Deadline extended to Aug. 21 to decide on all-remote or hybrid model in BCSD

By Kristine Coulter

Beacon City School District Superintendent of Schools Dr. Matthew Landahl updated the community regarding the district’s plan to reopen schools in September.

“I first just wanted to say that I know this is a difficult and challenging time for everyone in our community. I am committed to both strengthening our plan and communicating regularly with the district about it. Please let me know if you have any questions,” stated Landahl.

Landahl, in his Superintendent blog, stated that, as of press time, the choice for parents and guardians to make between a hybrid or an all-remote model of instruction has been extended to Aug. 21. The hybrid model would have the student be in school two days and three days out at home. The original deadline was Aug. 14.

“If you feel that you can make this decision now, please do so because it greatly helps our planning but it is OK also to wait. If you choose hybrid in-person and develop either health issues or concerns or become uncomfortable, you may choose remote at any time. If you choose remote and want to change, please go to the link the superintendent will make the change in January,” noted the superintendent.

To fill out the information with their decision, parents and guardians should go to: https://forms.gle/5qNgK4dYYwAAkyzKA

Superintendent Update Zoom on Thursday, August 21 at 2 p.m. Previews of questions were recorded and posted, he said.

Community members may take survey regarding interactions with City of Beacon Police Department

By Kristine Coulter

At the Aug. 17 City Council meeting, Lt. Sandy Sands appointed acting chief of the Beacon Police Department. Members of the community can take a survey regarding interactions with the Beacon Police Department.

Mayor Lee Kyriacou explained that he asked former member of the Beacon Police Department William Cornett, who is now retired, to step in when former chief Kevin Junjulas retired on July 7. Cornett was going to be the acting chief for a maximum of 90 days. Cornett was in the position since Junjulas’s retirement.

Kyriacou said there was now a candidate from inside the department for the position.

The council members congratulated Frost on the appointment.

“Thank you,” said Frost.

“Sandy, I appreciate your willingness to do this,” Kyriacou told Frost.

The appointment will be for 90 days maximum, which will be in November, said the mayor, “which hopefully will be extended.”

Kyriacou read Cornett’s resignation letter, which in part stated, “It’s been a privilege to serve the people of Beacon.”

There is a survey put out by the Police Chief Search Committee, which was formed after Junjulas retired. As part of the process for the search for a new chief, the committee is soliciting community input about personal experiences with the Beacon Police Department and opinions about the individual characteristics that make up the ideal candidate.

To complete the anonymous survey, visit: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BeaconCommunity.

Also, at the Aug. 17 the council passed the resolution for the council’s Action Plan for Evaluation and Rethinking of Community Public Safety Services.

Among some of the items the resolution calls for:

- The Council requests the Mayor direct the new Chief of Police to begin their tenure with a thorough review of police training, culminating in a data-driven set of recommendations for improving police training and measuring the benefits.

- The Council requests the new Police Chief to examine and evaluate the City’s existing policy on psychological supportive care and testing for police officers and make recommendations, given the inherent in the profession of policing, for periodic counseling and testing during an officer’s period of employment.

- The Council requests the Mayor direct the City’s Human Resource Director to create a multi-year plan for implicit bias training for all City of Beacon staff, including police.

- The Council will review with the Police Chief and City Administrator the types of emergency and other calls to the Police Department to assess what type of skills and experience are required to best respond to these calls.

- The Council requests review of existing policies related to use of force in light of recent legal changes, and report to the Council regarding any improvements needed.

- The Council will, as a part of the annual budget process, consider the multi-year budget implications of all of the above with the intention to redirect cost savings toward community investments.

- The Council considers the above the minimum and start of the work the City must do to advance safety, justice, and the needs of people of color, low-income neighborhoods, and other vulnerable and oppressed members of the Beacon community.

It states that the Council shall review the plan periodically and as community discussions evolve, additional action will be taken.

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Frost appointed acting chief

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By Rich Thomaselli and Curtis Schmidt

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Monday that gyms can reopen in New York as early as Aug. 24 and no later than Sept. 2.

Capacity will be capped at 33 percent to start, but if that proves to be a problem, the state says it will dial that number back. Health mandates like facial coverings, proper air ventilation, sign-in forms, screening at the door (temperature checks) and social distancing are required. It will be up to individual areas to determine whether gyms can hold indoor classes, Cuomo said.

Local health departments must inspect each gym before or within two weeks of reopening, which Cuomo said is why he extended the timeline into September. He said complete guidelines will be released by the state health department.

“The gyms are going to say these are difficult guidelines. And they are. Gyms are one of the areas where you have to be very careful — and we know that,” Cuomo said. “If it’s not done right, it can be a problem. It is an area of concern — that’s why we went slow on it and that’s why we focused on it.”

