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Nonprofits balance mission, safety in remote work trend

By Kate Goldsmith

The nature of work – whether paid or voluntary, “essential” or not – has been transformed by the pandemic. Previous articles in this newspaper have examined how for-profit businesses such as restaurants, retail shops and wedding-service providers (photographers, DJs, etc.) have creatively addressed the challenges that began two years ago, and how they are adapting to long-term trends that have arisen during that time. Working remotely, for those whose jobs allow it, is one such trend.

Nonprofit organizations are also businesses, but they often have to navigate a more nuanced work landscape: one that adheres to their particular mission while prioritizing the safety of their employees and clients.

The pandemic “definitely changed everything” at the Bardavon in Poughkeepsie, said Executive Director Chris Silva.

Being a nonprofit entertainment venue, the Bardavon was subject to the same lengthy closure mandate as for-profit event facilities; but the staff worked throughout.

“We started doing our weekly staff and production meetings on Zoom in March of 2020 and have continued them to this day,” said Silva. “Same with our board meetings, which results in better attendance.”

Virtual meetings and working from home “truly allows for a better use of people’s time and energy,” Silva said, “and because many of us have been together for decades our efficiency has actually increased.”

Now, when a show is happening, “It’s still ‘all hands-on deck’ ... but ‘office hours’ are [still] very flexible,” said Silva.

Some organizations didn’t have the ability to work remotely, such as the Dutchess County SPCA (DCSPCA).

“Since we had animals to care for, remote working just wasn’t an option,” said Penny Schouten, DCSPCAMarketing/Communications/Community Resource Director. “The staff were divided into teams which worked alternatively in order to avoid spreading potential illness. The admin team also worked in animal care when needed and also alternated days in the office.”

Schouten said, “One of the hardest things was we missed our teammates. We didn’t see each other as often, as we were working on alternate days. We couldn’t have lunch together or gather in groups. Our daily team briefing was kept short, held in our large lobby with everyone socially distanced. Maintaining the camaraderie, we had built was very difficult, although with smaller teams, some ties grew stronger.”

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Renegades set to start 2nd season as Yankees affiliate



Packing Dutchess Stadium with enthusiastic minor league baseball fans has become tradition in the Hudson Valley. The Renegades start their 28th season Friday. It will be their second season as an affiliate of the New York Yankees.

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By Rich Thomaselli

For the 28th year – it should be 29 but, well, let’s not get into what that whole global pandemic thing did to our lives in 2020 and, really, into 2021 – professional baseball will be played in Dutchess County.

The Hudson Valley Renegades begin their season on Friday night, April 7, in Greenville, South Carolina in the opening game of the 2022 season against the Drive. It will be the first of a nine-game road trip before the Renegades return to Dutchess Stadium on Tuesday, April 19, to host the Brooklyn Cyclones.

Here’s a primer for the upcoming season. **Who are the Renegades affiliated with this year?**

The Renegades will begin their second season as the High Class A farm team of the New York Yankees. The franchise started out moving to Hudson Valley from

Erie, Pa., in 1994 as a short-season affiliate of the Texas Rangers before switching to the Tampa Bay Rays a year later.

It was a fruitful partnership, but Major League Baseball decided to contract several dozen minor league franchises last year and try to make the relationships between the big clubs and the farm teams more geographically tenable. The Renegades, who long have been one of minor league baseball’s most consistent teams in terms of how many fans it draws to Dutchess Stadium, were an obvious choice for the Yankees.

What league will the Renegades play in?

Thankfully, minor league baseball did away with the unwieldy league names from a year ago. And while it might not be geographically friendly, Hudson Valley will play in the legendary South Atlantic League. The South Atlantic League was

established in 1903 and some of the players who spent time in the league might ring a bell – Derek Jeter, Hank Aaron, Mariano Rivera, Nolan Ryan, Ty Cobb, Steve Carlton, Bob Gibson, Ryne Sandberg ... you know, if you just want to throw around a few Hall of Famers.

The league will be comprised of the North Division and the South. Joining Hudson Valley in the North will be the Aberdeen IronBirds (Baltimore Orioles), Brooklyn

Cyclones (New York Mets), Jersey Shore BlueClaws (Philadelphia Phillies) and Wilmington Blue Rocks (Washington Nationals).

In the South Division, it’s the Asheville Tourists (Houston Astros), Bowling Green Hot Rods (Tampa Bay Rays), Greensboro Grasshoppers (Pittsburgh

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‘Music is the language of all people’

Benefit for Ukraine April 10 in Beacon

By Kristine Coulter

Local residents and performers are coming together for a benefit for the people of Ukraine. It was on February 24 that Russian President Vladimir Putin sent in Russian forces to invade the neighboring nation.

“We have been putting this together for two weeks now,” said Jennifer “Jen” Malenke. Malenke and Nicole Tori co-produce the show and conceived of the benefit.

The Beacon Benefit for Ukraine is set for 6:30 p.m. on April 10 at Reserva Wine Bar, 173 Main St., in Beacon. It is first-come, first-served basis, according to Malenke.

“We want the people of Ukraine (and Russia) to know that we see what is happening. We see the devastation, death, protests, arrests. We want them to know we are with them, and will help in any way we can,” remarked Malenke, who was in the First National Tour of “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” and “Into the Woods” on Broadway.



The Beacon Benefit for Ukraine will be held on April 10 at Reserva Wine Bar on Main St. in Beacon. Pictured are members of Razom at its shipping partner’s warehouse.

-Courtesy photo

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For several months, the DCSPCA facility, located on Route 9G in Hyde Park, wasn't open to the public and staff weren't able to directly interact with the community. During that time, Schouten said, "we ramped up our social media activities to stay connected with our supporters and keep them engaged with our mission. This included lots of photos/videos of our available pets, a 'pet pawtrait' contest where the public submitted photos of their pets then volunteers and staff painted or drew their portrait, and foster family recruitment."

The DCSPCA's main fundraising event of the year was changed to a virtual gala.

When the pandemic hit, the DCSPCA administrative team was fairly new, Schouten said, and were in the process of moving to a community-centered shelter model.

"When everything shut down, we had to implement some of the plan immediately. This included moving as many pets as possible out of the shelter into foster care, providing more support to pet owners to keep pets in their homes and supporting both Hospice and Grace Smith House clients who might need temporary pet housing/care while they recovered or moved to safe housing," said Schouten. "Our foster program went from a handful of foster families to 400 new applicants in just two weeks. We sent pet food to regular food pantries for families struggling to feed their animals. With so many people being hospitalized and passing away from COVID, we were consistently taking in animals in need of safety net housing."

Despite the challenges, the organization was able to maintain the number of adoptions throughout 2020.

"We did our dog meets outside in our play yards; or if a pet was in foster, arrangements were made to meet in a local park or at the shelter," Schouten said. "For cats, we did virtual meets with the foster and the adopters where possible."

In March 2020, when many businesses were forced to close as a result of emergency orders, the nonprofit Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce (DCR-COC) became a source of assistance to not only its members, but to the general business community, all who were eager for information to help them survive closures and loss of revenue. During that time, the staff at DCR-COC worked remotely, said Frank Castella Jr., President & CEO.

"We were deemed non-essential despite

the great need for the COVID supportive services we provided to the business community," Castella said.

Weekly discussions open to the business community were held virtually to discuss disaster loan programs offered by the federal Small Business Administration, and business owners were invited to submit questions.

"The Chamber maintained some level of in-person events immediately after the three-month government-mandated shutdown," said Castella. "Even when capacity limitations were implemented on the number of people that could be held at an event, we either held to the maximum or composed events such as the Hudson Valley's Top Forty Under 40 Mover and Shaker Awards at the Hyde Park Drive-In Theatre and the Hudson Valley Hot-Air Balloon Festival drive-in style. Revel 32 and the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel were both mandated to only hold 100 people for an event, so we held our annual black-tie Gala and creatively connected the two venues via Zoom, and those that didn't want to attend in-person were offered a take-home food option and to attend via Zoom. It worked well, but was a logistical challenge."

While remote work is a long-term trend for some, Castella said it's "not an option for the type of work that we provide," because an important part of the Chamber's mission is "growing relationships and connecting people."

"When you don't have face-to-face conversations around the water cooler, the camaraderie doesn't exist," he said. "While Zoom is good to have meetings on an occasion, we value the bonds that are built when we have in-person meetings."

Castella said some members have told him they'll keep some or all meetings online to save time, but he added, "I believe you will see people coming back to in-person meetings over time. The conversations that happen before and after our board and committee meetings are sometimes just as important as what happens in the formal meeting."

One would expect an organization built around creativity would have creative solutions to challenges. Staff at The Art Effect were not only able to work remotely, but also transitioned to virtual programs with success.

"If the country shutting down during the pandemic taught us anything about our work environment, it is that remote or hybrid remote work gives our staff more flexibility and promotes a better work/home life balance," said Executive Director Nicole Fenichel-Hewitt. "Although we were not

together in-person throughout the pandemic, our team was working harder than ever from their living rooms, bedrooms and home offices."

She added, "The ability to be flexible during uncertain and stressful times allows us to focus more on what's most important, our students and community. Despite working from home on and off the past two years, The Art Effect has continued to play a crucial role as a motivator that engages youth and promotes positive growth such as improved social skills, respect for one another, and a greater understanding of diversity and culture."

Fenichel-Hewitt noted that The Art Effect quickly pivoted to virtual classes, programs and events, "and what we found was an expanded reach and an unexpected connectivity within our community," she said.

Going forward, Fenichel-Hewitt said The Art Effect will continue to offer a more balanced workplace for its employees, and consider "out-of-the-box" idea that were harnessed by remote work.

"We are keeping some of the benefits of new comfort with remote interactions by live streaming our exhibitions and events, virtually connecting with guest artists from around the world, and continuing to offer alternative ways for students to attend program meetings and events such as our upcoming virtual Reel Exposure Teen Film & Photography Festival on May 4-6," she said.

At United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region (UWDOR), greater needs arising from the pandemic required many staff and volunteers to step up in-person contact.

Melissa Clark, UWDOR's Senior Director of Community Impact, said, "We have seen so much hard work and altruism on the part of our local essential workers and volunteers. As need increased in the community our volunteers were on the front lines to help their neighbors receive, food, support and other basic essentials. At the same time many older volunteers especially those who were immunocompromised did need to take some time off until the vaccines were widely available. Fortunately, our nonprofit sector is tremendous, and staff and volunteers stepped in to ensure people's everyday needs were met."

Clark noted, "As many nonprofit staff work on the front lines to secure households food, housing, mental health services and other critical needs, many have worked in a hybrid model throughout the pandemic. Hybrid work has allowed community coalitions

and community members to convene safely and collaborate on strategies to help our community including providing services and community wide vaccination strategies."

