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Veterans Memorial Building on Main St. gets updates

By Kristine Coulter

The Veterans Memorial Building on Main Street in Beacon has been renovated. The building, which is more than 100 years old, is now ADA (American with Disabilities Act) compliant.

"It makes me feel real good. We're proud of the building," said Tony Pulliam, a U.S. veteran who is the commander of the Marine Corps League chapter in Beacon.

The building serves as a meeting location for numerous Veterans groups.

Harold Delamater is the commander of VFW post 666 in Beacon which uses the Veterans Memorial Building.

"They're ecstatic," said Delamater about the membership.

The renovations began during COVID.

"We started with the painting and the ceiling," explained Pulliam.

"We did not have a handicap ramp here. We raised the front porch...now the level is the same," he explained. There is also

all new landscape in front of the building and walkway.

"It's been outstanding," said Alex Othmer, a veteran, and the co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Guardian Revival.

Guardian Revival, according to a statement on its website <https://www.guardianrevival.org/>, is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization chartered to revive and preserve the mental health and well-being of veterans and first responders — our guardians — at no cost to them.

"The ADA compliance increases accessibility for membership," said Othmer. He also noted the building is "more green" and work took the environment into consideration.

The usage of the building has also increased, it was remarked, with it being used seven days a week. The building, said Othmer, "services close to 200 volunteers, staff and memberships."

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U.S. Veterans outside the newly-renovated and ADA-compliant Veterans Memorial Building on Main St. in Beacon.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

15 injured as explosion, fire destroy building in Wappingers Falls

By Kristine Coulter

They are tired and just happy to be survivors.

That was the prevailing outlook of neighbors in the Brick Row area of Wappingers Falls last week on Friday - one day after a ruptured gas line caused a massive explosion and fire that destroyed the apartment building at 4 Brick Row.

The explosion, which occurred at approximately 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2, injured 15 individuals, including five first responders. Eight adults and two children, who were in the apartments at the time of the explosion, were rescued and airlifted to the burn unit at Westchester Medical Center.

"The injuries to the first responders were minor and smoke inhalation," said Wappingers Falls Police Commissioner Paul Italiano.

"Central Hudson crews arrived at the scene of a building explosion today (Nov. 2) in Wappingers Falls shortly after reports of the incident, to secure the area and turn off natural gas and electricity in the immediate vicinity. Our thoughts are with those who were affected by this — including those who were injured as well as the contractors and first responders at the scene," said a statement posted to Central Hudson's Facebook page on Nov. 2nd.

Wappingers Falls Mayor Kevin Huber stated in a release, "We can confirm that there are serious injuries among our residents, and they are receiving the best possible medical care. Families affected by the explosion have been evacuated and



Village of Wappingers Falls Police Commissioner Paul Italiano answers questions from the media on Nov. 3.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

are being provided with shelter, food, and necessities. The Knights of Columbus provided a relief center for the community while the Red Cross remained on location and assisted the families with temporary shelter and provisions."

Governor Kathy Hochul stated, "have been briefed on the building collapse in Dutchess County and have deployed State emergency services personnel to assist in response efforts. As the situation devel-



One of the injured is assisted by first responders after an explosion on Brick Row in Wappingers Falls on November 2.

-Courtesy photo

ops, I urge all New Yorkers to follow the direction of law enforcement and other first responders working to keep the community safe. I join all New Yorkers in praying for the Village of Wappingers Falls."

On November 3rd, two residents, who asked for anonymity, who were affected were removing some items from their home.

"I was here (when the explosion

happened)," one of the residents said the day after the occurrence. "There was rubble and a lot of smoke."

They stayed with family that Thursday night.

Both stated they were "grateful for the response. A lot of people were pitching it to help. We're very thankful."

State Senator Rob Rolison (39th District) issued a statement after the

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explosion and fire.

“A number of first responders suffered non-life-threatening injuries while attempting to save lives,” said Rolison, who joined local, county, and state first responders at the scene shortly after the incident occurred.

“While on the scene today I observed once again the selfless courage of our brave first responders as they worked to save lives and comfort victims. Thank you from the bottom of my heart; please continue to keep the victims in your prayers,” noted Rolison’s comments, in part.

“We are committed to supporting those involved in any way we can. Gas service, as well as impacted electric service, has been restored to nearly all customers in the vicinity. We will continue to work with authorities during the ongoing investigation of this incident,” said Central Hudson’s statement last week.

Kevin Van Tassel Jr. stated his mother-in-law was at his apartment at the time of the explosion.

“The door blew in. All my windows got blown in,” said Van Tassel. The Red Cross got a hotel for him and his family, Van Tassel said.

Wappingers Falls Fire Chief Jason Enson, who was in command on the scene, said during a news conference, “I’ve never seen anything like this.” He remarked the firefighters did a remarkable job.

Rescuers respond and help injured

“Responding officers from the Wappingers Falls Police Department reported a large explosion at 12:16 p.m. and arrived on scene at 12:17 p.m.,” said Italiano in a press release on November 3. “Upon arrival initial responding officer encountered two children and a mother with severe blast injuries and burns. Additional victims who were working at the location were located in the immediate area.”

Italiano stated, “In total ten victims suffered blast and burn injuries from the scene. Additionally, five first responders were treated and released from area hospitals. One firefighter suffered a hand injury, one officer suffered a minor burn and smoke inhalation, two additional offi-



William “Bill” Beale, who is the director of Dutchess County Emergency Response and a member of the Wappinger Town Board, makes remarks about the explosion on Brick Row in Wappingers Falls on November 2.

-Courtesy photo

cers suffered smoke inhalation and one suffered a dog bite while rescuing a dog.”

According to Italiano, the victims are as follows:

- 9 Males ages 8-59 years old
- 1 Female age 35

A male, age 46, a female, age 35, and her two male children aged 8 & 11 are residents of Brick Row and as of press time were at Westchester Medical Center.

Italiano stated: “A landing zone was established at Veterans Field a few blocks from the scene,” said Italiano.

Out of the 15 victims, seven had been treated and released, said Italiano. On November 3rd, eight were still at Westchester Medical Center.

The row of apartments across from the blast “the structure is fine,” Italiano told Southern Dutchess News on November 3. The residents had no gas heat, he noted, that is why they were taking items out of the residences that day.

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Firefighters work to put out the fire on Brick Row.

-Courtesy photo

Veterans Day Ceremony November 11 in Beacon

A Veterans Day ceremony will be held on November 11 at 11 a.m. inside the Veterans Memorial Hall, 413 Main St., Beacon.

