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Impressive line-up set for 2022 Sheep & Wool Festival



The 2022 Sheep & Wool Festival will be held on Oct. 15-16.

-Courtesy image

By Jim Donick

The annual New York State Sheep & Wool Festival arrives at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds this weekend, Oct 15-16. The ever-popular event has grown from its beginnings around 1980 as mostly a live-stock (sheep) sale that attracted local shepherds to what is now one of the largest fairs of its kind.

There is still a great focus on the livestock, sheep, goats, alpacas and llamas, but now it focuses as much on the products and crafts associated with the wool these animals produce. It has become one of the largest annual gatherings of fiber-arts enthusiasts in the U.S.

This year, attendees can visit and shop with vendors, attend Sheep & Goat Shows, shop the Fleece Sale, visit the Breed & Camelid Barns with goats, llamas, and alpacas, view several fiber competitions, and enjoy a variety of author talks. There will also be plenty of food for all.

Festival Manager Nena Johnson expects this year's event to be a milestone. "We've had smaller events the last couple of years due to COVID-19, but this year we feel like it's a special year and that we are coming back to full capacity. I'm excited to welcome everybody back."

Jody Hyman, of New Milford, CT has been attending the Sheep and Wool Festival for nearly 40 years, having first gone in 1982 or '83. "I never miss it," she says. "I remember when it first started. It was contained in only one barn. Now it takes up nearly the entire Fairgrounds."

Crowds are often large and the sheer numbers of vendors and exhibitors keep growing. "On the other hand," said Hyman, "my favorite year was one year when there was so much rain that the only folks who came were the diehards. It was so easy to see all of the exhibitors and to get into any of the vendors areas."

One of Hyman's favorite aspects of the festival is people watching. "It's so neat," she said, "to see everybody dressed up to show the knits and finished materials they have made over the last year. You get a lot of ideas."

Johnson said visitors can expect more than 300 vendors, plus large

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Pumpkins, pumpkin pies and more during annual Pumpkin Festival

By Kristine Coulter

The Pumpkin Festival, which is the last of the three annual Beacon Sloop Club (BSC) community festivals, is set from noon to 5 p.m. on October 16 at Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park in Beacon.

"The Beacon Pumpkin Festival features Hudson Valley pumpkins of all sizes and shapes, fresh homemade baked pumpkin pie, hot pumpkin soup, hot and cold apple cider and much more available for purchase," said Alan Thomas, member of the BSC.

Thomas noted, "There will be free children's activities, many food and craft vendors, hula hooping, free sails on the Sloop Woody Guthrie and much more. Environmental non-profits will feature displays of local Hudson River history and the environment including information about their organization."

On two solar-powered music stages (one just for the kids), much music is on tap at Beacon Pumpkin Festival, according to BSC member Joyce Hanson. Slated performers for the day include Betty and the Baby Boomers, The B2's, Rick and Donna Nestler, David & Jacob Bernz, The Judith Tulloch Band, Spirit of Thunderheart, Beacon High School Chorus Singers, Beacon Songsmiths, Cosby Gibson and Tom Staudle, Bindlestick Bill, Pat Jones & Laurie Siegel, The Neverly Brothers, and Lydia Adams Davis.

Thomas said the BSC will present its



Pumpkin pie will be on the menu during the Beacon Sloop Club's annual Pumpkin Festival on October 16.

-Courtesy photo by Alan Thomas

"traditional offerings," there is "always some thing new to see in the river ecology tent and the vendor offerings."

The BSC holds its Strawberry Festival in June. The annual Corn Festival is held in August each year. All festivals take place by the Hudson River.

"Everyone raves about the pumpkin pie and fresh whipped cream and enjoys the chance to celebrate the bounty of the Hudson Valley down by the river," Thomas stated.

What do BSC members hope atten-

dees take away from the event? "We hope that everyone will come away with an appreciation of the beautiful Hudson River and its environment and want to do their part to protect and preserve it," said Thomas.

The Pumpkin Festival, said Thomas "has been a tradition, put on by our all-volunteer organization, as a community event for nearly 50 years." He added: "We look forward to another 50 years, with [the community's] help and support."

Marist community mourns tragic death

By Rich Thomaselli

After more than a week, the initial shock has turned to grief in multiple communities.

At Marist College.
In the greater Hudson Valley.
On Long Island.

In a span of days, senseless violence came to the area in the form of gunfire. There was a shooting at Newburgh Free Academy in Orange County, another at Antonella's Italian Restaurant in Fishkill, and on Sunday morning, October 2, at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel in the Town of Poughkeepsie, where 53-year-old Paul Kutz of Long Island was tragically shot and killed in a random act.

Kutz, a Long Island resident, was the married father of three sons – one of whom graduated from Marist in May of this year and another who is a current student at the Town of Poughkeepsie school. That's where Kutz and his wife were visiting to celebrate the annual Family Weekend at the campus. They were getting ready to depart back to Long Island on Sunday morning.

In a statement, Marist College administration said, "Our deepest condolences go out to the family, and we are offering the full support of the Marist community to them. We remain in contact with local authorities and will keep you informed with any updates."

Town of Poughkeepsie Police Chief Joseph Cavaliere said he believes the killing was completely random and, despite the previous criminal record of two suspects that were apprehended at the hotel, Kutz did not know either man nor had any interaction with them.



Pictured are Nathalie and Paul Kutz of Long Island. Paul died in a random shooting at the Courtyard Marriott hotel in Poughkeepsie on Oct. 2.

-Courtesy photo

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A senseless tragedy hits home

Writer’s son was best friends with family of shooting victim

By Rich Thomaselli
A Perspective
Less than 24 hours.
That’s how short it took for the shooting at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel in the Town of Poughkeepsie on Sunday morning, October 2, to go from a sad local story to a tragic event that hit home.
My family’s home.
My oldest son Joe and I were driving on Monday morning when he said he wanted to stop at a convenience store and just run inside and get something to drink. When he emerged from the store, I noticed immediately that he looked shaken – almost disoriented – and pale. I opened the car door, stood outside as he got closer, and saw tears start to form.
“Joe, what’s wrong? What’s wrong?!”
Normally loud and outgoing, with a booming voice that would have been great on radio, the oldest of my two boys kept staring at his phone.
“I just got a group text,” he said softly.
Joe is in a group of 15 close-knit friends, men and women, who met practically in the first week of their freshman year at Marist College in 2016, did everything together – eight of the guys became roommates the next three years after living and meeting at the freshman dorm Champagnat Hall – and continue to remain close after graduating in May

of this year.
“Joseph,” I said again, using his full first name as parents often do when they want to get their children’s attention. “What is wrong?”
He looked up slowly from his phone. “Dad, Matt’s father is dead,” he said softly. “Matt Kutz just lost his father.”
Earlier that morning I had seen the news posts and social media chatter online about a shooting at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel in Poughkeepsie, but saw no names nor further information, and did not know the extent of the violence that had taken place. But I knew it was Family Weekend at Marist (and Vassar College, for that matter) and I knew that my son’s close friend had a younger brother currently attending Marist.
My heart sunk.
I connected the dots almost immediately. I said a silent prayer, hoping that I was wrong.
Unfortunately, I wasn’t.
We didn’t move from the parking lot of the convenience store. Joe got back in the car, sat still for a couple of minutes, and the jumbled, unfinished sentences started pouring out as he tried to comprehend what had just happened to his friend and tried to process it in his own mind. My son will be 22 later this month and also now writes for a living, but he was at a loss for words.
“Should I try to call him and ...”