She added, "Remote work has also allowed nonprofits working regionally or nationally to work more seamlessly and has reduced transportation barriers. Of course, the downside has been not being able to attend events in person and celebrate one another's accomplishments."

"At United Way, many of us began working remotely two years ago at the beginning of the pandemic, however our physical office always remained open with a skeleton staff," said Emily Darrow, Senior Director of Marketing & Communications. "Now, we all are working a hybrid model. To easily keep in touch with one another, we have an instant messaging platform that also shows when someone is at lunch, on a short break, etc. We utilized this pre-pandemic, but it became a lifeline during our remote work."

Darrow said many meetings are still conducted virtually, to cut down on travel time and allow greater participation.

"I know that like many offices, some of our greatest ideas are developed in seemingly casual conversation with one another, and we missed that," she said. "Melissa set up a weekly informal weekly remote discussion so that aspect of office life was able to go forward throughout the pandemic. For me, I find I am able to get far more work completed on my remote work days; but for others, remote work was more challenging. But I think all of us now have home offices and we probably will be using them now and into the future."

Sarah Olivieri, a nonprofit business strategist based in Ulster County, said having remote work as an option "really adds value to employees, just like anybody in any business" and tailoring jobs to people's needs allows employees to make a bigger impact.

Olivieri works with different types of nonprofits in the region.

"One thing I've notice that's affected local mental health organizations – that service providers have often struggled with in the past – is access," she said, with many clients also having transportation challenges. While the lack of in-person contact has created issues, Olivieri said, "One kind of opportunity the pandemic created [is that it] normalized remote access."

Next week: We'll discuss how nonprofit volunteerism has been affected by the pandemic.

Renegades ready to start season

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Pirates), Greenville Drive (Boston Red Sox), Hickory Crawdads (Texas Rangers), Rome Braves (Atlanta Braves) and Winston-Salem Dash (Chicago White Sox).

How many games will the Renegades play?

Hudson Valley will play 132 regular-season games – 66 at Dutchess Stadium and 66 on the road. All teams will play the same type of schedule from Tuesday through Sunday every week, using

Monday as a travel/rest day. That holds true except for the first week of July when all teams will play on Monday, July 4, and take off on Tuesday, July 5.

Is seeing a game at Dutchess Stadium still inexpensive?

Yep. Minor league baseball is still one of the best entertainment values for the dollar that you can get. The most expensive ticket for the best seats in the house is \$20, and they go down from there. And, really, in a facility that seats 5,000 there isn't a bad seat in the house.

Renegades roster features talented nucleus of players

The Hudson Valley Renegades feature a prospect-laden roster as they return for their second season as the High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees in 2022. The Renegades roster will feature six of the Yankees top 30 prospects when the season gets underway on Friday.

Hudson Valley's roster is highlighted by six prospects ranked in the top 30 of MLB Pipeline's annual organizational prospect rankings. Catcher Austin Wells (No. 4) and infielder Trey Sweeney (No. 5) are joined by outfielder Everson Pereira (No. 11), pitchers T.J. Sikkema (No. 20) and Beck Way (No. 22), and infielder Cooper Bowman (No. 25) to give the Renegades a talented nucleus. Wells is also ranked by MLB Pipeline as the No. 96 prospect in all of baseball.

Wells impressed at the plate in his first professional season in 2021, batting .264/.390/.476 and clubbing 16 home runs in 103 games between Single-A Tampa and Hudson Valley. After the season, he played for the Surprise Saguaros in the prestigious Arizona Fall League and was named an All-Star. He is joined by fellow catchers and returners Carlos Narvaez, who hit .304 in 16 games with the Renegades in 2021 and Saul Torres, a solid veteran defensive backstop.

The Yankees first round pick in 2021, Sweeney will hold down the starting short-stop spot after showing offensive promise by hitting seven home runs in 33 games between the Florida Complex League and Tampa in his pro debut. He is joined on the infield by fellow 2021 draftees Bowman (4th round) and Tyler Hardman (5th round). Spencer Henson, T.J. Rumfield, and returner Eduardo Torrealba provide versatility and depth on the infield.

Pereira brings his powerful bat back to the Renegades outfield after hitting 14 home runs in 27 games in Hudson Valley during the 2021 season. His signature game with the 'Gades was his three homer, six RBI performance on September 5 at Greensboro. Pereira is joined by returner Pat DeMarco



Fun with team mascots is just the beginning when it comes to additional attractions at Renegades games. The team has a wide variety of events for fans at each home game.

- Courtesy photo

and newcomers Aaron Palensky and Aldenis Sanchez. Palensky spent the entire 2021 season with Double-A Somerset, playing 37 games, while Sanchez hit .413 in 23 games with Tampa.

Not to be outdone by the bats, the pitching staff promises to be one of the best and deepest in the South Atlantic League in 2022 as well. Highlighted by Sikkema and Way, the staff features returners Nelson Alvarez, Edgar Barclay, Nelvin Correa, Tanner Myatt, and Matt Sauer. New to the Renegades staff will be Blane Abeyta, Bryan Blanton, Blas Castano, Carson Coleman, Wellington Diaz, Michael Giaccone, Rodney Hutchison, Alex Mauricio, Jhonatan Munoz, and Will Warren.

Overall, the Renegades have 12 players who spent time in Hudson Valley last year. The team also features 10 players who were selected in the first 10 rounds of the MLB Draft, including the last three Yankees first round picks (Sikkema, 2019; Wells, 2020; Sweeney, 2021).

Guiding the Renegades will be Tyson Blaser, spending his first season as the manager in Hudson Valley. He is joined on the field staff by pitching coach Spencer Medick, hitting coach Rob Benjamin and defensive coach Jose Javier.

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Besides Malenke and Tori, performers include: Katie Rubin, Jeremy Schonfeld, Rhiannon Parsaca, Christian Campbell, Rose Stoller, Annalyse & Ryan, Rachel Hall, Timothy Brown, Joey “Keys” Charles, Gus Schonfeld, Rowan Parsaca, Leah Siegel, Brian Van Oosterum, Daniel Rowan, Dan Garcia, George H. Gorman and other special guests.

“My participation stems from a place of desiring to help, but knowing I cannot first-hand be on the ground in Ukraine. My gifts lie in music, in singing and I believe I should use that gift whenever possible to bring joy, understanding and consideration to others,” remarked Tori, who was in the First Asian tour of “The Sound of Music,” and has performed at Carnegie Hall.

As for what one can expect if they attend, Malenke said, “Reserva is a Brazilian-themed wine bar that has wine, beer, and Brazilian bites, the music runs the gamut from Broadway to Jazz to Flamenco Guitar to Opera to some Pop. We have an emcee who is a stand-up comic, and pieces composed by local artists that will be performed. We also have kid performers!”

According to organizers, proceeds will go to Razom for Ukraine. “We have friends and colleagues from the Ukraine who have recommended Razom for Ukraine as our charity,” explained Malenke.

Dora Chomiak, President of Razom for

Ukraine, said in a statement to Southern Dutchess News Group, “Razom has always been focused on building a more prosperous Ukraine, but right now, Razom is most focused on one thing, and that’s saving lives via our emergency response. Our emergency response is the SOS button we press in times of need.” Chomiak said, “We created this specific project (out of the many we’ve designed to build a more prosperous Ukraine) to provide urgent help and support in face of an extreme or unforeseen situation in Ukraine. We’re in a unique position to deliver humanitarian aid to Ukraine because we have a trusted network of partners on the ground that can tell us specifically what’s needed most, and where. We’ve built and fostered these relationships since our founding in 2014 after the Revolution of Dignity.” A couple of things, according to Chomiak, that Razom has been able to do:

- Over \$4-million+ has been spent on tactical medicine supplies (out of the \$10-million Razom has spent towards its Emergency Response Project). This number continues to grow each day.

- Razom is averaging procuring 10,000 tourniquets per week (worth over \$250,000/week) from the most reputable suppliers buying CAT, SOF-T and/or SAM brands. These single-use devices continue to be the most sought-after and requested across Ukraine as they play a huge role in life-or-death situations by stopping arterial bleeding.

“We hope that people will know how much this affects each and every person in



The Beacon Benefit for Ukraine will be held at Reserva Wine Bar on Main St. in Beacon on April 10. The benefit will assist Razom for Ukraine. Pictured are members of Razom at its shipping partner’s warehouse. Inset Jennifer Malenke, left, and Nicole Tori are co-producers of the benefit.

-Courtesy photos

the world, and that now is the time to come together to help our fellow humans. The level of suffering that is happening over there is unimaginable, we have been in a relatively peaceful time in the world, the only thing we can do to help is love and donate,” said Malenke.

Tori noted, “Music is the language of all people, and certainly during these unprecedented times of COVID-19, coming togeth-

er (now that we can) and sharing time in person, enjoying music while simultaneously helping those who are suffering from this humanitarian crisis is part of why I do what I do! Music, art powerfully helps to heal!”

For more information, visit Razom for Ukraine (www.razomforukraine.org) and <https://www.facebook.com/Beacon-Benefit-for-Ukraine-107128691950693>. One may donate direct from the Facebook page.

Registration open for DBCH’s virtual forum on addiction and recovery

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DBCH) will host a virtual public forum on Thursday, April 14th via Microsoft Teams from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to discuss services and programs in Dutchess County for people in all stages of addiction and recovery. Individuals, families and community providers are encouraged to attend, and all input will help shape the County’s 2023 Local Service Plans to strengthen addiction and recovery services throughout the county. Registration is required, and residents can register at dutchessny.gov/forumcomments.

The forum will review the latest substance use-related efforts and initiatives throughout Dutchess County and discuss potential changes that may be needed. The forum is

part of Dutchess County’s “Breaking Through” initiative, which is designed to minimize the stigma of substance abuse and facilitate access to recovery services.

The forum will offer attendees the opportunity to share their own experiences, hear from community members who found a pathway to recovery, learn about local services, and speak directly with the County’s recovery service providers. In addition, Dr. Kelly Ramsey, Chief of Medical Services at the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Support, will discuss COVID-19 and its impact on substance use, substance use disorder and overdoses.

For those unable to attend, or do not feel comfortable speaking in public settings, DBCH welcomes written comments and

questions to be read aloud by the forum moderator. Individuals may submit comments online at dutchessny.gov/forumcomments, by email to gcollins@dutchessny.gov, fax comments to 845-486-3691, or mail to: Addiction and

Recovery Forum, 230 North Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

Additional information about addiction and recovery services available in Dutchess County is available on DBCH’s substance use webpage.

