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## New date for Fjord Trail Draft GEI Statement

Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, Inc. (HHFT) announced on June 12, that the DGEIS public comment period for the project has been shifted by New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) to early fall 2024.

This timing will better align with the completion of the important work of the HHFT Visitation Data Committee (VDC) in preparing local municipal boards for their review of the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS) during the public comment period, according to a statement from HHFT.

The Visitation Data Committee was formed by HHFT to create an opportunity for project area communities to get early review and analysis of three data topics that will be included in the Fjord Trail's DGEIS: pedestrian counts, visitation projection for the proposed Fjord Trail linear park area with the trail fully built and without it, and a traffic study that informs the traffic section of the DGEIS, explained the statement.

Each municipality in the project area has representation on the committee, as does the Village of Nelsonville. The Villages of Cold Spring and Nelsonville have the most representation per capita, it was noted.

"The scope of the committee's work is to objectively review and help refine analysis — as appropriate to professional standards of practice — of each of these data topics, ultimately helping inform each respective municipality to make official comments as Interested/Involved Agencies during the DGEIS public comment period," it was stated.

As part of the VDC process outlined by HHFT, the volunteer municipal appointees work with a professional planning consultant, BFJ Planning (BFJ), who was independently selected by the volunteer municipal appointees. The role of BFJ is to aid the municipal appointees in their review of data gathered and presented by HHFT's planning and visitation management consultants, AKRF and ORCA; and to help clarify technical points and share industry best practice guidelines. HHFT is covering the cost of BFJ's services, explained the statement.

After additional appointments to the committee from the City of Beacon and the Town of Fishkill, VDC meetings resumed on June 5 with an onboarding session for new members. The VDC process will continue through August. The VDC, it says in the statement, is currently comprised of the following project area residents: Sarah Mencher, Zack Smith, and Amber Grant of Beacon; Ozzy Albra, Greg Totino, and Jon Kanter of Fishkill; Phil Cotenne and Jeff Robins of Philipstown; James Labate and Henry Feldman of Cold Spring, and Chris Winward of Nelsonville.

"It should be noted that some of the information on visitation projections included in a report-out by two Philipstown VDC members to the Philipstown Town Board on June 6 has not been vetted by BFJ or the committee, and does not represent consensus from the VDC. Specific recommendations on the visitation projection from members of the VDC received during the committee meeting process are currently being incorporated, and a revised projection from HHFT's visitation management consultant, ORCA, is forthcoming. The VDC will review this revised projection at its scheduled meeting on June 25th. Once the projection is reviewed and accepted to the satisfaction of the majority of the committee, it will be released to the public," according to the HHFT.

## BHS principal: 2024 valedictorian, salutatorian 'make positive impacts' on those around them

By Kristine Coulter

Isabella "Bella" Migliore and Wallace Wei are the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the 2024 Class at Beacon High School.

Beacon High School Principal Corey Dwyer stated, "I would say that we are incredibly proud of Bella and Wallace. They are dedicated students who have contributed a great deal to BHS during their time here. We are certain that they will continue to make a positive impact on those around them as they begin to write their next chapter."

### Bella Migliore - BHS Valedictorian

"When I was told that I was valedictorian, I felt incredibly accomplished because my hard work throughout high school had finally paid off. I was excited to tell my family that I was officially valedictorian because I knew that they would be extremely proud of me," said Bella.

Bella "will miss the support system and community" at BHS. "My teachers and guidance counselor always pushed me and encouraged me to be the best version of myself. I also had an amazing track team at BHS that I will miss very much," she remarked.

Bella will be attending Wesleyan University. She said she plans to major in biology on a pre-med track.

"I would tell students starting their freshman year to work hard and set goals, but always remember to take the time to do the things that they enjoy. It is important to stay motivated and consistent to be successful in high school, but spending time with friends and pursuing their hobbies is just as important," said Bella.

### Wallace Wei - BHS Salutatorian

Wallace responded, when asked about his reaction to being salutatorian, "I felt honored, but it felt like almost any other day, to keep doing the usual."

As for his days at BHS, Wallace said, "I



Isabella "Bella" Migliore and Wallace Wei are the Beacon High School Class of 2024 valedictorian and salutatorian respectively.

-Courtesy photos

think I'll miss the freedom that Beacon High School offers, because it is going to be much less demanding than College will be, and you can mostly spend time on what you like, and less feel like you're being dictated to do this or that. I think I'll also miss the more relaxed attitude, instead of a more cutthroat, hustling, or leaping attitude."

Wallace will be attending Cornell University for Computer Science.

As for any advice he has for students beginning their high school years at BHS, "These words will probably ring hollow and sound generic, but if you want to do something, the best day to do it was yesterday, and the second best day is today (You're always going to miserably fail at the beginning, but try to learn it by yourself and it will all be fine). My advice is pretty biased, but try to

engage more with math in general and try to do Math Club as soon as possible because it gives you a taste for competitiveness, but it helps you to think, it helps you realize that math isn't hard once you think of math as not just a bunch of formulas, but a series of insights, where the goal isn't just to solve a problem, but understand what it means, and finding a more elegant or beautiful solution that simplifies it," said Wallace.

"I would generally say that find what you like as soon as possible, and try to engage with it as deeply as possible to see if you truly like it because you have the time. By 'truly liking it,' it should mean that you could spend hours on it and not notice, genuinely, and think of it as one the most fun things you can do, not just a way to please others or seem smart," concluded Wallace.

## Beacon Elks Lodge to celebrate 100 years in July

Beacon Elks Lodge #1493, which is celebrating a centennial of camaraderie and community service, needs one's assistance to help commemorate its founding on July 17, 1924. Help is needed in three areas:

- Join the Lodge

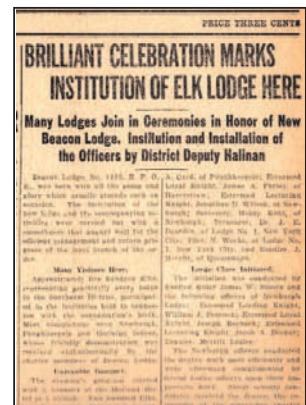
"Our centennial year is a great time to join! In fact, the Lodge will sponsor a special commemorative installation ceremony on July 17, 2024 – one hundred years to the day after the first members of the Beacon Lodge were welcomed into membership," said Beacon Lodge #1493 Exalted Ruler Michael Zanzarella. Those interested in joining should email elks1493@yahoo.com for more information. Descendants of past members are especially encouraged to join during the 100th anniversary year.

- Loan/donate Elks-related memorabilia to the Lodge for display during the commemoration. Did a family member have photos, medals, plaques or any other type of Elks item? The Lodge would like to borrow them as part of the celebration. " Oftentimes, family members inherit items related to the history of our Lodge," said Zanzarella. "In recognition of this

milestone anniversary, we would like to welcome them back for display and even potential permanent donation." Contact Carl Oken at coken@optonline.net if one has such items.

