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## Candidates address civility in government

By Curtis Schmidt

Civility in politics – as voters, we all want to see it. However, with the exception of local governing bodies, we rarely see or hear about it these days.

We're talking about respect, kindness and working together – traits we teach our children and traits we use every day in the workplace. The rancor we have seen in politics on the state and national levels in our country for several years would simply not be tolerated in most workplaces.

But on the state and national political scene, it is tolerated and has even become expected.

So where do we go from here? After all, we do vote for politicians to serve us –their constituents – in local, state and federal government.

For answers, we turned to candidates currently running for office in the upcoming state and congressional races in our area. We asked "How do you bring civility to government, to allow for a more constructive working atmosphere?"

Note: Not all candidates responded to our question.

**Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney**

"I believe public service is about bringing people together to get things done and make our country a better place. It's the example that was set for me by my father, a Navy veteran.

"It's easy to lose track of that goal these days when the country feels so divided. But at the end of the day, we all want safe communities. We all want a strong economy and a good education for our kids. We all want clean air to breathe and clean water to drink.

"I have always and will always try to focus on those areas of agreement so we can find common ground to build on."

**Opponent Mike Lawler**

"We need more elected officials who are willing to work toward solutions and address the challenges we are facing. One party rule does not work – we need balance and common sense at every level of government.

"As I have done in the State Assembly, I will work to find common ground and support legislation that helps my constituents. I will also forcefully speak out on the issues to build consensus and understanding and ensure the policies we are passing garner broad support, rather than just ramming through legislation (just) because we can."

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## An experience of a lifetime

### Eighteen German exchange students visit Beacon High School

By Kristine Coulter

A short-term German student exchange project is happening in Beacon at Beacon High School. Eighteen students, along with teachers, from Germany landed at Newark International Airport in New Jersey on October 23. They will be in Beacon until November 4. The BHS Parent Teacher Student Organization organized the exchange.

Lena Bustami and Paula Zehren are sophomores in Germany and members of The Max Born Gymnasium School. The school is in Germering, Germany and was built in 1966. It has approximately 1,100 students. There are photos and information about Bavaria, Germering and Munich on a lobby wall in BHS.

Angelika Sahner and Mailin Schwarzmaier are teachers from Germany who are in American with the students. They were with the students in the high school library for the interview with Beacon Free Press.

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City of Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou (right) and members of the City Council recognized Beacon High School host and German exchange students at the October 24 Council meeting at City Hall. Thomas Schneck, co-founder of DocuWare, was in attendance to recognize the students.

-Courtesy photo by Frank Carone

## County Board of Elections prepared to run 'smooth' election

By Kate Goldsmith

In an era when many Americans express doubts about the integrity of the voting process and worry about nefarious interference with election results, Dutchess County's elections commissioners want to assure the public that they will oversee a fair and smoothly-run election.

The Dutchess County Board of Elections (BOE) is a bipartisan agency, with a Republican Commissioner and a Democratic Commissioner. Currently, those positions are held by Erik Haight and Hannah Black, respectively. In addition, all staff positions have a Republican and Democrat in place.

"Every task that we do is with our respective counterpart," said Haight on a phone call in mid-October. "They travel together, they work together, they check each other's work for accuracy."

That work includes ensuring the accuracy of data entry, making sure the ballot is accurate and doesn't include extra candidates, counting absentee ballots and more.

"It's not only for accuracy and quality control, but it inherently gives the voting public confidence that no one side is tipping the scales, so to speak," Haight said. "If there's a conflict that comes out, very rarely that comes out of our administrative duties, but if me and my counterpart have a disagreement, we ask for a compromise or will ask for the courts to intervene."

Preparation for the General Election begins as soon as primary elections have been certified, Haight said.

Black said via email, "As commissioners, by March 15th we have to designate poll sites for the General Election. Then



Hannah Black



Erik Haight

we also had an Intake Training in May prior to the primary elections. Before an election we have to generate the ballots, process registrations, absentees, address changes and program the machines," among other tasks.

Haight noted that it was challenging this year with two primaries taking place, "but we handled it and are ready to run a smooth and accurate election in November that our voters are accustomed to and deserve."

Although the Board of Elections is "not in a situation to be constantly holding voter registration drives," Haight said there are a number of ways the agency encourages voting.

"Every year we go to the high schools

in Dutchess, educate the seniors of the importance of voting, collect registrations from those seniors, make sure they're complete and accurate. We respond to a variety of nonprofits and others [that are holding a voter registration drive]," he said. "In presidential years, we're required by statute to do some voter registration drives, and we comply with that statute. We make sure all the libraries, post offices [and other locations] have registration cards on hand."

Black added, "We process registrations that come in. That might mean that on some days we have to come in early and stay late in order to process all of the registrations."

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# Civility in politics –where do we go from here?

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**NYS Senator Sue Serino**  
“Kindness is underestimated today. I lost my brother to suicide and he was someone who experienced significant bullying as a child. Because of that personal experience, I have always tried to act with empathy, compassion and most importantly kindness. Not only do I try to take steps to do what I can to be kind myself, but I also work to promote kindness through my office and use programs like ‘Serino’s Superstars’ to celebrate young people who are making a difference in our community by promoting kindness.  
“I have a strong record in working in a bipartisan fashion and our community has directly benefited as a result, whether that meant securing funds or advancing legislation. Building the relationships necessary to work through problems and have bipartisan success starts with that basic step of promoting kindness, reaching out to colleagues, and putting the people we serve over politics always.”  
**Opponent Michelle Hinchey**  
“I think we have to show up with the baseline assumption that everyone is trying to work with the best interests of their communities at heart. Each person has a different life experience, a different viewpoint on cause and effect, but if we believe that the person sitting across the table from us wants our community to succeed and is truly solution-oriented, we can find common ground and get a lot of things accomplished.  
“Focusing on the work that matters to people, not the fear-mongering or the partisan talking points, building the bridges and delivering on the issues that help our community - that’s how we close the divide, bring civility back to our commu-

