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Dress in costume for annual Fall Festival in Fishkill on Sat.

By Kristine Coulter

The Town of Fishkill will host the annual Fall Festival and Costume Contest on Saturday, Oct. 12, from noon-3 p.m. at Maurer Geering Park, 1 Geering Way, in Fishkill.

"The event is free with a donation to the Fishkill Food Pantry and [it is] geared more to elementary-aged children," said Jason Maietta, recreation director for the Town of Fishkill. "We decorate the park in Fall and Halloween-themed décor.

Maietta notes, "The main attraction has always been our hayride to our generous "pumpkin patch" where the kids get to pick their very own pumpkin. This year we are handing out pumpkin decorating kits for the kids to go home and decorate their pumpkin with."

Last year the "Costume Contest" was introduced, and it will be back again for this year's event. Participants need to check in by 1p.m. The contest will start at 1:30 p.m. Contestants should pre-register online at FishkillRecreation.com, said Maietta.

"We judge costumes on a variety of categories such as scariest costume, cutest, funniest, most creative, most realistic, best presentation, and best overall," Maietta said. He added the entire event is professionally recorded, and commentary is provided by the local "Murf and EDubbs Sports Podcast Show."

"Some other popular attractions this year will be bounce houses, face painting, Two by Two Animal Haven Petting Zoo, an obstacle course, a scavenger hunt, trick-or-treating, and more," Maietta stated.

It was also remarked by Maietta, "Our community officers from the Town of Fishkill Police Department will be giving out trick-or-treat safety tips, touring their patrol vehicle, and raffling off a bike!"

Rombout Fire Co. members will also be there for attendees to tour fire trucks.

There will also be a hot dog stand for lunch.

Town officials encourage attendees to bring a donation to for the local food pantry.

If weather is questionable, visit the Town's website at FishkillRecreation.com or Facebook page for details.

"This is probably my favorite community event that we run and we hope to see everybody there," said Maietta.

Beacon Sloop Club sets Pumpkin Festival Oct. 20

By Kristine Coulter

The third in the Beacon Sloop Club's series of festivals, the Pumpkin Festival, will take place on Sunday, October 20, from noon to 5 p.m. at Pete & Toshi Seeger Park in Beacon. The festival will feature pumpkins from the Hudson Valley, baked goods, information on the environment and sails on the Hudson River aboard the club's boat, the Woody Guthrie.

"Because this is the last festival of the season, the Pumpkin Festival is always a special event. We are working extra hard to make this a joyful celebration and a fitting grand finale to a very successful festival season. Towards that end, we are planning a few pleasant surprises for our guests," Robert May, president of the Beacon Sloop Club, told Beacon Free Press.

"We have been very fortunate that several new, exciting and sought-after vendors and artisans have agreed to join our many long-time festival favorites in the vendor section. With the holiday season approaching, shoppers will have a wide variety of unique, one-of-a-kind gift ideas and stocking stuffers to choose from. We encourage our guests to visit our own Beacon Sloop Club merchandise tent, where first-time Sloop Club apparel and items will be offered at reasonable prices along with many tried-and-true favorites," noted May.

It was mentioned that there will be "several new, exciting and tasty food offerings that will make their debut" alongside the familiar crowd-pleasers.

"There will be something for just about



The Beacon Sloop Club will host the annual Pumpkin Festival on Sunday, October 20, at the Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park in Beacon.

-Archive photo

every taste. The pleasant aroma of fresh-baked goods on a crisp fall day has always been a big part of the charm" of the pumpkin festivals, he said.

"Our famous Beacon Sloop Club mouth-watering pumpkin pie, topped with a generous helping of home-made whipped cream will be in plentiful supply,

of course. And what would a Beacon Sloop Club fall festival be without a heaping bowlful of steaming Sloop Club-special pumpkin soup, designed to warm the insides of young and old alike, even on the coolest of early autumn days on the river?"

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Scavenger hunt 'a dream' toward creating a small business

By Kristine Coulter

Jadyn Gingrich held a scavenger hunt for friends recently. This was a way for Gingrich to try the dream of becoming a small business owner.

"These scavenger hunts started during the pandemic as a way for my friends to spend some time together in a smaller group. I sent them in teams to accomplish different challenges in small car groups. Since this is just something I've done for friends, every year my hunt has a new name. This year [was] "Kind Of A Big Deal." I have a dream of making this a small business, and I'd like the name to be "Big Deal Scavenger Hunts." But that's a work in progress," explained Gingrich.

There were eight small businesses who assisted with the hunt this year. Some businesses are providing samples, some activities, and others passing out clues, noted Gingrich.

"My players are all friends of mine! They will be organized into teams and then will follow clues around town to get some tasty treats and accomplish some fun tasks while seeing the town and highlighting some locations with local art. Over about 2-3 hours they [found] their clues and [filled] any time gaps they have with fun selfie and video challenges," Gingrich said.

Gingrich explained the end goal would



Some of this year's participants in the scavenger hunt in Beacon.

-Photo by @misaelll1007

one day "extend this and be able to cater to small groups or even host events with different themed hunts in different locations... Visit the businesses on the main strip for a good time! They are all incredibly fun and getting to know some managers or owners from each business has been a personal treat and they definitely have some new patrons in all those

who [played]."

Gingrich said the businesses that participated were: Beacon Creamery, Noble Pies, Matcha Thomas, Alps Sweet Shop, Beacon Coffee Company and Mercantile, Beacon Cheese Shop, the Howland Public Library and Dennings Point Distillery.

For more information, or suggestions, email bigdealscavengerhunts@gmail.com.

Pumpkin Festival set for Oct. 20

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May suggested, “You can wash these tasty treats down with some sweet, fresh-pressed, apple cider or hot coffee or tea.

“For the first time, we will offer oven-fresh, crisp, baked potatoes and sweet potatoes to hungry diners. We can’t wait to try additional items and see how people like them.”

It was also noted by May, that musicians of various genres and styles, intended to appeal to a wide variety of musical tastes, are invited to appear for the first time on the stages, “interspersed with our very talented array of returning performers.” Delightful music will fill the air from the main stage and the family stage throughout the day, he said.

Attendees to the festival can sign up for a free sail on the Woody Guthrie on the Hudson River, weather permitting. One must sign up for the free sail the day of. Sign ups begin at noon at the Beacon Sloop Club table.

Environmental non-profits will feature displays of local river history and the environment including information about their organization.

So why does the Sloop Club offer three festival event year?

“Because every festival is a celebration of the different seasons here in the glorious Hudson Valley, each has its own distinct flavor. We want our friends and neighbors to enjoy the park and river and see what each season has to offer,” said May.

“Our Strawberry Festival marks the end of winter and is a harbinger of warming weather. It is a time of reawakening and joyful anticipation of the summer months ahead. The Corn Festival comes at the peak of the summer season and encourages everyone to appreciate the long, relaxing, pleasant days of summer, when folks can sit in the park and watch the river flow, enjoy the summer river vistas, feel the cool summer breezes and appreciate each other’s company,” he said.

May added, “Our Pumpkin Festival is meant to remind everyone of the special joys of the Hudson Valley, when the changing weather dresses our mountains and valleys in the vivid colors of the season, and of the bountiful and abundant harvests of this special place we call home. The Pumpkin Festival reminds us that there is nothing that remotely compares to autumn near the Hudson and our river valley, that stretch of majestic mountains and highlands that is here for everyone to enjoy.” That is why it is important to have three festivals, he said.

May said feedback from attendees is often given regarding the hard work done by the volunteers.

“They thank the dozens of volunteers who cook and serve the food with care and pride, who set up and take down the tents and equipment, often working the entire day and sometimes the entire weekend, with little rest,” said May.



There will be a variety of activities during the annual Beacon Sloop Club’s Pumpkin Festival, set for Oct. 20 at Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park.

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Jury finds former Beacon couple guilty of murdering her ex-husband

By Kristine Coulter

After a two-week trial, a jury found a former Marine’s ex-wife guilty of his murder. Her current husband was also found guilty by the jury for the murder and coverup, according to Damian Williams, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York. The couple lived in Beacon before moving to Amsterdam, NY.

“Over four years ago, in Beacon, New York, Jamie and Nicholas Orsini killed Jamie’s ex-husband, Steven Kraft, and engaged in a sophisticated scheme to hide their crime. Indeed, Kraft’s body still has not been found. For more than four years, Kraft’s family has waited for justice. Their wait is now over. With its verdict, the jury has now held Kraft’s ex-wife—Jamie Orsini—and her husband—Nicholas Orsini—responsible for that murder and subsequent cover-up,” said Williams in a statement.

According to the Indictment, public court filings, and the evidence presented at trial: In 2020, the married couple plotted the murder of Kraft.