- March in/cheer along the Elks Centennial parade to be held on Main Street in Beacon on July 13; those wishing to participate should email Bob Meeker at bomeek1960@gmail.com. All groups are welcome! "A century ago, hundreds of people marched in the Lodge's founding parade, which was watched by thousands of people," said Zanzarella. "We hope that thousands more will come out to celebrate our Lodge's dedication to the community on July 13."

More than 2,700 men and women have joined the Beacon-based fraternal organization that works across southern Dutchess County and nearby Putnam County to complete various programs of service. Lodge #1493 has provided an estimated \$6.2 million in donations and volunteer hours to the local community since its founding 100 years ago. Today, approximately 575 members remain devoted to its mission of supporting aca-



An article from 1924 announcing the "birth" of the Beacon Elks Lodge.

-Courtesy image Beacon Historical Society

democratic scholarships, veterans, drug-abuse awareness, patriotic endeavors and more.

## Town of Fishkill holds grand opening for 6 new pickleball courts



Town of Fishkill Highway Superintendent Carmine Istvan makes remarks during the opening of the outdoor pickleball courts at Doug Phillips Park.

-Courtesy photo

By Kristine Coulter

Pickleball anyone?

Members of the Town of Fishkill Recreation Department, Fishkill Highway and Building & Grounds departments, Fishkill Town Board, Fishkill Town Supervisor Ozzy Albra, Fishkill Highway Superintendent Carmine Istvan, Village of Fishkill Mayor Kathy Martin, as well as Assemblyman Anil Beephan Jr., County Legislator Yvette Valdés Smith and local residents were in attendance during a recent grand opening ceremony for six new

outdoor pickleball courts at Doug Phillips Park, off of Route 52, in the town of Fishkill on Wednesday, June 12.

During his remarks, Albra said, "It took five years to get to this point." He said that the portion of the park previously was "dirt" and "had no drainage."

"Last year, a sensory park was put in here," noted Albra, which is for children of all abilities to enjoy. "This year, the pickleball courts."

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## Annual reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th in Beacon

The annual reading of the Declaration of Independence will take place on Thursday, July 4 at 11 a.m. at Beacon City

Hall, One Municipal Plaza, in Beacon. This is the 14th year for this event.

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## Dating, identifying antique bottles June 25 at Howland Library



Join Alex and Viktor Prizgintas at the Howland Public Library in Beacon on Tuesday, June 25 at 6 p.m. as they discuss the fundamentals behind dating and identifying antique bottles. Alex has been collecting bottles from the Hudson Valley for more than 10 years and served as president of the Hudson Valley Bottle Club from 2018 to 2020. His research on local bottles and bottle history has been published in the *Antique Bottle & Glass Collector Magazine*, *Marist College's Hudson River Valley Review*, and the *New York Archives Magazine*.

"Alex Prizgintas truly knows how to tease the story out of a bottle" said Diane Lapis of the Beacon Historical Society. "The Art of Bottle Detecting helps the viewer to understand markings on bottles and put them into historical context. You will never look at a bottle in the same way again: marks, dips, seams, and colors come alive after this succinct and interesting discussion."

Pictured is Alex Prizgintas.

-Courtesy photo

## Suspect arrested in 2022 murder of Beacon man

On June 11, the City of Beacon Police Department, with assistance from the Dutchess County Drug Task Force, conducted an operation to arrest a suspect in the 2022 murder of Lionell Pittman, according to a statement from City of Beacon Police Department Det. Sgt. Jason Johnson. Department members conducted a traffic stop on Fishkill Ave. and arrested Najje Perrette, 24, of Beacon, according to the statement.

According to previous reports from 2022, 32-year-old Pittman, a Beacon resident, was fatally shot in the parking lot of the Forrestal Heights housing complex in

May of 2022.

According to Johnson, Perrette was charged with murder in the second degree, arraigned in Beacon City Court and remanded to the Dutchess County Jail. While this arrest represents the culmination of years of work by members of the Beacon Police Department, the Dutchess County District Attorney's Office and other assisting agencies, there are elements of the investigation which are still ongoing, he noted. As of this time, no further information is being released, concluded the statement.

## Juneteenth event postponed

The Juneteenth Fundraiser in support of the Beacon Community Kitchen has been postponed. The event was originally scheduled for June 22nd at The Yard

in Beacon.

According to Candi Rivera, the event will be rescheduled to sometime in October.

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# Partnership powers new CSA for Sabellico & Sunny Vale Farm

By Kaeleigh Banda

Sabellico Greenhouses & Florist has partnered with Sunny Vale Farm to provide a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program to the local area. Every week, both farms harvest food on Thursdays to bring to the community on Fridays. Customers pay in advance to receive a share of the harvest throughout the season. The season extends from June 7 to Oct 18. The produce is rotated weekly and offers some options to meet each family's individual preferences.

In 2013, Sabellico's first CSA group was formed. In 2020, the program had to stop because of the pandemic. Sunny Vale Farm, formerly the Secor Farm, began a CSA in 2022. Now, they have combined their skills and farms to host a larger CSA.

Matthew Sabellico, a fourth-generation farmer and grower at Sabellico Greenhouses & Florist, said the pandemic allowed him to regroup and create a better CSA than before.

"This is our inaugural year together and we're laying the groundwork for something really exciting for the future," Sabellico said. "We're really grateful for all the people and all the

members who signed up and are taking this journey with us."

The partnership between the two farms has allowed for the program to expand. The CSA's main hub is located in a large tent at Sabellico Greenhouses & Florist. People across the area gather at the tent on Fridays to collect the week's harvest. Daniel Moon, the owner and farm manager of Sunny Vale Farm said the connection between the farms and the people is what makes the CSAs so valuable.

"Most farms today are located hundreds of miles away from markets and we feel isolated from the people that we feed," Moon said. "Being able to rehave the ability to reconnect people to agriculture is very important and will cause people to value farms, farmers, the food they eat, and the land."

The educational aspect of CSAs is another asset that they provide to the community. Sabellico and Moon plan to allow community volunteers to help with harvesting to increase community involvement. Sabellico said education is just as important as growing and distributing food.

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Rosanna and Rob O'Brien of Hopewell Junction are pictured with Dan Moon, center, of Sunny Vale Farm at the initial pick-up day at Sabellico Greenhouses & Florist. In 2013, Sabellico's first CSA group was formed. In 2020, the program had to stop because of the pandemic. Sunny Vale Farm, formerly the Secor Farm, began a CSA in 2022. Now, they have combined their skills and farms to host a larger CSA.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

# Town of Fishkill holds grand opening for 6 new pickleball courts



During the opening, it was stated that local residents Tina and Frank Shevetone were instrumental in getting the courts built.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

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The members of the Fishkill Highway and Buildings & rounds departments worked on the courts and the park so residents could have a new place to play pickleball. The Town Board members and Albra budgeted funding for the courts. Istvan emphasized his thanks to his crew and the work that they did to complete the project.

"When we do a project it's the team that makes it happen," said Istvan. He noted that

he and former councilwoman Louise Daniele worked on bringing the sensory playground, along with Brandon Knapp, head of the Buildings & Grounds Department.