“His mom, I wonder if Mrs. Kutz is OK, I wonder if ...”
“I mean, I just talked to Matt on Saturday night and now ...”
Paul Kutz, 53, had indeed been shot and killed, a random victim of the plague of gun violence in this country. He leaves behind Matt and two other sons, and his wife Nathalie.
The couple of times I met him at the dorm or on campus, he was a true gentleman. And he was a prince to my son and the other friends in the group who would make the trek down to Long Island to visit their friend.
As a journalist, I have been asked many times to cover someone’s death. I will always dread making that phone call to spouses or children or siblings to talk about their loved one’s death, but in almost every instance people always seemed to be thankful – and find it cathartic – to talk about their loss. I thought I would ask Joe some questions, first about Matt and see if he wanted to open up a little.
“Matt was one of the first people I met at Marist. We bumped into each other at one of the Welcome Week events during freshman year. Matt was always the smartest one in our group. Madly intelligent. And I definitely remember meeting his folks the first Parent’s Weekend and thinking the same about his father,” Joe said of his friend and the family. “Mr.

and Mrs. Kutz are just so cool. So chill.”
Acquaintances turned into friends, friends turned into close friends, close friends turned into roommates, roommates turned into brothers. As such, my son grew to love the extended Kutz family, even vividly recalling a time during their senior year when Paul and Nathalie Kutz made the trip from Long Island to Poughkeepsie to bring Matt’s dog up for a visit.
“Big dog. Big, big dog,” Joe said, now smiling big. “Mr. Kutz got a kick out of that dog.”
He paused.
“Mr. Kutz never thought twice about doing things for his kids or for us when we were down there, always going out to get food, or grilling it up himself,” Joe said. “He was extremely nice. I got the chance to talk to him and he was always just a really nice man.”
I was hoping our conversation would be helpful to Joe, but I knew the inevitable questions would come. They would have to be rhetorical questions, though, but even if my son was asking me earnestly, I knew I wouldn’t have an answer.
“If I’m having trouble understanding this, how is Matt going to process this all?” Joe said. “How are the Kutz’s going to go on? How do you make sense of this?”

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“He went up for parents’ weekend. That’s how it happened, he went to the lobby to get coffee, to check out. Wrong place, wrong time,” Ken Farrell, Kutz’s next-door neighbor in East Northport, Long Island, told the New York Post.
Despite the belief of many who consider Poughkeepsie to be “upstate,” the New York City media – including the Post, the New York Times, and the New York television broadcast affiliates of ABC, CBS and NBC – have all covered the story.
Two men were arrested – Roy Johnson, 35, and Devin Taylor, 26. The last known address of both men was in the area, Hyde Park for Johnson and Poughkeepsie for Taylor. According to a felony complaint charged filed in the Town of Poughkeepsie Court, Johnson was charged with second-degree felony murder and second-degree felony criminal possession of a weapon. Taylor was charged with felony second-degree criminal possession of a weapon.
On Friday, District Attorney William V. Grady announced that a Dutchess County Grand Jury voted to indict Roy Johnson and Devin Taylor.

A written certification has been filed with the Town of Poughkeepsie Court. Pursuant to the Grand Jury’s action, an indictment will now be prepared and filed with the Dutchess County Court during the week of October 10. An arraignment date will be scheduled by the court thereafter.
The Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department has attempted to dispel misinformation and conjecture in the days following the shooting. In a statement on Wednesday, the Police said they had no new information indicating that there was an argument between Johnson and Kutz in the lobby of the hotel, as some suggested.
“At this point of the investigation, the shooting appears to have been unprovoked,” the police said.
As for the two suspects, the police said in their statement that “There have been inquiries as to why the term ‘homeless’ was used regarding the suspects. To clarify the term ‘homeless,’ the term is used by law enforcement for instances in which the fixed permanent home address of defendants cannot be established. As far as we can establish, they are mostly transient and there is not a fixed address for either defendant.”

Walkway, Serino to host event for Breast Cancer Awareness Day

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Sen. Sue Serino is teaming up with the Walkway Over the Hudson to host a free Breast Cancer Awareness Day where residents will have the opportunity to connect directly with local community organizations who offer breast cancer related resources and services. This event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Highland side of the Walkway Over the Hudson (87 Haviland Road, Highland).
Representatives from the following organizations will be in attendance:
- American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Hudson Valley
- HealthAlliance, a member of WMC Health
- MidHudson Regional Hospital, a member of WMC Health
- Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation
- New York State Cancer Services Program Sparrow’s Nest of the Hudson Valley
- The Dyson Breast Center at Vassar Brothers Medical Center, part of the Nuvance Health Cancer Institute
Serino said, “Our community is home

to so many great resources and organizations that are doing all that they can to empower our neighbors to be proactive when it comes to their breast health, and this Breast Cancer Awareness Month, I am thrilled to be able to partner with the Walkway Over the Hudson to bring them together in one place. As a breast cancer survivor myself, I know that early detection can make all the difference and save lives, which is why I want to ensure that our neighbors have the tools they need to put their health first and get screened regularly. I cannot thank our partners enough for working with us to make this happen, and I look forward to seeing our neighbors there!”
Diane Haight, Interim Executive Director of the Walkway Over the Hudson said, “We are looking forward to partnering with Senator Serino again this year for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. With over 10,000 visitors a day to the Walkway, the important information distributed at this outreach will connect with a wide audience.”
This event is free and open to the public, and an RSVP is not required. For more information, call Serino’s Hyde Park Office at 845-229-0106 or email serino@nysenate.gov.

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Biden visits IBM in Poughkeepsie

President Joe Biden arrived on Air Force One at Stewart Air National Guard Base in Newburgh, Orange County, on October 6. Biden then traveled to Dutchess County to visit IBM's site in Poughkeepsie.

Arvind Krishna, Chairman and CEO of IBM, announced IBM's plans to invest \$20 billion across the Hudson Valley region over the next 10 years. Krishna said the innovations showcased will benefit from the CHIPS and Science Act.

"The United States has to lead the world in producing these advanced chips. This law is going to make sure that it will," said President Biden.

On IBM's website, Krishna wrote, "Earlier today (Oct.6), I had the honor of welcoming U.S. President Joe Biden and other distinguished guests at our site in Poughkeepsie, New York.

"This was an exciting day for IBM and a unique opportunity to highlight our commitment to advancing critical innovations – from zSystems, to semiconductor design and manufacturing, to quantum computing and more."

The CEO noted, "The IBM innovations we showcased for the president today in Poughkeepsie are vital to the future of the world's business, industry, and society, and they will greatly benefit from the CHIPS and Science Act. This law will help ensure a reliable and secure supply of next-generation chips, and help advance the science and business of quantum computing."

The president noted, "Where is it written that we can't lead manufacturing in the world? I don't know where that's

written. And that's one of the things the CHIPS Act is going to change. A law that's going to build the future and a proud, proud legacy not only for IBM, but for the country — a legacy of innovation and manufacturing that exists in this region of New York."

"In many ways, our Poughkeepsie site symbolizes everything that makes IBM such a great and storied company. For decades, the site has ushered in innovations that have a major impact on the world. It produced data processing systems that made the U.S. social security system possible, made the Apollo Program that put a man on the moon a success, and powered businesses in every industry," the CEO said.

Krishna stated, "To this day, Poughkeepsie produces the latest generation of mainframes – IBM's zSystems – which underpin the global economy. But the site is not just innovating for today. It is home to IBM's first Quantum Computation Center – where a large number of quantum computers run in the cloud. Our vision is for the site to a global hub of our quantum computing development, just as it is today for mainframes.

"Poughkeepsie is also part of a broader ecosystem of innovation centers in New York's Hudson Valley region – with other sites in Yorktown Heights and Albany – helping to push the boundaries of semiconductor design and manufacturing," said Krishna.

The CEO remarked, "To support this important work, I was proud to announce today a plan to invest \$20 billion across



President Joe Biden walks down the stairs of Air Force One at Stewart Air National Guard Base in Newburgh, Orange County, on October 6. Biden then traveled to the IBM facility in Poughkeepsie.

-Courtesy photo

the Hudson Valley region over the next 10 years. The goal of the investments, which will be strengthened by close collaboration with New York State, is to unlock new discoveries and opportunities in semiconductors, hybrid cloud, AI, and quantum computing.

Biden said, "And it's here now where

the Hudson Valley could become the epicenter of the future of quantum computing, the most advanced and fastest computing ever, ever seen in the world."

Krishna stated, "Hosting the president of the United States is a true honor. This was a day that all IBMers can be proud of."

Sheep and Wool Festival set at D.C. Fairgrounds



Andrea Tibbetts of Clover Brooke Farm in Hyde Park leads the parade of alpacas and llamas at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds. This year's NYS Sheep & Wool Festival promises to be one of the largest ever – back to full capacity after smaller events during the COVID-19 pandemic.

-Courtesy photo

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numbers of shepherds with their animals. "People love to walk through the sheep barn or the camelid barn to see the animals up close and personal," she said. "Shepherds spend the entire weekend there with their animals to answer questions about them, about their particular breeds, and about their wool fibers. People are welcome to touch the animals and feel the wool themselves. This makes them much more knowledgeable when they then go out to some of the vendors to buy different types of wools."

Among the most popular events

are the "breed talks," where visitors can learn specifics about various breeds and their differences.

There are also talks on how to get started as a shepherd. "This year we are taking a seminar that began online the year we stayed virtual," said Johnson, "and doing it live. This is a seminar to encourage people of color, who are interested in becoming shepherds and encouraging a diversity in our community."