The Indictment states: “As part of that murder, they planned a sophisticated cover-up, involving the use of burner phones, the movement of Kraft’s car to a different city, and the destruction and disposal of all physical evidence. Among other things, they purchased items—such as a 1,000-square-foot tarp and a full-body coverall—to allow them to commit the murder and dispose of evidence, they repeatedly practiced “dry runs” for how they would move Kraft’s car, and they purchased a “burner phone” to use without law enforcement being able to trace the phone to them. On April 28, 2020, in Beacon, New York, after Kraft dropped his daughters off with the [Orsinis], who had custody of their children, the [Orsinis] killed Kraft and took his car and cell-

phone. Nicholas Orsini then drove the car into Newburgh, New York, leaving it in a high-crime neighborhood, got rid of Kraft’s cellphone, and used the burner phone to call a taxi to bring him back to Beacon, throwing the burner phone out before getting into the taxi.”

Bruce D. Koffsky, an attorney for Nicholas Orsini, and Rachel Martin, an attorney for Jamie Orsini, did not respond to a request for comment.

After the murder, according to the Indictment, Jamie Orsini, 38, and Nicholas Orsini, 36, “managed to destroy or dispose of evidence—including Steven Kraft’s body—buying a new burner phone to use when they repeatedly drove to and from upstate New York, and creating large homemade incinerators.” Jamie Orsini, it states, sent multiple text messages to make it look like she believed that Kraft was still alive, and, having dumped Kraft’s car in

Newburgh, when speaking with the police, professed ignorance, but kept hinting that, maybe if Kraft went to Newburgh after leaving her home, something might have happened to him there.

If anyone has information related to the Orsinis, both from Amsterdam, NY, or the location of Steven Kraft’s body, it is asked one report the information using the following link: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/report-crime>.

Jamie Orsini and Nicholas Orsini were each convicted of: carjacking resulting in death; and participating in a conspiracy to commit carjacking. The carjacking count carries a maximum sentence of life in prison, and the conspiracy count carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison, according to the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York. Each defendant’s sentence will be determined by a judge.

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Serino taps Oscarlece for OCIS Commissioner position

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino has selected longtime County employee Stephen “Steve” Oscarlece to serve as Commissioner for the Office of Central and Information Services (OCIS). Oscarlece, a 21-year OCIS employee, will begin serving as Commissioner following confirmation by the Dutchess County Legislature in November.

“Steve Oscarlece is a proven leader whose extensive experience will ensure Dutchess County OCIS will continue to be a national leader in technological innovation,” said County Executive Serino. “Steve’s commitment to the highest standards of quality has delivered valuable technology resources benefiting our residents, local businesses and our County employees, helping to enhance service delivery, while saving millions of dollars for taxpayers. I am delighted he has agreed to serve as OCIS Commissioner.”

Oscarlece joined Dutchess County Government in 2003, when he began as a Systems Analyst. He has advanced through the department serving in various roles including Project Leader and Applications Manager. In 2016, he was promoted to Deputy Commissioner. He has served as Acting OCIS Commissioner since November 2023, following the departure of former Commissioner Glenn Marchi.

A graduate of SUNY New Paltz, with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Oscarlece worked for many years in the private sector before joining Dutchess County Government, working as Systems Analyst/Programmer for Info-Matic Inc and Richmor Aviation.

As OCIS Commissioner, Oscarlece will be responsible for oversight and direction of this critical administrative department, which provides operational support and services to other county government departments and municipal partners, helping to ensure efficient and cost-effective delivery of programs and services to the public.

OCIS is composed of two divisions - Central Services and Information Services. The Information Services Division provides information technology

and telecommunications services to all county departments. The Central Services Division handles central purchasing, billing, contract administration, printing services, mail service and inventory control. Both OCIS divisions also work collaboratively with local municipalities on various shared services initiatives to save taxpayer dollars.

During his tenure with OCIS, Oscarlece has designed, developed, implemented, and supported multiple applications to serve the needs of County and municipal agencies and the public. These have included the County’s financial management system and consolidated public safety solutions for improved coordination and response time. OCIS has continued to expand its GIS offerings, building on its popular Parcel Access application and providing a wide range of mapping and data services.

Oscarlece has also prioritized cybersecurity and disaster recovery. Dutchess County has hosted its annual Cyber Security summit, with Marist College, to help local municipalities and organizations stay abreast of the latest cybersecurity trends and threats. OCIS has also built robust disaster recovery plans to ensure faster recovery of critical systems if impacted by an emergency.

OCIS’ technological innovation has been recognized on the state and national level for decades, with the Center for Digital Government and the National Association of Counties ranking Dutchess County in the top ten counties since 2004 for its technology use. Several recent OCIS projects have also been honored with Government Experience Awards including the National Resource Inventory (with the Dept. of Planning & Development) and the new web-based Electronic Health Permit system and the Drinking Water Reporting and Information Portal (DRIP) for water operators (both with the Dept. of Health) to ensure compliance with water safety standards.

“I appreciate County Executive Serino’s confidence in me and am honored she has selected me to lead the great



Steve Oscarlece, left, has been appointed by County Executive Sue Serino, right, to serve as Dutchess County OCIS Commissioner.

-Courtesy photo

team here at OCIS,” Mr. Oscarlece said. “I look forward to continuing to advance Dutchess County’s reputation for high-quality services and cost efficiency utilizing technological solutions.”

Oscarlece resides in the Town of Poughkeepsie with his wife, Gail, and enjoys

spending time with their daughter, Alexa, daughter-in-law, Sara and granddaughter, Mia. He is a licensed Airline Transport Pilot, rated to fly multiple types of planes.

To learn more about the Office of Central and Information Services, visit www.dutchessny.gov/OCIS.

Fall Garage and Rummage Sale set for Oct. 24-26

The Women’s Parish Club of St. Joachim/St. John the Evangelist Church will be holding its Annual Fall Garage and Rummage Sale on Thursday, Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

and Saturday, Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to noon in the St. Joachim’s gymnasium, Leonard Street, in Beacon.

A special “Red Carpet” section with new and gently used items! One may have lunch with a lot of choices and at a great price.

Latin dancing set for Oct. 24

A Night of Latin Dancing will be presented by Beacon Dance Beat on Thursday, October 24 at 7 p.m., at the Towne Crier Café, 379 Main Street in Beacon. A full menu and bar service are available before and during the dance. Admission is \$10, which can be paid at the door. For reservations, please call the Towne Crier at 845-831-5500.

For further information about the music, or for a special Song Request, please contact Rhoda at 845-765-0667 or email rhodaja@optonline.net.

Repair Café set for Oct. 27 in Beacon

The City of Beacon officials have announced that a free Repair Café will be held on October 27, from 1 - 4 p.m. in the City’s Recreation Center at 23 West Center Street. The event is a recurring resource for community members to breathe new life into broken or worn-out items.

As part of the City of Beacon’s 2024 Community Investment Program, the City Council awarded \$1000 in grant funding to a group of volunteers to organize two Repair Cafes. The first event took place on June 2, at the Beacon Recreation Center, where 14 skilled volunteer fixers repaired items from 66 community members. Fixers were able to keep 85 items in use and out of the waste stream.

Manufacturing products and their packaging uses more than 50% of the energy consumed worldwide and is a significant source of greenhouse gas emissions. Waste prevention is an important strategy within New York State’s plan to meet its climate targets.

Those interested in attending the upcoming October Repair Cafe can receive assistance with repairs to electronics, textiles, furniture, lamps, jewelry, bicycles, and more.

The Beacon Repair Cafes are organized by a group of Beacon and Fishkill residents, business owners, and community groups. They are supported by the City’s Recreation Department, Mutual Aid Beacon, Dutchess County Soil & Water Conservation District, and Rombout Middle School volunteers and students. The events are part of the international repair café movement, and Sustainable Hudson Valley’s program Repair Cafe Hudson Valley – a consortium of over 50 repair cafes.

In 2023 alone, Sustainable Hudson Valley Repair Cafes kept over 6,000 items out of the waste stream, part of its mission to speed up progress against climate change.

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Pulver is best candidate for County Comptroller

To the Editor:

Voters in Dutchess County have a clear choice this fall when considering the two candidates for Dutchess County Comptroller. Gregg Pulver is a farmer, former Pine Plains Town Supervisor, as well as a five-term county legislator who served as Chairman for six years. In that capacity, Pulver has worked with County Executives Molinaro and O'Neil on a day-to-day basis. The legislature is charged with reviewing all county expenditures that are proposed in the County Executive's annual budget.

His opponent, Dan Aymar-Blair, has no experience in county government. He has demonstrated his lack of knowledge by asserting that Dutchess County is a "fiscal mess" that requires his presence to straighten out.

If he bothered to check the facts, Mr. Aymar-Blair would discover that Dutchess County has the highest bond rating in the state at AA+. In addition, taxpayers of Dutchess County have enjoyed nine consecutive years of tax rate reductions, much of which is due to the leadership of Gregg Pulver. The current tax rate stands at the lowest it has been in forty years.

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Dutchess is also one of only ten counties in New York State that offers a sales tax exemption on clothing and footwear purchases under \$110. Dutchess County's finances are well managed. The county holds 1-2 months of operating funds in unassigned fund balance, in line with our fiscal policies. Over the past three years, Dutchess County has used excess fund balance reserves to save interest and premium expenses by paying down debt and funding one-time capital projects with these monies instead of floating bonds.