nities, and it’s how we strengthen the Hudson Valley for the future.”  
**NYS Assemblywoman Didi Barrett**  
“For a decade I have had the honor of representing the 106th Assembly District, which goes from the Town of Poughkeepsie well north into Columbia County. It is what we describe as a ‘purple’ district – equally red and blue, with a lot of independent voters.  
“I believe in treating people with respect and courtesy and [am] always looking for common ground when confronting an issue where people feel differently. My bills are almost always passed with bipartisan support. My team and I work for the people of our district – they elect us – and I represent all my constituents in Albany, regardless of party.”  
**Opponent Brandon Gaylord**  
“First, I’m an extremely civil person, having been a teacher for the last few years. Being in that environment required that I get along with all stakeholders, despite the high-stakes of teaching people’s children.  
“Second, (some) people are not happy with the representation they’re getting. I fielded a call from an 85-year-old constituent last night who told me she’s (angry) about bail reform. People can afford civility when the situation is still tenable. When it feels like it no longer is, people throw civility out the window and let emotion take hold. I get that and I hear from those people every day. I’m a fighter and will fight tooth and nail for the people of this district in a way that brings respect and results to the 106th district.”  
**NYS Assemblyman Jonathan Jacobson**  
“With respect to bringing more civility in our political discourse, we must all learn to listen better to those with different viewpoints, but we also must first agree on the basic rules, such as the can-

didate who gets the most votes wins.”  
**NY Senate candidate Julie Shiroishi**  
“I have spent most of my adult life working in the private sector where behaving in a rude or unproductive manner is just not tolerated. I am also very solutions-oriented and I like to bring all stakeholders to the table so we can discuss our positions and find a way to reach a shared goal. I’m also a mom, so I always encourage civility and am very used to resolving conflicts.”  
**NY Senate candidate Rob Rolison**  
“I’m a Republican who’s been elected twice in a city that overwhelmingly favors Democratic voters. I’ve received bipartisan support in every election in which I’ve been a candidate.  
“As mayor, I’ve partnered with members of both parties to save the City of Poughkeepsie from the brink of economic disaster. It’s not about politics; it’s about getting things done. As state Senator I will return common-sense, solutions-oriented leadership to Albany to help get our state back on track and working for our residents again.”  
**NY Assembly candidate Jill Fieldstein**  
“I have handled my campaign with the utmost civility, and I plan on acting accordingly in the Assembly. My job once


elected is to get things done for our district and the state. Getting things done requires collaborating with other legislators from all parties. Being flexible, open-minded and willing to see all sides of an issue before making decisions that can have an enormous impact will help make me an effective legislator.”  
**NY Assembly candidate Anil Beephan Jr.**  
“As a Town Councilman [in East Fishkill], I have focused our efforts on the residents and their needs. In doing so, we have spent less time discussing political differences and concentrated on tackling the issues. We need to bring the same mindset to Albany for the good of our residents and the state.”  
**NY Assembly candidate Sarahana Shrestha**  
“As an organizer, my main goal is to rally support for priorities that I consider important. I intend to do this by being clear on where I stand, but at the same time, being respectful and developing personal relationships with my colleagues.  
“I don’t expect to agree with everyone on everything, but I do believe that sustained, meaningful, and good-faith conversations can lead to results.”

## Former Renegades manager Quatraro named to lead KC Royals next year



**By Rich Thomaselli**  
Sometimes, it’s not just the players who make it from the minor leagues to Major League Baseball.  
Former Hudson Valley Renegades manager Matt Quatraro on Sunday was announced as the new manager of the Kansas City Royals, becoming their 18th manager in franchise history.  
Quatraro began his coaching career as the Renegades’ hitting coach from 2004 through 2005, and managed the team during the 2006 and 2007 seasons.  
Quatraro, 48, becomes the third former Renegades manager to be hired as the manager of a Major League team, joining Edwin Rodríguez and Charlie Montoyo.  
“We are extremely excited to have Matt leading our club and core of talent,” Royals executive vice president of baseball operations/general manager J.J. Picollo said in the team’s statement. “Matt has great experiences throughout his career that have prepared him for this. He thoroughly impressed us all during our interview process and is clearly respected across the industry. We are looking forward to working alongside Matt to bring winning baseball to our great fans.”

“I’m grateful to Mr. [Royals chairman and CEO Bruce] Sherman and the ownership group, J.J. and the front office, and everyone else with the Royals for this opportunity,” Quatraro said in a team statement. “I already knew the talent on the roster and how great the fans in Kansas City are, and the interview process convinced me that the terrific things I’d heard about the organization’s culture are true. I can’t wait to get started, and for my family to get to Kansas City and be part of that community.”  
Since departing the Hudson Valley, Quatraro managed two more seasons in the Rays organization in 2008 (Columbus Catfish) and 2009 (Bowling Green Hot Rods) before being named Tampa Bay’s minor league hitting coordinator, a role which he held from 2010 through 2013.  
The Cleveland Guardians hired Quatraro to their MLB coaching staff as their assistant hitting coach in 2014. He returned to the Rays in 2017, serving for a season as the third base coach before becoming the bench coach in 2018 when Montoyo departed to manage the Toronto Blue Jays.


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# Bonfire and performances in Beacon Nov. 4, 5

**By Kristine Coulter**

The inaugural Beacon Bonfire Music + Art Festival will be held on November 4 and 5 in Beacon. The festival will feature more than 100 performers in more than 14 venues and galleries along Main St.

“During COVID, a few of us started to gather safely outside around our home fires. At some point we felt the need to expand the circle - so many of our friends and neighbors had been isolated or had just moved to Beacon during the lockdown. People had a need to gather, and to meet and know a new neighbor. We organized Beacon Bonfires in some unusual or lesser known places around the city, and made it a fun, “experiential” event. There was always music or an art presentation, s’mores and community. We didn’t tell anyone where they would be, just the date and time, and then we texted the location the morning of the event. One time almost 200 people came! We then asked the question “why not make it city-wide Festival?,” showcasing and celebrating the breadth and depth of talent and creativity that has made Beacon its home,” explained Kelly Ellenwood, one of the event organizers.

The Beacon Bonfire Music + Art Festival is walkable for those who wish to

participate. According to organizers, there will be free tastings and small bites, plus discounts on food and beverages.

Asked what attendees can expect, Ellenwood replied, “Abundance!” She noted, “There will be something for everyone, everywhere, with a mixture of Free, Pay What You Will, and Bonfire Festival Pass Exclusive events. You can plan your day, or you can just stroll down Main Street and experience it.”

The festival will take place at more than 30 businesses. The festival will begin at the Metro-North Train Station. The Beacon Free Loop will be available to take to Main St.

Ellenwood said, “Our main “camp” is at Veterans Place, which will be closed to traffic... Most events will be finished before the Loop stops running at 9 p.m. For the event schedule and the bus schedule, please check beaconbonfire.com, or the link @beaconbonfire on Instagram. Or walk or take your bike! Main Street Beacon is easy to get around without a car.”