"Thank you to the town board for giving us the funds for the courts," said Istvan. It was noted that by doing the work for the courts in-house, it saved taxpayers money.

Councilman Brian Wrye, who was present at the ceremony along with Councilmen John Forman and Greg Totino, stated, "It's just a small thing to have been a part of...I'm just so proud of the town and the team."

Totino noted, "This is an investment in the quality of life," and the efficiency of a project when the work is done in house, and when one trusts the skills and dedication of those who work for the town.

Jason Maietta, who is the recreation director for the town of Fishkill, said the response from residents about the project has been positive and they have been looking forward to the courts opening so they can begin to play. He stated during the ceremony that the number of residents in attendance "shows you guys are just as excited as we are."

Residents Tina and Frank Shevetone were instrumental in getting the courts started. They were on one of the half dozen courts playing after the opening ceremony.

"It's a great sport. It keeps everyone active," said Frank Shevetone.

Tina Shevetone remarked, "I was raised in Fishkill, and I played softball here for many years (there is a ball field near the entrance of the park)." Pickleball is good for the community and meeting new people, she added.

A pickleball tournament is scheduled for Saturday, June 29. The fee for residents is \$25 and non-residents \$30.

For more information, visit <https://www.fishkillrecreation.com>.

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## Victory in Ukraine must be America's national goal

**To the Editor:**

In these past few weeks we have observed another Memorial Day, as well as the 80th anniversary of D-Day where the Allied invasion at Normandy gained its foothold that would result in the defeat of the Nazi regime some 11 bloody months later.

In both cases, we celebrate all who gave all to those who never had the chance to enjoy the life and world they ensured we would inherit. We once thought we had learned lessons that evil and aggression cannot go unopposed; that dictators cannot be appeased; that those seeking to defeat us cannot act with impunity.

The Russian Federation, however, with its actions waging hot-in Ukraine, Israel, and Syria—and cold wars against The West is showing us just how poorly those lessons have been learned by those of both parties who fail to lead when clear decisive leadership is what the world truly needs.

We have a President and National Security Team that thinks it is good enough if Ukraine is not defeated, and a GOP Frontrunner who would prefer Putin to win. While one position may be better than the other, what we really need is a unified non-partisan call for Ukrainian Victory and Russian defeat matched by the delivery of weapon systems and ammunition in sufficient quantities paired the freedom to use them against legitimate military targets everywhere and anywhere the Ukrainians deem helpful to the cause of victory.

Furthermore, wherever Russia and its axis of evil allies strike at or threaten us—whether via Houthi missiles in the Persian Gulf, Iranian proxies in Iraq, jamming the GPS of civil aviation over the Baltic Sea, or sabotage in the West, we must show firm resolve and respond vigorously. The lessons of our past demand it, and—under the watching eyes of The Greatest Generation—we ask that you contact this President, our political leaders, and candidates for office to demand that we secure our American future with Ukrainian Victory and Russian Defeat and that this be declared our National goal.

Mark Lagus and Leevi Ernits  
Bangall, NY

## BHS honor students recognized for 3rd quarter work

The following is a list of Beacon High School honor students in the Beacon City School District for the 3rd quarter of the 2023-24 school year, announced by the school administration.

**9th Grade Principal's Honor Roll**

Mikayla Acevedo, Maayan Alon, Atlas Baltz, Charlotte Bowen, Jerry Chen, Terry Chen, Shannon Colandrea, Emily Coldrick, Theodore Concepcion, Zamaya Cone, Travis Dickston, Ka'Dera Elliott, Elijah Epps, Fionn Feihilly, Lily Figlia, Emilio Guerra, Elma-Taherin Hassan, Miguel Herrera, Shaun Jabar, Ruby King, Wenang Kobarsih, Katelyn Kong, Mary Lopez, Molly Lyons, Lily Mack, Kylie Maloney, Ash Marcus, Ethan Maxaner, Victoria McKay, Isaac McKible, Lily Murr, Stella Reinke, John Rose, Charlotte Rossi, Finch Simons, Elias Smith, Harper Strang, Elliott Thorne, Gavin Troiano, Isaac Tschang, Farrah VanCott, Jesse Vermeulen, Lila Welsh, Parker White, Julie Whitemore

**9th Grade High Honor Roll**

Cecilia Allee, Emma Bellis, Savannah Brace, Myasia Burch, Mateo Cruz, Magdalena del Puerto-Vitti, Victoria Diaz, Khordae Facey, Adriana Fazioli, Hailey Fish, William Flynn, Hudson Fontaine, Khrloe Franklin, Valeria Garcia, Kayla Gerardes, Julian Hannah, Abigail Haydt, August Hayes, Ryan Huynh, Adelina Llamas, Yanniz Male, Yadrana Manzano Cabello, Shyanne McNair, Gianna Mercer, Luna Neyra, Madelyn Pellerin, Brady Philipbar, Sarah Ramkalawon, Lillian Ray, Julian Rivers, Katherine Sendelbach, Tabitha Smith-White, Januario Stageman, Savannah Steinman, Nolan Varricchio, Rudolph Vergolina, Fabiola Vogrincic, Aslynn Way, Aine Woods, Ny'el Woods

**9th Grade Honor Roll**

Molly-Rose Archer, Tamimesh Bernstein, Juniper Breault, Hartley Brickman, Aniyah Brown, Mislidy Cruz Cruz, Naim Dika, Abigail Durkin, Tyler Evans, Brandon Fremer, Ayham Ghazzawi, Maliah Graham, Teanna Jennings, Gabriel Khan, Syeira Kozlik, Penelope Lipari, Ryan Mowen, Lakota Newman, Joseph Pallone, David Ramirez, Bella Ridore, Samuel Riquelme Jr., Noah Sanderson, Vladimir Sevastianov, Siella Sheehy, Caleb Smith, Jamir Spence, Kiara Tice, Brevin Timm, Connor Varricchio, Slater Way

**10th Grade Principal's Honor Roll**

Nadeen Ahmed, Alianna Alijaj, Farhana Antora, Alexander Browning, Skylar Clair, Christian Clay, Peter Cohen, Tye Elias, Jonah Espinosa, Marisah George, Samiha Golden, Zenia Haris, Everly Jordan, Alina Joseph, Gabrielle Khalil, Savana Kush, Irene Loza Argudo, Alma Mart, Aril McKee, Oscar McKible, Mira Miller, Annabelle Notarthomas, Yoland Rofaeil, Liliana Rybak, Mikaela Sanchez, Kayla Selander

**10th Grade High Honor Roll**

Madison Abrahamson, Macy Alencastro, Mira Bagriyanji, Logan Blum, James Bouchard III, Parker Capawana, Lola Ciccone, Teo Fairbanks, Kayla Hammond, Dylan Hetrick, Grace Hockler, Ayden Hooten, Ruby Hotchkiss, Vincent Joao Jr., Oren Kelleher, Taylor Kelliher, Griffin Kitzrow, Kiran Kumar, Carlos Lampon III, Aron Li, Brayden Manning, Nora Marshall, Jayden Mihalchik, Aiden Montleon, Adrien Okoye, Nolan O'Malley, Jonathan Richards, Zachary Schetter, Thomas Senior, Anna Sevastianova, Gannon Statini-Perez, George Walker, Alexander Young, Addison Zittel