‘Cowgirls: Contemporary Portraits of the American West’ closing reception April 9

The closing reception of “Cowgirls: Contemporary Portraits of the American West” will be held on April 9 from 4 – 6 p.m. at The Lofts at Beacon Gallery, 18 Front St., in Beacon. There will be an artist talk at 3 p.m.

The exhibit is a photographic collection of women who make their living as ranchers or participate in the rodeo circuit. Ronnie Farley traveled throughout the American west from 1992-93, document-

ing cowgirls and oftentimes working on the ranches she photographed.

Published by Crown in 1995, and reprinted by Thunder’s Mouth Press in 1998, this exhibition toured the United States from 2007-2011 as part of the national exhibits USA museum show roster.

For more information, call 845-202-7211 or visit WWW.LOFTSATBEACON.COM.

Beacon, Legal Services team up to assist residents in needs of housing

The City of Beacon is partnering with Legal Services of the Hudson Valley to provide residents in need of housing assistance with dedicated paralegal service. To start an intake call, dial 845-253-6953.

To access a flyer for the services offered in

Beacon, use the following link: <https://beaconny.gov/.../legal-services-of-the-hudson.../>

For more information on Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, visit <https://www.lshv.org/>.

Pick up an ‘Edward Scissorhands’ free movie kit at the Howland Public for April.

Adults, stop by the Howland Public Library, 313 Main St., in Beacon at any point beginning Thursday, April 7, to pick up a free movie kit. Included in the kit is: a DVD of “Edward Scissorhands” and snacks. Also included is a “Movie

Review” sheet if one would like to share their thoughts of the movie with others.

This film, directed by Time Burton, stars Johnny Depp and Winona Ryder. The movie is Rated PG-13.

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Vietnam veteran appreciates Town of Wappinger event

To the Editor:

As a Vietnam veteran, I am deeply appreciative of the recognition event held this past Tuesday (National Vietnam War Veterans Day- March 29) honoring Vietnam veterans at the Wappinger Town Hall.

This first-time event was the result of the dedicated efforts of the Wappinger Town Board, Town Recreation Committee, Town Supervisor, and Wappinger Veterans Advisory Group (WVA), and was well attended by about 40 veterans and their friends and families.

Comments of veterans support were well received from NYS Senator Sue Serino, NYS Assemblyman Kieran Lalor and town officials. The audience and I were moved in hearing two Vietnam veterans and the brother of a KIA veteran speak about their personal experiences. A lone dining table recognized the importance in remembering MIA veterans.

All attending veterans received the Vietnam War Veteran Lapel pin and other recognition items, including the proclamations of Presidents Obama and Trump officially creating the commemoration of the Vietnam War. The Town of Wappinger is to be congratulated in recognizing and honoring the service and sacrifice of all Vietnam veterans with this very special, very successful, and very much appreciated event.

Craig Marshall
Clinton Corners

Beacon Elks recognize Libby Funeral Home's Schuka



Exalted Ruler Ron Piga (center) and Americanism Chair Carl Oken (right) recently acknowledged Libby Funeral Home and Cremation Services Funeral Director Joe Schuka (left) for outstanding presentation of our American Flag. A picture of the Flag display and an Elks Citation were presented to Schuka.

--Courtesy photo

Independent Reapportionment Commission meetings set April 7-8

The Dutchess County Independent Reapportionment Commission will meet on Thursday, April 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Friday, April 8, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The purpose of these meetings is to review 2020 Census demographic data and its impact on how district lines should be drawn in Dutchess County.

The public has the right to attend in person at the Dutchess County Behavioral and Community Health Mental Hygiene Training Room at 230 North Road, Poughkeepsie, or via video conference or by phone.

Public comments may be submitted using the MS Teams Chat Function or in writing on the comment form on the IRC website - see webpage comment form.

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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For the April 8 meeting:
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Serino urges local residents to submit comments to PSC on high energy bills

NYS Senator Sue is urging local residents to make their voices heard by submitting comment to the state's Public Service Commission (PSC) regarding any problems they have experienced with their electric bills.

"My office continues to be inundated with calls and emails from frustrated neighbors who are reporting truly egregious issues with their electric bills," said Serino. "From receiving no bills to receiving multiple, ever changing bills, to price increases three and four times their average bill, this has been an unmitigated disaster that needs to be corrected immediately. I thank the Public Service Commission for being responsive to my request and urge our neighbors to act swiftly to submit their pub-

lic comments for the record so the state gets a clear and accurate picture of the breadth of this problem."

On February 16, Serino wrote to Governor Kathy Hochul and PSC Chair Rory Christian asking for, among other things, the PSC to launch an investigation into the high bills residents have been receiving. On March 8, Serino received a response in which it was confirmed that an investigation has commenced.

Residents who wish to submit public comment can do so at <https://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/MatterManagement/CaseMaster.aspx?MatterCaseNo=22-00666&CaseSearch=Search>. To date, more than 700 public comments have already been submitted.

New York State accepting comments regarding Central Hudson

The New York State Department of Public Service has opened an official investigation into Central Hudson Gas and Electric's recent billing practices and customer information system implementation, and residents are encouraged to share their comments

with the State.

Residents who have experienced an issue recently are urged to provide their comments with the State through its online portal: <https://on.ny.gov/3IVI03a>.

Narcan, Stop the Bleed training set April 23

A 40-minute long Narcan training and a one-hour Stop the Bleed training sessions will be provided by Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps professionals on April 23, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building hall, 413 Main St., Beacon. Use entrance on Teller Ave.

overdosed on narcotics while Stop the Bleed training demonstrates the proper application of tourniquets to stop bleeding. Skills could be used in everyday accidents.

Please respond to DCORTES@Beaconvac.org no later than April 20. Age Group: Mature.

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Dutchess County honors Youth and Police Initiative graduates

Dutchess County officials, New York State Sen. Sue Serino, City of Poughkeepsie Mayor Rob Rolison and Poughkeepsie City School District Superintendent Dr. Eric Jay Rosser were among those on Saturday, March 26, who celebrated 15 students from the district upon their graduation from the inaugural Youth and Police Initiative (YPI) training session, a weeklong, curriculum-based program, funded by Dutchess County Government, that helps build positive change and trust between young people and law enforcement by providing early intervention initiatives for students to build rapport with police officers.

In response to a series of recent incidents among school-aged children in the City of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County has invested in several initiatives, including the YPI program, with the goal of de-escalating tensions in school and the community.

County Executive Marc Molinaro said, "The Poughkeepsie City School District and its students must succeed, and Dutchess County is proud to make available to them numerous resources and trainings to make that happen – an ongoing pledge to the children of the district, as well as the faculty, staff and administration entrusted with their care each school day. I commend these first graduates for taking the time and effort to complete this comprehensive training, from which they and their peers will benefit. By taking this step, these students have demonstrated their commitment to making their school, district and community a safer place, and we look forward to having more of their classmates follow in their footsteps."

The graduation luncheon, held at Dutchess Community College's Drumlin Hall, capped the first of the YPI training sessions for students and law enforcement

scheduled in 2022.

Beginning on Tuesday, March 22, Poughkeepsie students took part in extensive YPI training following school over four days, with Beulah Baptist Church hosting the training sessions. The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, City of Poughkeepsie Police and New York State Police each provided officers for the program.

During the weeklong YPI training, local young people and police officers engage in discussions, games and role plays to build their public speaking and facilitation skills, get to know each other on a personal level and learn from each other. By inviting participants to engage in meaningful conversations, YPI aims to replace stereotypes with understanding and trust.

"This helped me build bonds with officers," Poughkeepsie High School junior Darrian Black said. "I learned that not everyone is the same and you shouldn't stereotype people based on social media." Black became involved with the program after applying for a tutoring job with Family Partnership. "I would definitely recommend it to other students."

The YPI training is another county program which reflects its commitment to the Path to Promise initiative, to ensure that all young people in Dutchess County have the assets they need to achieve their full potential. Successfully offered in other cities, including Newburgh, Albany and White Plains, YPI creates links to positive community resources that support young people. Highly structured, the training flourishes due to the involvement of each participant; participating students receive a stipend for their time and contributions to the program's success, upon graduation.

"The Youth Police Initiative has been a good opportunity for PCSD students to



Fifteen local students graduated from the Youth and Police Initiative program on Saturday, March 26, having worked with local law enforcement officials to build a positive change in their community.

-Courtesy photo

establish leadership skills through a weeklong program with law enforcement. Students resoundingly applauded the program with a regret that it was only one week," Dr. Rosser said. "PCSD is appreciative of the County and local law enforcement for their commitment to supporting the positive youth development of PCSD students. We look forward to additional students participating."

The YPI training is just the latest resources Dutchess County Government has made available to the Poughkeepsie City School District, including two January 2022 virtual sessions in trauma-informed care, which was made available to hundreds of district teachers, administrators and support staff.

Following a meeting with county and district leaders in November 2021, and at the urging of County Executive Molinaro, the County Legislature included \$500,000 in the 2022 County Budget to address

violence among school-aged youth.

Dutchess County Government offers a wide range of mental health resources to all local school districts, including:

- Stabilization Center – available 24/7 at 230 North Road, Poughkeepsie;
- HELPLINE (845-485-9700) – immediate phone or text link with mental health professionals and connection to services;
- Mobile Crisis Intervention Team (MCIT) – caring mental health professionals who can go directly to a person in crisis to help prevent a situation from getting worse, see what the person needs, and connect them to services that can help them right away; and
- Youth Mental Health First Aid training.

More information about the county's behavioral health services and programs is available on the Department of Behavioral and Community Health's website, accessible via www.dutchessny.gov.

Protect your sensitive information and tax refund

The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, along with the New York State Office of Information Technology Services and the Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection, shared important tips to help New York taxpayers block identity thieves and tax fraudsters.

File promptly using e-file and direct deposit of your tax refund. Filing your tax returns as soon as possible can reduce the likelihood that an identity thief will be able to claim a fraudulent tax refund using your stolen information. Filing electronically is also safer, faster, and more efficient than sending paper returns through the mail.

Taxpayers with income of \$73,000 or less in 2021 can electronically complete and submit their federal and New York State income tax returns online at no cost. Free File software allows you to file from home, which eliminates the need to carry sensitive data outside a safe location.

Visit the Tax Department website, www.tax.ny.gov, to review different Free File options. Simply click?Free File your income tax return on the Tax Department home page.

By choosing direct deposit for your tax refund, you'll receive it up to two weeks sooner rather than having it mailed as a paper check.

Protect data and documents used to prepare your return. Keep sensitive per-

sonal information and documents safe during and after the filing process and delete or shred once no longer needed.