In a meeting conducted by State Sen. Sue Serino last week, Kristi Redl of All Sport Health & Fitness in Fishkill, said, “For weeks now, we have been working with the state to try to create a reopening plan that puts the health and safety of our members at the forefront. We have taken the adequate steps needed to make sure our facility adheres to all social distancing guidelines and have been constantly monitoring what facilities in other states are doing to make sure we are offering the most thoughtful plan.

Last week, Cuomo announced that bowling alleys can reopen across the state at 50 percent capacity starting Monday, Aug. 17, and that low-risk cultural activity locations, like museums and aquariums can also reopen the following Monday, Aug. 24, all while practicing safeguards against the coronavirus.

That includes face masks, staying with your own party at an assigned lane at bowling alleys, thorough cleaning and disinfection of shared or rented equipment between each use, every other lane closed, and no indoor dining at the alleys.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced on Monday that gyms, like All Sport Health & Fitness in Fishkill, may open as early as Aug. 24.

“I never realized how much I missed searching for those smaller bowling balls and putting those bumpers up for the kids,” the father of three children said. “I mean, it doesn’t sound like a lot – bowling alleys can open, big deal right? But it is a big deal. It’s another entertainment option for the kids, and adults, and hopefully another step toward getting back to normal.”

But normalcy is still being sought by other businesses.

Movie and television production companies have been given the green light in other states to start filming again — but movie theaters in New York remain closed.

“Our Vermont theaters have been opened since June without causing any spike in positivity results,” Jackie Maglione, Office Manager of Lyceum Cinemas, said. “We have many people traveling from Troy, NY to see movies in our theater in Bennington, Vermont. We have installed the same filters in our air system that malls were required to do to open. We are ready to open safely and to provide our patrons some happiness that everyone needs right now.”

Another industry in limbo? Weddings.

Cuomo has limited weddings to just 50 people, but on Aug. 7, U.S. District Court Judge Glenn Suddaby in the Northern District of New York ruled that the state cannot enforce that 50-person limit in a case brought by a couple and a venue seeking to host a 175-person wedding.

The state is now appealing Judge Suddaby’s ruling and has asked for an expedited hearing to force a return to the 50-person limit.

Joe Bonura Jr., owner of the Bonura Hospitality Group that includes such iconic venues as The Grandview in Poughkeepsie, said, “What the state fails to understand is a wedding is the most important day of someone’s life. They are not just going to put it off indefinitely. We know that weddings are happening — in people’s back yards, at campgrounds, in parks — people are gathering and not following health and safety guidelines. As professionals, we have the tools to host these events safely. If this industry doesn’t get guidance immediately, we will have to cancel all of fall events, which will decimate these businesses.”

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Mixed results on county pleas

By Kate Goldsmith

Since the Mid-Hudson region began Phase 4 of New York’s reopening in late June, a number of businesses that were not included have been seeking state guidance on when, and how, they would be able to reopen. Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro has been among leaders in the area who have continually asked Gov. Cuomo to shed some light on the subject.

Last Friday, the governor announced that bowling alleys could reopen at 50-percent capacity, and on Monday issued guidance for gyms to reopen. See Rich Thomaselli’s cover story for details.

“I am encouraged and thankful the Governor’s office heard us … calling for more guidance and better communication to be issued so more businesses can reopen,” Molinaro said. “Allowing for the limited reopening of [bowling alleys and gyms] will be a boost of confidence in our COVID-19 containment efforts in New York State, as well as a huge boost in the mental and physical health of our residents.”

At his Town Hall on Aug. 12, Molinaro shared the latest on the county’s sales-tax revenue, which is down 10.7 percent over 2019. New York State provided Dutchess County its latest sales tax payment in early August, which was a 4.6-percent decrease compared to the same time in 2019. Molinaro reiterated that sales tax supports 40 percent of Dutchess County Government programs and services.

With states experiencing their own shortfalls due to the pandemic, governors throughout the nation have been calling on the federal government to step up and provide funding.

On Aug. 11, Molinaro joined his counterparts from Suffolk and Broome counties for a virtual press conference, calling on the federal government to deliver disaster assistance for counties dealing with unprecedented budgetary shortfalls and increased costs caused by the pandemic.

According to the latest information provided on the county’s COVID-19 Dashboard (posted Sunday, Aug. 16), Dutchess had 4,668 confirmed cases, of which 261 are active and 4,207 are considered recovered.

The largest numbers of active cases are in the City of Poughkeepsie (36), Town of Poughkeepsie (34), Town of East Fishkill (21), Town of Wappinger (19) and towns of Pleasant Valley and Fishkill (10 each). The Town of Beekman has 8 cases; the City of Beacon, Town of LaGrange and Village of Wappingers Falls each have 6 cases. All other municipalities have less than 5 active cases. There are 82 cases pending address confirmation.

There are currently 4 hospitalizations; and deaths remain at 153. The county has completed 109,815 tests; and the region’s infection rate remains at 1 percent.