**10th Grade Honor Roll**

Eduardo Arellano, Ella Brill, Stephanie Bustamante Cruz, Samuel Callan, Emi Dickinson Case Leal, Kiera D'Ippolito, Sofia Domanski, Alejandro Flores Urzua, Isabella Galbo, Gabriel Godbee, Brianna Green, Javier Gutierrez Jr., Natalie Hayden, Chance Hunter, Milo Isabell, Maceo Koerner, Ryan Landisi, Tania Lindsay, Julia McGuire-Soellner, Silena Negron, Brea O'Flaherty, Amaya Paulin, Michael Ramos, Angelina Richards, Jalaysia Robinson, Aiden Spiecker, Alex Trama, Vinicuis Trichinato, Juan Tutasi Jr., Marcos Velasco, Ri'Kya White, Mya Wright

**11th Grade Principal's Honor Roll**

Kendall Alston, Beckett Anderson, Anabelle Arginsky, Taryn Beardsley, Amelie Brandl, Isabel Bunker, Christine Chen,

Evelina Diebboll, Tayler Finley, AvaMaria Gianna, Mackenzie Harman, Sarah Jaafar, Charlie Klein, Lani Lopez, Ela Lyons, Josephine Mallon, Emma Merola, Addison Miller, Ronan Moran, Amelia Padilla, Katherine Ruffy, Kayli Shand, Jax Spodek, Serena Stampleman

**11th Grade High Honor Roll**

Daniel Bridges, Lila Burke, Avery Davis, Willa Freedman, Justin Gerardes, Fallon Groza, Bailey Hernandez, Jeannae' Jean-Francois, Karma Jones, Reilly Landisi, Paige McCredo, Allen McKay, Jada Medley, Madison Mianti, Genan Mohammed Murtada, Darryl Montgomery Jr., Lindsay Pedersen, Josue Pintado, Albin Quelaj, David Quezada, Nathan Richardson, Daveya Rodriguez, Bethany Rudolph, Breanna Rudolph, Anastasia Santise, Chloe Sheffield, Jacob Signorelli, Mika-Gisselle Tates, Sortia Tripaldi, Malcolm Wilson, Ava Zeoli, Francis Zezza

**11th Grade Honor Roll**

Isabella Baffuto, Kevin Beal, Angelina Bottiglieri, Ahmaria Bunn, Devin Byrne, Jaideyn Caccamo, Shyla Camacho, Christopher Carton Jr., Aiden Claudio, William Echevarria, Amadea Ferris, Messiah Gardner, Ja'mes Gorden, Noelle Haase, Jalen Jackson, Vincent Komer, Rory LaDue, Mark McCabe, Elijah Mitchell, Zee Moreno, Megan Nicholson, Brianna Perez-Sample, Shilo Reynolds, Pedro Rivera III, Mehr Sagi, Gabriel Salcedo, Emma Soltish, Jayla Soto, Natalia Sulsona, Michael VanBuren, Roque Vianna, Holly Whitemore, Saorise Woods, Charles Zellinger

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**12th Grade Honor Roll**

Myah Aguilar Montano, Jackson Atwell, Ariana Bedell, Caleb Bennett, Henry Betterbid, Emma Campagiorni, Nicole Coliman, Grace Delgado, Damani Deloatch, Enis Dika, Kiana Dugger, Michael Fontaine Jr., Derek Fortes Jr., Max Goodhill, Sienna Gorey, Alexander Guobadia, Pearl Kirigi, Gabrielle Kuka, Meara Kumar, Nicholas Lentini, Samantha Lopez, Owen Lynch, Anthony Marzovilla, Gia Morgan, Liam Murphy, Mia Nelsen-Cheyne, Thomas Nocerino, Sophia Principe, Jayden Quintana, Merilyn Rinaldi, Jenna Rojas, Gabriella Roscino, Brandon Soria, Allison Thomas, Xiomarys Williams

**Boces CTI High Honor Roll**

Ahmaria Bunn, Ayanna Dennis, Zakary Krachy, Amerie Madigan, Ryann Meyer, Aryah Montefusco, Nathan Richardson, Luis Rivera, Pedro Rivera III, Riley Slosson, Brayden Vlasaty, Joseph Williams, Noelle Young

**Boces CTI Honor Roll**

Darryl Montgomery, Brianna Perez-Sample.

## Primaries set June 25, early voting under way

**By Kate Goldsmith**

The primary election for federal, state and local offices is on Tuesday, June 25, with early voting taking place through June 23. New York State election law requires voters to be registered with a political party in order to participate in the primaries. Some polling locations may have changed for this election. Visit <https://elections.dutchessny.gov/> (click on 2024 Primary Election Poll Sites) to check where you will go to vote.

**Early voting times**

Wednesday, June 19 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Thursday, June 20 Noon - 8 p.m.

Friday, June 21 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Saturday, June 22 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday, June 23 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Pavillion at Brookmeade 34 Brookmeade Drive, Rhinebeck  
Fishkill Town Hall 807 Route 52, Fishkill  
Cornell Cooperative Center 2715 Route 44, Millbrook

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Above: 1920 Pin for the rank of "Knight Banneret," Image of a mounted knight, holding the standard of the knight banneret with the letters "K" and "B" on either side of the Health Cross, the horse bears the National Tuberculosis Cross on flank.

Above left: Pin for the rank of "Knight," Image of King Arthur knighting a Health Crusader with Camelot in background. Above is the National Tuberculosis Associations cross, a "K" for "Knight," and a Health Cross.  
 Above right: Pin for the rank of "Squire," Image of a horse and squire with shield bearing the cross of the National Tuberculosis Association, Health Cross above.

-DCHS Collections.

## The Knights of Dutchess County: Children's Health Education in the Early 20th Century

By Aidan Chisamore

Each June marks the end of another academic year, and students throughout Dutchess County celebrate advancements in their education. A display of pins held in Dutchess County Historical Society's collections reminds us that just over a century ago, thousands of students shared this excitement through a unique end-of-the-year ceremony: investitures of Health Knighthood. Contained on a single board, several pins depict knights, with lance in hand, charging into battle or defending a castle. On each appears in red the double-barred cross and a rounded cross. Along the border rests the phrase "Modern Health Crusade." Once proudly worn by students throughout the county, these pins speak to a complex history of health education.

The Modern Health Crusade (MHC) was a youth health education curriculum that began in 1915 to combat the spread of tuberculosis. The program lasted into the early 1930s and was taught in schools across the nation, Europe, and Asia. The Crusade succeeded in America during World War I, with one million students enrolled by 1919. Its popularity grew in the post-war period, climbing to well over three million active participants by 1923.

