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Betkowski takes over as GM for Renegades as Jeffers has new role

By Rich Thomaselli

New season, new leadership. There will be a change at the top for the Hudson Valley Renegades in 2024.

Tyson Jeffers is departing the Renegades to take over as the General Manager of a new minor league club in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and Zach Betkowski has been elevated to the role of General Manager of the Renegades.

The team will remain the high Class A affiliate of the New York Yankees. The Renegades won the North Division of the South Atlantic League this past season and fell to Greenville in the best of three finals, 2-0.

Jeffers served as the Renegades General Manager since 2022 and oversaw the first naming rights deal in the history of the facility as Dutchess Stadium became Heritage Financial Park. He also assisted in executing the largest privately-funded ballpark improvement project in the facility's history completed before the 2023 season, which included the renovation of the current clubhouse, the building of a new batting tunnel structure, outfield wall and batter's eye. He also worked hand-in-hand with Dutchess County in constructing the largest expansion and improvement project to the Dutchess County park since the team's inception in 1994, which will be completed before the start of the 2024 season.

In his new role, Jeffers will have the opportunity to build a new franchise from the ground up. The Spartanburg team, also owned by Diamond Baseball Holdings, will break ground on a new ballpark this November which will be part of a multi-phase over \$400-million development project in downtown Spartanburg. The team is slated to play their first season of affiliated baseball in 2025.

"It is always emotional to leave a place that you have invested so much into, and at a time that so much growth is happening, but I have peace of mind knowing that I am leaving it in the hands of a dedicated group that is determined to make this one of the top minor league teams in the country," said Jeffers in a statement. "What is happening with the Renegades is truly special, and I am excited to watch Zach lead the

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Dr. Jill Biden endorses local education in visits to Fishkill and Poughkeepsie Attends ribbon-cutting at DCC@Fishkill site

By Kristine Coulter

First Lady Dr. Jill Biden traveled to Dutchess County to make stops in Fishkill and Poughkeepsie on October 6. Biden flew into New York Stewart International Airport in Orange County.

Biden made her way to Fishkill where she participated in the opening of the new advanced manufacturing lab at Dutchess Community College.

Mechatronics is "a groundbreaking new project," said Biden.

The First lady's trip was part of President Joe Biden's Investing in America Agenda. According to the White House, "companies have committed over \$435 billion in private sector investments across the country."

In New York state, according to the White House:

- IBM is investing \$20 billion in the Hudson Valley Region to expand quantum computing development and build out its semiconductor ecosystem.

- Micron is investing \$20 billion this decade and up to \$100 billion over 20



First Lady Dr. Jill Biden makes remarks during a ribbon-cutting event at DCC@Fishkill in Fishkill on October 6

-Photos by Curtis Schmidt

years in semiconductor manufacturing in Clay, NY, creating tens of thousands of good paying jobs.

- Anovion is investing \$294 million to expand its battery-grade synthetic

graphite manufacturing in Sanborn, NY, a key input into electric vehicles, clean energy storage systems, medical devices, and other industrial applications.

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Hear 'scary stories' in the barn at Mount Gulian Historic Site

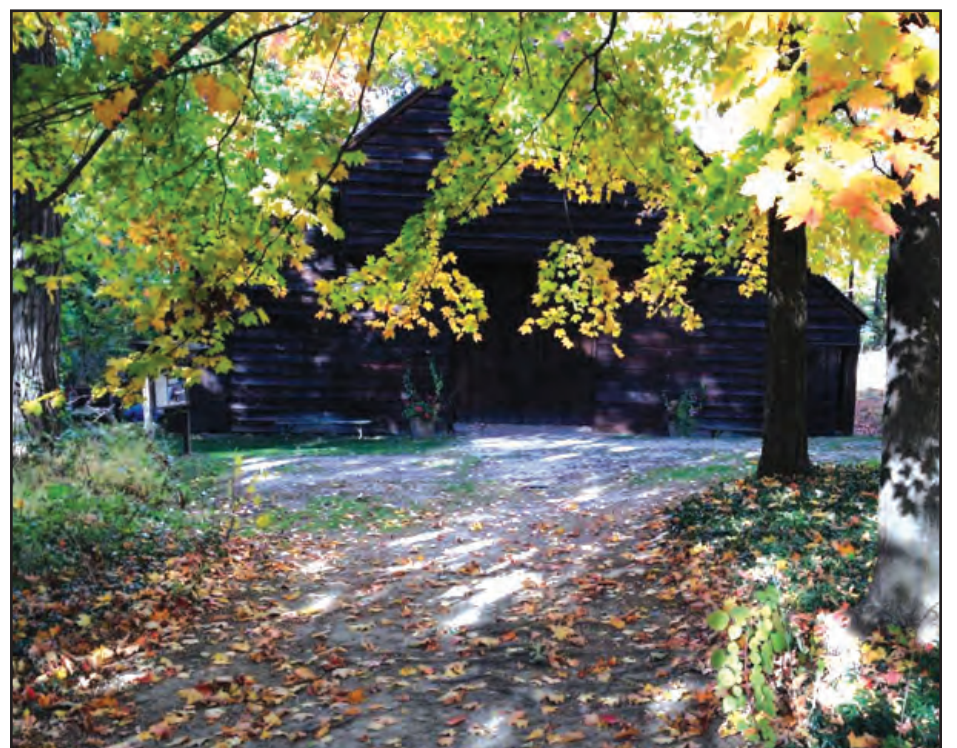
By Kristine Coulter

Hear 'creepy' tales during Mount Gulian's "Scary Stories in the Barn" on October 27. It has been a decade since this pre-Halloween event was held. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. There will be a live performance by master storyteller Lorraine Hartin Gelardi at 6:30 p.m. The stories are recommended for children five years and older. The barn is not heated, so attendees are encouraged to dress warmly.

Elaine Hayes, the executive director of the historic site, said tongue-in-cheek, "People who once brought their children to this event would ask if we were ever going to do it again. Their kids loved it so much they were actually afraid to misbehave, for fear of being fed to the goblins. I'm happy to say that this is the year for the resurrection of 'Scary Stories in the Barn!'"

She told Southern Dutchess News, "The feedback from children and adults is always positive. We first hosted Scary Stories in 2002 and it's been great fun. Early on, we heard from some parents that the event was "too scary" but the kids didn't think so and wanted it more scary! The event is appropriate for children five years of age and older."

Hartin Gelardi stated via email to Beacon Free Press, "Stories will be fun and humorous with just the right amount of scary to tingle the spine but not terrify you out of your skin!" She added: "The



"Scary Stories in the Barn" will take place at Mount Gulian Historic Site on October 27.

-Courtesy photo

great thing about stories is that everyone is in the story together, but each person sees the pictures in their imagination and experiences the tale in their own unique way."

The New World Dutch Barn, circa 1730, is original to the Verplanck family, said Hayes.

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Jill Biden makes stops in Fishkill, Poughkeepsie

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According to DCC's website, Mechatronics "occupies the intersection of mechanical systems, electrical systems, control systems, and computers." Some of the companies involved were OnSemi, Emagin, and MPI. The lab, according to DCC, is 6,000 sq. ft. The lab has state-of-the-art equipment, Electronic/Automation, Mechanical and HVAC Labs, as well as space for hands-on learning assignments.

The 10 main areas of Mechatronics include:

- Electrical – AC/DC
- Pneumatics and Hydraulics
- PLC Basic & Advanced, PLC/ VFD wiring and control
- PLC Networking (ControlNet, Ethernet, HMI programming)
- Motors & Motor Controls
- Mechanical Drives
- Process Control – liquid flow and level, temperature
- Smart Factory
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- HVAC

"A job is a lot more than an education, it's about dignity," said Biden.