Ellenwood said, “Beacon Bonfire Night is a nod to the revolutionary fire that burned on the top of our mountain and gave the city its name.” She added, “The Beacon Bonfire celebrates the need we



The inaugural Beacon Bonfire Music + Art Festival will be held on November 4 and 5 in Beacon. Pictured is from a previous bonfire held in July 2021.

-Courtesy photo by Daniel Rowan

have as humans to come together, to tell our stories, and to be inspired.”

Tickets and more information are available at beaconbonfire.com and @beaconbonfire on Instagram and Facebook.

# County Board of Elections prepared to run ‘smooth’ election

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## Thoughts on early voting

Now that early voting has been in place for a few election cycles, are more people taking advantage of it?

Haight didn’t mince words.

“The facts show that it is a colossal waste of money,” he said, reiterating a stance he has held all along. “While it may increase the convenience of voting for a few people, it has not increased voting [participation]. It’s the same in the other 33 states that have early voting. It spreads out the voting.”

Black said, “It fluctuates on the election, depending on voter engagement on the races within each year.”

And speaking of voter engagement, both commissioners expect turnout to be more robust than in midterm elections that don’t include a gubernatorial race.

“For as long as we’ve been keeping records, gubernatorial election cycles produce 60-percent turnout, and I’d expect that historical trend to continue,” Haight said.

## Dutchess not immune to rampant FOIL requests

The Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) requests that have swamped elections bureaus across the country have also kept Dutchess officials busy.

“There has been an unusual amount of FOIL requests that have to do with the

2020 election,” Black said.

At the time of the interview, Haight said, “It hasn’t impacted our budget yet, but the FOILs that have been filed at the Dutchess County Board of Elections are the same FOIL requests [that have been filed] across the country. Essentially, we have these ‘kooks’ – you can quote me on that; they’re kooks – who don’t believe that Trump lost.”

He added, “I can speak for Dutchess County that the results that we certified in 2020 are 100-percent accurate.”

Nonetheless, the law is the law, and Haight said the county’s Board of Elections will follow the law with regard to the FOIL requests – but the commissioners will set the terms under which the documents may be viewed. The plan was to have those requesting the FOILs pay up front for the viewing of the materials; because the documents are secured in a bipartisan fashion, the Board of Elections needs to hire a Democrat and a Republican to oversee the viewing.

“They can handle the material, they can view the material, but they’re not allowed to copy it or take photos of it,” Haight said. “It will cost the kooks about \$40 an hour to view this material. I assume they’ll need a full work week to view the files – they’re required to reimburse the taxpayers for the folly of this task these folks are undertaking.”

At the time of the interview, Haight said, “In the coming weeks, I’ll reach out

to these FOILers and give them a little bit of time to get organized.”

He noted, “All of our employees are tied up running this election. I will not jeopardize this election because these kooks don’t believe we ran a fair election in 2020.”

**Change to absentee voting**

Haight noted that the constitutional amendment to allow no-excuse absentee voting failed last year, so voters still have to check a box on the absentee voting application. Anyone who is concerned about COVID-19 can check the temporary illness box, which covers fear of catching anything.

“The volume of absentee voting [we had] in 2020, I don’t see [happening this year],” Haight said.

Black said, “The most important change is the fact that once a voter applies for an absentee ballot and it gets issued/sent, the voter no longer has the option to vote in-person on the machine. If they want to vote in-person, then they must vote by affidavit. This is because we are now required to canvass the absentee

ballots on election night. Prior to this year, the BOE would canvass absentee ballots after the election.”

**Inspiring confidence in elections**

The public is invited to come to the Board of Elections and watch the bipartisan process in action, said Haight.

“We let the sunshine in. Full transparency,” he said. “The way we’re built here lends itself well to the process.”

“We simply explain the voting process to them, of how all preparation and post-election tasks are done by both parties together,” said Black. “Voters find this reassuring.”

She added, “The BOE has an amazing staff that works very hard and many hours to ensure that we have a successful and smooth election.”

Haight concluded, “I just challenge the voters of Dutchess County to break the 60-percent turnout [for the midterms].”

The Dutchess County BOE is at 112 Delafield St. in Poughkeepsie. Call 845-486-2473 or visit <https://elections.dutchessny.gov/> for more information.

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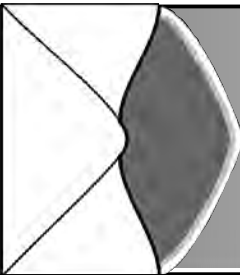
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## Letter writer encourages voters to support Schmitt for Congress

To the Editor:

Please join me in supporting Colin Schmitt for Congress because he will look out for the best interest of the Hudson Valley rather than that of the Washington elite.

Colin will not only support the funding of the police, he will have their backs in the performance of the difficult jobs that they do. He will work to implement policies that prevent violent felons and drug dealers from doing further harm to the public. Colin will work to secure our southern border to stop human trafficking and the flow of deadly fentanyl at its source.

Colin will work to lower inflation and taxes by stopping the inflationary policies of the Biden administration including wasteful spending, over regulation, bigger government and socialism.

Colin will pursue a rational energy policy that provides adequate clean, reliable and affordable electricity from diverse sources here in the Hudson Valley. This policy would allow people to use the heating and cooling system of their choice that will keep them warm in the coldest weather and comfortable in the hottest weather. People would also maintain freedom of mobility by being able to drive a vehicle of their choice that can provide adequate heat or air conditioning or tow a boat or trailer over long distances if they so desire.

Colin will work to preserve our Constitutional rights and he will work to assure parental rights with regard to their children's education. Colin will work to increase the respect for all human life.

Colin Schmitt will work to preserve our freedom and prosperity.

Paul Salvas  
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## Thurston announces support for candidates in General Election

To the Editor:

Many good candidates are up for election on November 8th. Because of my long-standing personal relationships with and observations of the performance of several candidates, I want to highlight my support for:

- Acting Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati for election as our Sheriff. There has been no person more dedicated and capable in addressing the public safety needs of Wappinger. The Sheriff’s Department (along with NY State Police) has been very responsive to the needs of our community. Not only is Kirk thoughtful, caring, and compassionate, he has never failed us in protecting our community.
- Anil Beephan (candidate for NY State Assembly, District-105). “AJ” has always shown his fullest dedication and support for the people of Wappinger. As a former member of Senator Serino’s staff or Councilman for East Fishkill, he has always been there. He has sound workable ideas on improving our economy, on addressing inflationary pressures, and on reducing crime.
- Colin Schmitt (candidate for NY’s 18th Congressional District). Colin has served in the State Assembly (99th district) and in the Army National Guard. As I have come to know Colin he is not the radical demagogue so often portrayed. He has sound ideas on how to address crime, inflation and the economy. He will very capably help us to address those challenges facing Wappinger.
- Marcus Molinaro, Sue Serino While Marcus and Sue are not candidates for Wappinger area, if they are elected, they will strongly strong support Wappinger. I have the highest respect and support for Marc and Sue. They have always been there for us. If you, your relatives and friends should live in their new election districts, please vote for them.

