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County Board of Elections prepared to run 'smooth' election

By Kate Goldsmith

In an era when many Americans express doubts about the integrity of the voting process and worry about nefarious interference with election results, Dutchess County's elections commissioners want to assure the public that they will oversee a fair and smoothly-run election.

The Dutchess County Board of Elections (BOE) is a bipartisan agency, with a Republican Commissioner and a Democratic Commissioner. Currently, those positions are held by Erik Haight and Hannah Black, respectively. In addition, all staff positions have a Republican and Democrat in place.

"Every task that we do is with our respective counterpart," said Haight on a phone call in mid-October. "They travel together, they work together, they check each other's work for accuracy.'

That work includes ensuring the accuracy of data entry, making sure the ballot is accurate and doesn't include extra candidates, counting absentee ballots

"It's not only for accuracy and quality control, but it inherently gives the voting public confidence that no one side is tipping the scales, so to speak," Haight said. "If there's a conflict that comes out, very rarely that comes out of our administrative duties, but if me and my counter part have a disagreement, we ask for a compromise or will ask for the courts to intervene."

Preparation for the General Election begins as soon as primary elections have been certified, Haight said.

Black said via email, "As commissioners, by March 15th we have to designate poll sites for the General Election. Then



Hannah Black

Erik Haight

we also had an Intake Training in May prior to the primary elections. Before an election we have to generate the ballots, process registrations, absentees, address changes and program the machines,' among other tasks.

Haight noted that it was challenging this year with two primaries taking place, "but we handled it and are ready to run a smooth and accurate election in November that our voters are accustomed to and deserve.3

Although the Board of Elections is "not in a situation to be constantly holding voter registration drives," Haight said there are a number of ways the agency encourages voting.

in Dutchess, educate the seniors of the importance of voting, collect registrations from those seniors, make sure they're complete and accurate. We respond to a variety of nonprofits and others [that are holding a voter registration drive]," he said. "In presidential years, we're required by statute to do some voter registration drives, and we comply with that statute. We make sure all the libraries, post offices [and other locations] have registration cards on hand.'

Black added, "We process registrations that come in. That might mean that on some days we have to come in early and stay late in order to process all of the registrations."

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"Every year we go to the high schools Eighteen German exchange students visit Beacon High School

By Kristine Coulter

A short-term German student exchange project is happening in Beacon at Beacon High School. Eighteen students, along with teachers, from Germany landed at Newark International Airport in New Jersey on October 23. They will be in Beacon until November 4. The BHS Parent Teacher Student Organization organized

Lena Bustami and Paula Zehren are sophomores in Germany and members of The Max Born Gymnasium School. The school is in Germering, Germany and was built in 1966. It has approximately 1,100 students. There are photos and information about Bavaria, Germering and Munich on a lobby wall in BHS.

Angelika Sahner and Mailin Schwarzmaier are teachers from Germany who are in American with the students. They were with the students in the high school library for the interview with Beacon Free Press. Continued on page 7



Local resident Kelly Ellenwood (left) visits with German exchange students and teachers who are attending Beacon High School until November 4.

Pictured with Ellenwood are (from left) Lena Bustami, Paula Zehren, Mailin Schwarzmaier and Angelika Sahner.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

Candidates address civility in government

By Curtis Schmidt Civility in politics – as voters, we all want to see it. However, with the exception of local governing bodies, we rarely see or hear about it these days.

We're talking about respect, kindness and working together - traits we teach our children and traits we use every day in the workplace. The rancor we have seen in politics on the state and national levels in our country for several years would simply not be tolerated in most workplaces.

But on the state and national political scene, it is tolerated and has even become expected.

So where do we go from here? After all, we do vote for politicians to serve us –their constituents – in local, state and federal government.

For answers, we turned to candidates currently running for office in the upcoming state and congressional races in our area. We asked "How do you bring civility to government, to allow for a more constructive working atmosphere?

Note: Not all candidates responded to our question.

Congressman Sean **Patrick Maloney**

"I believe public service is about bringing people together to get things done and make our country a better place. It's the example that was set for me by my father, a Navy veteran.

"It's easy to lose track of that goal these days when the country feels so divided. But at the end of the day, we all want safe communities. We all want a strong economy and a good education for our kids. We all want clean air to breathe and clean water to drink.

"I have always and will always try to focus on those areas of agreement so we can find common ground to build on.

Opponent Mike Lawler

"We need more elected officials who are willing to work toward solutions and address the challenges we are facing. One party rule does not work – we need balance and common sense at every level of government.

as I have done in the State Assembly, I will work to find common ground and support legislation that helps my constituents. I will also forcefully speak out on the issues to build consensus and understanding and ensure the policies we are passing garner broad support, rather than just ramming through legislation (just) because we can.'

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NYS Senator Sue Serino

"Kindness is underestimated today. I lost my brother to suicide and he was someone who experienced significant bullying as a child. Because of that personal experience, I have always tried to act with empathy, compassion and most importantly kindness. Not only do I try to take steps to do what I can to be kind myself, but I also work to promote kindness through my office and use programs like 'Serino's Superstars' to celebrate young people who are making a difference in our community by promoting kindness.

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"I have a strong record in working in a bipartisan fashion and our community has directly benefited as a result, whether that meant securing funds or advancing legislation. Building the relationships necessary to work through problems and have bipartisan success starts with that basic step of promoting kindness, reaching out to colleagues, and putting the people we serve over politics always."

Opponent Michelle Hinchey

"I think we have to show up with the baseline assumption that everyone is trying to work with the best interests of their communities at heart. Each person has a different life experience, a different viewpoint on cause and effect, but if we believe that the person sitting across the table from us wants our community to succeed and is truly solution-oriented, we can find common ground and get a lot of things accomplished.

"Focusing on the work that matters to people, not the fear-mongering or the partisan talking points, building the bridges and delivering on the issues that help our community - that's how we close the divide, bring civility back to our communities, and it's how we strengthen the Hudson Valley for the future."

NYS Assemblywoman Didi Barrett

"For a decade I have had the honor of representing the 106th Assembly District, which goes from the Town of Poughkeepsie well north into Columbia County. It is what we describe as a 'purple' district – equally red and blue, with a lot of independent voters.

"I believe in treating people with respect and courtesy and [am] always looking for common ground when confronting an issue where people feel differently. My bills are almost always passed with bipartisan support. My team and I work for the people of our district – they elect us – and I represent all my constituents in Albany, regardless of party."

Opponent Brandon Gaylord

"First, I'm an extremely civil person, having been a teacher for the last few years. Being in that environment required that I get along with all stakeholders, despite the high-stakes of teaching people's children.

"Second, (some) people are not happy with the representation they're getting. I fielded a call from an 85-year-old constituent last night who told me she's (angry) about bail reform. People can afford civility when the situation is still tenable. When it feels like it no longer is, people throw civility out the window and let emotion take hold. I get that and I hear from those people every day. I'm a fighter and will fight tooth and nail for the people of this district in a way that brings respect and results to the 106th district."

NYS Assemblyman Jonathan Jacobson

"With respect to bringing more civility in our political discourse, we must all learn to listen better to those with different viewpoints, but we also must first agree on the basic rules, such as the can-



didate who gets the most votes wins."

NY Senate candidate Julie Shiroishi

"I have spent most of my adult life working in the private sector where behaving in a rude or unproductive manner is just not tolerated. I am also very solutions-oriented and I like to bring all stakeholders to the table so we can discuss our positions and find a way to reach a shared goal. I'm also a mom, so I always encourage civility and am very used to resolving conflicts."

NY Senate candidate Rob Rolison

"I'm a Republican who's been elected twice in a city that overwhelmingly favors Democratic voters. I've received bipartisan support in every election in which I've been a candidate.

"As mayor, I've partnered with members of both parties to save the City of Poughkeepsie from the brink of economic disaster. It's not about politics; it's about getting things done. As state Senator I will return common-sense, solutions-oriented leadership to Albany to help get our state back on track and working for our residents again."

NY Assembly candidate Jill Fieldstein

"I have handled my campaign with the utmost civility, and I plan on acting accordingly in the Assembly. My job once

elected is to get things done for our district and the state. Getting things done requires collaborating with other legislators from all parties. Being flexible, openminded and willing to see all sides of an issue before making decisions that can have an enormous impact will help make me an effective legislator."

NY Assembly candidate Anil Beephan Jr.

"As a Town Councilman [in East Fishkill], I have focused our efforts on the residents and their needs. In doing so, we have spent less time discussing political differences and concentrated on tackling the issues. We need to bring the same mindset to Albany for the good of our residents and the state."

NY Assembly candidate Sarahana Shrestha

"As an organizer, my main goal is to rally support for priorities that I consider important. I intend to do this by being clear on where I stand, but at the same time, being respectful and developing personal relationships with my colleagues.

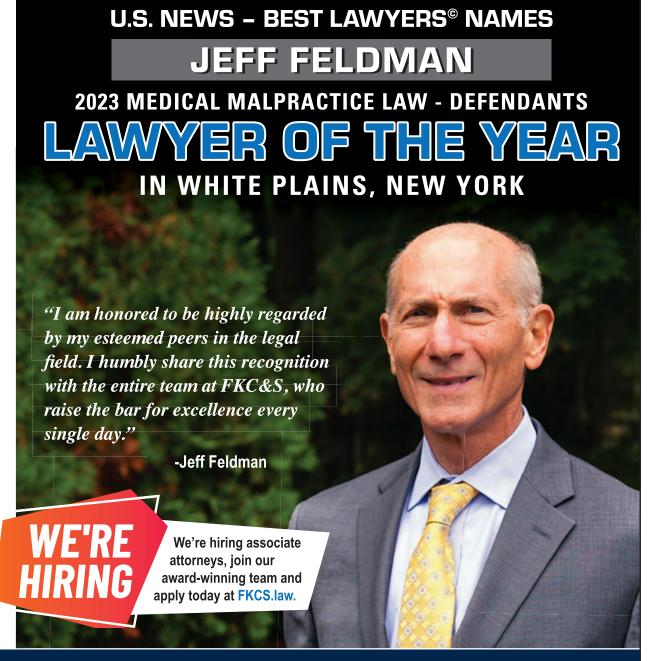
"I don't expect to agree with everyone on everything, but I do believe that sustained, meaningful, and good-faith conversations can lead to results."



