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Friends of Carnwath needs members to grow organization



The entrance to Carnwath Farms and the Sports Museum of Dutchess County off Wheeler Hill Road in Wappinger. The Friends of Carnwath will host its first meeting of 2023 on January 28.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

By Kristine Coulter

The Friends of Carnwath is holding its first 2023 meeting on Jan. 28 at 10 a.m. in the Administration Building at Carnwath Farms, which is off of Wheeler Hill Road in Wappinger.

So, who may join the group?

"Anyone interested in Carnwath and wanting to help the community should join," replied Todd Bowen, secretary for the Friends of Carnwath. Donna Lenhart is the president of the committee.

Asked what the goals of the committee are, Bowen responded, the following:

-To become an official 501c3 non-profit organization

- To actively engage with the Wappinger Town Board as it determines the next steps for infrastructure and capital improvements. This will help inform any future aesthetic and/or repairs the organization may undertake

- To create a new website

- To grow the organization through community outreach and new, active members

- To schedule work days where volunteers do cleanup of the buildings and grounds

"Carnwath Farms Historic Site & Park is truly the gem of Wappinger. With 99.7 acres, the potential for this park is tremendous and through the creation of public-private partnerships (in addition to the Sports Museum and the Kolb's Community Farming), the Town will be able to see real progress at Carnwath for our residents and visitors to enjoy," stated Joseph Cavaccini, who represents Wappinger in the Dutchess County Legislature. "On behalf of Dutchess County, I am proud to have committed to

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Hudson Valley Council BSA Community Band seeks new members

By Kristine Coulter

The Hudson Valley Council BSA Community Band is accepting new members for its concert band. Youth members must have completed the eighth grade and adults of all ages are welcome.

"As a community band, our main purpose is to serve the community. We have openings in all instrumentation. We especially need lower brass instruments and in wood-winds, we need saxophones. In percussion, we need a full drum line," said Vincent "Vinny" Richards, who is the bandmaster.

Althea Richards, Vinny's wife, is also part of the band. "There are 30 musicians in the band," stated Althea.

According to Althea and Vinny, eligible musicians range from age 14 through adulthood.

"Keep up your musical skills, enhance some skills you

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Members of the Hudson Valley Council BSA Community Band in the Town of Wappinger in 2022.

Courtesy photo

Business group recognizes owners, WF Hydroelectric Power Facility

By Kristine Coulter

The Wappingers Falls Business & Professional Association (WFB&PA) held its first meeting of 2023 on Jan. 18 in the village of Wappingers Falls at the Knights of Columbus. During the quarterly luncheon, Sarah and Harry Terbush were recognized. The couple has been owners of Wappingers Falls Hydroelectric in the village for more than three decades.

Sarah and Harry Terbush were nominated and then the nomination was voted on by the WFB&PA Board, said Jackie Muller, who is the president of the WFB&PA.

"Sarah and Harry have given countless hours to various organizations and causes in the area working tirelessly to help support the community," said Muller. "Sarah and Harry are owners of the Wappingers Falls Hydroelectric Power Facility located in the Market Street Industrial Park in the Village of Wappingers Falls. For over 30 years the site has harnessed the power of the falling weather to provide electricity to the surrounding area."

Sarah Terbush said, "We appreciate the recognition alongside peers in our community. Oftentimes we are behind the scenes with our work, so it means a lot to take a moment and acknowledge the importance of running your business but also being part of the greater community you're operating in and being involved."

Terbush said that "History is really important here" and that it's "an honor to be part of such a historic district and have had the opportunity to restore the hydroelectric site which is such an important part of the story that makes [the village] what it is today."

Asked how the WFBPA assists her business, Terbush replied, "They host quarterly luncheons that allow us to network and get to know business owners and professionals in a casual setting. In addition, they host a summer festival for the community where businesses can attend as vendors and let the public know more about our offerings. It's a great chance to get involved as a business or a professional in Wappinger."

The WFB&PA hopes to grow its membership, said Muller. She added that the WFB&PA will continue to provide opportunities for local businesses to develop business to business (B2B) relationships.

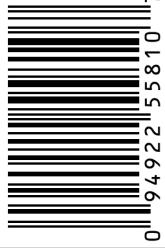
"We plan to continue to provide a source of support, linkage and referrals to resources for all our businesses," Muller remarked. "Additionally, we will continue to offer celebrations of new businesses, promotion on

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may have lost over the years, improve your sight-reading ability; enjoy the camaraderie of being with other musicians," Vinny remarked.

Adam Wiley is one of the musicians in the band.

"I joined the band back when I was in high school [around 2015]," said Wiley via email. Wiley plays the flute.

"I enjoy playing music at any event we do which includes many community events and ceremonies. I particularly enjoy playing the open concert of the East Fishkill Summer Concert Series every year," stated Wiley.

The band meets on Sunday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the East Fishkill Community Center, 890 Route 82, in East Fishkill.

The Band performs in concert during the East Fishkill Summer Concert Series. Performances are also lined up for 9/11 Memorial Ceremonies, the Town of

Wappinger Memorial Day Ceremony and Concert, local Veterans Day ceremonies and concert at Veterans Park in Carmel, Putnam County, according to Althea. She also said band members perform during Flag Day ceremonies.

According to Althea, band members play Broadway selections, military marches, patriotic pieces, such as "God Bless America" and "God Bless the U.S.A."

"The music we use depends on the event or ceremony that we play," explained Althea.

As for why one should join the Hudson Valley Council BSA Community Band, Wiley said, "This band is a great way for high school students to play fun music and improve their skills. It is also a great environment for adults to play music again even if it has been many years since they last picked up the instrument."

For those who are interested, email varichards@optonline.net for more information.

Friends of Carnwath to hold meeting in Wappinger



Yoga that was previously offered at Carnwath Farms.

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the Town \$200,000 in grant funding to be used at the Reese Cultural Center to create a destination for community and recreational activities, which I am looking forward to seeing executed soon."

Wappinger Town Supervisor Richard Thurston stated, "It never was perfected as a 501c3 organization. The current revival group will do this task."

Thurston explained, "Just before the COVID outbreak I asked several folks to create a new group... My goals and objectives are to: (a) have the group dig into the earlier master plan and to see what is doable today; (b) to put together a group of volunteers; (c) do fundraising beyond what the Town Board should do or is allowed to do by law (similar to our Veterans Advisory Group and the Senior Club); (d) work closely with our Recreation Department and work closely with our Building and Grounds Department on repair and maintenance

and new construction; and (e) advise the Town Board on the above and number of other matters."

The Wappinger Town Board "will be considering a number of initiatives this year related to Carnwath including: repair and maintenance of several facilities; the Kolb's Community Garden; recreation activities; working on the new senior center under Dutchess County Grant Funding; etc.," according to the supervisor.

"I am very excited with much positive anticipation of revitalizing a master plan for Carnwath by the Friends of Carnwath involving the continued grounds for our residents to visit throughout 2023," remarked Thurston.

To join the committee, Bowen said one should attend the upcoming meeting or contact himself or Lenhart.

For more information, email Donna Lenhart at dlenhart@verizon.net or Todd Bowen at tcbow14@gmail.com.

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Legislators propose 10% exemption on property taxes for EMS, fire personnel

Joined by members of the Dutchess County Legislature at the Roosevelt Fire Station #3 in Hyde Park Jan. 18, Chairman Gregg Pulver announced the introduction of a local law that would allow for a 10 percent county property tax exemption for volunteer firefighter and volunteer ambulance service members.

The proposed local law will be on the agenda for the February Board Meeting where it will be voted on before going to the County Executive's desk for consideration.

"It's an honor to serve as a volunteer firefighter, and I am confident that my fellow members feel the same pride and passion that I do," said Pulver. "There aren't enough ways to fully thank these brave men and women for the services they provide their municipalities, but it is my hope that this measure will help show how incredibly grateful we are for their service and work and serves as a reminder that they will always have our support and backing. I thank my colleagues for joining me in support of this measure and look forward to voting on this during our February Board Meeting."

"It's an honor to be a sponsor of this Resolution that provides us with a small way to say 'thank you' and offer our full

appreciation to the men and women who volunteer their time as either a firefighter or ambulance service member in Dutchess County," said Majority Leader Will Truitt (Hyde Park, Town of Poughkeepsie). "Our volunteer members are selfless leaders within our community, and the service they provide is immeasurable. It is my hope that this exemption will help incentivize other individuals to answer the call to serve and protect their communities."

The local law would offer a ten percent county property tax exemption to volunteer members who have actively served for a minimum of three years and would be offered for each year of service thereafter. Members must reside in the city, town, or village that the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service is located. Individuals who actively served for a total of twenty years would be offered this exemption for the remainder of his or her life as long as their primary residence remains within Dutchess County. The application process would be coordinated by the local municipalities assessor's offices. This proposed legislation comes after New York State recently signed into law a bill that allows all local govern-



From left are Robert Boyles, President of the Dutchess County Volunteer Firefighters Association, John O'Brien, 1st Vice President, Legislators Ben Geller, Tony D'Aquanni, Chairman Gregg Pulver, Legislators Steve Caswell, Will Truitt, Joseph D. Cavaccini, Hyde Park Supervisor Al Torreggiani and Legislator Ed Hauser.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

ments with the option to provide a property tax exemption to the aforementioned groups mentioned above.

Pursuant to the rules of the County Legislature, the proposed local law was laid at the Legislator's Desks at the Board

Meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2023. It will now go to a committee vote before being heard at the full board meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. This measure would go into effect for the 2025 tax rolls.

Legislature approves resolution to renew County tax rate despite Democratic opposition

During its January Board Meeting, the Dutchess County Legislature approved a Resolution to renew the Dutchess County Sales Tax at its current rate of 3.75 percent.

The resolution is a necessary measure required to be passed every two years by the County Legislature before being approved by the State Legislature. This annual tax rate is predicted to generate \$250 million for Dutchess County, which is used to provide programs and services residents rely on. Dutchess County also shares over 17 percent of sales tax collected with the City of Poughkeepsie, the City of Beacon and all Towns and Villages.

The Resolution was passed with unanimous Republican support and no Democratic votes.

The 3.75 percent figure is only the County portion of Sales Tax. The total sales percentage, which includes County and State Sales Tax, and the MTA tax is 8.125 percent.

During the Board meeting, an amendment was made by the Democratic Caucus to modify the tax rate to 3.625 percent - despite the 3.75 percent being approved with bipartisan, unanimous support during Committee

Meetings the week prior.

"While I agree with my Democratic Colleagues about the need to provide meaningful relief to the residents of Dutchess County, I do not agree with a rushed sales tax deduction that would leave \$7 million - \$10 million unaccounted for," said Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver. "The Dutchess County Legislature has a proven history of reducing taxes and working on behalf of the tax-payers - just last year we eliminated county sales taxes for clothing and footwear purchases under \$110. We have offered property tax cuts year after year which notably the Democratic Caucus continues to vote against. We will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of Dutchess County residents so they can thrive. I also don't think this is a good time to take important funding away from the City of Poughkeepsie, City of Beacon and municipalities who also have increased costs for the services they are providing."