Molinaro will host his next Facebook Town Hall on Wednesday, Aug. 19. It will be available to view afterward on the county’s Facebook page @DutchessCoGov, www.dutchessny.gov/coronavirus for additional information.

County COVID-19 updates

Rebuilding Together Handyman Program assists seniors

Rebuilding Together’s Handyman program provides an opportunity for seniors to receive small-scale repairs in and around their home at no cost to them. The program is year-round with applications being accepted on a rolling basis.

Small-scale repairs and safety and accessibility modifications that can typically be completed in four hours or less are what the program focuses on. These could include the installation of grab bars or hand rails, improving lighting, or minor accessibility modification improvements. There are three main eligibility requirements for the program: the applicant must own and occupy the home located within Dutchess County, total household gross income must not exceed 80% of the area median income; and at least one household member, who could benefit from these services, must be 60 years of age or older.

The application is available on the Apply page of the non-profit’s website (www.rtdutchess.org/apply) or by calling Rebuilding Together at (845) 454-7310. This program is supported in part by the Dutchess County Office for the Aging.
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Deadline for letters is Friday at noon. Letters must be submitted by e-mail to newsplace@aol.com, and the phrase “Letter to the Editor” should be included in the subject line of the e-mail.

Village of Fishkill residents need to know about Planning Board meeting on Aug. 20

To the Editor:

Village of Fishkill residents need to be aware of a proposal for a Senior Citizen apartment complex that is being presented to the Village of Fishkill Planning Board on August 20.

This proposed facility is located on the property of the Church of the Nazarene, 923 Main St. and the developer is requesting a zoning variance in order to proceed with the project. The property also abuts the Town of Fishkill whose Board has already rejected their part of the site plan that included 7 variances.

The developers have a website, The Wesley Residence, that describes this project in such glowing terms that it would be difficult to oppose it. Or, is it?

Egress from 103 apartments (with 10-20% being put aside for low income Seniors) would be onto the current 2 lane road that is Route 52/Main Street in Fishkill which, at most hours of the day, is already busy and traffic congested. The neighborhoods surrounding this project will also lose the quiet and residential quality of life that makes most hours of the day, is already busy and traffic congested. The neighborhoods surrounding this project will also lose the quiet and residential quality of life that makes living in the Village a plus with this additional traffic.

Please let your voice be heard and sign up for a Zoom meeting with the Village of Fishkill Planning Bd.

For additional information: www.keepfishkillbeautiful.com.

My husband and I are senior citizens who have lived in the Village for over 46 years. My name is Ms. Candace Coates, I am a resident of the village of Fishkill. I have lived in the Village of Fishkill for over sixty years as I was raised here. I want to personally offended by their extremely insensitive comment that "seniors don't drive at rush hour."

At rush hour I am driving home from work.

Doris Free
Fishkill

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Beacon Police Blotter

July 22: Unattended Death. Officer responded to process scene from an unattended death. A report was taken. The investigation was conducted.

July 23: Harassment/Welcom Avenue- Caller reported ongoing harassment by individuals. Incident was documented.

July 24: Hit & Run Accident- North Walnut- Reporting officer was dispatched for a past occurred hit and run property damage accident. A report was taken. The investigation was conducted.

July 28: Other-Colonial Road- Caller reported accidental damage to his vehicle while parked. A report was taken.

Larceny-Fishkill Avenue-Caller reported unindentified stealing from a store. A report was taken. The investigation was conducted.

July 31: Warrant- Municipal Plaza- Vincent E. Anderson, 27, of Walden, was processed on an open Warrant of Arrest.

July 31: Disorderly Individual- Long Dock Road-David F. Zornetski, 40, of Beacon, was charged with Resisting Arrest & Public Lewdness.

Aug. 3: Disorderly Individual- Beacon- Officer responded to a report of individuals engaged in an altercation. A report was taken.

Aug. 3: Criminal mischief- Front Street-Caller reported a past occurred incident of graffiti. A report was taken. The investigation was conducted.

Aug. 3: Fraud-Ellice Drive-Caller reported that she was scammed by an individual to purchase Best Buy gift cards. A report was taken. The investigation was conducted.

Aug. 4: Larceny-Municipal Plaza-Caller reported licensed plates not being returned on a car that he sold. A report was taken.

Aug. 4: Property Damage- Main Street-Officer dispatched to location for a tree branch that fell on a vehicle due to the high winds causing damage. Reports were taken.

Aug. 5: Property Damage- Main Street-Officer dispatched to location for a tree branch that fell on a vehicle due to the high winds causing damage. A report was taken.

Aug. 6: Disorderly Individual- South Avenue- Officer responded to a report of individuals engaged in an altercation. A report was taken.

Aug. 6: Assault- Fishkill Avenue-Officer responded to a report of an individual who was engaged in a physical altercation. A report was taken.