Dr. Richard L. Thurston, Esq.  
Supervisor, Town of Wappinger

## Imperati has ‘served all communities of Dutchess equally and fairly’

To the Editor:

These days community activism is heightened throughout the country as well as globally. Particularly with regard to all agencies of law enforcement. Here in Dutchess County, we face the same concerns.

In the short time Kirk Imperati has served as interim sheriff, he has stood above the political fray and served all communities of Dutchess equally and fairly.

More so, his leadership is a needed boost to all who serve under him and very welcomed by all communities.

Imperati is eminently qualified, and Dutchess County is lucky to have him as our Sheriff.

I’m encouraged that Jillian Hanlon is opposing Imperati. I encourage Hanlon to build community relations and establish centers of influence around the county.

As one of the leading Latino political voices of Dutchess, the first and only Latino from Dutchess to run for NYS Legislature, a co-founder of the Latino Democrats of Dutchess County, and former Chairperson of the Town of Wappinger Democratic Committee, I enthusiastically and without any reservations endorse Interim Sheriff Kirk Imperati to continue as Sheriff of Dutchess County.

Joe Torres  
Town of Wappinger

## Schmitt holds discussion on top issues for Dutchess County

To the Editor:

Over the weekend, I attended Coffee with Colin in Poughkeepsie. Assemblyman Colin Schmitt, who is running for the 18th Congressional District, hosted a meet- and-greet conversation over a cup of coffee. It is refreshing to see a candidate seeking to represent us making an effort to have open conversations about the top issues for Dutchess County.

One issue at the forefront of discussion was the shape of our economy. Schmitt stands for stopping the out-of-control spending in D.C. that is fueling inflation, restoring American energy independence, and shifting the supply chain from China back to America.

Al Casella  
Wappingers Falls

## Supporting Schmitt for Congress

To the Editor

Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 8. I am happy to support Assemblyman Colin Schmitt for Congress. Commitment to community is a cornerstone of Schmitt’s platform, which is no surprise as his father retired as a Lieutenant in the FDNY which inspired Colin to enlist in the Army National Guard where he currently serves as a Sergeant.

Schmitt also went on to obtain his real estate license where he worked with his wife at their family’s third generation small business. Shortly after, Schmitt was elected to the NY State Assembly, and for the past four years he has shown his support for law enforcement and public safety.

When the cashless bail law was enacted, Schmitt was the first to sponsor legislation to repeal the law we have now. He is outspoken in stopping the out-of-control spending in Washington DC and making sure America is secure and controls its own energy production. Please join me in Voting Colin Schmitt for Congress.

Al Torregianni  
Supervisor, Town of Hyde Park



# Viewpoints

## Consider Libertarian candidate for governor

To the Editor:

If you live in the Hudson Valley, your mailbox is getting blitzed right now with political mailers. Not that I mind them, but messaging on some of these mailers is so infantile as to be unworthy of an election for high school class president, much less U.S. Congress.

One mailer gives the impression that a certain candidate will release violent felons from prison, and that prisoners are supporting him. No explanation how incarcerated felons are supposed to support him, but that’s the cartoonish message being pitched. I’d tell you what the candidate says about himself, except that his own mailers just demonize his opponent in similarly outrageous terms.

With only two parties, it's always a race to the bottom. Each side denigrates the opposition, leaving voters to choose the lesser of two evils. Add a third party, however, and smearing an opponent just winds up making the third candidate look better. A three-way race incentivizes candidates to distinguish themselves with policy solutions, which overall leaves voters feeling empowered to vote FOR an option, rather than intimidated into voting AGAINST the only other option. New Yorkers always have the option to write-in candidates on the ballot, and as citizens it’s our last check on political machines which want to run government. That’s why my family and I will be writing in Larry Sharpe, Libertarian for Governor. We realize it’s unreasonable to expect him to win, but in a state nearly 3-to-1 Democrat, voting blue is superfluous, and voting red only makes a shinier consolation prize for second place. If enough people write-in Larry Sharpe, we have a chance to restore a real third option on ballot, and thereby, to improve the maturity and significance of political discourse from statewide down to local races.

Daniel Donnelly  
Amenia Dutchess County Libertarian Party

## DC Volunteer Firefighters present awards



Dutchess County Volunteer Firefighters Officers honor 50-year member Kyle Pottenburgh at the quarterly meeting on Oct. 18.

- Photo courtesy of Vinny Galvin

The Dutchess County Volunteer Firefighters Association held its quarterly meeting at the Pawling Fire Department Station 1 on Tuesday Oct. 18, and presented several awards.

The Pawling Fire Department along with Pine Plains and Milan Fire Departments were awarded certificates of recognition for heroic acts performed in their communities.

Kyle Pottenburgh of the New

Hackensack FD was recognized for his 50 years of service.

Also, at the meeting, W.T. Garner Engine Co. #1 in Wappingers Falls was acknowledged for 150 years of service with certificates from the Dutchess County Volunteer Firefighters Association, Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighters and Firefighters Association of the State of New York.

## Women's Professional Network presents workshops on how to reach professional goals

The Women’s Professional Network presents “The Roadmap to Your Professional Success – 2022” on November 15, 5:30-8 p.m. at Mahoney’s Irish Pub & Steakhouse, 35 Main Street, in Poughkeepsie.

Registration can be found at <https://roadmaptoprofessionalsuccess2022.eventbrite.com>

This mini-conference will focus on the professional development and growth of achievement oriented professionals and business owners. Designed for one’s success in mind, guarantee that one will be inspired and invigorated. Two incredibly enlightening workshops will provide the critical tools one needs on one’s journey to reach the unique professional goals. Highly experienced presenters will move one to action in meaningful and insightful ways.

Presented by the WPN, this event is a collaboration with business and

community leaders.

(Grace) Angela Henry, executive search consultant and voice actor, will serve as the dinner speaker with her address: “Can’t, Couldn’t, Shouldn’t, Wouldn’t-Says Who?!” Adopting a Forward Thinking Vision.

Following dinner, attendees will break into one of two different, concurrent workshops.

Cost is \$28 per person for WPN Brave&Bold Members. Payable thru Venmo. Includes dinner and a choice of Workshop one or two Cash bar.