Minority Leader Yvette Valdés Smith said, "Our Democratic Caucus put forth an amendment to lower our sales tax rate and we did this after careful examination and research as to how best we could help Dutchess County residents and businesses. Sales tax receipts have outpaced estimates by tens of millions of dollars over the past decade, money that the Republicans have squirreled away and then doled out for pet projects like the \$25M for luxury improvements at the baseball stadium (Dutchess Stadium)."

She added, "Consumers are paying 8.125 percent in Dutchess. They pay 8 percent in Ulster and Columbia. Struggling families and seniors need this money now. We need and deserve relief. Our amendment to lower sales tax would have put more money in the pockets of county residents and small businesses. We collected \$45M more than expected in 2021 alone. We can absolutely cut sales tax by 1/8 percent to help our residents. This decrease in sales tax would have brought much needed relief at a time when everything Representatives of the Republican caucus said Democratic legislators misrepresented regional sales tax rates as they tried compare Dutchess County's sales tax rate with

neighboring Counties of Ulster and Columbia, noting each of those counties have a lower total sales tax rate of 8 percent. They noted that Dutchess County's total sales tax rate includes the New York State mandated MTA sales tax rate of 0.375 percent, which neither Ulster nor

Columbia is required to collect. They further noted that the county portion of Dutchess County's sales tax is actually lower at 3.75 percent compared to Ulster and Columbia, County, both of which have a 4 percent County sales tax rate, 0.25 percent higher than Dutchess.

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DC Volunteer Firemen elect new officers



The Dutchess County Volunteer Firemen's Association held its annual election meeting at the S.W. Johnson Fire Company #2 in Wappingers Falls on Tuesday Jan. 17. Robert Boyles was elected President. John O'Brien is the new First Vice-President, Kyle Pottenburgh is Second Vice-President, Vincent Galvin is Financial Secretary, Mike Schappert is Treasurer, Jack Schmidt, John Pomerico and Robert Ruston are new Directors and Russell Boyles is Recording Secretary.

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Kinship families can sign up to join Relatives as Parents Program

For more than 15 years, Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County has delivered the Relatives As Parent Program (RAPP) throughout Dutchess County. RAPP is designed to promote services for grandparents and other relatives who have taken on the responsibility of surrogate parenting to children whose parents are unable or unavailable to parent. There are several reasons why grandparents and other relative caregivers are being called upon to rear children in what is referred to as a "kinship family". Within Dutchess County, the Family and Consumer Education (FCE) Program is actively recruiting families who need any level of support.

Family and Consumer Education Program Leader, Jessica Canale, explains, "These families have one common thread: they are stepping in at the point of a family crisis. RAPP addresses the unique needs of kinship families through comprehensive services including support groups, case management, referrals, advocacy, education and family engagement through local events and activities in Dutchess County."

The RAPP program saw an increase in need for families seeking support during COVID-19 when all programming and services became remote.

"Now we are able to have the best of both worlds for these Dutchess families," continued Canale. "We provide in-person and zoom virtual support groups with diverse events that our families can participate in. Everything we provide is to support these families and encourage fun respite activities like our family-style dinners, seasonal events like apple-picking and our holiday party- all at no cost to these busy families that come from every walk of life."

Maureen Rodriguez Callamari, Community Resource Educator and longtime RAPP staff agreed. "We provide a confidential safe space for these families to get connected with other kinship parents going through the same thing; children experiencing the same situation. Our families have developed bonds between themselves and with other area families that make all the difference. We've had families where the children have grown to adulthood and support the 'next generation' of kinship kids! The bonds here make the greatest impact."

If you are a kinship family within Dutchess County that would like to learn more or know of someone facing this situation, please call Canale 845-677-8223 ext. 137 or visit cce-dutchess.org/family any time. All inquiries are confidential.

This program is supported through the NYS Kinship Navigator, the Field Hall Foundation and Dutchess County.

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- Letters appearing on the Viewpoints page are the views of the writers alone and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Southern Dutchess News.

Anderson Center for Autism launches ECHO program

Anderson Center for Autism has announced that it has launched ECHO Autism Best Practices. The case-based learning program, affiliated with the University of Missouri, is one of 44 such programs throughout the country.

Anderson's initiative is designed to provide school personnel from all over New York State (and anywhere throughout the country and world) with an opportunity to connect and learn from experts in the autism field. The collaborative professional development experience, conducted virtually, is led by a team of experts called a HUB. Using specific case studies, HUB experts facilitate discussion to shed light on the tools and strategies that are most effective in promoting success for students with autism.

Patrick Paul, CEO/Executive Director of Anderson Center for Autism, said "ECHO Autism Best Practices gives Anderson Center for Autism a platform to empower school faculty and staff with the kind of knowledge that will make them better equipped to support and educate students with autism. And the experience likewise supports continued professional development for our team members as they learn from session participants. Ultimately, the program is another way we can carry out our mission of optimizing the quality of life for people with autism, which is at the heart of everything we do here at Anderson."

The Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO®) was first developed at the University of New Mexico, when Dr. Sanjeev Arora created a learning model based on the belief that access to information would lead to greater community impact across a number of disciplines. One specialist, for example, can support the professional development of twenty or more local

experts, who then bring newfound knowledge and practices to people who might benefit.

Paul explained, "If a school cannot afford to hire someone who specializes in evidence-based best practices in teaching and managing behavior across disciplines (an example would be Applied Behavior Analysis or ABA), then therapists and teachers from that school can attend a session on this topic and gain an understanding of how to bring some of the principles of that methodology to students who might benefit. Technology makes information sharing so easy - and we want to harness the power of virtual programming to ensure we're doing all we can for professionals and for the people with autism who benefit from this knowledge."

Dr. Tina Covington, PhD., BCBA-D, LBA, Chief Operating Officer at Anderson Center for Autism, said "ECHO is a way for us to enhance what is already happening in our own communities, and to help bridge gaps for people who live in areas where resources and access to expertise are more limited. The HUB team is comprised of up to 10 specialists; included are a Licensed Psychologist/behavior analyst, a Speech and Language

Pathologist with an expertise in feeding; a licensed clinical social worker, and other top-notch, highly qualified individuals who have very specific experiences that are shared. In the sessions, the HUB team reviews case studies presented virtually by school personnel from the community, and answers questions in real-time for session participants who want and need to better understand best practices.

"And, likewise, as our HUB team makes presentations and sparks dialogue, they, too, will be able to learn from those who participate in the conversations that



Some of Anderson's ECHO Autism HUB Team members include, from left, Ashley Velez, Dr. Tina Covington, Tracy Schober and Kathleen Marshall.

-Courtesy photo

take shape. Dr. Arora's model is considered 'all teach, all learn'; this is how we maximize potential for success - by sharing ideas and intelligence."

Tracy Schober, MPA, Senior Admissions Administrator at Anderson, said "The opportunity for case presentation by a representative or educational professional illustrates our commitment to increasing the capacity of school personnel, providing them with the tools needed to better support their autistic students."

Upcoming Anderson Center for Autism

ECHO Autism Best Practices sessions include January 19 - Functional Communication Strategies and February 16 - Intro to District Compliant Behavior Support Plans.

The program is funded by a grant from Anderson Foundation for Autism.

Eliza Bozenski, Chief Development Officer at Anderson, said "This is another way Anderson Center for Autism can expand impact; we see this as yet another way to help our broader society make greater strides when it comes to autism care, programming and education."

Women's Safety Awareness Night set Jan. 26

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) of Dutchess County and the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department will host a Women's Safety Awareness Night on Thursday, Jan. 26, starting at 6 p.m., at the Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response campus, located at 392 Creek Road, Poughkeepsie. The event is free to attend, but registration is required by emailing mrc@dutchessny.gov.

Town of Poughkeepsie Police Lieutenant Patrick Barry and Officer Lindsay Marinelli will discuss how to

encourage and empower women by raising awareness of safety measures, understanding the important role instincts and gut reactions play, determining how to identify and avoid potentially dangerous situations, making a safety plan, and giving participants other tools to decrease the odds of becoming a victim.

MRC of Dutchess County hosts various trainings for members and non-members alike throughout the year. For more information or to sign-up to volunteer, visit dutchessny.gov/mrc or email mrc@dutchessny.gov.

WFB&PA hosts its first meeting of 2023

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social media, as well as opportunities to continue growing and sharing through learning and networking."

Regarding her business, Terbush said the public should know, "In the simplest form water from the lake goes over the dam, some flows into our pipe, and goes through our generators making power. Hydroelectric, and the restoration of our sites, is a passion for us. We are truly a husband-and-wife owner/operator team. Harry a mechanical engineer and myself an electrical engineer by training. Not only are we on the front lines running, cleaning, and fixing the equipment we are

also answering emails and phone calls working with customers directly. If you want to save money on your Central Hudson bill, support green energy, we are as local as it gets!"

The WFB&PA board wants to encourage members to engage with one another and the events, such as Festival at the Falls (held in the spring), networking events, and marching together in the upcoming Dutchess County St. Patrick's Day Parade (scheduled for March 4), Muller stated.

If one has a new business, Muller suggested for one to sign up for a three-month trial on the WFB&PA website at wfbpa.org.

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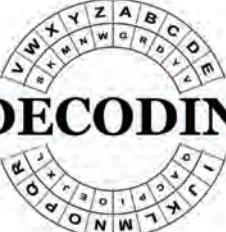
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Closeness of two brothers half a world away recalled 140 years later



Wolcott references the Exchange Hotel, shown here, a prominent hotel right at the foot of Main Street, Poughkeepsie where steamboats landed multiple times a day.

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Introduction by Bill Jeffway

Brothers Alfred Brown (1823-1897) and Alonzo Brown (1835-1908) were likely born as Free Blacks in the Quaker stronghold south of today's Millbrook. Both seem to have found work in Poughkeepsie as young men or teenagers. While Alonzo spent the rest of his life in Poughkeepsie, around the late 1840s Alfred took the extraordinary step of moving to Australia. The half-century they shared into old age was filled with affection, and most importantly for us, filled with letters. Some of those letters, as well as photographs, have been carefully curated for many years by Alfred's great-granddaughter, Jan Green, of New Zealand.

We are pleased to share here an excerpt of a narrative recently written by Green that takes the 1884 letter her great-grandfather Alfred received from an Australian-based friend of his named J.M. Wolcott, describing his visit to Alfred's brother Alonzo in Poughkeepsie. The narrative beautifully captures the scene from the foot of Main Street up to what is today the small side street of Crannell Street near Catherine Street where Alonzo was a highly successful tinsmith.

In 2015, Green left research materials in DCHS's research library, which she recently updated. In support of her ongoing effort to continue to locate descendants and information related to the two brothers, or their parents Henry Brown (1788-ca. 1850s) and Judith Talmon (1794-1790), you will find Green's full "Letter to a Friend" and

updated family sheets at www.dchsn.org/brown.