Aug. 6: Found Property- Main Street- Officer dispatched to location from an unattended larceny. A report was taken.

Aug. 9: Shop Lifter- Fishkill Street- Officer dispatched to location from an unattended larceny. A report was taken.

Aug. 9: Shop Lifter-Main Street- Officer dispatched to location from an unattended larceny. A report was taken.

Aug. 9: Shop Lifter-Municipal Plaza- Officer dispatched to location from an unattended larceny. A report was taken.

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Fairview Cemetery Association to hold meeting

The annual Plot Owners meeting of Fairview Cemetery Association, located in Beacon, will be held on Monday, Aug. 31 at 6:30 p.m. via Uber Conference. The conference can be accessed via internet at https://www.uberconference.com/mose4501

1 or telephone 720-835-5096, conference ID taken.

The purpose of this meeting is to report on the finances of the cemetery, answer questions and for the elections of Trustees and Officers. All plot owners are urged to attend.
In brief:

- The Nourish NY program has spent more than $9 million to connect surplus food from farms to food banks across the state. So far, the initiative has redirected 14.1 million pounds of produce into dairy products like cheese, yogurt and milk, as well as approximately 3.5 million pounds of meat products like chicken, beef and pork.

- Due to Coronavirus concerns, this year's New York Comic Con will be held virtually. The pop-up event, which will run for two weeks at the Javits Center in Manhattan will feature online programming from Oct. 8 to 11.

- Children who lost food benefits due to COVID-19 school closures can access meals through the Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) program. P-EBT benefits are automatically issued to kids who have received free or reduced-price meals through the federal school lunch program. Benefits should have already been issued or will be soon. If your child is eligible but hasn't received a P-EBT card and/or benefit by mid-August, call NYSDOT at 1-833-452-0996.

- New York-based company Capecodex has provided technical training to 1,500 state personnel on the front lines of the state’s pandemic response as part of the COVID-19 Technology SWAT Team. Through this pro-bono partnership, Capecodex is providing six-month training licenses to NYS Office of Information Technology Services. Leading tech companies from around the country have participated in the Tech SWAT Team Initiative, saving taxpayers more than $14 million.

- All motor vehicle passengers 16 and older must wear a seat belt in every seat, even in the back seats. Cuomo signed the legislation on Aug. 11.

- The DMV is expanding New Yorkers' ability to complete certain transactions through secure drop boxes. New Yorkers can use drop boxes for services including license plate sanders, address changes and license and registration renewals. Customers using drop boxes must wear face coverings and maintain social distancing at all times. Drop boxes are located at all state-run DMV offices and are available during regular office hours Monday-Saturday. Learn more at https://my.ny.gov/moveinfo/dmv-reopening-guidance.

- During the pandemic, the New York Department of Labor has prevented more than $1 billion in unemployment insurance fraud. The Department of Labor has stopped more than 40,000 fraudulent claims since March. During the last five months, DOL has referred more unemployment insurance fraud cases to federal prosecutors than in the last 10 years combined.

- Last Friday, New York launched a pilot program to detect the presence of COVID-19 in wastewater. “In doing so, we will have an early warning system to detect virus spread in communities,” Cuomo said. Wastewater testing has been identified by top scientists and researchers as a cost-effective way to monitor for outbreaks of COVID-19 around the world. The state will provide $50,000 to support a wastewater sampling project in Onondaga County and start sample collection in Albany, Newburgh and Buffalo. This new initiative will complement the state’s testing program, which is now up to 87,000 tests a day (3-day average) and that provides a daily snapshot of the estimated infection rate of the virus by region across the state.

- New York City museums and cultural institutions will reopen starting Monday, Aug. 24. Museums, aquariums and other low-risk indoor arts and cultural institutions can open at 25 percent capacity. Timed ticketing will be required with pre-set, staggered entry along with strict enforcement of face coverings, social distancing, controlled traffic flow to avoid crowding, and enhanced cleaning and disinfection protocols.

- Mobile testing teams will be dispatched to farms in rural counties across New York. The state’s contact tracing program has identified several new clusters at farms linked to seasonal workers who were sent positive test results on Aug. 13 and 0.7 percent on Aug. 14. This reflects that decrease; last week, the daily incidence rate was 0.8 percent. The Mid-Hudson as a whole has seen a 3.8 percent reduction in the daily incidence rate of infection, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said.

- As of today, cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in 100 farm-related clusters of 10 or more, a county in New York State has been identified as a cluster if there are more than five cases in a given zip code over a 14-day period. The state is working to ensure that clusters are located and that they are contained.

State COVID-19 updates

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By Kate Goldsmith

As New York continues to lower its rate of infection, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced that two more types of businesses—bars and gyms—have been given the green light to reopen. See Rich Thomaselli’s cover story for details.

