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Playoff-bound Renegades have remarkable turnaround

By Rich Thomaselli

Perhaps the most telling thing about the Hudson Valley Renegades is that they were genuinely happy.

For each other.

After missing out on the postseason in the first half of the year, the Renegades won the second half North Division title of the South Atlantic League. They were scheduled to open the semifinals of the playoffs on Tuesday, September 10, at home against Greensboro. The best of three series then shifts to Greensboro on Thursday, September 12, and, if necessary, Friday, September 13.

The winner will play for the league title next week.

"Nobody is prouder of the patience and resilience these boys have shown," manager Nick Ortiz said.

Indeed, it was a remarkable turnaround for a franchise that, at one point had won 29 of 37 games. And this was despite the ever-changing team chemistry as Hudson Valley endured more than 30 roster moves during the year from the parent club New York Yankees.

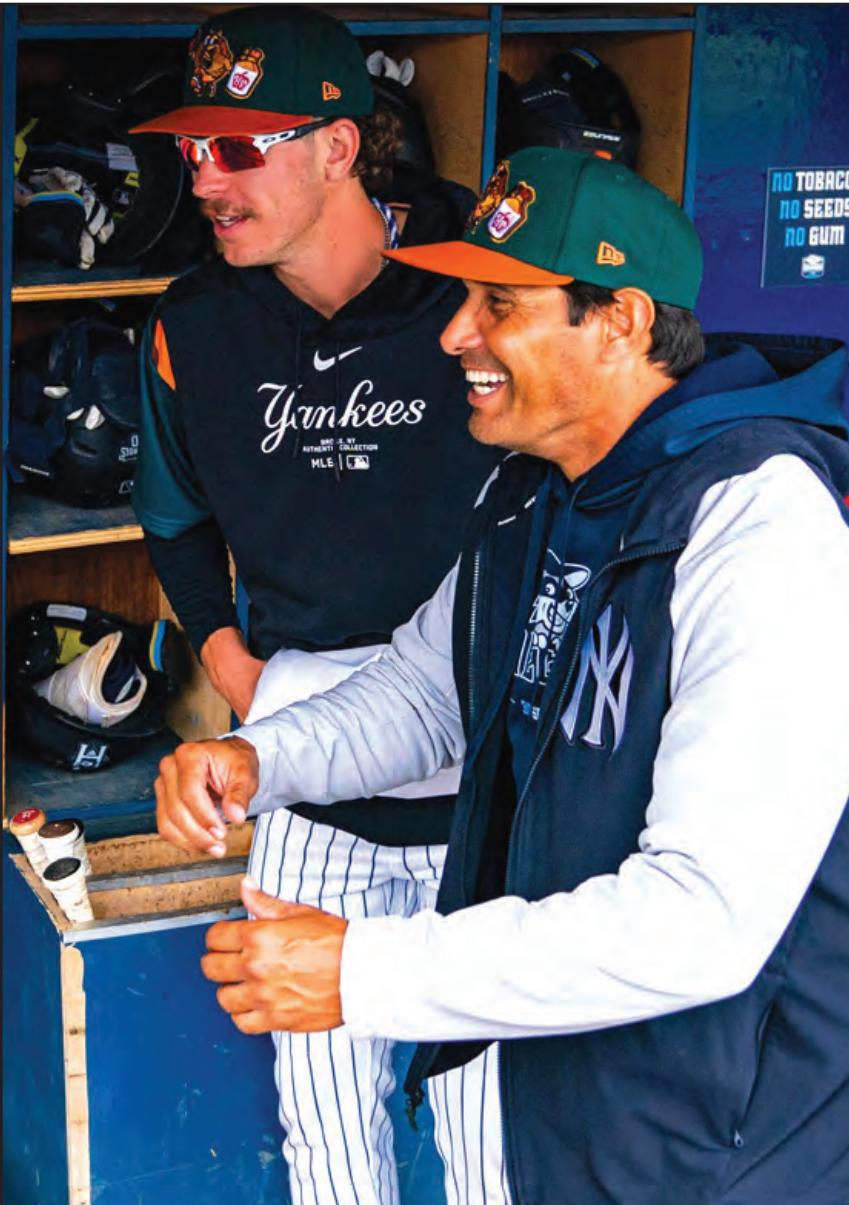
"I thought the Yankees did a great job of balancing their player evaluation needs and still keeping us competitive," general manager Zach Betkowski said.

Hudson Valley has received terrific pitching throughout this season, most notably from Trent Sellers and Baron Stuart. In addition, the hitting has been timely led by star-in-the-making Roc Riggio – the Renegades set a franchise record with 18 walk-off wins this season.

"That's why we never feel like we are out of a game," Sellers said. "We feel like that somebody is going to come up with the clutch hit. As a pitcher, that's a great feeling to have."

This is the sixth time in the last eight seasons that Hudson Valley has made the postseason.

"With the constant roster changes and the main mission of player development, you just don't see that kind of consistency," Ortiz said.



Happy Hudson Valley Renegades manager Nick Ortiz is pictured with Josh Moylan.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

'If we truly want to remember, we have a responsibility to share'

Flag display pays tribute to 9/11 victims

By Kristine Coulter

To Americans who were alive - and old enough to remember - 9/11 is a day that will stand out in their minds like no other. The loss of nearly 3,000 Americans that day and all those who have lost their lives since due to health-related illnesses. Local resident Dani Masterson is known as "American TAPS Girl," for her playing the bugle at U.S. military members and veterans' funerals. Masterson has also taken on the cause to never forget those victims of 9/11 by installing a flag display in their honor. This will be her third year doing the display, which contains 3,016 American flags and flags in honor of the fallen firefighters. This year the display is located at the New Hackensack Firehouse, 217 Myers Corners Road, in Wappingers Falls.

"I have had the privilege of having some of my closest friends and it's my pleasure to invite the public to join in with install. This year I chose New Hackensack Firehouse because it has a beautiful memorial and with the location, many people can stop by and get a closer look. This is an opportunity to teach the younger generation what 9/11 is about," explained Masterson.

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A display of American flags and flags in honor of fallen firefighters from 9/11/2001 at New Hackensack Firehouse.

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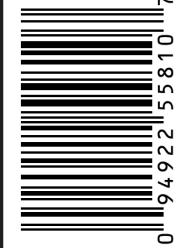
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Martz monument receives renovation in Town of Wappinger



The finished monument for Daniel M. Martz Jr. the first Dutchess County resident to be killed in action during the Vietnam War. Martz was a resident of the Town of Wappinger, where Martz Field Recreation Facility is located.

-Courtesy photo

By Kristine Coulter

The Town of Wappinger has more than a dozen parks, complexes, fields, a nature preserve and a boat launch. One of the parks, Martz Field Recreation Facility, off Pye Lane and Montfort Rd., is 11 acres. There are eight pickleball courts, a multipurpose field, basketball courts, tennis courts, a playground, beach volleyball courts and a pavilion. The Town's recent summer camp was held there.

The park is named in honor of a Wappinger resident. Daniel M. Martz Jr. lived in Wappinger. He was in the military during the Vietnam War.

Martz and his wife "were from the Oakwood Knolls neighborhood. He [was killed in action] in 1966. He was the first Dutchess County resident to die in the Vietnam War," explained Wappinger Town Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini.

The Wappinger Town Board "then named the park after him nearly 60 years ago. [The park] is something to remember his sacrifice," said Cavaccini.

There is a monument which allows visitors to the park to know about Martz's sacrifice for his country. The stone is inscribed with the following: "MAJOR DANIEL M. MARTZ JR. MEMORIAL PARK 1928-1966 KILLED IN ACTION DEDICATED MAY 30, 1966."

According to a local paper at the time of Martz's killing, Martz was the father of five children. He was married to Ayako Martz "who received a telegram" from the Army which notified her of her husband's dying from "a chest wound suffered ... when a U.S. Army convoy was ambushed by the Viet Cong," reported the article in the paper.

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Martz monument receives renovations in Town of Wappinger



Wappinger Town Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini visits Martz Field Recreation Facility as work was being done for the updated monument location to Daniel Martz Jr.

-Photos by Kristine Coulter

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Recently the monument was moved to where people enter the park. There is now a pathway with an area to stand or sit to reflect on Martz's sacrifice.

"Now everyone who comes to the park will reflect and remember Major Martz," said Cavaccini.

There have been upgrades to the benches and pavilion. The lights are now on again at the park, too.

Other park upgrades

At Castle Point Park, 312 River Road South, visitors can see the view of the Hudson River. There is a memorial to Kenneth A. Browne, a Korean War veteran who was from Chelsea, according to the Town's website. Browne was killed in action.

The 40-acre park has a pavilion, 2 baseball/softball fields and a playground.

The restrooms are getting upgraded, said Cavaccini.

At Spook Hill Park, 38 Spook Hill Rd.,



The monument to Wappinger resident Daniel Martz Jr. before it was moved to a new location at Martz Field Recreation Facility.

there is now outdoor exercise equipment. The park was awarded a \$100,000 grant for improvements in 2019. There is an all-inclusive playground. There is also a handball court and field house.

"We're doing things in-house and contracting out when we need to" said Cavaccini.

The supervisor noted, "Through these upgrades, vandalism is down significantly."

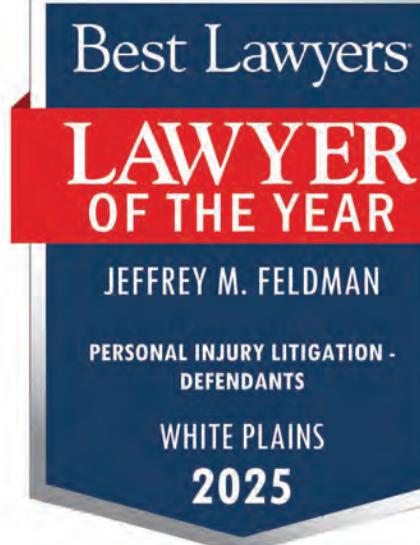
At Carnwath Farms Historic Site & Park, 81 Carnwath Farms Lane, "we're going to continue to make improvements there," said Cavaccini.

The five-acre Brexel-Schlathaus Park, 127 All Angels Hill Road, where numerous Town events are held, 410 feet of drainage has been completed. In-house it cost \$500 and done in a day and a half, instead of the approximately \$900,000 previously estimated when not doing the project in-house.



The completed monument and entrance to Martz Field Recreation Facility.

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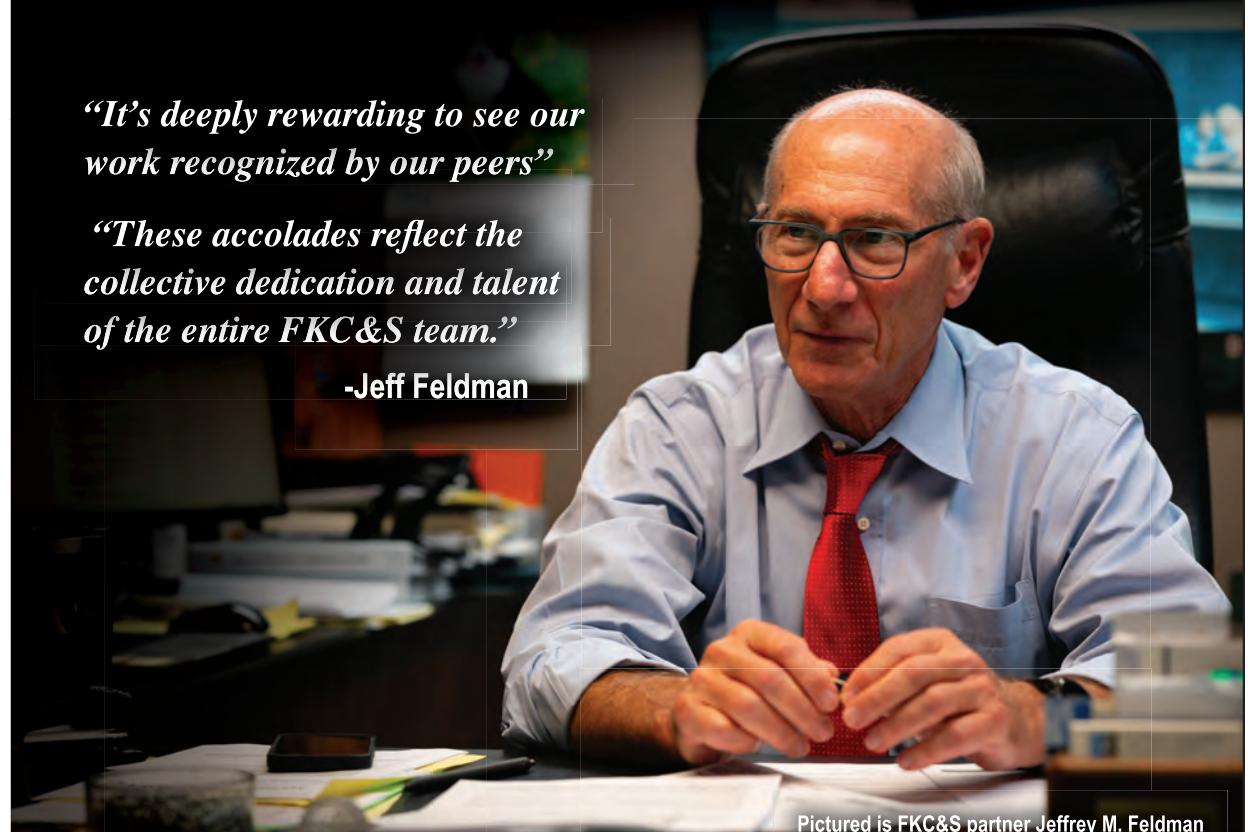
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Emergency responders respond to natural gas explosion at East Fishkill substation

By Kristine Coulter

Members of the East Fishkill Fire District (EFFD) responded to a gas explosion with flames upwards of 100' in the air early in the afternoon on Tuesday, Sept. 3. The East Fishkill firefighters, and later other local fire departments, responded to the area of the Central Hudson Gas & Electric (CHG&E) substation at Route 82 and Old Hopewell Road for the apparent natural gas leak from a primary gas line, according to a social media post from the East Fishkill Fire District.

"I would like to commend all of the emergency personnel including the East Fishkill Police Department, East Fishkill Fire District, Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO), New York State Police and the Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response (DCER) for their dedication and hard work to contain the gas fire and protect the resident of the Town," stated East Fishkill Supervisor Nick D'Alessandro in a press release on Sept. 4.

According to a post on the EFFD Facebook page, "Upon arrival a command center and staging area were immediately [set up] at East Fishkill Provisions. Due to the uncontrolled volume of fire with close proximity to overhead power lines Command instructed members to remain at staging while other units were sent to instruct residents from the surrounding neighborhoods to shelter in place. DCER's Mobile Command Station was dispatched and DCSO's drone was deployed to identify multiple brush fires resulting from the explosion."

The post continued, "Once the gas main and electrical lines were secured by CHG&E and Con Edison, members were sent in to mitigate and extinguish the fires using our brush truck and UTV supplied by water from other engines and tankers."