I urge you to vote for Gregg Pulver who has contributed his talent and experience to our stable financial condition. It would be a mistake to support a candidate who at best, doesn't know what is happening in county government, or at worst is willing to misrepresent the facts to garner votes.

Will Truitt
Chairman, Dutchess County Legislature
Hyde Park

County awards \$2.8 million in CDBG and HOME Funding

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino has announced \$2.8 million to be awarded for 20 projects through the County's 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME). This investment will remove barriers to accessibility for seniors and those with special needs, address critical infrastructure needs and expand affordable housing options throughout Dutchess County.

Serino said, "Each of the projects awarded through the Community Development Block Grants and the HOME Investment Partnership Program will go a long way in supporting the growing needs of Dutchess County. By working with community partners, developers and not-for-profit agencies, we can ensure that Dutchess County has the ability to support all of our neighbors with affordable housing, high quality services, and the infrastructure that will enhance the quality of life within our communities. I look forward to watching these projects come to fruition and the impact they will have on Dutchess County."

CDBG and HOME program funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to address locally identified community development and housing needs. CDBG funds support community development projects and activities that benefit low- and moderate-income people, neighborhoods, and communities; the HOME Investment program creates affordable housing options for low-income households.

CDBG Municipal Projects - Totaling \$1,056,080

City of Beacon, \$198,000

West Center Street Sidewalk - Approximately 665 linear feet of sidewalk will be replaced with five-foot wide monolithic concrete, allowing for a safe, ADA-compliant walk between South Avenue Elementary School and the nearby recreation center.

Town of Clinton, \$125,000

Friends Park Improvement Project - Improvements to Friends Park in the Town of Clinton, including a new combo tennis court and pickleball court with fencing.

Town of Dover, \$87,500

Install ADA Compliant Crosswalk Improvements at School St. and Route 22 in Dover Plains - Close an existing curb cut in the area of Route 22 at School Street; reposition the existing crosswalk; add rapid reflective flashing beacons to aid pedestrians trying to cross the road.

Village of Millerton, \$150,000

Veteran's Park Sidewalk Improvement Project - Replace approximately 200 linear feet of sidewalk on the north side of Main Street near the intersection with Dutchess Avenue. The gathering area in front of Veterans Park adjacent to the sidewalk will also be repaved.

Village of Tivoli, \$200,000

Memorial Drive Drainage Improvements Project - Replace an existing culvert and storm water piping along Memorial Drive with an appropriately sized storm water system.

Dutchess County, \$295,580

2024 Public Facilities Set-Aside - Funds set aside for future public facility needs throughout Dutchess County.

CDBG Public Service Projects - Totaling \$180,000

Catholic Charities Community Services of Dutchess, Inc., \$25,000
Homeless Prevention Case Management Program - Emergency rental assistance and limited utility assistance for low-income Dutchess County residents to help stabilize housing. Case management assists clients in independently sustaining their household needs.

Catholic Charities Community Services of Dutchess, Inc., \$25,000
Senior Medical Transportation and Support Services - Provide Dutchess County residents age 60+ with basic support services, including transportation to non-emergency medical appointments, grocery shopping, visiting services, telephone reassurance, as well as respite for primary caregivers.

Fareground, Inc., \$14,250

Grocery Home Delivery for Seniors - Provide monthly delivery of groceries to food insecure and accessibility-challenged seniors in southern Dutchess.

Hudson River Housing, Inc., \$30,000

River Haven Transitional Living Community - Provide runaway, homeless and those at-risk of homelessness young adults, ages 18-24, with up to 24 months of transitional housing and support services, including 24-hour crisis intervention, counseling, and case management, which will aid in transitioning them towards self-sufficiency.

Hudson River Housing, Inc., \$30,000

Support Services at Hillcrest House - Provide case management services, under the Housing First Program, to help high-risk, vulnerable homeless adults secure and maintain stable housing.

Mental Health America of Dutchess County, Inc., \$25,750

Permanent Supportive Housing Program - A comprehensive continuum of services offering affordable, permanent housing to individuals and families in recovery from substance use disorders, including counseling, case management, life skills training, and vocational development services.

North East Community Center, Inc., \$30,000

Youth Development Programs: CPSB and Teen Team - Community Partnership with Schools and Business (CPSB) offers workforce development training and paid, mentored internships with local businesses and organizations for socioeconomically disadvantaged youth, ages 14-20. Teen Team is a peer support group that provides educational, recreational and community service opportunities for socioeconomically disadvantaged youth, ages 14-18.

HOME Projects - Totaling \$1,594,995

Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County, \$550,000

Sunset Avenue, Town of Poughkeepsie - Construction of five single-family homes targeted for affordable homeownership on 4.5 acres; HOME funding will support the development of all four units.

Kearney Realty and Development, \$350,000

Halstead Farms, Town of Lagrange - New construction of 80-unit affordable housing development; HOME funding will support 10 units in the development.

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BluePath places 4 service dogs, offers 'freedom' to children with autism, families



Vision, a BluePath service dog, was recently one of four dogs placed with families with autistic children.

BluePath Service Dogs, a nonprofit organization that provides autism service dogs, celebrated the placement of four new service dog teams, offering newfound hope and freedom to children with autism and their families.

"We are privileged to steward a mission with an impact that is as wide as it is deep," said Michelle Brier, BluePath's Chief Executive Officer. "These extraordinary dogs will go home to help children and their parents; they will support sib-

lings and friends; and they'll strengthen families' connections with their communities. They will provide limitless hope, and in doing so, their influence will be exponentially powerful and far-reaching."

The demand for BluePath dogs is greater than ever before; one in every 36 children born today will develop an autism spectrum disorder (Center for Disease Control and Prevention). The propensity to wander or bolt is a hallmark behavior of autism and poses a significant



A BluePath Service Dogs team with service dog Vision.

-Courtesy photos

threat to the well-being of children affected. Even the most routine trips outside the home can quickly transform into life-threatening experiences. To avoid disruption and risk, children and their families often retreat into the safer environments of their homes and experience significant social isolation as a result.

Dana and Earle Mallory, from Rhinebeck, are the proud recipients of BluePath Vision for their ten-year-old son, Noah.

"Our friends and family, who have neurotypical children, take for granted 'the easy things in life' like going shopping in Target," said Dana Mallory. "When I go to Target, I worry about my child eloping – which has happened on more than one occasion – or the meltdown that is bound to happen, which often results in abandoning my shopping cart and hustling out of the store."

Service dogs are the only effective

intervention to elopement in children with autism. BluePath is committed to serving children with autism and their families by providing high quality service dogs that offer safety, companionship, and independence – free of charge.

"Noah was so excited for Vision to come home, and I am so excited to think of all the places we can go, including everyday events like Target runs, grocery trips, or doctor's appointments," added Mallory. "Vision means hope, and love, and the opportunity for success for our family. Thank you for this unbelievably wonderful gift! You have no idea how much it means to all of us!"

BluePath Service Dogs in Wappingers Falls. For the latest news and updates, follow @BluePathServiceDogs on Facebook and @BluePathDogs on Instagram. For more information, visit www.bluepathservicedogs.org.

'Scary Stories in the Barn' returns to Mount Gulian on October 27

Once again, Mount Gulian will be opening its creaky historic barn doors to adults and children to hear the delightfully spooky and creepy tales told by master storyteller Lorraine Hartin Gelardi.

Mount Gulian will host this fun event on the afternoon of Sunday, October 27. Doors open at 3:15 p.m. and the live performance by Hartin Gelardi will begin at 4 p.m. Light refreshments, before the performance, will be available.

Elaine Hayes, Executive Director, said "Because last year's event was attended primarily by adults, Ms. Hartin Gelardi has revised her repertoire this year so that her stories will be for adults, but there definitely will be kid-friendly ones too."

Guests are urged to dress warmly, as our historic barn is not heated. Seats fill quickly. Admission is \$15 for adults; \$8 for children (ages 5 through 15).

For further information call 845-831-8172 or email at info@mountgulian.org.

Arts Mid-Hudson presents Estamos Aquí: Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

Arts Mid-Hudson (AMH) will present Estamos Aquí: Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, an exhibition that celebrates the richness, diversity, and cultural contributions of Hispanic, Latinx, and Afro-Latino artists in the Hudson Valley. This exhibition will be on view through Sunday, October 20, at the AMH Gallery, 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Suite F, Poughkeepsie.

The exhibit will showcase a variety of artistic styles, mediums, and perspectives, spotlighting the creativity and cultural heritage of Hispanic communities in the region. Through their work, these artists engage with themes of identity, community, migration, and resilience,

offering a powerful reflection on the role of art in celebrating heritage and fostering cultural understanding.

Participating Artists:

Kimm Alfonso, Lucy Aponte, Patricia Churchill, Ramiro Davaro-Comas, Mari De Pedro, Maria Del Carmen Garcia, Amanda Dorval, Marielena Ferrer, Melanie Gonzalez, Mari Keeler Cornwell, Arquimedes Mejia, Jacqueline Oster, Franc Palaia, Yvonne Rojas-Cowan, Lydia Rubio, Edwin Torres, Adriana Torres-Trinidad.