Be wary of unsolicited emails and telephone calls asking for personal information. Never share personal information, such as your Social Security number, in response to an unsolicited email or telephone call. If the email or call claims to be from a company with which you do business, call it first to confirm the contact is legitimate. Scammers will also use scare tactics and threats related to tax debt to get you to share your personal and financial information.

Use strong passwords. Create different passwords for all your accounts. When it comes to passwords, the longer the better - 14 characters is the current industry standard. Use a combination of letters (upper and lower case), numbers, and symbols. Consider passphrases, where you use the first letters of a memorable phrase to create a complex password that is difficult to guess. Regularly change your passwords/passphrases.

It's important to regularly review the steps necessary to secure your sensitive information.

Report it If you're a victim or believe you may be a victim of tax-related identity theft, alert the Tax Dept. immediately. They will track your information to help keep it private and protected. Visit <https://www.tax.ny.gov/help/contact/fraud/> for more information.

Renegades team up with Curemark for sensory safe suite

The Hudson Valley Renegades, the High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees, are partnering with Curemark this season on a Sensory Safe Suite at Dutchess Stadium. Suite No. 8 will be redesigned as a fun, accommodating and functional space to create a better game experience for families with children on the autism spectrum and with special needs.

The Curemark Sensory Safe Suite will have features that provide a feeling of comfort and relaxation at Renegades games while maintaining all of the engaging and standard aspects of a game at The Dutch. This will result in an atmosphere that allows guests in the suite to decompress and absorb the game with family and friends away from the louder, more frantic environments that exist throughout the ballpark.

"Curemark is pleased to partner with the Hudson Valley Renegades, a New York Yankee affiliate, to sponsor a safe and fun space for children with autism and their families," said Dr. Joan Fallon, CEO of Curemark. "Providing access to baseball, our national pastime, for all individuals is

truly important to me. I am grateful to the Renegades for this opportunity."

For the 2022 season, the Renegades will be fielding applications from parties interested in a game in the Sensory Safe Suite. In accordance with Dutchess Stadium capacity restrictions, the suite can have a party of up to 12 people for any game. Families can request its use by reaching out to Community Partnerships and Guest Services Manager Marcella Costello (marcella@hvrenegades.com).

"Having a sensory safe suite in our ballpark is not only an important community initiative but an enhancement to our overall fan experience," said Steve Gliner, PresidentThe Sensory Safe Suite's unique look and infrastructure are courtesy of Fun and Function, a Pennsylvania-based company in the suburbs of Philadelphia. Fun and Function has worked with Curemark in the past to create sensory spaces throughout MiLB.

For more information on the Curemark Sensory Safe Suite or the 2021 season, call 845-838-0094.

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Troop 40 honor newest Eagle Scout

Fishkill officials honor reitree



Andrew Check, joined by his parents Jacki and Mark Check, is Troop 40's newest Eagle Scout. An Eagle Court of Honor was held on March 26 to recognize Andrew's multiple awards and achievements. Andrew's service project was to refurbish and re-route the 1.6-mile geology hiking trail at Sharpe Reservation. This involved using GPS to identify points of interest on the trail, removing brush, adding mulch, updating trail markers, and updating the brochure given to campers and groups visiting Sharpe Reservation.

-Courtesy photo



Fishkill Town Board member John Forman, left, with Fishkill Highway Superintendent Glenn Scofield, right, celebrate Gary Nameth's 35 years of service to the town of Fishkill Highway Department and a well-deserved retirement.

-Courtesy photo

DCBH advises healthcare officials to stay alert for Listeria infection

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health (DBCH) is advising healthcare providers to be alert for symptoms of Listeria infection (Listeriosis) and to educate patients, particularly pregnant patients, about causes of Listeria infection. DBCH has noted an increase in Listeria infections in pregnant women. Pregnant women are 10 times more likely than others to contract Listeriosis, with significantly higher rates seen in Hispanic women. Pregnant women are at high risk for adverse outcomes, such as miscarriage, stillbirth and preterm labor. Pregnant women can pass the infection to their unborn baby resulting in serious illness such as sepsis, meningitis and in some cases death.

The Department of Behavioral & Community Health advises healthcare providers to:

- Share Important Information for Patients Regarding Listeria. Encourage patients who are trying to become pregnant to consult with their primary care or obstetrical provider regarding Listeria infection and ways to prevent it. Remind those who are pregnant to avoid soft cheeses and unpasteurized milks, undercooked seafood, sushi containing raw fish, hot dogs, deli meats, prepared deli salads and pate. Raw produce should be thoroughly washed under running water even if it is going to be peeled. Symptoms such as fever, fatigue, and other flu-like symptoms should be reported to their primary care or obstetrical provider

and to be aware symptoms may not appear until 2 months after exposure.

- Testing and Treatment for Listeria if patients present with symptoms. Infected pregnant women may have no symptoms or mild flu-like symptoms. ACOG provides guidelines for treatment based on clinical presentation. Providers of obstetrical care should consider further education to pregnant patients on foodborne illnesses as a method of prevention.

- Report all cases of positive Listeriosis results (including both culture and culture-independent tests) to the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health at 845-486-3566.

Background:
Listeria is a rare, but serious infection caused by eating food contaminated with Listeriosis Monocytogenes. CDC estimates that Listeria infection is the third leading cause of death from food poisoning in the United States, with approximately 1,600 people who get sick from Listeria each year, and 260 die. The disease affects primarily pregnant women and their newborns, older adults, and those with weakened immune systems. For more information on Listeria infection (Listeriosis), including pregnant women and listeria, go to: <https://www.cdc.gov/listeria/risk-groups/pregnant-women.html>

For more additional information or questions, contact Dutchess County Division of Communicable Disease at 845-486-3402.

Online meditation program set April 12

A free online program on Meditation will be hosted by the East Fishkill Community Library on April 12, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Rev. Susan Olin-Dabrowski, BS, CHt Certified Consulting Hypnotist & Reiki Master Teacher will lead this program on meditation. The free meditation workshop is offered each month on the second Tuesday of the month.

Check out her website at <http://www.wholepersonhealing.net>.

Church to hold children's celebration

Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1400 Route 52, in Fishkill will host a Children Easter Celebration on April 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. Event is free.

For more information, call 845-831-5674.

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Suguru solution



Above is an interior shot of pages 94 and 95 of the Mabbett Store Ledger, recording purchases made between July 3-5, 1773. Images courtesy of Millbrook Historical Society/Dutchess County Clerk

Finding treasures and exploring shopping in colonial Dutchess County

By Will Tatum

The scenario is almost like something out of a treasure-hunting adventure.

Some years back, an unnamed individual dropped a tattered leather-bound volume off at the dump in the Town of Washington. An eagle-eyed observer picked up the book, saw that it was quite old, and brought it to the Millbrook Historical Society. Last summer, the Millbrook Historical Society loaned the volume to the Dutchess County Clerk's Office as part of County Clerk Brad Kendall's Archival Imaging Initiative.

Through this program, Dutchess County produces high quality digital copies of rare and vital historical manuscripts, ensuring that the information contained within them is preserved and made available to the public.

The tattered volume in question was just such a treasure: It preserved lists of goods purchased from Samuel Mabbett's store in 1773 and 1774. The store stood close by the Nine Partners Meeting House, which still stands today along Route 343 near the Village of Millbrook, though the current two-story brick building post-dates Mabbett's original store. Kept by his son Joseph Mabbett, the several hundred pages of scrawled handwriting preserve the names of Dutchess County residents as far afield as modern Dover and Stanford.

As if hinting that imperial tensions were reaching a boiling point even in central Dutchess, Joseph inscribed the following line just inside the cover: "God save the King, and Bless the Land; In plenty Joy and peace, God grant henceforth that foul debates twixt Noble men may cease."

While Mabbett's wish for harmony was years away from fulfillment, concerns over potential war do not appear to have severely affected the family business. Between July 1-7, 1773, Joseph recorded 292 transactions. While that might not sound like a huge number for a week's worth of business, shopping in eighteenth-century Dutchess County was

a little more involved than a dash down Route 9 is today.

Consider that customers had to either walk, ride a horse, or travel in a wagon to reach the Mabbett store, with travel times probably adding up to the better part of a full day. Once on site, shoppers had to navigate a different approach to the shopping experience. Instead of wandering through aisles choosing products, customers would likely have placed an order at a front counter with store staff, who fetched the items for them, probably from secure storage.

Paying for merchandise was both different and similar to today's shopping: practically everything was purchased on credit. However, where we use credit cards today, customers in 1773 used store credit, settling their accounts in-kind with items brought from their farms and business to pay off their bills. Dutchess County, New York, and the rest of British North America was light on hard cash, on purpose: Authorities in London did not want their colonists purchased goods from Dutch, French, or Spanish merchants. Severely restricting the gold and silver supply ensured that Dutchess County residents were confined within the British imperial system, but also made credit a necessity and settling debts a complicated business.

So what makes the Mabbett Store Ledger especially valuable?

Most the ledgers recording store purchases in this period did not preserve much detail on what customers purchased. Instead, storekeepers emphasized the math involved in tracking debt and credit transactions. Most books were divided with a record of the debt (purchases) on the left page and credit (usually bartered goods) on the right page. The goal was for the math to add up to the same number in each column, which signaled a balanced account.

Recording what a customer purchased was incidental to the process, so many of the sur-

ving store ledgers simply show numbers or such helpful descriptions as "sundrys" in the debit column. In contrast, the Mabbett Store Ledger only lists what was purchased: it was probably kept on the spot at the front counter to record transactions at these happened, with the data being entered into a formal double-entry ledger later.

So what were the most popular purchases in early July 1773 in central Dutchess? Textiles and related items (like pins and thread) topped the list at 27 percent of all transactions. The most popular item within that set was fabric sold by the yard, especially linen, which would have been used for men's shirts and women's shifts, the underwear of the day. Liquor was next on the list of popular purchases, with rum leading the pack: 45 out of the 52 liquor purchases were for rum.

And we are not speaking of small quantities here: Joseph Mabbett was selling rum at a minimum quantity of a half-gallon, with many purchases in multiple gallons. One must note that contemporary people used rum to preserve certain parts of the harvest, particularly fruit, but some approaches to consuming alcohol have not changed much over time. Customers also purchased brandy and wine, but there are no indications of whisky sales for those who might prefer a good single malt today.

Manufactured goods and prepared foods accounted for the remaining transactions. The main idea of the British colonial system was to extract raw materials (like iron from eastern Dutchess), bring those materials back to Great Britain, turn them into finished products, and then sell them back to the colonies.