D'Alessandro stated in a Facebook post the day of the gas explosion, "The gas has been turned off in the immediate area. This

affects 500 gas customers and 4,000 electric customers." National Resources, OnSemi Conductor at Ipark and John Jay [High School], on Route 52, were among those locations affected. Traffic lights on Route 82, in the middle of Hopewell Junction, were out. Residents in Worley Homes, Crest Court and Town Road residents were asked to evacuate their homes.

"These types of calls require quick and decisive action on part of the incident commander to first and foremost ensure the safety of our members and residents. We commend the actions of our Chiefs, officers and members who demonstrated utmost professionalism during this extremely dangerous event," stated the EFFD post.

"Central Hudson crews have isolated the area where the fire took place and will work to make repairs once the area has been made safe," said Eric Kiszkiel, Vice President of Gas Engineering and Operations at Central Hudson in a news release. "We are conducting direct outreach to our impacted customers, and once repairs are complete, we will begin the process of restoring service."

According to the DCSO, the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Unmanned Aircraft Unit had several drones deployed in the area of Route 82 and Lake Walton Road areas to assist the East Fishkill Fire Department and Police Department with a large fire.

"The fire was initially reported at approximately 1:27 p.m. on Tuesday with Central Hudson crews arriving at approximately 1:33 p.m. As of 3:30 p.m. the fire has been extinguished. Central Hudson expects to have electric customers restored by early Tuesday evening," stated the release. Natural gas restoration efforts extend throughout the day Sept. 4. It was stated there were no major injuries.

D'Alessandro said he would continue to work with the entities to make sure the "public and infrastructure is safe and secure."

Fishkill Police Commission to hold special meeting, executive session September 18

The Fishkill Town Board, acting at the Town of Fishkill Police Commission, will hold a special Police Commission meeting on Wednesday, September 18, at 6 p.m. at which the Police Commission will enter executive session with a member or members of the Town Police Department for the purpose of discussing matters leading

to the appointment, employment, and/or promotion of a particular police officer or officers employed by the Town or who may become employed by the Town.

The meeting location will be held at the Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52. Members of the public may attend the open portion of the Police Commission meeting, but will not be admitted to the executive session.

No action will be taken at the special meeting. The Town Board's regular monthly meeting will be held at 7 p.m. following the conclusion of the said special meeting.

DC Board of Ethics to meet on Sept. 16

There will be a meeting of the Dutchess County Board of Ethics on Monday, Sept. 16 starting at 11 a.m., until noon.

The public has the right to attend at the Dutchess County Department of Law, 22 Market Street, 5th floor, Poughkeepsie.

Public comments will also be accepted verbally, up to three minutes per person, for a total of up to thirty minutes in the aggregate at the end of the meeting. Each person may only speak once up to three minutes.

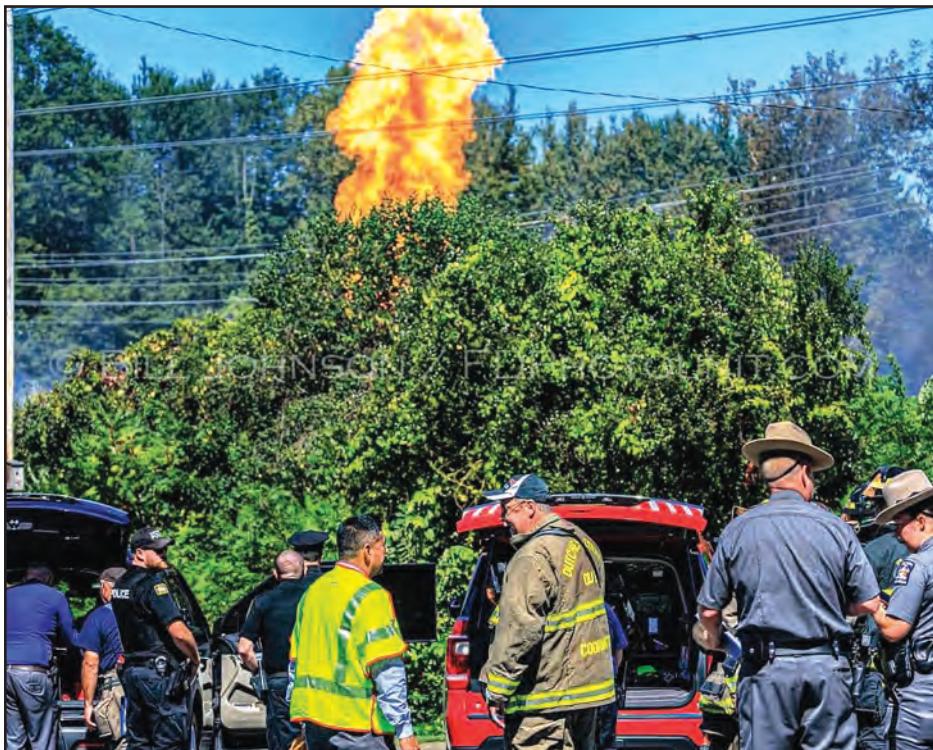
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Emergency first responders responded to a natural gas explosion at the Central Hudson Gas & Electric substation on Route 82 in East Fishkill on Sept. 3.

Courtesy photo Dutchess County Dept. of Emergency Response

"A compete investigation will take place to determine the cause of the fire," noted the supervisor.

The following departments, organizations and companies assisted during the incident: Hopewell Hose Fire Company, Stormville Fire Company, Hillside Lake Fire Company, Wiccopée Fire Company, East Fishkill Rescue Squad, East Fishkill Fire Police, East Fishkill Support Group, Protection Engine Company, Beekman Fire Company, Dutchess County Dept. of Emergency Response, East Fishkill Police Department, New York State Police, Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, Empress Ambulance, Central Hudson Gas & Electric and Con Edison

East Fishkill Provisions provided food and for the use of their property for the first responders.

"It makes me very proud to know, as the Supervisor and resident of the Town of East Fishkill, that when there is a horrific event in the Town, the community comes together. That is what it is all about. Com[ing] to the aid of others when needed. Lend a helping hand to your neighbors and community," said D'Alessandro.

The Supervisor, who thanked all for their patience, cooperation and understanding, asked that anyone with questions or concerns should contact the New York State Public Service Commission at 1-800-342-3377.

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Elks to host 9/11 ceremonies across county

To the Editor:

On September 11, the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks will lead the nation in honoring Patriot Day with ceremonies and events across the United States, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, and the Panama Canal. As one of the nation's foremost patriotic and charitable organizations, the Elks are dedicated to remembering the heroes and victims of 9/11 while reaffirming their commitment to service and community. Local Elks Lodges invite everyone to participate in these meaningful observances. The Beacon Elks lodge will hold a ceremony on Patriot Day, Wednesday, September 11, at 6:30 p.m., at the Beacon Elks Lodge, 900 Wolcott Avenue, in Beacon. This event is open to the public.

For over 156 years, the Elks have exemplified the spirit of American patriotism and philanthropy, making a profound impact on communities nationwide. With a legacy of over \$12 billion in charitable donations, the Elks have continuously risen to meet the needs of our nation. In 2023, alone the Elks donated approximately \$505 million in cash, gifts, and volunteer time, demonstrating our unwavering commitment to making America a better place for all.

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Our dedication extends far beyond education. The Elks Community Investment Program will contribute nearly \$17 million this year to enrich local communities, funding projects that uplift and strengthen neighborhoods. Additionally, the Elks National Foundation has allocated \$12 million to state Elks associations through various grants, ensuring the charitable activities reach every corner of the nation.

In our steadfast support of those who serve our country, the Elks National Veterans Service Program will dedicate \$5.7 million to veterans and military members, focusing on those who need it most. Each month, Elks volunteers provide hands-on assistance in over 330 veterans' facilities, reflecting our deep respect and gratitude for their sacrifices.

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'They will come to the rescue'

To the Editor:

They will come to the rescue in engines of red,
Not knowing of the danger that lies straight ahead.
Straight to the towers as fast as they might,
These brave men and women first at the site.

Into the Towers with hoses in hand,
They rush up the stairways to save who they can.
Buildings afire with smoke everywhere,
Determined to go forward and so they dare.

In so many minutes since they arrived,
Most of these men and women will not be alive.
The first Tower will crumble, the second one falls,
The bravest of the brave, have made their last call.

So many have died who rushed to ground zero,
Magnificent they were, so many fallen heroes.
Forever they will remain as a symbol of giving,
The ultimate sacrifice they gave for us living.

The country today was awakened by terror,
It will live in our hearts, but we shall endeavor.
Death and destruction has come to us all,
They have threatened our freedom, but we will stand tall.

As the day goes on and the smoke starts to clear,
Our country will witness the terror and fear.
The evil has come, they have struck the first blow,
You have threatened America, "You will reap what you sow."

Leslie Pisaturo
Poughkeepsie
Written 11/23/01

Beephan, Rolison, Hinchey, Jacobson meet with school officials, regarding NYS foundation aid formula

Assemblyman Anil Beephan and Assemblyman Jonathan Jacobson each hosted events with local school officials.

Beephan facilitated a virtual roundtable discussion with school district officials from the Wappingers, Arlington, Pawling, Webutuck, and Dover school districts on Sept. 4. The meeting also included representatives from the Rockefeller Institute, the entity responsible for conducting a comprehensive study on New York State's foundation aid formula as well as Senators Michelle Hinchey and Rob Rolison. This roundtable provided a unique opportunity for local school leaders to offer direct input to Dr. Bob Megna, president of the Rockefeller Institute, and his team, who are preparing recommendations for the state legislature.

"I am ecstatic that the voices of our school community were directly heard by the experts shaping these critical recommendations," said Beephan. "Our districts play a crucial role in shaping our children's future, and ensuring their input in this process is vital for fair and adequate funding."

New York State has commissioned the Rockefeller Institute to evaluate the current foundation aid formula, with recommendations expected by December 1.

"The feedback shared today will play an important role in shaping the future of education funding in our state," Beephan added. "I look forward to continuing to work with the Rockefeller Institute and my colleagues in the legislature to ensure our schools receive the resources they need to support every student."

The roundtable was held in a private format to allow for open and candid discussions, ensuring that school officials could freely share their perspectives and concerns.

Jacobson (D-104) also held a Foundation Aid Forum recently, bringing together school officials from the Mid-Hudson region for a conversation about how State aid impacts their budgets. Jacobson hosted the forum because the Rockefeller Institute, which is conducting a statewide study of the Foundation Aid formula, failed to include the Hudson Valley in its public hearings.

"Given the shock of last year's proposed budget by the Governor, school administrators, school board members, teachers, legis-

lators and taxpayers alike are fearful of a 'results-oriented' report that could be used to make cuts in Foundation Aid," Jacobson said. "One shock was the elimination of the 'hold harmless' provision, which guarantees that a district receives at least as much State aid as it did the year before. I voted for the budget last year, which restored hold harmless and cuts to Foundation Aid, but many school districts still received less funding than expected."

Participants from several school districts said they were worried about the loss of "hold harmless" and how it would impact their ability to plan for the future. They also raised concerns about the current Foundation Aid formula, including its use of outdated data and not enough consideration for services for special education students and English Language Learners. Everyone agreed that school districts should not be penalized for careful spending and maintaining a fund balance for unforeseen expenses. And since districts must prepare their annual budgets in time for a May vote, predictability is also a must.

Their testimony was submitted to the Rockefeller Institute for consideration in its final report.

School district participants included Superintendents Dr. Jackielyn Manning Campbell (Newburgh), Joel Freer, (Highland), Dr. Matthew Landahl (Beacon), Michael McElduff (Highland Falls), Dr. Eric Rosser (Poughkeepsie), Michael Rydell (Marlboro), Dr. Janet Warden (Red Hook), and Assistant Superintendent Anthony White (Wallkill), along with John Daley, Senior Governmental Relations Representative for the New York State School Boards Association.

"It was a very informative discussion," said Jacobson. "While enrollment in these districts ranges from 1,600 to 12,000, and each has unique challenges, they all have the same concerns when it comes to State funding. State aid needs to be fair, predictable and adequate. I will fight for this during the budget debate next year."

The Governor's proposed budget comes out by the end of January, and the Legislature must adopt a final budget by April 1.

County to host annual 9/11 Memorial Service

Dutchess County Family Court Judge Tracy C. MacKenzie, with Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, will host the annual 9/11 Memorial Ceremony on Wednesday, September 11, at 8:30 a.m. on the steps of the Dutchess County Family Court building, 50 Market Street, Poughkeepsie.

East Fishkill to hold Sept. 11th Service

East Fishkill will hold a 9/11 Service on Sept. 11 with a patriotic concert at 6 p.m. A service will be held at 7 p.m.

The concert and service will take place at the East Fishkill Community Center, 890 Route 82, in East Fishkill.

Ribbon-cutting highlights National Recovery Month at Dutchess County Empowerment Center

September is National Recovery Month, which promotes evidence-based treatment and recovery practices and celebrates the dedication of service providers and communities who make recovery, in all its forms, possible. The Dutchess County Department of Mental Health (DMH) highlighted one of its many efforts to support those on their recovery journey with a ribbon cutting event for the Dutchess County Empowerment Center at 230 North Road in Poughkeepsie on Friday, Sept. 6.

The Empowerment Center is a free, accessible resource center, open to adults 18 and older at any stage of their substance use or mental health recovery journey, where they can get support from recovery coaches and peers in a non-traditional, non-clinical setting.

County Executive Sue Serino said, "Everyone's journey to recovery is different. Our Empowerment Center ensures a wide range of tools and resources are available to help people be successful in their recovery. Working with peers who have similar lived experience helps people realize their goals in a supportive environment. The Empowerment Center team is truly making a difference in people's lives and we are grateful to Mental Health Commissioner Jean-Marie Niebuhr and all her staff for their dedication to support those living with mental health or substance use issues."

The Empowerment Center provides support, resources, services and education to people living in any stage of recovery – including recovery-oriented coaching from peers to realize personal goals, connections to resources such as healthcare, housing, benefits and employment, as well as wellness activities and support groups. "Recovery Connections" activities provide engaging local social activities with visits to local attractions, including hikes, farmers markets and more.

One of the most popular activities is working in the Community Garden, a partnership with Eden Share, a local

organization promoting new models for creating, maintaining and sharing community garden spaces with other nonprofits and human service organizations.

The Empowerment Center was developed following the Dutchess County Opioid Task Force's Community Gaps Assessment, which identified a need for a peer-driven, low-barrier program to address gaps in the system of care for both mental health and substance use service delivery. Since its initial opening in 2022, more than 400 individuals have taken advantage of the one-on-one Recovery Coach services at the Empowerment Center.

Services and connections provided year-to-date for 2024 at the Empowerment Center include:

- 15 people obtained housing
- 15 people accessed education
- 32 people obtained other benefits
- 47 people were connected to medical care
- 43 people were connected to mental health care
- 16 people were connected to substance use treatment
- 35 people obtained vocational opportunities
- 58 people reported they have made new, healthy connections

DMH Commissioner Jean-Marie Niebuhr said, "Peer recovery coaching is an evidence-based method that reduces substance use and dramatically improves recovery outcomes. It is inspiring to see the connections that are made in the Empowerment Center and how participants work with the Recovery Coaches, as well as each other, to support their recovery journeys. We are proud to serve our community and offer this outreach and connection to those at-risk of relapsing or who are struggling to find the resources needed for success."