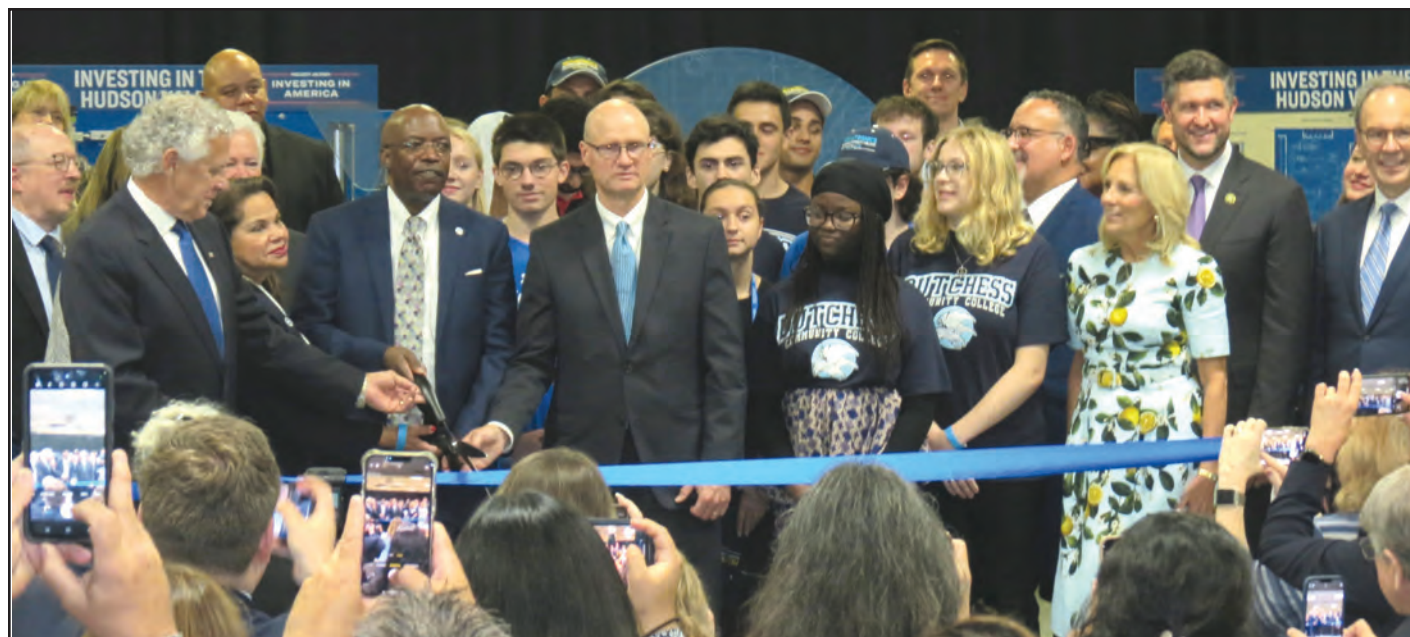
Miguel Cardona, U.S. Secretary of Education, remarked, "When we reinvest in America, we raise the bar for our students."

Congressman Pat Ryan, NY-18, said, "it's important for our national security. We need to be a leader again on the world stage."

Harold King, president of the Council of Industry, said, "Everyone here knows that manufacturing is vital to our economy." He noted where DCC@Fishkill is was once an empty department store in the former Dutchess Mall.

Dutchess County Executive William F.X. O'Neil remarked, "Dutchess County is proud to be supporting" these endeavors. He told those in attendance the first step was the "successful launch" of the aviation program at DCC, which began in 2021.

"Dutchess County is serious about invest-



First Lady Dr. Jill Biden attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Dutchess Community College at Fishkill campus on Friday, Oct. 6. The ceremony was held to call attention to the new Mechatronics Lab at the Fishkill site.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

ing in our future," said O'Neil. "This is an amazing new facility," he added.

Dr. Peter Grant Jordan, president of Dutchess Community College, said, Mechatronics is "a testament" to the partnership between DCC and Dutchess County.

"Empire State Development is laser-focused on innovative and smart projects that will grow the economy and provide opportunity for all New Yorkers. The state-of-the-art Mechatronics Lab located at the DCC's new Center of Excellence for Industry & Innovation, is the perfect addition to the community and complements the many new companies that are moving into the Mid-Hudson Region. By strategically

investing in workforce development, especially in advanced manufacturing we are building a bright economic future for generations to come," remarked Hope Knight, Empire State Development President, CEO and Commissioner.

DCC student Robert Bohl, who introduced the first lady, said the lab "isn't just a place - it's a bridge" that helps students like him transition into the workforce.

Town of Fishkill Supervisor Ozzy Albra, who has two children that have attended DCC, said "It's an honor to have the First Lady of the United States here." The supervisor added that he is glad to have DCC in Fishkill.

After her remarks at DCC, Biden left to visit the DAY ONE Early Learning Community in Poughkeepsie. While there Biden, who is a professor at Northern Virginia Community College in Virginia, discussed the importance of early childhood education. She met with co-founders Geraldine Laybourne and Dr. Julie Riess along with Joselyn Lucas, a teacher apprentice, and Kerry Scarlet, who is a graduate, DAY ONE Teacher Apprenticeship Program and owns a Group Family Care Business.

Biden then delivered remarks at the Reformed Church of Poughkeepsie.

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Lafayette monument one stop for French visitors on HV tour

By Kristine Coulter

Twenty visitors from the Binghamton-La Teste Sister Cities International stayed at the Brinckerhoff Inn in Fishkill and visited local historical sites in Dutchess County. Among the sites they visited were The FDR Estate, Van Wyck Homestead and sites in Rhinebeck. La Teste de Buch is in the southwest portion of France.

One of the monuments the visitors saw was right by the Brinckerhoff Inn, which is near the intersection of Route 52 and Route 82, in Fishkill. The group took pictures by the monument which honors Marquis de Lafayette that is in Rombout Rural Cemetery. The Brinckerhoff Inn is where Lafayette stayed to recover after he was injured during the American Revolution.

Lafayette was a hero of the American and French revolutions. He was friends with Thomas Jefferson and George Washington. He was inspired to write the Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen, which is France's Bill of Rights, that was adopted on August 27, 1789.

Janice Miller, who is a resident of Wappingers Falls but used to live in Binghamton, was the organizer for the group.

The group, said Miller, went to Eleven 11 in Fishkill the night before and The Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze in

Westchester County. The group was honored by the mayor of Binghamton before they came to visit the Hudson Valley.

"What could be more American than jack o'lanterns?" asked Miller.

Philippe Niederberger said, "It's the beginning of the United States here."

According to information from Sister Cities International's mission reflects our belief in the power of personal connections. Since its inception in 1956, Sister Cities International has worked to create global relationships based on cultural, educational, information, and trade exchanges. Participants developed lifelong friendships that provide prosperity and peace through person-to-person 'citizen diplomacy.'"

Liliane Lecomte was one of those who was on the trip to the United States. "I have a friend who was a member of the Club Lafayette and she talked to me about this club about the American and French founding," Lecomte explained.

"It's very important to maintain the [relationship between France and America] and it is helpful," said Niederberger.

"Having them in our community to celebrate our rich local history will benefit us all," Arnold Restivo, historian for the Town of Fishkill, told Southern Dutchess News via email.



Approximately 20 visitors from France stayed at the Brinckerhoff Inn in Fishkill. They are part of Binghamton-La Teste Sister Cities International.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

Scary stories at Mount Gulian

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"In 1975, it was moved to Mount Gulian from another property owned by the Verplancks in Hopewell Junction. The interior would have been subdivided into small cubicle areas where animals would be penned, hay dried and tools stored. The rafters were used to dry corn and other plants," she stated.

The barn, said Hayes, "is a testament" to the extraordinary craftsmanship of the 18th century.

"It's all wooden, with hand-hewn beams, 300 years old and still standing! While authentic and sturdy, it's suitably spooking for this event. We've even had friendly bats visit from time to time. A great place for a Halloween thrill," she remarked.