The presence of iron furnaces and blacksmiths in Dutchess County from an early period complicated that story and it may well be that some of the items purchased from the Mabbetts were made locally. Scythes and sickles, which accounted for 26

out of the 45 transactions, could certainly be made by a local blacksmith. Cast-iron kettles, settles of tableware (specifically knives and forks), tea pots, and teacups were more likely to be imported from abroad.

The prepared foods similarly reflected items that could not be produced onsite in Dutchess, with tea and sugar topping the chart. There was neither a Harney's, nor even a

Millerton, for the residents of 1773 to visit. Customers also purchased ink horns for writing, spelling books for school, and a rat trap.

While the data contained within the Mabbett Store Ledger may not be surprising for historians, it is nevertheless vital for the study of our shared past, particularly in light of the approaching 250th anniversary of the Revolution. The ledger offers us a rare view into daily life, one with which we can find many parallels today.

We certainly visit the grocery store more frequently than our predecessors, but we probably all buy sugar, salt, and tea at some point. Practically all of the manufactured goods purchased today are produced far from Dutchess, New York, and even the United States. The realities of a global economy are nothing new: The denizens of 1773 knew the consequences of its rises and falls well. Most of all, the Mabbett Store Ledger reminds us to be careful with those rare survivals from our local past. It is not uncommon to encounter mystery items in garages, attics, basements, and laundry rooms. If you encounter a weird old book or other potentially historic item, run it by your local historical society or me before consigning it to the trash heap. Thank you to all the eagle-eyed observers who, like our friend at the dump, have saved rare survivals of our past for future generations to study.

Will Tatum earned his Ph.D. in History at Brown University in 2016 and has served as the Dutchess County Historian since 2012.

Legislature to vote on purchase of Camp Nooteeing in Pleasant Valley

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro announced he has sent a resolution to the County Legislature for the purchase of Camp Nooteeing, a 272-acre camp in the Town of Pleasant Valley, from Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The County plans to partner with Pathfinder FC (Football Club) for the management and operation of the camp, including coordination of youth camp programs and facility rentals, creating a sustainable operational model with no annual operating costs to the County. Once approved, camp programs for local non-profit organizations are expected to be operational for this summer. Camp programs will be part of an array of youth and community programs offered in coordination with the County's Path to Promise (P2P) initiative.

Once approved by the Legislature's Public Works and Capital Projects Committee, the full County Legislature will vote on the property purchase at its board meeting on Monday, April 11th.

County Executive Molinaro said, "Giving Dutchess County youth opportunities to grow, learn, and reach their potential is one of our top priorities. Camp Nooteeing will give so many opportunities for the youth and families of Dutchess County to explore nature, play sports, and build memories that will last a lifetime. I know the members of the Legislature share our vision and commitment to Dutchess County youth, and I look forward to legislators' consideration and approval of this important investment."

The resolution, which the Legislature's Public Works and Capital Projects Committee will consider at their April 7th meeting, will authorize a \$4.8 million appro-

priation from the County's General Fund balance. The \$4.8 million includes the purchase of the camp property for \$4 million, which was appraised at over \$5.2 million, as well as \$200,000 for all the existing maintenance and camp equipment such as canoes, row boats, archery equipment, bunk beds, tents, tables and chairs, mowers, tractors, and more; and an additional \$600,000 for the Department of Public Works (DPW) to make safety and ADA compliance improvements.

Existing features of the camp include:

- Administration buildings
- Program pavilion
- Professional-grade sports fields (including stands, lighting, and press box)
- Camping accommodations (including rustic cabin and tent sites)
- Archery and rifle ranges
- Commercial kitchen
- Hiking trails
- Outdoor pools

County Legislator representing the Town of Pleasant Valley and vice-chair of the Public Works and Capital Projects Committee, Don Sagliano said, "This camp has the potential to become a vital tool for building brighter futures. I am grateful to County Executive Molinaro for his vision in seeing that potential. I am proud to support this resolution and bring a new opportunity for out-of-school experiences to the youth of Dutchess County."

The County conducted a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) process for a facility operator for Camp Nooteeing earlier this year to ensure summer camp programs could occur for the

upcoming summer season following the property purchase. Pathfinder FC, who currently has a lease on the property for soccer facilities, was chosen as the camp operator.

The organization will be responsible for expanding programming at the camp to support the County's Path to Promise (P2P) ini-

tiative, including career exploration and building leadership skills. P2P strives to provide young people ages 0-19 the necessary community resources to become successful young adults, focuses on fostering physical and mental health as well as building family and social relationships, among other metrics for success.

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Vietnam War Veterans Day ceremony held in Wappinger



Officials, staff, and residents of the Town of Wappinger gathered at Wappinger Town Hall to recognize Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Day for an inaugural ceremony on March 29 paying tribute to those who served our nation in this conflict.

Wappinger Supervisor Richard L. Thurston and Wappinger Veterans Advisory President Kevin Hathorn welcomed dozens of Vietnam veterans who attended the event which featured speakers such as New York State Senator Sue Serino; New York State Assemblyman Kieran Lalor; and Ken Crusie who is the brother of William "Bill" Crusie, who was one of four Wappinger residents killed in action during the Vietnam War. Additional speakers included Vietnam veterans Bob Taylor and Town of Clinton Historian Craig Marshall, Dutchess County Director of Veterans Services Adam

Roche, Supervisor Thurston, and Wappinger Veterans Advisory member Randy Ross.

During the March 14, Regular Meeting of the Wappinger Town Board, Resolution-2022-57 was unanimously adopted Proclaiming March 29, 2022, as Vietnam War Veterans Day in the Town of Wappinger. The date marks the anniversary of March 29, 1973, when the last 2,500 American combat troops were withdrawn from the battlefields of Vietnam.

Jointly, the Town and Veterans Advisory Group hosted this ceremony on this date to pay tribute to those who served and to remember the memories of those from Wappinger who were killed in action such as Major Daniel M. Martz Jr., the first Dutchess County resident to die in the war; William "Bill" Crusie, Wayne Anthony Whiteley, and Major Joseph MacDonald who is still missing in action.



Town of Wappinger officials and community hosted a ceremony to recognize Vietnam War veterans at Wappinger Town Hall on March 29. The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act was passed in 2017.

Clockwise from left, more than 100 people attended the ceremony. Wappinger Supervisor Richard Thurston makes remarks. Kevin Hathorn, President of the Wappinger Town Veterans Advisory Group speaks to those in attendance. NYS Senator Sue Serino stands with veterans James Metrando, left, and Tom Masch.

-Courtesy photos

Dance set at Elks Lodge on April 9

Get On Down at the Elks Lounge Dance Night on Saturday, April 9 at 7 p.m., at 900 Wolcott Avenue (Rt. 9D), Beacon. Dance to a vibrant mix of musical styles; song requests welcome. Admission \$15, \$10 for Elks members,

includes a variety of complimentary snacks, and a full cash bar is available. All are welcome – singles, couples, friends, newcomers.

For more information, call 845-765-0667 or email rhodaja@optonline.net.

Free technology assistance at Howland Public Library

Howland Public Library is participating in Digital Navigators of the Hudson Valley, a program that seeks to provide free technology assistance to residents of the region. Staff of Howland Public Library received training to become navigators.

Digital navigators are trained guides who work in branch libraries or community organizations. They assist anyone in need with using a device, securing free or low-cost internet service, and much more. The program is administered by the Southeastern New York Library Resources Council (Southeastern) and supported with federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds allocated to the New York State Library by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

It's free to utilize the services of Howland Public Library's digital navigator. Navigators can help connect people to low-cost internet service and learn to use a device. They can also assist with a variety of key tasks, including:

- Finding ways to purchase low-cost

- phones or computers
 - Finding resources for housing and submit online applications
 - Managing healthcare, including: tele-health visits, patient portals, and other information
 - Locating food resources
 - Making a resume and filling out online job applications
 - Making video calls to family and friends
 - Connecting with public information like local government meetings
 - Applying for services and benefits such as SNAP, Medicaid, and more
 - Accessing educational services, such as remote learning opportunities or connecting to a child's school portal
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- To connect with a navigator at Howland Public Library, please call 845-831-1134 ext. 102 or email referencedepartment@beaconlibrary.org. To get the full list of digital navigator locations in the region, visit hvconnected.org.

Comedy show Saturday in Beacon

Serious Comedy Show presents Comedy Variety Show featuring Joey Dardano on April 9 at 8 p.m. at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St. in Beacon. Tickets are

\$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Mask and proof of vaccination required. For tickets, visit howlandculturalcenter.org.

The Beacon Players to offer free, child-friendly performance of 'Into the Woods'

The Beacon Players of Beacon High School to host free performance April 30 at 1 p.m. at Beacon High School, 101 Matteawan Rd.

The Beacon Players drama club is very grateful to the city of Beacon and the surrounding communities for all the support that they have shown the Beacon Players over the years, not only in attending the shows but in loaning props, costumes and taking ads in programs and allowing posters in their windows and inside their stores.

The Beacon Players would like to give back in the best way that they know how, through the shows. They would like to offer a child-friendly performance of "Into the Woods." They know that the first act is the "happy act" that ends with all the characters in a very upbeat

position, so they are offering that for the younger audiences.

There is no charge for the performance, but there must an adult for every 4 children. Children up to 12 only.

All COVID guidelines will be followed meaning masks must be worn and seating will be very limited and socially distant.

Those who want to attend the performance must register using the form on The Beacon Players website. Attendees will then receive and Registration Number which will allow entrance to the show.