\$33 for WPN non-Members. Payable only thru Eventbrite. Includes dinner and a choice of Workshop 1 or 2. Cash bar.

Eventbrite registration (non-Members) can be found at <https://roadmaptoprofessionalsuccess2022.eventbrite.com>.

Please be prepared to state your Workshop choice when you check in at our registration desk at Mahoney’s.

## Early voting happening now

Early voting for the 2022 General Election has been offered from Oct. 29 and will continued through Nov. 6 at the following locations throughout Dutchess County:

Mid-Hudson Library Auditorium, 105 Market St., Poughkeepsie;  
East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376, Hopewell Junction;  
Cornell Cooperative Center, 2715 US-44, Millbrook;  
Boardman Road Library, 141 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie;  
Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill;  
Rhinebeck Town Hall, 80 East Market St., Rhinebeck;  
Wappinger Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls.

Wednesday, Nov. 2: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Thursday, Nov. 3: Noon-8 p.m.  
Friday, Nov. 4: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov. 5: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Sunday, Nov. 6: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

## ELECTION DAY VOTING DATE AND TIMES

General Election:

November 8, from 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Please note that some polling locations may have changed. Check one’s election district to see where one vote.

Unsure which election district one lives in? Use the Poll Site Search to view one’s election district, poll site, and registration status on the Dutchess County Board of Elections website at <https://elections.dutchessny.gov/voter-information/dutchess-county-polling-places/>.

## Hydrant flushing in Wappinger through November 18

Residents of the United Wappinger Water District West of Spookhill Rd. in the Town of Wappinger are being advised to limit water use.

CAMO Pollution Control, Inc. will be flushing hydrants between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. beginning October 31st, through November 18th.

During the flushing, residents may

experience erratic water pressure and turbid water conditions. This condition will only be temporary. At all times, the water will meet satisfactory sanitary quality. The flushing will bring about long-term improvements in water quality.

If you have any questions, please call CAMO Pollution Control, Inc. at 845-463-7310.

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## Hocus Pocus Parade makes its way down Main Street for Halloween fun



Members of the Beacon High School band perform during the 2022 Hocus Pocus Parade on Main St. in Beacon on Oct. 29. Hundreds dressed in costumes to walk the parade route on the sunny day. Numerous businesses handed out treats to children. Main sponsors of the event were the Law Office of Dennis R. Vetrano, Jr., LLC (DRV Law) and The Gate House Team at Compass.

-Photos by Kristine Coulter

## Celebrating 50 years of service in Dutchess County



The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), an AmeriCorps Seniors Volunteer Program, recently held a Golden Jubilee Volunteer Appreciation Carnival. The event is celebrating RSVP's 50th year in Dutchess County.

-Courtesy photos



By JoAnn Hickman  
Director of RSVP of Dutchess County

The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), an AmeriCorps Seniors Volunteer Program recently held a Golden Jubilee Volunteer Appreciation Carnival, celebrating our 50th year in Dutchess County. Our event was made possible by the generosity of Taconic Rehabilitation and Nursing, The Pines of Poughkeepsie, MVP Health Care, AccentCare, ArchCare at Ferncliff, Central Hudson and Tompkins Mahopac Bank. Attendees played carnival games, participated in a scavenger hunt, were entertained by Ryan Dutcher, Illusionist and Bee Bee the Clown who delighted everyone with her magic and the art of bringing joy to life! Thank you to East Fishkill Provisions for providing an on-site BBQ luncheon; your food and staff were amazing as always. The impact of volunteerism to those served in a community cannot be fully measured solely through data and reporting. However, in the last fifty years, I can say with certainty that RSVP volunteers have touched the lives of thousands of individuals through programs such as: home delivered meals, medical transportation, hospice, the ombudsman program, student tutoring, volunteering at the

Veterans Hospital and more. Giving back and assisting others is the basis of community service or volunteering. It teaches us how significant it is to help the ones in need, the ones who are less fortunate than us. The importance of community service lies in the fact that it connects us to the community by improving it, and making it a better place for all of us to live in.

Why not give some thought to joining RSVP. Benefits of becoming a member of the RSVP program include personalized placement and ongoing support from the AmeriCorps RSVP staff, supplemental insurance while volunteering, high quality training, invitation to recognition events and more. In addition to these tangible benefits there are numerous intangible rewards to getting involved, giving back, and making an impact in the lives of others. Research has found that volunteering provides older adults with improved physical and mental health and greater life satisfaction. In other words, giving back makes you feel good!

Call the RSVP office at (845) 452-5104 x 101 or [rsvp@dutchesscap.org](mailto:rsvp@dutchesscap.org) to learn more. We're looking forward to volunteers providing another fifty years of heartfelt service to the residents of Dutchess County.

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# ‘Talking Birds and Golden Fish’ performance

ThinkDIFFERENTLY event at Bardavon Nov. 10

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro invites residents of all abilities and their families to a free sensory-sensitive, live storytelling performance titled “Talking Birds and Golden Fish: A Collection of Global Animal Tales” with David Gonzalez on November 10 at 6 p.m., at the Bardavon Opera House, at 35 Market Street in Poughkeepsie. In participation with this ThinkDIFFERENTLY event, the theater will adjust both the lighting and sound to make the experience more enjoyable for those on the autism spectrum or who experience sensory issues. Individuals, families and support agencies are all invited to this free event. Seating is limited; registration is required and can be completed at [dutchessny.gov/show](http://dutchessny.gov/show).

Molinaro said, “As a father of a child on the autism spectrum I know it makes a big difference when events are sensory friendly and can be enjoyed by the whole family. I am proud we can offer events such as this live storytelling show and look forward to an evening that will be charming, educational, and fun for all ages and abilities.”

A captivating storyteller and experienced performer for I/DD audiences, David Gonzalez will bring his casual and simple staging to his “Talking Birds and Golden Fish” performance. The show features animal tales from India, Persia, South America and the Caribbean. The creatures in the stories share life lessons and demonstrate a positive and inclusive environment for all. David brings the sto-

ries alive using his voice through stories and singing, and physical movements.

David’s stories bring to life an inspiration, delight, and deliver messages that speak to kids and adults alike. The theater will keep the lights up and the volume down. Additionally, there will be fewer multimedia displays will be used to keep sensory stimuli low.

This event is the second of three ThinkDIFFERENTLY events the County is sponsoring at the Bardavon this year. The first, a sensory friendly showing of the movie “Inside Out” that took place in mid-October and was well received. An hour-long, sensory-sensitive performance of “The Nutcracker” will close out the series on Dec. 9th.