The Empowerment Center operates Monday through Friday 9am to 4:30pm. Call a recovery coach at 845-486-2893 to make an appointment or just stop in dur-



A ribbon-cutting ceremony took place at Dutchess County Empowerment Center in Poughkeepsie on Sept. 6 to highlight National Recovery Month.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

ing "All Access Hours" on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays 1:30-4 p.m. The Empowerment Center is located at 230 North Road, Entrance 3, in Poughkeepsie. Learn more about the Empowerment

Center's programming, as well as the various mental health services available in Dutchess County, at www.dutchessny.gov/empowermentcenter.

NAACP Northern Dutchess Branch Freedom Fund Luncheon set Sept. 14

The Northern Dutchess Branch of the NAACP will conduct its annual Fight for Freedom Fund Luncheon on Sept. 14 from 1-4 p.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton located at 40 Civic Center Plaza in Poughkeepsie. This year's luncheon will honor several outstanding individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to civil rights, social justice, and community empowerment. The 2024 honorees include the following:

- Karmen Smallwood – Judge Jane Bolin Justice Award
- Jordan Schinella – Trailblazer Freedom Award
- Annette B. Quarles – John J. Johnson Corporate Business Award
- Josayne M. Anderson-Tejera –

Millennial Leadership Award

- Anna Wilson – Mary McLeod Bethune Educational Leadership Award
- The Sugar Hill Gang – Lifetime Achievement in Music Award
- Elder Herman Shannon – Rev. Fred Shuttleworth Religious Engagement Award

The luncheon will also feature a special commemoration honoring the legacy of Lula Mae Parker-Harris, who will be remembered with the Lula Mae Parker-Harris Civic Engagement Award for her lifetime dedication to civic engagement.

For additional information, please visit the website at ndnaacp.org or contact us via email at FreedomFund@NDNAACP.org or by phone at 845-546-1067.

Revolutionary Shopping: Buying, Selling, and Everyday Life in Dutchess County on the Eve of the American Revolution



The Wappingers Historical Society is hosting a talk entitled "Revolutionary Shopping: Buying, Selling, and Everyday Life in Dutchess on the Eve of the American Revolution," presented by Dutchess County Historian William P. Tatum III, Ph.D. Discover the origins of the shopping experience in Dutchess County, as existed during the Colonial era.

Long before Amazon and other online shopping venues, Dutchess County residents went to physical stores for all of their retail needs. Join Dutchess County Historian Will Tatum for a deep dive into the origins of the shopping experience in the county. Learn what colonial era stores stocked and sold, the forms of payment they accepted, and the extensive areas they served. Discover how our corner of the Hudson Valley was tied into a global marketplace of goods long before the internet age.

This presentation will take place on Thursday, September 19 at 7 p.m. at the Wappinger Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls. Wappingers Historical Society members and the general public are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be provided. Suggested donation of \$5 for non-WHS members. For more information, please call 845-632-1281 or email info@wappingershistoricalsociety.org.

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2nd-half champion Renegades head to playoffs vs. Greensboro



Garrett Martin, above, and George Lombard have been two of the key performers for the Renegades heading into the post-season playoffs.

- Photos by Dave Janosz



By Rich Thomaselli
The Hudson Valley Renegades are going to the playoffs.

The area's minor league baseball team, the High Class A farm club of the New York Yankees, clinched the second half North Division title of the South Atlantic League with a 3-0 victory over Asheville last Wednesday.

Combined with a loss by Aberdeen, it was enough to give the Renegades the title.

The Renegades jumped in front 1-0 in the first. George Lombard drew a one-out walk and Josh Moylan lined an RBI double to center in the ensuing at-bat to bring in Lombard. That was all Hudson Valley needed. Trent Sellers continued his outstanding stretch of pitching. The right-

hander allowed just two hits in 3.2 scoreless innings while striking out a career-high eight batters. Since June 25, Sellers has allowed just two earned runs in 46.2 frames, good for a 0.38 ERA.

Hudson Valley won the series opener on Tuesday with a 4-3 victory and, in what turned out to be a meaningless game, captured a 5-4 win on Thursday after trailing 4-0.

The team won again on Friday night, 5-0, for their 18th shutout victory of the year, the most in minor league baseball.

An 11-game winning streak came to an end on Saturday night with an 8-4 loss. After a one hour, 27-minute rain delay before the game, Asheville struck quickly against Baron Stuart. Anthony Huezo and Walker Janek both reached to put runners

at first and second. Justin Trimble knocked in Huezo with an RBI single, and Janek scored on a single by Korey Morton. Trimble later scored on an error to make it 3-0 Asheville. Following his struggles in the first, Stuart (8-5) dominated the Tourists for the rest of his start. The right-hander struck out 12 batters for his career-high in 4.2 frames, his second 10-strikeout game of the season and the most by any Renegades pitcher this season and tied for second-most by a Hudson Valley pitcher all-time, one shy of Drew Thorpe's team record of 13 set on July 22, 2023 vs. Brooklyn. Of the last 13 batters he faced, 10 of them were punch outs.

On Sunday, the Renegades finished their regular season on a high note at Heritage Financial Park, defeating

Asheville their seventh win in their last eight games. Josh Grosz continued his dominant form in his last regular season start. He allowed just one hit and one run in five frames while striking out seven. Grosz (4-2) has struck out five-or-more batters in his last four starts. Since June 28, Grosz has been charged with just nine earned runs in 64 innings, good for a 1.26 ERA.

Hudson Valley took an early lead in the bottom of the first when Brendan Jones walked before stealing second and third and scoring on an Omar Martinez RBI single. After Garrett Martin was hit by a pitch, Jackson Castillo scored Martinez on an RBI hit of his own, and Martin later scored on a Dylan Jasso sacrifice fly to give Hudson Valley a quick 3-0 lead.

General Manager Q&A

The best in player development and excitement of the playoffs

The Hudson Valley Renegades have a first-year general manager in Zach Betkowski. He sits down with reporter Rich Thomaselli every week to express his thoughts on the Renegades in particular and on minor league baseball in general.

What do you think making the playoffs six times in eight years says about the franchise?

I think it's a testament to organizations

both in Tampa Bay and the Yankees that have really prioritized player development. And I think they are both very competitive organizations that prioritize player development and getting them ready for the next level.

Will there be another presenting sponsor this year for the playoffs or are the circumstances too different?

There won't be this year. I think we're

just focused on trying to pack the ballpark and put on a great show. The circumstances are different this year because last year we knew we were guaranteed at least two home games, and we only have the one so far this year.

What excites you the most about the postseason?

I think for us it's the mentality of saying, 'Hey, we're in this thing, so let's go and win



Zach Betkowski

the whole darn thing.' We're really excited for the opportunity to compete with three other teams. It's really cool to think that you could be champions of the South Atlantic League. And you're excited to have the players experience all of this at a young age. Even though from a front office standpoint, we don't have a whole lot of interaction with the baseball and of things, but it's a reminder that we all got into this because we all love baseball.

4her's compete at Fair, show appreciation



Clockwise from top left, 4-H was grateful to be able to express thanks and appreciation for all Dutchess County Agricultural Society does for youth in the county by presenting members of the Board with the 4-H Community

Organization of the Year award. Flourishing Farmers Tommy B., Ora R., and Keyon F. of the Stony Ground Club show their poultry alongside other 4-H'ers. Dutchess County 4-H Long Rifles members led the Pledge of Allegiance to kick off the Agricultural Forum held on Thursday morning in the Livestock Pavilion.

-Courtesy photos

Hudson River Foundation awards \$1.7M to Cary Institute for river monitoring program

The Hudson River Foundation for Science and Environmental Research has awarded \$1.7 million to Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies to monitor Hudson River ecosystems for three years.

Working with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Cary's Chris Solomon will lead the Interim Lower Food Web Survey to provide vital information for managing the river and its fisheries. The survey will build on historical data sets, including those from the DEC, Stony Brook University, and more than 30 years of research by Cary Institute scientists. Solomon and team will also explore what future Hudson River monitoring programs should look like.

"We're excited to be working with our partners in the Hudson research and management community to help sustain the history and imagine the future of ecosystem monitoring in this iconic river estuary," said Solomon.

Monthly monitoring will begin in January 2025. The team will collect water quality data as well as information about the biomass and abundance of small plants and animals at the base of the food web, including phytoplankton, zooplankton, bivalves, and other invertebrates.

"These organisms are critical food for fish like striped bass," said Solomon. "They support the river's fisheries, and they control how the ecosystem works in a lot of really fundamental ways." Understanding trends in these species at the base of the food web will help in anticipating changes in fish abundance, so managers can adjust harvest levels accordingly.

Data from the survey may also help to

reveal how changes in temperature, precipitation, and sea level due to climate change will alter Hudson ecosystems and water quality, with important implications for communities that rely on the river for drinking water and recreation. In addition, the survey will keep tabs on invasive zebra and quagga mussels and their impacts on the river ecosystem, and may help provide early warning if other invasive species arrive.

"The Hudson River Foundation is pleased to work with Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies on this new three-year survey to monitor the Hudson River's lower food web," said Jim Lodge, senior scientist at the Hudson River Foundation. "This work builds on the pioneering work of Cary's long-term monitoring of the freshwater Hudson and will provide critical new insights and understanding of the Hudson River ecosystem from Lower Manhattan to Troy."

Cary's Heather Malcolm and David Fisher will lead the field work for the Interim Lower Food Web Survey. Partners at Upstate Freshwater Institute will analyze the water chemistry samples, and professional scuba divers from Seaway Dive and Salvage will collect rock and sediment samples from the riverbed.

The information they collect will help to paint a picture of the river's health today and in the decades to come.

"The Hudson River estuary is a vital resource for New York, and one that's really intertwined with our culture and way of life," said Solomon. "I think it's important for us to take care of it and keep a finger on its pulse. This survey will help us do that."

Tompkins Community Bank expands commercial cash management group

In an expansion of its team and its offerings, Tompkins Community Bank (Tompkins) has appointed Rijad Karabegovic to commercial cash management group leader and Bob Massino to the newly created role of commercial cash management sales manager. The pair will execute strategies that ensure Tompkins' cash management products and services continue to meet clients' evolving needs, while delivering world-class service to this important client base.

Bringing more than 20 years of industry expertise to his new role, Karabegovic will lead Tompkins' commercial cash management group under President of Tompkins Community Bank, John Mckenna. Previously, Karabegovic served as manager, commercial deposits, payments and cash management at ESL Federal Credit Union; before that, he worked as a senior vice president at HSBC Bank/

HSBC Securities in Rochester, NY. Committed to giving back to his community, Karabegovic is a board member and treasurer for The Monroe Plan for Medical Care and YourCare Health Plan, two New York-based not-for-profits.

Massino, who will report directly to Karabegovic, will lead the teams' execution of its sales strategies across Tompkins markets. An integral member of Tompkins' team since 2013, Massino has positively established himself in a variety of sales roles, having most recently served as vice president, cash management sales officer. An active member of his community, Massino serves on the board of Pottstown GoFourth! and volunteers with St. Teresa of Calcutta School in various roles.

"The enhancement and growth of our commercial cash management offerings and client base remains a top priority



Rijad Karabegovic



Bob Massino

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and is an important element of Tompkins' overall growth strategy," said President, Tompkins Community Bank, John McKenna. "I am excited to

announce the appointment of Rijad and Bob to their new roles and I am confident they will ensure we meet our objectives for this group.

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4-H'ers excel at the Dutchess County Fair

The weather was brilliant but the kids were even better! Approximately 270 4-H members, aged between 5 and 19, helped make the 2024 Dutchess County Fair a special event for visitors.

For those entering projects into the Exhibit Hall, the Fair began on Saturday, August 23rd with Evaluation Day. Our volunteer evaluators were so impressed with arts, crafts and creative writing that 60 items were selected to go on to be exhibited and the NYS Fair. On Sunday the poultry show took place along with judging of club exhibits. Monday saw the majority of animals arrive. In what has become a tradition, an informal but highly competitive Livestock judging contest took place organized by 4-H Program Manager Emma Kron. 40 kids from across all species showed off their knowledge and vied for prizes.

The 4-H Awards Ceremony provides an opportunity to recognize outstanding members of our community. Dutchess County Land Conservancy, in partnership with CCEDC, gave out \$2,000 of scholarship checks to 4-H'ers who had written essays on the theme of improving our environment. Volunteer of the Year went to Phyllis Menzenski, a long-time leader and the person who (along with her husband) takes our entries to State Fair. Leader of the Year was unanimously awarded to Pat

Miglio whose unfailing support for the youth has enriched many lives over her nearly 50 years of leadership. Pat's club, LaToggeNubiAlpiSaan won the award for club who does the most community service! Rhinebeck Grange presented a special award to the most outstanding Ag.-based youth which went to Jackson Crisp. Community Organization of the Year went to the Dutchess County Agricultural Society without whom we would not have a Fair. We were proud to present Community Member of the Year to Stephen Van Tassel who leads the Dutchess County Dairy Committee and works tirelessly to support 4-H and agriculture in our county. Tessa Mashburn received the coveted Junior 4-H'er of the Year award with a Shooting Sports member, Kieran Read chosen as Senior 4-H'er for his unfailing good humor and generosity in helping others.

The 2024 Livestock Sale was a huge success with a large and interactive crowd bidding and prices higher than ever. And to wrap things up on Sunday our Showmanship Champions competed for the ultimate honor of becoming Elite Showman won by Juliette Gerstle (rabbits, poultry, meat goats, dogs) and Master Showman (sheep, dairy, beef, hogs, dairy goats) won by Lauryn Menz.

It certainly was a Fair to Remember!



Tessa Mashburn had craft projects selected for the State Fair. She also breeds and shows goats. She was nominated and awarded the title of Junior 4-H'er of the Year! Courtesy photo

Habitat Dutchess highlights car donation program for homes

By Kristine Coulter

Do you have a used car, or cars, that you are not sure what to do with? Want to donate them and help potential neighbors with financial assistance for houses?

Then go to <https://habitatdutchess.org/cars-for-homes> to learn about Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County's Cars for Homes program.

One's car donation is a way that one can support Habitat Dutchess. According to the Habitat Dutchess site, "When you donate to Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County, Inc. we make it quick and easy. Your donation may also be a tax deduction."

According to Habitat Dutchess, this is how to donate a car in 3 easy steps:

- Start your donation online by navigating to the donation wizard, or call their hotline: 1-877-277-4344

- The team will ask about one's vehicle, including the make, model, vehicle identification number (VIN), and current mileage.

- When one's vehicle is accepted, schedule a day and time for it to be picked up.

"You donate your car. We salvage to a third party. Then we get a significant amount. Obviously, the salvage company gets some," said Maureen Brennan Lashlee, the executive Director for Habitat Dutchess. "All we have to do is market it."

Lashlee emphasized, "It is not about the quality of the car."