Admission is \$15 for adults; \$8 for children (ages 5 through 15).

For more information, call 845-831-8172 or email info@mountgulian.org. Mount Gulian is at 145 Sterling St. in Beacon. The event is sponsored by Stewart's Shops.

Dance at the Elks Lodge in Beacon on October 14

Get On Down at the next Elks Dance is October 14 at 7 p.m. Enjoy a vibrant mix of R&B, Disco, Latin, Soul, Rock, Hip-Hop, Reggae and more, along with your requests. A variety of delicious complimentary snacks and a full cash bar are available all evening.

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The next Towne Crier Dance will be an All Latin Dance Night on October 26 at 7 p.m. at the Towne Crier Café on Main St. in Beacon.



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Watching Rolison's record on education

To the Editor:

As a retired public-school teacher who taught for over three decades, I know firsthand that education can be the great equalizer in our society. But that's only possible when our school districts receive adequate funding. When we equip our teachers with the resources that they need to inspire the best version of our students, we lay a strong foundation in the classroom that pays dividends for our young people and their future. Unfortunately, our New York State Senator, Rob Rolison, fails to understand the importance of a strong education. That's why he voted against millions of dollars worth of funding for our teachers and students in the NYS budget, which included full funding for Foundation Aid, free school meals, and increased money for SUNY and CUNY. In a blow to our working families and their kids, he also voted against expanding universal pre-K-a program that would keep parents afloat and give children the strong headstart they deserve. I'm disappointed that our new Senator stands with extremist Republicans over the interests of our children and teachers in the Hudson Valley. As we gear up for the 2024 election, I'll be watching his record on education and other key issues that impact our region, and you should be, too. The stakes are too high for our children and families to look the other way.

Barbara Walsh
East Fishkill

Shenandoah Rural Cemetery Association to host business meeting October 21

The annual business meeting of the Shenandoah Rural Cemetery Association will be held on October 21, at 2 p.m. The meeting will be at Bethel Baptist Church Hall, 511 Shenandoah Road, in East Fishkill.

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Officials need to take swift action on housing

To the Editor:

It's no secret that the Hudson Valley is in the middle of an urgent housing crisis that's pricing our community members out of the area. One would hope that our elected officials in Albany, who were sent there to represent us, would take swift action to do everything they could in order to make our region more affordable and keep people in their homes.

I've recently learned that sadly for us, that is not the case when it comes to our newly elected NYS Senator Rob Rolison. He voted against \$391-million dollars for renters to pay landlords back their rent, and a bill that would fight race-based discrimination in housing.

Republicans, like Rolison, choose to spread misinformation that people are fleeing our state because it's too expensive to live here, while actively voting against relief like this.

We need legislators who will put fighting for the needs of the middle-class at the top of their priority list, instead of party politics, and that is not Rob Rolison.

Megan E. Phillips, M.A., M.A.T.
Wappingers Falls

NYS landmarks illuminated blue and white in solidarity with Israel

Governor Kathy Hochul directed landmarks statewide to be illuminated blue and white in solidarity with the State of Israel in the wake of the terrorist attacks from Hamas on October 7.

"New York stands with Israel - today and every day," Hochul said. "New York is proud to be home to the largest Jewish population outside Israel, and as Governor I am committed to doing everything in my power to ensure this community is supported, uplifted and protected."

Landmarks that were illuminated included:

- One World Trade Center
- Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge
- The H. Carl McCall SUNY Building
- Empire State Plaza

• State Fairgrounds - Main Gate & Expo Center

- Alfred E. Smith State Office Building
- Niagara Falls
- Moynihan Train Hall
- The Walkway Over the Hudson State Park and Friends of the Walkway Over the Hudson

• Kosciuszko Bridge

• Albany International Airport Gateway

Hochul directed the New York State Police to coordinate with local law enforcement to ensure houses of worship and other at-risk sites remain protected. While there are no confirmed threats at this time, State officials are monitoring the situation alongside federal partners at the FBI and Department of Homeland Security.

Rolison names Ranieri as Policy Analyst and Community Outreach Liaison

State Senator Rob Rolison (39th District) announced recently that he has hired Ashley Ranieri to serve as a Policy Analyst and Community Outreach Liaison in a part-time role. Ranieri, a Fishkill resident and veteran of the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department with 13 years of experience in related criminal justice, will work out of the District Office in the Town of Poughkeepsie.

"Ashley currently serves as a grant coordinator and public information specialist for the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department, a position she has held since 2015," said Rolison. "Her depth of expertise, work ethic, and large network of local and state contacts will provide a focal point and hub for first responders in our district."

Ranieri said, "Many police and fire

departments lack a grant coordinator, grant writer or equivalent staffer and this appointment will provide an unmet service across a wide swath of the Hudson Valley. I'm looking forward to my new position in Senator Rolison's office and I appreciate the chance to connect first responders to the state funding they need to help them protect and serve effectively."

Ranieri joins a District Office staff of five employees while remaining in her role with the Poughkeepsie Police Department. Constituents seeking assistance for grants coordination should email ranieri@nysenate.gov. Staff members provide casework and constituent outreach in a number of public policy areas, including senior resources, education, utilities, unemployment insurance, veterans' affairs, and more.

Rhinebeck Bank supports Dutchess Outreach's Susan DeKeukelaere Memorial Coat Drive

Rhinebeck Bank invites customers, friends and neighbors in Dutchess County to donate winter coats in support of Dutchess Outreach's 2023 Susan DeKeukelaere Memorial Coat Drive. All Rhinebeck Bank branches in Dutchess County will collect coats through October 31.

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opportunity, especially with winter coming around the corner, to put smiles on faces of those in need throughout Dutchess County." Rider is a former board member and longtime volunteer with Dutchess Outreach.

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Drew Thorpe recognized at MLB awards show

By Rich Thomaselli

The season might have ended a couple of games short of the South Atlantic League championship, but the accolades keep rolling in for the Hudson Valley Renegades.

Former Renegades pitcher Drew Thorpe was named Minor League Pitching Prospect of the Year by Major League Baseball during MLB's inaugural Minor League Baseball Awards Show.

That's pretty good for a debut summer. In his first professional season, Thorpe was sensational across 23 starts between the Renegades and Double-A Somerset Patriots. He led all Minor League pitchers in strikeouts (182), and was second in WHIP (0.98), tied for second in wins (14), fourth in ERA (2.52), and sixth in opponent's batting average (.200). He led the South Atlantic League in ERA, wins, opponent's batting average, WHIP, and winning percentage (.833).

Thorpe was previously named South Atlantic League Pitching Prospect of

the Year.

In 18 starts with the Renegades, Thorpe set new single-season franchise records for wins (10), and strikeouts (138). He set the Renegades single-game strikeout record when he punched out 13 Brooklyn Cyclones batters on July 22. In addition to leading the SAL in wins and ERA (2.81), Thorpe finished second in strikeouts, falling one strikeout shy of winning the SAL Pitching Triple Crown.

The right-hander was named SAL Pitcher of the Month for June after posting a 0.31 ERA (1 ER/28.2 IP) with 34 strikeouts and just six walks. At one point, Thorpe had a 28.1-inning scoreless streak from May 28-June 25, the longest streak by a South Atlantic League pitcher in 2023.

Thorpe, 22, was drafted in the second round of the 2022 First-Year Player Draft by the Yankees out of Cal Poly. After being promoted to the Somerset Patriots on Aug. 8, he went on to be named Eastern League Pitcher of the Month for August.



Former Hudson Valley Renegades pitcher Drew Thorpe was recognized at MLB awards show recently.

-Archive photo

Renegades get new GM

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organization to new heights. I will always be a Renegade at heart, and I am blessed to have had the opportunity to be part of a transformative period of Renegades history. Go 'Gades!"