First developed by National Tuberculosis Association (NTA), the MHC sought to cultivate hygienic and moral values. These values, deemed by the MHC "health knighthood" or "health chivalry," intended to mold children into good citizens able to contribute to

wartime preparedness. The movement's founder, Charles Mills deForest (1878-1947), called this the "Crusade Method of Health Training."

DeForest spent his career campaigning for children's health education; he served as a field secretary for the American Red Cross Seals Division and the NTA. Throughout his work, he regularly noted that children struggled to adapt hygienic practices. DeForest posited that "good health" depended on students' self-motivation. Therefore, he envisioned a curriculum that appeared as "fantasy game" which engaged children from kindergarten to 8th grade, charting their progress each term.

In no less than four years, students moved through different knightly ranks. Beginning as a squire, a student became a Knight, then a Knight Banneret, and finally a Knight Banneret Constant. Advancement could only be obtained throughout the school year by the completion of "Crusade Chores." These tasks, listed on a proscribed chart, ranged from hygienic activities such as "I washed my hands before each meal" to more aesthetic ones such as maintaining trimmed nails or hair. Each day the program required parents and teachers to sign off that the child had done these duties. "Chivalrous" students completed seventy-two chores a week, and after a year of living "chivalrously," they were awarded the next rank.

While deForest's program was rigorous, he truly expected children to enjoy

participating. In an article defending his methodology, he noted that, "Every child likes to play... He likes to play that he is grown, and to do something worthy of a grown-up." Through play, the program reinforced "good health" with a tangible system of growth. "Health chivalry" sought to foster play through material rewards and competitions. This emphasis on recreation distinguished the program's curriculum from other educational systems at the time. It attempted to alter methods of teaching rather than the information taught.

A manual for teachers and nurses published by the NTA outlined how to include fantasy stories, songs, and crusade pageants. These elements culminated in the knighting ceremony, during which successful students moved to subsequent ranks. Dressed in handmade crusading outfits, students would gather singing Health Crusader songs as the teacher knighted students. During these celebrations, pins—like those in DCHS's collection—were attached to the knight and to be worn during the following school year.

This appeal to competition was expressed in the schools and communities. The pins intentionally served as a physical sign of students' position over their peers. As the NTA outlined, this disparity created a "visible daily reminder" of individual accomplishment which should motivate the student body to work harder. The MHC also granted students the opportunity to compete directly in national and inter-city tournaments. Schools in Beacon, Hyde Park, and Rhinebeck were the first in the nation to sign up to participate in the 1919 inaugural National Health Crusade Tournament where students participated in health and physical fitness drills. No Dutchess County school won the coveted pendant that year, but they continued to compete in the following tournaments.

Indeed, the Health Crusade found a particularly strong voice in Dutchess County. An article a November 1919 issue of the *Miscellany News*—Vassar College's student-run newspaper—noted that on the 25th of October, students from public and private schools in Poughkeepsie met at the Liberty Theater to watch a showing of the "Modern Health Crusade" movie. The children were so stirred by the film that

the police present need to uphold "the standards of law and order." The excitement of the students speaks to the program's effectiveness.

Its national success, in part, was propelled by Vassar College President Henry Noble MacCracken (1880-1970). MacCracken founded the Junior Red Cross of America in 1917. The new organization soon partnered with the NTA, heavily promoting the Modern Health Crusade. Under MacCracken's leadership, Vassar College became a primary mode of outreach. A notice in the Poughkeepsie Eagle from February of 1919 remarked that Rhinebeck schools received lectures about the Crusade from Vassar's Four-Minute-Girls, mirroring the wartime Four-Minute-Men whose spoke about war effort. Dutchess' Collegiate involvement also spread nationally as NTA targeted Vassar seniors for executive positions at their headquarters in Philadelphia and as nurses throughout the country.

By 1930 however, deForest and the NTA designed a more comprehensive program called the Knighthood of Youth. With the Knighthood's implementation, the Modern Health Crusade slowly waned. While the MHC successfully encouraged children to engage in hygienic practice, it is crucial to acknowledge this program also promoted many ideas indelible to national eugenics movements. This is seen most poignantly in the program's emphasis on posture and bodily shape of children crusaders, a common theme in these organizations. In the future, investigations will look at the connection between crusading imagery and 20th-century eugenics indoctrination. For now, however, this study reminds us that educational systems looked very different from our own, but these culturally important programs continue to affect the way we teach children. Especially within Dutchess County, where there is a physical legacy of this system, we should ask how this informs our understanding of history.



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TEAM	W	L	PTS	GB	TR	DIFF	STATUS
Greensboro PIT	30	26	105	-	30	0	W1
Greenville HOU	26	27	78	10	4	0.3	W2
Hudson Valley NY	23	29	80	13	2	0.4	W3
Albany NY	23	30	81	13.5	1	0.1	W4
Charlotte HOU	22	24	108	7.5	6	0.6	L1
Wilmington NY	20	31	80	7.5	5	0.6	L2
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE							
Roanoke TEX	24	27	85	-	5	0	W1
Savannah TEN	24	27	84	0	4	0.4	L1
Winston-Salem NCA	20	30	70	14	6	0.7	L2
Atlanta HOU	20	30	70	14	7	0.6	W2
Mobile AL	20	30	70	14	8	0.5	L1
Charleston HOU	20	30	70	14	9	0.4	L1

## RENEGADES RAMBLINGS

### Top hitters and playoff hopes



Rafael Flores of the Renegades has been one of the hottest hitters in the South Atlantic league since early May.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

**OFFENSIVE ASSISTANCE:** Rafael Flores has been one of the best hitters in the South Atlantic League since being reinstated off the injured list on May 10. In a recent 27-games stretch, Flores has 35 hits with 11 doubles and 22 RBI.

**FRIENDLY CONFINES:** The Renegades concluded a stretch last week where they played 24 of 36 games away

from home.

**PLAYOFF HOPES:** Hudson Valley will look to keep their first-half title hopes alive this week when they begin a six-game series with the division-leading Greensboro Grasshoppers. Coverage begins on the Renegades Baseball Network at each night from Greensboro, NC.

**BATS ARE HOT:** Hudson Valley has battered around twice already this week and has scored six or more runs in their first 59 games.

**LEAD-OFF HOMERS:** Roc Riggio led off the bottom of the first against Dakota Hawkins with a solo home run on Sunday, his second long ball in as many games, and his second lead-off home run of the season.

**NICE TO MEET YOU:** In his Hudson Valley debut, Brenny Escanob notched a two-run double.

**NY SLUGGERS:** The Renegades have the third-highest team OPS (on base percentage plus slugging) in the South Atlantic League (.748), and have the fourth-best mark in High-A.