*Letter to a Friend
by Jan Green*

Wednesday 16th July 1884

J.M. Wolcott is the name I am known by, but I prefer to be called Jesse. After two weeks, give or take, I boarded a day boat [in Albany] for Poughkeepsie. In recent years the old boats had been replaced with two iron hull ships, the New York, and the Albany. They were about three hundred feet long and could hold several thousand passengers. As I planned to be away for just one night, I had packed my carpet bag. Disembarking at the Main Street Landing it was evident that this was the only landing now operating with the railroad increasingly taking over passenger transport. The docks were a far cry from their glory day when the Upper Landing in North Water Street shared its space with the whaling dock. Alfred and brother George worked on the whaling ship Mogul in the 1840s and it was here that the two whaling companies operating would butcher and process their catch.

I took a tram car and road passed the Exchange Hotel which had seen better days. Built fifty years ago, she was once an impressive establishment that offered visitors to Poughkeepsie quality accommodation. By 1850, proprietor John Grant was known for his innovation in producing ale by using a steam engine and operating an icehouse.

The tramcar made its way up Main Street, now in the 1880s lined with fine



Jesse Wolcott (above left) was a friend and neighbor of Alfred Brown (center) in Australia. In 1884, Wolcott left Australia for a trip to New York which included a visit to Alfred's brother, Alonzo, in Poughkeepsie. A letter from Wolcott to Alfred is the basis for the first-person narrative dramatization of the visit published here, written by Alfred's great-granddaughter, Jan Green.

-Photos provided by Jan Green

buildings and bustling industry.

I held the trade card in my hand that I had carried with me from Australia as I pulled up at my destination on the corner of Eighmie Street and Main Road. As I disembarked with my carpet bag I looked up and the man inside, working in the front window of his premises, was watching me. I had, at last, arrived at the business of H. A. Brown. Alonzo, as he was called, was the younger brother by twelve years of my friend Alfred. It had been over thirty years since he had seen his brother but uncannily, Alonzo said that he was thinking of Alfred when the tram car pulled up. Alonzo lived at 4 Eighmie Place, a couple of doors away from his workplace with his wife Julia and nineteen-year-old daughter Ella.

The next day Alonzo and I went up College Hill to see where Alfred used to work. The Collegiate School, opened in 1836, with its Parthenon colonnade was now empty. The grounds and the view were beautiful and with no plans for the building there is talk that the area will become a park within the next few years.

From there we travelled a short distance to 92 Catharine Street where Mrs. Brown lived with her daughter Sarah. Judith Brown, Alfred's mother, was eighty-eight years of age, Sarah almost seventy. Visiting them was a granddaughter Mary Elizabeth, the only daughter of George and Jane Brown who lived in Brooklyn. I was able to talk to them about life in Australia and tell them about their son, brother and uncle, his life and his family. Mary Elizabeth, a lovely young woman, was very interested in life in Ballarat and expressed her desire to meet her uncle and his family one day. I had to impress on them how unlikely that would be, Alfred was no longer a young man and the journey from Australia to America was long and costly. It was with sadness that they realized that Alfred's home is in Australia

and that is where he will stay.

After bidding a fond farewell, Alonzo took me to the Soldiers War Memorial Fountain that had been unveiled on 4th July 1870 to honor the local veterans of the Civil War, which Alonzo had served in. Instigated by Dr H Eastman, mayor and well-respected businessman, who had donated seventy thousand dollars towards the memorial. Following his death in 1878 the twenty-seven-acre property was left to his wife Mary. We then walked through Widow Eastman's gardens, adjacent to the Memorial Fountain in Montgomery Street.

That evening Ella played the piano for her father and me. Alonzo's home had several pieces of Australian memorabilia that Alfred had sent him over the years, all displayed in pride of place. These included postcards and photos of Australia, an enlarged photo of Alfred's daughter Mary Ann hung above the mantel piece and even a photo of the Victorian Assembly was framed. Alonzo shared the latest letter he had received from Alfred, which was sent to him after I had left Melbourne. He told me he would write to Alfred within the next few days. I also planned to correspond, we thought that our letters may go by the same mail. With that I took my leave, calling into Schuyler Line offices on Broadway to check for mail from Australia and returned to Waterford, Saratoga. On 23rd July I wrote to my friend Alfred and gave him the news of my visit...



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Latest scam involves perpetrators posing as Sheriff's Office personnel

The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office would like to take this opportunity to warn the residents of Dutchess County and surrounding areas about scams that once again seem to be on the rise.

Scams are ways in which criminals will attempt to get money from people by contacting them and making up elaborate stories. In some cases the perpetrators have tried, sometimes successfully, to use the victim's emotions about a loved one in trouble to get money. It's common for the perpetrators of these scams to try to get money by telling people that one of their relatives has been seriously hurt or is in jail, and that they need money right away. In many cases they will pose as a law enforcement official or another relative to try and convince the victim that it's legitimate.

The latest scam involves the perpetrators posing as representatives of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office. To make the scam seem legitimate the perpetrators somehow duplicate the Sheriff's Office main number of 845-486-3800, and then identify themselves as "Sgt. Diaz" or another Sergeant before asking suspicious questions. These calls are scams designed to elicit money or information from the victim, and if you receive one please hang up immediately and call the Sheriff's Office to report it. This type of scam using duplicated phone numbers is known as a form of "spoofing."

The Sheriff's Office would like to offer the following tips to help people avoid these scams:

- Legitimate law enforcement would not attempt to satisfy a warrant or make promises to avoid prosecution by soliciting money.

- If you receive an email about an order you didn't place or asking you to send money call the company using a legitimate number. DO NOT follow the instructions in the email, click on any links in the email, or call the number provided in the email.

- If someone asks you to purchase merchandise, transfer money, provide bank information, or enter a code given to you by them use caution as it is likely a scam.

- Do not meet up with someone that you don't know; if you're asked to do this it is surely a scam, and it is very dangerous as well.

- If you're contacted by someone you don't know asking for money, for any reason, that's a signal that it's most likely a scam.

- If someone calls you and tells you that a relative has been hurt or is in jail, confirm it first before sending any money. Call other relatives or a legitimate law enforcement agency for confirmation before any money is sent. If they're posing as a relative, try and contact that relative for confirmation.

- Sending money overseas is especially risky; use extreme caution.

- Ask the person for their call back number and ask to speak to their supervisor to confirm the info; if it's a scam they will most likely hang up at this point and the number they give you will be bogus.

- If the person is telling you that a loved one is in the hospital or jail, find out which one and contact the institution yourself to confirm.

- If a loved one has recently passed away be wary; in some cases perpetrators have even preyed on victims by searching through the obituaries and calling surviving loved ones. If you get calls from people you don't know soon after someone passes away, be careful and confirm it before you send any money.

- In some cases someone will call and tell the victim that they've won money, but to "process the claim" they need to first send money. Beware this is most definitely a scam and don't send any money – you should never have to pay money to claim a prize. If it seems too good to be true, it most likely is.

- If there's any doubt about a phone call or email one has received contact the Sheriff's Office before sending any money.

- Scams tend to increase during the holiday season, be especially alert for them during those times.

It is very important to not send any money to anyone that you don't know until you've confirmed the situation through an independent source and feel comfortable with it. If it's a scam once the money is sent it's very difficult, and most times impossible, to get it back. If anyone thinks they may have been the victim of a scam they are encouraged to contact the Sheriff's Office at 845-486-3800 or via the tipline at 845-605-CLUE or dcsotips@gmail.com.

Friends of the Walkway appoints Lori Robertson as executive director

Diane Haight new deputy director



Lori Robertson



Diane Haight

Conservation Association.

"The transformative impact of parks is something I have been fortunate to witness firsthand throughout my career," Robertson said. "I look forward to joining Walkway Over the Hudson during its next phase of growth to ensure the bridge continues to be a resource that improves the quality of life for all people within our region."

With more than 15 years of experience in the nonprofit sector, Robertson's career has been dedicated to supporting the work of land use and parks-focused organizations by building the resources and public support needed to execute and grow their missions. She and Diane began their new roles on January 3.

"Following a six-month search and review of more than 90 qualified candidates, we could not be more pleased to welcome a leader of Lori's caliber to the Walkway team," said Maureen Solero, Chair, Friends of the Walkway Board of Directors. "Lori's combination of professional experience and passion for the Walkway's mission make her an ideal fit as the organization begins a new, exciting chapter. We are also delighted that Diane Haight will remain with us in her new role as Deputy Director, focusing on strengthening our relationships with fellow community benefit organizations, building strategic partnerships, and expanding communication and outreach to key stakeholders."

Robertson joins the Friends of the Walkway from the Urban Land Institute, where she served as Vice President of Corporate Sponsorship. Her career also includes experience as Director of Conservation Programming and Fundraising for the National Recreation and Park Association and as Corporate Engagement Manager for the Student

Chaired by Solero, the Walkway's Executive Search Committee was led by Carol Gordon of Carol Gordon Consulting. The committee included board members Chris Cunningham, Ron Lane, and Emily Saland as well as Andrea Reynolds, President and CEO of The Dyson Foundation.

For more information about the mission of the Friends of the Walkway and how to be part of the coalition dedicated to lighting the path forward for Walkway Over the Hudson, visit walkway.org.

Letters of Inquiry deadline for Field Hall Foundation grants Jan. 31

Field Hall Foundation is now accepting Letters of Inquiry (LOI) for its Spring 2023 grant cycle. The deadline for submitting an LOI is January 31st, with grant decisions announced at the end of May 2023.

Field Hall Foundation's mission is to improve the lives of older adults and their caregivers in Dutchess, Putnam, and Westchester counties. It does this by

providing grants for programs and projects that directly impact this population, with priority given to programs that address basic needs.

Grant requests can range from \$5,000 to \$50,000+. Submittal instructions are on the Foundation's website, www.fieldhallfoundation.org, as are eligibility requirements, priority areas and recent grants.

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Mount receives \$325,000 grant from Cabrini Foundation for Desmond Center



A rendering of what the completed Guzman Hall will look like when the Desmond Center for Community Engagement and Wellness moves in next semester.

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Mount Saint Mary College has received a grant for \$325,000 from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation, to be used for the growth of the Desmond Center for Community Engagement and Wellness.

The Desmond Center, overseen by Executive Director Genesis Ramos, provides wellness and educational services for underserved individuals and families. The center offers accessible and equitable educational, health, and wellness services for community members and families in the local area. All services are free of cost and open to the community.

This is the third grant that the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation has provided for the Desmond Center.

The Desmond Center will begin operating out of its new home in Guzman Hall

in the Spring 2023 semester. The revitalized Guzman Hall on campus includes new offices and community spaces, perfect for the center's public events.