The funds go towards what is known as the "gap funding," which is what the poten-

tial homeowner Habitat is assisting can afford, and what Habitat can do to help.

Lashlee asked if there is a way that all municipalities in Dutchess County can come together to assist with the program, but adding, it is not an easy process.

Lashlee has a goal of seeking municipalities in the county to assist Habitat Dutchess by possibly finding a legal way to donate abandoned vehicles.

"This is not a slam dunk by any means," said Lashlee and there are some obstacles to having all municipalities in the county participate.

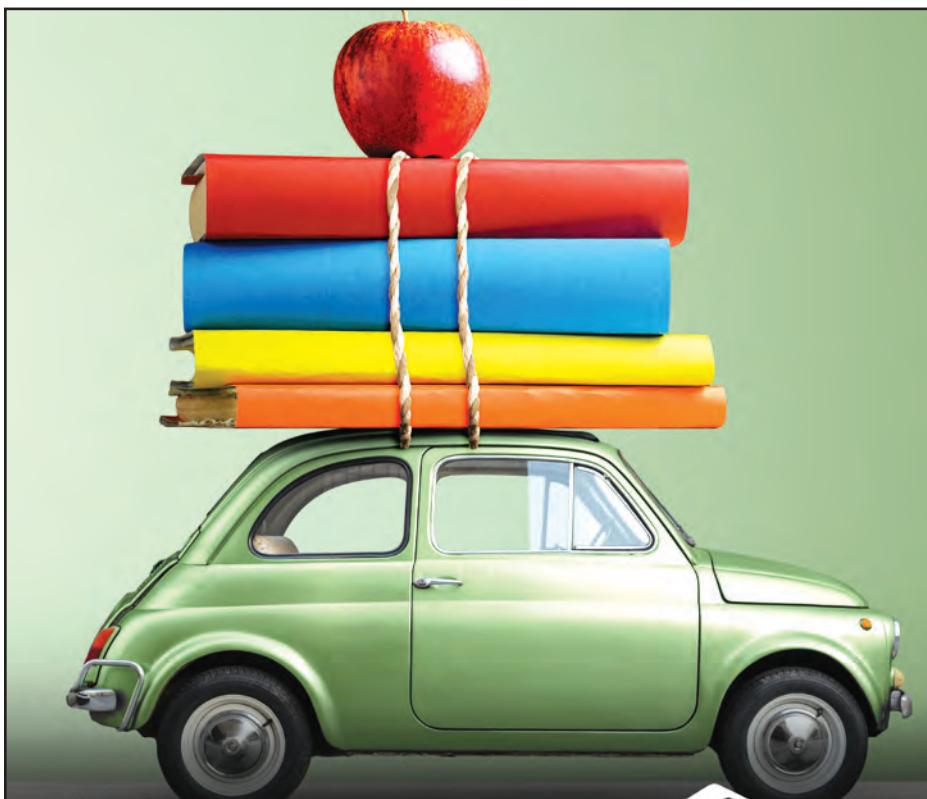
Habitat does have a committee for the program. "They do a great job, but all have full time jobs," explained Lashlee.

Habitat International works with the salvage company, she said. There are local subcontractors used. There are minimal requirements to donate. One requirement, she said, is the car has to have four tires, "but they don't have to be inflated," said Lashlee. It takes approximately 2 weeks, or less, for the donated car to be picked up, it was stated.

Lashlee gave an example of a car that was donated by a resident in the town of Poughkeepsie, a 2009 Volkswagen and was for \$5,500.

"It's a way to do this... everybody wins. Including the owner of the abandon vehicles," said Lashlee.

"One-third of the people [who have donated] respond back saying it was their pleasure," said Lashlee.



One can now donate a car to Cars for Homes program for Habitat Dutchess.

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Dutchess County SPCA receives battery-operated landscaping equipment

Ever mindful of animals, staff and volunteers, the Dutchess County SPCA has begun using odorless and quiet battery-powered landscaping equipment in the immediate vicinity of facility buildings.

"Not only is this better for the environment, but the reduced noise is much less stressful for the animals," said Lynne Meloccaro, Executive Director of the 153-year-old DCSPCA located on Violet Avenue (9G) in Hyde Park.

"This equipment is really thought out," says Nick Grittow, Senior Grounds keeper. "It arrived nearly assembled, is easy to operate, durable and light. And powerful." He gets 45 minutes' run time on a 45-minute charge. "There is even a small compartment on the handle for a mobile phone."

"This equipment was donated as part of the Town of Hyde Park Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Task Force education outreach. We want the public to learn about battery operated lawn care equipment," said Richard Mattocks, Task Force Coordinator.

"Our charge is to assist the public in learning about affordable and relatively easy ways to reduce activities that contribute to climate change and ways to deal with the impact of climate change that is ever more upon us."

The Town of Hyde Park donated the EGO mower, weed whacker and leaf blower.

No Town tax money was involved in the purchase. Rather, funds in the CSC Task Force Environmental Fund were used. The CSC receives State of New York NYSERDA (New York State Energy Research and Development Authority) grant rewards for successful development and implementation of education programs promoting community solar and heat pump installation. The task force will soon embark on a program to promote electric vehicles.

Climate Smart Communities (CSC) is a New York State program that supports local governments in leading their communities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, adapt to the effects of climate change, and thrive in a green economy. Hyde Park is one of multi-

ple Hudson River communities among the 90 statewide certified Climate Smart Communities. Hyde Park adopted the State CSC pledge in 2015, formed the task force in 2020 and was bronze certified in 2022.

The gently sloping DCSPCA campus houses up to 200 cats and 40 dogs, as well as rabbits, guinea pigs and other small mammals, all available for adoption. Much of the area is open for prospective adopters to wander with potential new furry friends. Dutchess County SPCA was founded in 1871, is one of the oldest SPCAs in the country, and is a no-kill shelter. Dutchess County SPCA is not a governmental agency, nor is it affiliated with the ASPCA. It is an independent charity, funded almost entirely by private donations.

Visit www.dcspeca.org for information about adopting pets, making donations or volunteering. Contact the Hyde Park Climate Smart Communities program for more information; visit climatesmarthydepark.org, call 917-359-5616, or email csctaskforce@hydeparkny.us.



The Town of Hyde Park donated an EGO mower, weed whacker and leaf blower to the Dutchess County SPCA.

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Gala at Grinnell set for September 14

The Friends of Grinnell Library will host the annual Gala at Grinnell on Saturday, September 14, from 5-7:30 p.m. at Grinnell Library, 2642 East Main Street, in Wappingers Falls. One may purchase tickets, with checks or cash, at the front desk in the

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Flag display pays tribute to 9/11 victims

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Masterson said on that tragic day in 2001, “[a]t that moment the first building was hit, I was actually putting on my sneakers, getting ready to catch the train down to the city that day.” She added: “My uncle Peter was in Building 7 and we are thankful he made it out.”

That day, 23 years ago, al Qaeda terrorists hijacked passenger planes. They coordinated attacks against the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Another plane, on which passengers and crew fought back against the hijackers to get control of the plane back, crashed into a

field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Masterson was asked what she hopes people who see the display take away from it, she replied, “As a country, we talk about never wanting to forget. But we truly have done a disservice at training up the next generation in our country’s history. If you think about it, we have had almost 23 years of Americans born that have no idea what it was like to live through this tragedy.” Masterson continued, “I am hoping this display helps to promote conversations for the next generation. If we truly want to remember, we have a responsibility to share.”

The 9/11 tribute display will be up until September 15.



Traveling Vietnam Wall coming to Bowdoin Park Sept. 18-22

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino invites veterans from Dutchess County and across the Hudson Valley, as well as their families and history enthusiasts, to pay their respects as Dutchess County’s Office of Veterans Affairs brings the American Veterans Traveling Tribute (AVTT) Traveling Vietnam Wall to the County’s Bowdoin Park from Wednesday, Sept. 18 through Sunday, Sept. 22. The wall, an 80 percent replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., contains the names of U.S. Military personnel who lost their lives in the Vietnam War. Accompanying the Wall will be Cost of Freedom tributes to every U.S. military action since World War I, including 9/11. For a full schedule of events, visit dutchessny.gov/TravelingWallHighlights.

“Dutchess County is incredibly proud to bring the Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall to Bowdoin Park this September to honor the service and sacrifice made by more than 58,000 soldiers during that period,” said Serino. “This event gives the opportunity to show our respect and gratitude for those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms and allows our community to come together to recognize and appreciate those brave service men and women who never received a proper ‘welcome home.’ For those who may have not yet gotten the chance to visit the full-scale memorial in our nation’s capital, we hope you will join us in commemorating their service and sacrifice here in our local community. I thank our Office of Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche and his team for their dedication and tireless work to bring this important event to fruition.”

An honor convoy – comprised of law enforcement agencies and several chapters of Rolling Thunder Inc. motorcycle club – will escort the Wall as it arrives in

Dutchess County on Wednesday, Sept. 18. Following the exhibit’s installation at Bowdoin Park, the exhibit will be open 24 hours a day, monitored by volunteers, to allow visitors the opportunity to experience the wall in solitude, if so desired, until 8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 23, when it will begin its journey to Highland, IN. A full line-up of special events and ceremonies during the multi-day exhibit is as follows:

Vietnam Traveling Wall Event Highlights

Wednesday, Sept. 18

9:30 a.m. Traveling Wall Arrival, Bowdoin Park, 85 Sheafe Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

5 p.m. Opening Ceremony featuring Missing Man Table and keynote address from Richard Lay, National Purple Heart Honor Mission

Thursday, Sept. 19

All day, Military Vehicles Display & History of Dogs in the Vietnam War Dusk, Performance of “Taps”

Friday, Sept. 20

All day, Military Vehicles Display Dusk, Performance of “Taps”

Saturday, Sept. 21

All day, Military Vehicles Display Noon-2 p.m., Boy Scouts Concert Band performing patriotic music 2-5 p.m., Veterans Resource Tent 6 p.m., Ceremony & Candlelight Vigil with keynote speaker Karl R. Rohde, Silver Star Recipient, Vietnam Veteran; wreath laying and Dutchess County Veterans Tribute

Sunday, Sept. 22

Noon-2 p.m., Boy Scouts Concert Band performing patriotic music 2 p.m., Raffle drawing for USA flag



Dani Masterson, second from left, and a group of volunteers placed more than 3,000 American flags and flags in honor of fallen firefighters from 9/11 to honor their sacrifice on that day in 2001. The display can be seen outside of New Hackensack Firehouse in the Town of Wappinger.

-Courtesy photos

New Hackensack Fire Co. to host 9/11 Memorial Service

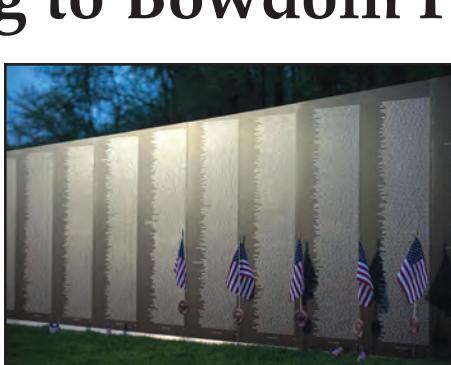
To commemorate the 23rd anniversary of the attacks on 9/11 with a Memorial Service honoring the lives lost September 11, 2001. The ceremony will begin Wednesday,

September 11 at 6 p.m. at the New Hackensack Fire District/Company Memorial, 217 Myers Corners Road, Wappingers Falls (rain or shine).

Fishkill Veterans Committee plans 9/11 Memorial Ceremony

The Fishkill Veterans Committee will be hosting a 9/11 Memorial Ceremony on Wednesday, September 11, from noon to 12:30 p.m.

The community is invited to attend the ceremony in front of the Town of Fishkill Police Department adjacent to Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52.



The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall will be at Bowdoin Park Sept. 18-22.

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flown over the Wall, proceeds from the raffle to benefit the Mental Health America of Dutchess County’s Vet-2-Vet program

2 p.m., Closing ceremony and volunteer recognition

Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche said, “It has been said that acknowledging the names of the fallen is a sacred experience for surviving veterans, bringing forth emotions and memories that may have been held inside for decades. We are proud to bring this important edifice to Dutchess County to give our veterans and their families a chance to see their loved

ones’ names and hopefully offer some closure to many who visit the wall. We are grateful to the countless veteran agencies, volunteers, County government departments, especially the Parks division, and community organizations who have stepped up to help bring this unforgettable experience to Dutchess County.”

Volunteers are still needed to help make this event memorable for all. Shifts are available all days, and for any length of time between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. For more information on volunteering, call Veterans Services at 845-486-2060 or email veterans@dutchessny.gov. View or download the volunteer flyer at DutchessNY.gov/VolunteersNeededTravelingWall.

AVTT is an independent organization, committed to travelling the U.S. to honor and remember those who served, and pay tribute to those who gave all in service. Built in 1998, AVTT’s Traveling Vietnam Wall is the largest replica Wall traveling the U.S. It provides those who are not able to visit the memorial in Washington D.C. with the opportunity to honor and pay tribute to those who served in the Vietnam War.

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Obituaries

Bernard Handel



Bernard Handel, 97, died at Vassar Brothers Medical Center on Sept. 1. He was a pioneer in developing new forms of employee benefit plans, including optical, dental, disability, and outpatient health insurance and was a recognized leader for many years in the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans.

Handel's insurance career began in 1952, when he and a fellow CPA, Leonard Davis, formed a company to administer employee benefits. Their firm, Handel and Davis, quickly expanded to New York City and throughout the Hudson Valley. In 1955 (ten years before Medicare), Handel and Davis launched a series of pilot programs — first in New York state and then nationally — to

provide health benefits for retired teachers. As an outgrowth of this work, they collaborated with the National Retired Teachers Assn. to found a group called the American Association of Retired Persons, which evolved into the organization known today as AARP.

In 1958, the partnership ended, and Handel formed his own company, the Handel Group, offering actuarial, consulting, and administrative services related to employee benefits. With offices in Poughkeepsie, Albany, Westchester County, New York City, and Connecticut, the Handel Group attracted clients including school districts, retirement plans, utilities, insurance companies, construction and mining firms, and professional sports teams.

Handel published articles in many textbooks, manuals, periodicals, and newsletters on the subject of employee benefits and health care cost containment as well as early insights into applying computer technology to health care and pensions. Handel served on the editorial boards of many industry publications, chaired the Hudson Valley Systems Agency for two years, and served on the boards of the Dutchess Health Planning Council, the American Association of Health Planning, the Society of Plan Administrators, the Pension Conference, and other trade groups.

Handel was a dedicated member of the Dutchess County community, serving on local boards including Vassar Brothers Hospital, Mid-Hudson Health Center, and Dutchess Community College. In addition, he taught classes at the Center for Lifetime Studies (Marist College), Iona College, Elizabeth Seton College, Manhattan College, and Dutchess County College. Handel was also a devoted member of the Rotary Club, faithfully attending local meetings and international gatherings in London, Hawaii, Indonesia, India, Norway, Australia, and South Korea. He was active in the Poughkeepsie Tennis Club, the Dutchess Golf and Country Club, the Amrita Club, Obed Lodge Masons, the American Legion, Jewish War Veterans, the Harding Club, and Temple Beth-El.