PLAYER	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	1B	BB	SO	OBP	SLG	OPS
1. Carlos Carrasco	HV	60	254	41	50	9	0	11	48	26	49	0.325	0.330	0.655
2. Carlos Carrasco	HV	59	244	37	51	10	1	8	34	22	48	0.318	0.341	0.660
3. Carlos Carrasco	HV	58	232	34	52	12	0	8	35	17	48	0.320	0.348	0.668
4. Carlos Carrasco	HV	57	221	31	50	11	0	7	33	18	47	0.315	0.340	0.655
5. Carlos Carrasco	HV	56	210	28	48	10	0	6	32	19	46	0.310	0.335	0.645
6. Carlos Carrasco	HV	55	200	25	46	9	0	5	31	20	45	0.305	0.330	0.635
7. Carlos Carrasco	HV	54	190	22	44	8	0	4	30	21	44	0.300	0.325	0.625
8. Carlos Carrasco	HV	53	180	19	42	7	0	3	29	22	43	0.295	0.320	0.615
9. Carlos Carrasco	HV	52	170	16	40	6	0	2	28	23	42	0.290	0.315	0.605
10. Carlos Carrasco	HV	51	160	13	38	5	0	1	27	24	41	0.285	0.310	0.595
11. Carlos Carrasco	HV	50	150	10	36	4	0	1	26	25	40	0.280	0.305	0.585
12. Carlos Carrasco	HV	49	140	7	34	3	0	0	25	26	39	0.275	0.300	0.575
13. Carlos Carrasco	HV	48	130	4	32	2	0	0	24	27	38	0.270	0.295	0.565
14. Carlos Carrasco	HV	47	120	1	30	1	0	0	23	28	37	0.265	0.290	0.555
15. Carlos Carrasco	HV	46	110	0	28	0	0	0	22	29	36	0.260	0.285	0.545
16. Carlos Carrasco	HV	45	100	0	26	0	0	0	21	30	35	0.255	0.280	0.535
17. Carlos Carrasco	HV	44	90	0	24	0	0	0	20	31	34	0.250	0.275	0.525
18. Carlos Carrasco	HV	43	80	0	22	0	0	0	19	32	33	0.245	0.270	0.515
19. Carlos Carrasco	HV	42	70	0	20	0	0	0	18	33	32	0.240	0.265	0.505
20. Carlos Carrasco	HV	41	60	0	18	0	0	0	17	34	31	0.235	0.260	0.495
21. Carlos Carrasco	HV	40	50	0	16	0	0	0	16	35	30	0.230	0.255	0.485
22. Carlos Carrasco	HV	39	40	0	14	0	0	0	15	36	29	0.225	0.250	0.475
23. Carlos Carrasco	HV	38	30	0	12	0	0	0	14	37	28	0.220	0.245	0.465
24. Carlos Carrasco	HV	37	20	0	10	0	0	0	13	38	27	0.215	0.240	0.455
25. Carlos Carrasco	HV	36	10	0	8	0	0	0	12	39	26	0.210	0.235	0.445

PLAYER	TEAM	W	L	ERA	G	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	WHIP	AVG
1. Carlos Carrasco	HV	3	2	2.02	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.00	0.162
2. Carlos Carrasco	HV	2	3	3.18	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.08	0.168
3. Carlos Carrasco	HV	1	4	4.50	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.16	0.174
4. Carlos Carrasco	HV	0	5	5.85	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.24	0.180
5. Carlos Carrasco	HV	0	6	7.27	15	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.32	0.186
6. Carlos Carrasco	HV	0	7	8.73	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.40	0.192
7. Carlos Carrasco	HV	0	8	10.23	17	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.48	0.198
8. Carlos Carrasco	HV	0	9	11.73	18	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.56	0.204
9. Carlos Carrasco	HV	0	10	13.23	19	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.64	0.210
10. Carlos Carrasco	HV	0	11	14.73	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.72	0.216
11. Carlos Carrasco	HV	0	12	16.23	21	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.80	0.222
12. Carlos Carrasco	HV	0	13	17.73	22	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.88	0.228
13. Carlos Carrasco	HV	0	14	19.23	23	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.96	0.234
14. Carlos Carrasco	HV	0	15	20.73	24	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.04	0.240
15. Carlos Carrasco	HV	0	16	22.23	25	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.12	0.246
16. Carlos Carrasco	HV	0	17	23.73	26	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.20	0.252
17. Carlos Carrasco	HV	0	18	25.23	27	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.28	0.258
18. Carlos Carrasco	HV	0	19	26.73	28	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.36	0.264
19. Carlos Carrasco	HV	0	20	28.23	29	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.44	0.270
20. Carlos Carrasco	HV	0	21	29.73	30	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.52	0.276
21. Carlos Carrasco	HV	0	22	31.23	31	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.60	0.282
22. Carlos Carrasco	HV	0	23	32.73	32	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.68	0.288
23. Carlos Carrasco	HV	0	24	34.23	33	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.76	0.294
24. Carlos Carrasco	HV	0	25	35.73	34	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.84	0.300
25. Carlos Carrasco	HV	0	26	37.23	35	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.92	0.306





**RENEGADES ROUNDUP**

**Four wins over Brooklyn put Renegades in playoff hunt**

**By Rich Thomaselli**

The Hudson Valley Renegades are still within striking distance of a berth in the South Atlantic League playoffs by staying within three games of North Division-

leading Greensboro.

The winner of the first half, which ends next week, automatically gets to go to the playoffs.

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*Renegades pitcher Baron Stuart put together arguably his best start of the season on Wednesday of last week, allowing just two hits across six scoreless innings while striking out a career-high eight batters.*

*-Photo by Dave Janosz*

Pittsburgh Pirates. Hudson Valley, of course, is the High Class A franchise of the New York Yankees.

It will all be settled on the field as the two teams started a six-game series in Greensboro on Tuesday night. But first, Hudson Valley put itself in position to capture the division with a strong home-stand last week.

Hudson Valley took three of the first four games of a series at home against Brooklyn. The only blemishes were a 4-3 loss on Friday night in a game that was delayed one hour and 59 minutes by rain and another loss on Saturday night.

Otherwise, the Renegades opened the series with a 13-4 victory by exploding for five runs in the fifth inning and six runs in the sixth. Five Renegades put together multi-hit games in the win. Beau Brewer was 2-for-2 with four RBI, while Jesus Rodriguez was 3-for-5 with three RBI and three runs. Jace Avina was also 2-for-5 with three RBI on Tuesday of last week.

On Wednesday, it was up to the pitchers and they turned in a 6-0 victory behind a six-run second inning and an outstanding pitching performance from Baron Stuart. Stuart put together arguably his best start of the season, allowing just two hits across six scoreless innings while striking out a career-high eight batters. The right-hander allowed just two base-runners to reach safely after the first inning. Stuart has thrown five-or-more frames in each of his last five starts.

A day later, Hudson Valley hung on for a 6-5 win. In the first the Renegades took an early lead when Rodriguez reached on an error and Rafael Flores launched a two-run homer to put the club ahead 2-0. The second inning featured another two-out rally for Hudson Valley. Nelson Medina tripled and scored on a wild pitch by Jonathan Pintaro. Roc Riggio then doubled and came home on a Jared Serna RBI single to make it 4-0.