"The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation continues to be a massive boon for the Desmond Center for Community Engagement and Wellness," said Dr. Jason N. Adsit, president of Mount Saint Mary College. "We can't thank the foundation enough for its aid and for believing in our vision of service. In the last year, we have seen the Desmond Center establish itself as a resource in our community. That relationship will only grow from here, thanks in great part to the Cabrini Foundation."

The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation is a private, nonprofit organization whose



Mount Saint Mary College recently received a \$325,000 grant from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation for the Desmond Center for Community Engagement and Wellness. The Desmond Center is focused on providing education and healthcare to the underserved populations of Newburgh. Pictured: the college's Guzman Hall, where the center will be located.

-Photo by Lee Ferris

mission is to improve the health and well-being of New Yorkers, bolster the health outcomes of vulnerable communities, eliminate barriers to care, and bridge gaps in health services. Named after a tireless advocate for immigrants, children, and the poor, the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation funds programs and initiatives across New York State that either provide direct healthcare services or address the social determinants of health. For more information, visit <https://www.cabrinihalth.org/>

"As we look back at the compounding crises of the last few years, the health-related needs of vulnerable communities have only grown," said Alfred F. Kelly, Jr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Visa and Chair of the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation Board. "Our grantees have demonstrated tremendous resilience,

creativity, and dedication to serving those in need, especially as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have such detrimental impact."

Msgr. Gregory Mustaciulo, Chief Executive Officer of the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation, added, "As we begin to recover from a pandemic that has hit vulnerable populations the hardest, we must continue to address the challenges communities across New York State are facing: food and housing insecurity; lack of access to basic healthcare including vaccines; workforce issues; and educational, racial, economic, and health disparities made worse during COVID-19. We must continue to support the full range of services that make for healthy people and communities."

For more information about the Mount, visit www.msmc.edu.

DC Veterans Services moves to new location in Pleasant Valley and creates veterans 'one stop'

The Dutchess County Division of Veterans Services has relocated its offices to 1335 Route 44, Suite #2 in Pleasant Valley. The new location also houses Mental Health America Dutchess Veterans Services, Hudson

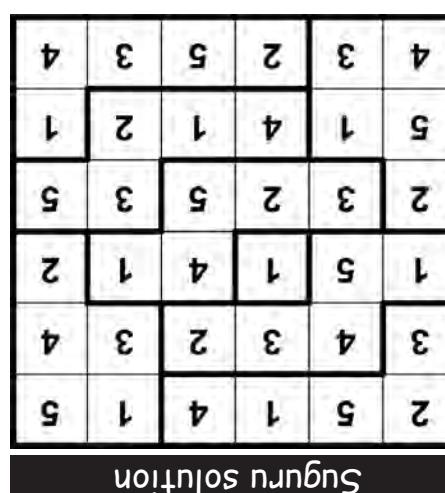
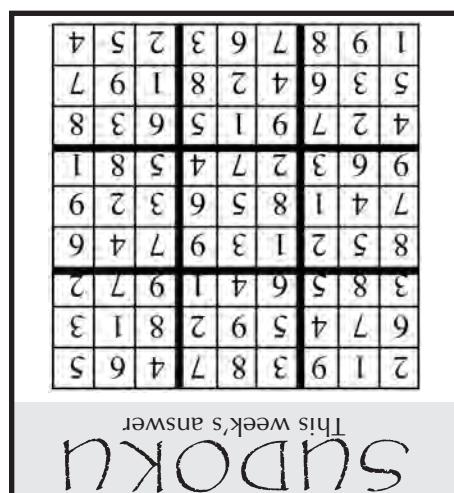
Valley Veterans Alliance, and the Veterans Sportsmen Association, creating a "one-stop" for veterans to receive support and help including housing, peer-to-peer counseling, and other support services.

Dutchess County Veterans Services offers assistance in filing claims and making referrals for multiple forms of state and federal benefits available, as well as help with discharge papers, medal replacement, and much more.

Phone numbers and email contacts remain the same.

Veterans and families are encouraged to call 845-486-2060 or stop by the office to obtain information and services. For more information, visit dutchessny.gov/veterans.

this week's puzzle solutions



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FKC&S attorneys – new year, new moniker, same initials

Prominent Hudson Valley, NY law firm, Feldman, Kleidman, Collins & Sappe LLP (FKC&S) revealed its new name this month, reflecting the leadership of Partner Kathryn C. Collins and underscoring her many contributions. Formerly known as Feldman, Kleidman, Coffey & Sappe LLP, the Fishkill-based law firm will retain its abbreviated form, FKC&S, through this exciting transition. Founded by Jeffrey M. Feldman and Paul S. Kleidman, the firm's award-winning team of attorneys have successfully tried cases at all levels of state and federal courts for more than 36 years. Specializing in personal injury law and professional liability defense, FKC&S is the only litigation firm between Albany and Westchester to be designated as a "Best Law Firm" by U.S. News & World Report since its First Edition in 2010.

"I am speechless, which truly never happens," said Collins, who comes from a long line of lawyers. "To have my partners surprise me with this incredible honor, I am just overwhelmed with gratitude that they want to include me in the name of the firm that they have created and grown."

Born and raised in the Hudson Valley, Collins joined FKC&S in 2015 and became the first woman named as a partner at the firm in 2019. Previously, she spent years as a partner at two well-respected law firms in New York City. Seasoned in the areas of medical malpractice litigation, professional liability litigation and general liability litigation, Collins has provided counsel for physicians, dentists, podiatrists, mental health providers, hospitals, nursing homes and fellow attorneys throughout her career. Earlier this year, she received an AV Preeminent® Peer Rated Attorney designation through Martindale-Hubbell, the most reliable and

sought-after peer rating standard in the legal industry for more than 130 years.

Collins graduated cum laude from the State University of New York at Purchase with a BA in English and received a Juris Doctorate from Brooklyn Law School in 2001. She is admitted to practice in the State of New York, the U.S. District Court, Southern, Northern and Eastern District of New York, the U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit and the United States Supreme Court. A member of the New York State Bar Association, New York Medical Defense Bar Association and American Bar Association, Collins has lectured at medical and insurance conferences, as well as at metropolitan medical facilities, about medical malpractice and risk management topics. For several weeks this fall, she shared her time and expertise as an educator through The New York State Judicial Institute, guiding New York State jurists who had little to no experience in presiding over a civil jury trial.

"Aside from being uniquely talented as a lawyer, Kathryn has a great sense of humor, friendly down-to-earth personality and a strong dedication to family," said Robert R. Sappe, partner at FKC&S. "She is well respected by everyone, including friends, family, colleagues – even her adversaries – in the legal community, the local community and the judiciary."

Collins resides in East Fishkill with her husband, Jim, their three children and their rescue dog, Pongo. Outside of work, she is vocal on women's issues, active in her school district and a strong supporter of animal adoptions. She serves on the Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation Board of Trustees and has been an active supporter of



Kathryn C. Collins

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the organization since before joining the FKC&S team.

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City of Poughkeepsie approves strategic updates to Local Waterfront Revitalization Program

The City of Poughkeepsie has approved strategic updates to its Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, reflecting changes that have occurred to the area since the City last adopted an LWRP more than 20 years ago.

The program updates includes:

- Increasing public access and working on efforts to create a continuous public walkway along the waterfront.
- Resolving conflicts that may occur with increased waterside uses and ensuring compliance with the policies.
- Incorporating principles of sustainability and potential impacts of climate change.
- Improving chances of receiving state

funding for capital projects.

"We all know the City of Poughkeepsie's waterfront has so much potential," said Mayor Marc Nelson. "Updating the LWRP has been a long and complicated process, but an essential one if we are going to protect the valuable assets and maximize the many opportunities on the waterfront. I want to thank Common Council Chair Natasha Brown for her collaborative approach to her new role in city government. With her leadership the Council has at last taken a critical step to assure we can achieve strategic and sustainable development along our southern waterfront, and indeed throughout the

entire LWRP zone."

Brown said, "Only those who have closely watched the long arduous process play out over the last several years will fully appreciate the satisfaction I have at this particular accomplishment being the first order of business as we begin a new year with new leadership both on the Council and in the Mayor's Office. Thank you to the City staff, our consultants, the Waterfront Advisory Committee and the many stakeholders and partners who did the hard work to get this across the finish line."

The City of Poughkeepsie's previous LWRP was locally adopted in 1998, but was never adopted by New York State.

The new plan expands the defined zone to include the Fall Kill area with the focus being to increase public access, mitigate flooding and improve creek conditions.

The adoption of the LWRP, and state approval, opens pathways to grant funding to support local projects. Potential projects include connecting and extending the riverside walkways, providing storage and rental opportunities for kayaks, creating a dog park, building a floating dock for swimming and improving signage and creating interactive maps to help people better find their way and enjoy the waterfront. Find out more at cityofpoughkeepsie.com/lwrupdate.

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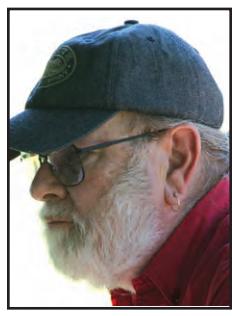
Reiko I. Lemon



BEACON - Reiko I. Lemon, a longtime resident of Beacon, passed away on January 16, 2022, after a two-month illness. She was 70 years old. Reiko was born on May 7, 1952, in Niigata, Japan. She was the daughter of rice farmers, Toyoji and Toi Ikarashi, and grew up living in a thatched-roof house. After graduating in 1971 from Niigata Central High School, where she made many life-long friends, Reiko moved to Tokyo and worked for the Japan Travel Bureau. She then worked as a clerk for Okura & Co., one of Japan's oldest trading houses. While studying English at night school in 1972, she met her future husband, David T. Lemon of Omaha, Nebraska. After their marriage in June 1976, she came to America and taught herself English (mostly by watching children's TV shows

and daytime soap operas). Reiko was a working mother, commuting to New York City where she was employed by Nippon Credit Bank beginning in the late 1980s. After that firm closed in the mid-1990s, she enrolled in community college and graduated with honors in accounting from SUNY Orange. She then worked for Talix in Beacon. She became a proud U.S. citizen in 2001. Through it all, she raised three sons, Andrew, Christopher, and William. Reiko took great pride in her sons and their achievements (college professor, Naval aviator, and Assistant District Attorney), all of which are to her credit and her loving, no-nonsense parenting style. Reiko loved building her life and family in Beacon, where she resided for 43 years. She loved to make quilts and knit scarves, hats, and blankets for family and friends. She enjoyed cooking Japanese food and hosting friends and family from near and far in her home. She loved watching old movies and reading biographies of actors and actresses. She enjoyed hiking, biking, camping, sailing, traveling, gardening, music (especially Japanese enka) and, in later years, audio books on American history. She was an exemplar of determination and strength in the face of adversity. In ill health in recent years, she rarely complained and remained devoted to family and friends. In addition to her husband, Reiko is survived by her sons, Dr. Andrew Lemon of Beacon, NY; Commander Christopher Lemon of Stuttgart, Germany and his wife, Leah and their children, Henry and Mabel; and William Lemon, Esq. of Niskayuna, NY and his wife, Chelsea and their children, Lewis and Conor; her brother, Keiji Ikarashi; her sister, Yoshiko Tamura; her half-sister, Toshiko Tsuchida; and several nieces and nephews. A memorial service is being planned for the spring. Donations may be made in Reiko's memory to the American Kidney Fund. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

John Marion



FISHKILL - John Marion a resident of Fishkill, NY for the past 35 years, passed away January 15, 2023, the Sapphire Nursing Home. He was 78 years old. John was born on July 5, 1944, in Altamont, NY the son of John Doyle and Helen Shoro. He was adopted by his mother's second husband, Albert Marion. John was the Director of Personnel and Labor Relations at Taconic DDSO in Wassaic, NY until his retirement in 1996. While working at Taconic DDSO, John met Gabrielle Canino who became his wife. She survives at home. He was a great cook, had a brilliant mind and was avid New York Yankees fan. No matter the genre he loved all music as long as it was "good music." In addition to his wife Gabrielle, John is survived by his children Cain Scalzo and Abra Marion, 4 grandchildren, his sis-

ter Ruth Marion and brother Peter Marion and a host of other beloved family members. John is pre-deceased by his parents and sister Lee Gilbertson. In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made in John's name to Amnesty International USA Inc. 311 West 43rd Street, 7th Floor, NY, NY 10036 or 4ocean.com or The Nature Conservancy at preserve.nature.org. Funeral arrangements are under the care of McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill Inc. 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY 12524. At this time, all services are private.