"Tyson has made a tremendous impact on the success of the Renegades and the Hudson Valley community, and we're thrilled to offer him the opportunity to create something equally as spe-

cial in Spartanburg," said Pat Battle and Peter Freund, DBH Executive Chairman and CEO, respectively. "We recognize in Zach an exceptional talent and are confident he will build on the Renegades' incredible legacy as they enter into the franchise's 30th anniversary next year."

Betkowski steps into the General Manager role after serving as the team's Assistant General Manager

since September 2022. He joined the Renegades in March 2021 as the team's Director of Corporate Partnerships after four seasons with the Lehigh Valley IronPigs, the Triple-A affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies.

"It's a great day to be a Renegade," said Betkowski. "Since I've arrived in the Hudson Valley, my family and I have fallen in love with this area, and I'm thrilled that I can continue to

answer the call as a community leader in my role as General Manager. We have a tremendous staff here with the Renegades that I am proud to roll up my sleeves with every day. We look forward to the Renegades continuing to be the premier destination for affordable, family fun in the Hudson Valley, while also leading the charge as community pioneers that are dedicated to serving others."

HV Depression Glass Club sets special event, sale on Oct. 14



The Hudson Valley Depression Glass Club is hosting its 51st Semi-Annual Fall Show and Sale of Glass, Pottery, China, and Vintage Accessories on October 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

-Courtesy photo

This year the Hudson Valley Depression Glass Club will have something special. The resident Linens Expert/Member Debbie Siller will be hosting a Meet & Greet in the upper meeting room of the Veterans Memorial Building at 413 Main Street, Beacon on Saturday, Oct. 14 at 9 a.m. (Refreshments will be served), and Napkin Folding demonstrations at 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m.

The club is also hosting its 51st Semi-Annual Fall Show and Sale of Glass, Pottery, China, and Vintage Accessories on October

14 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person (children under 10 are free) and includes a raffle entry for a \$10 gift certificate good toward a purchase from any of the vendors or for a 1-year membership in the club. Refreshments will be available. For show information, please contact Debbie Siller at 845-702-4770. The club meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. (except July and August) and guests are encouraged to come by and see what we are all about.

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Innovative technology resources earn Dutchess County national recognition

Dutchess County Government has again been nationally recognized for its use of technology to improve how government connects with residents. The County's Office of Central and Information Services (OCIS) has received a 2023 Government Experience Award from the Center for Digital Government (CDG)—ranking fifth place nationwide among county governments for its overall technology experience.

County Executive William F.X. O'Neil said, "This year's awards from the Center for Digital Government highlight the dedication of the team at OCIS and our commitment to ensuring Dutchess County's technology resources are efficient and user-centric, both for employees and residents. Congratulations to the OCIS team on this most recent accolade."

The Government Experience Awards, now in its seventh year, highlight government agencies that are improving the experience of government services. Dutchess County was among only five other counties across the nation to receive an Overall County Government Experience Award for its commitment to providing technology resources that are secure, accessible and citizen-centric.

The County's resources that were recognized included:

- The County's Path to Promise (P2P) website, Pathtopromise.net, which provides accessible, comprehensive information on more than 700 community services and resources, including tutoring and mentoring opportunities, to give families, support agencies, and caregivers the tools they need to ensure every child, from birth to age 19, reach-

es their fullest potential as they mature into young adults;

- Implementation of the national 9-8-8 suicide and crisis hotline, which has been combined with the County's existing HELPLINE for individuals experiencing mental health crisis, and co-locating the call takers within the 9-1-1 Call Center.

- Dutchess County's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Planimetrics with more than 300,000 data points, including address points, parking lots, roads, road edges, and structure outlines for the online ParcelAccess and other GIS applications. These data points are used by agencies such as police, fire and EMS for emergency response planning as well as Real Estate agents, engineers, and local Assessors for permitting, planning, and infrastructure development, among others.

Glenn Marchi, PhD, OCIS Commissioner, said, "Our mission is to ensure Dutchess County residents have safe, secure access to the information they need. The team at OCIS remains at the forefront of developing user-friendly, innovative technology resources, building on our legacy of citizen-centric digital experiences."

"With citizen and employee expectations continually evolving, government agencies are leveraging new technologies and processes to drive innovation through their digital experiences," said Dustin Haisler, Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer for CDG. "The leading government experiences have retained a human-centric approach to service delivery, incorporating digital equity, accessibility and inclusion into all of their experiences."

Bill for tougher penalties if first responders exposed to fentanyl



State Senator Rob Rolison (39th District) and Senate Republican Leader Rob Ort (62nd District) discuss legislation to make exposing first responders to fentanyl a felony outside the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department on October 4.

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State Senator Rob Rolison (39th District) and Senate Republican Leader Rob Ort (62nd District) on October 4 discussed the former's recent legislation to make exposing first responders to fentanyl a crime of aggravated reckless endangerment, a class C felony eligible for up to 15 years in prison. The bill comes on the heels of a harrowing incident last month when a City of Poughkeepsie police officer was sickened while performing an automobile search on a suspect carrying fentanyl. The officer was rushed to the hospital after losing consciousness. He was later released.

"Our first responders are the last line of defense in a new war on fentanyl and those peddling the poison," said State Sen. Rolison. "I was proud to introduce this legislation to protect the people -- police officers, firefighters, EMS personnel, correction officers -- who keep us safe. This bill will get tough on criminals who possess illicit narcotics and knowingly expose first responders to a substance that is 100 times stronger than morphine. I am committed to working with members of both parties to get this bill passed next session."

Rolison's legislation, the Fentanyl Occupational Exposure Reduction (FOER) Act (S.7675), would charge suspects with aggravated reckless endangerment who exposed first responders to fentanyl during a rescue, search or arrest. According to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is up to 50

times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine. In New York City alone, fentanyl is now a factor in 80% of overdose deaths. Rolison served as a police officer for 26 years and retired as a detective. The Dutchess County Sheriff's Employee Association endorsed the FOER Act on September 25.

"With a drug as powerfully toxic as fentanyl hitting our streets, police officers find themselves in a profoundly different threat environment. Day after day, our men and women walk the beat to protect our citizens and keep communities safe. They should not have to worry about occupational overdoses which will sicken and potentially kill them. I am grateful to Senator Rolison for taking the lead on this vital piece of legislation after listening to our concerns," said City of Poughkeepsie Chief of Police Thomas Pape.

Representatives from regional organizations that attended the press conference included the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department, City of Poughkeepsie Mayor Marc Nelson, Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department, Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, Dutchess County District Attorney's Office, New York State Correctional Officers and Police Benevolent Association (NYSCOPA), Dutchess County Drug Task Force, Dutchess County Sheriff's Employee Association, Orange County Sheriff's Office, Putnam County Sheriff's Office, Arlington Fire Department, and City of Poughkeepsie Fire Department.

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Suguru solution

Local Your CBD Stores join Sunmed to raise funds for breast cancer foundation

Florida-based Sunmed/Your CBD Store®, the CBD industry’s leading brick-and-mortar wellness franchise, is thrilled to announce its recent partnership with National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF). This collaboration reaffirms Sunmed’s commitment to empowering health and wellness in the communities it serves.

Breast cancer is a cause that affects millions of lives nationwide. According to the American Cancer Society, when breast cancer is detected early and remains in the localized stage, the 5-year relative survival rate is 99 percent. Early detection efforts include breast cancer education, monthly breast self-exams, scheduling regular clinical breast exams, and mammograms.

Local Your CBD stores are located in Wappingers Falls at 1582 Route 9, 845-

297-0302 and in White Plains at 365 Mamaroneck Ave. 914-358-9748

Sunmed recognizes the importance of early detection for saving lives and aims to raise awareness for those affected by breast cancer to manage their symptoms and side effects. Through the partnership, 3 percent of Sunmed’s online product sales from October 1, 2023, to October 31, will be donated directly to NBCF for early detection, education, and support services.