Molinaro created the “ThinkDIFFERENTLY” initiative in 2015 as a way of fostering a more welcoming and inclusive community for individuals of all abilities. Dutchess County has since taken numerous steps to “ThinkDIFFERENTLY,” including holding events to provide those living in the I/DD community access to inclusivity while obtaining information and resources available to them.

In his 2023 Executive Budget, which he will release on November 1st, County Executive Molinaro includes new ThinkDIFFERENTLY initiatives as part of the forthcoming ThinkDIFFERENTLY All Abilities Action Plan.

To learn more about how to ThinkDIFFERENTLY, visit [thinkdifferently.net](http://thinkdifferently.net).

# Ethiopian band to perform in Beacon



Howland Cultural Center will present the Ethiopian band, QWANQWA, at 8 p.m. on November 5. This supergroup composed of five top musicians from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia’s capital, is making its first American tour of four dozen American cities. Their music derives from traditions found in that region, known as “the horn of Africa,” but they add their own contemporary twists that can bring in flavors of rock, psychedelic and regional roots.

Tickets in advance online are \$20 through [www.howlandculturalcenterTIX.com](http://www.howlandculturalcenterTIX.com). Tickets at the door, if available, will be \$25.

Fronted by female vocalist Selamnesh Zemene, the band features Endris Hassen (masinko), Bubu Teklamariam (bass krar), Kaethe Hostetter (violin), and Misale Leggese (kebero).

The Howland Cultural Center is at 477 Main Street in Beacon. The building, designed by famed architect Richard Morris Hunt, dates to 1872. The Center is observing the 150th anniversary of “the Jewel of Beacon” this year.

-Courtesy photo

# Craft fair set Nov. 5 in Fishkill

A craft fair will be held at St. Mary’s School in Fishkill on November 5, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Mary’s School, 106 Jackson St., in Fishkill.

There will be raffles, crafts and food available.

Craft fair is sponsored by St. Mary’s School Fishkill PPA.

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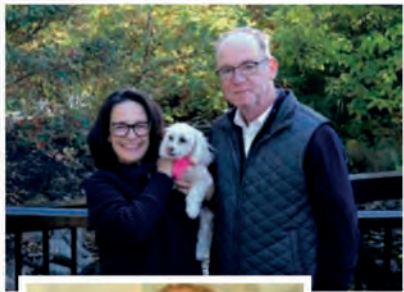
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# Obituaries

## Thomas G. Knibbs



FISHKILL - It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our beloved husband and father, Thomas G. Knibbs of Fishkill. He passed away at Vassar Brothers Medical Center on Sunday, October 16, 2022. Born on July 4, 1943 in Beacon, he was the son of the late Oliver Knibbs and Catherine (Denning) Knibbs. A graduate of St. Joachim School and Beacon High School, he was an Army Veteran who served in Vietnam during the Vietnam War. Upon his return, he was employed at the US Post Office where he worked for over 40 years. He has also been a long-time

employee of Shop Rite Supermarket. On September 2, 1967, Tom married his life-long love and partner, Linda Tyree at St. Joachim Church in Beacon. Both born in Beacon, they continued to live there for many years before moving to Fishkill. An avid sports fan, he enjoyed fishing and time spent at the lake, talking to good people, watching TV from his favorite chair and always a nice large bowl of ice cream. The most meaningful and important love of his life, however, was always his family. Tom is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Linda (Tyree) Knibbs and his loving children, Stephen Knibbs of Fishkill and Tracey (Knibbs) Rawls of Beacon. He is also survived by two sisters, Corrine (Jack) Norton of South Carolina and Nancy Knibbs of South Carolina as well as two nephews. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Mary Claire and his brother-in-law, Paul Claire. Family and friends gathered on Friday, October 21 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, October 22 at St. Joachim Church, 51 Leonard Street, Beacon. Entombment with military honors followed at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9, Fishkill. To send a personal condolence please visit [www.riverviewbyhalvey.com](http://www.riverviewbyhalvey.com).

## Dolores Almena



WAPPINGERS FALLS - Dolores Almena, a longtime resident of Wappingers Falls, died at home on October 21, 2022, with her daughters by her side. Dolores was born in Eastchester on August 14, 1935, to the late Anthony and Sophie (Karpinski) Tarter. On April 24, 1954, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Scarsdale, she married the love of her life, Joseph Almena, who predeceased her in 2015. They were married 60 years. She was a communicant of St. Mary Mother of the Church Fishkill for 61 years. Dolores was a cook manager at Fishkill Elementary and Oak Grove Elementary School until her retire-

ment in 1990, after 25 years. She loved to cook and bake and passed on her appreciation of good food to her family. Traveling with her family and friends, watching the horse races on TV from Saratoga and going to the casinos to play and see the shows brought her joy. Dolores is survived by her loving daughters, Ellen Almena of Fishkill and Lori Almena of Wappingers Falls, several nieces and nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. She was "Mom" or "Dee Dee" to many close friends and their children. Dolores cherished the visits and meals she shared over the years with Father Adolf Occeno. Dolores was predeceased by her sisters, Lorraine Marchesiello and Joan Marallo. The family would like to thank Hudson Valley Hospice for their care, support, and compassion especially her nurses India and Karen as well as Emma, Claudette, Ed and of course Mollie the therapy dog. Calling hours were held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc. 1089 Main Street Fishkill. A Mass of Christian burial was held on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at St. Mary Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street Fishkill. Burial followed at the Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 US Route 9 Fishkill. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in memory of Dolores Almena to Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation, 80 Washington Street, Suite 204, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Please visit her Book of Memories at [www.McHoulFuneralHome.com](http://www.McHoulFuneralHome.com).