Carmela M. Marino



EAST FISHKILL - Carmela M. Marino a resident of Hopewell Junction, NY, passed away on January 14, 2023, at White Plains Hospital. She was 80 years old. She previously lived in Mount Vernon. Carmela was a parishioner of St. Columba Church, a member of the East Fishkill Seniors Citizens group and past member of the Ladies Auxiliary for Wiccopée Fire Department. Carmela is survived by her daughters, Christina Marino and Deanna Gorman and her husband Christopher; her beloved grandchildren, Brandon, Alec, Matthew and Kayla; her niece, Annmarie Cruz; and great-niece Victoria Cruz. Carmela is predeceased by her husband Alexander Marino who passed away in 2004. Calling hours were on Wednesday January 18, 2023 at McHoul Funeral Home Inc. 895

Route 82 Hopewell Junction, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Columba Church followed by interment at St. Denis Cemetery. Please visit Carmela's Boof of Memories at www.mchoulnfuneralhome.com.

Mary E. Way

Mary E. Way, a longtime resident of Beacon, passed away on January 18, 2023. She was 73 years old. Mary was born on February 4, 1949 in Chelsea, the daughter of the late Ace and Elizabeth Bunt. On April 1, 1967 she married Fred Way who predeceased her in 2018. Mary had worked part time at Walmart, as a Crossing Guard and Matron for the Beacon Police. She was a loving mother and grandmother to her family. Mary is survived by her daughter, Mary Way; her grandchildren, Kenneth Way, Kayla Way and Kathleen Scott and her husband, Kenneth; her great grandchildren, Breanna, Vincent and Niklaus; many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her siblings, Ace, Estella, Patricia and Robert. Family and friends were received on Sunday, January 22 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A funeral service was held on Monday, January 23 at the funeral home. Burial followed at Fairview 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.



Donna Christian

BEACON - Donna Marie Christian, a lifelong resident of Beacon, entered into rest on January 17, 2023 at home with her beloved husband by her side. She was 74 years old. Donna was born in Beacon on September 16, 1948 the daughter of the late Martin and Genevieve Gallagher Mayen. On December 6, 1968 at St. Joachim Church in Beacon, she married John Christian who survives at home. Donna worked many part-time jobs over the years that she enjoyed including at Groveville Mills, Crescent Lingerie, Howland Public Library, Sargent Avenue School, Waldenbooks at the Dutchess Mall and Fishkill Rural Cemetery Office. She retired in 2006. Donna was a parishioner of St. Joachim – St. John the Evangelist Church. She was also a member of the Beacon GOP Committee where she and

her husband were Reagan Day Dinner Honorees. Donna was also a member of the Beacon Historical Society, the Home Bureau of Beacon, Touponde Bowling League Sticky Buns and Friday Night Leagues, Tioronda Garden Club and St. John's School PTA when her sons were younger. Donna is survived by her husband of 54 years, John Christian; her son, Bryan Paul Christian and his wife, Agnieszka of Silver Spring, MD; her daughter-in-law, Dennine Christian of Richland Hills, TX; her grandson, Leo John Christian of Silver Spring, MD; her sisters-in-law, Gail Byrnes and Cathy Christian; several nieces and nephews and many cousins. Donna was predeceased by her parents, Martin and Genevieve Mayen and her father and mother-in-law, John, Sr. and Elizabeth Christian; her son, David James Christian; her brothers-in-law, Garret Byrnes and Alan Christian. Family and friends will gather on Thursday, January 26 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, January 27 at 10 a.m. at St. Joachim Church, 51 Leonard Street, Beacon. Burial will follow at St. Joachim Cemetery, Beacon. The family has requested memorial donations be made to the Church of St. Joachim – St. John the Evangelist, 2 Oak Street, Beacon, New York 12508. 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.

Anne McCabe



Anne R. McCabe, 88, an area resident since 1995 and formerly of Yorktown, died on January 15, 2023, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. Born in the Bronx on July 28, 1934, she was the daughter of William and Elizabeth (McDermott) Roche. Anne was employed as a Registered Nurse at Westchester Medical Center and retired as the Head of Health Services at Westchester Community College. On February 11, 1956, in the Bronx, Anne married the love of her life, Edward McCabe. She is predeceased by Edward and their daughter Peggy Anne McCabe. She is survived by her children, Kathy Palladino, Tom McCabe, Ellen McCabe, and Elizabeth Romeo; her adopted Irish daughters, Martina Norris and Ann Garrity; her brother, John Roche; 12 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter; and

many nieces and nephews. Anne had a positive impact on so many lives. Anne was a great wife, mother, sister, mother-in-law, aunt, friend, and, most passionately, a loving grandmother. She will be greatly missed. Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered at Holy Name of Jesus in Valhalla, NY. In lieu of flowers, her family is asking for donations in Anne's name to the American Diabetes Association or the Epilepsy Foundation.

Thomas Gallagher

FORMERLY OF WAPPINGERS FALLS - Thomas J. Gallagher, a resident of Kirkwood, New York and formerly of Wappingers Falls, entered into rest Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at his home. He was 61. Son of the late John and Helena Bialousz Gallagher, he was born June 20, 1961 in Poughkeepsie. Tom worked in construction before retiring. He enjoyed boating. Survivors include his daughter, Alicia Henry and her husband, Jonathan of Asheboro, North Carolina; his sister, Kathleen Leach and her husband, Kevin of O'Brien, Florida; his brother, Patrick Gallagher of LaGrange, Georgia; his granddaughter, Kearstin Henry; four nieces and nephews; seven great-nieces and great-nephews; as well as his life partner, Cynthia Barnhart. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Carol Bennett. Family and friends gathered on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 East Main Street in Wappingers Falls. A time of remembrance was held during the visitation. Memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association, PO Box 756, Osceola WI 54020-0756. To send the family a personal condolence, please visit our website at www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.

Blodgett Memorial Library to be temporarily closed

Blodgett Memorial Library, on Broad St., in the village of Fishkill will be temporarily closed from Feb. 4 – Feb. 11. The temporary closure is due to new carpeting. No items are due that week. Access the library 24/7 by the website and online resources.

Visit www.blodgettmemoriallibrary.org.

Creative Living

County Players to present the Terrence McNally Comedy 'It's Only a Play'



County Players will present "It's Only a Play" beginning Feb. 3 in Wappingers Falls.

County Players, one of the longest running community theatre companies in the area, is proud to present the Terrence McNally comedy, "It's Only a Play." Directed by Kit Colbourn, this Main Stage production opens Friday, February 3, and runs through February 18. Performances are scheduled for Fridays and Saturdays February 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 & 18 at 8pm, with matinees on Sunday, February 12, and Saturday February 18 at 2pm, and held at the County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main Street in the Village of Wappingers Falls.

The producers, the playwrights, the reviewers, and the stars. A Broadway opening night party in a stylish NYC apartment brings together a cacophony of characters, with an armload of wit, warmth, and winter coats! It's Only A Play is a laugh-out-loud love letter to the resilience of live theatre, and an homage to the people that — even when things seem impossible — believe that the marquee will be lit again, and the show must go on. The production features the local talents of Michael Frohnhofer, Griffin Stenger, Emily Boone, Ann Citron, Paul Coleman, Matt Fields, Eric Feeney, & Euphemia Olive Sargiani.

Director Colbourn said, "This hilarious and loving sendup of the theatre and its people is a joy. Audiences will recognize many of the names dropped, and the foibles and delicate egos of all who work in this noble artform called 'the theatre.' It's also a testament to the resilience and passion of anyone who loves the theatre,

on both sides of the footlights. A perfect midwinter opportunity to laugh."

Please note: This production contains adult language.

COVID-19 Policy Through March 31: Audience members are exempt from having to submit proof of vaccination and are not required to remain masked during a performance, however, masks are strongly encouraged. We ask that any patron who is feeling ill to please stay home and utilize our ticket exchange options. Individual ticket options will be limited to mobile/digital (paperless) or print-at-home and available online in advance of the performance dates. Please visit the Box Office page of the County Players website (countyplayers.org/tickets/) for up-to-date information on theater restrictions and protocols. "It's Only a Play" and is produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service. Hudson Valley Credit Union proudly sponsors County Players' 65th Season.

One of the longest running community theatre companies in the area, County Players is an all-volunteer organization which has presented more than 200 productions and has served thousands of the-audience since 1958. Located in the Village of Wappingers Falls, the all-volunteer theatre company acquired the former Academy Theatre and renamed it the County Players Falls Theatre, their home since 1977.

If one requires wheelchair accessibility, please contact the Box Office at 845-298-1491.



The cast of "It's Only a Play." Pictured, from left, Matt Fields, Emily Boone, Griffin Stenger, Ann Citron, Michael Frohnhofer, Paul Coleman, & Eric Feeney.

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by luigi coppola

Rules to live by

Four rules that have stood the test of time

When we were little there were always a set of questions we had to answer before we left for school. Right before we went out the front door to go to the curb to catch the school bus, we would knock on Mom and Pop's bedroom door to let mom know we were leaving.

Mom would shuffle out of her bedroom bleary eyed with her robe on. She would feel our face to make sure we were not feverish, look us over to make sure our jackets were zipped up and then ask her four questions.

The first question was, "Isa the coffee ready?" Mom would wait for Pop to come home from the restaurant at night and it usually was late, so we would make coffee for her in this little coffee pot on the stove. We would put in three spoons of Café Bustelo, fill up the water to the line, put the lid on and put it on the stove till it started to boil. We would then have a small cup with a big spoon of sugar and a slice of toasted panettone with butter.