Handel was born in New York City on Sept. 25, 1926 to Louis and Sarah Handel, who immigrated to this country as children. He was educated in the city's public schools, including DeWitt Clinton High School, where he served on the school newspaper with two classmates who would go on to become famous: novelist James Baldwin and photographer Richard Avedon. Graduating at the age of 15, Handel started at City College (then CCNY) as a day student, but a year later, at 16, switched to night courses and began working during the day as a junior accountant in a CPA firm.

When Handel turned 18, in 1944, World War II was at its height, and he immediately enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served with the infantry in the Pacific until the war ended, and then spent an additional year with a headquarters detachment in Hawaii. Many years later, when Handel entered his mid-90s, he became one of the last surviving veterans of World War II.

Returning to civilian life and work after the war, Handel completed his college degree at CCNY in 1949. Then, because of credits he had earned through work-experience, he was permitted to take four different levels of the CPA examination on the same day. He passed them all, and in 1949 became one of the youngest certified accountants in New York State.

That same year, Handel married Estelle Davis. They had three children: Carrie, Arthur, and Stephen. This marriage ended in divorce, and in 1967, he married Shirley Krom, with whom he had two sons, Robert and Evan.

Together, Bernard and Shirley Handel traveled the world, visiting virtually every continent. Among their trips were two long-distance hiking expeditions, one crossing England from coast to coast, and another across the Alps, from France to Switzerland and then Italy. They also visited Cambodia, India, Indonesia, China, Thailand, Iceland, Israel, Australia, and New Zealand. In his fifties, Handel also set out to get a law degree. He attended Pace University Law School, and was admitted to the New York bar in 1983.

In the 1990s, the Handels founded a charitable nonprofit trust, that over the years has provided grants, scholarships, and awards to many organizations and individuals. During these same years, Handel was honored for his own contributions to the community, receiving the Franklin D. and Eleanor Roosevelt Hudson Valley Award and, lifetime achievement awards from Pace University, Dutchess Community College, St. Francis and Vassar Brothers Hospitals, Marist College, the Community Foundation, Vassar Temple, Schomre Israel Temple, and the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County. Handel was also awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the State University of New York.

Handel is survived by Shirley Handel, his beloved wife of over 57 years, sisters (Madeline Morgan and her husband Roy, and Rochelle Burlon and her husband Joseph), his five children (Carrie Mustavich, Arthur, Stephen, Robert, and Evan), as well as seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, September 6, 2024 at 11AM at Temple Beth-El, 118 South Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Burial will follow at the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to be made in Bernard's name to Dutchess Community College.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wm. G Miller & Son FH, Inc. If you wish to send an online condolence, please visit our website at www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com.

Maria Bohm Jacobson

FORMERLY OF POUGHKEEPSIE - Maria Bohm Jacobson, formerly of Poughkeepsie, New York, and longtime resident of Stamford, Connecticut, died peacefully on September 3, 2024. She was 99 years old.

Born Luise Maria Böhm on May 1, 1925, in Vienna, Austria, Maria was the eldest of three children of Victor C. Bohm and Gertrude Rie Bohm. The family fled their homeland following Nazi Germany's annexation of Austria in 1938. They first settled in England, then emigrated to the United States in 1941, making their home in Poughkeepsie. After completing her secondary education at Oakwood Friends School, Maria attended Vassar College, earning a bachelor's degree with honors in chemistry in 1945. She then pursued graduate study in chemistry at Northwestern University, where she earned her master's degree and completed all doctorate coursework requirements.

While working at the Texas Company (Texaco) Research Laboratories in Beacon, New York, Maria met Ishier Jacobson, a mechanical engineer and U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, who was also employed there. They were married in Poughkeepsie, at Vassar's Alumnae House, on December 18, 1948. Following time in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Danbury, Connecticut, the couple settled in Stamford in 1954, where Ishier pursued a 36-year career at Citizens Utilities Company, and Maria worked for 30 years at the American Machine and Foundry (AMF) research and development laboratory.

Maria was a lifelong learner and teacher. She taught chemistry to undergraduate students at Northwestern, Simmons College in Boston, and the University of Connecticut at Stamford, and science and math to public school students in Stamford. Fluent in three languages, she was fortunate enough to have traveled to six continents. She was also an avid sportswoman. While a skier, swimmer, and ice skater since childhood, Maria's true love was tennis, which she played into her 80s.

Maria is predeceased by her husband of 56 years, Ishier; her sister, Lottie Mackay; and her brother, Henry Bohm. She is survived by her daughter Joanna, of Stamford; her son Jonathan and son-in-law James McKibben, of Woodbury, Connecticut; her daughter Paula, of Boston, Massachusetts; and four beloved grandchildren.

Carole A. Atwell



BEACON - Carole A. Atwell, a longtime Beacon resident, passed peacefully in her sleep on August 28, 2024 at the NYS Veterans Home in Montrose, NY; at the age of 81. She was born in Queens, NY on July 9, 1943, daughter of the late Frank & Sally (Aloisio) Vassallo, and also her step-mother, the late Armenia 'Mae' Vassallo.

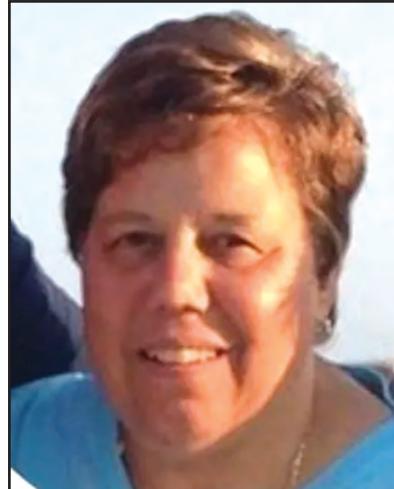
On February 2, 1964 in Ozone Park, Queens, NY, she married Robert Anthony Atwell, who predeceased her after 50-years of marriage on February 25, 2014.

She worked for many years as a bookkeeper, and last for the BMW of Hudson Valley dealership in Poughkeepsie, NY; until she retired. She enjoyed many things like visiting the casinos and solving her puzzle books. She loved being with her family, especially her grandsons.

Carole is survived by her two sons Robert A. Atwell Jr., Kevin Atwell, and her daughter-in-law Kimberly Pilla; Her two grandsons, Robert John Atwell and Jackson Donald Atwell. She is also survived by her brother Richard 'Rick' Vassallo, and several nieces & nephews.

Her Family received Friends on Saturday, August 31 at the LIBBY FUNERAL HOME, 55 Teller Avenue, Beacon, where a service was offered followed by interment at St. Joachim Cemetery, 325 Washington Avenue, Beacon, NY. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.LibbyFuneralHome.com.

Francine L. Shevetone



BEACON - Francine L. Shevetone, a life-long resident of Beacon, passed away on August 26, 2024 at her home. She was 72 years old.

Fran was born on February 10, 1952 in Beacon, the daughter of the late Frank L. and Lorraine Houghtalin Shevetone. She graduated from Beacon High School in 1970. After high school, she began her banking career at the Fishkill National Bank in Beacon, which started a successful 45 year career ending with her final position as Vice President in charge of lending operations at Rhinebeck Bank in Poughkeepsie before retiring in 2018.

Fran enjoyed traveling and her favorite places amongst numerous trips were an Alaskan cruise, Italy, Cape Cod, and her time share in Hilton Head. She also enjoyed

many road trips to watch the Marist College women's basketball team.

Fran enjoyed sports and played and coached softball for many years and became an avid golfer. She was also a season ticket holder for many years for the Marist women basketball team and enjoyed watching tennis and the WNBA. She had many memorable times at Max's on Main in Beacon.

Fran is survived by her sister, Michele Hilton; her brother, Frank J. Shevetone and his wife, Tina; her niece, Jennifer Hilton; her nephew, Frank Hilton; and her many friends. In addition to her parents, Fran was predeceased by her sister, Rose Marie Shevetone and her brother-in-law, Joseph Hilton.

Fran was loved by all and amongst her numerous friends and travel companions who will miss her dearly are Liz Kudan, Christine Ulrich, Heidi Thorn, Etha Dexter, Bobbi Sablinski, and Bitsy Castillo.

A graveside service will be held at St. Joachim Cemetery, 325 Washington Avenue, Beacon on Saturday, September 7 at 12 p.m. followed immediately by a Celebration of Life at St. Rocco's Society, 26 South Chestnut Street, 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.

Armand Henry Alfonso



WAPPINGERS FALLS - Armand Henry Alfonso passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on August 3, 2024, in Tucson, AZ. Born on January 4, 1928, in Waterbury, Connecticut, to Enrico and Giuseppina (Capitolo) Alfonso. Armand was a lifelong resident of Wappingers Falls, NY.

During World War II, Armand proudly served in the Army, initially stationed at Fort Lewis and later in the Philippines. Upon returning to Wappingers Falls, he embarked on a distinguished 40-year career at the Texaco Research Center, followed by 27 years of dedicated service in code enforcement for the Village of Wappingers.

Armand was a pillar of the community, actively participating in the Knights of Columbus and the SW Johnson Fire

Company. He found joy in carpentry, gardening, and building model airplanes.

In 1951, Armand married the love of his life, Catherine Masciola, a fellow Wappingers Falls resident. Together, they built a beautiful family, blessed with five children, ten grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and many beloved nephews and nieces.

Predeceased by his wife Catherine, his son Rick, and his son-in-law Rich, Armand is survived by his children Rob (Kim), daughter-in-law Vera, Denise, Susan (Larry), and Tom (Nancy), along with his large extended family. He is remembered for his piety, sense of humor, storytelling, and his love of idioms, Kit Kats, and tomatoes.

Armand's life was a testament to the importance of family, and his memory will be cherished by all who knew him. He leaves behind a legacy of love and kindness that will continue to inspire and guide his family for generations.

A funeral mass will be held on September 12, 2024, at St. Mary's Church, Wappingers Falls, NY at 10 AM, followed by gravesite services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sage Arizona Hospice at sagefoc.com, location Pima County (Tucson).

Creative Living

Rotary Clubs, I Am Beacon back-to-school drives a success



Wappingers Falls Rotary Club President Todd Bowen and Wappingers Central School District Superintendent Dr. Dwight Bonk, who is also a Rotarian, with school supplies that were collected.

By Kristine Coulter

Local organizations gave back by providing school supplies that were donated from local back-to-school drives that were held in recent weeks.

Rotarians continue working to assist students

This was the second year in a row the Wappingers Falls Rotary held a back-to-school drive.

"We used to do them years ago but then stopped due to it not being a need, but in the times we live in now there is a need and every student should have the school supplies they need to have a successful academic year," said Todd Bowen, Wappingers Falls Rotary President.

Asked what feedback Rotarians received about the school supply drive, Bowen replied, "We were amazed at how much we collected this year. Because of all of our supporters; we collected over 500 school supplies items and this year we were able to make a greater impact. Donations went to Myers Corners, Sheafe Road and Evans elementary schools. We also made a small donation to Project Backpack, a youth led organization to donate school supplies to Gayhead Elementary [School in the Wappingers Central School District]. On top of that, Trustco Bank in Fishkill donated 50 string bags which Rotarians packed with school supplies, and they were distributed at the Fareground School Supply Distribution Event," he explained. (Fareground, Inc., a charitable 501(c)(3) is a women-run food justice, anti-hunger organization.)

School items were collected for students this year were notebooks, folders, pencils, highlighters, binders, glue sticks, rulers, crayons, markers, and loose leaf paper.

"We would like to thank our collection site hosts which were Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County, Town of Wappinger, Trustco Bank in Fishkill and Jeremy Angevine with Edward Jones. We would also like to thank everyone who

donated school supplies and to Fareground for allowing us to partner with them at their school supply event," noted Bowen. Rotarians also donated supplies to the Community Family Development in Poughkeepsie.

The drive was held July 22 to August 16.

"This important work wouldn't happen without individuals wanting to make a difference in the community and live by the Rotary motto 'Service above self.' If you would like to join, email wappingersfallsrotary@gmail.com."

The Fishkill Rotary Club also held a back-to-school drive.

"So, this year's school supply drive was a huge success!" exclaimed Melinda Potter, Fishkill Rotarian and school nurse for Fishkill Elementary School in the Wappingers Central School District. "Not only did we collect all of these school supplies, but this year we added to help our three families totaling six children with new clothing, shoes, lunch boxes and water bottles."

Community partners included the Fishkill Rotary Club; Austin Schweitzer, an Edward Jones financial advisor; Tom Masch, owner of Mommas Towing; Sam's Club; Village of Fishkill PBA; Town of Fishkill PBA; Fishkill Elementary School staff and Anna Aquinita.

I Am Beacon, Key Food team up

I Am Beacon and Key Food held its annual Back-to-School Block Party at South Ave. Park before the Beacon City School District schools opened its' doors to students on Sept. 4. On the I Am Beacon Facebook page, "The first 150 students who visited the booths at the block party received a free backpack!"

"This event showcase[d] the strength and commitment of our community to make sure every student feels valued and supported!" exclaimed Brooke Simmons, who is the board president of I Am Beacon.

"We are dedicated to creating oppor-



Local Rotarians pack some of the school supplies that were donated.

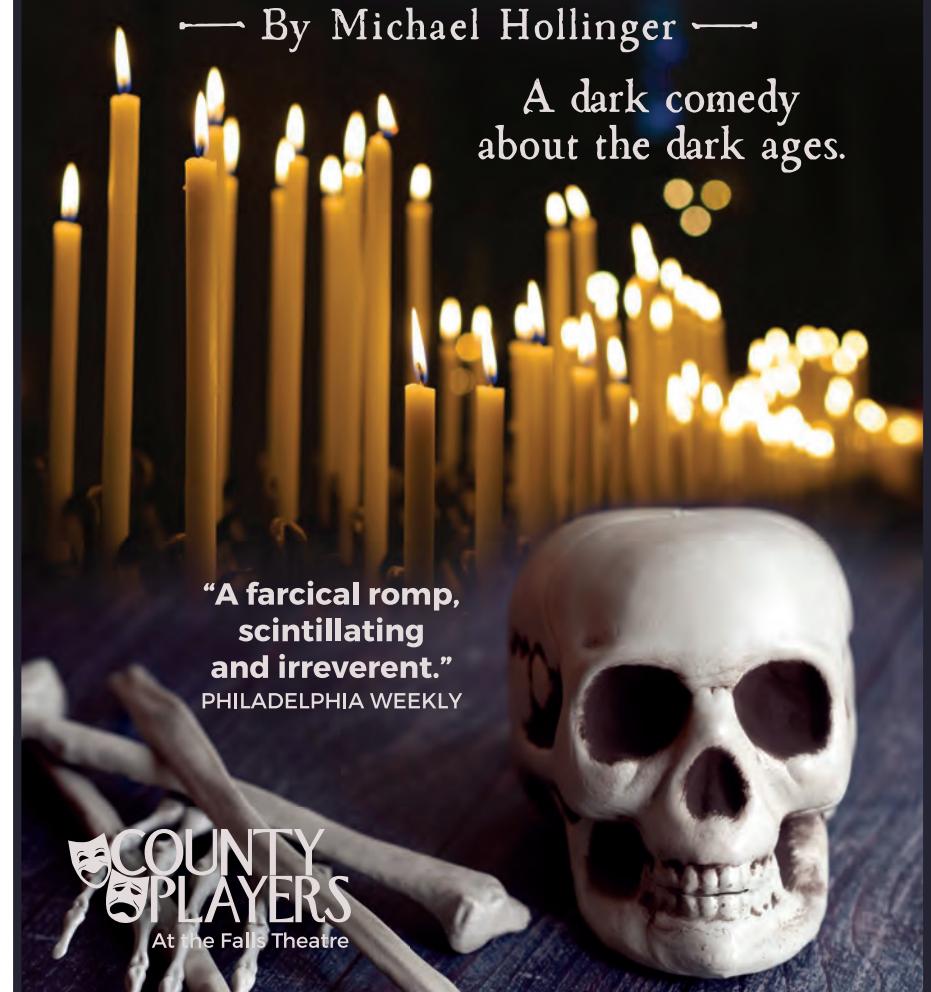
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tunities for our children to thrive, and this event is a powerful reminder of the positive impact we can make together," she added.

