word of comparison

57. Abominable Snowman

58. UN member

59. Astonishment

60. "Holy Toledo!"

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DCAS honors smiling helper Jon Prezzano

By Curtis Schmidt

Jon Prezzano of Red Hook is the epitome of a true volunteer. He stands ready to help at the Dutchess County Fair every year, regardless of the situation, does the work and expects nothing in return. His reward: “I enjoy helping because I love to see the final product of a job well done.”

For his efforts – all done with a huge smile – Prezzano has been named 2022 Volunteer of the Year by the members of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society (DCAS), which operates the Fair.

The DCAS honored the hundreds of individuals who come forward each year to volunteer at the Fair at its’ Summer Dinner and Meeting on July 19. CEO Andy Imperati said “We thank each one of you. We could not do what we do each year – without you. Thank you.”

Prezzano said he has been involved in various aspects of the Fair for about 40 years - from showing livestock and setting up pens when he was younger to owning the company that supplied all of the tents, tables and chairs for many years at the fair and all other events on the grounds.

He recalls that his first encounter in

volunteering at the Fair “was with Sal Lico setting up chicken pens in the old wooden chicken barn lean-to. And then it was showing goats with the La Togge Nubi Alpi Saan Goat Club and then showing hogs with The Pig Club.”

He added, “And now it is coming back around with my children showing animals and winning Master Showman three times. It is a great feeling.”

Some of the elements that Prezzano loves about the Fair involve “all the people I get to see. The livestock competitions are great, seeing the kids showcase what they have accomplished over the year.”

“And then there is the excitement of the setup in the weeks prior to the first day. Most people are unaware of how many weeks go into planning an event this big event and just assume it all just happens.”

Prezzano also believes in the overall value of volunteering. “The more you give, the more you get out of life. I have always been someone who will help anywhere I can and expect nothing in return,” he said. “And we have also instilled these values in our children - that it is ok to help out, because you will learn a lot and that is payment enough.”



Dutchess County Fair CEO Andy Imperati, left, presents the Volunteer of the Year award to Jon Prezzano on July 19.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

Mount named one of the best for Human Services degrees

Mount Saint Mary College was recently recognized by Best Accredited Colleges as one of the best Human Services colleges in the nation.

The Mount was ranked in the top 40 colleges on Best Accredited Colleges’ Best Bachelors in Human Service Degrees list for 2023.

According to Best Accredited Colleges, the Mount was selected from

a pool of hundreds of institutions across the country and ranked using data on financial aid awards, quality of education, faculty, campus resources, and more.

At the Mount, Human Services students learn how to work with groups and their unique needs, including adolescents, those with disabilities, and the elderly. Course highlights include

Sociology and the Family; Race, Gender, and Inequality; Theories of Social Casework; and more.

After graduating, many Mount Human Services majors go on to graduate school for Counseling, Social Work, or a related field, while others join the workforce right away at nonprofit or government agencies in mental health, disability learning and advocacy, elder

care, and more.

Located 60 miles north of New York City, the Mount is ranked a Top-Tier Regional University by U.S. News & World Report, and offers bachelor’s degree programs preparing students for careers in healthcare, business, education, social services, communication /media and more. Master’s degree programs include options in nursing, business, and education.



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Statewide Organizer (downstate New York)

CSEA, one of New York's largest public employee unions, is seeking resumes for a Statewide Organizer. The Statewide Organizer’s assignments span New York State, with a focus on leads in the downstate New York area and requires travel and a flexible work schedule.

Responsibilities include all aspects of organizing campaigns and building the union including all phases of organizing activities such as targeting, research, developing leads, progress assessment, recruitment, issue development, strategizing, escalating tactics, voter assessment, GOTV strategies - with the objective of making union membership accessible to workers. A successful candidate will develop and apply a working knowledge of labor and employment laws, recruit and educate volunteers, make assignments, ensure accountability, gathers, analyze, manage and use data to support organizing. The Statewide Organizer builds internal and external (i.e. community) relationships that support union and worker campaigns.

Starting salary is \$66,760 (higher for candidates with two years professional union organizing experience) with excellent benefits including health vision and dental coverage; generous paid time off and defined pension.

QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's Degree in labor relations or a related field OR three (3) years of responsible work experience in union organizing, union building, political or community organizing that demonstrates a planned approach to campaign development. OR a satisfactory combination of education, training and experience. Candidates must possess a valid New York State driver’s license and car for business use in order to be appointed. Significant travel required.

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