In-store Sunmed/Your CBD Store customers will have the unique opportunity to take home specially designated Sunmed products adorned with pink stickers, resulting in a \$1 donation to NBCF. Sunmed/Your CBD Store franchisees across the nation will play a vital role in driving the success of this partnership by conducting local breast cancer awareness events, showcasing the power of commu-

nity for meaningful change.

“We are incredibly proud to stand alongside the National Breast Cancer Foundation in the fight against breast cancer,” said Marcus Quinn, CEO of Sunmed. “This partnership represents a milestone for not only Sunmed but the entire CBD industry. By combining our community resources, expertise, and passion, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those affected by breast cancer.”

“Sunmed has always been dedicated to giving back to our communities and enriching the lives of our customers. Through our partnership with the National Breast Cancer Foundation, we can channel our commitment towards a cause that impacts millions of lives,” added Quinn.

As Sunmed/Your CBD Store embarks on this journey with NBCF, the company envisions a future where meaningful part-

nerships foster positive change on a global scale. By addressing pressing issues like breast cancer, Sunmed aims to exemplify how companies can harness their influence to improve society’s health and well-being with philanthropic efforts and community initiatives.

Sunmed/Your CBD Store is the largest brick-and-mortar hemp retailer in the United States and the exclusive home of award-winning, hemp-derived Sunmed products. With over 400 store locations across 41 states, the brand provides customers with in-person product guidance, education, and the highest quality CBD experience nationwide.

Individuals are encouraged to stop in their local Sunmed | Your CBD Store location or visit [getsunmed.com](https://www.getsunmed.com) to explore the benefits of Sunmed’s premium wellness products.

‘Identity’ to open October 14 at Super Secret Projects in Beacon



How do you distinguish yourself? What traits do you learn to identify with your core being? How are these traits expressed, and how are they perceived? How do they change? Super Secret Projects encourages you to consider these questions and more with "Identity," its October member group exhibition. Super Secret Projects presents this group exhibition on the occasion of the collective's one-year anniversary. The opening is set for October 14, from 6-9 p.m. at 484 Main St. in Beacon. The exhibit is on view from October 14 – November 4, Monday-Sunday, from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

For more information, visit supersecretprojects.com. Pictured is "Leather Abby" by Elin Lundman.

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Four ways estate planning helps protect your family

By John Genn
Senior Trust Officer
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With summer behind us and fall just getting started, many folks are in short-term future planning mode: what are our back-to-school or holiday plans? What milestones are being marked? What cold weather festivities are on the docket? For most, long-term intentions like estate planning do not come to mind, but if you don't have your affairs in order, the fall and winter seasons can make for a great opportunity to get started.

Even if you aren't personally planning for what comes next, you may have loved ones who should consider these steps. While it's not pleasant to think about, you may be the person who is responsible for sorting out the affairs of a loved one or close friend. There will also come a time when you need to think about yourself and your own family. Taking steps to plan for you and your family's future and protecting your assets is not a move you want to hesitate to make.

Simply put, estate planning is writing down what you want to happen to your finances, personal items, and other assets after you pass away. This is commonly accomplished using a Will, trusts,

advance directives, or beneficiary designations on specific accounts. If you don't have an estate plan in place, you force your loved ones to guess what you wanted to happen with your hard-earned savings and most beloved and treasured items, which can potentially add so much additional stress to your loved ones during an already emotional time. By creating an estate plan, you generously give your family the necessary steps to take to make sure you are honored properly.

Still hesitant? Here are four ways estate planning can protect you and your family:

1. Protect your assets and your wishes: Without an estate plan, your money, property, and other belongings may not go to the people, person, or organization(s) of your choice. Additionally, some people who receive their inheritance in one lump sum could be at risk of spending it recklessly. By creating an estate plan, you can identify specific inheritance amounts or items for certain beneficiaries or family members, like children or grandchildren.

If you have not established a Will before you pass away, a process called dying intestate begins, according to New York State law. The State has a pre-determined succession line for those who

receive money and property left behind. In most cases, if the State can't find any immediate family members, your personal estate and belongings will go to the State where you passed away and additionally, the court will appoint an Administrator to handle your estate who might not be a family member, or anyone who even knew you.

2. Protect your dependents: If not for the sake of your assets, having an estate plan is imperative if you have dependents. While no one wants to think about leaving their young children early, planning for childcare if both parents pass on will protect your children after your passing. It's most important to name someone you trust as their legal guardian in case you are no longer around. Although it can be uncomfortable having a conversation about who this will be, such as your parents, in-laws, sibling, or a trusted friend, setting up an estate plan can prevent arguing among family members, and potential custody battles, and protect the well-being of your children.

3. Protect your personal life: If a person passes away without a Will, in order for a family member to claim their belongings, a probate process must begin. Probate is the formal legal process that gives recognition to a will and appoints the executor or personal representative who will administer the estate and distribute assets to the intended beneficiaries. The probate process in most states takes a minimum of seven months to allow family members to put through claims for your belongings. In addition, claim hearings are public processes, which means your personal business can potentially be aired to everyone and anyone. This process can also be expensive, and high legal costs will reduce the final amount your loved ones inherit, not to



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mention give them unnecessary additional stress and worry. It is possible to avoid the probate process and ensure a smooth transition of your assets to your loved ones by planning your estate ahead of time.

4. Protect against taxes: Different states have different estate or inheritance tax thresholds, but the best way to plan for these taxes, and possibly reduce them, is to have an estate plan in place. If your heir inherits a traditional IRA, they will need to pay income tax on the money they inherit and withdraw. If a spouse, dependent, or other heir inherits a Roth IRA that was funded for five years or more prior to your death, withdrawals or distributions can be taken tax-free. Most states will also charge what is nicknamed the "death tax", a.k.a. an estate tax. Advanced planning can help you plan and manage these different taxes and thus benefit your heirs as best you can.

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Obituaries

Eugene A. Newman



BEACON - Eugene A. Newman, a long-time resident of Beacon, entered into rest on September 30, 2023 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center, Poughkeepsie. He was 74 years old.

Eugene was born on August 22, 1949 in Manhattan, the son of the late Edmund Newman and June Cooke Newman Baird. Eugene was drafted into the US Army in 1969 and proudly served until his honorable discharge in 1971. He served in the Army 1st Air Cavalry in Vietnam. Eugene was very proud of his military service and was honored to take part in an Honor Flight in 2019 to Washington, D.C. He enjoyed attending many veterans' events in both Dutchess and Ulster Counties with other veterans and friends.

Eugene's life revolved around his beloved 1964 Pontiac GTO. His home is filled with trophies and awards from the many car shows he attended. He always looked forward to the next car show or cruise. Over many years, Eugene made numerous friends in the classic car circuit.

Eugene retired from Metro-North Railroad where he was a Boom Truck Operator.

Eugene is survived by his devoted significant other, JoAnne Carpino; his loving sister, Mary King and her husband, Dwight; his brother, Thomas Newman and his wife, Deborah; his brother, Glenn Baird and his wife, Kay; his nieces and nephews, Anne Stanton and husband, Cal, Jessica Hodge and husband, Mike, Thomas Newman and wife, Nicole, Allie Newman, Andrew Baird, Emily Baird, Nicholas Baird and other nieces and nephews; his many friends.

In addition to his parents, Eugene was predeceased by his brothers, Michael and Billy Newman.

Family and friends gathered on Friday, October 6 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A funeral service was held at the funeral home led by Chief Warrant Officer 4 Robert E. Jordan, US Navy Retired. Burial with military honors followed at St. Joachim Cemetery, Beacon.

Memorial donations in memory of Eugene may be made to Disabled Vietnam Veterans. To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

John Richard 'Dick' Masterson



FISHKILL - John Richard "Dick" Masterson, the owner of Nature's Pantry in Fishkill and New Windsor, passed away on Monday, October 2nd at the age of 76.