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by vicki frank day

Enchiladas

Comfort food, all rolled up

I don't know about you, but what I crave as soon as the nights get cooler is rich, flavorful, cheesy comfort food. Like a warm hug, it always makes me smile. That's why I have quite a collection of such recipes and return to them again and again.

Some of these recipes are classics that, once I'm happy with them, I never deviate from. Others, though, are played with and tweaked, either until I get them just right and add to the 'never deviate' category or simply to suit what I'm craving at any given moment. It's fun and satisfying to tailor recipes this way, and I love having some to use as foundations to alter or bring back another day to make better.

I'd been craving enchiladas and have made them before; but I admit my recipe left something to be desired and it was time to try again, so I did. While still not perfect, this time around they turned out better and share-worthy. I think they fit the bill for times when you want the kind of comfort only food can bring.

Enchiladas, simply put, are tortillas rolled around a filling and served with a chile pepper sauce, topped with cheese and baked. It sounds easy enough, but I learned through experimentation and research certain tricks to get the best results, so let's break it down, shall we?

First and foremost is the choice of tor-

tilla. Corn or flour? While corn is the more traditional of the two and tends to hold up a bit better when baked in the sauce, I've also made them with flour tortillas, which give you a softer, almost velvety result. The key is to lightly pan-fry whichever one you choose, which creates a sort of barrier so they don't get saturated with the sauce and fall apart. True, you're not eating them out of hand, but holding their shape is preferable if for no other reason than transferring them from baking dish to plate.

Then there's the filling. Ground beef, pulled pork, shredded chicken or vegetables, like spinach and mushrooms, are all great options. If I'm ordering them at a restaurant, I'll try them all; but when I make them at home I use chicken. If I haven't roasted a whole chicken for this purpose, I use shredded rotisserie chicken, which is certainly more convenient and what I recommend for a week-night dinner.

Most important of all is the sauce. The best, and real, way to make it is from rehydrated, pureed whole dried chile peppers, but this recipe uses chile powders, again for convenience. Sure, there's a difference, but this sauce is still rich, silky and flavorful and I think a good alternative, especially if you're short on time or don't have a blender or food processor. The main thing is to not



A delicious enchilada.

-Photo by Vicki Frank Day

until thickened slightly. Remove from heat.

Ingredients for enchiladas

Vegetable oil (about 1 tablespoon)
8 8-inch corn or flour tortillas
1 1/2 cups shredded cooked chicken
2 cups enchilada sauce, divided
Salt and pepper
2 cups shredded Monterey cheese, divided

Toppings (optional)

Chopped fresh cilantro
Chopped onion
Chopped jalapenos
Shredded lettuce
Sour cream

Method for enchiladas

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a 9x13 baking dish and set aside. Heat oil in a skillet over medium heat. Add tortillas one at a time and fry until just crisp and starting to brown (but still pliable), turning once, about 10 seconds per side. Transfer to paper towel-lined plate to drain.

In a large bowl, combine chicken with 1/4 to 1/2 cup of the enchilada sauce. Season with salt and pepper, if needed.

Ladle enough sauce into the baking dish, just to cover the bottom.

Lay tortillas on a work surface and add chicken filling along the center of each. Sprinkle some of the cheese over the chicken (reserving at least 1 cup for the top) and roll tightly. Place seam-side down in the baking dish.

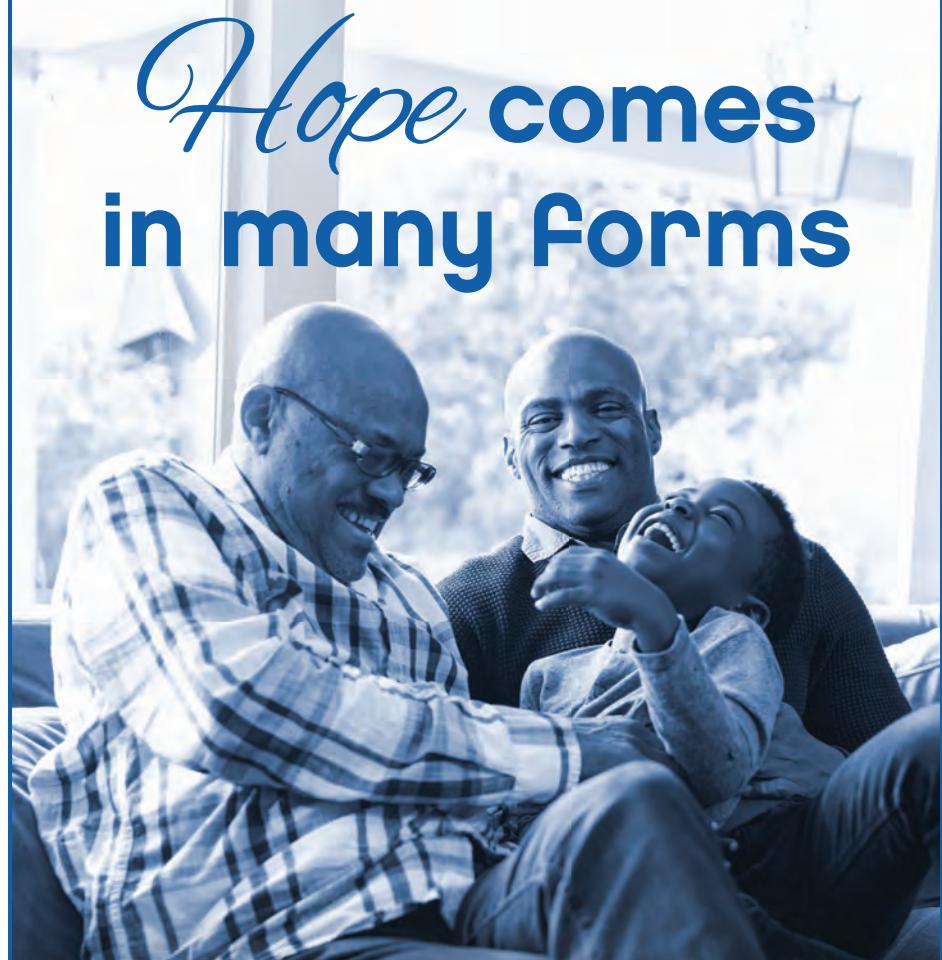
Pour sauce on top of the enchiladas down the center, leaving ends uncovered. Top with remaining cheese and bake until melted and bubbly, about 20 minutes.

Garnish with chopped cilantro and toppings of your choice. Serve immediately, alone with a dollop of sour cream or with rice or refried beans.

Enchiladas are the perfect dinner choice this time of year. If you like rich, velvety goodness with a little heat, I think you'll agree. You may even add them to your list of comforting favorites for whenever you need a little hug. Enjoy!

Vicki Frank Day's background includes over two decades in various aspects of the food service industry. In addition, she has over 27 years' experience in marketing, graphic design, copy writing, food styling and research. She believes cooking should be a fun adventure, that food should be an experience and that every day can be a special occasion. Email her at vickiloves2cook@gmail.com.

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by mark adams

Your favorite flowers

Here are 2025's best varieties, according to Fair-goers

That's right - they're your favorite new varieties for 2025. 2,577 of you cast ballots at the Dutchess County Fair during this year's survey.

Breeders and horticulture companies send seeds and cuttings of the new varieties to be released in 2025 for Sue and me to grow in our greenhouse. We pot them up and create a display at the fair, providing ballots to find out what you love, like or "don't care." With results in hand, we can decide which new flowers to grow next year to send to retail garden centers. We also send the results back to the breeders to keep them on their toes. Visit Adams Fairacre Farms website, click on "Gardening" and scroll down to "survey results" to see color photos of the top four picks:

- #1 - Sunflower "Sunfinity" - Traditional sunflowers sport one big blossom that follows the sun. Sunfinity sprouts multiple flowers over the entire summer season, although each bloom is only three inches across. The 2025 version from Syngenta Flower Company is compact, merely three feet tall, and the golden blossoms are fully doubled. The paper ballots at the fair had room for comments:

"Love mini sunflowers"
"Love, love and love"
"Bright sunshiny day/wild child"
"It's a little too bright and peppy"

- #2 - Vinca "Nirvana Blackberry" - Vinca loves hot, dry weather, perfect for a container this summer. Also deer resistant. Nirvana Blackberry is a unique new

color for 2025, from the breeders at Syngenta. Comments from the survey:

"Wow - very different!"
"Cool color," "Beautiful colors"
"Very sexy, love the name"
"10/10 - I only want these in my garden"
"Unique, but dark colored blooms just disappear into the background"

- #3 - Petunia "Painted Love Purple" - Petunias have come a long way from the days when a brief shower would permanently melt the blossoms. The newer varieties spring right back after a storm. Too bad deer like them. Painted Love happens to be my personal favorite. Comments included:

"Eye catching and pleasant"
"Love the edgery"
"My mom would love it"
"Looks like a weird hibiscus"
"Truthfully, I'm not a petunia gal"

- #4 - Angelonia "Angelflare Black" - Angelonia has been called the "summer snapdragon" because its spiky blossoms bloom in the heat of mid summer. Sue has been bugging her breeder friends to come up with a red angelonia, but the best they can do is a black one, from Ball Floraplant. Should be a winner, if the response to the black petunia is any indication.

Comments:

"Wow"
"Good for Halloween"
"Too dark for me"
"The flowers look kinda dead"



"Sunflower Sunfinity" and "Vinca Nirvana Blackberry" were among the new varieties for 2025 that got enthusiastic responses from Fair-goers.

-Photos by Mark Adams

Out of the 50 new varieties sent to us, Sue and I entered 15 into the survey. Even #15, "Coleus Mini Me," got 106 "Love" or "Like" votes, and a few positive comments:

"Nice pop of light green"
"Like the name"
"It's OK"

Watch for a fully on-line survey in January, which will include some new perennials, at adamsfarms.com.

Mark Adams is an agricultural advisor to the Dutchess County Executive, Dutchess County B.O.C.E.S. and Cornell University.

'A Night at the Opera' with the Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra on September 14 in Newburgh

The Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra (GNSO) opens its 2024/25 season on Saturday, September 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Aquinas Hall on the Mount Saint Mary College campus in Newburgh, Orange County.

Maestro Ger, shared these sentiments, "The opera has always been very glamorous. There is a huge theatre, a vast stage, elaborate sets, fancy costumes, and singers belting it to the back row for all they are worth. So, it feels fitting to open our 30th anniversary season with something we've never done before: A Night at the Opera. The singers have all chosen their best party songs. And I've chosen some of my favorites too. This promises to be a really special night."

Sharing the stage will be a quartet of spectacular soloists, who have performed with some of the best opera companies in the USA: Danielle Pastin, soprano; Kirby Burgess, soprano; Brad Bickhardt, tenor

and Michael Weyandt, baritone.

Whether one is a seasoned opera-lover or have never heard an aria, this show is for everyone.

Ticket prices are: Balcony \$85, Center Reserved \$65. General \$55, Senior Citizen (62+) \$35. They can be purchased at the door, by visiting www.newburghsymphony.org or calling 845- 913-7157. Students (with current Student ID) are admitted free to General seating.

The Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra is one of the leading cultural institutions of the Hudson River Valley. It was founded in 1995 by Dr. Woomyung Choe and its first president, the late George Handler, who was followed as president after 10 years by the late Fred McCurdy. In addition to six regular subscription concerts, the Orchestra performs special engagements, including the summer concert at Boscobel House and Gardens.

'The Fateful Hour' to bring entertainment, enlightenment regarding Poughkeepsie's historic past

The Poughkeepsie Riverfront Partnership, in collaboration with Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum and Poughkeepsie Public Arts Commission, is thrilled to announce the debut production of "The Fateful Hour," a thrilling recreation of the role Poughkeepsie played in the ratification of the United States Constitution and the creation of the Bill of Rights. "The Fateful Hour" will premiere on Saturday, September 14, from 5-6:30 p.m. at Upper Landing Park, Poughkeepsie. The event is free and open

to the public.

"Writing the play was a joy, in that we have a great team, and I am fond of local history, particularly New York's adoption of the US Constitution in 1788 when Poughkeepsie was New York's capitol," said Al Rosenblatt, playwright of "The Fateful Hour" and a retired judge. "There is a lot of drama in the event, not to mention its national importance."

To learn more about the production and donation opportunities to support the venture, visit poughkeepieriverfront.org.

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It's long days for the many vendors that attend the Dutchess County Fair, especially the food vendors. At the end of the night, while many vendors button up their booths and quietly exit the grounds to get a few hours of sleep, the food concessionaires are not quite done with their day. They work until the late hours of the night where they cook, clean and prep for the following day. One can only imagine how exhausting it must be.

At this year's Fair, many of the food

concessionaires found the time to collect over \$8,000 dollars to support and donate to several organizations and causes.

"I don't think people realize how much the Fair & Amusement industry folks care and give back. We are very fortunate to be surrounded by such generous people," stated Andy Imperati, President/CEO. "I'd like to especially thank Vincent Nelson, of Vinnie's Fine Foods for spearheading this project."

The vendors purchased the Grand Champion Hog at the Dutchess County

Youth Livestock Sale with the processed meat being donated to Red Hook Responds along with a \$1,000 donation.

An additional \$2,000 donation will go to the Dutchess County 4-H Scholarship Program with the rest being carried over to next year's sale.

Thank you to the following for their generosity: American Catering, Amy's Sweet Treats, Animated Concessions/Turkey Legs, Billie's Baked Potato, Bruisers BBQ, Butcher Boys, Chopping Block/Brussel Boys, Cousin Vinnie's,

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'Community Table' to feature Arts Mid-Hudson Mixer on Sept. 18

Arts Mid-Hudson announced its upcoming AMH Mixer, set to take place on September 18 from 5-7 p.m. at Cornell Creative Arts Center, 129 Cornell Street, Kingston. This free event provides an opportunity for local organizations, businesses, and individuals to connect, collaborate, and celebrate the vibrant arts community in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

Join them for an evening of networking and camaraderie as they bring together artists, cultural organizations, and arts enthusiasts from across the region. Attendees will have the chance to meet the dedicated Arts Mid-Hudson team and learn about the various ways they support the arts through grants, programming, memberships, market-

ing, folk arts, and more.