The public is cordially invited to attend and show support for all Veterans. Refreshments following the ceremony.

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Community can help those affected by fire, explosion



The scence of the explosion at 4 Brick Row in Wappingers Falls.

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The community may make donations to families who have been affected by the explosion on Brick Row that occurred on November 2 in Wappingers Falls.

“We understand that this is a difficult time for our community, and we appreciate the outpouring of support from neighboring communities and organizations. We are resilient, and together, we will overcome this tragedy. For those looking to help, we encourage gift card donations to help those impacted. The Village Police Station and the PBA will handle the distribution of them,” said Village of Wappingers Falls Mayor Kevin Huber in a statement last week.

The Wappingers Falls PBA is collecting monetary donations for families who were affected by two fires which occurred within the past month. One fire was located at Brookside and the other at Brick Row, according to the PBA's Facebook page.

For those who would like to make a donation, one can use the app Venmo. Search for the department's account, @wappfallspsba, or scan the QR code to go to the department's profile. One may also donate in per-

'Shopping for a Cause Sale' to benefit Hudson Valley women

Dress for Success Dutchess County, a program of Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County, is holding its "Shopping for a Cause Sale" during Veterans Day Weekend on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 10th-12th from noon - 5 p.m. at The Landmark Beacon, 139 Main St., Beacon.

Hudson Valley fashionistas and women looking for bargains on clothing and accessories should take advantage of this signature sale. Recognizable name brand apparel will be priced \$5 and up while prices on dresses, suits and outerwear start at \$10. "Our Shopping for a Cause Sale keeps our inventory current, ensuring our clients are consistently offered stylish professional attire during confidence building career styling sessions in our Boutique. These events allow the entire community to take advantage of these amazing deals while supporting our mission," said Robin Blue-Brown, Program Director at Dress for Success Dutchess County.

While the sale primarily features new and gently used professional attire and shoes, great deals on casual and formal items can be found. "All proceeds from the sale will help Dress for Success Dutchess County

son at the police station, where one can drop off monetary donations or gift cards.

Jackie Muller, who is the president of the Wappingers Falls Business & Professional Association, wrote in part on November 2nd to the membership, “As business leaders, it is essential that we come together and show support for our community during these challenging times.”

"It is during times of crisis that our community can demonstrate its strength and resilience. By working together, supporting one another, and assisting those in need, we can help the Village of Wappingers Falls overcome this challenge and emerge even stronger. Please stay tuned for updates on our collaborative efforts and initiatives. Together, we can rebuild, and together, we will overcome this crisis," said Muller. "If you would like to help please reach out to us at WappingersFallsBPA@gmail.com."

Muller noted that the First Saturday event in Wappingers Falls continued and businesses which offered raffles donated a percentage of the proceeds to the victims and their families of this explosion and the families of the Brookside fire as well.

continue providing unemployed and underemployed women the skills, support and resources needed to obtain career success on their path towards self-sufficiency through our Boutique, Career Center, Stepping into Success (SIS) Boot Camp and our BOSS Club” said Robin Blue-Brown.

Dress for Success Dutchess County was established in 2011. Its mission is to empower Hudson Valley women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire, and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. More than 1,900 career styling sessions have been conducted in our Boutique. Our Career Center provides women assistance with job searching, resume writing, skill development and interview preparation and more. Women are provided additional services available through Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County.

For more information on Dress for Success Dutchess County contact Dutchess County Community Action at 845-452-5104 ext. 144 or dutchesscounty.dressforsuccess.org and follow us on Facebook/Instagram.

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A pile of debris was all that was left of the structure at 4 Brick Row in Wappingers Falls after an explosion and fire on Thursday, Nov. 2.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

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The incident was contained to 1-7 Brick Row. A multiple unit dwelling, according to the commissioner.

“Although there is no reason to believe there is any criminal aspect to this case, the Wappingers Falls Police Department Detective Division is conducting the investigation with the assistance of the New York State Police BCI and the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Department Drone Unit,” he said. here is no danger to the public, he added.

Central Hudson investigates

Joseph Jenkins, a spokesperson for Central Hudson, said, "This is under investigation. No root cause has been determined." He said what was known is that a contractor employed by Central Hudson appears to have struck a ¾ service line. "Striking this [seems] to be the

cause, but it is still under investigation," said Jenkins.

Generally speaking, the pipes that are being replaced, said Jenkins, are from the early to mid-1900s.

"I think the most important thing we can inform our customers is Central Hudson employees and all subcontract employees are all trained to standards to work," said Jenkins.

Officials noted that displaced residents have been housed at hotels by Central Hudson.

"At this time, we'll provide hotels as long as they're needed," said Jenkins.

Italiano noted the Wappingers Falls Police and Fire departments were assisted at the scene by 10 additional police agencies and 15 fire departments and EMS Units.

-Curtis Schmidt contributed to this report.