The workshops, demos and breed talks will also be held online. Some offerings require advance registration.

Tickets for the event can be acquired online or at the gate. Pre-sale online tickets

are \$12 + convenience fee. Tickets at the gates are \$15. Advance tickets can be purchased on the Internet at dutchessfair.com/the-fairgrounds/all-events/new-york-state-sheep-wool-festival/

Johnson said with the size of crowds expected, folks buying tickets online should download them or take a screen shot to show at the gate, so they don't have to wait for the Internet there to bring the ticket up on the screen.

Further information and detailed scheduling data and other directions can be found on the festival's website at sheepandwool.com.

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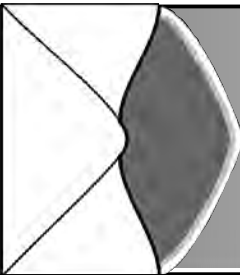
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EDITOR'S NOTE: We appreciate the passion that people feel for their candidates and their political parties, but encourage letter-writers to express support for their candidates in a positive and instructive manner. It is easy to criticize others, but at the local level, we know that great things can be accomplished through cooperation. We have faith that our readers, and our communities, can rise above the partisan fray in this election season, and emphasize the good that their candidates will do.

Shiroishi makes sure the people 'know they have a voice'

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my wholehearted endorsement of Julie Shiroishi for New York State Senate, District 39. I have been fortunate enough to know Julie for a long time, and it has been a privilege to watch her transition from local activism to her fantastic work as Assemblymember Jacobson's chief of staff. I was beyond excited when I learned that she had finally decided to run for office herself.

Julie is one of the most dedicated, hardworking people I have ever known, and I have often said that we could solve many of the world's problems if we could just bottle her energy. Whether it's helping a local family in need, fundraising for a small struggling

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Main Street business, or advocating for important government policies on all levels, Julie is there making it happen. She doesn't just get the job done; she perfects it.

A great leader is one who truly listens to the people they are leading. Julie has always tirelessly gotten out into communities to speak with people and make sure they know that they have a voice. This past year she has spent countless hours travelling all over our new senate district to make sure she is as well versed as possible in all of the issues facing the people she will represent.

Julie Shiroishi's unique blend of intelligence, sincerity, values, integrity, and work ethic make her the ideal choice for our state senate. I hope you'll join me as I excitedly cast my vote for Julie on November 8th - or before that at early voting!

Jodi McCredo
Former Councilmember, City of Beacon

Supports Shiroishi in NYS Senate 39th District race

To the Editor:

I've known Julie Shiroishi for twenty years or more and we were colleagues for five of those years. I've seen how she interacts with staff and with others. She's smart as a whip, listens well and knows how to bring people with differing opinions to consensus.

I was appalled at the recent Supreme Court overturning of Roe v. Wade. A woman's right to privacy was established law and this ruling deprives women of the basic right to determine what should happen to their bodies. I know that Julie feels the same and I know she will do everything in her power to preserve that right in New York. I support her in her run for state senator in the new 39th district.

Victoria Klose
Lagrangeville

DCC, DUE reach new five-year agreement; contains 12% salary increase over life of contract

Dutchess Community College (DCC) and Dutchess United Educators (DUE), the union which represents the College's full- and part-time faculty as well as non-teaching staff, have reached a five-year agreement. The contract provides annual step increases in pay and service for DUE members, as well as a 12% salary increase over the life of the contract.

The agreement has been ratified by the DUE membership and approved by the College's Board of Trustees as well as the Dutchess County Legislature.

"I am delighted that we have reached an agreement with our DUE faculty and staff and are able to provide them with this well-deserved compensation package," said DCC President Peter Grant Jordan. "I'm also grateful for the patience of our colleagues and share my deepest appreciation for the diligent, collaborative efforts of our negotiating teams."

The teams included, from the College's administration, attorney Stuart Waxman, lead negotiator; Maria Boada, former dean of academic affairs; Marc Bowman, associate vice president of human resources and chief diversity officer; and Donna Rocap, associate vice president of administration/finance. DUE was represented by Dr. Leah Akins, professor of engineering, who served as lead negotiator; Dr. Laura Murphy, professor of history, and chair of the DUE negotiating team; Dr. Linda Gaines, academic coach; Danielle Williams-Bell, director of scheduling; and Wesley J. Lee, part-time professor of government. Ron Dunn served as DUE's attorney, while Executive Assistant Leigh Williams served as recording secretary.

"This is a major accomplishment for our members and ultimately, it benefits our students as well," said Dr. Werner Steger, DUE's chair. "Having this process behind us assures that our faculty and staff can focus fully on the education and career goals of our students. I thank the board of trustees and county legislature for working to ratify this agreement expeditiously."

"DCC is fortunate to have many wonderful resources," added DCC Board Chair Michael Francis Dupree. "While having an advanced, well-equipped campus is important to serving the educational needs of our community, buildings don't teach students – teachers do. I'm very pleased to know that our faculty and staff are compensated fairly for the critical, life-changing work they provide."

Annual Dutchess Outreach Coat Drive set throughout October

From now through October 31, new or gently used coats can be donated to any Guardian Self Storage location, Red Cap Cleaners, Rhinebeck Bank and Raymour and Flanigan (Showroom or Outlet). Boys coats and adult XL or larger are in demand. From October 2022 – March 2023, Dutchess Outreach will distribute all donated coats.

The sponsors include: Guardian Self Storage, iHeart Radio, Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce and Pleasant Valley Library.

For additional information, contact: Mary Dynes, Coat Drive Volunteer Manager at 845-758-9063 or marydynes@hriyc.org or Nyhisha T. Gibbs, Manager of Volunteers at 845-454-3792 or nyhisha@dutchessoutreach.org.

Dutchess Outreach has been serving clients since 1974, providing temporary basic needs for individuals and families when no other resources are readily available to them. In addition to the Annual Coat Drive, the Beverly Closs Food Pantry and the Lunch Box meal programs, the staff at Dutchess Outreach provide advocacy for people in need of emergency housing, rent, medicine, and other social services. Their services are free to clients in need. For more information, visit www.dutchessoutreach.org.

Inaugural ‘Anthony’s Walk’ a success

The first-ever Anthony’s Walk event took place on Saturday, Oct. 1, on the Marist College campus. Magically the wet weather from Hurricane Ian subsided just as the walk began, and I couldn’t help but think to myself that Anthony was looking down on us and smiling as we embarked on a 22-minute campus walk in his honor. By all accounts, the first Anthony’s Walk was a resounding success!

Anthony Gray was a Marine Corps veteran who was tragically murdered in October 2020 near Liberty Station, the veterans shelter in Poughkeepsie where he lived. He was only 55 years old and was just starting a new job, with a better life ahead. When he died, the local veteran community came together to cover all his final expenses, as he did not have any family in the area.

Unfortunately, Anthony’s story is not rare among our veteran population, with 22 veteran suicides each day and 40,000 homeless veterans every night in America. So we wanted to create a community event to honor Anthony as well as raise awareness for all those veterans who might be facing a wide array of challenges, often right in our own communities.

Our walk leaders for this inaugural Anthony’s Walk included Congressman Pat Ryan, who is a West Point graduate and a combat veteran. When it was his turn to speak at the start of the walk, Congressman Ryan shared the sobering story of one of his own soldiers from his unit that served in Iraq who committed suicide after returning home. The soldier had just gotten married.

As Congressman Ryan told his story, the room fell silent and I could hear some folks shedding tears as well.

It took a lot of courage for Pat Ryan to tell us his story, and I want to thank him for sharing the memory with us. It was a poignant reminder that we probably all know a veteran who is struggling; it’s our duty to protect the heroes who took an oath to protect us.

When we lined up for the walk itself, I smiled because I saw a patch of blue sky above and I knew that Anthony was looking down on us and giving us a thumbs up for our efforts. In all we had approximately 200 folks take part in the first Anthony’s Walk, which was a truly amazing turnout considering the weather forecast for that morning.

Our walk leaders, which included Congressman Ryan as well as Christa Hines, Executive Director of Hudson River Housing, and Dr. Kevin Weinman, President of Marist College, led the way in a loop around campus. I chose to bring up the rear, and I’m so glad I did, because I got to walk with a few older vets, some of whom were having visible trouble walking and keeping up with the large group ahead. It struck me that these vets could be doing a million things on this chilly morning rather than walk with strangers, but here they were, doing their best even though I could tell it was physically painful for them to keep going.