One of the highlights of the evening will be the "Community Table," where participants can promote their artistic practices or organizations by bringing a small stack of marketing materials, such as business cards, event flyers, or brochures, to share with others. Additionally, they will collaborate on a community art project that will be displayed in Arts Mid-Hudson's Kingston office, symbolizing the unity and creativity of our Mid-Hudson Valley arts scene.

For more information, please visit the website at www.artsmidhudson.org/amh-mixer or contact us at 845-454-3222.

Dance Night at Beacon Lodge on Sept. 14

Get On Down at the Elks Lounge Dance Night on Saturday, September 14 at 7 p.m., at 900 Wolcott Avenue (Rt. 9D), Beacon. Attire is whatever suits your mood – from blue jeans to dazzling sparkles. These dances are informal and even if one comes alone, one can

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Bannerman Castle Trust announces September events



Singer/Songwriter Tara O'Grady will perform on Sept. 15.

Take a cruise to Bannerman Island and tour the historic island in the Hudson River Highlands. The Estuary Steward Tour Boat leaves the Beacon Waterfront Dock, directly across from the Beacon Metro-North Train Station at 2 Red Flynn Drive, Beacon. Enjoy a guided, or self-guided tour of the island. Visit the historic Bannerman Castle ruins and gardens and explore the original Bannerman residence, now a museum. For a schedule and tickets visit: <https://bannermancastle.org/tours-events/bannerman-island-tour/>.

September 14 – January 31, 2025 - Exhibitions at Bannerman Island Gallery, 150 Main St., Beacon

September 14, 4-6 p.m. – Main Gallery, Opening Reception for the Bannerman Castle Trust's 30th Anniversary Exhibition - An exhibition featuring artwork, photographs and artifacts showcasing the history of Bannerman Island

and the Bannerman Castle Trust organization's ongoing development since 1994. West Wall Exhibition – Artists Virginia Donovan (Paintings) and Mary Ann Glass (Photo- Mixed Media). This ongoing show features Hudson Valley Paintings & Photography. (Art Sale proceeds help support preservation projects on Bannerman Island. Gallery Hours: Saturdays & Sundays, noon – 5 p.m., weekdays by chance & appointment. Contact: bannermangallery150@aol.com and visit www.bannermancastle.org.

Sunday, September 15 – Bannerman Castle Trust's Third Sunday Music Concert Series presents Singer and Songwriter Tara O'Grady. The daughter of Irish immigrants, raised in NYC, Tara now resides in the Hudson Valley. She's been referred to as "an Irish-American Jazz Powerhouse" by the Irish Central and "Resplendent, fun and a force of



Frank Bannerman

-Courtesy photos

nature" by Jazz Ireland. This concert is free for visitors taking the 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Bannerman Island tours – enjoy great music while taking your tour!

For tickets: <https://bannermancastle.org/tours-events/bannerman-island-tour/>.

September 18-22 – "Dracula" The

popular Broadway version of this horror classic comes to the Bannerman Island Stage! Presented by the Bannerman Castle Trust and Theater on the Road for several exciting nights from Wednesday-Sunday, September 18-22. <https://bannermancastle.org/tours-events/bannerman-island-tour/>

Aging with Grace set for Sept. 18 in East Fishkill

Aging with Grace will be held at the East Fishkill Community Library on Wednesday, September 18. This program meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 12:30-2 p.m. in the Cross Room. Local resident and educator Carole Penner will lead this group; drop-in and

all are welcome to attend.

Carole Penner has been a Special Education teacher for the past 35 years. She has an M.A. in Educational Theatre from New York University, an M.S. Ed. in Special Education from the City University of New York, a Graduate

Certificate in Restorative Practice and is currently studying for a Masters in Restorative Practice at the International Institute for Restorative Practice in Bethlehem, PA. Her training includes certification as a facilitator for Restorative Circles and as a Trainer for Restorative

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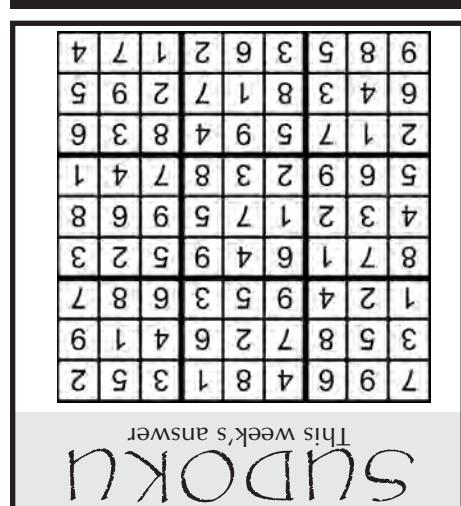
Learn Tai Chi basics during free class on Sept. 17 in East Fishkill

Hopewell resident and certified Tai Chi instructor Scott Grimes will present this hour-long demo and class on the basic principles of Tai Chi. Tai Chi is a practice of low impact gentle movement exercise.

Grimes has been practicing Tai Chi since 1996 and is affiliated with World Tai Chi since 2009. First half hour class is a demo and Q&A and the second half is participation. Please wear comfortable shoes and clothing.

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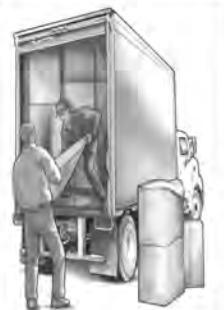
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By Nate Smith
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**Club Classic Senior Center
By Ruta Ronis
For the Senior Center**

Can you believe it's almost mid-September? Our Coach Tours "Octoberfest" bus trip is all set for Sept. 25. Remember to bring your appetite for the day is packed full of delicious food and beverages, as well as various activities, entertainment, and great live music.

Please note that some presentations will begin at 11 a.m., rather than our usual noon. We do ask that you please try to sign up in advance.

Share your thoughts and a cup of coffee/tea with Council Member Bill Reuter at noon on Thursday, Sept. 12. Then come on back to the Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center at 11 a.m. the next day (Friday, Sept. 13) to learn "How Not To Die (Through Good Nutrition)" with Mr. Nimesh of the Dutchess County Office For Aging.

Rover the Bookmobile will be in our Senior Center parking lot on Tuesday, Sept. 17 between 10:30 a.m. and noon. Adults will be able to borrow books, CDs, and DVDs, as well as find out about all that the Poughkeepsie Library District offers for free.

Bill Sepe will be presenting information about The Walkway Over the Hudson at our SC on Thursday, Sept. 19 at 11 a.m.

Come challenge and exercise your "little gray cells" on Tuesday, Sept. 24 when Veronica returns with "Brain Games and More" from 10:30 a.m. until noon.

Some stores are already starting to put out Christmas items, so don't tell me it's too early to start thinking about your costume for our annual age 55+ "Halloween Spook-tacular" on Oct. 31. We've already booked Harvest Band for great music, and our dance floor awaits those who want to "float" across it. This promises to be "a day to die for" so please sign up in advance. There is a \$5 charge per person, payable when you register.

Our SC is located at 14 Abe's Way. Our Center is open Monday - Friday between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. All of our activities, presentations, trips, and special events are open to everyone 55+. You can call us at 845-462-0265, and you can see our Senior Center activity calendar at <http://www.PoughkeepsieTownRec.com>. Just scroll all the way down the opening screen to view our calendar.

Fishkill Recreation

By Lauren McMenamin

Adult Art Class: We are offering 2 art classes this fall: Watercolors and Watercolor Mixed Media. No art experience needed. The classes will be held on Wednesdays from 10 - 11:30 a.m. Register today to secure your seat!

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Sports: This fall we will be offering a variety of sport programs for kids! There will be basketball, golf, track & field, soccer, tennis, Multi-Sport Tots, cheerleading, volleyball and flag football. Visit our website for more information on our Fall Sports programs.

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Dated:

August 30, 2024

Signed:
Katherine Buneta
Receiver of Taxes

PUBLIC HEARING
Please Take Notice the Milan Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on September 16, 2024 on the proposed Local Law #2 of 2024 amending Section 40 D(2)(a)[4] of Chapter 200 Zoning. Said hearing will take place at the Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle.

By order of the Milan Town Board,
Catherine Gill,
Town Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING
Please Take Notice the Milan Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on September 16, 2024 at 6:55 pm on the proposed Local Law #3 of 2024 abolishing the offices of three (3) elected assessors and establishing the office of a single appointed assessor. Said hearing will take

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place at the Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle.
By order of the Milan Town Board,
Catherine Gill,
Town Clerk

Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court Of The State Of New York County Of Dutchess ACTION TO CLOSE A MORTGAGE Index #: 2023-53660 Mortgage Assets Management, LLC Plaintiff, vs James M. Phillips As Administrator And As Heir To The Estate Of Margaret A. Phillips, Scott Phillips As Heir To The Estate Of Margaret A. Phillips If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committeees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committeees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America On Behalf Of The Secretary Of Housing And Urban Development, United States Of America On Behalf Of The IRS "John Doe #1" through "John Doe #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the Subject Property described in the Complaint, Defendant(s). Mortgaged Premises: 15 Barbara Lane Pleasant Valley, NY 12569 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is

Tax Rate for District per \$1,000

Assessed Value
Homestead - \$13.89
Non-Homestead - \$18.38

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Dated:

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Signed:
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not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Dutchess. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. To Mark Phillips Defendant in this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Maria G. Rosa of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Twenty-Sixth day of August, 2024 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Dutchess, in the City of Poughkeepsie. The object of this action is to foreclose an Adjustable Rate Home Equity Conversion Mortgage ("Mortgage") dated March 25, 2005, executed by Margaret A. Phillips (who died on March 5, 2023, a resident of the county of Dutchess, State of New York) to secure the sum of \$406,125.00. The Mortgage was recorded at Instrument Number 0120056134 in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk on April 6, 2005. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed September 25, 2009 and recorded on October 28, 2009, in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk at Instrument Number 0120092193A. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed June 22, 2023 and recorded on June 27, 2023, in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk at Instrument Number 01-2023-50684A. The property in question is described as follows: 15 Barbara Lane, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569 HELP FOR HOME OWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

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YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The state encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or the Foreclosure Relief Hotline 1-800-269-0990 or visit the department's website at WWW.DFS.N.Y.GOV. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO STAY IN YOUR HOME DURING THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME UNLESS AND UNTIL YOUR PROPERTY IS SOLD AT AUCTION PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN YOUR HOME, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY AND PAY PROPERTY TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform

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and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. § 1303 NOTICE NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this Foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: August 30, 2024 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 82437

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Beacon, New York 12508 Phone (845) 838-5002 September 3, 2024
SUBJECT:
Variance Application
Applicant: Elkin Cardona Address: 10 Duncan Street Tax Grid No.: 30-6054-47-320543-00 Zoning Classification: R1-5 Dear Neighboring Property Owner: Elkin Cardona, 10 Duncan Street, has applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals for relief from Section 223-17 D. to allow the construction of an inground pool, which requires relief from the following:
1. Section 223-17.D. to allow for a 10 ft rear yard setback (20 ft required)
The full application is available online at: <https://www.beaconny.gov/index.php/agendas-minutes/>
The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing for this application at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 7:00 PM, in the Municipal Center courtroom, One Municipal Plaza, Beacon, New York. You are invited to be present to voice your support or objection to this appeal. Comments can also be provided via email no later than 4:00 PM on September 17, 2024, to Mercedes Perez, Zoning Board Secretary, at mperez@beaconny.gov
Mercedes Perez Zoning Board Secretary

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, that on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 6:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter is reached on the agenda, the Planning Board of the Village of Fishkill will hold a public hearing at the Village Hall, 1095 Main Street, Fishkill NY, on the Go Health Urgent Care Site Plan & Special Use Permit 701-703 Route 9, identified as a tax parcel nos. 6155-08-868954 /857954/854919 A copy of the application is on file at the Village Hall and available for inspection during business hours. At the public hearing the Planning Board will hear all persons in support of such matter or any objections thereto. Persons may appear in person or by agent. Comments submitted in writing must be received before 4:00 pm on the date of the above hearing and be addressed to:
Gini Ferrucci, Planning Board Secretary
1095 Main Street Fishkill, NY 12524
Or sent via email to: gini@vofishkill.com. All reasonable accommodation will be made for persons with disabilities. In such case, please notify the Planning Board Secretary in advance so that arrangements can be made.
Hans Klingzahn Chairman, Planning Board Village of Fishkill Dated: September 5, 2024