Born to John Steven and Eileen Bennett Masterson on April 26th, 1947, Dick was a lifelong resident of Wappingers Falls. He attended Our Lady of Lourdes High School, and graduated from Manhattan College. His intention was to become a teacher like his mother, before following in his father's footsteps as a grocer instead. Dick worked for Shop-Rite for 20 years before betting on himself with Nature's Pantry in 1989. From that first tiny storefront in Wappingers Falls, his business grew to a two-store chain that has been servicing the Hudson Valley for almost 35 years.

When not at his stores, Dick could most often be found at his beloved home with a good book, working in his garden, or strolling the grounds of Carnwath Farms with a camera around his neck. Ever proud of his Irish heritage, you could also catch his happy face each Spring, marching with Nature's Pantry as a sponsor of the Wappingers Falls St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Known as "Pop" to his family, he's remembered for his boisterous laugh, his tireless work ethic, and his unlimited affection for all things Christmas. Dick is survived by his wife of 46 years, Susan; his sisters, Kathleen, Maureen, Jackie, and his brother-in-law Pete Wilby; his children, Vincent (Deb), Danielle (Rick), Chris (Erika), and Damian (Arianna); his grandchildren, Brianna (Austin), Trishia, Kaiden, Mila, Finnegan, Beckett, and Rafferty; and his great-grandchild Aubree. He was predeceased by his brother Tommy, his sister Margaret, and his grandchildren, Scout and Quinlan.

Dick's family will receive his friends at Straub, Catalano, & Halvey Funeral Home in Wappingers Falls on Thursday, October 12th from 4-6pm, with a service to follow at 6pm by Father Alex.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to Sparrow's Nest in Wappingers Falls.

For directions or to send a personal condolence, please visit www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.

ArchCare supports the Dutchess-Ulster Walk to End Alzheimer's

The Center for Advanced Memory Care at ArchCare at Ferncliff Nursing Home has joined the Alzheimer's Association as the presenting sponsor for its Dutchess-Ulster County Walk to End Alzheimer's® on Saturday, Oct. 14.

The Walk to End Alzheimer's starts at 9 a.m. on Oct. 14 at Walkway Over the Hudson in Highland. Participants come together to share their connection to Alzheimer's and show solidarity in the fight against the disease.

ArchCare, the Continuing Care Community of the Archdiocese of New York, is a longtime partner of the Hudson Valley chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Its Walk sponsorship reflects the commitment both organizations share to supporting families affected by Alzheimer's in New York. A recent study released at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference earlier this year found that New York has the second highest rate of Alzheimer's of any state in the nation.

Michael Deyo, Executive Director of ArchCare at Ferncliff Nursing Home, says, "We walk to support our memory

care center residents and their families who bravely face difficult challenges every day. With over 410,000 people living with Alzheimer's disease in New York State, it's more important than ever to partner with wonderful organizations like the Alzheimer's Association. They provide needed resources to our residents and their families, and we are proud to support their work in finding treatments and helping our residents have a better quality of life."

Today, we are at a turning point in the fight against Alzheimer's. For the first time, there are two FDA-approved treatments to address the causes of Alzheimer's, not just its symptoms. At this moment, it is imperative to ensure we build on this momentum and ensure everyone has access to early diagnosis, treatment options, and high-quality care.

ArchCare President & CEO Scott LaRue says, "Every step we take in the Alzheimer's Walk brings us closer to a world where memories are cherished, minds are unclouded, and hope shines bright. Together we can stride towards a future free from the grip of this devastat-

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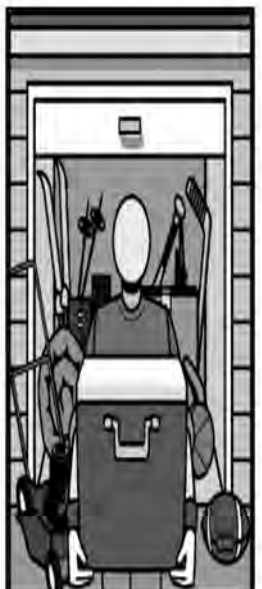


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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE Index No. 2023-50584 Date Filed: 9/11/2023 Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff, -against- Lawrence J. Solomon, if be he living or if he be dead, his spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff; Anne Amato-Solomon, State of New York, and "JOHN DOE", said name being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, and any parties, corporations or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest or lien upon the mortgaged premises, Defendants. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 19 Kingwood Park, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In chase of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Maria G. Rosa, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Dutchess County, entered August 31, 2023 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT OF the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$276,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office on March 12, 2008, in Document Number 01

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2008 2616 covering premises known as 19 Kingwood Park, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 a/k/a District 134689, Section 6160, Block 03, Lot 055226. 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. Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated. 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 YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS 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: July 19, 2023 Frank M. Cassara, Esq. Senior Associate Attorney LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 Telephone: (585) 247-9000 Fax: (585) 247-7380 Our File No. 22-092074 #100784

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING the joint INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES OF REVERE PARK WATER DISTRICT, FISHKILL PLAINS WATER DISTRICT AND HOPEWELL WEST WATER DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF INTERCONNECTION AND RELATED FACILITIES NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York has called a public hearing to be held on October 26, 2023, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. at the Town Hall, in Hopewell Junction, New York in connection with a proposed joint increase and improvement of Revere Park Water District, Fishkill Plains Water District and Hopewell West Water District relating to construction of a proposed construction of interconnection and related facilities, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvement and expenses in connection thereto pursuant to Section 202-b of the Town Law, at a maximum estimated cost to said Water Districts of not to exceed \$5,145,635, at which time and place the Town Board will hear all persons interested in the subject thereof concerning same. Such cost shall be apportioned between said Water Districts and the amounts so appropriated shall be levied and collected in each Water District from the several lots and parcels of land by said Town Board in the manner provided by law. WHEREAS, the apportionment of said \$5,145,635 shall be as follows:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill will conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 6:00pm or as soon thereafter as possible, at Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY. to Conduct a Budget Hearing on the Tentative 2024 Budget. The matter to be heard to consider comments on the 2024 Tentative Budget Any person wishing to be heard by the Town Board on this matter should be present at the above date and time. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD PETER J. CASSIDY, TOWN CLERK Dated: October 11, 2023 Town of East Fishkill, New York

City of Beacon One Municipal Plaza - Suite One Beacon, New York 12508 Phone (845) 838-5002 October 2, 2023 SUBJECT: Variance Application Applicant: Dana Hochberg Address: 60 Verplanck Avenue Tax Grid No.: 30-5955-84-880039-00

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Hopewell Junction, NY, to Consider Final Senior Citizen and Volunteer Firemen Tax Exemptions. Any person wishing to be heard by the Town Board on this matter should be present at the above date and time. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD PETER J. CASSIDY, TOWN CLERK Dated: October 11, 2023 Town of East Fishkill, New York

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Zoning Classification: R1-7.5 Dear Neighboring Property Owner: Dana Hochberg, 60 Verplanck Avenue, has applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals for relief from Section 223-17.D to remedy an error in the foundation layout, which requires relief from the following: 1) Section 223-17.D to allow for a 9.6 ft side yard setback (10 ft required) The full application is available online at: <https://www.beaconny.gov/index.php/agendas-minutes/> The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing for this application at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 7:00 PM, in the Municipal Center courtroom, One Municipal Plaza, Beacon, New York. You are invited to be present to voice your support or objection to this appeal. Comments can also be provided via email no later than 4:00 PM on October 17, 2023, to Mercedes Perez, Planning and Zoning Board Secretary, at mperez@beaconny.gov Mercedes Perez Planning and Zoning Board Secretary

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD PETER J. CASSIDY, TOWN CLERK

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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY 2024 BUDGET MEETING DATES The Pleasant Valley Town Board will hold their 2024 Budget meetings at Town Hall 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, NY on the following dates: -Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6:00PM -Monday, October 23, 2023 at 6:00PM SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING -Monday, October 30, 2023 at 6:00PM Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk Town of Pleasant Valley NOTICE is hereby given that the Fishkill Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on October 18, 2023 at 7:00PM; or as soon thereafter as possible, at Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY. The matter to be heard to consider comments on the 2024 Preliminary Budget. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at that time and place aforesaid. By: Rebecca Tompkins

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EXTENDING LOCAL ORDERS 1, 2 & 3 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 5/2023 EXTENSION TO DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDERS DECLARED BY D U T C H E S S COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Pleasetakenotice that on October 5, 2023 at 12:00 am., 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.