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Obituaries

Charles Edward McCarthy



BEACON – Charles Edward McCarthy, age 82, of Beacon, NY died peacefully on Tuesday, March 29th, 2022 at home surrounded by his family and loving wife of 61 years, Catherine (Allen)

McCarthy. He was born in Manhattan, NY to Edward and Julia (Ryan) McCarthy on December 8th, 1939 and was the oldest of their two children. Charley, known as “Mack” by his friends and co-workers, grew up in the Parkchester area of the Bronx, graduating from Manhattan College in 1960. He then began his life of service to others as he joined the teaching staff at the Riverdale Country School. At Riverdale he was a Physical Education teacher and successful coach of several sports including track, football, baseball, and soccer where he influenced hundreds of students and athletes with his knowledgeable, enthusiastic, and patient approach to teaching and coaching. He passionately believed that everyone, regardless of ability, should be encouraged to participate in sports and he managed to find a place for all his students on the field. While at Riverdale he was fortunate to coach several elite athletes in their formative years, among them NFL running back great Calvin Hill. “Coach Mack” transitioned from teaching to serving as a Recreational Therapist for the State of New York, first for those overcoming drug addiction and later when he was called to serve those with special needs. It was in this role, over nearly three decades, that Coach Mack successfully introduced, coached, and qualified many athletes in multiple sports to both State and National Special Olympics teams where they won countless medals. After retirement, Charley spent much of his time fishing, watching his beloved NY Yankees and the Hudson Valley Renegades, and most importantly attending the myriad of sporting and school activities of his grandkids who could always count on “Papa” as their loudest and most enthusiastic fan in the crowd. Charley is survived by his beloved wife Catherine, his brother Gerard McCarthy of Las Vegas NV, his six children, sons Ed (Karen) McCarthy of North Myrtle Beach SC, John (Patricia) McCarthy of Hopewell Junction NY, Kevin (Wanda) McCarthy of New Hamburg, NY, Dan (Patty) McCarthy of Cornwall, NY, and daughters Mary (James) Huber of East Chatham, NY and Catherine Schetter of Marlboro, NY. Charley was also blessed with 22 Grandchildren and 14 Great Grandchildren, many of whom have followed in his footsteps into teaching, coaching and/or serving their community and country. He was predeceased by his parents and his grandson Brannon McCarthy. Charley’s Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Mary Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill, New York at 10 am on Saturday, April 9th, 2022, followed by interment at Saint Joachim’s Cemetery, 325 Washington Avenue, Beacon, New York. In lieu of flowers, his family asks that donations be made in his memory to Hudson Valley Hospice, 374 Violet Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Arrangements were entrusted to the care of the LIBBY FUNERAL HOME, 55 Teller Avenue, Beacon, New York. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.LibbyFuneralHome.com

Edwin A. Schmidt



BEACON - Edwin A. Schmidt, formerly of Brewster, NY, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, March 19, 2022 at his home in Beacon, NY; he was 75 years old. He was born in Oneonta, NY on

December 24, 1946, son of the late John Sebastian & Mary Elizabeth (Tymeson) Schmidt. Edwin worked as a wood furniture restorer in the Brewster area for many years. Ed enjoyed watching old westerns and he was a big fan of the NY Rangers. He was a kind and humble person. Edwin is survived by his sister Joyce Moxley (Bill) of New Hill, NC, a brother Gene (Barbara) of Unadilla, NY a brother William of Dillon, SC, and several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his special caregiver Tricia Emmons of Beacon, NY. He will be missed by all. Arrangements were entrusted to the care of the LIBBY FUNERAL HOME, 55 Teller Avenue, Beacon, NY. Interment will be private at the discretion of his family. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.LibbyFuneralHome.com.

Isabelle T. Berner



BEACON – Isabelle T. Berner, a life-long Beacon resident, passed peacefully from this life on March 27, 2022 at her home in Beacon, NY; she was 102 years young. She was born in New York, NY on

December 6, 1919, daughter of the late Anthony & Josephine (nee Briglia) DeGrazia. Her beloved husband, Bernard Berner, predeceased her after 70-years of marriage on May 12, 2012. Isabelle was a devoted & much loved wife, loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and even a great-great-grandmother. During the 1960s and 70s, she owned & operated the Kaleidoscope Dress Shop in Beacon for 10-years. Isabelle was a fine artist, an avid painter; always loved creating new masterpieces. She was a woman before her times, speaking out in her community for what was right and against wrongs. Isabelle always made a friend with everyone she met, never uttering a bad word of anyone; she was always there helping others. She will be remembered for being a loving, kind, gentle woman, who was loved by all her family, friends, neighbors, and her animals! Isabelle is survived by her two daughters and one son: Patricia Barth, Anita Donofrio and her husband Nicholas, Joseph Berner and his wife Karen. She is also survived by her six grandchildren: Nicholas Hockler, Terry Hockler, Michael Donofrio, Nicole Donofrio, Jason Berner and Valerie Berner and her five great-grandchildren & five great-great-grandchildren. Along with her husband of 70-years of marriage, Isabelle is also predeceased by her two sisters and one brother: Gloria DeGrazia, Camilla Bila and Joseph DeGrazia. As per Isabelle's wishes there will be no services, a private cremation will take place then an interment at the Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA; where Isabelle will be laid to rest next to her husband. In lieu of services and flowers, the family wishes for memorial donations to be made to the ARF Animal Rescue Foundation <https://www.arfbeacon.org> or Americares <https://www.americares.org>. Arrangements were entrusted to the care of the LIBBY FUNERAL HOME, 55 Teller Avenue, Beacon, NY. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.LibbyFuneralHome.com.

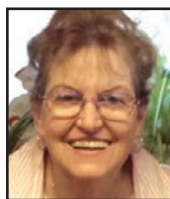
Carol Jane Walker



WAPPINGERS FALLS – Carol Jane Walker, a resident of the Town of Wappinger since 1966 and formerly of Peekskill, passed away on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at Vassar Brothers

Medical Center. She was 86. Daughter of the late Mary P. Nohai and Arthur E. Mansfield, she was born in Peekskill on October 13, 1935. On April 1, 1956, she married Robert G. Walker in Peekskill; Mr. Walker predeceased her in 2010. Carol Jane loved collecting roosters and chickens, and treasured ones from her collection that she received from family and friends. She was devoted to her church, Zion Episcopal, in the Village of Wappingers Falls. There, she was formerly a Sunday school teacher, a member of the Altar Guild from 1979 and served as Matron from 1988 to 2014. She was a past member of New Hackensack Fire Ladies Auxiliary. Survivors include her brother, Robert A. Mansfield of Middletown; daughters, Eileen Greifenstein of the state of Florida and Marialice Olsen of Wappingers Falls; sons, Michael A. Walker of Vermont and Thomas R. Walker of Wappingers Falls; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Family received their friends on Thursday, March 31, 2022 at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 E. Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. A funeral service was held on Friday, April 1, 2022 at Zion Episcopal Church, Satterlee Place in Wappingers Falls. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Carol Jane’s name to Zion Episcopal Church, 12 Satterlee Place, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 or New Hackensack Fire Company, 217 Myers Corners Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. To send a personal condolence, please visit www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.

Georgiana Horboychuk



EAST FISHKILL – Georgiana (Joni) Horboychuk passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family on March 25, 2022. Joni was born on July 2, 1939 in the Bronx, daughter of

Harold and Rita Pontez. She grew up with three loving siblings: Harold Pontez (Agnes), Dolores Pantore (Butchie), and Thomas Pontez (Lynn). She graduated in 1957 from Walton high school in the Bronx and later moved up to Dutchess County where she met the love of her life Joseph Horboychuk (who predeceased her in 2000). They married November 17, 1962 St. Denis church in Hopewell Junction. Together they raised four children Joseph Horboychuk (Siobhan), Deborah Zelker (John), Daniel Horboychuk (Jennifer), and Dolores Volek (Kenneth). Georgiana worked for the Arlington Central School District as a cashier at Noxon Road Elementary school for many years. Nothing made Joni more happy than spending time with her seven grandchildren Joey, Shane, Danielle, Johnny, Kylie, Madison, and Ava. Joni lived her life to the fullest. Always the first one on the dance floor and always ready to travel. She enjoyed many family vacations including trips to Schroon Lake, the Caribbean, Mexico, Ireland, Hawaii, and most recently France, Spain, Mallorca, and Italy. Joni is survived by her loving nieces and nephews Harold, Cathy, Dennis, Glenn, Joey, Tommy, Elizabeth, TJ, and Erin. And many great nieces and nephews. Joni was also blessed with an amazing group of friends and cousins who she loved dearly. Especially her sidekick Geri Dinotte. Together they enjoyed Broadway shows, bus trips, shopping sprees, countless lunches and dinners, and stretch class ... always followed by a trip to Dunkin’ Donuts. Joni had a busier social calendar than her children and grandchildren! A devout Catholic, Joni drew much strength through her faith and we have no doubt that she is one again with her loving husband Joe in heaven. Joni will be incredibly missed but her legacy will live on through all of the amazing memories she made with her family and friends. Calling hours were held on Tuesday, March 29 at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Wednesday, March 30 at St. Denis Church, 602 Beekman Road, Hopewell Junction. Burial followed at St. Denis Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Hudson Valley Autism Society, 42 Crown Street, Kingston, New York 12401 info@HudsonValleyAutismSociety.org.

Leonard Colabatistto



WAPPINGERS FALLS – Leonard Joseph Colabatistto, 86, an area resident for 19 years, died in Melbourne, FL surrounded by his family. He previously lived in

Yonkers. Born in Yonkers, NY on June 28, 1935, Leonard was the son of the late Tessie Colabatistto. Leonard was employed by Precision Valve in Yonkers, NY for over 47 years until his retirement. An avid golfer, he also enjoyed playing horseshoes and shooting sports. On April 7, 1956 at St. Bartholomew in Yonkers, he married Martha (McLaughlin) Colabatistto who predeceased him in 2020 after 64 years of marriage. He is also survived by his children, Lynn Ann Licitra and her husband George of Melbourne, FL and Thomas M. Colabatistto of Putnam Lake; his grandchildren, Laura Licitra, Christine Licitra, Anthony Licitra and his wife Sarah, Michelle Licitra, and Matthew DePalma; his great-grandson, Ryan Alexander Licitra; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. In addition to his wife and parents, he was also predeceased by his daughter-in-law, Michele Colabatistto. Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Columba Church, 835 Route 82, Hopewell Junction followed by entombment at St. Peter’s Cemetery, 171 Salt Point Turnpike, Poughkeepsie. For online tributes and livestreaming, please visit Leonard’s Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Virginia P. Morgese



BEACON – Virginia P. Morgese, a lifelong resident of Beacon, entered into rest on March 25, 2022 in Syracuse. She was 91 years old. Virginia was born on January 26, 1931 in Beacon, the daughter of the late George and Margaret Izzi

Verdile. Virginia graduated from local schools and then graduated from the Krissler Business School. On October 2, 1954 at St. John the Evangelist Church she married Michael Morgese. Mr. Morgese predeceased her in 2011. She had worked as a medical secretary for Dr. Giampe in Beacon. Virginia is survived by her daughter, Kristen Beck and her husband, John; her daughter-in-law, Sharon Morgese; her grandchildren, Jacquie Ontano and Michael Ontano and his wife, Sarah and Ken Wasnrowicz; her great grandson, Mark; her close friends. In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her son, Mark Morgese in 2012; her brother, George and sister, Lillian. Family and friends gathered on Friday, April 1 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill. Entombment followed at Fishkill Rural Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in memory of Virginia may be made to either St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital or Slater Chemical Fire Company. To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com.