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Bonfire and performances in Beacon Nov. 4, 5

By Kristine Coulter

The inaugural Beacon Bonfire Music + Art Festival will be held on November 4 and 5 in Beacon. The festival will feature more than 100 performers in more than 14 venues and galleries along Main St.

"During COVID, a few of us started to gather safely outside around our home fires. At some point we felt the need to expand the circle - so many of our friends and neighbors had been isolated or had just moved to Beacon during the lockdown. People had a need to gather, and to meet and know a new neighbor. We organized Beacon Bonfires in some unusual or lesser known places around the city, and made it a fun, "experiential" event. There was always music or an art presentation, s'mores and community. We didn't tell anyone where they would be, just the date and time, and then we texted the location the morning of the event. One time almost 200 people came! We then asked the question "why not make it citywide Festival?," showcasing and celebrating the breadth and depth of talent and creativity that has made Beacon its home," explained Kelly Ellenwood, one of the event organizers.

The Beacon Bonfire Music + Art Festival is walkable for those who wish to

participate. According to organizers, there will be free tastings and small bites, plus discounts on food and beverages.

Asked what attendees can expect, Ellenwood replied, "Abundance!" She noted, "There will be something for everyone, everywhere, with a mixture of Free, Pay What You Will, and Bonfire Festival Pass Exclusive events. You can plan your day, or you can just stroll down Main Street and experience it."

The festival will take place at more than 30 businesses. The festival will begin at the Metro-North Train Station. The Beacon Free Loop will be available to take to Main St.

Ellenwood said, "Our main "camp" is at Veterans Place, which will be closed to traffic... Most events will be finished before the Loop stops running at 9 p.m. For the event schedule and the bus schedule, please check beacon bonfire.com, or the link @beaconbonfire on Instagram. Or walk or take your bike! Main Street Beacon is easy to get around without a car."

Ellenwood said, "Beacon Bonfire Night is a nod to the revolutionary fire that burned on the top of our mountain and gave the city its name." She added, "The Beacon Bonfire celebrates the need we



The inaugural Beacon Bonfire Music + Art Festival will be held on November 4 and 5 in Beacon. Pictured is from a previous bonfire held in July 2021.

-Courtesy photo by Daniel Rowan

have as humans to come together, to tell our stories, and to be inspired."

Tickets and more information are

available at beaconbonfire.com and @beaconbonfire on Instagram and Facebook.

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Thoughts on early voting

Now that early voting has been in place for a few election cycles, are more people taking advantage of it?

Haight didn't mince words.

"The facts show that it is a colossal waste of money," he said, reiterating a stance he has held all along. "While it may increase the convenience of voting for a few people, it has not increased voting [participation]. It's the same in the other 33 states that have early voting. It spreads out the voting."

Black said, "It fluctuates on the election, depending on voter engagement on the races within each year."

And speaking of voter engagement, both commissioners expect turnout to be more robust than in midterm elections that don't include a gubernatorial race.

"For as long as we've been keeping records, gubernatorial election cycles produce 60-percent turnout, and I'd expect that historical trend to continue," Haight said.

Dutchess not immune to rampant FOIL requests

The Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) requests that have swamped elections bureaus across the country have also kept Dutchess officials busy.

"There has been an unusual amount of FOIL requests that have to do with the 2020 election," Black said.

At the time of the interview, Haight

said, "It hasn't impacted our budget yet, but the FOILs that have been filed at the Dutchess County Board of Elections are the same FOIL requests [that have been filed] across the country. Essentially, we have these 'kooks' – you can quote me on that; they're kooks – who don't believe that Trump lost."

He added, "I can speak for Dutchess County that the results that we certified in 2020 are 100-percent accurate."

Nonetheless, the law is the law, and Haight said the county's Board of Elections will follow the law with regard to the FOIL requests – but the commissioners will set the terms under which the documents may be viewed. The plan was to have those requesting the FOILs pay up front for the viewing of the materials; because the documents are secured in a bipartisan fashion, the Board of Elections needs to hire a Democrat and a Republican to oversee the viewing.

"They can handle the material, they can view the material, but they're not allowed to copy it or take photos of it," Haight said. "It will cost the kooks about \$40 an hour to view this material. I assume they'll need a full work week to view the files – they're required to reimburse the taxpayers for the folly of this task these folks are undertaking."

At the time of the interview, Haight said, "In the coming weeks, I'll reach out to these FOILers and give them a little bit of time to get organized."

He noted, "All of our employees are tied up running this election. I will not

jeopardize this election because these kooks don't believe we ran a fair election in 2020."

Change to absentee voting

Haight noted that the constitutional amendment to allow no-excuse absentee voting failed last year, so voters still have to check a box on the absentee voting application. Anyone who is concerned about COVID-19 can check the temporary illness box, which covers fear of catching anything.

"The volume of absentee voting [we had] in 2020, I don't see [happening this year]," Haight said.

Black said, "The most important

Black said, "The most important change is the fact that once a voter applies for an absentee ballot and it gets issued/sent, the voter no longer has the option to vote in-person on the machine. If they want to vote in-person, then they must vote by affidavit. This is because we are now required to canvass the absentee ballots on election night. Prior to this year, the BOE would canvass absentee ballots after the election."

Inspiring confidence in elections

The public is invited to come to the Board of Elections and watch the bipartisan process in action, said Haight.

"We let the sunshine in. Full transparency," he said. "The way we're built here lends itself well to the process."

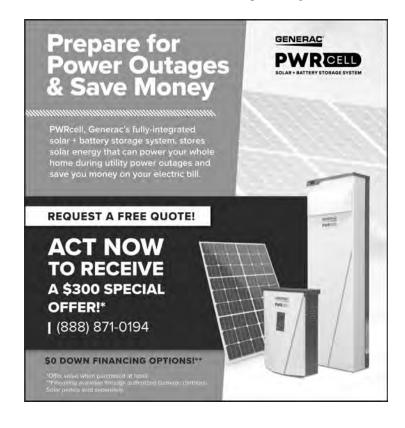
"We simply explain the voting process to them, of how all preparation and postelection tasks are done by both parties together," said Black. "Voters find this reassuring."

She added, "The BOE has an amazing staff that works very hard and many hours to ensure that we have a successful and smooth election."

Haight concluded, "I just challenge the voters of Dutchess County to break the 60-percent turnout [for the midterms]."

The Dutchess County BOE is at 112 Delafield St. in Poughkeepsie. Call 845-486-2473 or visit https://elections.dutchessny.gov/ for more information.







Viewpoints



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Letter writer encourages voters to support Schmitt for Congress

To the Editor:

Please join me in supporting Colin Schmitt for Congress because he will look out for the best interest of the Hudson Valley rather than that of the Washington elite.

Colin will not only support the funding of the police, he will have their backs in the performance of the difficult jobs that they do. He will work to implement policies that prevent violent felons and drug dealers from doing further harm to the public. Colin will work to secure our southern border to stop human trafficking and the flow of deadly fentanyl at its source.

Colin will work to lower inflation and taxes by stopping the inflationary policies of the Biden administration including wasteful spending, over regulation, bigger government and socialism.

Colin will pursue a rational energy policy that provides adequate clean, reliable and affordable electricity from diverse sources here in the Hudson Valley. This policy would allow people to use the heating and cooling system of their choice that will keep them warm in the coldest weather and comfortable in the hottest weather. People would also maintain freedom of mobility by being able to drive a vehicle of their choice that can provide adequate heat or air conditioning or tow a boat or trailer over long distances if they so desire.

Colin will work to preserve our Constitutional rights and he will work to assure parental rights with regard to their children's education. Colin will work to increase the respect for all human life.

Colin Schmitt will work to preserve our freedom and prosperity.

Paul Salvas Beacon

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Thurston announces support for candidates in General Election

To the Editor:

Many good candidates are up for election on November 8th. Because of my long-standing personal relationships with and observations of the performance of several candidates, I want to highlight my support for:

- Acting Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati for election as our Sheriff. There has been no person more dedicated and capable in addressing the public safety needs of Wappinger. The Sheriff's Department (along with NY State Police) has been very responsive to the needs of our community. Not only is Kirk thoughtful, caring, and compassionate, he has never failed us in protecting our community.
- Anil Beephan (candidate for NY State Assembly, District-105). "AJ" has always shown his fullest dedication and support for the people of Wappinger. As a former member of Senator Serino's staff or Councilman for East Fishkill, he has always been there. He has sound workable ideas on improving our economy, on addressing inflationary pressures, and on reducing crime.
- Colin Schmitt (candidate for NY's 18th Congressional District). Colin has served in the State Assembly (99th district) and in the Army National Guard. As I have come to know Colin he is not the radical demagogue so often portrayed. He has sound ideas on how to address crime, inflation and the economy. He will very capably help us to address those challenges facing Wappinger.
- Marcus Molinaro, Sue Serino While Marcus and Sue are not candidates for Wappinger area, if they are elected, they will strongly strong support Wappinger. I have the highest respect and support for Marc and Sue. They have always been there for us. If you, your relatives and friends should live in their new election districts, please vote for them.

Dr. Richard L. Thurston, Esq. Supervisor, Town of Wappinger

Imperati has 'served all communities of Dutchess equally and fairly'

To the Editor:

These days community activism is heightened throughout the country as well as globally. Particularly with regard to all agencies of law enforcement. Here in Dutchess County, we face the same concerns.

In the short time Kirk Imperati has served as interim sheriff, he has stood above the political fray and served all communities of Dutchess equally and fairly.

More so, his leadership is a needed boost to all who serve under him and very welcomed by all communities.

Imperati is eminently qualified, and Dutchess County is lucky to have him as our Sheriff.

I'm encouraged that Jillian Hanlon is opposing Imperati. I encourage Hanlon to build community relations and establish centers of influence around the county.

As one of the leading Latino political voices of Dutchess, the first and only Latino from Dutchess to run for NYS Legislature, a co-founder of the Latino Democrats of Dutchess County, and former Chairperson of the Town of Wappinger Democratic Committee, I enthusiastically and without any reservations endorse Interim Sheriff Kirk Imperati to continue as Sheriff of Dutchess County.