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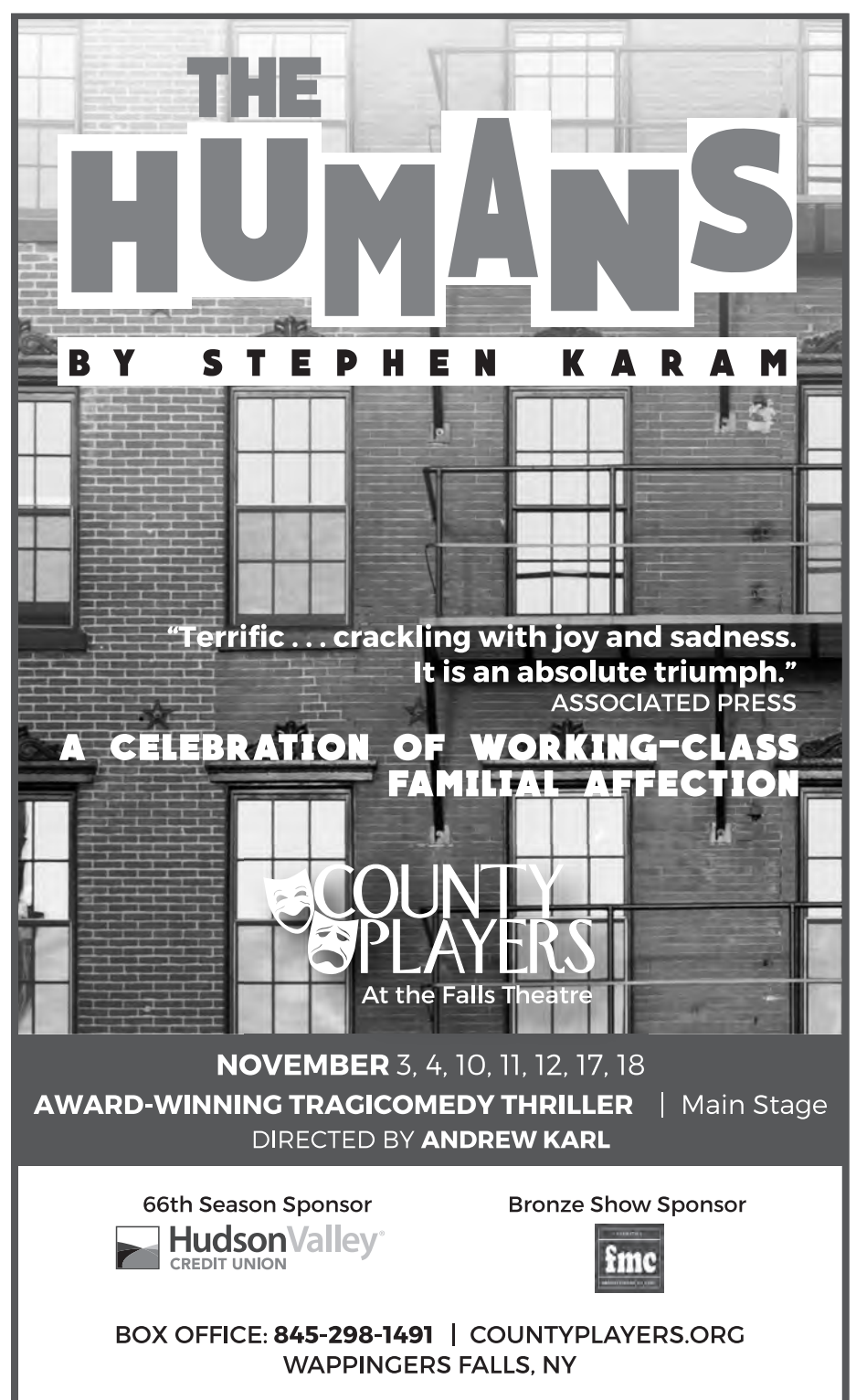
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Qualified customers can apply for Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) grants, a federally funded program that provides regular and emergency assistance to help pay heating and utility bills beginning November 1. HEAP grants are available through local Department of Social Services (DSS) offices, at Offices for the Aging and online at mybenefits.ny.gov.

“Inflationary pressures continue to have an impact on residents of the Hudson Valley – especially our most vulnerable neighbors – and we are pleased that additional assistance is available for those families in need,” said Anthony Campagiorni, Senior Vice President of Customer Services and Gas Operations. “We encourage all customers who are eligible for these benefits to apply.”

The amount of the HEAP grant depends on family income and size guidelines. For example, a family of four with natural gas heating and an annual income of \$70,056 would qualify for a \$400 grant. Central Hudson customers who receive HEAP grants or qualify for other assistance programs will also receive additional bill credits for up to 12 months on their Central Hudson bill.

Campagiorni added, “Households receiving a HEAP benefit for non-utility

heating fuels such as oil, propane, wood/wood pellets, kerosene, coal or corn are also eligible for a monthly credit on their electric or non-heating gas bill.”

Customers who heat with non-utility heating fuels should email their current Notice of Decision letter to Central Hudson at careunit@cenhud.com to be enrolled and receive the bill credit.

Regular HEAP grants for the fall and upcoming winter are available between Nov.1, and March 14, 2024, or until funding is exhausted. Emergency HEAP grants will be available between Jan. 2, 2024, and Mar. 15, 2024. These benefits are designed to meet an eligible household's immediate energy needs. The Heating Equipment Repair or Replacement (HERR) program is also available to assist customers who have primary heating equipment that is either inoperable or unsafe. HERR grants are currently available and will remain so through Sept. 30, 2024.

For more information on HEAP eligibility requirements and benefits, visit www.CentralHudson.com/HEAP or <http://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/program.asp>; and for more on all of Central Hudson's assistance and billing programs, visit www.CentralHudson.com, and click on “My Account.”

Friends of Blodgett Memorial Library accepting book donations

Friends of Blodgett Library will be accepting donations on November 11 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Blodgett Memorial Library, Broad St. in the village of Fishkill. They can take fiction, non-fic-

tion and children's books. They cannot accept textbooks, reference books, or free books that have been discarded from Blodgett in the past. The Friends of Blodgett Memorial Library

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County Clerk’s office announces upgrades to appointment system in Dutchess’ DMV

The Dutchess County Clerk’s office recently announced upgrades to the DMV Appointment systems for satellite offices in Beacon and Millbrook will be complete by December 1.

In late 2022, the County Clerk’s office installed the Q-Matic appointment system in Poughkeepsie and Wappingers Falls DMV offices. These systems fully integrate appointments made online at www.dutchessny.gov/countyclerk or www.dutchessny.gov/dmv . The system also allows for walk-in transactions but prioritizes those customers who have made appointments.

The expansion of the Q-Matic system to Millbrook and Beacon will provide a seamless experience to all our customers in Dutchess County.

Customers with existing appointments at Beacon and Millbrook will be automatically transferred to the new appointment system when it is operational.

All CDL, Car and Motorcycle permits require appointments.

Walk-in customers will be accommodated but appointments are strongly recommended.



A patron at the DMV. -Courtesy photo

County to host 2 workshops on applying for grant programs

Whether it’s improved physical, mental, emotional or social outcomes, youth sports have repeatedly been shown to have a positive impact on the young people who take part. Playing sports is linked to decreased stress, anxiety, and depression; improved social skills and ability to work well with others; and reduced risk of engaging in substance abuse and other risky behaviors.

Looking to expand the positive impact of athletics on young people, the Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services (DCFS) is seeking applications for a new grant program that will provide awards to support youth team sports programs for underserved youth under the age of 18. Through New York State’s new Youth Team Sports (YTS) grant program, DCFS will fund awards of \$132,594 to eligible local community-based organizations and nonprofits; funding is available in grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000.

Eligible applicants should be either a 501(c)(3) nonprofit or another community-based organization operating in Dutchess County with a federal identification number and charity registration number that is able to meet the County’s insurance requirements. The grant program, created under the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), and will run during the program year Jan. 1 through Sept. 30, 2024. The grant may provide general operating support to give agencies the flexibility to administer quality programming; this may include the educational instruction needed to

prepare youth to participate in team sports.