The next question was, "Dida you go to the bathroom?" You see mom could tell how healthy we were by the way we went to the bathroom. If you didn't answer that question correctly would mean you would have to drink a glass of warm water with Brioschi mixed in it. Not pleasant first thing in the morning.

The next question was, "You hava the

t-shirt on?" Mom was a stickler when it came to us wearing an undershirt under our school uniform. She said it would keep the sweat off us and help us to ward off colds. My brother John hated to wear undershirts and he would always try to sneak out without wearing one, so this question was always a tricky one.

Finally, the most important question, "Dida you maka the sign of the cross?" We always had to bless ourselves before we would go out the door. This kept us safe.

Once those four questions were answered she would give us each a kiss and send us on our way.

I find myself sitting in front of my computer 40 years later telling this story and realizing how prophetic my mother was. If you follow these four simple rules, have a cup of coffee, go to the bathroom, put on an undershirt, and bless yourself, before you go out the door in the morning, you will have a happy, healthy, and successful life. Enjoy the recipe for homemade panettone.

Panettone Ingredients

2 1/2 teaspoons dry yeast
1 cup lukewarm milk
2 3/4 cups flour

1/2 teaspoon salt
8 tablespoons unsalted butter (softened)
2 egg yolks
1/3 cup sugar
3 tablespoons candied citrus peel (chopped)
1/3 cup golden raisin
1 pinch grated nutmeg
1 orange, zest of
1 lemon, zest of, grated
1 teaspoon vanilla

Grease a round mold, a deep cake pan, or a small saucepan about 8" across and 6" deep with softened butter; line the base and sides with baking parchment so that it extends 5" above the top.

Knead 7 tablespoons soft butter, eggs yolks, sugar, citrus peel, raisins, nutmeg, lemon and orange zests, and vanilla into the dough until thoroughly combined, about 5 minutes.

Shape the dough into a round loaf; place in prepared mold.

Use the tip of a sharp knife and cut an "X" across the top; cover and let rise till doubled, about 2 hours.

Brush the top with egg glaze (1 egg and t tablespoons of water beaten well).

Bake in a 350-degree oven for about 45 minutes; until a pick comes out clean.

Remove from mold and let cool on a wire rack.

Dust top with confectioners' sugar to decorate.

Luigi Coppola is one of five brothers born to Francesca and Antonio Coppola. The Coppola family came to America from Naples, Italy in 1954. Antonio and his brothers opened their first restaurant in Poughkeepsie in 1961. Luigi and his brothers Nick, John, Antonio and Vincent have carried on the family tradition in the way their parents taught them, using classic recipes taught to them at their apron strings. Visit their website at www.coppolas.net.

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WCSD track and field athletes place during recent Armory Holiday Festival



The Wappingers Central School District community congratulates Hailey Hrouda and Abby Kowalczyk for winning the weight throw and varsity mile, respectively, at the recent Armory Holiday Festival.

Hailey's throw of 41 feet, 2 inches was a new meet record by over 3-1/2 feet.

Abby's time of 5:12.54 is a new freshman/sophomore record.

Connor Hitt placed third in the varsity mile with a new personal best of 4:28.33. Other medalists include Jack McCarthy in the freshman mile and Angie Odeniyyi in the weight throw.

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Train with the Pros during Cadets Player Development Academy

Sing up Train with the Pros during Cadets Player Development Academy. Times are 10 a.m. to noon for 10-12 year olds and from noon to 2 p.m. for 13-17 year olds.

Pitching Like a Pro takes place Jan. 29 and Feb. 18 with Nelson Figueroa, a 1995 MLB Amateur Draft Pick and 11-year Major League Baseball pitcher. He was a member of the 2013 WBC All-World Team.

Fielding Like a Pro on Feb. 26 with Kevin Baez, who in 1988 was drafted to the NY Mets. He is a former Mets short-

stop and managed the Rockland Boulders. He was a manager and third base coach of The Long Island Ducks.

Hitting Like a Pro on March 5 with Luis Lopez, a former MLB Player. He was on the 2001 Toronto Blue Jays, 2004 Montreal Expos, and in 2005 Nippon Professional Baseball for the Tohoku Rakuten Golden Eagles.

For more information, call 845-896-3340 or visit cadetsbaseballacademy.com.

Cadets Player Development Academy is at 182 Old Route 9, Ste 3, in Fishkill.

Fishkill Recreation

By Lauren McMenamin

Adult Art Series: In this mini-series, adults of all ages are invited to come explore the world of art. This drawing-based series will focus on still life and perspective. Artists will be guided through winter themed art and use various materials to add color and shading to their finished pieces. Classes can be taken as a standalone experience or to build upon other lessons. No experience necessary. Classes will be held January 25, February 1 and February 8 from 10am-11:30am.

Register with The Artist's Corner TheArtistsCornerNY.weebly.com

First Aid & CPR Course: Come get certified at the Fishkill Rec Center! Mobile Life will be offering their American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR/AED and First Aid course on March 19 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Spots are limited. Register now! www.fishkillrecreation.com

Little Rascals: We are excited to bring back our popular Little Rascals program! The gymnasium at the Recreation Center is turned into a giant play room for our little ones to run free. There are pedal cars, parachutes, slides, bouncy houses, tunnels, and much more! Little Rascals is open on Thursday mornings from 10-11:30 a.m. The fee is \$5 per child and parents get to play for free! Remember

that everyone must wear sneakers. Must Pre-Register at www.fishkillrecreation.com. Contact Lauren for more information 845-831-3371.

Art Classes: Miss Nicole will be continuing with The Artist's Corner this winter to lead a 6-week art series. In this series, students will be given guided drawing instruction and unlimited project creations! The program is open to boys and girls ages 9+. The class will be held Mondays at 4:45pm starting January 30. For more information and to register, visit www.TheArtistsCornerNY.weebly.com

Babysitting Course: Come learn how to be a Star babysitter with Amanda Tucker, certified Early Childhood teacher. Our Babysitting Course will be held Saturday, March 25th from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The course is offered to students ages 10-17 who are interested in learning how to care for small children. Our Babysitter Course will cover topics such as interviewing tips, communication skills, ages/stages of young babies and toddlers, safety, first aid, feeding and caring for young children. Each future babysitter will also get to learn how to hold a baby and change his/her diaper. Visit our website for information and to register. www.fishkillrecreation.com

Visit www.fishkillrecreation.com for more information.

East Fishkill Recreation

By Bill Green

These dates will be in our 2023 East Fishkill Rec Guides: East Fishkill Clean-up Day- Saturday, April 1; East Fishkill Annual Easter Egg Hunt- Saturday, April 8; East Fishkill Opening Day - Saturday, April 15. Summer Concert Series begins Friday, June 17; Red Wing Park opens Saturday, May 27; East Fishkill Community Day- Saturday, September 23.

Applications for summer employment are now available online. We're looking for Lifeguards, Summer Camp counselors and gate attendants for Red Wing Park.

We're looking into a second East Fishkill PeeWee Dribblers basketball clinic for first and second graders. Follow this column for updates.

A full schedule of free Outdoor Concerts has been set for this summer from Father's Day to Labor Day at the Rec Park in Hopewell. We will also have some musical fun at the lake at Red Wing Park.

County to offer free rabies clinic on Feb. 19

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DBCH) is partnering with the Dutchess County SPCA to host a free rabies vaccination clinic for pets on Sunday, Feb. 19, from 8 a.m. to noon, at the Dutchess County SPCA, located at 636 Violet Avenue in Hyde Park. This clinic is open to dogs, cats and domestic ferrets 3 months of age and older.

Advance registration is required at DCSPCA.org or by calling the DCSPCA at 845-452-7722, ext. 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 a prior immunization. For those without proof, the vaccination will be good for one year.

Rabies vaccinations are required by New York State law for all cats, dogs, and domestic ferrets by the age of four months of age. Pet owners are required to revaccinate on a regular schedule to keep the animal properly immunized against the rabies virus. Owners can be fined up to \$200 if they fail to get their pets vaccinated and keep them up to date.

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 DBCH 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.

DBCH diligently investigates and monitors rabies exposure cases throughout the county. In 2022, the department investigated almost 600 potential rabies exposure incidents, with 105 animal specimens tested and more than 100 people treated with rabies post exposure prophylaxis.

The county offers three to four clinics each year. In 2022, more than 400 pets were vaccinated through DBCH's community partnerships.

Residents who see an animal acting strangely are advised to contact their local police agency. If a person has been bitten, or a domestic pet is bitten or is in contact, with any animal, they're to contact DBCH immediately at (845) 486-3404 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or 845-431-6465 on nights and weekends.

To learn more about rabies, visit dutchessny.gov/rabies or contact DCBH at HealthInfo@dutchessny.gov.

Award-winning artist exhibit at Grinnell Library



Brian Zickafoose is an award-winning commercial artist whose work explores vibrant, illuminated realms and the divine nature of the animal kingdom and the human spirit. He has a penchant for debating the possibility of parallel dimensions, intergalactic adventure and time travel.

Brian currently resides in upstate New York with his wife and two daughters near the Hudson River.

Brian Zickafoose's work will be on display throughout February. For more information, contact the library at 845-297-3428. Grinnell Library is at 2642 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls.

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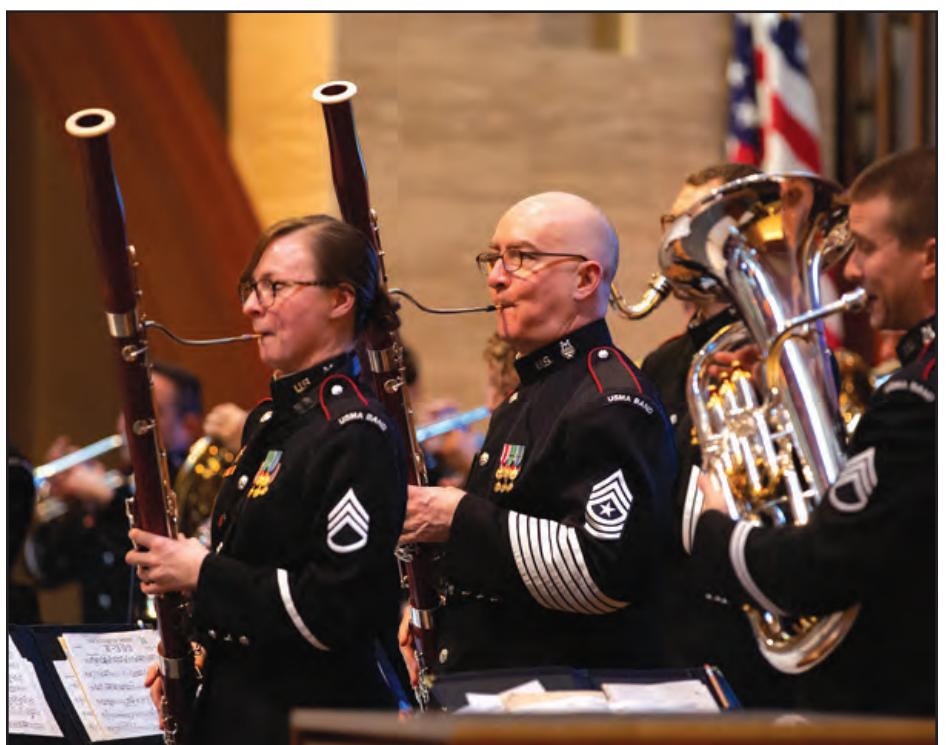
Students of the Month in WCSD named by Rotarians



The Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls recognized the January 2023 Students of the Month. The students recognized were Erin McConologue from Roy C. Ketcham High School, Arianna Sloniker from Wappingers Junior High School, Jake Ponzini from Myers Corners Elementary School, Addison Gault from Evans Elementary School and Matthew Pachelo from Sheafe Road Elementary School. Matias Perez from Myers Corners Elementary School was also recognized for being a December Student of the Month. Each student received a certificate of recognition and a gift certificate to Barnes and Noble from the Rotary Club, a gift certificate from Longobardi's Restaurant and a certificate from Town of Wappinger Supervisor Richard Thurston and Village of Wappingers Falls Mayor Rick Cerino. Congratulations to all!