Joe Torres Town of Wappinger

Schmitt holds discussion on top issues for Dutchess County

To the Editor:

Over the weekend, I attended Coffee with Colin in Poughkeepsie. Assemblyman Colin Schmitt, who is running for the 18th Congressional District, hosted a meet- and-greet conservation over a cup of coffee. It is refreshing to see a candidate seeking to represent us making an effort to have open conversations about the top issues for Dutchess County.

One issue at the forefront of discussion was the shape of our economy. Schmitt stands for stopping the out-of-control spending in D.C. that is fueling inflation, restoring American energy independence, and shifting the supply chain from China back to America.

Al Casella Wappingers Falls

Supporting Schmitt for Congress

To the Editor

Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 8. I am happy to support Assemblyman Colin Schmitt for Congress. Commitment to community is a cornerstone of Schmitt's platform, which is no surprise as his father retired as a Lieutenant in the FDNY which inspired Colin to enlist in the Army National Guard where he currently serves as a Sergeant.

Schmitt also went on to obtain his real estate license where he worked with his wife at their family's third generation small business. Shortly after, Schmitt was elected to the NY State Assembly, and for the past four years he has shown his support for law enforcement and public safety.

When the cashless bail law was enacted, Schmitt was the first to sponsor legislation to repeal the law we have now. He is outspoken in stopping the out-of-control spending in Washington DC and making sure America is secure and controls its own energy production. Please join me in Voting Colin Schmitt for Congress.

Al Torreggiani Supervisor, Town of Hyde Park

Viewpoints

Consider Libertarian candidate for governor

To the Editor:

If you live in the Hudson Valley, your mailbox is getting blitzed right now with political mailers. Not that I mind them, but messaging on some of these mailers is so infantile as to be unworthy of an election for high school class president, much less U.S. Congress.

One mailer gives the impression that a certain candidate will release violent felons from prison, and that prisoners are supporting him. No explanation how incarcerated felons are supposed to support him, but that's the cartoonish message being pitched. I'd tell you what the candidate says about himself, except that his own mailers just demonize his opponent in similarly outrageous terms.

With only two parties, it's always a race to the bottom. Each side denigrates the opposition, leaving voters to choose the lesser of two evils. Add a third party, however, and smearing an opponent just winds up making the third candidate look better. A three-way race incentivizes candidates to distinguish themselves with policy solutions, which overall leaves voters feeling empowered to vote FOR an option, rather than intimidated into voting AGAINST the only other option. New Yorkers always have the option to write-in candidates on the ballot, and as citizens it's our last check on political machines which want to run government. That's why my family and I will be writing in Larry Sharpe, Libertarian for Governor. We realize it's unreasonable to expect him to win, but in a state nearly 3-to-1 Democrat, voting blue is superfluous, and voting red only makes a shinier consolation prize for second place. If enough people write-in Larry Sharpe, we have a chance to restore a real third option on ballot, and thereby, to improve the maturity and significance of political discourse from statewide down to local races.

Daniel Donnelly Amenia Dutchess County Libertarian Party

Juniors win 2022 Playoff Games Championship



The Juniors won the 2022 Playoff Games Championship on October 11 against Wilson Oil in the Dutchess County Senior Softball A League. The game was played at Whitesell Field in Poughkeepsie. The score was 21-11.

Pictured are the members of the Dutchess Senior Softball League 2022 Playoff Games Champions. Standing from left, Carl Parris, Lou Rossi, Pat Rose, Gary Lasko, and John Ostuni. Kneeling from left, Tom Hotaling, Joe Paoloni, Joe Wasswieler, Joe Versace, Russ Bock, and Dave Lowitz.

-Courtesy photo

Condolences to Casella family

To the Editor:

Last week one of our Councilmen, Al Casella of the 4th Ward of the Town of Wappinger, unexpectedly experienced the passing of his mother.

While the sudden passing of anyone's mom is a very sad and traumatic event, her passing is particularly painful because Councilman Casella has dedicated considerable time energy to serving the Town. And, he has been very diligent at my request in kicking the tires during this budget season. The sacrifices he has made, as have other councilmen and women, often goes unnoticed.

Yvonne and I and the entire Wappinger community express our deepest condolences and sympathies to Al and his family during the time of great sadness.

Dr. Richard L. Thurston, Esq. Supervisor, Town of Wappinger

Hydrant flushing in Wappinger through November 18

Residents of the United Wappinger Water District West of Spookhill Rd. in the Town of Wappinger are being advised to limit water use.

CAMO Pollution Control, Inc. will be flushing hydrants between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. beginning October 31st, through November 18th.

During the flushing, residents may

experience erratic water pressure and turbid water conditions. This condition will only be temporary. At all times, the water will meet satisfactory sanitary quality. The flushing will bring about long-term improvements in water quality.

If you have any questions, please call CAMO Pollution Control, Inc. at 845-463-7310.

Drug Task Force issues warning on increased presence of Fentanyl

The Dutchess County Drug Task Force (DCDTF) is advising the public of an increased presence of Fentanyl in our communities, in particular counterfeit 30mg Oxycodone pills containing Fentanyl.

Since January of 2022, the DCDTF has seized several thousand counterfeit prescription pills containing Fentanyl through investigations conducted in the Dutchess County area. In September 2022 alone, the DCDTF seized more than 2,000 counterfeit prescription pills.

These pills are typically light blue in color and imprinted "M-30" in an effort to imitate real prescription 30mg Oxycodone pills. Recently, counterfeit 30mg oxycodone pills in various colors containing Fentanyl were seized in other areas of New York State.

Illegal drugs seized by the DCDTF, for example heroin, cocaine and crack cocaine are often contaminated with Fentanyl.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is similar to morphine but is 50 to 100 times more potent.

According to the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration, as little as two milligrams of fentanyl can be lethal. According to the CDC, 107,622 Americans died of drug overdoses in 2021, with 66 percent of those deaths related to synthetic opioids like Fentanyl. In 2021, the Dutchess County Drug Task

Force recorded more than 100 fatal drug overdose deaths within Dutchess County with Fentanyl being involved in an overwhelming amount of cases. If you encounter Fentanyl in any form, or any other drug, do not handle it and call 911 immediately.

A person overdosing on Fentanyl may exhibit signs that include but are not limited to, cold and or clammy skin, cyanosis, and changes in pupil size, coma, or any form of respiratory distress. If you experience any of these symptoms or observe someone experiencing similar symptoms and you believe Fentanyl may be involved contact 911 immediately.

If anyone has information about individuals selling drugs including Fentanyl you are urged to contact the Drug Task Force confidential tip line at 845-463-6040 or by sending an email to the following web address: DrugTaskForceTips @gmail.com

The DCDTF encourages anyone seeking assistance with drug addiction or treatment to call the Dutchess County HELPLINE at 845-485-9700, or walk into the Stabilization Center at 230 North Road in Poughkeepsie 845-486-2849. This contact is available 24/7/365 to help you get connected to the services you need. You can also visit Dutchess County Government website at the following web address:dutchessny.gov/Departments/DB CH/alcohol-substance-use-services.htm.

Early voting happening now

Early voting for the 2022 General Election has been offered from Oct. 29 and will continued through Nov. 6 at the following locations throughout Dutchess County:

Mid-Hudson Library Auditorium, 105 Market St., Poughkeepsie; East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376, Hopewell Junction; Cornell Cooperative Center, 2715 US-44, Millbrook; Boardman Road Library, 141 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie; Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill; Rhinebeck Town Hall, 80 East Market St., Rhinebeck; Wappinger Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls.

Wednesday, Nov. 2: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3: Noon-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

ELECTION DAY VOTING DATE AND TIMES

General Election:

November 8, from 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Please note that some polling locations may have changed. Check one's election district to see where one vote.

Unsure which election district one lives in? Use the Poll Site Search to view one's election district, poll site, and registration status on the Dutchess County Board of Elections website at https://elections.dutchessny.gov/voter-information/dutchess-county-polling-places/.

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Friendly Ford, Chamber host ribbon cutting event for new commercial vehicle center



Friendly Ford hosted a ribbon cutting event with the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce to celebrate the opening of their state-of-the-art Ford Commercial Vehicle Center, at 2250 South Road (Rte. 9) in Poughkeepsie on October 26. Notable speakers included Friendly Auto Group's President and CEO Eric Kahn, DCRCOC's President and CEO Frank Castella, Jr., and Town of Poughkeepsie Supervisor Jon "Jay" Baisley.

In addition to their professionally outfitted Friendly Ford Service Shop, the Friendly Ford Commercial Vehicle Center adds a whole new dimension to its servicing capabilities, including 8 additional oversized bays, heavy duty lifts able to handle commercial vehicles up to 56,000 pounds, and first-class tools and equipment specifically designed for commercial vehicles.

"Ford is investing billions of dollars in the development of electric vehicles and in the development of products and services for commercial vehicle customers. Friendly Ford, with its new Commercial Vehicle Center, is positioned to capitalize on Ford's leadership in these areas," Kahn said.

Additionally, Friendly introduced guests to their new Ford Mobile Service Van, which allows customers to get a wide-range of services performed on-location at their business or worksite without having to visit the dealership.

BBL Construction Services was the construction manager on the project, which was designed by Mazzarelli Architecture. JMC Consultants provided site engineering services. M&T Bank provided financing for the project.

 $\hbox{-}Courtesy\ photo$

Attorney General's Office to host gun buyback in Poughkeepsie

The Office of New York Attorney General is hosting a community gun buyback with the Poughkeepsie Police Department from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. on November 5 at Beulah Baptist Church. 92 Catharine St. in Poughkeepsie. This event is part of Attorney General James' ongoing effort to help protect New York communities from gun violence and keep families safe. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) accepts — with no questions asked — working and non-working, unloaded firearms in exchange for compensation on site. The OAG provides money in the form of prepaid gift cards when a gun is received and secured by law enforcement officers on site.

The OAG will be providing the following amount for firearms turned in on site:

\$250 per assault rifle

\$150 per handgun

\$75 per rifle or shotgun

\$25 per non-working, replica, or antique gun

Up to \$100 additional payment per ghost gun

Up to \$25 per homemade gun, 3D printed gun, or gun part

The OAG accepts both working and non-working firearms and there is no limit on the number of firearms an individual can turn in. The guns must be transported to the drop-off site unloaded, in the trunk of the vehicle, in a plastic or paper bag, or box. This is an amnesty program, in which no questions will be asked about the person dropping off the gun.