That’s our veterans for you. Even when they can’t walk, they walk. They show up for one another. They show up for the fallen, like Anthony. And it reminds me there is no more noble work in this world than to try



The inaugural Anthony’s Walk at Marist was led by (l-r) Dr. Kevin Weinman, Marist President; Christa Hines, Executive Director of Hudson River Housing; and Congressman Pat Ryan.

-Courtesy photo

and make sure these heroes get the support they deserve.

Thanks again to Congressman Pat Ryan for sharing his story with us at Anthony’s Walk. And thank you, for listening! We hope you will join us for the second Anthony’s Walk next October, because we hope to do an even better job next year. After all, our veterans deserve nothing less. See you next time!

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

Dutchess County Democratic Committee elects Michael Dupree as new Chair

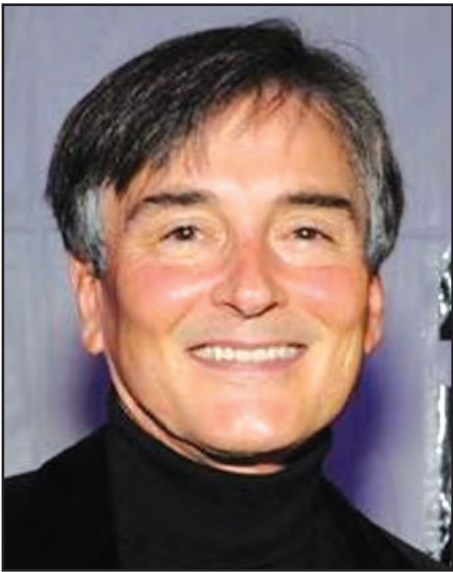
At the recent Dutchess County Democratic Committee’s reorganization meeting, Michael Dupree was elected as Chair. Running unopposed, Dupree has served as Vice-Chair of the Committee for nine years.

Dupree said, “I am grateful to the Committee’s support and their confidence in my ability to lead us to victory this November. I also thank Julie Shiroishi and Elisa Sumner, our two immediate past chairpersons, for building such a strong organization and instilling our members with energy and spirit.”

Dupree is a resident of Hyde Park, where he has lived for the past 29 years. Dupree is an active member of the Dutchess County community. In addition to his past positions on many philanthropic boards, Dupree also serves as Chair of the Hyde Park Planning Board and as Chair of the Board of Trustees of Dutchess Community College.

At the meeting, Dutchess County Board of Elections Democratic Commissioner Hannah Black was re-selected for another two-year term.

Black said, “I am honored to have the committee’s support and confidence in me to serve as their Democratic Elections



Michael Dupree

Commissioner for another two-year term. I will continue to work hard to fight voter suppression and follow Election Law.”

The Committee’s other new officers include Sarah Brannen, Vice-Chair; Vincent Pedi, Treasurer; and Gillian Smith, Secretary.

Rhinebeck Bank announces promotion

Rhinebeck Bank has promoted Cathy Kantrowitz to Vice President, Residential Operations Manager at its corporate headquarters at 2 Jefferson Plaza, Poughkeepsie.

Prior to her promotion, Kantrowitz served as Assistant Vice President, Underwriting Manager in the Bank’s Residential Lending department. In her new role, she will provide oversight for mortgage underwriting and processing functions. She joined Rhinebeck Bank in March 2021 with over 30 years of mortgage lending and operations leadership experience.

She noted the Bank’s positive culture and its importance to her from an employ-

ee’s perspective. “The culture at Rhinebeck Bank promotes open communication, opportunities for growth and flexibility,” said Kantrowitz.

“Cathy’s wealth of mortgage industry experience and natural leadership skills have been valuable assets to our Residential Lending team,” noted Jamie J. Bloom, Chief Operating Officer at Rhinebeck Bank.

Kantrowitz has been professionally active during her mortgage industry career, including service as the 2021-2022 President of the New York Mortgage Bankers Association and President of the National Association of Professional Mortgage Women in 2017-2018.

Mental Hygiene Board to meet October 17

The Dutchess County Mental Hygiene Board hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, October 17 at noon at the Community Mental Health Center, 230 North Road, Poughkeepsie. One may participate via Microsoft Teams Meeting or by phone by dialing 1-516-268-4602 and enter Conference ID number 261 140 008#.

Local EXIT Realty welcomes new team members

EXIT Realty Connections announced that Bridget Capawana and Victoria Philios have joined its growing team of real estate sales professionals.

EXIT Realty Connections, located at 2790 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls, is a proud member of EXIT Realty New York Metro’s rapidly expanding network of independently owned and operated brokerages across the region.

Hocus Pocus Halloween Parade back in 2022

The annual Hocus Pocus Halloween Parade is back in 2022. The event is scheduled for October 29 at 2 p.m. All are welcome to dress up in costume and walk down Main St.

October 28th there will be Mai St. Trick or Treating from 3:30 -6:30 p.m.

October 28th through October 30th there will be a Main St. Scavenger Hunt.

Event is hosted by Beacon Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by The Gate House Team at Compass and DRV Law.

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

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

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	8						3	

Suguru

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

ACROSS

1. Part of the face

4. Injection

8. Smooth fabric

13. TV sitcom set during a war

14. Honey factory

15. Overly proper one

16. Lover of an Irish Rose

17. Seaport in Yemen

18. Wading bird

19. Cure-all, according to some

22. Slangy refusal

23. Rather barren plain

24. Acting parts

26. Casa women: abbr.

29. Disease-carrying insect

32. Saying

36. "As I was going to St. Ives, I ___."

38. Iran's dollar

39. Opera solo

40. Juicy fruits

41. Misfortunes

42. Skateboarder's incline

43. Poker term

44. Waterbirds

45. Contemptuous looks

47. Stitched

49. Commonplace

51. Customary practices

56. Fashionable resort

58. Operated a guillotine

61. Strong cord

63. Baker's need

64. ___ good example; be a role model

65. Refueling ship

66. Learning

67. Journey

68. Lock of hair

DOWN

69. Mothers of lambs

70. Suffix for lion or poet

1. Lacy shirt frill

2. Out of the way

3. Puppy

4. Razor user

5. Pelt

6. Finished

7. Pavarotti or Caruso

8. Brief periods

9. S. A. nation

10. Admittance regulator

11. Creative thought

12. Eur. nation

13. Davis and namesakes

20. ___ facto

21. Greek letters

25. Mysterious

27. Prayer ending

28. Chairs and stools

30. Mineo and others

31. Otherwise

32. One of the planets

33. Algerian seaport

34. Schedule

35. Diminish gradually

37. Yuletide purchase

40. Stickum

44. Pesky insect

46. Horsemen

48. Complains peevishly

50. Frenchman's school

52. Sew lightly

53. Brain canals

54. Noggins for Rene and Renée

55. Coyote State: abbr.

56. Falkirk resident

57. Pants or scissors

59. Declare

60. Parisian pop

62. Mr. Brown

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Peckham Materials receives Gold Award from NSSGA



From left, Cliff Weigelt, Donna Siggelkow and Kevin McCarthy of Peckham Materials' Pleasant Valley Quarry accept the Excellence Gold Award from the National Stone, Sand, and Gravel Association.

-Courtesy photo

Recently, Peckham Materials' Pleasant Valley Quarry received the Community Relations Excellence Gold Award from the National Stone, Sand, and Gravel Association (NSSGA).

Peckham was one of only eight Gold Award recipients in the country. This award recognizes facilities that have demonstrated achievement in efforts relating to special events, charitable contributions, volunteer projects, advocacy efforts, relationship building, quarry education, and media relations.

Many of the community activities hosted by Peckham Materials included blood drives, food drives, annual open houses, sponsorships, and donations to rebuild the local library after a devastating fire.

Peckham's long-time employees and local Pleasant Valley residents Donna Siggelkow, Kevin McCarthy and Cliff Weigelt traveled to Washington, DC to accept the award at the association's

annual Legislative and Policy Forum which took place Sept. 20-23. Siggelkow, McCarthy and Weigelt also participated in a small poster session after the award ceremony where they met with other association members to share Peckham's work in Pleasant Valley and learn about the work of other award recipients.

This award recognizes the hard work and dedication of so many Peckham employees that contributed their time and effort in 2021 working within the company to not only support the Pleasant Valley community, but also educating and enhancing the perception of the facility and industry. While the Pleasant Valley Quarry team is honored to have been selected to receive this award, this award is also representative of Peckham Industries' foundational dedication and commitment to serving local communities.