Several weeks ago, that state’s districts were covered around a 1-percent infection rate (based on the state’s COVID-19 index rate), but in recent days, the rate has dropped slightly to 0.8 percent. The Mid-Hudson is a whole reflects that decrease; last week, the daily rate was 0.8 percent on Aug. 12, 0.9 percent on Aug. 13 and 0.7 percent on Aug. 14. These were the most recent numbers posted on the state’s regional dashboard as Northern Dutchess News went to press.

Cuomo noted the progress but repeated his call for diligence. “As we keep moving forward, we must continue to wear masks and to take every precaution. It’s working,” he said. “And it will only keep working if each and every one of us stays smart.”

Police Reform & Modernization Collaborative workgroups of county hold first meetings

As part of Dutchess County’s Police Reform & Modernization Collaborative, established to respond to calls for racial justice, countywide law enforcement reform with plans to eliminate racial inequities and address community needs, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro has announced the formation a Community Policing Coordinating Circle, a Municipal Leaders & Police Chiefs Workgroup to guide the process.

This week, we’re committed to enacting the real change and lasting change the public expects of us. The creation of these workgroups, the hearing we will hold, and the policy we will enact, will not be done just to ‘check a box.’ Rather, our Collaborative makes it go a long way to improving the relationship between those in the law enforcement who are committed to keeping us all safe.”

The Collaborative will hold ongoing community conversations with our communities. Everyone involved in this process has one common goal, become better and stronger as a community,” Molinaro said. “Those individuals who make up the stakeholders’ responsibility will be to speak with others in the community to collect ideas and suggestions for what kinds of policies should be enacted.”

The Police Reform & Modernization Collaborative is scheduled to meet in mid-August to discuss and review the use of force policies currently in effect throughout law enforcement agencies in Dutchess County.

The office of the County Executive has given a deadline of April 1, 2021 for local governments to enact these police policies; however, due to the immediacy of the issue, Molinaro has set the Collaborative the goal of finishing this process by Nov. 1, 2020.
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Nuvance Health hospitals earn American Heart Association Gold Plus Awards

Nuvance Health hospitals Vassar Brothers Medical Center and Danbury Hospital have earned the American Heart Association's LifeSaver® Gold Plus Receiving Quality Achievement Award for implementing specific quality improvement measures for the treatment of patients who suffer severe heart attacks. Every year, more than 250,000 people experience an ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI), the deadliest type of heart attack, caused by a blockage of blood flow to the heart that requires timely treatment. To prevent death, it’s critical to restore blood flow as quickly as possible, either by mechanically opening the blocked vessel or by providing clot-busting medication.

The American Heart Association’s Mission: Lifeline® program’s goal is to reduce system barriers to prompt treatment for heart attacks, beginning with the 911 call, to EMS transport and continuing through hospital treatment and discharge. The initiative provides tools, training and other resources to support heart attack care following protocols from the most recent evidence-based treatment guidelines. Vassar Brothers Medical Center and Danbury Hospital were awarded the award by meeting specific criteria and standards of performance for quick and appropriate treatment through emergency procedures to re-establish blood flow to blocked arteries in heart attack patients coming into the hospital directly or by transfer from another facility.

“We are honored to be recognized by the American Heart Association for our dedication and achievements in caring for patients with acute myocardial infarction,” said Dr. Mark Warshofsky, senior vice president and chair of heart and vascular services at Nuvance Health. “Our hospitals are committed to improving the quality of care for our cardiac patients. We provide a teamwork approach that allows for prompt and appropriate treatment.”

Danbury Hospital also received the American Heart Association’s Gold Plus award for its continued success in using the Get with the Guidelines® – Heart Failure and Target: Type 2 Diabetes programs. In addition, Nuvance Health’s Putnam Hospital in Carmel, NY, earned the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association’s Get with the Guidelines®- Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award. The award recognizes the hospital’s commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence.

For more information about the heart and vascular services at Nuvance Health, visit https://patients.healthquest.org/services/heart-and-vascular/. For more information about the American Heart Association, visit heart.org.

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By Nancy Martinelli

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Counties officials remember Robert Trump

Dutchess County officials are remembering Robert Trump, the younger brother of Donald Trump, who passed away on Aug. 15. He had been hospitalized with an undisclosed illness. Robert Trump was a real estate executive who retired and lived in Millbrook. “A private man that despite his upbringing and well-known last name led a very quiet life here in Dutchess County, surrounding his community, surrounded by many friends and family,” Dutchess County Sheriff Adrian “Butch” Anderson wrote on Facebook. “He was a wonder-fully engaging individual and whenever I called upon him to assist me with a charity or children in need of assistance, his response was always ‘What can I do to help?’ I will truly miss Rob and his strong response was always ‘What can I do to support his community, surrounded by many friends and family.”