An Artist Talk Closing Reception will be held on Sunday, October 20 from 1 - 3 p.m. at the AMH Gallery.

County awards \$2.8 million in CDBG and HOME Funding

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MEGA Contracting and ALCD, \$100,000

Wallace Campus, City of Poughkeepsie – Renovation and new construction of 187 affordable housing units in mixed-use structures throughout several buildings; HOME funding will support 11 units within the development.

Rebuilding Together, \$49,995
Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation – Rehabilitation of single-family homes throughout Dutchess County.

Hudson River Housing, \$160,000
Harlow Row Rehabilitation – Exterior and interior rehabilitation of the historic Harlow Row building, including eight apartment rentals for low to moderate-income families.

Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County, \$200,000

Single Family Home North East – Construction of a single-family home for income-qualified buyer in the Town of North East.

Dutchess County, \$185,000
DC Owner-Occupied Property Rehab – Funding for zero-percent interest loans to 10 low- and moderate-income homeowners for home repairs.

CDBG Municipal and HOME applications are accepted annually by the Department of Planning & Development. CDBG Public Service applications are accepted biennially. Applications are reviewed by the Community Development Advisory Committee with recommendations forwarded to the County Executive for final approval.

Applications for the 2025 CDBG Municipal and HOME Investment grant programs will be released in early 2025. More information about these grant programs can be found on the Department of Planning & Development's Funding Opportunities webpage.

Stephane Wrembel returns to Beacon with renowned jazz pianist

The Stephane Wrembel Band with Jean-Michel Pilc will perform at the Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon on Saturday, Oct. 12, at 8:30 p.m. Jazz legend Wrembel and renowned pianist Pilc have collaborated in a new project called "Triptych." Wrembel stands as one of the world's most celebrated guitarists recognized for his masterful blend of jazz, gypsy swing

and world music enchanting audiences across the globe with his unique sound. Pilc, acclaimed for his improvisational prowess, has performed alongside jazz legends worldwide, served as the musical director and pianist for Harry Belafonte, and engaged in memorable duets with opera singer Jessye Norman. To purchase tickets, call 845-855-1300.

Free luncheon for Veterans; Rolison guest speaker

The Beacon Elks Lodge 900 Wolcott Ave Beacon will host a free luncheon for Veterans and guests on Saturday, Oct. 12, at noon. NYS Senator Rob

Rolison as the guest speaker, where he will offer an update of Senate discussion on bills regarding veterans.

RSVP to 845-831-2426 or 845-654-4557.

Anderson Center honors founder's grandson at Centennial Gala Event



Fireworks celebration in honor of Anderson Center for Autism's 100th Anniversary at its Centennial Gala.

Anderson Foundation for Autism held a Centennial Gala on Saturday, Sept. 28, at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie.

The "Roaring 20s"-themed event raised funds to help the award-winning Anderson Center for Autism carry out its mission of optimizing the quality of life for people with autism.

Vance Anderson Gage, grandson of Anderson Center's founder Dr. Victor Anderson, was presented with the V.V. Anderson Community Service Award at the event.

Said Patrick Paul, CEO and Executive Director of Anderson Center for Autism, "It [was] a great privilege to honor Vance's tireless dedication at the Centennial Gala. He has served as a trustee, longtime volunteer, and former

teacher at Anderson - and continues to support our current mission of optimizing the quality of life for individuals with autism."

According to the Centers for Disease Control, 1 in 36 are now diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, which presents with a range of communication, socialization, and behavioral differences. Although originally established as a school, Anderson Center for Autism today provides educational, residential, clinical, vocational, and consulting/training services and shares expertise with people worldwide.

Visit <https://www.andersoncenterforautism.org/> for more information about the organization.



Anderson Foundation for Autism Chair Kevin Kollar with V.V. Anderson Community Service Honoree Vance Anderson Gage at Anderson Center for Autism's 2024 Centennial Gala.

-Photos by John Halpern

Shred event at EFCL set for Oct. 13

The East Fishkill Community Library will be hosting a shred event serviced by On-Site Confidential Shredding on Sunday, October 13 from 9:15 a.m. - noon. Read below for the details of the event:

Please come at 9:15 a.m. It is asked to not come any earlier as the truck has to setup, and this will make the line and process quick and smooth for everyone

Located in the EFCL parking lot This will be a drive-through event Bins will be provided by On-Site Confidential Shredding where you will place your boxes or bags to have your papers shredded.

Limit is 3 standard paper storage boxes or garbage bags

Don't worry about staples, paperclips, sealed envelopes, file folders

Make sure there are no plastics or

electronics (CDs, DVDs, batteries, hard drives) 3-ring binders, or anything else mixed.

Go to our website at eflibrary.org for more details or call the library at 845-221-9943.

This shredding event program is entirely funded and made possible by The Friends of the East Fishkill Community Library. The Friends of the East Fishkill Community Library is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) fund-raising advocacy organization that formed to enhance the mission of the Library. The Friends mission is to inform and engage the community as to the Library's resources, services, and needs. If one is interested in becoming a Friend or to see what they do, the Friends meet at the Library on the third Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m

Dedication of cherry tree set Oct. 11 in Hyde Park to honor Eleanor Roosevelt

To commemorate the 140th anniversary of the birth of Eleanor Roosevelt, Hyde Park's First Lady, there will be a Historic Cherry Tree Dedication on Friday, Oct. 11, at 11 a.m., at Hyde Park Town Hall, 4383 Albany Post Road (Route 9), Hyde Park.

The guest speaker will be Barbara

Hobens from the Shade Tree Commission of Hyde Park.

Tea and cookies will be served from 11 a.m. to noon, courtesy of Cranberry's at Tilley Hall.

To RSVP, call Cecilia Coppola at (845) 229-5111, ext. 104.

Mid-Hudson Libraries participate in The Great Give Back 2024

Dozens of libraries across the Mid-Hudson Library System (MHLS) are participating in The Great Give Back 2024! Starting as of last month, libraries statewide are providing a day or more of opportunities for the patrons of the public libraries of New York State to participate in meaningful, service-oriented experiences.

This year's community service opportunities include coat and food drives, collecting items for youth shelters and foster care centers, and supporting our veterans. Many libraries are also partnering with other organizations such as local animal shelters, rehabilitation facilities, and correctional facilities to build connections in their communities and increase the impact of their efforts. Library patrons can find out how to get involved at <https://thegreatgiveback.org/index.php/mid-hudson/>.

"Libraries are catalysts for good things to happen in our communities," said Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Executive Director of the Mid-Hudson Library System, "It is amazing to see how many people come out to help their neighbors thanks to our libraries leadership through this event - it's exponential kindness throughout the Hudson Valley."

The Great Give Back is a community service initiative created by the Suffolk County Public Library Directors Association and the Suffolk Cooperative Library System, in conjunction with the Nassau Library System. MHLS brought this program to the Hudson Valley in 2020 and it has grown each year since.

The mission of The Great Give Back is to provide a day of opportunities for the patrons of the Public Libraries of New York State to participate in meaningful, service-oriented experiences.

Dance at the Elks Lodge on Oct. 12

Get On Down at the Elks Lounge Dance Night on Saturday, October 12 at 7 p.m., at 900 Wolcott Avenue (Rt. 9D), Beacon. Enjoy a vibrant mix of music. These dances are informal and even if one comes alone, one can always find a

friendly partner on the dance floor. Admission is \$15 and includes a variety of complimentary snacks, and a full cash bar is available.

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

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Sens. Rolison, Ashby co-host Veterans Roundtable in Beacon

State Senators Rob Rolison (39th District) and Jake Ashby (43rd District) on Wednesday, Sept. 25 hosted a special veterans roundtable and field hearing at Veterans Memorial Building in Beacon. The purpose of the event was to gather information in order to improve performance and outcomes at the embattled state Department of Veterans' Services. Ashby is a combat veteran whose Capital Region district includes many veterans and service personnel and is Ranking Member on the Senate's Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs Committee. Rolison's father, former state Senator Jay P. Rolison, Jr., was a veteran who served during the Korean War.

The roundtable discussion and field hearing hosted numerous individuals and veterans organizations from across the district, including local VFWs and American Legions. The senators took questions and concerns related to benefits, education, healthcare, transportation, and housing. New York's Department of Veterans' Services, which was established as a standalone department in 2023, is understaffed

despite taking on additional responsibilities since the consolidation of the former state Division of Veterans' Services.

"Thank you to our veterans for joining Senator Ashby and me today. I was privileged and honored to take their questions and concerns, which we will be relaying to state officials and using to craft future legislation. Our men and women in uniform continue to make sacrifices to defend the country and, though we can never fully repay their service, we must honor their legacy by working closely with veterans organizations and individuals to ensure that the state is providing the critical services they deserve," said Rolison.

"There's so much more work to do to make our Department of Veterans' Services a responsive, accessible one-stop shop. Sen. Rolison and I won't stop until the job is done," said Ashby.

Rolison and Ashby previously collaborated on an effort calling on Albany to release nearly \$2 million in donated funds frozen by the state and intended for veterans groups. The full funding hasn't been released to groups in six years.