The ability to fund activities that support youth development aligns with the domains of the County’s “Path to Promise” initiative, the goal of which is to help provide the young people in Dutchess County the resources they need to reach their potential, including team sports. For the purposes of this funding opportunity, a “team sport” is defined as an organized physical activity in which groups of two or more individuals are in competition with two or more opposing individuals.

There will be two workshops to learn more about the grant program and the specific eligibility and application requirements to help encourage successful submissions. DCFS strongly encourages interested agencies to attend one of two virtual workshops on:

Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 10 a.m.
Monday, Nov. 20 at 4 p.m.

To register for one of the virtual workshops, agencies can contact Jessica Dickinson at 845-486-3662 or Jessica.Dickinson@dfa.state.ny.us; those who register will receive log-in credentials for the virtual event. The workshop will review the step-by-step process of applying online through the Dutchess County Grant Portal and address any questions or concerns.

The application period for the YTS grant begins Nov. 8 and closes Dec. 5 at 5 p.m.

More information regarding this program, including application instructions, is available on DCFS’ webpage.

Snow ordinance in effect Dec. – April in Village of Wappingers Falls

This is a reminder to the residents of the Village of Wappingers Falls that the Snow Ordinance is in effect from December 1st to April 1st, 2024, according to the ordinance from the village clerk.

During this period, no person shall park a vehicle on any public street within the village between the hours of Midnight and 7 a.m. the next morning.

It shall be the duty of the owner of every parcel of real estate adjoining a public sidewalk, weather the parcel of real estate is occupied by a structure or not, to keep such sidewalks adjoining such property free from snow and ice for the full paved width of such sidewalk.

Snow and ice shall be removed within 24 hours after the end of a snowfall. In addition, sidewalks in front of commercial establishments and commercial parking lots shall be kept free of snow and ice at all times between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

No person, firm or corporation shall deposit, throw, place or strew, nor shall any person, firm or corporation cause to be deposited, thrown, placed or strewn, any snow or ice upon any street, avenue or roadway within the Village.

Any person in violation of this law shall be subject to a fine.

VETERANS NEWS WITH ADAM ROCHE

Veterans Day--more than just another patriotic holiday



Veterans Day is rapidly approaching and as we prepare, it brings to mind questions I hear from people wondering why there are so many patriotic holidays. They often say they understand July 4th – some will even call it Independence Day. Memorial Day they understand because, “Freedom isn’t Free,” but when it comes to Flag Day, Armed Forces Day, Veterans Day, etc., their interest starts to wane or there is at least some confusion as to what each holiday stands for. Don’t get me wrong: I know the American public genuinely supports our veterans and will generously give their time and money to promote causes that recognize and assist the veteran community.

To those who have served in the United States Military, however, each day of recognition has a special meaning. In fact, that’s exactly what the Veterans Day holiday is all about. Veterans Day honors all American troops who served honorably—whether they did so during wartime or peacetime. The holiday was created to honor the nearly 40 million men and women who have served in the military regardless of whether they have fought in battle or not.

That may seem like a large number, but the latest research from the Defense Manpower Center shows that only about 1.4 million people, or about 0.4 percent of the American population, are presently serving in the U.S. military, and only about 7 percent of all living Americans have ever served in the armed forces.

National Guard Military Historian and Engineer, Captain Sean Daily, who has served in many humanitarian missions and was once assigned to lead a platoon of 33 combat engineers into Afghanistan with the primary focus of sweeping roadways for improvised explosive devices (IED’s), which have reportedly killed more American warriors than any other military action, summed it up this way:

“In my opinion, a Veteran is someone who has served our nation and represents the less than one percent of the population who have chosen to put on a uniform to serve and protect. It’s not just the front-line troops who are out there making it happen, it’s all the support troops behind them who also get the job done.”

This speaks to why every holiday is important to the veteran community. We are a relatively small group of people who choose to do our part to make sure the freedoms we have, which have been protected through great loss and struggle, are not ever taken away.

Just a little background for those who may be unaware: The peace agreement with Germany that officially ended World War I took place on the “eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month” in 1918. Hence, Veterans Day was first observed on November 11, 1919, the anniversary of the signing of the treaty that ended the war and was originally called Armistice Day. The name of the holiday was officially changed from Armistice Day to Veterans Day in 1954 by Pres. Dwight D. Eisenhower to recognize and account for all veterans in all American wars.

Even over a half-century before the end of WWI, Pres. Abraham Lincoln, during his second inaugural address, called upon Americans “to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for the widow, and his orphan.” It’s a theme that has run through history, and I hope with the utmost humility, that we try to emulate this every day in our work at the Dutchess County Division of Veterans’ Services.

As Veterans Day approaches, I have listed some suggestions below that veteran’s groups identify as a way to thank those who have served.

- Write a personal note to a vet.
- Send a care package.
- Treat a veteran to a meal.
- Offer to help with household chores.
- Make a commitment to volunteer.
- Donate to a cause that supports veterans.
- Invite a veteran to speak at your child’s school.
- Support veteran-owned companies.
- Fly a Flag - Correctly.
- Ask Someone About Their Service.

We are here to serve the veterans of Dutchess County so, as I say every month, please contact us the Dutchess County Division of Veterans Services at (845) 486-2060 or visit www.dutchessny.gov/Veterans.

Dance at Elks Lodge set

Get On Down at the Elks Lounge Dance Night on November 11 at 7 p.m., at 900 Wolcott Avenue (Rt. 9D), Beacon. Dance to a vibrant mix of musical styles; song requests welcome. Attire is whatever suits your mood – from blue jeans to dazzling sparkles. These dances are informal and even if you come alone, you can

always find a friendly partner on the dance floor. Admission is \$15 and includes a variety of delicious complimentary snacks, and a full cash bar is available. All are welcome – singles, couples, friends, newcomers.

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

Veterans Day service

Nov. 11 in Village of Fishkill

Veterans Day Service will be held in the Village of Fishkill on November 11. The service will start at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Monument, on the corner of Main and Broad streets.

Village of Fishkill extends an open invitation to all to attend.

Chamber Foundation announces ATHENA Award honorees

The Chamber Foundation, Inc.—the leadership and community advancement organization of the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce—announced this year’s honorees for the ATHENA Award.

Bestowed annually, the ATHENA Award is given to a member of the community who best embodies the ATHENA Leadership Model. The Model is unique in that it focuses on personal traits of strong, successful leaders. It captures the spirit and collaborative leadership style often exemplified in women leaders, while also recognizing the importance of traits such as courageous acts and fierce advocacy in the pursuit of excellence.