Women's Professional Network presents workshops on how to reach professional goals

The Women's Professional Network presents "The Roadmap to Your Professional Success – 2022" on November 15, 5:30-8 p.m. at Mahoney's Irish Pub & Steakhouse, 35 Main Street, in Poughkeepsie.

Registration can be found at https://roadmaptoprofessional-sucess2022.eventbrite.com

This mini-conference will focus on the professional development and growth of achievement oriented professionals and business owners. Designed for one's success in mind, guarantee that one will be inspired and invigorated. Two incredibly enlightening workshops will provide the critical tools one needs on one's journey to reach the unique professional goals. Highly experienced presenters will

move one to action in meaningful and insightful ways.

Presented by the WPN, this event is a collaboration with business and

community leaders.

(Grace) Angela Henry, executive search consultant and voice actor, will serve as the dinner speaker with her address: "Can't, Couldn't, Shouldn't, Wouldn't-Says Who?!" Adopting a Forward Thinking Vision.

Following dinner, attendees will break into one of two different, concurrent workshops

Cost is \$28 per person for WPN Brave&Bold Members. Payable thru Venmo. Includes dinner and a choice of Workshop one or two Cash bar.

\$33 for WPN non-Members. Payable only thru Eventbrite. Includes dinner and a choice of Workshop 1 or 2. Cash bar.

Eventbrite registration (non-Members) can be found at https://roadmapto professionalsuccess2022.eventbrite.com.

Please be prepared to state your Workshop choice when you check in at our registration desk at Mahoney's.

Former Renegades manager Quatraro named to lead KC Royals next year

By Rich Thomaselli

Sometimes, it's not just the players who make it from the minor leagues to Major League Baseball.

Former Hudson Valley Renegades manager Matt Quatraro on Sunday was announced as the new manager of the Kansas City Royals, becoming their 18th manager in franchise history.

Quatraro began his coaching career as the Renegades' hitting coach from 2004 through 2005, and managed the team during the 2006 and 2007 seasons.

Quatraro, 48, becomes the third former Renegades manager to be hired as the manager of a Major League team, joining Edwin Rodríguez and Charlie Montoyo.

"We are extremely excited to have Matt leading our club and core of talent," Royals executive vice president of baseball operations/general manager J.J. Picollo said in the team's statement. "Matt has great experiences throughout his career that have prepared him for this. He thoroughly impressed us all during our interview process and is clearly respected across the industry. We are looking forward to working alongside Matt to bring winning baseball to our great fans."

"I'm grateful to Mr. [Royals chairman and CEO Bruce] Sherman and the ownership group, J.J. and the front office, and everyone else with the Royals for this opportunity," Quatraro said in a team statement. "I already knew the talent on the roster and how great the fans in Kansas City are, and the interview process convinced me that the terrific things I'd heard about the organization's culture are true. I can't wait to get started, and for my family to get to Kansas City and be part of that community."

Since departing the Hudson Valley, Quatraro managed two more seasons in the Rays organization in 2008 (Columbus Catfish) and 2009 (Bowling Green Hot Rods) before being named Tampa Bay's minor league hitting coordinator, a role which he held from 2010 through 2013.

The Cleveland Guardians hired Quatraro to their MLB coaching staff as their assistant hitting coach in 2014. He returned to the Rays in 2017, serving for a season as the third base coach before becoming the bench coach in 2018 when Montoyo departed to manage the Toronto Blue Jays.





Fishkill Rotary to 'adopt' families for Thanksgiving, holidays

By Kristine Coulter

The Fishkill Rotarians will be hosting a variety of activities and events during the final months of 2022. The Fishkill Rotary Club announced it new leaders for the 2022-23 years during the summer.

Melinda Potter was elected president for the Rotary year, which will conclude in June 2023.

Potter works as a school nurse for the Wappingers Central School District. She had been working with the Fishkill Rotary for six years. She decided to become a member in April of this year.

"I am a giver. I like being very involved in the community. I like helping wherever I can," Potter remarked. "'Service above self,' that is the Rotary motto. That's me. I don't know how else to put that."

Vicki Kessler, who has been a Rotarian since 2014, was elected the secretary of the Fishkill Rotary. Her husband is a Rotarian and Kessler said, "I wanted to give back to the community."

Roberta Thesis is the treasurer of the Fishkill Rotary.

Fishkill and Wappingers Falls Rotarians collect warms costs for numerous schoolage children.

The Rotarians also collect canned goods for the local Fishkill Food Pantry.

Rotarians also assist local students with scholarships that they award. There is the Rotary Youth Leadership Award that is awarded to select 10th graders at John Jay High School during the annual Leadership Conference. Students are

required to fill out an application form, have an interview and must submit letters of recommendation. Potter said the students then offer a presentation to the Rotarians after the conference.

Two seniors are also selected for the Joan Sourenian Scholarship, which is awarded at John Jay High School annually. It is named in remembrance of long-time Rotarian Joan Sourenian, explained Potter.

Rotary works with John Jay students in the Interact Club, which is a community service group.

Kessler said there is no longer an attendance requirement for the Fishkill Rotary but one must remain active with the organization is some way.

Rotarians will be assisting local families with the upcoming Thanksgiving Adopt-a-Family at Fishkill Elementary School. There will also be the Holiday Adopt-a-Family at Fishkill Elementary School. The Fishkill Rotary will need elves to assist with this project, remarked Potter.

The Fishkill Rotary meets for breakfast on Wednesdays from 7:15-8:15 a.m. at the i-84 Diner, 853 Route 52, in Fishkill.

For more information, email rotaryclub@gmail.com or visit www.fishkillrotary.org. One can also visit the Club's Facebook page @fishkillrotary.

To donate to the Rotary Club of Fishkill for its upcoming community events and programs, send to Rotary Club of Fishkill, PO Box 630, Fishkill, NY 12524.

Exchange students attend BHS until Nov. 4

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It's a once in a lifetime chance. It is something they will never experience again," remarked Sahner.

Lena said she was wanted to enter the program "to make connections" and "meet people."

"Everyone wants to go to America once in their life," she remarked.

When comparing schools, Lena said school in Germany, "is different... it's really different."

Paula explained the students stay in the class. "The teachers switch classes for us," she said.

There are also a lot more subjects in the U.S. schools, said Lena.

Paula said she is enjoying band class. Lena said her favorite classes are the art classes.

The students attended the Beacon City Council meeting at City Hall on October 24. City of Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou and the Council honored the BHS and German foreign exchange students with a proclamation.

"I have the pleasure and honoring and welcoming Beacon High School and The Max Born Gymnasium Exchange students," stated the mayor.

"Thank you for everybody involved," said Thomas Schneck, co-founder of DocuWare, whose facility will be in Beacon at the end of the year. He noted, "I am very moved that this is happening today."

When asked about coming to the U.S., Lena admitted her family members were "maybe a bit scared – they're obviously happy that we're here and experiencing this."

Schwarzmaier said they told the parents that "no news is good news." Sahner said the parents are "very happy for their children."

Paula said the flight from Germany "was long." She noted that in her home country "when you travel, you usually don't have these big planes with televisions for long flights" because the trips are shorter.

Sahner and Schwarzmaier were asked what they hope the students learn because of coming to the America and the program.

"That although there are many differences, there are many connections," said Sahner.

The students are staying with host families, said Ellenwood.

"They're so nice," Lena said about her host family. They told her, Lena said, "This is your home, if you want anything go get it,"

Paula said they brought their hosts some presents from Germany. "Maybe that will motivate them to come to Germany on their own [someday]."

"The traditions might be different, but people have the same feelings and emotions," Sahner said.

Schwarzmaier said, "It's very exciting when I see the gleam in their eyes; I'm feeling happy for them." She added: "It's an experience they will never forget in their life."

Ellenwood said she is happy the program is finally happening. It was delayed due to the COVID pandemic.

Being worked on now, said Ellenwood, is when sophomores from Beacon High School accepted into the program will go to Germany in June 2023. It will be under the auspices of GAPP, the German American Partnership Program, which is part of the Goethe Institute, and sponsored by the U.S. State Department.

"Thank you to everyone who made this happen. Many people contributed for years – through the pandemic. You need a vision to make that happen and Kelly had the vision," said Sahner.

"Thank you for the very warm welcome," said Schwarzmaier.

The cultural exchange between the two cities will promote understanding and opportunities for both communities. DocuWare has committed to supporting the program, and the Beacon High PTSO will be fundraising to ensure that there will be no barrier to participation for any student accepted into the program, it was stated.

DC Volunteer Firefighters present awards



Dutchess County Volunteer Firefighters Officers honor 50-year member Kyle Pottenburgh at the quarterly meeting on Oct. 18.

- Photo courtesy of Vinny Galvin

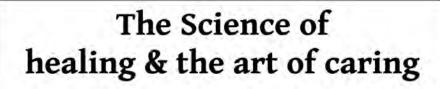
The Dutchess County Volunteer Firefighters Association held its quarterly meeting at the Pawling Fire Department Station 1 on Tuesday Oct. 18, and presented several awards.

The Pawling Fire Department along with Pine Plains and Milan Fire Departments were awarded certificates of recognition for heroic acts performed in their communities.

Kyle Pottenburgh of the New

Hackensack FD was recognized for his 50 years of service.

Also, at the meeting, W.T. Garner Engine Co. #1 in Wappingers Falls was acknowledged for 150 years of service with certificates from the Dutchess County Volunteer Firefighters Association, Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighters and Firefighters Association of the State of New York.





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Obituaries

Thomas G. Knibbs



FISHKILL - It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our beloved husband and father, Thomas G. Knibbs of Fishkill. He passed away at Vassar Brothers Medical Center on Sunday, October 16, 2022. Born on July 4, 1943 in Beacon, he was the son of the late Oliver Knibbs and Catherine (Denning) Knibbs. A graduate of St. Joachim School and Beacon High School, he was an Army Veteran who served in Vietnam during the Vietnam War. Upon his return, he was employed at the US Post Office where he worked for over 40 years. He has also been a long-time

employee of Shop Rite Supermarket. On September 2, 1967, Tom married his life-long love and partner, Linda Tyree at St. Joachim Church in Beacon. Both born in Beacon, they continued to live there for many years before moving to Fishkill. An avid sports fan, he enjoyed fishing and time spent at the lake, talking to good people, watching TV from his favorite chair and always a nice large bowl of ice cream. The most meaningful and important love of his life, however, was always his family. Tom is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Linda (Tyree) Knibbs and his loving children, Stephen Knibbs of Fishkill and Tracey (Knibbs) Rawls of Beacon. He is also survived by two sisters, Corrine (Jack) Norton of South Carolina and Nancy Knibbs of South Carolina as well as two nephews. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Mary Claire and his brother-in-law, Paul Claire. Family and friends gathered on Friday, October 21 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, October 22 at St. Joachim Church, 51 Leonard Street, Beacon. Entombment with military honors followed at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9, Fishkill. To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com.