State Senators Rob Rolison, left, and Jake Ashby held a roundtable discussion for local Veterans in Beacon on Sept. 25.

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Funding for Digital Navigators secured by Jacobson

Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson (D-104) announced last week that he secured \$20,000 in funding for Digital Navigators of the Hudson Valley, a program that trains local library staff to provide technology assistance for anyone who needs it.

"Our libraries help our neighbors so much beyond the traditional role of supplying books. Training library staff to become Digital Navigators ensures that local libraries are better equipped to help people use the internet and function in our interconnected world," said Jacobson.

The program trains staff working in local libraries or other community organizations. Once trained, Digital Navigators can assist people with online tasks like applying for work, applying for services and benefits such as food stamps and Medicaid, paying bills, accessing medical information or telehealth visits, and more.

There are more than 110 Digital Navigators across the Hudson Valley,

including the Newburgh Free Library and Nubian Directions II in Poughkeepsie. So far, they've helped nearly 1,000 people. The program is administered by Southeastern New York Library Resources Council, Mid-Hudson Library System, Ramapo-Catskill Library System, and Westchester Library System.

"We have been thrilled with the interest libraries and community organizations have shown in this program," said Tessa Killian, Executive Director of Southeastern. "We have trained Navigators in all nine counties of the Hudson Valley who will now be able to have a significant impact on residents in need of a range of types of technology assistance."

Digital Navigators are available for free to anyone who needs help. To find a Digital Navigator, visit hvconnected.org. To learn more about the Digital Navigator program or to apply for the fall training session, visit senylrc.org/services/digitalnavigators.



Assemblymember Jacobson was joined for the announcement at the Newburgh Free Library by (from left) Senior Microcomputer Technician Oji Bell, Acquisitions and Technical Services Librarian Sue Scott, Mid-Hudson Library System Outreach and EDI Specialist Kerstin Cruger, Ramapo-Catskill Library System Community and Digital Equity Consultant Meghan Doyle, Executive Director of Southeastern NY Library Resources Council Tessa Killian, Southeastern NY Library Resources Council Program and Outreach Manager Carolyn Bennett Glauda, Senior Technician Craig Kracht, Assistant Microcomputer Technician Frank Figueroa, Assistant Library Director Patty Sussmann, (front row) Community Engagement Coordinator Elizabeth Vega-Lebron, Ramapo-Catskill Library System Government Relations Specialist Jennifer Park, Library Director Ben Gocker.

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DAV sponsors puppy for Guardian Revival



Disabled American Veterans Castle Point Chapter 144 sponsored a puppy for Guardian Revival. This is the DAV chapter's third sponsorship, which costs \$5,000 to train each puppy. DAV Chapter 144 members look forward to sponsoring a fourth puppy in the future.

Guardian Revival is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that improves the mental health and well-being of military, veterans and first responders, according to its website.

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Flesland new DCC Board of Trustees chair

Dr. Angela Flesland ('06), a member of the Dutchess Community College Board of Trustees since 2018, was elected chair on Sept. 24, succeeding Michael Dupree, who has held the position since 2019 and will now serve as vice chair. Dr. Flesland previously served as vice chair from 2021-24. Dr. Flesland brings extensive leadership experience to her new role as chair, along with a unique perspective as a former student. A 2006 DCC graduate, Dr. Flesland went on to complete her BSN and MSN in Nursing Leadership from Western Governors University, and, in 2023, she earned a Doctor of Nursing Practice from Quinnipiac University. She was inducted into DCC's Alumni Hall of Fame in 2018.

Currently the network director of Clinical Care Management for WMC Health, Dr. Flesland's career spans both healthcare and public service. She has held leadership roles in clinical care management at Westchester Medical Center and previously served as a cardiothoracic nurse at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. Her public service includes a decade in the Dutchess County Legislature, where she served as assistant majority leader, majority leader, and chair of the Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee.

Dr. Angela Flesland expressed her enthusiasm for her new position, stating, "I'm excited to be embarking on this role as chair and collaborating with my fellow board members and President Jordan to advance our mission at Dutchess Community College. As a proud graduate of DCC, I know firsthand the immense value of the education we provide. While earning my doctorate was the most challenging educational hurdle I faced, I truly learned the most from my associate degree here. This foundation has shaped my journey, and I'm excited to build upon it as we continue to create a meaningful impact in our community."

Michael Dupree, the outgoing chair, praised Dr. Flesland's leadership and dedication, stating, "Angela's consistent commitment to Dutchess Community College's mission, along with her many professional accomplishments, will guide DCC in serving our community in new and innovative ways." Dupree also expressed gratitude for his time as chair, saying, "It's been an absolute pleasure to serve as chair for six



Dr. Angela Flesland

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years even during the pandemic and I appreciate the confidence my colleagues placed in me to oversee our responsibilities to the institution."

President Peter Grant Jordan stated, "I look forward to working even more closely with Dr. Flesland to continue advancing the mission of DCC and serving this community. Her dedication to education, healthcare and public service uniquely positions her to lead our Board as we navigate the opportunities ahead of us. I also want to extend my gratitude to our now former chair, Michael Dupree, for his unwavering dedication to the community and his leadership as Board chair over the last nine years. I appreciate his support and collegiality tremendously. I'm glad he will continue his outstanding contributions on the Board as our new vice chair."

The DCC Board of Trustees is led by Chair Dr. Angela Flesland, Vice Chair Michal Dupree, and Secretary Darrah Cloud, who will continue in her role. The Board also includes members Frank Castella Jr., Stephen Caswell, Lisa Gharthey Ogundimu, Ibis Guzmán, Evelyn Panichi, Linda Pratt, and student trustee Bobby Biersack. President Peter Grant Jordan serves as an ex-officio member. For more information about the Board, visit www.sunydutchess.edu/trustees.

Tompkins Financial Advisors welcomes Derick Anshah to wealth management team

Expanding its leadership team and wealth management services for Hudson Valley-based clients, Tompkins Financial Advisors (Tompkins) has welcomed Derick Anshah to the team as a wealth advisor. Anshah will be based in the Mount Kisco office and comes to the company with over 10 years of experience serving ultra-high-net-worth clients. His expertise will offer Tompkins' clients additional services in financial planning, investment management, and trust and estate planning.

"As Tompkins grows, our teams must grow with us," said Bill Winters, managing director, and senior vice president at Tompkins Financial Advisors. "Derick's years of experience will suit our clients' needs perfectly, allowing us to expand the services we offer and the quality advice and dedication they receive."

As a wealth management professional, Anshah previously served as a portfolio manager at AITi Tiedemann Global, a senior wealth planning advisor at UBS covering financial markets throughout White Plains, Long Island, and Connecticut, as well as a registered client service associate at Morgan Stanley.

A graduate of Purchase College, Derick



Derick Anshah

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holds a Bachelor of Science in Economics. He resides in Mount Vernon, New York, where he is a member of the Union League Club in New York City.

Ryan T. Dwan joins legal team at Feldman, Kleidman, Collins & Sappe

Award-winning law firm Feldman, Kleidman, Collins & Sappe LLP (FKC&S) recently welcomed attorney Ryan T. Dwan of LaGrange to its growing legal team. For more than 38 years FKC&S has been successfully trying cases at all levels of state and federal courts throughout the Hudson Valley and Capital District and is the only litigation firm between Albany and Westchester recognized by Best Law Firms® since its First Edition in 2010.

"We're thrilled to welcome Ryan to the team," said FKC&S Founding Partner Jeffrey M. Feldman. "His experience and dedication will undoubtedly further our firm's mission to provide top notch legal support to the clients we serve."

A lifelong resident of the Hudson Valley, Dwan graduated from Arlington High School in 2015. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in political science with a minor in economics from Hofstra University in 2019 and went on to attain his law degree from the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University in 2021. During his years as a law student, Dwan interned with the Hon. Hal B. Greenwald in Dutchess County Supreme Court, as well as with James F. Butler & Associates in Jericho.

After passing the bar exam in 2021, Dwan worked as an associate at Corbally, Gartland and Rappleyea, LLP, where he concentrated



Ryan T. Dwan

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on commercial and civil litigation, debt collection actions and real estate. He is a member of the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

The Ridge By Mill House to open in Ulster County

After nearly 11 years of serving up rave reviews in the greater Poughkeepsie community, Mill House Brewing Company's (Mill House) Daniel Crocco, executive chef and co-owner, and Jamie Bishop, brewmaster and co-owner, are announcing their latest venture: The Ridge by Mill House (The Ridge).

The Ridge - a new restaurant located at 387 South Street in Highland, NY, formerly the site of the Gunk Haus - is slated to open this winter.

An ideal stop for locals and visitors alike, The Ridge will serve elevated yet playful American cuisine, in addition to Mill House's wide variety of artfully crafted ales, in a welcoming, cabin-esque atmosphere boasting indoor and outdoor seating with renowned views of the Shawangunk Mountains.

"After perfecting our menu, service and overall guest experience for the last decade, opening a new restaurant felt like the natural next step," said Crocco. "We're proud of what we've created here in Dutchess County and we're eager to bring that same passion and experience, with a twist, of course, to a new community."