The 2023 ATHENA honorees are:

- Maria Boonie, of IBM Corporation
- Jill Brodsky, MD, MBA, of Optum
- Jo Ann Brown, of NAMI Mid-Hudson, Inc.
- Anne Constantinople, PhD, of Vassar College
- Leah Feldman, of Family Services, Inc.
- Dr. Faezeh Gholami, of IBM Corporation
- Rachel Johnson, of The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse
- Christie VanHorne, M.Ed, MPH, of CVH Consulting LLC
- Nicole Wong, LMSW, of Teamer Counseling

The ATHENA Award recognizes those, regardless of gender, who strive toward the highest levels of professional accomplishment by excelling in their chosen profession, devoting time and energy to their community in meaningful ways, and actively guiding or mentoring women to become great leaders.

This year, the award recipients will be recognized at a ceremony which will be held on November 29, at Villa Borghese in Wappingers Falls, 6-8:30 p.m. Visit the Chamber’s website for further event information at dcrroc.org. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available by calling Chamber Director of Engagement, Joshua Galow at 845-454-1700 ext. 1012.

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Veterans Memorial Building on Main St. gets updates



Deneen Kirsten, chief of staff of Guardian Revival (second from left), with U.S. Veterans (from left) Tony Pulliam, Harold Delamater and Alex Othmer outside the newly-renovated Veterans Memorial Building in Beacon.

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“It’s not as downtrodden as it was. They see that,” said Delamater. The building now has the ‘wow’ factor,” he said. Grants were used for a new kitchen on the lower floor of the building, it was noted. The labor was all-volunteer, with the exception of the tile work, said Pulliam.

“Years ago, no one even knew what the building was,” said Delamater, but now the words VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING are inscribed at the top on the outside of the facility. “The renovations here enabled us to expand services more to first responders and veterans,” said Othmer. Deneen Kirsten, who is the chief of staff for Guardian Revival, said, “It’s nice



A ramp is now located outside the Veterans Memorial Building on Main St. in Beacon.

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to see they’re including the younger generation and what the building means.” Delamater said veterans will start talking about the renovations and the building and eventually “issues come out and they turn to Veterans Revival.” “They (veterans) want to come in and hang out and they realize it’s a safe place. They then ask for help,” explained Kirsten. Kirsten said with the various programs the organizations offer, some of the stigma is being relieved. Since 2019, in restorations nearly half-a-million dollars in improvements and renovations to the building have been made, said Othmer. The Department of Veterans Services has awarded \$60,000 for additional renovations, he added. They are also currently applying for additional grant money to continue renovations. Thanks was offered to City officials and the community for supporting the renovation work.

Regarding Veterans Day, Delamater remarked, “It is a time for reflection across all branches.” It is a “time to support one another. We’re all one. We have to look out for one another. If someone is out there who needs something we’re here. We don’t turn anybody away.” Veterans Day “is an opportunity for awareness and to educate people about what they have done to serve this country,” said Kirsten. Pulliam said, “For me, [Veterans Day] is gratitude for all veterans.” Th Veterans Memorial Building Team will be hosting a commemorative veterans event on November 30th from 6-8 p.m., at the Veterans Memorial Building in Beacon. The annual Veterans Day Ceremony is set for 11 a.m. inside the Veterans Memorial Building on November 1th.

Bottom left and below, The entrance-way to the Memorial Building with “Freedom is never Free” and “Duty*Honor*Country.”

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O’Neil releases 2024 Executive Budget Plan

Dutchess County Executive William F.X. O’Neil has released his 2024 Executive Budget plan, cutting the County’s property tax rate by 10.6 percent while maintaining and enhancing the County’s high-quality services and programs.

The balanced spending plan, which reduces the property tax levy for the 10th consecutive year, includes \$599.9 million in appropriations to deliver the multitude of County programs and services residents rely on. Among the highlights of the 2024 Executive plan are resources to enhance public safety and emergency response, address homelessness, mental health and addiction, and create affordable housing, while augmenting long-standing support of children, families, older adults and veterans.

The Executive Budget plan reduces the County property tax levy to \$99.4 million, the lowest levy in 15 years. The lower property tax levy, combined with Dutchess County’s growing tax base, reduces the property tax rate from \$2.49 to \$2.23 per \$1,000 of assessed value. This will be the 11th consecutive year that property owners will see a reduction in the County tax rate on their tax bill.

County Executive O’Neil said, “For years, Dutchess County has compiled a proven track record of fiscal responsibility

and conservative fiscal stewardship. Many factors outside of our control are driving up costs for 2024, including national inflation and Albany’s reckless spending and continued cost shifting. This budget plan attempts to cushion these impacts and continues Dutchess County’s careful watch of each tax dollar collected while investing in the areas our community has prioritized. We remain vigilant in serving our residents in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible, while providing exemplary service and property tax relief for our residents.”

To ensure recurring revenue is available to fund critical programs and services, the 2024 Executive Budget calls for the County sales tax rate to increase from 3.75 percent to 4 percent, effective June 2024 with County and State legislative approval. Dutchess is currently one of just six counties in the state with a sales tax rate under 4 percent. With County and State legislative approval, this change will generate an additional \$8.3 million in County sales tax revenue in 2024 and annually \$17.1 million.

The sales tax rate adjustment will also provide added support to local municipalities, as Dutchess County shares its sales tax revenue with municipalities. Additional revenue to local municipalities is forecasted to be \$1.7 million in 2024,

then nearly \$3 million annually.

Sales tax revenue is also generated through Dutchess County’s tourism industry, with 18 percent of sales tax revenue coming from visitors. Dutchess Tourism recently reported visitor spending reached record levels in 2022, with \$706 million generated through travel-related expenses from lodging, food, beverages, transportation and retail.

Capitalizing on the strong visitor interest, the Executive Budget increases the County’s hotel tax from 4 percent to 5 percent, a move estimated to bring \$4.8 million in revenue in 2024.

Dutchess County will continue its exemption on clothing and footwear items under \$110 in its 2024 budget, remaining one of the few counties to ensure these needed items are tax-free for families.

Fund balance and reserve fund appropriations total \$20 million in 2024, keeping Dutchess County’s fund balance well within the County’s policy of maintaining one to two months of general fund operating expenditures in unrestricted general fund balance.

Among a few of the highlights of the 2024 Executive Budget:

- Enhanced public safety with the addition of two new Deputy Sheriffs specially trained as Community Resource Officers to enhance safety and policing services in

the City of Poughkeepsie; continued funding for the Dutchess County Drug Task Force, continued trainings for law enforcement officers, including implicit bias and crisis intervention; as well as a full year of the ECHO mental health program supporting the well-being of law enforcement officers.