Dolores Almena



WAPPINGERS FALLS - Dolores Almena, a longtime resident of Wappingers Falls, died at home on October 21, 2022, with her daughters by her side. Dolores was born in Eastchester on August 14, 1935, to the late Anthony and Sophie (Karpinski) Tarter. On April 24, 1954, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Scarsdale, she married the love of her life, Joseph Almena, who predeceased her in 2015. They were married 60 years. She was a communicant of St. Mary Mother of the Church Fishkill for 61 years. Dolores was a cook manager at Fishkill Elementary and Oak Grove Elementary School until her retire-

ment in 1990, after 25 years. She loved to cook and bake and passed on her appreciation of good food to her family. Traveling with her family and friends, watching the horse races on TV from Saratoga and going to the casinos to play and see the shows brought her joy. Dolores is survived by her loving daughters, Ellen Almena of Fishkill and Lori Almena of Wappingers Falls, several nieces and nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. She was "Mom" or "Dee Dee" to many close friends and their children. Dolores cherished the visits and meals she shared over the years with Father Adolf Occeno. Dolores was predeceased by her sisters, Lorraine Marchesiello and Joan Marallo. The family would like to thank Hudson Valley Hospice for their care, support, and compassion especially her nurses India and Karen as well as Emma, Claudette, Ed and of course Mollie the therapy dog. Calling hours were held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc. 1089 Main Street Fishkill. A Mass of Christian burial was held on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at St. Mary Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street Fishkill. Burial followed at the Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 US Route 9 Fishkill. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in memory of Dolores Almena to Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation, 80 Washington Street, Suite 204, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Please visit her Book of Memories at www.McHoulFuneralHome.com.

Nancy J. Pfirman



POUGHKEEPSIE - Nancy J. Pfirman, 92, of Poughkeepsie, NY, passed away October 22, 2022. Nancy was born in Sunbury, Pennsylvania on September 6, 1930, to Mabel and David Broscious. She grew up in Sunbury with her brothers David and John. She met her husband Wesley S. Pfirman at Penn State, and they married on September 27, 1952. They moved to Poughkeepsie in 1955, when Wes was transferred with IBM. They raised their three children, David, Stephanie and Eric, in the house they designed and built, in the town of Poughkeepsie. Nancy, or Nana, as she was known to her grandchildren, is sur-

vived by her brother John (Janet) Broscious, children; David (Joyce) Pfirman, Stephanie Pfirman (Peter Schlosser), Eric (Jeanne) Pfirman, grandchildren Sarah Pfirman (Andrew Robie), Gregory Pfirman, Rebecca (R.J.) Iseldyke, Brianna Pfirman, Marisela (Geddy) Walker, Markkus Pfirman Schlosser (Aspen Reynolds), and three great grandchildren Vanessa Pfirman, Kyla and Daxton Walker. She is predeceased by her parents, husband Wes, and brother David. Nancy loved her family, dogs, wildlife and outdoor adventure. She took the family skiing, hiking, canoeing, camping, on picnics, sailing, to Cape Cod, on a cross country camping trip, renovated a barn into a ski lodge in the Adirondacks, maintained her rock garden, enjoyed martinis and a good party. She and Wes took canoe trips into wilderness Canada, tours on ice breakers to the Arctic, and heli-hiking trips in the Canadian Rockies, with their children and grandchildren. She appreciated the life she'd been given and found ways to give back. As a young girl, she was a candy striper and counselor at a camp for handicapped children. Over the years she volunteered for Head Start, assisted with occupational therapy at local hospitals, was a substitute teacher, a lifeguard/swim teacher, and volunteered building trails alongside Wes at the Mohonk Mountain Preserve. Nancy was always optimistic, ready with a good laugh, and a joy to be around. In recent years, she would tell you how fortunate she was and couldn't imagine a better life. But, we were the fortunate ones. We can't imagine a better - and more fun - mother and Nana. The family will hold a small private service. In lieu of flowers, please volunteer or donate in her name to the Mohonk Preserve or the Dutchess County ASPCA. The Wm G. Miller FH, 371 Hooker Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12603 will handle arrangements. If you wish to online condolence, please visit www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com.

William A. Rozner, Sr.



William A. Rozner, Sr., a lifelong area resident, passed away at his home on October 26, 2022 with his son and daughter by his side. He was 90 years old. He was born on November 2, 1931 in Beacon. William proudly served in the U.S. Army Artillery Unit from 1952 to 1954 when he was honorably discharged as a Corporal. He retired from Chemprene after 35 and half years as a supervisor. William leaves a son, William A. Rozner, Jr. and a daughter, Lisa Gallante. He was predeceased by his parents, Alexander and Emma Rozner. He was also predeceased by his wife, Jane Rozner and his siblings, Mary

Campbell, John Rozner and Helen Rozner. William is also survived by his grandchildren, Desirae and Dylan. He also leaves two great grandchildren, Robbi and Dakota. William played softball, was a bowler and a member of Beacon Engine Fire Company and Lewis Tompkins Hose. He enjoyed riding his Harley motorcycle with his wife, Jane. He will be sadly missed by all. Family and friends will gather on Friday, October 28 from 6 to 8 p.m.at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, October 29 at St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 Willow Street, Beacon. Burial and military honors followed at St. Joachim Cemetery, Beacon. To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewby-halvey.com. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

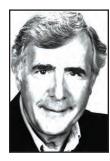
Dolores M. Casella



POUGHKEEPSIE - Dolores M. Casella, 87, an area resident since 1966, died on October 25, 2022 at home. Born in Paulsboro, NJ on September 16, 1935, Dolores was the daughter of the late Charles and Minnie (Rutolo) Rapagna. She retired from the Hudson Valley River State Psychiatric Hospital after 20 years of service, and had previously been employed by IBM. Dolores is survived by her sons and their wives, Alfred and Toni Casella of Wappingers Falls and Michael and Brenda Casella of Cary, NC; her grandchildren, Daniel and his wife Brittany, Amanda and her fiancé Richie, Mikey, Jenna, and Logan; her

great-grandchildren, Mila and Dani; her sister, Carolyn Shirk; and her nephews, John and Jeff Shirk. In addition to her parents, Dolores was also predeceased by her husband of 35 years, Alfred R. Casella, in 1989; and her daughter, Theresa Pells, in 2003. Dolores had been a snowbird since 1990 spending time at her home in Briny Breezes, FL during the winter months. She also liked going to the Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center, as well as bowling and gardening. More than anything, she loved the time she spent with her family and friends, especially her Stephanie Lane ladies. Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction on Sunday, October 30th with a funeral service. Donations may be made in her memory to the American Heart Association. Please visit her Dolores' Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Nicholas Conti



BEACON - Nicholas E. Conti, a 56-year Beacon resident, was Called Home peacefully by the Lord on October 24, 2022 at his home in Beacon; he was 90 years old. Nicholas was born in Brooklyn, NY on December 4, 1931, son of the late John & Carmela (Opinante) Conti. Nicholas served in the United States Navy during the Korean War from 1951 to 1955, and received an honorable discharge for his service. Nicholas was a passionate author and playwright publishing 17 books and approximately 25 plays which have been performed in England, Ireland, Australia, Singapore, and across the United States. When he first moved to

the Hudson Valley, he was a radio announcer at WBNR and other area radio stations. Previously, while in New York City he was an actor and singer working both on- and off-Broadway, on numerous TV shows and movies, and even had the opportunity to sing at Carnegie Hall. Nicholas is survived by his two sons Gregory and Daniel and their wives Susan and Jennifer, his long-time love Christine, and his grandchildren Emma and Nicholas. He is predeceased by his wife Jean and his brother John. His Family & Friends will gather to remember his Life on Thursday, November 3, 2022 from 5-8pm at the LIBBY FUNERAL HOME, 55 Teller Avenue, Beacon. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10am, Friday, November 4 at St. Joachim Church, 51 Leonard Street, Beacon, followed by interment and military honors at St. Joachim Cemetery, 325 Washington Avenue, Beacon. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes for memorial donations to be made to Mid-Hudson Animal Aid, 54 Simmons Lane, Beacon, NY 12508. The family would like to offer their sincere thanks to the staff of Castle Point VA Medical Center and Hudson Valley Hospice for their dedication and compassion. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: LibbyFuneralHome.com

Veterans Day Service set for Nov. 11 in Village of Fishkill

A Veterans Day Service hosted by the Village of Fishkill will be held on November 11 at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Monument, on the corner of Main and

Broad Streets. There will be a keynote speaker, the Pledge of Allegiance to the

Flag and the

singing of the National Anthem.
Please join with the Village of Fishkill to "Remember our Veterans."

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

'Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?' opens Friday at County Players

County Players, one of the longest running community theatre companies in the area is proud to present Edward Albee's Classic Drama "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" This Main Stage production is directed by Anna Marie Paolercio, and opens November 4, and runs through November 19. Performances are scheduled for Fridays and Saturdays November 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, and 19 at 8 p.m., with matinees on Sunday, November 13, and Saturday November 19 at 2 p.m. Performances will be held at the County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main Street in the Village of Wappingers Fall.

Edward Albee's award-winning Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? is considered a masterwork of American drama, with dazzling language and unforgettable characters. There is no dysfunctional stage couple quite like George and Martha. The funny and darkly unsettling duo welcomes you into their living room, along with the young couple Honey and Nick. Lean in to the titillating shock and awe of this masterpiece of modern American theatre, whose characters were just as radical, hilarious, and unforgettable in 1962 as they are today.