## Nancy J. Pfirman



POUGHKEEPSIE - Nancy J. Pfirman, 92, of Poughkeepsie, NY, passed away October 22, 2022. Nancy was born in Sunbury, Pennsylvania on September 6, 1930, to Mabel and David Broschious. She grew up in Sunbury with her brothers David and John. She met her husband Wesley S. Pfirman at Penn State, and they married on September 27, 1952. They moved to Poughkeepsie in 1955, when Wes was transferred with IBM. They raised their three children, David, Stephanie and Eric, in the house they designed and built, in the town of Poughkeepsie. Nancy, or Nana, as she was known to her grandchildren, is sur-

vived by her brother John (Janet) Broschious, children; David (Joyce) Pfirman, Stephanie Pfirman (Peter Schlosser), Eric (Jeanne) Pfirman, grandchildren Sarah Pfirman (Andrew Robie), Gregory Pfirman, Rebecca (R.J.) Iseldyke, Brianna Pfirman, Marisela (Geddy) Walker, Markkus Pfirman Schlosser (Aspen Reynolds), and three great grandchildren Vanessa Pfirman, Kyla and Daxton Walker. She is predeceased by her parents, husband Wes, and brother David. Nancy loved her family, dogs, wildlife and outdoor adventure. She took the family skiing, hiking, canoeing, camping, on picnics, sailing, to Cape Cod, on a cross country camping trip, renovated a barn into a ski lodge in the Adirondacks, maintained her rock garden, enjoyed martinis and a good party. She and Wes took canoe trips into wilderness Canada, tours on ice breakers to the Arctic, and heli-hiking trips in the Canadian Rockies, with their children and grandchildren. She appreciated the life she'd been given and found ways to give back. As a young girl, she was a candy stripper and counselor at a camp for handicapped children. Over the years she volunteered for Head Start, assisted with occupational therapy at local hospitals, was a substitute teacher, a lifeguard/swim teacher, and volunteered building trails alongside Wes at the Mohonk Mountain Preserve. Nancy was always optimistic, ready with a good laugh, and a joy to be around. In recent years, she would tell you how fortunate she was and couldn't imagine a better life. But, we were the fortunate ones. We can't imagine a better – and more fun – mother and Nana. The family will hold a small private service. In lieu of flowers, please volunteer or donate in her name to the Mohonk Preserve or the Dutchess County ASPCA. The Wm G. Miller FH, 371 Hooker Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12603 will handle arrangements. If you wish to send an online condolence, please visit our website at [www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com](http://www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com).

## William A. Rozner, Sr.



William A. Rozner, Sr., a lifelong area resident, passed away at his home on October 26, 2022 with his son and daughter by his side. He was 90 years old. He was born on November 2, 1931 in Beacon. William proudly served in the U.S. Army Artillery Unit from 1952 to 1954 when he was honorably discharged as a Corporal. He retired from Chemprene after 35 and half years as a supervisor. William leaves a son, William A. Rozner, Jr. and a daughter, Lisa Gallante. He was predeceased by his parents, Alexander and Emma Rozner. He was also predeceased by his wife, Jane Rozner and his siblings, Mary

Campbell, John Rozner and Helen Rozner. William is also survived by his grandchildren, Desirae and Dylan. He also leaves two great grandchildren, Robbi and Dakota. William played softball, was a bowler and a member of Beacon Engine Fire Company and Lewis Tompkins Hose. He enjoyed riding his Harley motorcycle with his wife, Jane. He will be sadly missed by all. Family and friends will gather on Friday, October 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, October 29 at St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 Willow Street, Beacon. Burial and military honors followed at St. Joachim Cemetery, Beacon. To send a personal condolence please visit [www.riverviewbyhalvey.com](http://www.riverviewbyhalvey.com). Funeral arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

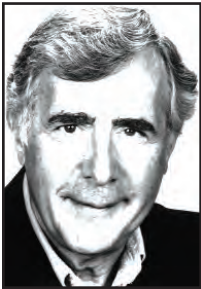
## Dolores M. Casella



POUGHKEEPSIE - Dolores M. Casella, 87, an area resident since 1966, died on October 25, 2022 at home. Born in Paulsboro, NJ on September 16, 1935, Dolores was the daughter of the late Charles and Minnie (Rutolo) Rapagna. She retired from the Hudson Valley River State Psychiatric Hospital after 20 years of service, and had previously been employed by IBM. Dolores is survived by her sons and their wives, Alfred and Toni Casella of Wappingers Falls and Michael and Brenda Casella of Cary, NC; her grandchildren, Daniel and his wife Brittany, Amanda and her fiancé Richie, Mikey, Jenna, and Logan; her

great-grandchildren, Mila and Dani; her sister, Carolyn Shirk; and her nephews, John and Jeff Shirk. In addition to her parents, Dolores was also predeceased by her husband of 35 years, Alfred R. Casella, in 1989; and her daughter, Theresa Pells, in 2003. Dolores had been a snowbird since 1990 spending time at her home in Briny Breezes, FL during the winter months. She also liked going to the Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center, as well as bowling and gardening. More than anything, she loved the time she spent with her family and friends, especially her Stephanie Lane ladies. Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction on Sunday, October 30th with a funeral service. Donations may be made in her memory to the American Heart Association. Please visit her Dolores' Book of Memories at [www.mchoulfuneralhome.com](http://www.mchoulfuneralhome.com).

## Nicholas Conti



BEACON - Nicholas E. Conti, a 56-year Beacon resident, was Called Home peacefully by the Lord on October 24, 2022 at his home in Beacon; he was 90 years old. Nicholas was born in Brooklyn, NY on December 4, 1931, son of the late John & Carmela (Opinante) Conti. Nicholas served in the United States Navy during the Korean War from 1951 to 1955, and received an honorable discharge for his service. Nicholas was a passionate author and playwright publishing 17 books and approximately 25 plays which have been performed in England, Ireland, Australia, Singapore, and across the United States. When he first moved to

the Hudson Valley, he was a radio announcer at WBNR and other area radio stations. Previously, while in New York City he was an actor and singer working both on- and off-Broadway, on numerous TV shows and movies, and even had the opportunity to sing at Carnegie Hall. Nicholas is survived by his two sons Gregory and Daniel and their wives Susan and Jennifer, his long-time love Christine, and his grandchildren Emma and Nicholas. He is predeceased by his wife Jean and his brother John. His Family & Friends will gather to remember his Life on Thursday, November 3, 2022 from 5-8pm at the LIBBY FUNERAL HOME, 55 Teller Avenue, Beacon. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10am, Friday, November 4 at St. Joachim Church, 51 Leonard Street, Beacon, followed by interment and military honors at St. Joachim Cemetery, 325 Washington Avenue, Beacon. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes for memorial donations to be made to Mid-Hudson Animal Aid, 54 Simmons Lane, Beacon, NY 12508. The family would like to offer their sincere thanks to the staff of Castle Point VA Medical Center and Hudson Valley Hospice for their dedication and compassion. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: [LibbyFuneralHome.com](http://LibbyFuneralHome.com)

# Veterans Day Service set for Nov. 11 in Village of Fishkill

A Veterans Day Service hosted by the Village of Fishkill will be held on November 11 at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Monument, on the corner of Main and Broad Streets. There will be a keynote speaker, the Pledge of Allegiance to the

Flag and the singing of the National Anthem. Please join with the Village of Fishkill to "Remember our Veterans." The Village of Fishkill extends an open invitation to all to attend.