Vera Morse



BEACON – Vera Seaman Morse, a long-time resident of Beacon, passed away on Sunday, March 27, 2022 in Poughkeepsie. She was 103 years old. Daughter of the late Alexander

and Martha (Bobrick) Rosmilso, she was born in Hartford, CT on February 16, 1919. She was a graduate of Beacon High School and a communicant of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. Vera enjoyed several hobbies including golfing, gardening, and crocheting. She was employed by National Biscuit Co. in Beacon as well as Marathon Battery Corp. in Cold Spring. She was predeceased by her first husband, Frank Seaman, in 1983. Vera was also preceded in death by her second husband, Charles Morse, in 2007. Survivors include her son, Dennis Seaman; her daughter, Adele Lawler & her husband Michael; her daughter, Joanne Many & her husband Bill; her daughter, Cindy Boolukos & her husband James; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; as well as several nieces, nephews, and many other loving relatives & friends. In addition to her husbands and parents, Vera was also predeceased by her siblings, Alexander Rosmilso, Ralph Rosmilso, and Anna Ellison. Calling hours were held on Thursday, March 31 at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill. A funeral service was conducted on Friday, April 1 at the funeral home, followed by interment at St. Luke’s Church Cemetery in Beacon. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Andrew & St. Luke Episcopal Church, 15 South Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508 (www.beacon-episcopal.org/donate) or Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation, 80 Washington Street, Suite 204, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (www.hvhospice.org). For online tributes, you can visit Vera’s Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Rose Marie Flynn

Rose Marie Flynn, a lifelong area resident, passed away on March 28, 2022 at Sapphire Nursing Home in Wappingers Falls. She was 74 years old. Rose was born in Newburgh on December 18, 1947 the daughter of the late Anton C. and Elanore Rose Liner Martin. She married John W. Flynn who predeceased her. Rose had worked as a registered nurse at Castle Point VA Hospital and also as a private nurse. Rose is survived by her daughter, Cara Flynn; her two granddaughters; her brother, Robert Martin; several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her brother, Joseph Anthony Martin. Funeral arrangements will be private and at the convenience of the family. 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.

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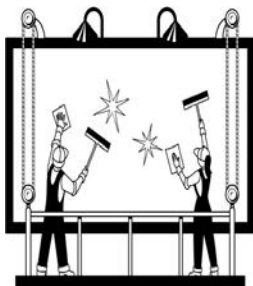
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION OF TRUSTEES HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a vote will be taken upon the following proposition to appropriate the funds necessary to meet the estimated expenditures of the Howland Public Library for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to be held at the Howland Public Library, 313 Main Street, Beacon, New York, on April 28, 2022, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m.:

Proposition #1 "Shall the sum of \$1,282,445.00 be appropriated for the annual support of the Howland Public Library for the fiscal year 2022-2023 and shall the Beacon City School District be authorized to levy the taxes necessary to raise such amount?" NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that at the same time and place, a vote to elect one (1) member to the Board of Trustees for a term of five (5) years, and one (1) member to the Board of Trustees for a term of four (4) years will also occur and one (1) member to the Board of Trustees for a term of three (3) years.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of trustee of the Howland Public Library must be filed with the Library Election Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 28, 2022. Each petition must be directed to the Library Election Clerk, must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the Howland Public Library District, must state the residence of each signer, and must state the name and residence of the candidate. Petition forms may be obtained from the Library weekdays between 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Board of Registration will meet on April 13, 2022, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of preparing a register of the qualified voters of such Library District at the offices of the Howland Public Library, 313 Main Street, Beacon, New York. Anyone not presently registered will be registered in accordance with Section 2014 of the Education Law. Any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such

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register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration, he/she is known or proven to the satisfaction of such Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school meeting or election for which such register is prepared.

Voters registered for general elections under Article 5 of the Election Law are eligible to vote at the April 28, 2022, budget vote and election without further registration. Voters who have been previously registered for any annual or special meeting or election and who have voted at any such annual or special meeting or election held or conducted during the last four calendar years preceding 2021 are eligible to vote at the April 28, 2022, budget vote and election without further registration. The register prepared will be filed in the office of the Library and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the Library District between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on each of the five days prior to the election. The register will also be available for inspection on the day of the election at the polling place.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the Library office. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed application must be received by the Library Election Clerk no later than 4:00 p.m., prevailing time, seven (7) days before the annual library budget vote and election. If the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter, the completed application must be received by the Library Election Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, one day before the annual library budget vote and election. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection weekdays between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., prevailing time, at the Library office on each of the five (5) days before the annual district vote and election. By order of the Board of Trustees of the Howland Public Library

Julie Beyer
Library Election Clerk

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF DUTCHESS INDEX # 2018-51943

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FILED 2/25/2022 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the place of trial based on the location of the mortgaged premises in this action.

Plaintiff's principal place of business is C/O Seterus, Inc. 14523 SW Milikan Way Suite 200, Beaverton, Oregon 97005. FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, Donald Kennedy, if living, and if dead, the respective heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignors, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and their respective husbands, wives or widow, if any, and each and every person not specifically named who may be entitled to or claim to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the verified complaint; all of whom and whose names and places of residence unknown, and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained by the Plaintiff, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, Defendants. To the above-named defendants:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the plaintiff's attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. 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 mort-

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gage 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. This action was commenced to foreclose a mortgage against real property located at 493 Stanton Terrace, Poughkeepsie, New York 12603. You are named as a party defendant herein because you may have an interest in the premises. McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC, Attorneys for Plaintiff, 1 Huntington Quadrangle, Suite 3C20, Melville, NY 11747, (631) 812-4084, (855) 845-2584 facsimile. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE New York State requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT 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 New York State Department of Financial Services' at 1-877-BANK-NYS (1-877-226-5697) or visit the Department's website at WWW.BANKING.STATE.NY.US.

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The Howland Public Library, 313 Main Street, Beacon, will hold voter registration on April 13, 2022, between the hours of 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM. Voters registered for general elections are already eligible to vote at the April 28, 2022, budget vote and trustee election. Applications for absentee ballots are available, call the library election clerk at 831-1134 ext. 101

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-25-22 Recovery Housing Services Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 27th day of April 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained by visiting our web site <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then

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selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call (845) 486-3613.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-29-22 Schatz Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Nomination Study Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 29th day of April 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained by visiting our web site <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call (845) 486-3613.

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY, or as soon thereafter as the matter may come onto be heard, in the matter of the application of Phillips Farm, LLC project for the granting of Subdivision Approval for an 11 Lot subdivision by said Board of a proposed project known as Estates at Phillips Farm as shown on maps prepared by Day & Stokosa Engineering, PC, 3 Van Wyck Lane, Wappingers Falls, New York, 12590, as filed in the office of the Planning Department, and which site is located on NYS Route 82, Hopewell Junction, NY and described as being a 13.3 acre tax parcel identified as Tax Parcel #132800-6458-04-740330 with frontage on NYS Route 82. All interested parties and citizens will be heard by the Board at the public hearing scheduled at said time.

By: John Eickman,
Chairperson
East Fishkill
Planning Board
Date: March 31, 2022

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS RECEIPT OF BIDS:

Separate sealed bids on enclosed forms as prepared by the Engineer to the Village of

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Wappingers Falls will be received at the offices of the Village of Wappingers Falls, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, New York until 11:00 A.M. (Local Time) on Friday, April 29, 2022 for:

Bain Park Play Equipment Area, CDBG Project
Village of Wappingers Falls Dutchess County, New York

For the construction of Bain Park improvements at the corner of Clapp Avenue and Lower Henry Street including: fill and grading, playground equipment installation, construct asphalt parking area and walking paths, install fencing and gates, and landscape restoration (grass). Bids received after 11:00 A.M., Friday, April 29, 2022 will not be accepted or considered.

Sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 11:15 A.M. (local time) on Friday, April 29, 2022 at the office of the Village of Wappingers Falls, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, New York.

The Information for Bidders, Specifications and other Contract Documents may be reviewed at the offices of the Village of Wappingers Falls, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, New York 12590, and at the office of KC Engineering and Land Surveying, PC, 15 Governor Drive, Second Floor, Newburgh, New York 12550.

Drawings and other Contract Documents will be available on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 and may be obtained ONLY at the Village Hall upon deposit of \$50.00 per set. Deposit made by check shall be made payable to the Village Clerk. Contact Village Clerk or Village Staff Assistant. Said deposit shall be totally refunded to the unsuccessful Bidder(s) who includes a proper Bid deposit. Refunds shall be made only if plans are returned in good condition (intact and unmarked), within thirty (30) days following the bid opening. Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check or Bid Bond in the amount of five (5%) percent of the base Bid in the form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders.

The Bid Deposit shall be made in Certified Check from the Bidder or in a Bid Bond on the

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Legal continued from previous page form of said Bid Bond attached to the Specifications or similar and be drawn payable to the Village of Wappingers Falls. No Bidder may withdraw a Bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. To all prospective Bidders, there will be a strongly recommended pre-bid meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. The pre-bid meeting will take place at 9:00 A.M. at the corner of Clapp Avenue and Lower Henry Street, Wappingers Falls, NY. It is recommended that all bidders familiarize themselves with the plans prior to the pre-bid meeting so that questions and concerns can be addressed. Bidders are to promptly notify the Engineer of any errors, omissions, conflicts and/or ambiguity in the contract documents. No oral interpretations of the meaning of the Plans, Specifications, or other Pre-Bid Documents will be made to any prospective bidder. All requests for interpretations are to be in writing, addressed to KC Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C., 15 Governor Drive, Second Floor, Newburgh, New York. To be given consideration, requests for interpretation must be received at least seven (7) days prior to the date fixed for the opening of Bids. Any and all such interpretations and any supplemental instructions will be in the form of written Addenda to the Specifications which, if issued, will be provided to the

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prospective Bidders, not later than three (3) days prior to the date fixed for the opening of Bids. Addenda will be issued by email to the bid document holders. All addenda issued shall become part of the Contract Documents. The first addenda will include bid document holders list and pre-bid meeting attendee list. OWNERS RIGHTS RESERVED: The Village of Wappingers Falls, hereinafter called the Owner, reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and to waive any formality or technicality in any Bid in the best interests of the Owner and in accordance with the Law. STATEMENT OF NON-COLLUSION: Bidders on this Contract are required to execute the Non-Collusion Bidding Certificate, in the form attached to the Specifications, pursuant to Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York. Bidders are also required to comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Law as set forth in Article 15 of the Executive Law of the State of New York. The work required by this Contract shall consist of furnishing all labor, equipment, materials, supervision, and performing all work necessary to complete the project as herein described. The major components of said work are approximately: 1. Filling and grading for the proposed playground area at Bain Park. 2. Site work preparation. 3. Install rubber surface in playground equipment area. 4. Install playground