The production features the local talents of Erin Cross, Norm Magnusson, Ethan Maslyn, and Amy Schaffer. Of this production director Paolercio said, 'Author Albee is beyond brilliant with this piece; he has said that he avoids writing plays with easy answers, preferring to challenge and stimulate his audiences. "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" has no easy answers. You may not like George and Martha, nor even sympathize with them, but it's likely you will recognize the universe they inhabit, because it's one we all share. They attempt to survive in their own way, just as you attempt to survive in yours.'

This production contains adult subject matter and profanity.

As COVID-19 restrictions and mandates are evolving daily please visit the County Players webpage at countyplayers.org/covid019-policy/ for up-to-date information on theater restrictions and protocols. The box office will once again open for in-person ticket sales on performance days. Individual tickets are available online in advance of the per-

Hudson Valley Credit Union sponsors County Players' 65th Season. This production of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" is made possible by Bronze Sponsor Thomas, Drohan, Waxman, Petigrow & Mayle, LLP, and is produced



The cast of County Players' "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" (from left) Ethan Maslyn, Amy Schaffer, Norm Magnusson, and Erin Cross.

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If one requires wheelchair accessibility, please contact our Box Office at 845-

For more information, visit: county players.org, twitter.com, instagram.com or facebook.com.

Craft fair set Nov. 5 in Fishkill

A craft fair will be held at St. Mary's School in Fishkill on November 5, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Mary's School, 106 Jackson St., in Fishkill.

There will be raffles, crafts and

food available.

Craft fair is sponsored by St. Mary's School Fishkill PPA.

For more information, call 845-896-

Learn how to make a bracelet at East Fishkill library

Make a bracelet on November 14, at 5:30 p.m. at the East Fishkill Library. Join local decoupage and jewelry artist Christine Mowbray as she leads the class in creating a beautiful fall gemstone-

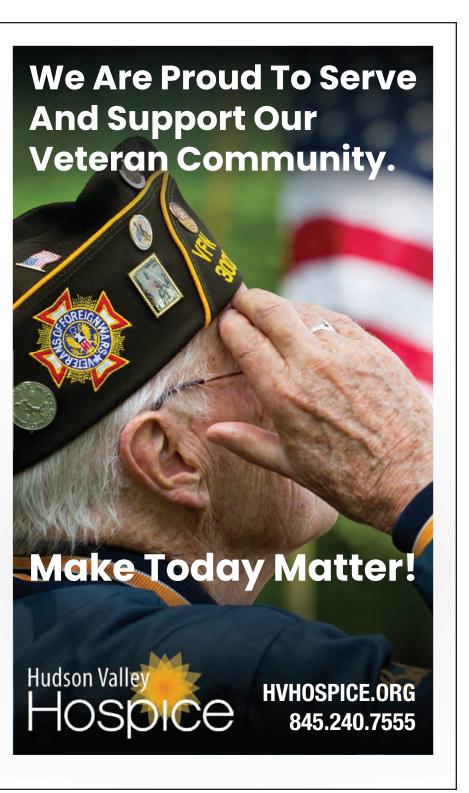
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Afternoon book club November 9 in East Fishkill

The EFCL Afternoon Book Group meets to discuss this month's selection, "The Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray on November 9 at 1 p.m. at the East Fishkill Community Library (EFCL), 348 Route 376. . Copies of the book are available within the Library system. All are welcome to come and join in the discussion of this work.





Ethiopian band to perform in Beacon



Howland Cultural Center will present the Ethiopian band, QWANQWA, at 8 p.m. on November 5. This supergroup composed of five top musicians from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia's capital, is making its first American tour of four dozen American cities.

Their music derives from traditions found in that region, known as "the horn of Africa," but they add their own contemporary twists that can bring in flavors of rock, psychedelic and regional roots.

Tickets in advance online are \$20 through www.howlandculturalcenterTIX.com. Tickets at the door, if available, will be \$25.

Fronted by female vocalist Selamnesh Zemene, the band features Endris Hassen (masinko), Bubu Teklamariam (bass krar), Kaethe Hostetter (violin), and Misale Legges (kehere)

The Howland Cultural Center is at 477 Main Street in Beacon. The building, designed by famed architect Richard Morris Hunt, dates to 1872. The Center is observing the 150th anniversary of "the Jewel of Beacon" this year.

-Courtesy photo

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By Donna Lenhart

We hope everyone will attend our annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Friday, November 11. This ceremony will take place at 1 p.m. at Town Hall. Please join us in honoring those who have served our country.

The Fall Craft Fair is coming up quickly! On Saturday, November 12 at Town Hall, we will once again be hosting a variety of talented crafters for you to kick-start your holiday shopping. Come

and see what these folks have to offer and thanks for shopping small! Fair runs 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sign up begins on Monday, November 14, 10 a.m. for the annual Senior Holiday Luncheon, which will take place on Wednesday, December 14 at Villa Borghese. You must sign up in person and can register yourself and a spouse/partner. Must show proof of Town of Wappinger residency.

WCSD congratulates record number of All State students

Wappingers Central School District announces it has a record number of students selected for New York State School Musical Association (NYSSMA) CONFERENCE ALL STATE 2022. Thousands of students prepared for a statewide adjudication which resulted in 569 of New York State's BEST student musicians to be selected for this year. Wappingers Central School District will be represented in both instrumental and choral ensembles. The Annual NYSSMA All State Conference occurs in Rochester,

December 1-4. Congratulations to all of WCSD Conference All State musicians, families and to K-12 music teachers.

Congratulations to:

Samuel Aldarondo, RCK, Tenor Olivia Concepcion, JJHS, French Horn (alternate)

Joshua Klein, JJHS, Euphonium Collin Lynch, JJHS, Tenor (also selected as Bass Trombone alternate)

Thomas Ostrander, RCK, Alto Saxophone

Jennie Po, RCK, Cello (alternate) Isabella Williams, RCK, Double Bass.

Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation

By Lauren McMenamin

Skyhawks Multi-Sport Tots- Introduce your little superstar to sports in our most popular program! This baseball and soccer class uses age-appropriate games and activities to explore balance, hand/eye coordination, fitness, sport skills and child development. (Parent participations required for ages 2-3.5 years). The program will be held on Mondays at the Fishkill Rec Center. Visit our website for more information and to register, www.fishkillrecreation.com.

Ski & Snowboard Lessons- Fishkill Residents receive special pricing for lessons and rentals at Thunder Ridge Ski Area. Available for ages 8 and up. Visit our website for more information and enrollment packet. www.fishkill recreation.com.

The Artist's Corner- Our annual Thanksgiving Eve tradition continues with two all new art projects and a morning filled with festive crafts just in time for the holiday! This event is open to boys and girls ages 5+. The event will be held on Wednesday, November 23 from 9 a.m. - Noon. Register today at www.TheArtistsCornerNY.weebly.com.

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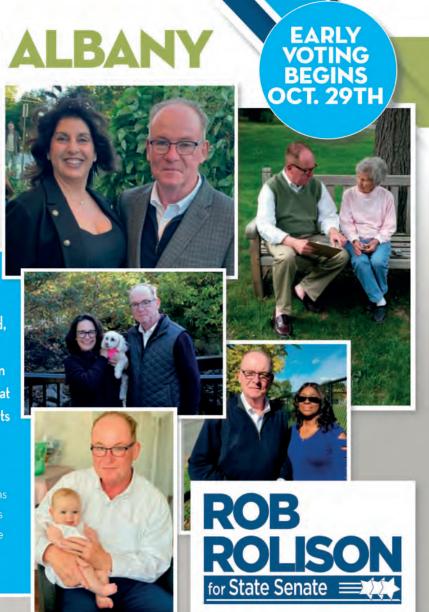
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that's italian!

by luigi coppola



You can't top Pop

Luigi's father always gets the last laugh.

As I've written before, my father is a tough cookie. He has a way of getting people to do just what he wants. And as I've said, it is the deer in the headlights outcome. You want to say no, you really do, but he just stares at you and blinks until you break down. I always thought it was just with his boys, but I have come to find out that he has this power over many people.

One morning, I was greeted with a text from my brother Nick. He was at our local supermarket, and he took a picture of my father's car parked in the fire lane with his hazards on. Standing next to the car was "Peter," one of our locals who works at the market, watching his car. Apparently, "Peter" valeted his car and brought it up front for my father. Nick waited for a few minutes to see what was going on, thinking maybe something had happened in the supermarket that required this person's assistance. Out comes Pop from the store with his shopping cart. Peter opens his trunk, places his bag in the car, proceeds to open my father's door and assists him getting into the car. Pop hands him a tip and off he goes. Nick stared incredulously and called me to tell me of what just happened. I knew Pop was on his way to the restaurant and decided to have a little fun with him for a change.

Pop walks into the restaurant with his

shopping bags.

Pop: Bongiorno Luigi!

Luigi: Bongiorno Pop ... Where were you this morning?

Pop: Why? Whatsa matter

Luigi: Well Pop, I just had a picture sent to me by the police.

Pop: Yeah?

Luigi: Apparently someone robbed the store? They said it was you! Pop: Oh come on. Ima an Olda man! Luigi: They said a black beat-up Mercedes raced off with a grocery bag full of money.

Pop: Youa crazy.

Luigi: Yeah? How do you explain this picture then! Pop: Holy crap! Howa dida you getta that picture.

Luigi: It was sent to me Pop.

Pop: I wasa at the store, but I no steal anything.

Luigi: Yeah? Well now I've got to explain everything to the police. Why did you park at the curb Pop?

Pop: I no Parka at the curb. "Peter" hea helps me.

Luigi: Peter?!

Pop: Yeah hea does the carts ata the store.

Luigi: Geez Pop, you have everyone do stuff for you.

Pop: Yeah he even helped me do the shopping. Then he puts the groceries for the car and helps me in.

Luigi: Man, Pop ... (laughing) You're good.

Pop: Youa makea the joke with me?
Luigi: Yeah Pop. Nick sent me

the picture.
Pop: You sonamagun. You had mea

Luigi: Sorry Pop. You've gotten me plenty of times. This one was my turn.

Pop: I wasa gonna makea you the wild mushrooms, now forget it. Youa getta nothing.

Shame was, those mushrooms were so good. I was only able to steal a quick bite before he took them away. Oh well, a good joke is always worth it.