On Sunday, the Renegades kept their first half championship hopes alive with a thrilling 6-5 walk-off win in 10 innings

over the Cyclones.

Jace Avina brought home Brenny Escanio with a sacrifice fly off Josh Hejka for the winning run, as Hudson Valley scored two in the bottom of the 10th to win it. It was the fourth walk-off victory for Hudson Valley this season, and their first since April 18 against Aberdeen.

Brooklyn took an early lead against Cam Schlitter in the top of the first when Nick Morabito doubled, Wilfredo Lara singled, and a Nick Lorusso fielder's choice groundout scored Morabito.

Roc Riggio responded by leading off the bottom of the first against Dakota Hawkins with a solo home run, his second long ball in as many games, and his second lead off home run of the season.

In the top of third Morabito walked, stole second, and reached third on a wild pitch. A Stanley Consuegra infield single put the Cyclones back ahead 2-1.

Brooklyn added to their lead in the top of the fifth. Morabito walked and Lara singled before a double steal put runners at second and third. Morabito scored on a Lorusso fielder's choice, when a throw home from shortstop Escanio wasn't in time. Consuegra doubled home Lara, and a wild pitch later in the inning scored Lorusso to make it 5-1 Cyclones.

The Renegades struck back to tie the game in the bottom of the fifth, sending ten batters to the plate and scoring four runs. Escanio singled, Riggio walked, and a double steal put runners at second and third. An Avina RBI groundout scored Escanio, and Rafael Flores singled to drive in Riggio to make it 5-3. Christopher Familia then walked to put runners at first and second. Garrett Martin singled to score Flores, and Josh Moylan brought home Familia with an RBI single to tie the game.

Avina launched a home run to center field off the batter's eye off Joshua Cornielly in the sixth to put Hudson Valley ahead 6-5.

The win secured a winning record in the first half for Hudson Valley with three games remaining.

**General Manager Q&A**

**Enjoying Father's Day at the Park and hoping for a playoff opportunity**



**Zach Betkowski**

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

**As we speak, it's Father's Day. What does that mean to the franchise?**

Yeah, it's one of our most popular days of the year by far. There's nothing better than going to the ballpark with your dad. And we had a few unfilled experiences that sold out right away, including having a catch on the field.

**Do you have any special memories of your father regarding baseball?**

I think just going to any sporting event with my father was special. But I think a

lot of people in this area love coming to see the local team with their dad.

**Last year, you had the luxury of winning the first half division title and preparing for the playoffs. Things are less certain this year, so how do you prepare?**

Well, we realized that those things are out of our control. Certainly I hope that we can put together a little magical

run here and win out. In a lot of ways, we control our own fate. This team is playing well and really finding their groove. But if they are not fortunate enough to win the first half, then we will be rooting for them to win in the second half. If that were to happen, we'll be ready on our end, because we would love nothing more than to host a postseason game here at Heritage Financial Park.

# Partnership powers new CSA for Sabellico & Sunny Vale Farm



From left, Debra West, Dan Moon and Anthony Haack tend to crops at Sunny Vale Farm, formerly Secor Farm. Sunny Vale and Sabellico Greenhouses & Florist in Hopewell Junction are partnering in a Community Supported Agriculture venture this year.



Matt Sabellico of Sabellico Greenhouses & Florist, right, assists CSA customer Jim O'Sullivan of Wappingers Falls during the initial distribution day earlier this month.

-Photos by Curtis Schmid

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"I really want to share our passion for this and our passion for agriculture and horticulture so that's partly why we decided to put up the big tent because it would be a great place to host classes, workshops, field days, lunches, you know, and just really give us a lot of options to change the way we interact with the community," Sabellico said.

This year, they sold 70 shares including ten that went to Sparrow's Nest, a local not-for-profit. Sparrow's Nest has a mission to prepare and deliver home-cooked meals to Putnam, Dutchess, and portions of Orange, Ulster, and Northern Westchester counties to families who have been diagnosed with cancer. The ingredients they collect from the CSA will be put toward creating meals for families.

All of the shares were purchased by

people or organizations in the local area. Moon said knowing his crops are staying local has been wonderful compared to his previous experience selling wholesale.

"To be able to sell locally is a privilege and its part of what is really nice about farming in the Hudson Valley is

that people value that," Moon said. "Both farmers and the customers value that - it's special."

Sabellico's is at 33 Hillside Lake Road in Hopewell Junction.

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## Dutchess County Amateur Radio 'Field Day' exercise set June 23

Dutchess County's "hams" will join with thousands of amateur radio operators across the nation who will be showing off their emergency capabilities in an annual event known as "Field Day" on Sunday, June 23.

This year at a new site, the Holmes Camp & Retreat Center in Holmes, NY, amateur

radio operators from the QSY Society Amateur Radio Club will be demonstrating amateur radio at the Robinson Pavilion, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

They invite the public to come and see ham radio's new capabilities and learn how to get their own FCC radio license.

Information regarding Field Day is available at [www.ar1.org/FieldDay](http://www.ar1.org/FieldDay). Information regarding the QSY Society is available from Mark Chitjian at 845-489-8500, [wa2nyy@ar1.net](mailto:wa2nyy@ar1.net) or at [www.qsy.society.org](http://www.qsy.society.org)

The public is invited to come, meet and

talk with the hams. See what modern Amateur Radio can do!

Holmes Camp and Retreat Center is located at Robinson Pavilion, 60 Denton Lake Road, Holmes.

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## The String Revolution to play Towne Crier June 22



The String Revolution will perform at The Town Crier in Beacon on June 22.

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Grammy Award-winning guitar trio The String Revolution will perform at The Towne Crier on Saturday, June 22, at 8:30 p.m. The String Revolution is an innovative and dynamic instrumental guitar band that pushes the boundaries of contemporary music. Composed of three virtuoso guitarists, they are renowned for their electrifying performances, blending different genres and styles to create unique arrangements and a captivating sound. Their intricate melodies, mesmerizing harmonies, and astonishing guitar skills have earned them a dedicated following and critical acclaim worldwide.

The band includes former Randy Rhoads student Janet Robin (named in

the "Top 50 Acoustic Guitarist bonus list" by Guitar Player Magazine, 2017), who is also an acclaimed touring guitarist with the likes of Lindsey Buckingham, Meredith Brooks, Air Supply, and many more. Her bandmates are award winning and Master of the Arts, Austrian guitarist Markus Illko, and Cuban multi-instrumentalist and guitarist Rober Luis.

Opening the show are special guests Michele Gedney and Jude Roberts.

Tickets are \$30 in advance/\$35 at the door. The Towne Crier is at 379 Main St. in Beacon. For tickets and information, call 845-855-1300 or visit [www.townecrier.com](http://www.townecrier.com).



# VETERANS NEWS WITH ADAM ROCHE



## Helping vets find housing through the HERO program

This month, I am talking about another one of the outstanding programs available at our Veterans One-Stop Center, offered by our partner, Mental Health America (MHA) of Dutchess County - the Housing, Empowerment, Reintegration & Outreach initiative, known as the HERO program.