- The new Dutchess County Justice and Transition Center, operational in 2024, will generate significant savings while expanding the County’s innovative programming to reduce recidivism. The 2024 budget plan reflects more than \$1.8 million in overtime savings and \$5.5 million gained by staffing efficiencies and policies adopted by Sheriff Kirk Imperati.
- Addressing homelessness with a multi-faceted plan that includes eight new positions, including Shelter Director, case managers and program specialists to provide necessary wrap-around services as the County works toward establishing a permanent Emergency Housing Facility for single individuals.

Funding is also included for an additional Housing Navigator position through Hudson River Housing (HRH) to help residents facing housing instability as well as funding for a vehicle to enhance HRH’s street outreach to homeless individuals.

Organ recital at West Point set for November 12

The West Point Cadet Chapel, the Class of 1936 Distinguished Organists Series, will present Jens Korndoerfer, international concert organist on November 12 at 2 p.m. Korndoerfer is professor of organ at Baylor University, having recently served as the Director of Music and the Arts and Organist at First Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA. He had traveled the world, playing at most major venues in the United States, Europe, and Hong Kong.

Korndoerfer will perform a recital beginning with Bizet’s “Carmen” Fantasy (arr. by Lemare), and including Thalben-Ball’s Variations on Paganini for the pedals alone and Charles Ives’s

Variations on “America.” Works by Brahms, Franck, Mendelssohn, and Sowerby will also be included on the program.

The world’s largest all-pipe organ in a house of worship will provide a stunning backdrop of color for his performance! The recital will take approximately one hour and is free to the general public. Parking is available behind the chapel building and alongside adjoining roads - parking rules are not enforced on Sunday. All visitors to West Point must have Department of Defense ID or obtain a Visitor’s Pass from the Visitor Control Center, 2107 New South Post Road, West Point.

Cornell Cooperative Extension sets annual meeting on Nov. 16

The 110th annual meeting of Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County will be held Thursday, Nov. 16 at 8 a.m. with a hot breakfast starting at 7:30 a.m. at the Dutchess County Farm and Home Center at 2715 Route 44 in Millbrook.

CCEDC will welcome new Executive Director, Mary Lou Carolan, who will speak to the event message, “Impact of Extension.”

The public, community members, stakeholders and donors are welcome to review the success of CCEDC’s pursuit of economic vitality, ecological sustainability and social well-being throughout our service area. The extension also looks forward to organizations and businesses eager to collaborate and support these efforts in any way.

Eligible Dutchess County residents will be voting on the Program Advisory Committee and Board of Directors nominees and appointees, among other items. You will be asked to confirm your residential status as a part of the voting

process. Details of this will be sent to meeting registrants.

This annual event will celebrate and recognize the association and individuals who continue to give their best to the mission of Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County. CCEDC is proud to be recognizing the efforts of SUNY Dutchess and Master Gardener Matt Shayly’s project; partnered with CCEDC and local food pantries of Dutchess Outreach and the Dutchess Community College Pantry to directly provide fresh produce through urban gardening projects during the 2023 growing season.

Personal impact stories from Tomasine Oliphant, MSW, SUNY Dutchess Human Services Program, FCE PAC Member, and former CCEDC Board Member and CCEDC Green Teen Program Manager, Samantha Brittan are also part of this event. To register or for additional information, please visit ccedutchess.org or call 845-677-8223

Howland Chamber Music Circle to present ‘Jewish Voices’ November 12

The Howland Chamber Music Circle (HCMC) presents violinist Arnaud Sussmann and pianist Michael Stephen Brown, with their program “Jewish Voices.” The five works in this repertoire were composed by Jews who either perished in or fled from the Holocaust. The concert will be held on November 12, 4 p.m. at The Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main Street, Beacon. This program pays homage to and was inspired by Sussmann’s grandfather who survived

the Holocaust.

New in the 2023–2024 season, HCMC has introduced a pricing structure to include music lovers who may have been unable to afford our tickets in the past. A limited number of tickets will be available on a pay-what-you-wish basis. These tickets will be released one week prior to the concerts. They are making tickets available in this way to welcome a broader audience.

For more information on this performance, and on the entire 2023-2024 HCMC

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Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati spoke to members of Law Enforcement and athletes before the start of the Special Olympics New York Torch Run which was held on October 27 in Hyde Park.

Sheriff Kirk Imperati stated, “The torch was officially passed off to the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office this year, and I am honored to work with Special Olympics NY to coordinate our local run for years to come.”

The course is 8.5 miles long, approximately 40 runners took part, most of whom were from law enforcement and Special Olympics.

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Libby Funeral Home staff member takes Honor Flight with other veterans



Libby Funeral Home staff member Sgt. Peter C. Miller, a United States Air Force veteran, recently went on an Honor Flight from Orange County to Arlington, Virginia. It was an experience of a lifetime, according to John Miller, Miller's son.

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Obituaries

Pasquale Prozzillo



EAST FISHKILL - Born on November 7, 1930, in the Bronx, Pasquale was the son of the late Dominick and Costanza (Santucci) Prozzillo. He passed away peacefully on October 30, 2023, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center where he was surrounded by his loving family and wife of 73 years, Theresa (DeLucia) Prozzillo. The two were married on February 4, 1950, at our Lady of Pity Church in the Bronx. Pat referred to Terry, till his very last day as his beautiful bride.

Pasquale proudly served in the US Army during the Korean conflict. He was a proud business owner of P&M Deli a superette store in Hartsdale New York.. He worked as a skillful butcher for most of his life, retiring at age 85.

He was a resident of Hopewell

Junction since 2006. He was a parishioner at St. Denis Church in Hopewell Junction. A man whose life demonstrated a deep faith in God and prayer. Pat enjoyed bowling, traveling abroad and trips to Atlantic City. He also enjoyed playing pinocle with his brother in laws and a glass of red wine. It was very evident that more than anything in the world, he loved and cherished his family. His smile and big brown eyes would light up the room. Everyone that encountered him would immediately love him.

He is survived by his wife Theresa, children and their spouses, Connie (Donald) Spinelli of Somers, Dominick (Deborah) Prozzillo of Goshen, Madeline (Richard) DeFeo of Hopewell Junction, and Theresa (Michael) Civitano of Hopewell Junction; his grandchildren, Marissa (Paul) Riario, Pasquale (Lauren) Prozzillo, Donald (Shawn) Spinelli, Rachelle (Luis) Nunez, Amanda (Christian) Macchiaroli, Danielle (Kyle) Cost, Michael James Civitano, and Matthew Civitano; his great-grandchildren, Giuliana Nunez, Alexandria Riario, Antonio Nunez, Paul James “PJ” Riario, Isabella Prozzillo, and Dominick Lawrence Prozzillo; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Pasquale was also predeceased by his sister, Connie Anzovino.

Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction on Tuesday, November 7th followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Denis Church, 602 Beekman Road, Hopewell Junction. Entombment followed at Gate of Heaven Cemetery with military honors.

Donations may be made in Pasquale’s memory to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Please visit www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Craig Steven Gordon



(March 09, 1960 - November 01, 2023)

Craig Steven Gordon, a native of the Bronx, found his childhood roots in the tranquility of suburban Monsey, New York. His journey came to a close on November 1st, 2023, leaving behind a legacy built upon love for family, friends, music, and the art of photography.

In the 1970s, Craig’s passion for music led him to immerse himself in the pulsating energy of rock and roll, where he witnessed legendary performances by some of the era’s most iconic artists. Music became inseparable from his identity, a timeless love that endured through the decades.

Craig’s pursuit of knowledge took him from the Green Meadow Waldorf School to the Germain School of Photography, where he honed his artistic talents. He melded his

interests in politics, art, and gastronomy into the publication “Real News,” a unique blend of topics that mirrored his eclectic passions. In the 1980s, Craig’s commitment to healthy living led him into the restaurant industry, where he became a co-owner of “The Grainery” restaurant in Deerfield Beach, Florida sharing his love for wholesome, nourishing foods. He later went on to create the on-line “Now Age Press” engaging political commentary and health through interviews and blog posts.

His presence radiated warmth and compassion. Craig’s passing reminds us of the importance of living with passion and purpose. He pursued his interests with boundless enthusiasm. In doing so, he showed us that life should be lived to the fullest, with an unwavering commitment to what brings us joy.

Craig is survived by his wife, The Rev. Heather Sisk, daughter Rachel Gordon, his mother Elaine; his brother Neil, his nephew Maximilian, his sister June, his nephew Ruben, his niece Sophie Michael (Danny), his great nephew and niece Simon and Aurora Michael.

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Funeral services were held Nov. 3rd from Allen Funeral Home, 1605 Main Street (Rt 44),Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Burial immediately followed in Rosendale Natural Cemetery, 793 Springtown Road, Tillson, NY 12486. Shiva condolence gathering (all invited) immediately following the burial in Pleasant Valley, NY. A 2nd Shiva condolence gathering took place on November 5th.

Jeffrey J. Williams



WAPPINGERS FALLS - Jeffrey J. Williams, a resident of Wappingers Falls, entered into rest Friday, November 3, 2023 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie. He was 69.

Son of the late Llewellyn and Florence Williams, he was born March 22, 1954 in Watertown, New York. He was a 1972 graduate of Roy C. Ketcham High School. On April 8, 1978 he married the former Deborah Ondek. His wife, Debbie survives at home in Wappingers Falls.

Jeffrey was a Maxillofacial Rehabilitation Technician specializing in removable prosthodontics. He was the owner of Perfection Plus Dental Lab in Poughkeepsie. He was a life

member of the Hudson Valley Sportsmen Association. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He treasured time spent with family especially at Lake Ontario. He was a fan of the NY Rangers and was an avid reader. Jeffrey was also a Civil War enthusiast.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie; his sons, Sean and his wife, Mary-Beth, Colin and his wife, Heather, and Leland and his wife, Kimberly; his grandchildren, Maria, Grayson and Avery; his brothers, Kirk and Kevin; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Brian and Brent.

Family and friends will gather on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 East Main Street in Wappingers Falls. A memorial service will be held at 5:30 p.m. during the gathering.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Jeffrey’s name may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or your local library.

The family would like to thank Anthony Mamuyac, Empress Ambulance, Wappingers Falls Police and Fire Departments and Alicia Mulvey and the emergency room team at Vassar Brothers Medical Center for all their kindness and compassion.

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

Annette Marie Babb



FISHKILL - Annette Marie Babb a resident of Fishkill, NY passed away on October 29, 2023, just after celebrating her 105th birthday on October 10th.

Annette was born in Dobbs Ferry, NY on October 10, 1918, the daughter of the late Pietro and Angelina Salamone.

Annette loved to knit and crochet, especially hats, scarves and socks for her children and grandchildren. Above all, she loved spending time with and taking care of her family.

She is survived by her son Charles and his wife Diane Babb of Fishkill, NY, her grandchildren: Christopher and his wife Kimberly Babb of Fishkill, NY and Dana Lynn and her husband Michael Raymond of Fishkill, NY and great-grandchildren Ryan and Jordan Babb and Austin and

Aiden Raymond, her brother Vincent Salamone of California and Maryann Edgerton of Staatsburg along with many nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by her husband Charles Babb and her siblings: Peter Salamone, Angie Sandt, Marco Salamone, Clement Salamone and Sam Salamone.

Calling hours were on November 2, 2023, at McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill Inc. 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY with a service that took place in the funeral home. Interment was on November 3, 2023, at Sleepy Hollow Cemetery.

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The Anti-Bucket List

Sue's list of what not to do

I want to have an adventure every month this year,” our friend Sarah announced at her 40th birthday party. I want to do something exciting.”

“I can tell you what not to do,” Sue blurted out:

- “Don’t go on a six-hour camel ride.” Mark and I stayed in Egypt a few days after our tour ended to finally do something exciting. Mark set up a guided journey from the step pyramid in Saqqara, to the great pyramid in Giza, 20 miles to the north. On camels! It must take some getting used to, because I found out later that first timers should limit their ride to 30 minutes.
- Ouch! Nowadays, Egyptians get around on dune buggies!
- “Don’t climb the Villarica Volcano.” After a luxurious (yes!) overnight bus ride from Santiago, we arrived in Pucón, the “adventure capital of Chile.” Uh, oh. People were walking around in crampons, wearing gas masks. Then I looked up. A 9,000 foot active volcano loomed overhead. Of course Mark signed up for a guided trek. The guide handed each of us an ice ax, which we were supposed to expertly stab into the ice wall if we started to slip. “I lived to tell the tale,” I told Sarah.
- “Don’t look for vampire bats.” In Guanacaste, the dry northwest region of Costa Rica, vampire bats sleep in deep caverns. That’s enough to get Mark excited. So off we went to climb down a 200-foot skinny chain ladder – the kind you keep in your bedroom as an emergency fire escape – into a cave full of vampire

bats. I got so panicked that I took off my hard hat and threw it down into the hole. Unfortunately it hit the guide who started shaking the ladder. Mark had to tackle him. When we eventually got to the bats, they were asleep and looked just like any other bats.