Wild Mushrooms and Pasta Ingredients

- 8 ounces bow tie pasta3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- · 3 tablespoons butter
- · 3 tablespoons pine nuts
- · 10 ounces fresh Chanterelle mushrooms
- · 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- · 1/2 teaspoon dried red pepper flakes
- · 3 ounces shaved Parmigiano-Reggiano
 - · 1 tablespoon minced onions

Directions

· Cook the pasta in salted water and boil

for 5-6 minutes for al-dente.

· While the pasta is cooking, heat the pine nuts in a dry 10-inch skillet over medium heat. Toast the pine nuts, shaking and stirring frequently, until golden brown (about 5 to 7 minutes). Transfer the pine nuts to a small bowl and set aside.

· Return the skillet to the stove and adjust the heat to medium-high. Melt the butter in the pan, then add the mushrooms, garlic and minced onions and sauté for 3 to 5 minutes, until browned.

· Drain the pasta, making sure you leave the past generously wet and add it to the skillet. Toss well and season with extra virgin olive oil, black pepper and red pepper flakes. Transfer to a serving dish and garnish with the toasted pine nuts, and shaved Parmagiana-Reggiano

· Serve at once, with a loaf of crusty Italian bread and nice Chianti.

Luigi Coppola is one of five brothers born to Francesca and Antonio Coppola. The Coppola family came to America from Naples, Italy in 1954. Antonio and his brothers opened their first restaurant in Poughkeepsie in 1961. Luigi and his brothers Nick, John, Antonio and Vincent have carried on the family tradition in the way their parents taught them, using classic recipes taught to them at their apron strings. Visit their website at www.coppolas.net.



The Wappingers Historical Society is hosting a special event in honor of Indigenous People's month, entitled "Indigenous Wappingers: Experiencing Our Native Roots." This event is hosted by Evan Pritchard (Mi'kmaq), Founder of the Center for Algonguin Culture, and celebrates the history of the Wappinger tribe and the area referred to by Chief Daniel Ninham as the "Wappingers Confederacy." This seminar will take place on November 10 at 7 p.m. at the Wappinger Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger.

Pritchard will lead this two-hour seminar which recognizes the contributions of the Wappinger people. Special guests will participate and share information on the history of the tribe prior to Dutch settlement of the Hudson Valley, their language, culture and heritage. Part of the presentation will focus on artifacts from the collection of the Wappingers Historical Society, such as locally discovered tools, projectile points and pottery. Attendees will be able to participate in an "honoring ceremony" for a local resident of Wappinger descent, David Fescier, on the first anniversary of

Evan Pritchard is a former professor of Native American History at Marist College and descendent of the Micmac people. A prior resident of Wappingers Falls, Evan founded the Center for Algonquin Culture in 1998 and is the author of several books



Evan Pritchard (Mi'kmaq)

including Mapping Native New York and Native New Yorkers. He has been featured on NPR, ABC News and has led walking tours for the Smithsonian Institution and South Street Seaport.

Wappingers Historical Society members and the general public are invited to attend. Suggested donation of \$5 for non-WHS members. For more information, please call 845-632-1281 or email info@ wappingershistoricalsociety.org.

Historical society to host talk Nov. 10 'Talking Birds and Golden Fish' performance

ThinkDIFFERENTLY event at Bardavon Nov. 10

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro invites residents of all abilities and their families to a free sensory-sensitive, live storytelling performance titled "Talking Birds and Golden Fish: A Collection of Global Animal Tales" with David Gonzalez on November 10 at 6 p.m., at the Bardavon Opera House, at 35 Market Street in Poughkeepsie. In participation with this ThinkDIFFERENTLY event, the theater will adjust both the lighting and sound to make the experience more enjoyable for those on the autism spectrum or who experience sensory issues. Individuals, families and support agencies are all invited to this free event. Seating is limited; registration is required and can be completed at dutchessny.gov/show.

Molinaro said, "As a father of a child on the autism spectrum I know it makes a big difference when events are sensory friendly and can be enjoyed by the whole family. I am proud we can offer events such as this live storytelling show and look forward to an evening that will be charming, educational, and fun for all ages and abilities."

A captivating storyteller and experienced performer for I/DD audiences, David Gonzalez will bring his casual and simple staging to his "Talking Birds and Golden Fish" performance. The show features animal tales from India, Persia, South America and the Caribbean. The creatures in the stories share life lessons and demonstrate a positive and inclusive environment for all. David brings the stories alive using his voice through stories and singing, and physical movements.

David's stories bring to life an inspiration, delight, and deliver messages that speak to kids and adults alike. The theater will keep the lights up and the volume down. Additionally, there will be fewer multimedia displays will be used to keep sensory stimuli low.

This event is the second of three ThinkDIFFERENTLY events the County is sponsoring at the Bardavon this year. The first, a sensory friendly showing of the movie "Inside Out" that took place in mid-October and was well received. An hour-long, sensory-sensitive performance of "The Nutcracker" will close out the series on Dec. 9th.

Molinaro created "ThinkDIFFERENTLY" initiative in 2015 as a way of fostering a more welcoming and inclusive community for individuals of all abilities. Dutchess County has since taken numerous steps to "ThinkDIFFERENTLY," including holding events to provide those living in the I/DD community access to inclusivity while obtaining information and resources available to them.

In his 2023 Executive Budget, which he will release on November 1st, County Executive Molinaro includes new ThinkDIFFERENTLY initiatives as part of the forthcoming ThinkDIFFERENTLY All Abilities Action Plan.

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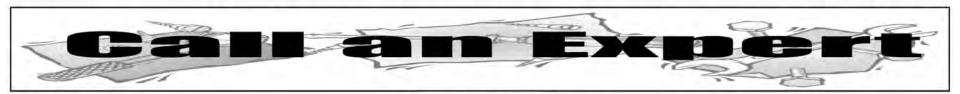
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Something for Alz: Telling Your Stories: 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Nov. 2. Join us for a free virtual program that offers a chance to tell your story. Both the caregiver and the person with dementia are invited to join, and each will have the opportunity to be guided through this six-week program. Facilitator Nancy Kessler will help participants listen, learn and tell their stories.

Virtual Early-Stage Meetup Group: 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2. Do you have an early-stage memory disorder? Are you interested in meeting others in the same situation and hearing about how the Alzheimer's Association can support you? Join us for this informal meeting to learn more! Prescreening is required. You are welcome to have a family member or care partner join you.

Hudson Valley Research Webinar: 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2. Join Research Champion Meg Boyce and six local experts for updates on the latest in dementia research. Get your questions answered during a Q&A at this free virtual event. Featured researchers will include: Emmeline Ayers, MPH, Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore; Gary Gibson, Ph.D. Burke Neurological Institute; Jeannette R. Mahoney, Ph.D. Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore;

Sashi Makam, MD, Mid Hudson Medical Research/Horizon Family Medical Group; Chelsea Reichert Plaska, Ph.D., Nathan Kline Institute; and Allison Sparana, Nathan Kline Institute

Something for Alz: Creative Expression: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, with arts therapist Jayne Henderson, Join us for an interactive program for people with dementia and their family caregivers featuring creative arts activities. Have paper and something to draw

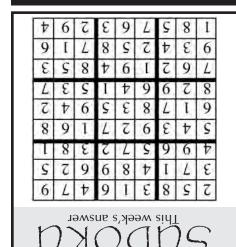
with when tuning into this program.

Something for Alz: Telling Your Stories: 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Nov. 9. Join us for a free virtual program that offers a chance to tell your story. Both the caregiver and the person with dementia are invited to join, and each will have the opportunity to be guided through this six-week program. Facilitator Nancy Kessler will help participants listen, learn and tell their stories.

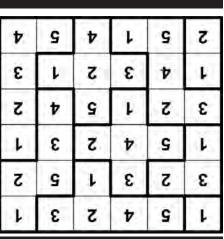
Purple Sunday Virtual Kickoff: 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 9: A free virtual event for local faith leaders, first spouses, deacons, stewards and health ministry members. Join us to learn more about Purple Sunday, the impact of Alzheimer's disease in communities of color, tips on how to be a healthy caregiver and how you can support your community. Featuring presentations by Alzheimer's Association Research Champion Meg Boyc and Dr Naa-Solo Tettey, who will speak about the HeartSmarts program.

this week's puzzle solutions



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DCHS annual Autumn Auction set Nov. 13

The Dutchess County Historical Society (DCHS) is conducting its annual Autumn Auction and the hammer falls on Sunday, Nov. 13.

The DCHA remains committed to being the most meaningful source of Dutchess County history; through the responsible archival stewardship of tangible objects, modern interpretation and creative presentations of its history to the public.

"We are proud of our community outreach, including the Oral History Project and local history workshops with area schools and educators," said DCHS Trustee Antonia Mauro. "Through our range of publications, virtual programs, the Yearbook and Annual Meeting, the Dutchess County Historical Society continues its mission to preserve our local history.

The DCHS Autumn Auction is the organization's single, major fundraising event of the year. DCHS does not receive any regular Federal, State or County funding. "We rely solely on donations, membership dues and private sponsorships from people like you. Please support the 100+year old mission of DCHS to collect, preserve, interpret, and share the history of Dutchess County from the period of the arrival of the first indigenous peoples until the present day," said Mauro.

If you are not able to attend this year's Autumn Auction, please consider becoming a member or making a donation to

DCHS here at dchsny.org/short/

The Dutchess County Historical Society 2022 Autumn Auction catalog offers a wide variety of unique items including historic experiences, private tours, gift certificates, vacation stays & more.

View the DCHS Autumn Auction catalog on the Absolute Auctions website at: https://aarauctions.com/servlet/Search.do?auctionId=5741&categoryName&fbclid=IwAR1tlrmT5TqMZw2KZgOeoi3omglO73bsCDS8AShRx_Ua6BPnNjQufLwACmw

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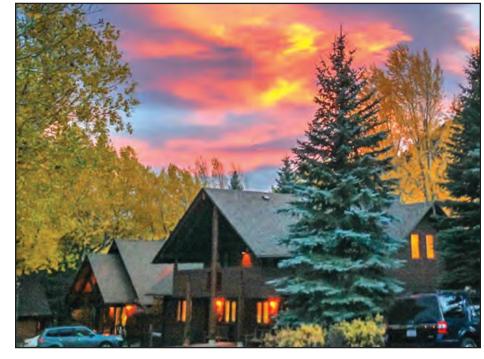
#73 – Boat & Walking Tour for Group up to 4 People to Bannerman's Island on the Hudson River, Beacon

Enjoy an afternoon on the Hudson River with a tour to Bannerman's Island. The tour includes a 30-minute boat ride over to Bannerman Island aboard the Estuary Steward and

a guided 1.5-hour walking tour of the island in which you will visit the famous Bannerman Castle ruins and gardens.