Free Rabies Clinic at DCSPCA set for Oct. 23 in Hyde Park

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DBCH) is partnering with the Dutchess County SPCA to host a free rabies vaccination clinic for dogs, cats, and domestic ferrets three months of age and older on October 23, at the Dutchess County SPCA located at 636 Violet Ave in Hyde Park from 8 a.m. to noon. Pre-registration is required, and residents can register at DCSPCA.org or by calling the DCSPCA at 845-452-7722 extension 425.

There is no charge for Dutchess County residents; non-residents will be charged a fee of \$10 per pet vaccinated. All dogs must be on leash and cats and domestic ferrets must be in carriers. Vaccinations will be good for three years for pets with proper proof of prior immunization. For those without proof, the vaccination will be good for one year.

DBCH is available 24/7 to assist with any questions or concerns regarding potential rabies exposure to people or domestic animals. Pet owners should report to DCBH any incident in which their pet has been bitten by or has an open wound exposed to the saliva or nervous tissue of a domestic or wild animal. Staff will investigate and advise the pet owner of any necessary steps they should take to ensure the safety of their animal.

Residents who see an animal acting strangely are advised to contact their local

*'Pathway Through Wappingers History'
at Mesier Homestead on October 16*

As part of New Your State's Path Through History, the Wappingers Historical Society will be offering a special, interactive costumed event at the Mesier Homestead and Museum, located in the Village of Wappingers Falls, on October 16.

Visitors will be able to meet the men and women who contributed to the history and growth of the village of Wappingers Falls. While visiting the rooms of the Mesier Homestead, discover the Revolutionary War patriotism of Nicholas Brower, the influence of the Mesier family, and the contributions of the Clapp family. Learn about Irving Grinnell, founder of the Grinnell Library, hear stories from Rush Hotel owner George Rush, and discover what life was like in 1933 from village resident Edith Cornell.

Groups will be guided through the house by volunteers from the historical society. The program takes place from 1 - 3:30 p.m., with the program offered every ½ hour. The last group to enter the house will be at 3:30 p.m. There is no charge for admission, however, donations will be gratefully accepted.

The Mesier Homestead and Museum is at 2 Spring Street, Wappingers Falls. For more information, please call 845-632-1281 or email at tours@wappingershistorical.org.

The mission of the Wappingers Historical Society is to preserve and promote the history of the Town of Wappinger, Village of Wappingers Falls and neighboring communities. Volunteers and new members are always welcome. For more information, please visit <http://wappingershistorical society.org/>.

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Fishkill board follows court order; approves water and sewer extensions for Continental Commons project

By Kristine Coulter

The Fishkill Town Board approved the resolutions to extend Blodgett Water and Blodgett Sewer districts. Judge Christi Acker, a New York State Supreme Court judge, ordered the Board to approve the water and sewer extensions in her September order. The decision was in favor of the proposed Continental Commons project, which would be off Route 9 across from The Home Depot. According to a representative for Domenic Broccoli, the project sponsor and owner of the land for the proposed project, the Fishkill Town Planning Board approved the project in 2019.

"The courts have upheld the rule of law, and have recognized the very property rights that the patriots fought for. Zoning and development should not be about politics and demagoguery, but upon the facts, the law, and juris prudence itself," said Broccoli in a press release. "Continental Commons is an exciting opportunity to weave together history, preservation, tourism and commerce."

Residents offered comments regarding the public comment period of the meeting. One comment offered was that "once the land is allowed to be built on, it will be gone forever."

Another commenter offered the Board should see "how best the land can be used."

In a press release, Continental Commons mentioned it was stated by Frank Castella Jr., Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce CEO & President, in a letter to the Town Board, "The important history of Dutchess County and Fishkill will be shared with guests and students as part of an inclusive visitor center and tribute museum."

According to Continental Commons



A rendering of the proposed Continental Commons project, which would be in the Town of Fishkill.

-Courtesy image

information, "The 18th-century colonial-themed village designed by MAG Design, a local architectural firm, consists of restaurants, shops, inn, living museum and visitor center. A ground-breaking new concept, it both honors the historic nature of the Fishkill Supply Depot and provides visitors a renewed perspective on the meaning of the American Revolution, itself. The development serves as a dynamic, interactive learning experience and compliments other attractions in the area." It was noted by a representative for Continental Commons "the development team is now exploring, augmented reality

tours that would use your smart-phone to show how the area looked during the Revolutionary War."

"It would be great if the Town and County embraced this concept for all historic sites," said Broccoli.

"There was good opposition to the project at the Town Board meeting, where citizens voiced their desire to appeal the court decision, but the board decided to rule in the developer's favor, based on the town attorney's recommendation," remarked Albra late last week.

Albra recused himself from the votes. Broccoli is appealing a lawsuit that he brought against Albra. The court decided in favor of Albra in that case.

Council member John Forman read the resolutions, which reads that a court order states it is in the public interest to grant the extensions.

Council member Louise Daniele abstained from the votes. Council members Forman, Carmine Istvan and Brian Wrye voted for the resolutions.

"I agree with Judge Acker's decision to grant water and sewer rights to Continental Commons, and appealing the decision will just delay the inevitable and cost the taxpayers more unnecessary

money," stated Istvan last week. "Now, it's up to the developer to get Board of Health approval to move forward with the project."

Acker's order also emphasizes the proposed project needs Dutchess County Department of Health approval.

Wrye said last week, "We thought we just had to do it. To appeal would be a waste of money." Wrye also stated, "We had to go forward with it. We're here to serve the people. We also have to work with the facts. End of subject. We had to move on." Wrye said the only ones who would have benefited would have been the attorneys, and it would have ended up in the same place.

"We had to make a decision; we're not picking sides. We have a fiduciary responsibility," said Wrye, who also noted it was the step the board's counsel advised.

Forman said last week, "The Supreme Court of the State of New York issued a decision." He said, "The judge made a decision that directed the Town Board to [follow] the decision to move it forward." He reiterated that it is also stated in the decision that the proposed project still needs to receive Board of Health approval.

Daniele explained about why she abstained, "I do not believe that the court decision was correct. I believe that the Town should have taken the time to review the merits of an appeal. There is only a short time to file a notice of appeal and the Town Board should not have rushed into judgement on this. It was not disputed that there was deficient water and sewer infrastructure within the proposed district extension areas. A Town should not be forced into accepting deficient water and sewer infrastructure into its water and sewer districts."

In December of 2020, State Supreme Court Judge Maria Rosa denied a local group's petition challenging the Continental Commons's State Environmental Quality Review by the Town of Fishkill Planning Board. The judge's ruling upholds the Planning Board's environmental review and special-use permit, and site plan approvals for the Continental Commons project.

According to a representative for the project, the official groundbreaking ceremony will be held in spring 2023 and will be open to the public.

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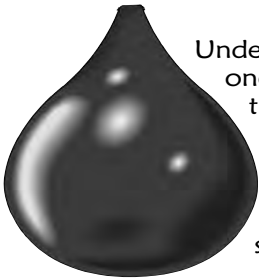
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Obituaries

Willie L. Powell Jr.



POUGHKEEPSIE, FORMERLY OF BEACON - Willie L. “Will” Powell Jr., a current resident of the City of Poughkeepsie and formerly of Beacon, NY, entered into rest on September 21, 2022 at Vassar Brothers Hospital. Will was surrounded by numerous family and friends, leading up to his passing. Will was born on September 17, 1957 in Beacon, NY, the son of the late Willie and Almeda Powell. Will was raised in Beacon and attended the Beacon City School District. Best known as “Uncle Will” to many, Will treated everyone as family and his love had no boundaries. Will was most known for his infectious smile, contagious laugh, generous spirit, love for life, and faith in God. To know Will was to love him, and love was one thing he never lacked throughout his life. Will gave his love so freely to all who knew him, whether he knew you for a brief moment or a lifetime, and in return—was loved by so many. No matter where you saw him or the duration of time spent, Will always had a moment to share a story about his life that would stay with you far beyond the encounter. Will had a natural love for reading and learning, which resulted in passing on his love for reading to many children in the family. Will also had a love for gardening, his morning coffee, and anything sweet! Even during Will’s recent battle with cancer, he always made it a priority to make others laugh and feel special. This was so important to him, even up until the very end of his life. Will is survived by his daughters Sarah Hollingsworth, RaeAnne Powell, and Sophia Powell; his grandchildren Alana, Alyssah, and Alijah Hollingsworth, Camilla Davis, and Raelynn and Brooklynn Goodson; his sisters Darcel Powell-Holman (William) and Dawn Powell-Manso (Carlos); his brothers Raymond Powell, Bradford Powell (Linda) and Wesley Powell; his nieces Maikka Powell- Birney (Michael) and Shaniesha Strange and nephews Isaac (Renee) Powell and Joel Roman. Will is also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews. In addition, his “bonus” brothers Alvin Bell Jr., Michael Bell Sr., George Kilgore, and James Powell Jr. The family would like to send their most sincere thanks to the staff of Vassar Brothers Hospital, Hudson Valley Hospice, and Armes Acres, for their kindness and the outstanding care they provided to Will and the family, during his illness. Calling hours were Friday, October 7, 2022 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street in Beacon. A funeral service was offered on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at Ebenezer Baptist Church, 15 Smith Street in Poughkeepsie. Will’s cremated remains will be interred at a later date.