While The Ridge will not offer the same dishes as Mill House, it will provide the

same level of quality and excellence that patrons are accustomed to at the Poughkeepsie location. A rotating menu will highlight a variety of thoughtfully prepared, out-of-the-box options that are sure to become fan favorites in the coming months.

"The only thing better than Mill House-level food, craft beer and cocktails is enjoying them with an incredible view of the Gunks," said Bishop. "We've been brewing ideas, pun intended, and can't wait to bring a one-of-a-kind dining experience to Ulster County."

Crocco and Bishop are a perfect pairing - much like Mill House's classics and comfort foods that complement its house-brewed beer. The Ridge, Crocco's third venture in the restaurant industry, will be a culmination of not only his work but his partnership with Bishop. Guided by their award-winning backgrounds - which notably include recognitions from Hudson Valley Magazine and beer competitions, both stateside and international - Crocco and Bishop intend to continue to make their mark on the Hudson Valley. To stay up to date on The Ridge by Mill House, follow The Ridge on Facebook (@The Ridge by Mill House) and Instagram (@theridgebymillhouse).

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Gardens I have known

It's a long and varied list.



May 26, 1959... "Today I planted carrots in my garden. I already have radishes in my garden."

May 30, 1959... "Today I ate the first radish out of my garden."

So began my lifelong love of gardens and gardening. I was nine years old. Since then I, and more recently Sue and I, have visited gardens in dozens of states and more than thirty different countries. We make our living growing flowers and vegetable transplants. Over the years I've been amazed, instructed and occasionally dismayed by what I've seen. For example:

- **New York Botanical Garden:** A real treasure, just an hour from home. The orchid show, train show and rose garden are inspirations. I even took a class there about garden writing (can't you tell?). Even in February it's worth a trip, when the witch hazel is in full bloom.

- **Carlos Thays Botanical Garden:** During one of Argentina's perennial economic crises, we had the misfortune to visit the premier botanical garden in Buenos Aires. It was a mess, except for masses of "lily of the Nile" (agapanthus). Evidently these stunning spherical blue clusters are hard to kill. Sue and I were traipsing through an overgrown forest of weeds when we spotted a group of teenagers evidently checking out the sights. I couldn't resist asking if they were enjoying the garden. "We love it," came the reply. "We came to see the cats." Only then did I notice the hundreds of stray cats living amongst the weeds. "We read about this garden in Cat Fancier magazine."

- **Regents Park:** On our way to Zambia, we had a 12-hour layover in London. The desk for our connecting flight wasn't open yet, so we dragged our suitcases through the streets, ending up at Regents Park. The stunning displays of begonias, petunias and roses are tourist-friendly, not for the serious horticulturist (we visited the botanist's mecca Kew Gardens on a separate trip). When we schlepped over to the London Zoo next door, I was so exhausted that I suggested we just take some photos of the animals in their cages and tell everyone

that we had a great time in Africa. "Good idea," Sue replied. "But how do we explain all those bars?"

- **Namib-Naukluft National Park:** It's not easy finding a garden in Namibia, one of the driest and most sparsely populated countries on the planet. After driving our jeep for hours through the national park in Swakopmund, we came upon the Welwitschia, the oldest plant in the world, thriving in the middle of the desert. It looks like a pile of rubble. Incidentally, our two-week sojourn in Namibia turned out to be filled with adventure, from sand surfing to enjoying the best breakfast I ever had at the Hansa Hotel.

- **The Miracle Garden:** Airplane trouble left us in Dubai on our way to Ethiopia. Sue picked up a "Time Out Dubai" magazine, and we found out about the Miracle Garden. It sounded hokey but we took a bus there anyway, since we love gardens. WOW! It was hokey alright, but amazing. 150 million flowers in full bloom; hundreds of topiaries. We also got to watch camel races, go up in the world's tallest building, drink camel milk (me, not Sue) and eat camel meat (also me, not Sue).

- **The Akureyri Botanical Garden:** What a surprise - a lovely garden north of the Arctic Circle. Of course, it gets 24 hours of sunlight the whole month of July. Iceland poppies galore. Iceland itself would be a more popular tourist destination if it didn't rain all the time.

- **Bellefield:** The Beatrix Farrand Garden at Bellefield, on the grounds of the F.D. Roosevelt Home in Hyde Park, has a special corner in my heart because my mom volunteered for years as "chief weeder." Now our daughter Becky is continuing the legacy as a member of the association's board of directors. Visit anytime, especially when the peonies are in bloom.

- **Vanderbilt Italian Garden, Locust Grove, Innisfree, College Hill:** These are just a few of the local gardens I've enjoyed.

I don't have a favorite, but if I did, it would be my very own vegetable garden, which I've been tending for the past 65



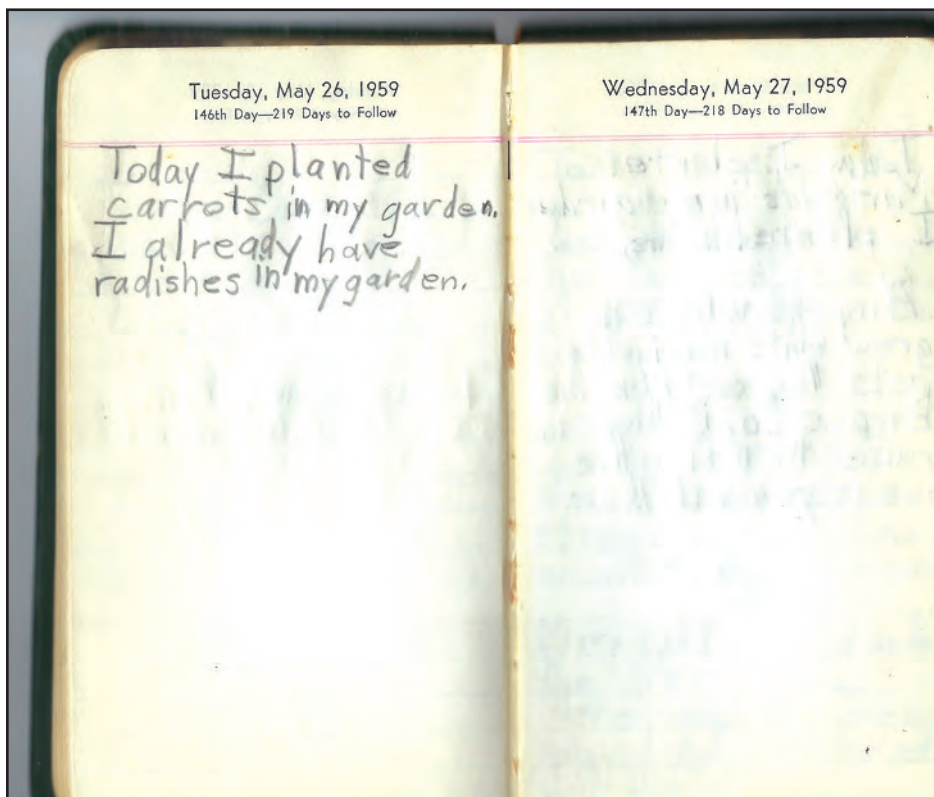
Dubai Miracle Garden.

-Photo by Sue Adams

years (and counting).

Mark Adams is an agricultural advisor

to the Dutchess County Executive, Dutchess County B.O.C.E.S. and Cornell University.



Mark's diary entry for May 26, 1959.

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Obituaries

Anthony Nobile



WAPPINGERS FALLS - Anthony Nobile, 92, an area resident since 1971, died at home surrounded by his family on September 29, 2024. He previously lived in the Bronx.

Born in Manhattan on May 12, 1932, Anthony was the son of the late Anthony and Lena (Borsellino) Nobile. Anthony proudly served as a radio operator in the U.S. Navy from 1952 to 1955. He was employed by IBM in East Fishkill until his retirement.

On May 8, 1954 in the Bronx, he married Angelina Evangelista who predeceased him in 2005. Anthony is survived by his children, John Anthony Nobile (Sandy) of Long Island, Anthony D.

Nobile of Hopewell Junction, and Dara Rexhouse (Tony) of Kinderhook; his grandchildren, John Michael, Michael, Tyler (Catherine), and Maxwell (Ellie); and his sister, Josephine Vitale.

The family would like to thank the staff of Hudson Valley Hospice, especially their "Team", Cheryl, Hillary, Joe, Lilly, Jaclyn, and Joleece, for their care and compassion.

Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. A funeral service was held at the funeral home followed by burial at St. Denis Cemetery, 604 Beekman Road, Hopewell Junction.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Anthony to Hudson Valley Hospice. Please visit his Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Elizabeth A. Shay



WAPPINGERS FALLS - Elizabeth A. Shay passed away at Vassar Brothers Medical Center on September 29, 2024. She was 86 years old. Betty, along with her twin sister Agnes, was born on October 16, 1937 in New York, NY to the late George and Agnes (Cassidy) Merz. She lived in the Bronx and Yonkers before moving to Dutchess County in the early 1970's.

In December of 1975, Betty married her beloved husband Kenneth R. Shay at St. Mary, Mother of the Church in Fishkill, NY. Ken predeceased her in 2010.