MHA's HERO program primarily focuses on securing housing and financial resources, while advocating for our veterans when dealing with employers, landlords and referral services throughout Dutchess County.

The goal and mission of the HERO program is to fight against the growing national trend of homelessness among our veterans, which, unfortunately, is mirrored right here in Dutchess County. The HERO program seeks to use every resource available to help our local veterans buck that trend and keep this population to as low a number as possible.

In conjunction with the HERO program, MHA utilizes their Vet2Vet program and the Veterans Employment Training & Transitions Assistance Program (Vet-Tap), which finds jobs for veterans and is supported by numerous community partners such as People USA. (I will be talking more about the Vet-Tap program in our July column.) Utilizing all these resources provides complete wrap-around service for our veterans and families that they need and deserve.

The HERO program is funded by a grant from the Dutchess County Government and donations from residents throughout the county. The goal is to assure our veterans who are homeless or facing homelessness that resources are available to help them find housing and to ensure that the support will be there both before and after they eventually secure permanent housing.

Recent research from the Department of Housing and Urban Development

states that on any given night veterans make up about seven percent of the population experiencing homelessness as opposed to just five percent of the total population across the nation.

The reasons why are not always clear-cut and easy to identify; but we know that transition stress, substance abuse, mental health issues, lack of support networks, lack of affordable housing, non-livable income, low marriage and high divorce rates as well as difficulty managing complex benefit systems are often at the top of the list - generally in various combinations.

The challenges can seem overwhelming and too often, that is exactly how many vets feel. The good news, however, is that here in Dutchess County we have professionals and services to help our veterans with all the issues listed above, not just at our Veterans One Stop Center, but also at the many agencies

we work with throughout the county.

We are always working to let people know about the valuable veterans' programs that are locally available like the HERO program. We want our veteran and their families to learn about the services, so they will take advantage of them. It has been my experience, and the experience of the professionals I work with, that those who have taken an initial step to begin utilizing these valuable resources have found they are able to overcome the challenges they face and begin to enjoy more full and fruitful lives.

To learn more about all the resources available, you can contact us at Veterans' Services by calling 845-486-2060, emailing veterans@dutchessny.gov, or visiting our office at the Veterans One Stop Center, located at 1335 Route 44 in Pleasant Valley; we will help you get started and walk you over and introduce you to the staff at MHA.

## Jacobson sends letter to PSC requesting more public hearings on possible Central Hudson rate hike

Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson (D-104) sent a letter to the Public Service Commission (PSC) requesting more public hearings before a final decision on Central Hudson's application for a rate hike. He also repeated his opposition to the proposed increase.

Central Hudson and the PSC have been locked in litigation over the utility's request to increase its rates by 27.5% for electric and 33.2% for gas. Two Administrative Law Judges assigned to the case recommended rate increases of 16.7% for electric and 21.8% for gas.

Governor Hochul recently signed the Assemblymember's legislation to end chron-

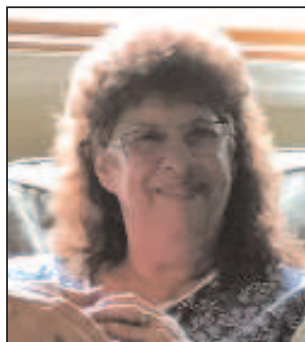
ic late billing by Central Hudson and other utility companies, and to require utilities to provide 13 months of prior usage data with each bill, so customers can determine if they are being overcharged. Jacobson also passed a bill this session to curb estimated billing.

"It is not time to reward a utility that has been recklessly managed with a blank check from the Commission. Customers of Central Hudson have learned not to trust the utility's numbers, and neither should the Public Service Commission," Jacobson concluded.

Commission is expected to decide on the rate increase later this summer and has not yet responded to Jacobson's requests.

## Obituaries

Gloria M. O'Dell



WAPPINGERS FALLS - Gloria M. O'Dell, of Wappingers Falls, NY, passed away at home on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 with her family by her side. She was 79.

Gloria was born on January 10, 1945 in Plattsburgh, NY to John and Vivian (Murray) Smith. She worked as a Teaching Assistant for the Haldane Central School District in Cold Spring, NY. Gloria loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

On June 17, 1961, she married the love of her life, Clarence O'Dell. Clarence survives at home.

In addition to her husband, Gloria is survived by her children, Jerry O'Dell (Shawn) of Nelsonville, NY, Teresa Loncaric (Chris) of Northampton, PA

and Steven O'Dell (Marylou) of Wappingers Falls, NY; her grandchildren, Keli- anne Leonardo (Todd) of Hopewell Jct., NY, Nicole Desposito (Jesse) of Wappingers Falls, NY, Derek O'Dell (Julia) of Alfred, NY, Kaitlin Sandt (Keith) of Easton, PA, Jeremy Rickey (Dakota) of Northampton, PA, Ryan Rickey (Brittany) of Northampton, PA and Lauren Santrello (James) of Fishkill, NY; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services are private and under the direction of the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY.

Joseph E. Powers



BEACON - Joseph E. Powers, a longtime Beacon resident, a proud veteran of the U.S. Army, entered into rest on June 11, 2024, at his home. He was 94. He was born on August 22, 1929, in Elmira, NY, son of the late Michael and Anna (Malloy) Powers. Joseph was a member of St. Mary, Mother of the Church, Fishkill, NY.

Joseph E. Powers is survived by his children, Lisa Powers of Beacon, Michael Powers of Cohoes, Christopher (Christine) Powers of Highland, Kevin (Anya) Powers of Newburgh, his sister Fran Monroe of Elmira, one grandson, Kyle Joseph Palmer, as well as many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his beloved wife Maria D. Powers, his sister Betty and his brother Michael (Maryjo) Powers.

Joseph's outgoing and hard-working personality led him to pursue a variety of professions throughout his life. He proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. In addition, Joseph had a long career as a corrections officer, serving for 32 years, and worked in the medical field. In his free time, he was an avid fan of New York sports teams, including the NY Rangers, NY Giants, and NY Yankees.

His Family gathered with Friends on Monday, June 17, 2024 at St. Mary Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill, where a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated, followed by interment and military honors at the St. Joachim Cemetery, 325 Washington Avenue, Beacon, New York.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 121 Executive Dr. #200 New Windsor, NY 12553. Arrangements are under the direction of Joseph J. Schuka of 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](http://www.LibbyFuneralHome.com).

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it was terminated due to the unsafe speeds of the suspect vehicle. Responding officers determined that the front door glass had been shattered and entry was made." Officers who responded to the scene at the store found the front door shattered and entry

was made. The Detective Division processed the scene. While investigating, it was revealed that "a group of suspects had burglarized 2 other jewelry stores the same morning, Jewelry Designs in Danbury, CT and Jaymark Jewelers in Cold

Spring (Putnam County). An arrest was made by another agency of 2 of the suspects in Newark, NJ along with the recovery of stolen merchandise," according to the release. The investigation is ongoing.