-Courtesy photo by Todd Bowen

'American Influences' at West Point set for Jan. 28



The West Point Band will present a concert titled "American Influences" on Saturday, January 28 at 2 p.m. at West Point's Eisenhower Hall Theatre. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will move to January 29. This performance is free and open to all; no tickets are required. For more information, visit westpointband.com.

The U.S. Army's oldest musical ensemble, the West Point Band, presents a performance in celebration of America's musical heritage, featuring not only the composers who defined our national sound, but also those who drew influence from it, those whose voices were silenced in its creation, and those who continue to expand its meaning today. Featured composers include Aaron Copland, William Grant Still, George Gershwin, Charles Ives, Florence Price, James Reese Europe, and Caroline Shaw. The concert will conclude with Stravinsky's iconic Firebird Suite, re-released in the year he became an American citizen.

For concert information, cancellations, and updates, visit the West Point Band on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or at www.westpointband.com.

-Courtesy photo

Marist Women's basketball game to honor breast cancer survivors

The Marist Women's Basketball team will play Canisius on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m., in the McCann Arena with a half-time salute to the Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation and local breast cancer survivors.

"This is our ninth Play4Kay game with the Marist Women's Basketball team, and each year brings joy and recognition to breast cancer survivors in our Hudson Valley," said Miles of Hope Executive Director, Pari Forood. "Some of the survivors who join us are in treatment and some are 25 years from their surgery and immediate recovery. We are honored that Marist has chosen our foundation to partner with to showcase these brave and strong women and men. We are also able

to bring awareness to the prevalence of this disease to the general public and stress the importance of preventive services like annual mammograms."

Forood noted, "During the height of the pandemic, people were not receiving preventive services like mammograms. As a result, we are now seeing later stage cancer diagnoses which are more problematic to treat. Miles of Hope, helping people in treatment, their families, colleagues and neighbors, is needed now more than ever."

Breast cancer survivors wishing to join the halftime salute should contact Harrison Baker at Marist Athletics at harrison.baker@marist.edu. For more information, call 845-264-2005.

Winter Concert Series set for February

Hopewell Reformed Church is hosting a concert series three Sundays during the month of February at 3 p.m.

Feb. 12: Breezy Hill Woodwind Quintet - Nancy Vanderlee, Eileen Kerkes, Alan Kjellman, Lisa Fraitag & Edwina Pratt;

Feb. 19: Wesley Joseph, organ

Feb. 26: Brass Bohemians - Jon Leonard, Dave Pratt, Walter Barrett, Steve Wands, Shane Pettit & Ehrin Anthony.

Donations appreciated.

The concerts will take place at Hopewell Reformed Church, 143 Beekman Road, in East Fishkill.

Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: I Catherine Gill, the undersigned Collector of Taxes for the Town of Milan, County of Dutchess, and State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Milan for the year of 2023. I will be collecting taxes at the following place and time listed below:

MILAN TOWN HALL: Collection of taxes will be at the Milan Town Clerk's Office, 20 Wilcox Circle in the Town of Milan from today to February 28, 2023 - Monday,

Wednesday and Friday, 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM or by mail anytime - excepting Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

FURTHER NOTICE: The taxes may be paid on or before February 28, 2023 without charge or interest. All taxes received after such date, there shall be added interest 2% interest if paid on or before March 31, 2023 and an additional 1% for each additional month or fraction thereof thereafter until such taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid taxes to the county treasurer pursuant to law.

FURTHER NOTICE: that a reminder of un-

paid taxes will be sent on or before May 15th, 2023. A fee of \$2.00 will be added to your tax bill during the full month of May.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: Pursuant to the provisions of the law, the Tax Roll of the Town of Milan will be returned to the Dutchess County Commission of Finance on the 1st of June 2023.

Dated: January 18, 2023
Catherine Gill
Milan Tax Collector

BID OPENING NOTICE Project RFB-DCB-18-22: REBID Dutchess Stadium New Left Field Clubhouse,

Seating Bowl & Restroom Building.

Subcontractors sealed envelope of the apparent low bidder will be publicly opened and read aloud on January 26, 2023 at 10:00am. The bid opening will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio conferencing.

Anyone wishing to hear the bid read aloud will need to call into the number listed below. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to opening time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization.

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4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll), Conference ID: 554 881450#

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-03-23

Ready-Mix Concrete On-Site and/or from the Plant
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 31st day of January 2023 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378

Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601.

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

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DCP-04-23 Annual Rental of Machinery and Equipment

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 14th day of February 2023 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378

Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

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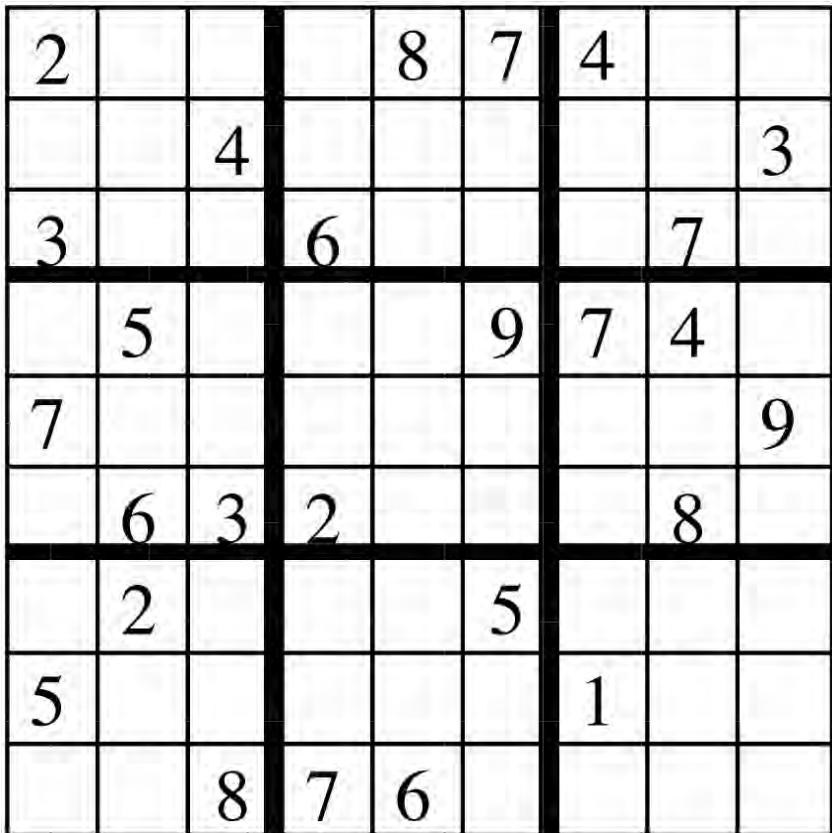
Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.

The object of the game is to fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers.

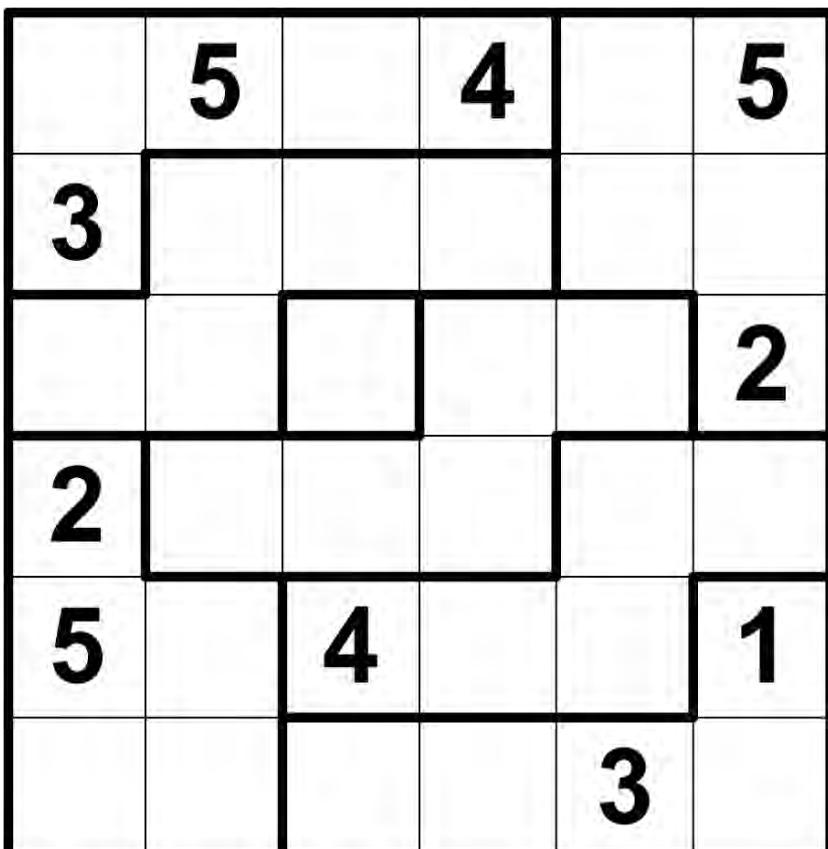
Each row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.