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equipment. 5. Install protective mow strip / concrete curbing around the playground equipment area. 6. Construct asphalt parking area and walking paths. 7. Install fencing and gates. 8. Landscaper restoration for proposed grass areas. Work to be performed under this contract will be on Village-owned property. The Contractor is to assure themselves that all work is being performed on Village property, including but not limited to: vehicle access, storage of equipment, materials, debris and waste, landscaping, vegetation removal and management, grading, topsoiling/seeding/mulching, and the installation of any fences, walls, or protective barriers. The Village of Wappingers Falls is exempt under the Tax Law of New York State, Article 28 - Part III, and is exempt from payment of Sales and Compensating Use Taxes of the State of New York on all materials which are incorporated into work pursuant to the provisions of the Contract. These taxes are not to be included in the Bid under New York State Tax Law, Article 28, Part III. This project is subject to Federal Prevailing Wage Rates, in addition to the New York State Prevailing Wage Rates. It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to familiarize themselves with any deviations between the Federal and New York State Wage Rates. The higher of the two wage rates will apply. This notice is issued in

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the name of the Owner, the Village of Wappingers Falls, Wappingers Falls, New York. Dated: Wednesday, April 6, 2022 John Karge, Village Clerk of Wappingers Falls 2582 South Avenue Wappingers Falls, New York 12590 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-30-22 DCTC Vulnerability Assessment of the Transportation System Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 11th day of May 2022 at the Dutchess

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County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained by visiting our web site http://www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call (845) 486-3613. Public comment for a Meeting of the Board of Elections to adopt the 2022 Poll Site Resolution will be accepted by email until 10:00 AM on April 8, 2022, to ehaight@dutchessny.gov and hblack@dutchessny.gov. The meeting will be held remotely on April 8, 2022 at 11:00 AM via MS Teams and you may contact ehaight@dutchessny

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.gov or hblack@dutchessny.gov for the link. Members of the public may telephone into the meeting and contact ehaight@dutchessny.gov or hblack@dutchessny.gov for the number. The Regular Annual Meeting of the Wappingers Plot Owners will be held on April 26, 2022 at 4 P.M. at 2822 West Main St., Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING BOARD TOWN OF WAPPINGER DUTCHESS COUNTY, NY Project Name: Subaru of Wappinger - Amended Site Plan Location: 1162 Route 9 Applications:

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Nos.: 22-3455 (Site Plan) and 22-4098 (Special Use Permit) PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Town of Wappinger Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing on the 18th day of April, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger Falls, NY pursuant to Article IX, Sections 240-87 and 240-67 of the Town Law, on the application of 22-3455 (Site Plan) and 22-4098 (Special Use Permit) - Subaru of Wappinger (Amended Site Plan): To discuss an amended Site Plan Application and Special Use Permit. The applicant is proposing to construct an 11,409 square feet addition for additional motor vehicle service and parts storage on 6.3 acres in an HB Zoning District. The property is located at 1162 Route 9 and is identified as Tax Grid No.: 6157-04-659168 in the Town of Wappinger. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Planning Board has not made a determination of significance pursuant to The Environmental Conservation Law and hereby reserves its right to make such determination after the conclusion of the public hearing. All interested persons will be heard by the Planning Board of the Town of Wappinger at the public hearing as stated above. Signed: Bruce Flower, Chairman Town of Wappinger Planning Board Date: March 21, 2022

NO KIDDIN Free Wooden Pallets at Southern Dutchess News - 84 East Main St., Wappingers Falls 297-3723 - Ask for Andy

The deadline for Legals is every Monday @ 12 noon for a Wednesday Publication* *When a public holiday falls on a Monday the deadline becomes Friday at noon.

County Players productions for 65th season announced

County Players, one of the longest running community theatre companies in the area, has announced its 65th season. The Main Stage Season presents five full productions that begin in July 2022 with "Native Gardens" by Karen Zacarias, directed by Christine Crawfis; September 2022 - "The Book of Will" by Lauren Gunderson, directed by Andrew Karl; November 2022 - "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" by Edward Albee, directed by Anna Marie Paolercio; and February 2023 - "It's Only A Play" by Terrence McNally, directed by Kit Colbourn. Finally, the 65th season culminates with the classic musical comedy in May 2023 with "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum", book by Burt Shevelove & Larry Gelbart,

music & lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, directed by David J. Ringwood. County Players also continue CP2 Readers Theater Series. In this program there are no costumes, no sets, no props, and the actors perform with scripts in hand. The three mini-festivals of two readings: Mini-Festival #1 - October 2022: "Admissions", by Joshua Harmon; "The Niceties" by Eleanor Burgess Mini-Festival #2 - December 2022: "George Washington's Teeth" by Mark St. Germain; "Gently Down the Stream" by Martin Sherman Mini-Festival #3 - March 2023: "Constellations" by Nick Payne; "Ada & the Engine" by Lauren Gunderson Complete Online Info: Main Stage

productions visit countyplayers.org/season-65. CP2 Series of Readers Theater kindly visit countyplayers.org/cp2-series-2022-2023/. Auditions - dates for all upcoming shows will be announced, and all audition info may be found at countyplayers.org/shows/auditions or go CountyPlayers.org under "Auditions." Sponsorship/Advertising visit countyplayers.org/sponsorship-and-advertising/ Covid Plan and Protocols for Theater Safety: Last updated and effective as of March 15. This vaccination policy is in effect for performances now through May 31. For performances June 1, and beyond, we anticipate a review of policies. The safety of our audiences, volunteers

and artists is our priority. To keep everyone as safe as possible, we will continue to adjust our operations and hours, and we will require proof of COVID-19 vaccination with a valid government issued photo ID for all those who enter the Falls Theater, both audience and volunteers. Masks are recommended but are optional for both audience and volunteers. Our schedule and policies will continue to change and evolve, please check back regularly for updates. Accessibility: If you require wheelchair accessibility, please contact our Box Office at 845-298-1491. County Players Falls Theatre is at 2681 W. Main Street, Wappingers Falls.

Diversions

SUDOKU

Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.

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

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

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

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

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

Suguru

		2			2
			5		
		4			
	5	3			
				2	

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

ACROSS

1. And so forth, for short
4. Mex.'s neighbor
7. Jewish month
11. Cone topper
13. Unspectacular
15. Actor Lugosi
16. 1965's Best Picture Oscar winner
19. List
20. Natural liking
21. Running game
23. Pouch
24. Madre's title: abbr.
27. Memory slip
30. "Hell ___ no fury..."
34. Long pole
36. Tara visitor
38. Luau dish
39. Trained horse
40. Silent assent
41. Dividend
43. Sunset State: abbr.
44. Rocket stage
46. Covenants
47. Actress Harper
49. Common contraction
51. "Holy Toledo!"
52. Rocky hill
54. Wise king, to friends, perhaps?
56. Those who don't stand up for themselves
61. Charge for having one's car pulled
66. Irving Berlin musical
68. Decorative button
69. Magazine title
70. Tries to lose
71. Rubber tube
72. Building site
73. Patriots' goals, for short

DOWN

1. Repeat
2. Ballerina's support
3. Price
4. Mil. branch
5. Sweet drink
6. ___ now; from here on
7. "Thanks ___!"
8. Lucie's dad
9. Dismounted
10. Risqué
11. Streptomycin: abbr.
12. Keats or Yeats
14. Balance
17. Russia's ___ Mountains
18. Sinatra's third
22. Actor James ___
24. Look steadily
25. Sieves taters
26. Thirst quencher
28. E-mail alternative
29. Family cars
31. Swiftly
32. Rich cake
33. Rushes
34. Dick and Jane's dog
35. La's forerunner
37. Small meas.
42. No beauty queen
45. Place for 29 Down
48. Walk
50. Movie dog
53. Cockney's residence
55. Raucous
56. Punctuation mark
57. Preposition
58. Burden
59. Relate
60. French commune
62. Decree
63. Over the hill
64. Boldness
65. Letters
67. Up to now

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

Watch a mentalist at work at Towne Crier April 7

By Kristine Coulter

Looking for a unique show to attend? Well, on April 7 at 8 p.m. at the Towne Crier Café, 379 Main St., in Beacon, mind reader Vinny DePonto will show this special talent during the show. The show is suggested for 15 years and older.

So, what does a mind reader do? "A mentalist is essentially a magician whose audiences' minds are the central focus of the show. Their thoughts and the ways they can be manipulated are an essential piece of the experience," explained DePonto, who has had a critically acclaimed Off-Broadway show, "Charlatan." He was nominated for a Drama Desk Award as well as voted Time Out NY Critics Pick.

It was when he was younger, said DePonto, that he became interested in magic and its craft. Then when he was matriculating in college, DePonto became interested in the "psychology of the magic

experience," he said.

"Why it (magic) works - why it's important - and why it resonates at such a universal level. Mentalism/Mind Reading felt like a more personal sect of magic that connected me with my audience in a much deeper way - so as I became more interested in involving the audience my work became more about them," said DePonto.

Asked what the feedback will be, DePonto replied, "Hopefully positive! There have been a few unruly folks who've approached my stage manager after and demanded answers to my methods. But usually everyone has a delightful time!"

For those who plan to attend the show, DePonto suggested, "Come with a desire to have fun. I will never embarrass you on stage and never make you uncomfortable - but just know there's no place to hide."

For tickets, visit <https://www.townecrier.com/>.



Mind reader Vinny DePonto will perform at the Towne Crier Café in Beacon on April 7 at 8 p.m.

-Courtesy photo

HV History Reading Festival set at Wallace Center

The Henry A. Wallace Center at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library & Home will present the Hudson Valley History Reading Festival on Saturday, April 23. The event will take place in person and streamed live on YouTube, Facebook and Twitter.

Register to attend in person at <https://www.fdrlibrary.org/>; go to Events-Events Calendar & Registration.

The schedule:
10 a.m.
A.J. Schenkman
"Patriots and Spies in Revolutionary New York"

11 a.m.
Robert Titus and Johanna Titus
"The Catskills in the Ice Age: Third

Edition, Revised and Expanded"

1 p.m.
Russell Dunn & Barbara Delaney
"Paths to the Past: History Hikes through the Hudson River Valley, Catskills, Berkshires, Taconics, Saratoga & Capital Region"

2 p.m.
Shannon Butler
"Roosevelt Homes of the Hudson Valley: Hyde Park and Beyond"

The Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library is at 4079 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park. Call 845-486-7745 or email clifford.laube@nara.gov for more information.

April art exhibit set at East Fishkill Community Library



The East Fishkill Community Library will host an artwork exhibit featuring watercolors and sketches by Stan Miller on the Library's Gallery Wall. His work will be on display in the library for the month of April.

Miller said in his bio, partially, "I am self-taught, but learned much from the books and artwork of past and contemporary famous watercolor artists. This exhibit includes my more recent paintings and sketches done on location."

-Courtesy image



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