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.

Conrad Michael Burke



FISHKILL - Conrad Michael Burke, 26, of Fishkill, NY, passed away at New York Presbyterian Hospital on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Yonkers on January 26, 1996. Soon after, his family relocated to Dutchess County, where Conrad attended local schools including Fishkill Baptist Nursery School, Brinckerhoff Elementary, Van Wyck Junior High School, and John Jay Senior High School (Class of 2014). He then attended Nichols College in Dudley, MA and later graduated from Manhattanville College in Harrison, NY. He worked as a teacher for Wappingers Central School District, where he also coached J.V. Lacrosse. Conrad had such a tremendous passion for the sport and was planning on playing in a South American professional league. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hike and golf. He enjoyed travel, especially taking family trips to Block Island. Conrad will be forever remembered as a shining star of pure love for others. To all his friends, players and family members: Your success was his success. Your happiness was his happiness. His giving nature and beautiful smile set the standard for all to follow. Survivors include his parents, Michael & Vivian Burke; his sister, Nicole Strang & her husband Nick; his nieces, Alessandra and Penelope; his partner, Olivia Mann; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, as well as other loving relatives & friends. Conrad was predeceased by his grandparents. Visitation was held on Saturday, October 8 at the Fishkill Baptist Church, 107 Route 82, Fishkill, NY. A memorial service was held. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to benefit sarcoma research may be made to Sarcoma Strong, 1367 Washington Ave., Suite 200, Albany, NY 12206 (www.sarcomastrong.org). Arrangements are under the direction of McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. For online tributes, you can visit Conrad’s Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Matthew J. Lee



Matthew J. Lee, loving son, husband and father, entered into rest on September 30, 2022 at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla. He was 47 years old. Matt was born on December 18, 1974 in Beacon, the son of Jeannette Baxter Lee and the late Theodore “Ted” Lee. He graduated from Our Lady of Lourdes High School. He was employed in Retail Management. Matt is survived by his wife, Cheralynn McCann-Lee; his children, Matthew, Kaylis and Avery; his mother, Jean Lee; his sisters, Kimberly Cacchiani and her husband, John; Kelly Edouard and her husband, Antoine; his uncle, Henry Baxter and his wife, Donna; several nieces, nephews and extended family and friends. In addition to his father, Matt was predeceased by his aunt and uncle, Dottie & Jim Foy; his God Mother, Diana Gobbi. Funeral services will be private for immediate family. Burial of Matt’s cremated remains will be the family plot at St. Joachim Cemetery, Beacon. 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.

Charles G. Theiss



FISHKILL - Charles Gustave “Chuck” Theiss, 94, passed away at his home in Fishkill on Friday, October 7, 2022. Chuck was born on August 22, 1928 in New York City, the first son of Emil and Anna Theiss. In 1942, the family moved to Wappingers Falls in their summer home on Osborne Hill Road. Chuck and his brother Robert grew up in the Fishkill/Wappingers Falls area where they attended Wappingers Central Schools. During World War II, because of the gas rationing, the family had to move to Beacon so that Emil and Anna could be closer to their jobs. Emil worked in the Newburgh Shipyard and Anna worked for the National Biscuit Co. in Beacon. The boys Chuck and Bob attended Beacon schools for two years, and then the family moved back to Wappingers Falls. Chuck graduated from Wappingers Central Schools in 1946. Chuck worked for several years as a part-time plumber’s helper for A.C. Smith Company of Beacon, where he learned the trade. In his youth, he made a lot of friends and played a lot of ball. He was an honors student and outstanding athlete in football, baseball, and basketball. He played these sports at both the high school and semi-pro levels. In 1949, he graduated from New York State Institute of Applied Arts & Sciences, where he earned a degree in building construction. He entered the construction field and under the firm of Emil Theiss and Sons he built many homes and buildings in the Southern Dutchess area. In 1964, Chuck went to work for I.B.M. (East Fishkill) in the Facilities, Operations & Maintenance Department. After 23 years, he left I.B.M. and in 1987 went to work for the Town of Fishkill as the interim Building & Zoning Inspector and Town Assessor. He finally retired in 2000, after 23 years as the Assessor and an eight-year term as a Councilman on the Town Board. An avid sportsman, Chuck played semi-pro football for the Beacon Bears, and also played baseball, basketball, and softball for the Fishkill Athlete Club and several area teams. Chuck was a member of the Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame and Thomas Macrini Sports Hall of Fame, charter member of the Beacon Bears Alumni, and Past President of the Dutchess County Old Timers’ Baseball Association. His love for the outdoors included many hunting and fishing adventures. He was a member of the East Hook Sportsmen Association and owned a hunting & fishing camp on the Chazy River in Champlain, NY. He and his family spent many days at the camp, enjoying the peace & quiet of the north country. Chuck was very active in the community and held many volunteer positions such as the Assessment Review Board (Chairman), Fishkill Rural Cemetery Board of Trustees, Rombout Firemen’s Benevolent Association (President) and Rombout Fire District (Commissioner). His love for volunteer fire service started in 1951 as a firefighter for Protection Engine Company of Fishkill. He served more than 50 years for the Rombout Fire Company, with nearly 75 years of service in total. He was a Life Member of Protection Engine Company, Associate Life Member of Slater Chemical Company (Glenham), and a Charter Life Member of Rombout Fire Company. Service to the community was a big part of his life. Chuck met his loving wife Dorothea Delahay in Glenham and they were married in 1949 at St. Joachim Church in Beacon. Dottie and Chuck shared 61 years of marriage together, raising their family, and enjoying their grandchildren & great-grandchildren. Dottie passed away in 2010. Chuck spent his final years playing the role of Grandpa and babysitter. Survivors include his daughter, Susan Ann Arnold; his son, Charles Emil Theiss; his granddaughters, Jennifer, Tracey, and Deanna; his great-grandchildren, Victoria, Gary, Khloee, Paige, Alexander, and Cole; as well as several nephews, nieces, and their families. In addition to his wife and parents, Chuck was also predeceased by his brother, Robert “Bob” Theiss, in 2015 and his sister-in-law, Ruth Theiss, in 2019. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Tuesday, October 11 at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill, followed by interment at Fishkill Rural Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Rombout Fire Company, PO Box 401, Fishkill, NY 12524 or the Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame, 51 Cramer Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. For online tributes, you can visit Chuck’s Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

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October 11, 2022

Request for Proposal

The Town of Fishkill is soliciting sealed proposals to provide excavation, concrete footing / foundation, pier and slab construction for a Steel building 80ft. X 80ft. in Fishkill, NY 12524. The Town of Fishkill will not purposely eliminate any company from bidding, however, there are specifications that must be met. Taxes should not be reflected as the Town of Fishkill is tax exempt. **Effective 9:00 AM, October 11, 2022, a Request for Proposal (RFP) may be obtained either in person at Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office, downloading from the Town of Fishkill Website (RFPs) or electronically by emailing the Town of Fishkill Project Facilitators** Joe DeFrancesco and Paul Bozek at jdefrancesco@fishkill-ny.gov and pbozek@fishkill-ny.gov The requestor / proposer must provide the legal company name, address, telephone number, representative name and email address when either picking up in person or via email. **A non-mandatory pre-bid site walk-down/visit is scheduled for November 1, 2022 at 10:00 AM at 1 Geering Way, Fishkill, NY 12524.** Any and all questions, clarifications, or requests shall be provided in writing to the Town of Fishkill Project Facilitators Joe DeFrancesco and Paul Bozek via email at: jdefrancesco@fishkill-ny.gov and pbozek@fishkill-ny.gov All questions, clarifications, and requests, together with answers, if any, will be provided to all firms that have indicated an interest or intention to submit statements. How-