Robert Trump was a kind and humble man who did not seek the spotlight, but extended his generosity, often anonymously, leaving a lasting impact on family who are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.”

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Mentor Ray Vail receives Lifetime Achievement Award

By Jim Donick

The Dutchess County Agricultural Society has presented its longest serving member, Ray Vail, with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his years of service dedication, both to the organization and the youth of Dutchess County as a 4-H leader.

Within the Dutchess County Fair canceled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Dutchess County Agricultural Society CEO Andy Imperati and Mark Germond, president of the society's Board of Directors, made the presentation at Vail’s home on Tuesday, Aug. 11.

There are “Lifetime Achievements” and there are “Lifetime Achievements,” he noted. The year 2020 has been so many wonderful people.”

Tom Marrelli started out in 4-H and then worked on the Vail farm for 40 years. He is one of countless young people who have been influenced through Vail’s leadership. He commented, “For Ray, it is so much more than the Fair. It gave Ray the opportunity to connect with people and show the world his passion for his family, his friends and his love of farming.”

Shannon Fletcher lives in Saratoga Springs these days, still keeping some cows and still recalling her love of this quiet man and the encouragement he provided to so many. “I have had the privilege of knowing Ray for the better part of my life of showing Holsteins, for around 17 years. Every time I see Ray, I’m greeted with a smile and that sparkle in his eye. I look forward to seeing him at every 4-H event, show, or meeting.”

She continued, “In 2012, I received the Ken-Ray 4-H Award, and I always remember it was an honor to receive it as all the older kids had gotten it. I always thought it would be an accomplishment to get it and be considered as one of the ‘cool kids’ who had been honored. The award is given to acceptable 4-H kids who go above and beyond as a role model for the younger kids. Having tied across from Ray’s show string at shows for a few years now, Ray must have watched me from afar and thought I was qualified for his award. I will forever be grateful to have been considered for that honor, as well as honored to know Ray.”

Imperati added, “Ray Vail has been a pillar of the Ag Society for many years. His commitment to agriculture is obvious by his continued involvement with the Fair and support of all youth who have a desire to learn about agriculture.”

Vail, himself, offered his gentle smile and, with a twinkle in his eye, promised to be at the Fair again next year.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal & Electronics Recycling Event set for Sept. 19

The Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management will hold its next Household Hazardous Waste Disposal & Electronics Recycling Event on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Dutchess County County Agricultural Society Division of Solid Waste Management at 96 Sand Dock Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

Acceptable Items:

- Batteries, alkaline or rechargeable batteries.
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Rhinebeck Responds has teamed up with local artists and village businesses to create the “Better Together” auction of painted birdhouses, which runs from Aug. 21 to Sept. 14. The online auction will raise money for Rhinebeck Responds’ Small Grants Fund, which is assisting local small businesses coping with impacts of the coronavirus pandemic and economic collapse.

The painted birdhouses are displayed in the windows of some 35 stores and restaurants throughout Rhinebeck Village. Joanna Hess, director of Arts Studio Views, who has overseen the 25 participating artists, says, “I am astonished how the artists creatively transformed plain, wooden birdhouses into spectacular wonders. Each artist gave imaginative thought and applied their individual painting styles, often with fun and humor, to decorating the birdhouses. Their inventiveness will ‘wow’ those who see the birdhouses in Rhinebeck Village shop windows and on-line.”

The unpainted wooden Audubon bird boxes were donated by Williams Lumber. The artists include film and TV celebrities, Hilarie Burton, Jeffrey Dean Morgan and Paul Rudd, all of whom live in Rhinebeck. Among the best known of the Hudson Valley artists are metal sculptor Roger Phillips, watercolor painter Alix Hallman Travis, abstract expressionist painter Trevor Hunter and abstract painter Vera Kaplan.

The auction platform can be accessed beginning Aug. 21 via the home page of RhinebeckResponds.org. Bidding on individual bird boxes will start at $100, with the highest bidder winning when the auction closes on Sept. 14. Those interested in purchasing a particular bird box – while making a generous donation to the Small Business Fund – can do so with a $1,000 bid via the “Buy It Now” option on the auction site.

The Small Business Grants Fund has already given grants to 18 local businesses and nonprofit organizations. The Rhinebeck Responds grants program, launched in early June, is open to businesses located within town or village of Rhinebeck. The program provides grants of up to $5,000 apiece, based on applications and funds available. Rhinebeck businesses report mounting debt, plummeting earnings, and employee layoffs, and nearly three quarters say they have not gotten any rent relief from their landlords, according to a Rhinebeck Responds survey. Local businesses may access the grant application from Rhinebeck Responds homepage: www.rhinebeckresponds.org.

Rhinebeck Responds is a volunteer civic organization created to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic, in partnership with the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley. It is funded with donations from individuals, businesses and the Frost Memorial Fund.