Betty graduated from Dutchess Community College with a degree in Accounting, and had worked as an Accountant in various locations in NYC, as well as at Vassar Hospital in Poughkeepsie. She loved reading and playing the piano,

and was a friend to all animals. She was an excellent seamstress and an accomplished crocheter and knitter. Betty will be remembered as always being kind and generous with her family and friends.

She is survived by her twin sister, Agnes Taylor; her brothers, William and Robert Merz; her niece, Patty Economos (Peter); her nephew, Michael Taylor (Christy); her great-nephews, Jake and Joey Taylor; as well as other nieces and nephews who live out of state.

A Memorial Funeral Mass was held on Monday, October 7, 2024 at St. Columba Church, 835 Route 82 Hopewell Junction, NY.

Please consider a donation in Betty's name to the Dutchess County SPCA www.dcsPCA.org or to the Wounded Warrior Project www.woundedwarriorproject.org. Please visit her Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Kathleen Dispensa



WAPPINGERS FALLS - Kathleen Dispensa, aka Red, a resident of Wappingers Falls, entered into rest at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie. She was 80.

Daughter of the late Thomas and Evelyn Brooks DeBow, she was born January 16, 1944 in New York City.

Kathy retired as Senior Vice President from Marine Midland Bank. She continued working as a bookkeeper after retirement.

Kathy was active with many local organizations including Coterie, Chamber of Commerce, Chairperson of the Supervisory Committee at Hudson Valley Credit Union, and CLS at Marist College. She was a Score leader and enjoyed playing mahjong, taking Zumba classes and line dancing. She and her husband could always be found at Perkins where she

liked her bacon extra crispy and her syrup sugar free.

Survivors include her husband of fifty years, Frank Dispensa; her son, Dean Michael and his wife, Susan of Clinton Corners; her daughter, Stacey Parrella and her husband Mark of Wappingers Falls; her sister, Joan DeLuca; her brother, Thomas DeBow, II; her grandchildren, Christopher, Deanna-Marie, Matthew, Michael, Taylor and her fiancé, Vlad, and Daniel; her great-grandchildren, Christopher, Ryann, and Charlee Kate; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Family and friends gathered on Sunday, October 6, 2024 at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 East Main Street in Wappingers Falls.

A funeral service was held on Monday, October 7 at Zion Episcopal Church, 12 Satterlee Place in Wappingers Falls. Entombment followed at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, Route 9 in Fishkill.

To send the family a personal condolence, please visit our website at www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.

Deacon Joseph Raymond Hafemann



FISHKILL - Deacon Joseph Raymond Hafemann, a nearly 50-year resident of Fishkill, died at home on September 29, 2024 after a lengthy illness. He was 82.

The son of Louis and Gertrude (Dam) Hafemann, Joe was born in Yonkers on August 14, 1942. He attended St. Denis School and Sacred Heart High School. Following graduation, he entered the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, where he took the religious name Thomas More. He graduated from St. Anthony College in Hudson, NH in 1964. Having further discerned his vocation, Joe eventually left the Capuchins and began an almost thirty-year career with the Westchester County Probation Department, from which he retired in 1995.

In 1983, Joe was accepted as a candidate in the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program of the Archdiocese of New York. He was ordained a deacon by John Cardinal O'Connor at St. Patrick's Cathedral on May 24, 1986. He served for ten years at St. Joachim's Church in Beacon, and was later reassigned to his home parish, St. Mary, Mother of the Church in Fishkill. He was a Third Order Franciscan, and was a committed member of the Cursillo Movement, having served as a spiritual director.

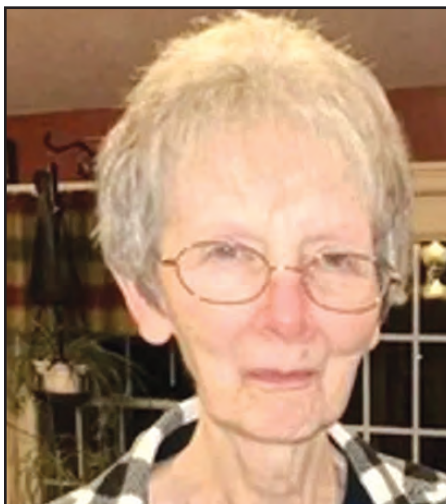
Joe married Janet Burckhardt at St. Patrick's Church in Yorktown Heights on May 22, 1971; she survives him at home. In addition, he is survived by three children: Rev. George Hafemann of Goshen; Mary Hafemann of Westwood, NJ; and Paul Hafemann of Fishkill; a grandson, Brayden Hafemann; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Louis and Edward, and a nephew, Raymond Hafemann.

Family and friends may call at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street in Fishkill, on Thursday, October 3, 2024. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, October 4, 2024 at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street in Fishkill. Burial followed at Fishkill Rural Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes memorial donations to Hudson Valley Hospice, 374 Violet Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (www.hvhospice.org), or John S. Burke Catholic High School, 80 Fletcher Street, Goshen, NY 10924 (www.burke-catholic.com).

For online tributes, visit www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Carole E. Schwer



EAST FISHKILL - Carole E. Schwer, 81, an area resident since 2000, died on September 27, 2024 at the Taconic at Hopewell. She previously lived in Somers and Ossining.

Born in Ossining on January 11, 1943, Carole was the daughter of the late Angelo and Evelyn (Hitchcock) Longhi. She was employed as a secretary for many years, including several years at Blue Cross Blue Shield in Yorktown.

Carole was an avid quilter who also enjoyed camping and traveling in her motor home. More than anything, she cherished the time she spent with her grandchildren.

On June 17, 1962 at St. Ann's Church in Yorktown, Carole married Donald B.

Schwer who survives at home after 62 years of marriage. She is also survived by her daughters, Stacey Schwer and Holly Cammarata; her grandchildren, Eric, Elizabeth, Emily, Sophia, and Ronnie; her sister, Judy Garrett and her husband Jack; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Carole was also predeceased by her son-in-law, Ronald Cammarata.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday, October 2nd at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Thursday, October 3rd at St. Columba Church, 835 Route 82, Hopewell Junction.

Donations may be made in memory of Carole to Shriners Hospital for Children. Please visit Carole's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

County's Human Rights Commission to host Virtual Bystander Intervention Trainings

The Dutchess County Commission on Human Rights will host a series of virtual Bystander Intervention Training sessions in October and November focusing on stopping harassment and teaching resilience in the face of challenges. The Commission has partnered with Right to Be – a nonprofit organization working to end harassment in all its forms through bystander intervention trainings, storytelling, and grassroots initiatives – to offer the trainings, which are free to attend. Participants will be interactive, including practice scenarios on how to successfully and safely intervene, if needed.

County Executive Sue Serino said, "Whether online or in person, in Dutchess County, we know the value of kindness and respect. These trainings are a great way for us to help support each other and feel confident in our ability to help intervene to stop harassment if we see it. We are grateful to the Commission on Human Rights for their dedication to bringing trainings like this to Dutchess County and encouraging tolerance and acceptance within our community."

Registration is required to attend any of the three trainings and is available online at dutchessny.gov/HumanRights. After registering, attendees will receive a confirmation email with details on how to join the online event.

The schedule of sessions is as follows:

Bystander Intervention to Stop Hate-Based Harassment covers different types of harassment that many people are subject to, from verbal abuse to violence, and will empower bystanders with strategies to defuse tense situations.

Noon-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 9
7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, November 14

Bystander Intervention to Stop Online Harassment teaches participants how to be an ally to a victim of online abuse and focuses on the hate against people of color and the LGBTQ+ community. The session's intent is to make the internet a safer, more diverse, and more equitable place.

7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 22
Noon-1:30 p.m. Thursday, November 7

Resilience: This Moment and Beyond Session will teach how to demonstrate resilience by creating your story, making your own choices and not enabling others to decide your identity.

Noon-1:30 p.m. Thursday, October 31
7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 19

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been promoted to chief of strategic initiatives & development while remaining the Bronx administrator. "Sarai is dedicated and results-driven and has been integral in Astor's effort to move its mission forward," said Yvette Bairan, Astor's CEO. "This increased responsibility reflects her drive and commitment to excellence. We look forward to all she'll accomplish in this new role."

In addition, Jeannine Mendez has been promoted to senior director of strategic initiatives & government relations, and Amy Scheinert to senior manager of marketing & graphic design. New hire Jack Shepard is Astor's new senior manager of development & fundraising. Other promotions and hires include Mia DeYoung, manager of proposals and grants, Carley Andrews Otero, manager of project/pro-

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The legend of Stingy Jack

An origin tale of the Jack o' Lantern

Long ago in a small village in Ireland, there lived a blacksmith with wicked ways.

One All Hallows' Eve night, Jack was staggering home from the pub, gloating as he made his way because he had swindled a coin from a young lad earlier in the day.

As he neared his cottage, Jack came across a tall figure dressed in black, his face hidden. Startled, Jack put up his fists to fight the figure who surely must want his coin.

"I have no money, so you'd best be off," said Jack, swaying on his feet.

"I don't believe you, Stingy Jack," replied the figure.