#7 – Bardavon Opera House Unique Back Stage Experience plus Four Tickets for the Sixth Annual Performance of Handel's Messiah

The Bardavon 1869 Opera House is generously offering four seats to its venue on December 17, 2022 at 2 p.m. ... celebration of Handel's master work, fea-



One of the highlights of this year's DCHS Autumn Auction is a One Week Vacation Rental at Ram's Horn Village, Estes Park Colo.

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turing orchestra, the Cappella Festiva Chamber Choir and soloists...Before the show enjoy a backstage tour of the beautiful 1869 Bardavon Opera House. Also included is a membership to the Bardavon which allows you advance notice of Bardavon presented shows plus the opportunity to buy tickets before the general public.

#12 – Behind-The-Ropes-Tour of Locust Grove Mansion: Value - \$300

Completed in 1851, the Italianate style mansion at Locust Grove was designed by architect Alexander Jackson Davis for Samuel F. B. Morse, the inventor of the telegraph...your private tour for a group up to eight people is escorted by Executive Director Ken Snodgrass will reveal the family histories and offer an engaging experience with the collection. Wine and cheese on the veranda overlooking the Hudson River will follow your exclusive tour.

#18 – One Week Vacation Rental at Ram's Horn Village, Estes Park Colorado: Value - \$1500

This Five Star - Gold Crown rated property is strategically situated high in the Rocky Mountains north of Denver and backs up to the Rocky Mountain National Park. This two-bedroom, two-bath townhouse comes completely furnished and outfitted with everything you will need for an enjoyable stay. The unit will accommodate up to six people when utilizing the living room sofa bed. Ram's Horn Village has lots of unique amenities

and is conveniently located, a short walk to downtown Estes Park.

#25 – Private Visit & Refreshments Group Up To 12 of the 19th Century Poughkeepsie Home of Scrabble Game Inventor Alfred M. Butts: Value - \$600

Bring your group of up to 12 adults into the 19th century historic home of Alfred Mosher Butts, the inventor of America's favorite game, SCRABBLE! View the beautiful interior of the first floor of this grand Victorian on Academy Street in Poughkeepsie! Hear the history of Mr. Butts and play America's favorite game! Step back in time, sip a 1950s cocktail and enjoy retro hors d'oeuvres.

#34 - Private Tour of 1754 Lent House in East Fishkill for Group up to 4 with Wine & Cheese Reception: Value \$250.

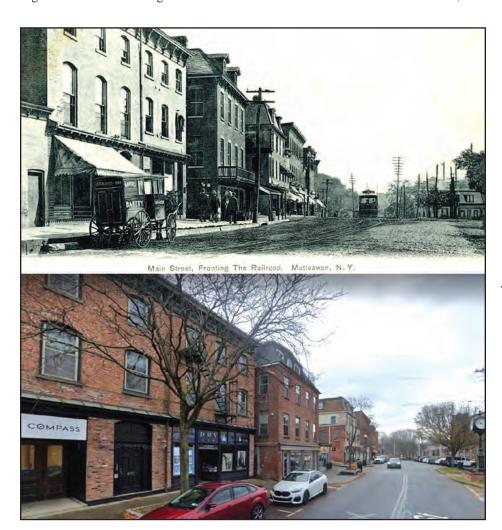
The Isaac Lent house was once used for church meetings before the Dutch Reformed Church of Hopewell was built c. 1764. Learn the history of this house, told to you by the family in period dress.

#50 - Guided Historic Tour for Group up to 8 People of Beacon's East End plus \$100 Gift Certificate to Carter's Restaurant and Lounge, Beacon: -Value \$300

Step back in time with historian David Turner and take a relaxing stroll through Beacon's historic East Side. See the city as it looked in the 1860s-1920s with dozens of vintage photographs of the area's landmarks and daily life. Finish the tour at the former Melzingah Hotel, now Carter's Restaurant and Lounge.

(Left) Another highlight of the DCHS autumn auction is a Guided Historic Tour for a Group up to 8 of Beacon's East End, plus \$100 Gift Certificate to Carter's Restaurant and Lounge, in Beacon.

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

ACROSS

- 1. Clutch
- 6. Many
- 10. Explosive
- 14. Nook
- 15. Border on
- 16. Of a generation
- 17. To no __; uselessly
- 18. Part of a
- wedding cake
- 19. Female animal
- 20. Those who eat on the house
- 22. Handsome man
- 24. 1109
- 25. Pittsburgh
- 26. Tropical fig tree
- 29. Clergyman
- 30. Address abbr.
- 31. Approaches
- 33. Bicycle part
- 37. Appear
- 39. Malice
- 41. Word on
- a banana 42. Typo
- 44. Stadium fixtures
- 46. Green expanse
- 47. Western movie
- 49. Rush
- 51. Sufferings
- 54. Defeatist's word
- 55. Eat like a mouse
- 56. Thought about
- 60. Palm or pine
- 61. Broad ditch
- 63. Identical 64. " deal!"
- 65. Margin
- 66. Burdened
- 67. One of Noah's sons
- 68. Shameful grades
- 69. Flowers-to-be

DOWN

- 1. Pesky insect
- 2. Tear apart
- 3. Hertz Rent-_
- 4. Wobble abnormally
- 5. Louisiana's state bird
- 6. Rubber
 - glove material
- 7. Geisha's sash
- 8. Part of every week: abbr.
- 9. Tax to the utmost
- 10. Lamented
- 11. Praying figure
- 12. Guillotined queen
- 13. "God you"
- 21. Utensil parts
- 23. Let fall
- 25. Italian staple
- 26. Low 27. State positively
- 28. __-do-well
- 29. Emotional one 32. Domed projections
- 34. Numskull
- 35. Away from the wind
- 36. Skinny
- 38. Night light
- 40. Green Mountain Boys' leader
- 43. Metal bar
- 45. Footwear
- 48. Swarmed
- 50. Engraved pillars: var.
- 51. Those who lobby against a measure
- 52. Circumference
- 53. Way too heavy
- 54. Dove shelters
- 56. Summon electronically
- 57. Roller coaster, e.g.
- 58. __ out a living; got by
- 59. Comfy rooms
- 62. Elegant poem

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'It's Only A Play' comedy auditions set for Nov. 6, 7 in Wappingers Falls

County Players, one of the longest running community theatre companies in the area is pleased to announce Open Auditions for the Comedy "It's Only a Play" by Terrence McNally on November 6 & 7, and held at the County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main Street in the Village of Wappingers Falls. This February 2023 Main Stage Production is directed by Kit Colbourn, with performances scheduled for Friday and Saturday February 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 2023 at 8 p.m., with matinees on Sunday, February 12, and Saturday February 18 at 2 p.m.

A Broadway opening night party in a stylish NYC apartment brings together a cacophony of characters with an armload of wit, warmth, and winter coats! "It's Only a Play" is a laugh-out-loud love letter to the resilience of live theatre, and an homage to the people that — even when things seem impossible — believe that the marquee will be lit again, and the show must go on.

Character breakdown: (Please note that there are no specific age requirements for any of the characters, though all are adults.)

Peter Austin – The playwright. Don't let his nice looks fool you.

Julia Budder - The producer. Attractive and genuinely nice. **Ira Drew**– The critic. Probably wears

glasses and has dandruff. Frank Finger - The director. A boy

Virginia Noyes - The star. Maybe a

throaty voice. A firecracker. Gus P. Head – The temporary help.

Fresh off the farm. James Wicker- The best friend. A former New York stage actor. Great charm.

Emma – A taxi driver. A no-nonsense

lady of indeterminate years.

All actors regardless of age, race, gender, ethnicity, or experience are encouraged. For further information, including a detailed list of character breakdown, sides, and audition form visit county players.org/shows/auditions/

At this time, all actors and crew must be fully vaccinated. Please wear a mask and be prepared to schow proof of vaccination when one arrives to audition. The stage manager will provide the audition form (or you may download it from this page, print, fill it out, and bring it with you to the audition.) Once inside the theatre masks are optional.

Those who audition and get parts should be prepared to list all possible conflicts. Rehearsal schedule will be respectful of performers' time and conflicts. Please note, due to COVID restrictions, fully vaccinated actors planning to audition are asked to carefully consider travel out of state during rehearsals or performances. County Players will follow current CDC guidelines for domestic and international travel restrictions for Fully Vaccinated individuals. cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html. Note: There are separate sections for both domestic and international travel which are updated as COVID-19 levels fluctuate.

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If one requires wheelchair accessibility, please contact the Box Office at 845-

Couple celebrates 60th wedding anniversary



Anthony and Ursula Brescia of Placida, Florida, happily celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary with their family on September 20. The couple were high school sweethearts who graduated from Lakeland High School in Mohegan Lake. Anthony and Ursula moved to Dutchess County in 1969 and called Hopewell Junction home for 30 years before Anthony retired from Indian Point in 1999. They are enjoying their golden years with their children and grandchildren.

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Mixed media exhibit at East Fishkill Community Library





"Blue State" and "The Neighborhood" by Gina Palmer. Her work will be on display in the East Fishkill Community Library in November.

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The East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376, will host a mixed media collage exhibit "The Neighborhood" by Gina Palmer on the library's Gallery Wall. Her work will be on display in the library for the month of November. Read below for the artist's bio and statement:

"Layering transparent color with gelatin

prints, stencils, relief images, and collage elements create opportunity for chance occurrences and happy accidents. Circles, dots, clouds, simple flower and seed stencils, are symbolic elements prompted by associations with weather patterns and observations of environmental issues that challenge humans and farming; such as

water rights, cloud-seeding, seed saving and lastly, going to seed.

My vocabulary of symbols repeat in layers to form organic patterns that combine with linocut images; suggesting atmosphere, creating visual movement, describing energy, contrasting to and expanding the more direct observational quality of my commercial linocut illustrations of flora and fauna. Tearing down and piecing prints, as well as adding collage elements to the surface is a way of image-building that feels organic and spontaneous, akin to the processes/cycles of nature. Each layer expands the story."