In addition to supporting small businesses, Rhinebeck Responds also raises funds to help underserved communities. Rhinebeck Responds has recently received a $10,000 challenge grant from the Thompson Trust to support its Underserved Communities Fund. Therefore, Rhinebeck Responds is also working to raise $10,000 in tax deductible donations to match this grant. Donations can be made via the “donate” button on Rhinebeck Responds home page.

To access the bird house auction, go to: www.RhinebeckResponds.org.

Stacey Curtis to manage Riverside Bank branch in Newburgh

Salisbury Bank and Trust Company announced that Stacey Curtis has accepted the Assistant Vice President, Branch Manager position at the Newburgh, Orange County branch.

“We are excited to have Stacey as a part of the Newburgh Branch team,” said Amy Raymond, Executive Vice President, Chief Retail Banking Officer, CRA Officer. “She is a seasoned Branch Manager who brings with her years of experience and the highest level of customer service standards.”

Curtis joined the Bank in July of 2008 as an Executive Assistant, and was promoted to AVP in 2014. She transferred to the Canaan Branch Manager position in January of 2016. Curtis currently resides in Canaan, CT.

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New Veterans Services director will have ‘open door’ policy

By Tom Zurhellen

If you are a veteran living in Dutchess County, these days, you may already know Adam Roche very well. He’s a Dutchess veteran who has lived in the Hudson Valley most of his life, graduating from Lourdes High School. He currently serves as director of Dutchess County Veterans Services (DCVS). If you’re like me, you’ve seen him at VFW meetings, or the county fair, or in some community function, talking about the passion and dedication that I have for supporting our veterans.

Q: What are you looking forward to as the new Director of Dutchess County Veterans Services (DCVS)?

A: I’m looking forward to helping our Dutchess County veterans in submitting their Veterans Administration (VA) claims and benefitting in a more direct way than I was doing up to this point.

Q: Are you planning any new initiatives or programs for DCVS in 2020 and beyond?

A: Yes, more in the way of outreach. We need to be aware of all the other programs and agencies that serve veterans. We also need to be more visible to our local veterans.

Q: You know our veterans in Dutchess County better than anyone. What do you see as the biggest challenges facing our local vets in need today?

A: Feel transportation is still one of the most challenging problems facing our veterans right now. VizZero and Hudson River Hoist have done an amazing job with their VizZero Ride program, but we need more transportation. Options include land transport, especially for veterans experiencing employment issues and education problems. Keeping medical appointments due to transportation issues can lead to a lack of reliable transportation, that can lead to much bigger issues such as homelessness and depression.

Q: How can veterans contact you to find out more about DCVS?

A: I will have an open-door policy in my office and also I will have my cell phone number available for our veterans.

Q: Is there anything else you would like folks to know about your role at DCVS as you begin this new journey?

A: I am looking forward to bringing all the contacts I have made to MHA to the DCVS. I know the team at DCVS. We have worked together for awhile and are a great team. I cannot wait to continue the passion and dedication that I have serving our veterans, but now in a different role.

Thanks so much, Adam. Veterans in Dutchess County have no idea about DCVS and the services it offers can call my office at (845) 486-2060 or email at veterans@dutchessny.gov.

Thanks to Adam Roche for taking the time to talk with us as he prepares to take on the challenge ahead of him as the new director of Dutchess County Veterans Services. And thank you, for listening!

We’ll see you next time!

Tom Zurhellen is the commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 170 in Poughkeepsie. A Navy veteran, he served aboard the cruisers USS Truxtun and USS Midway during the Gulf War. He currently serves as Associate Professor of English at Marist College, where he has taught Writing courses for the last 15 years.
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WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley would like to start the budget process for the fiscal year of 2021.

WHEREAS, the Town Board has decided to meet on the dates mentioned hereafter; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley hereby sets the following dates for the purposes of setting the 2021 budget:

1st Meeting Tuesday August 25 5:30pm
2nd Meeting Tuesday September 1 5:30pm
3rd Meeting Wednesday September 9 5:30pm
4th Meeting Thursday September 10 5:30pm
5th Meeting Wednesday September 23 5:30pm

And be it further resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to post the meeting dates in accordance with town law.

Dated: August 12, 2020

RICK ROLL, Chairman
Councilwoman Albrecht
Councilwoman DelVecchio
Councilman O’Halleran
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Carried.

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[Town Board meeting information]

MOTIONED BY: Councilwoman Mazella
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Dorney named Director of Outreach & Operations for Dutchess Tourism, Inc.

Dutchess Tourism, Inc. (DTI) promoted Cortland Dorney to Director of Outreach & Operations. Dorney will be responsible for spearheading DTI’s efforts to serve its local, tourism and community partners, and to maximize and promote the destination of the organization’s annual awards celebrating industry excellence, and in series of its events and initiatives. Dorney will work collaboratively with tourism related businesses to manage special initiatives such as DTI’s Great Estates Pass, agri-tourism promotion and an ongoing effort to improve the accessibility of the destination.