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

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



Suguru



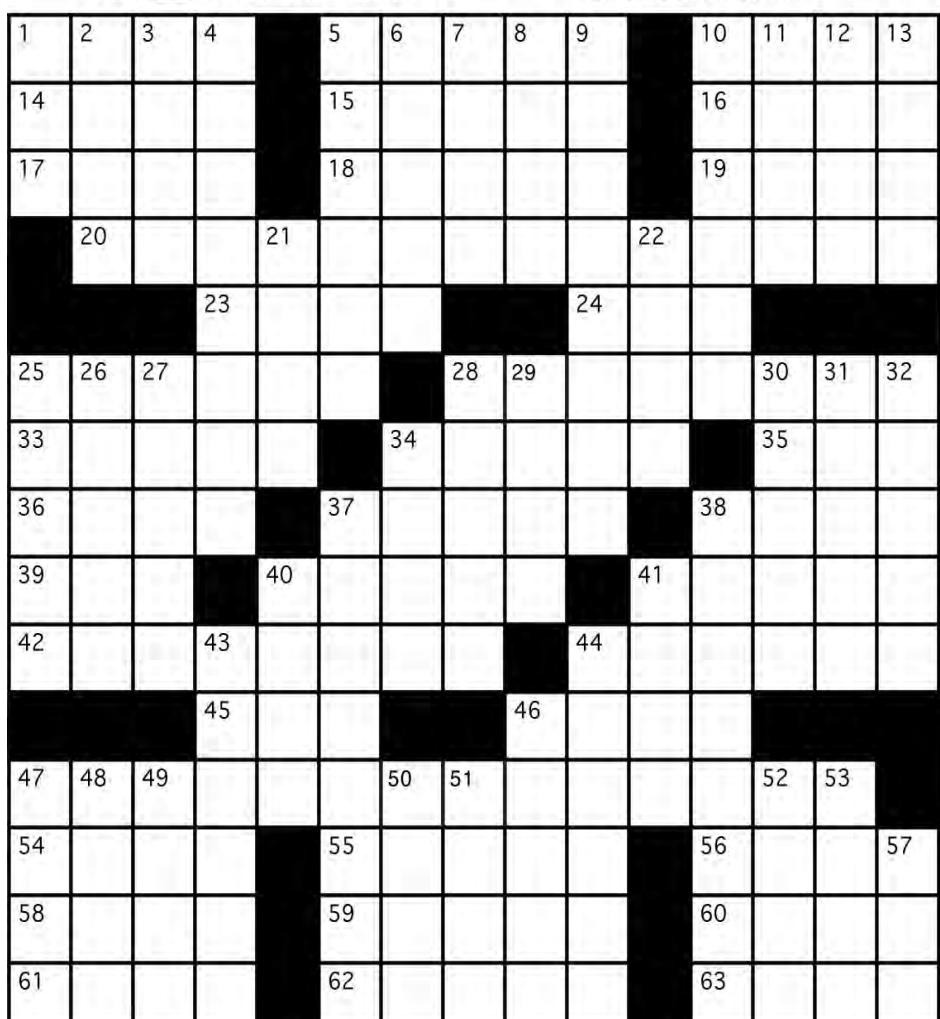
The heavy lines indicate areas, called cages, from one to five squares in size. Fill each cage with unique digits, counting up from 1. So for example a 2-square cage contains the numbers 1 and 2; and a 5-square cage contains the numbers from 1 to 5. Adjacent (touching) squares, even ones that touch diagonally,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

ACROSS

1. ___ a test; passed easily
5. Fragment
10. Sweet treat
14. Beverage
15. Singer López
16. Translucent gem
17. Physically fit
18. Like Cheerios
19. Sell on the street
20. Country whose capital is Port Moresby
23. Ending for Jean or Paul
24. Prefix for paid or view
25. Kidney problems
28. Undeveloped region
33. Wishes
34. Family groups
35. ___ pro nobis
36. Miffed
37. Sandal
38. Rat-__-tat
39. Opposite of close
40. Supportive lift
41. Direction in a pizza recipe
42. Part of the brain
44. Trunks
45. Spanish gold
46. River in Italy
47. Bodybuilder of note
54. Mariner's direction
55. Black and lustrous
56. Unbalanced
58. Limerick writer
59. In an upright position
60. Bedtime on a school night, perhaps
61. Simple toys
62. Girl in Peter Pan
63. ___ Peter the Great

DOWN

1. Play division
2. ITT or IBM
3. Literary alias
4. Moistened
5. Short-tailed weasels
6. Horizontal beam lifter
7. Liturgical ceremony
8. Once more
9. Game involving a ball and a net
10. ___ Union
11. Frank
12. Hamlet, for one
13. One who starred with Farr and Farrell
21. Western tribe members
22. Footed containers
25. Graveyard, for one
26. Synagogue scroll
27. Play set to music
28. Dentist's advice
29. Carry on
30. Bits
31. Muse of poetry
32. Prices per hour
34. ___ En-lai
37. Procrastinator's word
38. Stuck-up
40. Actress Theda
41. Percussion instrument
43. Brings nearer to the ground
44. "In"
46. Put ___ to; terminate
47. White stuff
48. Victim of an asp
49. Mound
50. Western writer Grey
51. Level
52. Whitney and Wallach
53. Columnist Barrett
57. Word with chance or cent



Annual Cookie Walk to be held in-person in February



After two years as a 'drive-thru' event, the Annual Mid-Hudson Love INC Cookie Walk returns to its traditional format! Cookie-lovers are invited to select their favorites on Saturday, February 11, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (as long as supplies last). More than 600 dozen cookies will be on display at Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church, 2381 New Hackensack Road (Route 376) in Poughkeepsie.

This is the 15th year for the Mid-Hudson Love In the Name of Christ Cookie Walk, which is always held the Saturday before Valentine's Day. It showcases the recipes and decorating skills of many volunteer bakers who donate their best baked goods to the event. Shoppers receive gloves and a bakery box and walk through the cookie display selecting the items they want. Some gluten-free baked goods will be



The annual Mid Hudson Love INC Cookie Walk returns to Poughkeepsie on Feb. 11.

-Courtesy photos

available. The filled bakery boxes are weighed, and shoppers take their treats home for a suggested donation of \$9 per pound. Shoppers are strongly encouraged to wear masks.

Proceeds benefit the ministry work of local churches through Mid-Hudson Love In the Name of Christ. Mid-Hudson Love INC is a partnership of churches that helps local families experiencing poverty, providing personal

attention, skill-building classes, and tangible goods such as personal care items, linens, and furniture.

Pick up some treats for your sweetheart, your family, the office, a neighbor, or a friend, and know that your financial donation offers a helping hand to someone in need. For further information about Mid-Hudson Love INC, visit the website at www.mid-hudsonloveinc.org or call 845-471-0102.

Elks present Student of the Month certificates



The Beacon Elks Lodge #1493 presented Student of the Month certificates to 6th, 7th and 8th graders for the months of November and December 2022 from Rombout Middle School on Jan. 20.

The students are nominated by their teachers and school administrators. Certificates and gift certificates for Glazed Over Donuts are provided to each student. Winners for November and December were:

November

6th Grade Lily Vogrincic

7th Grade Isabella Davila

8th Grade Parker White

December

6th Grader Ralph Marinaccio

7th Grader Josue Martell

8th Grader Adriana Fazioli

Presenting the Awards were Janine McCauley, Lecturing Knight and Carl Oken, Youth Activities Chair.

-Courtesy photo

Elks host District Hoop Shoot



The Elks Hudson Valley District #6180 conducted its District Hoop Shoot on January 14 at West Haverstraw Recreation Center in Westchester County. The winners from Beacon, Poughkeepsie, Peekskill, Haverstraw, Ossining, Brewster and Yorktown Hoop Shoots participated.

The winners from the Beacon Elks and Lodge Officials are pictured from left, Janine McCauley Lecturing Knight; Girls 12-13 Winner Gianna Mercer, Boys 10-11 winner Anthony Lopez, Lodge Hoop Shoot Chair Joe Green and 12-13 Boys Winner Jake Deluisse.

The next shoot for Regional State Champions will be in Middletown in February. Each year the Elks Hoop Shoots are conducted in every lodge in the country (approximately 1800 lodges) with the National Hoop Shoot being held in Elks Grand Lodge Chicago. The winners of the National Hoop Shoot will be enshrined in the NBA Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts.

-Courtesy photo

Guitar legend Jeff Beck dies at 78

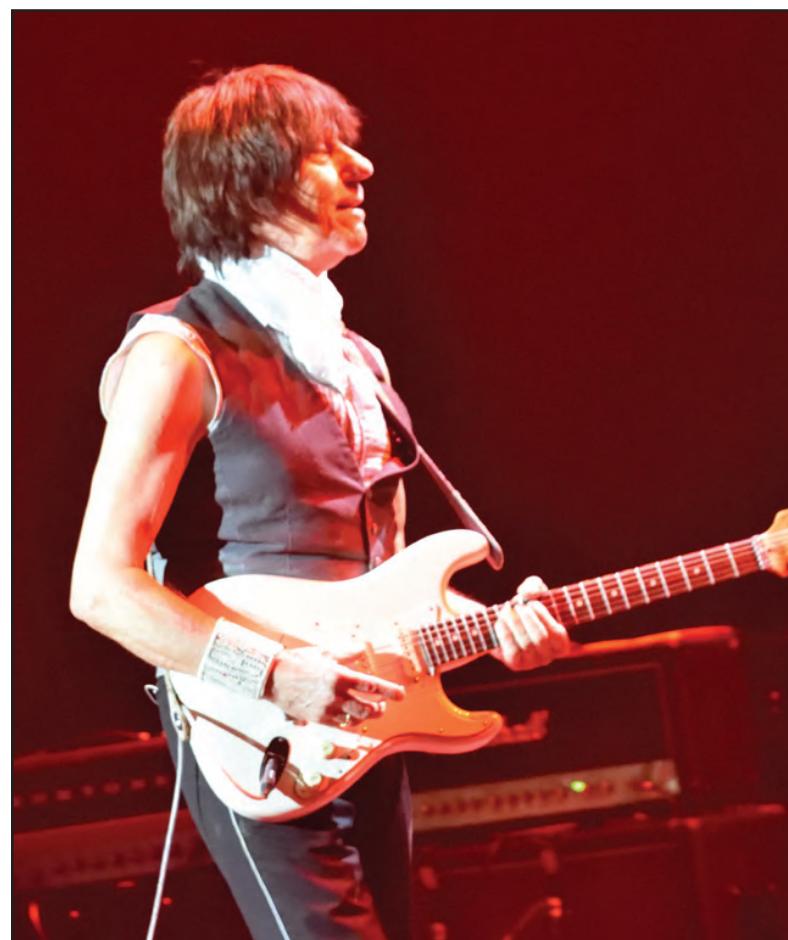


Jeff Beck, the innovative British guitarist who was at the forefront of rock music for more than 50 years, died on Jan. 10.

"On behalf of his family, it is with deep and profound sadness that we share the news of Jeff Beck's passing. After suddenly contracting bacterial meningitis, he peacefully passed away yesterday. His family ask for privacy while they process this tremendous loss," his family posted on his Twitter page.

In recent years, Beck was a familiar performer at Ulster Performing Arts Center (UPAC) in Kingston, most recently playing there last year. He is pictured in the photos from his 2015 appearance at UPAC.

- Photos by Rich Goldsmith



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