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ever, the names of any firms submitting any questions, clarifications, or requests will not be disclosed until after the deadline for submitting Proposals. The Town reserves the right to respond or not respond to any questions, clarifications, or requests. The data herein is provided without warranty or representation as to accuracy. Each proposer is directed and encouraged to make any and all examinations independently; to verify any and all examinations independently, and not to rely solely on the information stated herein, which is to be used only as a general guide. **Sealed proposals will be accepted until Tuesday November 8, 2022 at 2:00 P.M.** at the Town of Fishkill Town Clerk's Office, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524 and will be opened on the same day. No proposals will be accepted after the appointed time. No other distribution of proposals will be made by the Proposer. All Proposal copies must be signed in ink and in longhand by an official authorized to bind the Proposer. The Town of Fishkill reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, with or without cause. Awarding of the contract will take place at a regular monthly meeting of the Town of Fishkill. Should your firm be interested in submitting a proposal, submit the signed and sealed proposal with the requested / required information in the RFP, marked on the outer envelope as **Town of Fishkill Highway Garage Steel Building Footing and Foundation, and mail or deliver to: Becki Tompkins, Town Clerk Town of Fishkill 807 Route 52 Fishkill, New York 12524 (845) 831-7800 x3333 FAX (845) 831-6040 btompkins@fishkill-ny.gov**

LEGAL NOTICE FOR 2023 ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING:

DUTCHESS JUNCTION FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING NOTICE. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE DUTCHESS JCT FIRE DISTRICT LOCATED AT 75 SLOCUM RD, BEACON, NY 12508, WILL HOLD A PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 18, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE FIRE HOUSE. COPIES OF THE

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PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION. COPIES ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE TOWN OF FISHKILL TOWN CLERK. SECRETARY/TREASURER, KATHY KOTZIAS.

PLEASANT VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE,

the Board of Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District will conduct its annual public hearing on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Pleasant Valley Fire District Headquarters, at 1619 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York to discuss the contents of the proposed 2023 Pleasant Valley Fire District Budget. The Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Pleasant Valley where the Budget may be inspected by any interested person during office hours or visit the Pleasant Valley Fire District Headquarters during the hours of 7:30am to 3:00pm where the same may be inspected by any interested person. All persons interested shall have an opportunity to be heard in favor of or against the proposed Budget as compiled, or for or against any item or items therein contained. Date; September 27, 2022 By Order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District. Jennifer Broas, Secretary Pleasant Valley Fire District

NOTICE Snow Ordinance

Just as a reminder to the Town of Fishkill residents, the Snow Ordinance, which was adopted in 1982, will be enforced from November 1st, 2022 to March 31st, 2023 ("winter season"). It will be enforced during the morning hours from 1:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., prevailing times, or any other period that the Town Board deems necessary. It shall be unlawful for any person to park or allow to remain parked any vehicle on any Town road or highway during the "winter season".

Notice: Halloween Curfew

Just as a reminder to the Town of Fishkill residents the Halloween Curfew, which was adopted on October 16, 1997, will be enforced this coming **October 30, 31 and November 1, 2022.** It will be

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enforced during the evening hours from **8:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m.**, prevailing time, or any other period that the Town Board deems necessary. It shall be unlawful for any minor (any person under the age of 18 years) to congregate, stroll, wander, play or operate a motor vehicle in, about or upon any public park, public area, street, road or highway in the town unless:

- They are accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- The minor is on an emergency.
- They are conducting business at the request of an employer, and must have a statement in writing verifying this.
- They are involved in adult supervised church, school or civic event, and again, must have a written statement verifying this.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BEEKMAN CEMETERY ASSOC., INC. WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022, 10:00 A.M. AT THE POUGHQUAG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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 2023. 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 19th, 2022. 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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET

The Glenham Fire District shall hold a public hearing for the purpose of discussing its proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget on Monday, October 17, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., at the Fire House located at 76 Old Glenham Road in the Town of Fishkill, New York. Copies of the proposed budget are available for inspection at the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Fishkill, at the office of the secretary of the Glenham Fire District and on the Fire District website located at www.glenhamfire.com Copies of the proposed budget will also

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be available for inspection at the aforesaid public hearing. Victoria Steele Secretary Glenham Fire District

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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Notice of Complete Application

Date: 09/29/2022

Applicant: CHEMPRENE LLC
483 FISHKILL AVE
BEACON, NY 12508

Facility: CHEMPRENE INC
483 FISHKILL AVE
BEACON, NY 12508

Application ID: 3-1302-00017/00019

Permits(s) Applied for: 1 - Article 19 Air State Facility

Project is located: in BEACON in DUTCHESS COUNTY

Project Description: The Department has prepared a draft permit and has made a tentative determination, subject to public comment or other information, to approve a new Air State Facility permit for the Chemprene LLC facility. The facility is a manufacturer of lightweight conveyor belts and rubber coated fabrics. It currently operates under an Air Title V permit, however the facility's boilers no longer have the capability to fire No. 4 fuel oil, and now currently fire with natural gas, with No. 2 fuel oil as a backup. As a result of this change, facility-wide potential emissions of sulfur dioxide fall below Air Title V thresholds. Overall, facility-wide emissions would be capped below major source thresholds in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 201-7.1, and thus the facility is eligible to operate under an Air State Facility permit as opposed to Air Title V. Upon the tentative issuance of an Air State Facility permit for the facility, their Air Title V permit would thus be discontinued. Pursuant to the requirements of Sections 7(2) and 7(3) of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), the Department has requested and received information regarding the project's consistency with the CLCPA. Availability of Application Documents: Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person. State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination Project is an Unlisted Action and will not have a significant impact on the environment. A Negative Declaration is on file. A coordinated review was not performed. SEQR Lead Agency None Designated State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination The proposed activity is not subject to review in accordance with SHPA. The application type is exempt and/or the project involves the continuation of an existing operational activity. DEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29) It has been determined that the proposed action is not subject to CP-29. **Availability For Public Comment** Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 11/04/2022 or 30 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later. **Contact Person** CHRISTOPHER LANG NYSDEC 21 S Putt Corners Rd New Paltz, NY 12561 (845) 256-3096

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DC Medical Reserve Corps celebrates 20 years of volunteerism at recognition dinner

Marking 20 years since its inception, Dutchess County hosted a recognition dinner, attended by more than 120 Medical Reserve Corps of Dutchess County (MRC) volunteers, on Sept. 22 at the Villa Borghese in Wappingers Falls.

County Executive Marc Molinaro said, “Our Dutchess MRC volunteers have been an important part of Dutchess County’s emergency response efforts for two decades, including assisting with the herculean task of our COVID-19 response. We are grateful to these dedicated men and women for their service and commitment to Dutchess County.”

The Dutchess County MRC began in 2002, when former County Executive William R. Steinhaus supported a grant proposal, in partnership with Northern Metropolitan Health Care Foundation (NorMet), to establish a volunteer medical service reserve corps to strengthen the capacity to respond to emergencies and to support local public health infrastructure.

The MRC is comprised of both health-care and non-healthcare professionals who support Dutchess County’s Departments of Emergency Response and Behavioral & Community Health when responding to incidents of all kinds. Volunteers train throughout the year to be prepared to staff emergency shelters, assist with surveillance and notification efforts, conduct mass distribution of pharmaceuticals, and support countywide health and human service agencies’ efforts in the community.

The Dutchess MRC had its first major deployment in 2007, supporting seven shelters following widespread flooding and then again in 2009 following the H1N1 flu outbreak.

Most recently, Dutchess MRC has been an integral part of the County’s COVID-19 pandemic response and, in April, was honored by the National Medical Reserve Corps with a 2022 Community Response Award for its outstanding COVID-19 vaccine response. In 2020 and 2021, more than 500 volunteers contributed more than 40,000 hours – compared to 4,200 hours in all of 2019. This included giving over 22,000 hours at over 150 vaccine clinics, administering over 60,000 vaccinations to County residents. The MRC’s Vaccine Assistance Appointment Team (VAAT) also assisted those without access to computers or transportation to arrange appointments, transportation, and other services. Additionally, MRC volunteers spent thousands of hours assisting the County’s Department of Behavioral and Community Health with contact tracing and case investigation, community outreach, delivering groceries to those in isolation, assembling thousands of items of personal protective equipment (PPE) for distribution, handing out COVID-19 Test Kits, and more as part of the COVID-19 response.