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Alzheimer's Association to offer free events

The Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter will host the following free events in November. Unless noted otherwise, programs will be virtual, and registration can be made online, searching by zip code for programs at [alz.org](https://alz.org) or by calling the Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-3900.

**Something for Alz: Telling Your Stories:** 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Nov. 2. Join us for a free virtual program that offers a chance to tell your story. Both the caregiver and the person with dementia are invited to join, and each will have the opportunity to be guided through this six-week program. Facilitator Nancy Kessler will help participants listen, learn and tell their stories.

**Virtual Early-Stage Meetup Group:** 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2. Do you have an early-stage memory disorder? Are you interested in meeting others in the same situation and hearing about how the Alzheimer's Association can support you? Join us for this informal meeting to learn more! Prescreening is required. You are welcome to have a family member or care partner join you.

**Hudson Valley Research Webinar:** 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2. Join Research Champion Meg Boyce and six local experts for updates on the latest in dementia research. Get your questions answered during a Q&A at this free virtual event. Featured researchers will include: Emmeline Ayers, MPH, Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore; Gary Gibson, Ph.D. Burke Neurological Institute; Jeannette R. Mahoney, Ph.D. Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore;

**Sashi Makam, MD, Mid Hudson Medical Research/Horizon Family Medical Group; Chelsea Reichert Plaska, Ph.D., Nathan Kline Institute; and Allison Sparana, Nathan Kline Institute**

**Something for Alz: Creative Expression:** 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, with arts therapist Jayne Henderson, Join us for an interactive program for people with dementia and their family caregivers featuring creative arts activities. Have paper and something to draw

with when tuning into this program.

**Something for Alz: Telling Your Stories:** 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Nov. 9. Join us for a free virtual program that offers a chance to tell your story. Both the caregiver and the person with dementia are invited to join, and each will have the opportunity to be guided through this six-week program. Facilitator Nancy Kessler will help participants listen, learn and tell their stories.

**Purple Sunday Virtual Kickoff: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9:** A free virtual event for local faith leaders, first spouses, deacons, stewards and health ministry members. Join us to learn more about Purple Sunday, the impact of Alzheimer's disease in communities of color, tips on how to be a healthy caregiver and how you can support your community. Featuring presentations by Alzheimer's Association Research Champion Meg Boyce and Dr Naa-Solo Tettey, who will speak about the HeartSmarts program.

this week's puzzle solutions

1 8 5 7 6 3 2 9 4

9 3 4 2 5 8 7 1 6

3 5 8 4 9 1 2 7 6

7 6 2 1 9 4 8 5 3

8 2 9 6 4 1 5 3 7

6 1 7 8 3 5 9 4 2

5 4 3 6 2 7 1 9 8

4 9 6 5 7 2 3 8 1

3 7 1 4 8 9 6 2 5

2 5 8 3 1 6 4 7 9

This week's answer

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

Suguru

	5				
		3			
	4	3			
				5	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

1. Clutch

6. Many

10. Explosive

14. Nook

15. Border on

16. Of a generation

17. To no \_\_; uselessly

18. Part of a wedding cake

19. Female animal

20. Those who eat on the house

22. Handsome man

24. 1109

25. Pittsburgh \_\_

26. Tropical fig tree

29. Clergyman

30. Address abbr.

31. Approaches

33. Bicycle part

37. Appear

39. Malice

41. Word on a banana

42. Typo

44. Stadium fixtures

46. Green expanse

47. Western movie

49. Rush

51. Sufferings

54. Defeatist's word

55. Eat like a mouse

56. Thought about

60. Palm or pine

61. Broad ditch

63. Identical

64. " \_\_ deal!"

65. Margin

66. Burdened

67. One of Noah's sons

68. Shameful grades

69. Flowers-to-be

DOWN

1. Pesky insect

2. Tear apart

3. Hertz Rent-\_\_

4. Wobble abnormally

5. Louisiana's state bird

6. Rubber glove material

7. Geisha's sash

8. Part of every week: abbr.

9. Tax to the utmost

10. Lamented

11. Praying figure

12. Guillotined queen

13. "God \_\_ you"

21. Utensil parts

23. Let fall

25. Italian staple

26. Low

27. State positively

28. \_\_-do-well

29. Emotional one

32. Domed projections

34. Numskull

35. Away from the wind

36. Skinny

38. Night light

40. Green Mountain Boys' leader

43. Metal bar

45. Footwear

48. Swarmed

50. Engraved pillars: var.

51. Those who lobby against a measure

52. Circumference

53. Way too heavy

54. Dove shelters

56. Summon electronically

57. Roller coaster, e.g.

58. \_\_ out a living; got by

59. Comfy rooms

62. Elegant poem

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
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# ‘Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?’ opens Friday at County Players

County Players, one of the longest running community theatre companies in the area is proud to present Edward Albee’s Classic Drama “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?” This Main Stage production is directed by Anna Marie Paolercio, and opens November 4, and runs through November 19. Performances are scheduled for Fridays and Saturdays November 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, and 19 at 8 p.m., with matinees on Sunday, November 13, and Saturday November 19 at 2 p.m. Performances will be held at the County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main Street in the Village of Wappingers Fall.

Edward Albee’s award-winning Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf? is considered a masterwork of American drama, with dazzling language and unforgettable characters. There is no dysfunctional stage couple quite like George and Martha. The funny and darkly unsettling duo welcomes you into their living room, along with the young couple Honey and Nick. Lean in to the titillating shock and awe of this masterpiece of modern American theatre, whose characters were just as radical, hilarious, and unforgettable in 1962 as they are today.

The production features the local talents of Erin Cross, Norm Magnusson, Ethan Maslyn, and Amy Schaffer. Of this production director Paolercio said, “Author Albee is beyond brilliant with this piece;

he has said that he avoids writing plays with easy answers, preferring to challenge and stimulate his audiences. “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?” has no easy answers. You may not like George and Martha, nor even sympathize with them, but it’s likely you will recognize the universe they inhabit, because it’s one we all share. They attempt to survive in their own way, just as you attempt to survive in yours.”

This production contains adult subject matter and profanity.

As COVID-19 restrictions and mandates are evolving daily please visit the County Players webpage at [countypayers.org/covid019-policy/](https://countypayers.org/covid019-policy/) for up-to-date information on theater restrictions and protocols. The box office will once again open for in-person ticket sales on performance days. Individual tickets are available online in advance of the performance.

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The cast of County Players’ “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf “ (from left) Ethan Maslyn, Amy Schaffer, Norm Magnusson, and Erin Cross.

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