"How do you know my name?" Jack was frightened, but held his ground, trying to see the face hidden beneath its black hood.

"Everyone speaks of you and your cheating, penny-pinching ways. I have heard many stories of the things you have done, far too many not to meet the man himself."

Jack tried to push past the figure, but it was as if it was made of the night air.

"There will be no more drinking or tricking people out of their money for you, Stingy Jack. Your long and miserable life has come to an end, and I am here to take you to Hell."

Jack now knew the figure was the Devil himself. Terrified, he pleaded with him, begging for forgiveness, but to no avail.

"Death waits for no one but I am feeling generous tonight so I will make you a deal," the Devil said. "I will allow you one wish before I drag you away. Perhaps you will give the boy his coin back? Or make amends with the vicar?"

"I want one last drink," Jack said, an idea forming in his ever-scheming mind. "And to buy you one, too."

"So be it. I will give you one last hour," said the Devil.

Back at the pub, Jack was met with boos and shouts of disdain, but he was used to it and cared not at all. He and the Devil sat down, and Jack ordered a round for the two of them.

After an hour the Devil told him it was

time to leave. The bartender, wise to Jack's ways, demanded his payment.

"My friend here will give you a coin," Jack said. But the Devil had none. The bartender said they could not leave until payment was made. Jack looked at the Devil. "If you turn yourself into a coin I can pay the bill. Then you can change back when he isn't looking, and we can be on our way."

The Devil, who it seems was not as clever as Jack, agreed. As soon as he had turned himself into a gold coin, Jack snatched it up and placed it in his pocket beside the crucifix, trapping the Devil there, and ran out the door, the Devil shouting in protest all the way to Jack's cottage.

Once safely inside, Jack said "Now I will make you a deal. Your freedom for one more year of my life." The Devil agreed and Jack removed the crucifix from his pocket and just like that, the Devil disappeared.

But the year was not kind to Jack, whose hair turned white and body became crooked and stooped. The bartender had burned Jack's cottage to the ground and taken the crucifix and coin as his payment, leaving Jack with nothing. He had withered away because he had no money for food, left to scrounge for whatever he could find. When the Devil returned to take him, he was barely recognizable as the Stingy Jack from before.

"Please," begged Jack, "I am starving! Help me find something to eat before we go!"

The Devil remembered Jack's cunning all too well and did not intend to be fooled again. Still, he agreed and led Jack to an apple tree laden with fruit high in its branches. Jack's eyes widened but then he looked miserable.

"I cannot climb to get the apples," he moaned. "My back is far too bent."

The Devil climbed the tree then to pick an apple but when he did, Jack carved a cross in the trunk, once again trapping the Devil. "Give me ten more years and I will cut out the cross and set you free." And so, the Devil agreed and the deal was done.

Ten years later, Jack died alone in the woods. When his soul made its way to the Pearly Gates, he was stopped by an Angel who turned him away, saying he was far too deceitful and untrustworthy for Heaven but could likely find a place in Hell to rest.

He was met at the steps to Hell by the Devil himself who also turned him away, this time not giving in to Jack's pleas. Instead, he pointed to the dark forest, saying his soul would now forever wander Purgatory. Jack begged for at least a light so that he might find his way and the Devil reached into the fires of Hell and withdrew an ember before turning away for the last time.

Jack took the ember, but it was too hot to carry in his hand. He came across a vegetable patch and took from it a turnip, which he hollowed out, placing the ember inside. Then Jack went on his way, doomed to wander Purgatory for all eternity with his lantern to light his way. On

dark October nights you can still see Jack o' the Lantern on his endless journey, his punishment for his wicked ways.

There's no denying that pumpkins are ingrained in our fall celebrations. We place them on porches and tabletops, bake them into pies and cookies, spice and drink their essence in coffee. It's hard to imagine fall or Halloween without them. When immigrants from Ireland arrived in America, they brought their legends with them and the story of Stingy Jack is one. The tradition of carving lanterns for All Hallows' Eve was made easier when they began using the pumpkins native to our country, forever securing Jack o' Lanterns in our culture and adding to the rich history of Halloween.

So, when you find that perfect pumpkin to carve and light its candle, spare a thought for Stingy Jack. Though he may not deserve much sympathy, we should at least acknowledge his contribution to one of our most beloved Halloween traditions. Just don't make the mistake of falling for his crafty ways. And never, ever make a deal with him!

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

this week's puzzle solutions

Sudoku puzzle grid with solution 'SUDOKU' written below it.

Word search puzzle grid with words like 'BUS', 'LAP', 'VANED', 'ASH', 'LEI', 'ANTRA', 'NEWYORK', 'ARE', 'BARE', 'ARM', 'S', 'LOCAL', 'DIGNS', 'SLEPT', 'SOS', 'WILD', 'TBAR', 'SPEC', 'SCREEN', 'RYAS', 'COCA', 'CHA', 'FORWARD', 'CELTICS', 'UNARM', 'RNA', 'OSTIA', 'SCRAP', 'OBI', 'KALLES', 'SEEP', 'MAN', 'KALLES'.

Another Sudoku puzzle grid with solution 'Suguru solution' written below it.

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and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613. City of Beacon One Municipal Plaza - Suite One Beacon, New York 12508 Phone (845) 838-5002 October 4, 2024 SUBJECT: Variance Application Applicant: Susan C. Battersby Address: 5 Willow Street Tax Grid No.: 30-5954-27-820961-

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00 Zoning Classification: T Dear Neighboring Property Owner: Susan C. Battersby, 5 Willow Street, has applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals for relief from Section 223-17 D. to reconstruct and convert an existing two (2)-story accessory building (garage) into a dwelling unit, which will be connected to the main building via a proposed covered deck and breezeway connection, thus creating a three (3)-family home on the prop-

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erty as one structure, which requires relief from the following: a) Section 223-17. D. to allow for a 1.0 ft side yard setback (10 ft required) b) Section 223-17. D. to allow for a 1.49 ft rear yard setback (20 ft required) The full application is available online at: https://www.beaconny.gov/index.php/agendas-minutes/ The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing for this application at its meeting to be held on Wednesday, Octo-

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ber 16, 2024, at 7:00 PM, in the Municipal Center courtroom, One Municipal Plaza, Beacon, New York. You are invited to be present to voice your support or objection to this appeal. Comments can also be provided via email no later than 4:00 PM on October 16, 2024, to Mercedes Perez, Zoning Board Secretary, at mperez@beaconny.gov Mercedes Perez Zoning Board Secretary

BAU Gallery to host opening reception for new exhibits on Oct. 12



Ilse Schreiber-Noll, "The Road to Freedom 1," mixed media on linen, 36" x 48" 2024.

-Courtesy images



Nataliya Hines, Blackberry Winter, acrylic on canvas board, 16 by 12 by 0.125 inches, 2023.

Opening Reception Second Saturday, October 12, open from noon-6 p.m., with an artists' reception from 6-8 p.m. Artist talk by Nataliya Hines on Sunday, November 3, 5:30 p.m. Exhibition ends Sunday, November 3, at BAU Gallery, 506 Main Street, Beacon. Saturdays and

Sundays noon-6 p.m. or by appointment. Gallery 1: Event Horizon, Nataliya Hines Nataliya Hines draws from art history, utilizing the visual language of academic portraiture and religious iconography. Her work explores human inventiveness, symbols, and the identities we attrib-

ute to our creations. She merges traditional techniques with modern tools, using both slow-drying acrylics and digital illustration. Inspired by historical themes and the rise of AI, Nataliya was deeply impacted by Mo Gawdat's Scary Smart. She processes this through her paintings, privately depicting the face of emerging intelligence by drawing parallels with preternatural deities. As we approach a technological precipice, she seeks to preserve true human connection, transcending algorithms to cherish authentic bonds.

Nataliya lives in western Connecticut where she continues to work primarily as a painter and collage artist in her home studio. Outside of her primary practice, Hines works as a freelance artist in traditional and digital media, as a portrait painter as well as album cover and logo design.

Gallery 2: Only History Remains, Ilse Schreiber-Noll Paintings, books and woodcuts reflecting the tragedy of war. Only History Remains compels us to confront the consequences of violence and is asking us to strive for a future free from the specter of conflict. By understanding

the lasting impact of war and honoring the memories of those who have suffered, we can work towards a more peaceful world. Let us learn from history, lest we be condemned to repeat its tragic lessons.

Ilse Schreiber-Noll is a multimedia artist. Her paintings, installations, woodcuts, and Artist's books speak of social and environmental issues. She will turn to the book form when she needs what a painting or woodcut can't offer: PAGES.

Beacon Room: Searching For a New Planet, Ilse Schreiber-Noll A continuing project started in 2007 until present. Children from all corners of the globe join forces, embarking on a collective journey into the universe. Together, they seek a sanctuary free from the shadows of conflict — a planet where hope and a sustainable future flourish.

The dream of a new planet, where peace and environmental integrity prevail, is not just a poetic fantasy but a pressing necessity. The children's hopeful journey into the universe illuminates the path forward, urging us to cultivate a future where the harmony they seek among the stars may instead be realized here on Earth.

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