Please take notice pursuant to Town Law Sect. 105, the Hillside Fire District will hold a public hearing to discuss the contents of its proposed budget for 2024. The public hearing will be held at the Hillside Fire Department located at 11 Fox Hollow Road, Rhinebeck, NY at 7:00 pm on October 17th, 2023. A copy of the proposed budget is available at the offices of the Town Clerk of Rhinebeck and Hyde Park where it may be inspected by any interested person during office hours.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, that on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter is reached on the agenda, the Planning Board of the Village of Fishkill will hold a public hearing on the amended Site plan application of 1012-1018 Main Street.

A copy of the application is on file at the Village Hall and available for inspection during business hours. At the public hearing all interested parties will be heard. Hans Klingzahn Chairman, Planning Board Village of Fishkill Dated: October 4, 2023

NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCB-18-23
NAME OF PROJECT: On-Call Commercial/Industrial Fencing and Automatic & Non-Automatic Gate Contractor for Construction, Renovation, Rental and Repair. The County of Dutchess official bid

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documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities." For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public Works at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. All Addenda will be posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids due on or before Friday, November 3, 2023 and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids for the above project will be received by: Diane McKenna, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. The bid opening for this solicitation will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below, in-person attendance at a bid opening will not be allowed. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 696 206 686#. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic copy and shall be en-

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closed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Questions will be accepted by the close of business October 27, 2023 and emailed to Diane McKenna at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2023011924. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE, that the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, 249 Duncan Road, LaGrangeville, New York 12540 (in the Town of Union Vale) on October 18th, 2023 at 7:00 o'clock, p.m., on or as soon thereafter so public comment can be heard on the 2024 Budget. Proposed Salaries of Elected Officials: Town Supervisor (includes Budget Officer Salary of \$3,126) \$23,788 Councilmen (4) (\$6,111 each) \$24,444 Town Clerk (includes Registrar of Vital Statistics salary of \$1479) \$48,446 Town Justices (2) (\$10,915 each) \$21,830 Highway Superintendent \$70,000 Tax Collector \$8,640 **TAKE FURTHER NOTICE,** that the Public Hearing will be from 7:00 o'clock, p.m., after which time the regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting will take place.

DATED: Union Vale, New York October 5th, 2023.

ANDREA CASEY, TOWN CLERK - UNION VALE

New HACKENSACK FIRE DISTRICT
217 Myers Corners Road
Wappinger Falls, NY 12590

Please take notice that the New Hackensack Fire District, located at 217 Myers Corners Road, Wappinger Falls, NY 12590, will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed Fire District Budget for fiscal year 2024. This public hearing will take place on Monday October 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM, at the New Hackensack Fire District Headquarters, 217 Myers Corners Road Wappinger Fall, NY 12590. The proposed budget may be reviewed after

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October 11, 2023 at the office of the Fire District Secretary, located at 217 Myers Corners Road Wappinger Falls, NY 12590 between the hours of 9:00 AM to 5 PM Monday thru Friday, and at the Wappinger Town Clerks Office, located at 20 Middlebush Road Wappinger Falls, NY 12590, during regular business hours Monday thru Friday. October 11, 2023 Frank P. Borquist Sec/Treas.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCH-2023-23 NAME OF PROJECT: Replacement of Bridge D-66 (Bin 3343070) on County Road 6 (Old Post Road) Over Swamp River, Town of Dover, Dutchess County, NY. Project Description: County Road 6 over Swamp River Bridge Replacement. The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess. Selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities." For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public Works at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. All Addenda will be posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids due on or before Wednesday, November 1, 2023, and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids for the above project will be received by: Christopher Ster-

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benz, Contract Specialist Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. The bid opening for this solicitation will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below, in-person attendance at a bid opening will not be allowed. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 795 302 034#. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Questions will be accepted by the close of business October 25, 2023 and emailed to Christopher Sterbenz at DPWcontracts@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. The anticipated start of construction is April 15, 2024; the anticipated substantial completion date is September 27, 2024 with the anticipated completion date, including all punch list work is October 18, 2024, respectively. Failure to meet these dates will result in liquidated damages. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2023011779. View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS RECEIPT OF BIDS: Separate sealed bids on enclosed forms as prepared by the Engineer to the Village of Wappingers Falls will be received at the offices of the Village of Wappingers Falls, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, New York until 11:00 A.M. (Local Time) on October 25, 2023 for: **Bain Park Play Equipment Area, CDBG Project** Village of Wappingers Falls Dutchess County, New York. For the construction of Bain Park improvements at the corner of Clapp Avenue and Lower Henry Street including: fill and grading, playground equipment installation, construct asphalt parking area and walking paths, install fencing and gates, and landscape restoration (grass). Bids received after 11:00 A.M., October 25, 2023 will not be accepted or considered. Sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 11:15 A.M. (local time) on October 25, 2023 at the office of the Village of Wappingers Falls, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, New York. The Bid Documents will be available on October 9, 2023 and may be obtained at the on-line repository established by the Village of Wappingers Falls on the Village website (www.wappingersfallsny.gov) and/or BidNet. Prospective bidders are solely responsible for obtaining and reviewing all Bid Documents in preparation of their bid. Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check or Bid Bond in the amount of five (5%) percent of the base Bid in the form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. The Bid Deposit shall be made in Certified Check from the Bidder or in a Bid Bond on the form of said Bid Bond attached to the Specifications or similar and be drawn payable to the Village of Wappingers Falls. No Bidder may withdraw a Bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. To all prospective Bidders, there will be a strongly recommended pre-bid meeting on October 13, 2023. The pre-bid meeting will take place at 9:00 A.M. at the corner of Clapp Avenue and Lower Henry Street, Wappingers Falls, NY. It is recommended that all bidders familiarize themselves with the

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plans prior to the pre-bid meeting so that questions and concerns can be addressed. Bidders are to promptly notify the Engineer of any errors, omissions, conflicts and/or ambiguity in the contract documents. No oral interpretations of the meaning of the Plans, Specifications, or other Pre-Bid Documents will be made to any prospective bidder. All requests for interpretations are to be in writing, addressed to Tom Morris, Planning Board Chair, Village of Wappingers Falls, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, New York. To be given consideration, requests for interpretation must be received at least seven (7) days prior to the date fixed for the opening of Bids. Any and all such interpretations and any supplemental instructions will be in the form of written Addenda to the Specifications which, if issued, will be provided to the prospective Bidders, not later than three (3) days prior to the date fixed for the opening of Bids. Addenda will be issued by email to the bid document holders. All addenda so issued shall become part of the Contract Documents. The first addenda will include bid document holders list and pre-bid meeting attendee list. **OWNERS RIGHTS RESERVED:** The Village of Wappingers Falls, hereinafter called the Owner, reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and to waive any formality or technicality in any Bid in the best interests of the Owner and in accordance with the Law. **STATEMENT OF NON-COLLUSION:** Bidders on this Contract are required to execute the Non-Collusion Bidding Certificate, in the form attached to the Specifications, pursuant to Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York. Bidders are also required to comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Law as set forth in Article 15 of the Executive Law of the State of New York. The work required by this Contract shall consist of furnishing all labor, equipment, materials, supervision, and performing all work necessary to complete the project as herein described. The major components of said work are approximately:
1. Filling and grading for the proposed play-

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Diversions

SUDOKU

Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills. The object of the game is to fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers.