- “Don’t go to Tegucigalpa.” When the first words in the Lonely Planet guidebook say, “If you have the bad luck to be stuck overnight in this city...” It started when the plane landed and the passengers burst into frenzied applause. Turns out the capital of Honduras has the shortest airport runway in the world. And the customs agent takes a three-hour lunch break. And there’s no hot water. And strange men follow you round. You get the picture.
- “Don’t go to Sidney on New Year’s Eve without a hotel reservation.” We rarely make reservations. That adds to our sense of adventure. But Sydney is world famous for its New Year’s Eve fireworks (mainly because they take place at 8 a.m. New York time, so they’re shown on T.V. All day). I didn’t figure how many hills there are that we had to drag our luggage up and down. We finally ended up staying in a hostel that turned out to be very nice, except that we had to check out of our room every morning and hope somebody would cancel for the following night (they always did). It’s a lot of fun to watch hotel clerks laugh hysterically when you ask if they have an available room. In Bermuda we got arrested for not having a hotel reservation, but that’s a different story.
- “Don’t go to Antarctica.” It’s the ulti-



The bat cave.

-Courtesy photo

mate bucket list destination, but Antarctica is also the most boring place in the world. You get there on a boring cruise ship, with no swimming pool and a hokey floor show with the crew dancing around in grass skirts. Icebergs and penguins (they all look alike). The only excitement happened when a skua bird robbed a baby penguin from its nest and dropped the bloody carcass into the middle of a gaggle of tourists. Go to Alaska instead.

- “Don’t take a zip line ride in Dubai.” I love zip lines, but this one is terrifying. Instead of lovely trees and wildflowers, you’re flying over the city, around towering skyscrapers and only inches above the

bustling traffic. A warning sign said not to get on if you are scared of heights, but they forgot to ask me.

- “Don’t walk down Nigeria Street in Addis Ababa.” Wherever we go, people advise us not to walk somewhere in their city. Naturally Mark immediately heads to that spot. On Nigeria Street in Ethiopia, three guys grabbed Mark and went for his wallet. Were they ever surprised when I clobbered one of them in the head, and they all went running.
- “So, Sarah, aside from these few adventures, create your own and have a great 40th year. I lived through mine.”

Legal Notices City of Beacon One Municipal Plaza - Suite One Beacon, New York 12508 Phone (845) 838-5002 November 2, 2023 SUBJECT: Appeal of Interpretation/Variance Application Applicant: 925 Wolcott LLC Address: 925 Wolcott Avenue Tax Grid No.: 30-5954-44-922633-00 Zoning Classification: R1-10 Dear Neighboring Property Owner: 925 Wolcott LLC has applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals for: 1) Consideration of an appeal of the Building Inspector's October 13, 2023, determination regarding the type of variance required to permit the re-establishment of a nonconforming multi-family or SRO use upon premises located at 925 Wolcott Avenue, pursuant to Section 223-55.B of the City Code; or 2) In the alternative, a. An area variance from Sections 223-10.C and 223-10.D to permit reconstruction of a structure previously containing a non-conforming use; or, in the second alter-	Legal Notices native, for b. A use variance from Section 223-17.C to permit a multi-family or single-room-occupancy (SRO) building in the R1-10 Zoning District. Any such variances are to be considered subsequently, and pursuant to Section 223-55.C of the City Code. Please see the following link for a copy of the information provided; the full application is available online at: https://www.beaconny.gov/index.php/agendas-minutes/ The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing for this application at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, 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 November 21, 2023, to Mercedes Perez, Planning and Zoning Board Secretary, at mperez@beaconny.gov. 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Accessory buildings on residential lots. (3) Detached garages and other accessory	Legal Notices buildings. Detached garages and other accessory buildings are permitted, provided that they comply with the accompanying Schedules of Regulations and meet the following additional requirements: (e) Space provided above the grade story shall be utilized for storage only. The full application is available online at: https://www.beaconny.gov/index.php/agendas-minutes/ The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing for this application at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, 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 November 21, 2023, to Mercedes Perez, Planning and Zoning Board Secretary, at mperez@beaconny.gov. Mercedes Perez, Planning and Zoning Board Secretary
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15. Modified "will"
16. Heart surgery prop
17. Remains container
18. Follow
19. *Thor Heyerdahl's raft
21. *Jackie Robinson's new team, 1947
23. *Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr., born in 1942
24. Animal prod
25. Give a nickname
28. Dwarf buffalo
30. Edible corn part
35. Functions
37. *_____ Strip on Mediterranean Sea, 1948
39. Roman goddess, patroness of hunters
40. *Moscow _____ cocktail, created in 1940s
41. Beach souvenir
43. Inspiring horror
44. Not long
46. Home to Bryce Canyon
47. Smoothie bowl flavor
48. Become available (2 words)
50. Links hazard
52. Mozart's "L'_____ del Cairo"
53. Back of the neck
55. Transgression
57. *Carmen of "The Gang's All Here"
61. *United _____, established 1945
65. Popeye's sweetie
66. *The BAA and NBL merged, forming this ball org., 1949
68. Battle royal
69. Denigrating statement
70. What divots and divas have in common
71. Audience's approval
72. Lad's counterpart
73. Number on a birthday cake
74. Not o'er

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1. Poacher's trophy
2. "Do ____ others..."
3. Bank claim
4. *1947's "Here Comes ____ Claus"
5. King of the Huns
6. Purse for the red carpet
7. High craggy hill
8. Type of dwelling
9. "The ____ Show" (1976-1980)
10. Yorkshire river
11. Hangover memory?
12. 15th of March
15. Tied the knot
20. *Leopold III of Belgium and Christian X of Denmark, e.g.
22. Acorn producer
24. Common newspaper name
25. **When I See an Elephant Fly" elephant, 1941
26. Steal a throne
27. Misrepresent
29. *Pearl Harbor location
31. Capital of Latvia
32. Narcotics agent
33. *Considered first general-purpose computer, acr.
34. a.k.a. vampire
36. Espied
38. a.k.a. Daminozide
42. ____ Apso
45. Tornado visual
49. Helicopter landing
51. Coal miners
54. Bear of bamboo forest
56. Brother's daughter
57. Gangster's gal
58. Hip bones
59. Barbecued anatomy
60. Birds
61. Part of cathedral
62. Cantina cooker
63. Sans mixers
64. Comedian Meyers
67. *"The ____ Sleep," 1946

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Clockwise from top left work by Carole Shiber, Lauren Basciani and Ron Zukor.

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