In her position as Manager of Operations, Dorney was instrumental in securing a $10,000 grant from New York State’s Developmental Institute (WDI). The grant will support the development and publication of an information booklet to educate all people, including those looking to change careers, on career pathways in the hospitality sector. As integral leader of DTI’s Directors’ workforce subgroup, of which she is a member, Dorney’s piece aims to encourage growth in the labor pool and meet the needs of many hotel, restaurants, and attractions. In her new role, she will be responsible for developing and implementing additional fundraising strategies, including grant writing, and securing sponsorships.

In partnership with Melaine Rottkamo, DTI’s President & CEO, Dorney will maintain compliance with the rigorous standards of the globally recognized Destination Marketing Accreditation Program (DMAP) of Destinations International, an industry development program that puts DTI in an elite group of just over 200 destination marketing organizations. The most recent economic impact for Dutchess County and the Hudson Valley Region, local film production is facilitated and promoted by DTI. The request by the industries and market data driven research of those requests, in addition to administering the official Film Dutchess webpage and social media presence.

Additionally, she is the manager of DTI’s Simpleview Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system, which tracks the organization’s outcomes, pushes data to the organization’s highly trafficked website, and more.

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1. TV sitcom set in Korea
5. Poets
10. Mine car
14. "__ Karenina"
15. Bad breath producer
16. Make over
17. Castor or Polli
18. Do penance
19. Indigo plant
20. Canned fish
22. __ speech; opening address
24. Slate
25. Israeli leader
26. Wedding party member
29. Wood layer
30. Went public with
34. Picnic spoiler
35. Brewed beverage
36. Shrewd
37. __ the same; nevertheless
38. Electrical wiring
40. British parent
41. Grow incisors
43. Have breakfast
44. Dumbbell
45. Man's nickname
46. Be off
47. Worries
48. Infamous Germans
50. Rickles, for one
51. Word with near or far
54. Remains
58. Source of poi
59. Dud
61. Charles Lamb
62. Ripening agent
63. Window covering
64. Completely engrossed
65. Dress
66. Fall flower
67. Dagger

DOWN
1. Face concealer
2. One opposed
3. Prepare green beans
4. Spear
5. Ruling body
6. Colony members
7. __ de la Plata
8. Long-eared animal
9. Contemptuous look
10. Passage
11. "Biggest Little City in the World"
12. Mine entrance
13. Skin mark
21. Shade producer
23. Bread ingredient
25. Those who come in 2nd
26. Frame of metal bars
27. Breathed abnormally
28. Got rid of a squeak
29. For each
31. Tidbit of gossip
32. Piano piece
33. Greek masses
35. Attach
36. Isle
38. Be dishonest
39. Egypt and Syria, once: abbr.
42. Phony one
44. Perils
46. Sea ducks
47. Cell resident
49. Woman's name
50. Place to eat
51. Male animal
52. Fictional villain
53. Expanded
54. Move along easily
55. Self-assurance
56. Ready to be picked
57. Fill
60. Word with door or bath

The solutions to the Sudoku, Crossword puzzle and Binox can be found on page 6
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The public can purchase the bags at Unshattered’s boutique in East Fishkill, 1064 Route 82, or from its website, https://www.unshattered.org.

“Unshattered is very grateful for the donation from the Fishkill Rotary Club. This investment will be used to help build jobs for women in recovery,” said Kelly Lyndgaard, Founder and CEO of Unshattered. She continued, “We’ve seen 100% of our employees continue to choose sobriety during their time with us and we’re grateful to the Rotary for helping us close the gap between sobriety and long-term success for even more women.”

Brooks noted, “Fishkill Rotary has contributed $500 to Paul Kastanis, proprietor of Hudson Valley Gyro on Route 82 in Hopewell Junction, who provides hot meals for essential workers in the area.”

Fishkill Rotary also contributed $3,000 to the Fishkill Food Pantry on Route 9 in Fishkill as the demand for nutritious food has grown significantly over the past months. That contribution was funded, in part, with a COVID-19 Grant made possible through Rotary District 7210.

BOCES schedules 3 online meetings regarding reopening schools

Dutchess BOCES will be hosting three virtual town hall meetings for the BOCES community regarding reopening schools. The meetings are scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday, August 19 and at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 20. The meetings will cover identical topics, but are offered at different times for the convenience of families.

The links to the meetings will be available on the website, www.dcboces.org. Participants will be able to ask questions during the meetings. Questions may also be submitted in advance by emailing them to COVIDquestions@dcboces.org.

The Dutchess BOCES Reopening Plan has been posted on the website since July 21. It defines clear guidance for the reopening of schools and aligns with the regulations developed in collaboration with New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and the New York State Education Department (NYSED).