Each row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.

Each column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.

Each 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.

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

Suguru

		4		2	
		5		3	1
		4			

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

- Hillside
- Male animal
- Dagger
- Unconscious conditions
- Food made with corn
- Musical passage
- Halt, at sea
- Within: pref.
- Singing brothers
- Snail's feature
- Change Peking to Beijing, e.g.
- Common Latin abbr.
- Chairpersons' lists
- Warden
- Questioning word
- Of thee and me
- British fencer's weapon
- Church feature
- Clumsy boats
- ___ water; do the dog paddle
- Miffed
- Like a twang
- Llamas' home
- Ingested
- Crazy people
- ___ down; arranged a spot for oneself to sleep
- Smooth dessert
- Free from sin
- Relax
- Ticket that no one wants
- Home for two
- Town on the Thames
- California athlete
- Uncivil
- Seldom found
- Bunker and others
- Beholds
- Basks
- Weather condition

DOWN

- Opposite of "Welcome!"
- Strong emotion
- Country whose capital is Muscat
- Lavender or sky blue
- Landed properties
- Short period of time
- Sound
- Industrious insect
- Burns, for one
- Machines at supermarket checkout lines
- Tent dweller
- Swelling
- Lets up
- Gold measure
- Architect Saarinen
- Leading
- ___ Rivers
- Particular atmosphere
- Sticks in one's craw
- Christopher and family
- ___ X
- Urge on
- Mr. Johnson
- Have to have
- Soup accompaniments
- First appearance
- Banking transaction
- Angels
- Tall ___; difficult assignments
- Particular
- Signalers
- Inappropriate
- One who spends kronor
- Long
- Yellow food
- Lazy
- Heraldic bearing
- Cardinal's home
- Greek letter

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
14						15					16			
17						18					19			
20						21			22	23				
			24					25						
26	27	28					29							
30				31		32				33		34	35	36
37			38		39				40		41			
42				43		44				45		46		
			47		48				49		50			
51	52	53						54						
55							56					57	58	59
60						61	62				63			
64						65					66			
67						68					69			

The solutions to the Sudoku, Crossword puzzle and Suguru can be found on page 6.

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- ground area at Bain Park.
- Site work preparation.
- Install rubber surface in playground equipment area.
- Install playground equipment.
- Install protective mow strip / concrete curbing around the playground equipment area.
- Construct asphalt parking area and

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walking paths.
7. Install fencing and gates.
8. Landscape restoration for proposed grass areas.
Work to be performed under this contract will be on Village-owned property. The Contractor is to assure themselves that all work is being performed on Village property, including but not limited to: vehicle access, storage of equipment, materials, debris and waste, landscaping, vegeta-

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tion removal and management, grading, topsoiling/seedling/mulching, and the installation of any fences, walls, or protective barriers.
The Village of Wappingers Falls is exempt under the Tax Law of New York State, Article 28 - Part III, and is exempt from payment of Sales and Compensating Use Taxes of the State of New York on all materials which are incorporated into work pursuant to the provisions

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of the Contract. These taxes are not to be included in the Bid under New York State Tax Law, Article 28, Part III. This project is subject to Federal Prevailing Wage Rates, in addition to the New York State Prevailing Wage Rates. It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to familiarize themselves with any deviations between the Federal and New York State Wage Rates. The higher of the two wage rates will apply.

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This notice is issued in the name of the Owner, the Village of Wappingers Falls, Wappingers Falls,

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New York.
Dated: October 6, 2023 John Karge, Village Clerk Village of Wappingers Falls

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Wappingers Falls,
New York 12590

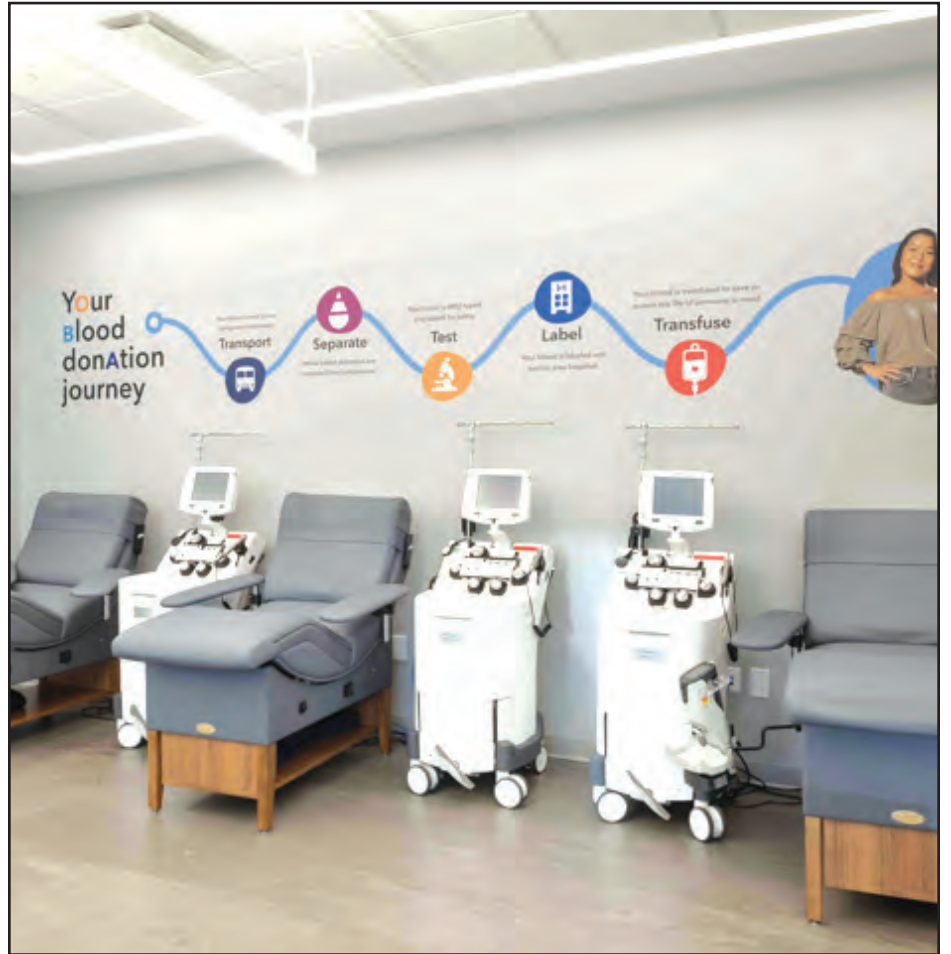
GIVE BLOOD GIVE LIFE



Who needs blood?

Under normal circumstances, every two seconds someone in America will need a blood transfusion. Blood transfusions are used for trauma victims - due to accidents and burns - heart surgery, organ transplants, women with complications during childbirth, newborns and premature babies, and patients receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or other diseases, such as sickle cell disease and thalassemia.

New York Blood Center opens new donor site in Fishkill



New York Blood Center (NYBC) held the grand opening of its new state-of-the-art donor center at 584 Route US-9 in Fishkill on October 2. This new center will welcome volunteer blood donors, whose selfless contributions will save lives.

NYBC has served the Dutchess County community for 60 years. The prior East Fishkill Donor Center on Route 52 was donated by IBM more than 40 years ago, and supported by other cor-

porate sponsors throughout the decades. It has generated more than 200,000 life-saving blood and platelet donations for our community blood supply.

The new donor center will help to combat the steep decrease in donations since the pandemic. Remote and blended work schedules result in fewer community blood drives, and there has been a 50% decrease in youth and first-time blood donors.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the new New York Blood Center donor center in Fishkill on October 2.

-Courtesy photos

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