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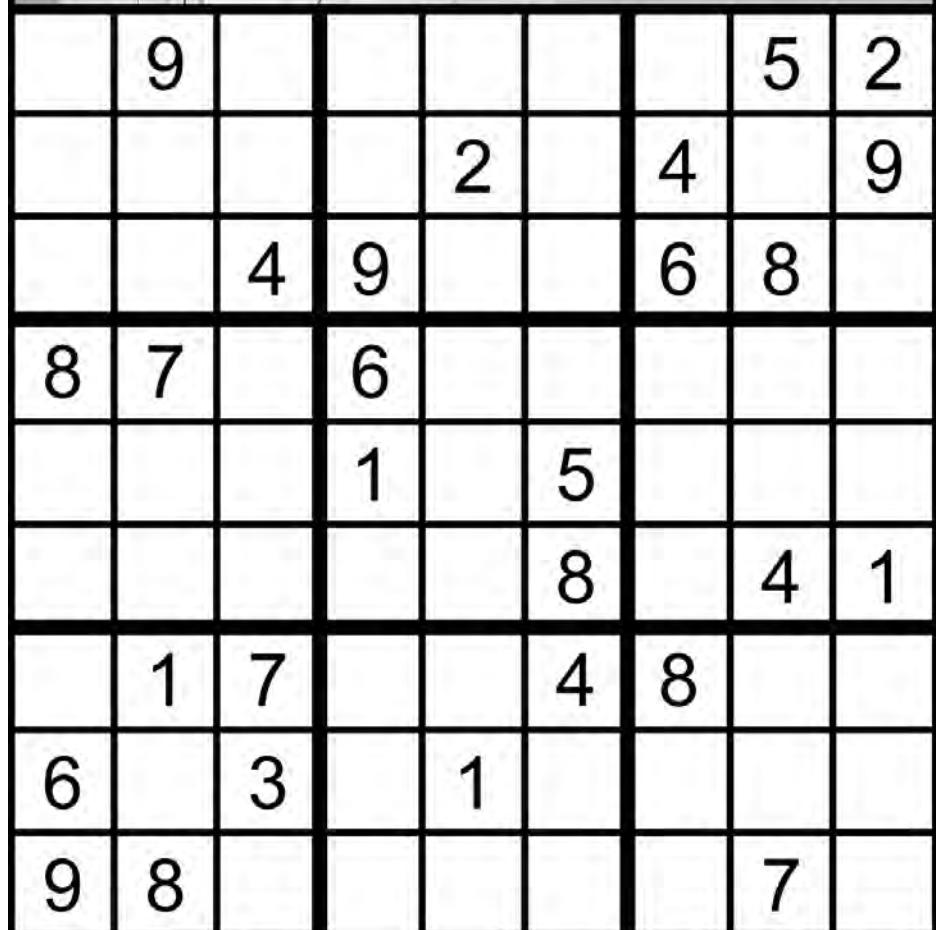
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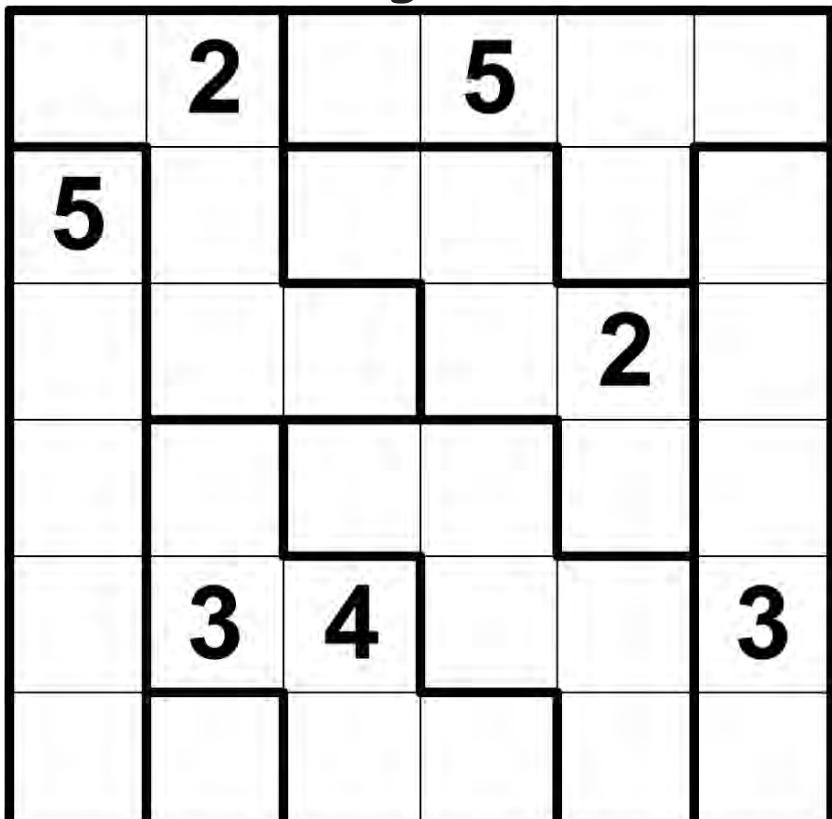
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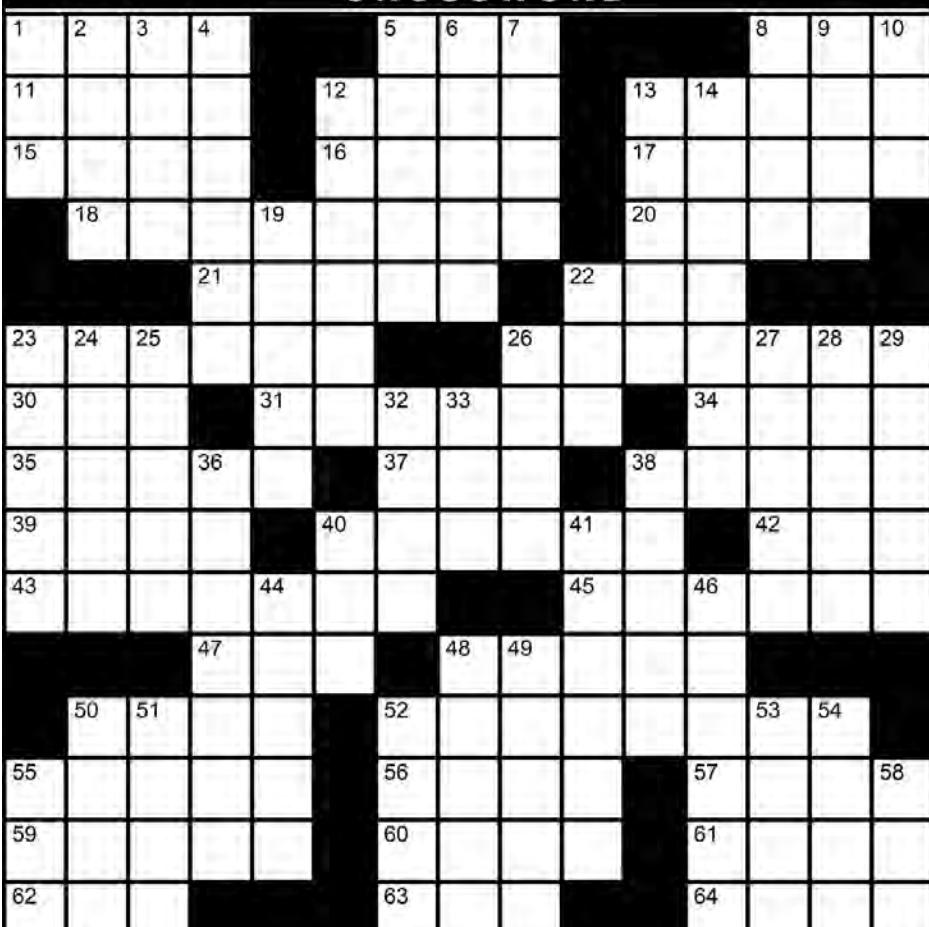
ACROSS

- Doorframe part
- *The Swing Era or Band Era
- T-cell killer, acr.
- Arabian chieftain
- Actress Sorvino
- Excessively fat
- Chore list
- Second word in fairytale?
- Doled out cards
- *1933 movie monster (2 words)
- Eyeball
- Golf aid
- French vineyard
- *Larry or Curly or Moe
- Between delta and zeta
- B vaccine
- Ciphering machine
- Kind
- Black and white cookies
- chi
- Fender bender consequences
- Light beige
- *First white chocolate manufacturer
- Grasp
- Elbow room, to a ship (2 words)
- Teenagers' emotions
- Belly
- East Indian pepper
- Buzzing pest
- *Prairie crisis (2 words)
- Change, as in U.S. Constitution
- "If all ____ fails..."
- Solomon-like
- Boatload
- Lab gel
- Enthusiasm
- Finale
- Grazing land
- Blood vessel network

DOWN

- Blue Angel
- In a frenzy
- Calf-length skirt
- Ford option
- Two-footed mortar support
- Shoemaker without shoes, e.g.
- *Al Capone's Chicago Outfit, e.g.
- Mend, healthwise
- Small island
- Doctor Dolittle, e.g.
- *Shenyang (China) in 1931
- O in B.O., pl.
- *Cole Porter's "Begin the ____"
- Dashboard windows
- Accounting title
- Oxfords and loafers
- 9 a.m. prayer
- *George Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess"
- Discharge
- Ding-a____, pl.
- Eightsome
- Egg holders
- Big-ticket ____
- Tank filler
- *a.k.a. The Little Rascals (2 words)
- Brightest star in Cygnus
- 1990s negation
- Second of two
- Beat the Joneses
- Angry stare
- Battle of the ____, a.k.a. Ardennes Offensive
- Test format
- *Bureau of Investigation agent, to "Machine Gun" Kelly
- Smart but awkward one
- *FDR's New ____
- ____ E. Coyote
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- Compass point between NE and E

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Freedom through fashion

Exhibition at Lyndhurst highlights 1920s fashion innovation and influencers

Long before Instagram and TikTok, original 1920s influencers including Irene Castle, Edna St. Vincent Millay, and Coco Chanel created freedom for women in their lifestyle and mode of dress. An exhibition, "Influencers: 1920s Fashion and The New Woman," is on display at Lyndhurst in Tarrytown through Sept. 23. Explore the long history of influencers and how fashion innovations of the time often crossed racial, cultural, and global boundaries. Objects on display are on special loan from the Cornell College of Human Ecology Fashion + Textile Collection, Edna St. Vincent Millay's Steepletop, Lyndhurst Collections, and private lenders.

"Influencers" highlights the 1920s as the moment following World War I in which women gained certain freedom in clothing and lifestyle. The 1920s marked a major turning point from the strictures of the Victorian era and was a precursor to major changes in women's lifestyles and dress that still hold true today. The exhibition highlights the impact of three major influencers – Coco Chanel (the global leader in couture), Irene Castle (the American actress and creator of ready-to-

wear outfits), and Edna St. Vincent Millay (the 'It' girl of the bohemian/artistic/intellectual lifestyle) – and display how these innovators created societal shifts that allowed women to claim more freedom and control of how they lived, dressed and presented themselves in society.

This exhibition also examines the technical side of the 1920s female fashion revolution. Women were finally freed from the imprisonment of restrictive undergarments and elaborate gowns. They began to wear athletic outfits, enjoy the popularization of makeup, stay fresh with new perfumes and underarm deodorant, use women's razors, and celebrate the invention of simple undergarments. The culminating impact of these innovations is still undeniable a century later.

The exhibition is on view in the gallery located at Lyndhurst's Welcome Center. You can visit "Influencers" between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., Thursday through Tuesday. Entrance to the exhibition gallery is free with a ticket for any guided tour or grounds admission at Lyndhurst.

Visit <https://lyndhurst.org/> for more information.

Right, this dance costume, worn by actress Irene Castle, is one of many items of 1920s women's fashion on display at Lyndhurst in Tarrytown. The exhibit, "Influencers: 1920s Fashion and The New Woman," is on display through Sept. 23.

Photo credit: Bruce M White © 2024



Women's Writers Group meets at the East Fishkill Community Library on Wednesdays

The Women's Writers Group meets at the East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376, every Wednesday from 10 a.m.-noon. This group is open to all women writers who want to connect with other writers on their own publishing journeys. The group reads their proj-

ects and offers critiques, have open discussions on writing, share resources, and have occasional free writing sessions when time permits.

For more information, visit <http://www.EFLibrary.org> or call the library at 845-221-9943.

Pancake Breakfast and Car and Bike Show set for Sept. 15

The Wappingers Masonic Lodge will host the annual Pancake Breakfast and Car Show on Sunday, September 15 at their Lodge, 150 Myers Corners Road, in Wappingers Falls. (Rain date Sept. 22).

Pancake breakfast admission is \$15

from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Car registration is \$20 on the day of the show. Free for spectators.

For more information, call 914-450-2874.

Fishkill offers town residents bulk cleanup on September 14

The Town of Fishkill will host their Town-wide bulk clean-up day on Saturday, September 14, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Maurer Geering Park, 1 Geering Way, Fishkill. Proof of residency will be required.

No trucks such as U-Hauls, vans, utility trailers larger than the bed of a pick-up truck will be permitted into Maurer Geering Park to dump their bulk debris. Only ordinary pickup trucks will be allowed.

Cleanup materials must be separated by wood, metals, and soft miscellaneous items. Construction debris will not be accepted.

The following items cannot be accepted due to landfill restriction: Engine oil, lawn and garden chemicals (such as fertilizer), insecticides, pesticides, poisons, brush, leaves, drain cleaning chemicals and other cleaning and caustic solvents,

paint materials (such as latex or oil-based paints, turpentine, shellacs, sealers, mineral spirits and other paint related materials), gasoline, kerosene, and other flammable liquids (including containers that were used for these products) aerosol cans and other pressurized tanks.

Tires will no longer be accepted at clean-up days. One may bring them to Royal Carting for a fee.

In addition: An e-waste container will be provided. Contact royalcarting.com for accepted items.

A shredding truck will be available 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Limit three file boxes or three kitchen garbage bags or the like, per household.

For further information contact 845-896-6013.

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Cunneen-Hackett presents 3 new artists



"Clover Wings" by Emily Marchesiello.

-Courtesy images

The Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center will present the works of artists Emily Marchesiello, JJ Kathe and Carol Loizides in their Visual Art Galleries through October 31. Featured in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar Street will be Emily Marchesiello, and at 12 Vassar Street, JJ Kathe will showcase her pieces in the Reception Gallery with Carol Loizides presenting her artwork in the Hancock Gallery. Free Public Art

Opening Receptions will be held on Friday, September 13, from 5-7 p.m. in all three galleries.

Emily Marchesiello is a graduate of the MFA program at Queens College CUNY and specializes in fine point line drawing, oil painting and watercolor painting. She derives her inspiration from the natural world and the fantasy realm. "The process of intentional mark making is a meditation," she explains. "Each line and



Artwork by JJ Kathe.

dot is a physical manifestation of thought, while at the same time a product of mindless release."

Marchesiello uses vibrant hues to convey joy, freedom, and endless possibility. She currently resides in the Hudson Valley region with her family.

JJ Kathe hails from New York's Capital region and creates art and music based on her profession in the fields of forestry and climate change adaptation. "The intent of my artwork is to illustrate correlations between spatially or conceptually related variables, and many of my pieces are artistic representations of real data relating to a subject: maps which I've processed using GIS, or graphs from published works and others integrate photographs of one location over time to highlight land use changes...almost all works with a spatial component relate specifically to New York State," she relays. "My hope is to amplify an underused lens to observe scientific evidence that actually ties the information back into meaning and feeling; without imagining the real-life outcomes of phenomena - like climate change, gentrification, or habitat loss - that is conveyed through facts and figures, it's impossible to gain a sense of what is being lost by inaction."

Kathe holds a BA degree and an MS degree in Geography and spends time exploring New York's forests and sailing the Hudson River.

Carol Loizides, who studied Art Education at SUNY New Paltz (receiving 34 graduate credits), is inspired by the concept of "painting your childhood" to paint pieces using color and color relationships as they are found in nature and beyond. During her time at SUNY New Paltz, she was greatly influenced by her

professors George Wardlaw and Illya Bolotowsky, and in ensuing years studying under Bernard Steffen, Franklin Alexander at the Woodstock Art Students League, and most notably Bruce Dorfman who influenced her approach to painting the most. "(Bruce Dorfman)

emphasized that artists must have a much more focused goal than wanting to 'express themselves' and explained that there is 'something the artist must want to see...a goal one must work towards'; I find that color, color relationships, as they are found in nature and beyond are what motivate me," she recants. "This includes the Chemung River Valley in the Southern Tier of New York where I spent my elementary school years, and Central New York, where I spent my high school years. Most of the work in my exhibit, entitled Upstate and More, reflects this focus."

Loizides is a founding member of the artists cooperative LongReach Arts that formed in 1982 in Poughkeepsie as summergroup but now encompassing artists from both sides of the Hudson River. Her work can be found in both private and public collections.

The Hancock Gallery and Reception Gallery at 12 Vassar Street are open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. but visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at 845-486-4571 for access. The 12 Vassar Street Galleries are also open during events at the VBI Theatre. The Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar Street is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center website at cunneen-hackett.org for more information on the artists exhibiting their work in the Visual Art Galleries.

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