Since its inception, the Dutchess MRC has been at the forefront of numerous other initiatives and trainings, setting the bar for similar organizations throughout the state, including:

- Piloted a Volunteer Management System, now known as ServNY;
- Established a training matrix for volunteers that has become the organization’s



Dutchess County Medical Reserve Corps volunteers were recognized during a recent dinner in Wappingers Falls.

-Courtesy photo

Core Competency Trainings;

- Started Preparedness Trainings for residents, seniors and more;
- Hosted major preparedness exercises, including an Alternate Care Site exercise at Vassar College;
- Incorporated the Dutchess County Animal Response Team (DCART) in 2019 to offer Pet First Aid/Animal CPR trainings and promote pet preparedness; and
- Trained thousands in Stop the Bleed and Active Shooter readiness trainings

MRC volunteers are welcoming faces and numerous events held throughout the year, such as the County’s Office for the Aging Senior Picnic series or community events such as the Dutchess County Fair.

Volunteers serve as greeters, logistics support, and provide medical assistance as needed.

Dutchess MRC Coordinator Joe Ryan said, “The many volunteers of the Dutchess County Medical Reserve Corps are dedicated men and women who know what it means to ‘do good.’ Whether giving their time and talents at a first aid tent at a senior picnic or literally helping keep our community safe during an emergency, these individuals enhance Dutchess County’s ability to be prepared for and respond to significant events.”

Dutchess MRC now boasts more than 1,704 volunteers. For more information or to sign-up to volunteer, visit dutchessny.gov/mrc.

Pancake Breakfast at firehouse in Fishkill

The Rombout Fire Company, 901 Main Street, in Fishkill is hosting this event on October 30, from 8 - 11 a.m. Pancakes, eggs, omelet station, home fries, sausage, bacon, juice, coffee and tea. Admission is adults/\$13, seniors/\$11(age 65 and over), children/\$7 (under age 5 is free).

For more information call 845-896-8620 or visit www.romboutfire.com.

Young women’s open discussion on breast, ovarian, gynecological cancer

Support Connection, Inc. announces a free program: Young Women's Open Discussion for Women With Breast, Ovarian, or Gynecological Cancer will be held via Zoom video conference on October 18, from 7 – 8 p.m.

Open to women nationwide, ages 20 – 40 years old, who have or have had breast, ovarian or gynecological cancer. The discussion will be led by two of Support Connection’s Peer Counselors, who were both diagnosed with cancer as young women. Pre-registration is required.

To register, call Support Connection, 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290. Must register no later than 5 p.m. on October 17.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLANNING BOARD
TOWN OF WAPPINGER
DUTCHESS COUNTY, NY

Project Name: Fun Max Adventure Park, LLC Amended Site Plan & Special Use Permit

Location: 1357 Route 9

Application: Nos.: 22-3460 (Site Plan) and 22-4103 (Special Use Permit)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Town of Wappinger Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing on the **17th day of October, 2022**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger Falls, NY pursuant to Article IX, Section 240-87 and 240-76 of the Town Law, on the application of **22-3460 (Site Plan) and 22-4103 (Special Use Permit) Fun Max Adventure Park, LLC – Wappinger Amended Site Plan and Special Use Permit**. To discuss an amended Site Plan application and Special Use Permit application. The applicant is proposing to renovate the interior of an existing vacant space for the construction of a 58,000 square foot trampoline park on 86.8 acres in a SC Zoning District. The Property is located at **1357 Route 9** and is identified as **Tax Grid No.: 6157-02-707773** in the Town of Wappinger.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Planning Board has not made a determination of significance pursuant to State Environmental Quality Review Act and hereby reserves its right to make such determination after the conclusion of the public hearing. All interested persons will be heard by the Planning Board of the Town of Wappinger at the public hearing as stated above.

Signed: Bruce Flower, Chairman
Town of Wappinger
Planning Board

Date: September 29, 2022

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Proposed Budget of the Rombout Fire District of the Town of Fishkill, State of New York, will be presented to the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Rombout Fire District, for its consideration.

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 7 PM at the Rombout Fire District Headquarters, 901 Main Street, Fishkill, New York 12524, in the Town of Fishkill, State of New York on the 17th of October, 2022.

Pursuant to Town Law S 105, the Board of Fire Commissioners must hold a public hearing on the budget, make the proposed budget available to the public prior to the public hearing, and allow the public to comment on the budget at the public hearing. This public hearing must be held to allow maximum public participation in the hearing.

The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any person to be heard in favor of or against the proposed budget as it is submitted, or for or against any item or items contained in the proposed budget, and hearing all persons interested in the subject concerning same.

That a copy of the proposed budget is available at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Fishkill at 807 Route 52, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. where it may be inspected by any interested person. A copy will also be available for inspection Monday October 10, 2022 between the hours of 6 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Office of the Fire District Secretary at 901 Main Street, Fishkill, where it may be inspected by any interested person.

Dated September 17, 2022

Board of Fire Commissioners
Rombout Fire District
901 Main Street
Fishkill, New York 12524

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Registration now open for SCRABBLE fundraiser



Registration is now open for the upcoming SCRABBLE fundraiser for Mid-Hudson Love, INC. Pictured is from a previous fundraiser.

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Registration is now open for the 13th Annual Benefit SCRABBLE® Blitz Tournament on October 20, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., a major fundraiser for Mid-Hudson Love INC. This unique event at the Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church in Lagrange also includes raffles, an online auction, and a SCRABBLE-themed photography contest. Registration deadline is October 16.

The annual SCRABBLE Blitz Tournament is a fast-paced, timed, team style of play with fun bonus point possibilities; players have the option of ‘competitive’ or ‘just for fun’ wordplay. Registration for the event is \$30 per person or \$60 per team and includes three rounds of play, prizes, beverages, snacks, and one free raffle ticket. Complete rules and entry forms are available online at mid-hudsonloveinc.org.

Photographers are invited to enter the ‘Best Board Photo Contest’ with a close-up photograph of a SCRABBLE board display-

ing words describing the work of Love INC. Photographs must be emailed by October 13 for exhibit at the tournament. One prize will be awarded. Entry fee is \$25 for each photography entry. For the auction, online bidding on artwork, jewelry, and other items will open two weeks prior and close at the tournament. The link will be available at mid-hudsonloveinc.org.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will fight poverty through the work of the local non-profit organization, Mid-Hudson Love In the Name of Christ. Love INC mobilizes volunteers to address poverty and build resilience across the local community through delivery of much-needed resources and offering life-skills classes. Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church hosts the tournament at 1168 Route 55 in LaGrange. For more information on Love INC, or to register for the SCRABBLE Tournament or Contest, visit www.mid-hudsonloveinc.org or email scrabble@mhinc.org.

Renegades support staff gains two Best in League honors

Two members of the Hudson Valley Renegades 2022 support staff have been recognized as being the best at their positions in the South Atlantic League. Athletic Trainer Jonathan Becker was honored by the Professional Baseball Athletic Trainers Society (PBATS) as the 2022 South Atlantic League Athletic Trainer of the Year. Strength Coach Danny Smith was named the 2022 South Atlantic League Strength & Conditioning Coach of the Year by the Professional Baseball Strength & Conditioning Coaches Society (PBSCCS).

“For Jon and Dan to be recognized as the top AT and Strength Coach in the South Atlantic league - it is justification for the hard work they put in on a daily basis,” said Renegades Manager Tyson Blaser. “They were and are a big reason for our success as a team and for the individual players’ development. On top of being very good at their profession, they are tremendous human beings and it was an absolute pleasure to work with them throughout the year. They both have very bright futures ahead of them.”

Becker was in his first season with the

Renegades in 2022, and his sixth in the Yankees organization. He spent 2021 as the Athletic Trainer for the FCL Yankees, and was with Short-Season A Staten Island from 2017-2020. Prior to his tenure with the Yankees, Becker served as an athletic trainer for HSHS St. Joseph’s Hospital and Nashville Community High School, both in Illinois. He graduated from McKendree University in 2013 with a B.S. in Athletic Training and interned in the Puget Sound Collegiate League in 2014.

He is among 15 athletic trainers recognized by PBATS as the best in their

leagues (plus one coordinator). Becker joins the rest of that select group as finalists for the prestigious Minor League Athletic Trainer of the Year award, which will be voted on by the full membership of PBATS at the 2022 Baseball Winter Meetings in San Diego, California.

Smith completed his second season as the Renegades strength coach in 2022, and his sixth overall with the Yankees organization. He was also named the South Atlantic League Strength & Conditioning Coach of the Year by the PBSCCS in 2021 with the Renegades.

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