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Remembrance services to honor 20th anniversary of 9/11

By Kristine Coulter

Dutchess County and municipalities throughout the southern part of the county will host remembrance ceremonies on the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11th terrorist attacks.

Dutchess County Family Court Judge Tracy MacKenzie will host the Dutchess County September 11th Memorial Ceremony on the steps of the Family Court Center at 50 Market Street in Poughkeepsie on Friday, Sept. 10. The ceremony will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will honor the victims of the 9/11 attacks.

Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro and Chancellor, New York Archdiocese John P. Cahill, will offer remarks. Reverend Dr. Edward Hunt of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church will lead attendees in prayer followed by a rendition of "God Bless America" by Karen Johnson. The service will also include a ceremonial lowering of the flag and moment of silence to remember all the lives lost on that day, twenty years ago. The ceremony is open to the public, all are welcome to attend, according to a press release.

The Town of Wappinger will recognize the 20th anniversary with its annual September 11th Remembrance Ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 11 at 8:30 a.m. at the Sergeant Mark C. Palmateer 9/11 Memorial Park, at the corner of Route 9, Old Hopewell Road and Sgt. Palmateer Way.

According to Town information, The Sgt. Mark C. Palmateer 9/11 Memorial Park serves as a memorial for Sgt. Mark C. Palmateer, the first Dutchess County soldier killed in the line of duty in the War on Terror, as well as all the service members and first responders who lost their lives on and since September 11, 2001. Sgt. Palmateer, 38, originally from the Town of Wappinger, lost his life on June 26, 2008 during combat in Afghanistan.



A portion of a steel beam from the World Trade Center outside the Elks Lodge 1493 in Beacon. The dedication of the memorial took place in 2018. On Sunday, September 11 at 11 a.m. a remembrance service will take place at the lodge, 900 Wolcott Ave.

Inset is of the sign explaining the 9/11 Memorial.

-Photos by Kristine Coulter

The Village of Wappingers Falls will hold a We Will Never Forget service on Saturday, Sept. 11 from 7 – 8 p.m. in Mesier Park in the village. The American Legion, American Legion Reserved, 7 Spring St. in the Village of Wappingers Falls, will hold a service on Saturday, Sept. 11, from 7:30 – 9 p.m.

Village of Fishkill Mayor Kathleen Martin and the Trustees of the Village of Fishkill invite the local community to attend its annual 9/11 Memorial Service

on Saturday, Sept. 11, at 8:30 a.m. The service will take place on the steps of Van Wyck Hall, 1095 Main Street, Fishkill.

The Town of East Fishkill will host its annual 9/11 Ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 11, at the East Fishkill Recreation near the Davis House at 5 p.m. The Prelude is set for 5:45 p.m. Attendees should bring chairs or blankets.

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Remembering 9/11

Compiled by Kate Goldsmith

For many of us, the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, was one of those pivotal events. We'll always remember the day – a gorgeous, late-summer Tuesday morning – and what we were doing when we heard the terrible news about the Twin Towers in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and Shanksville, Pa., where Flight 93 passengers actively fought to regain control of the plane from terrorists believed to be targeting the White House. Some lost loved ones; others who were on site continue to deal with chronic health issues from the smoke and debris. Most all of us still carry emotional scars from the realization that our world had changed in a profound way.

We asked some of our friends, readers and colleagues to send in a short remembrance in honor of the 20th anniversary of the day we will always know as 9/11.

Murali Coryell, musician

"I was at my house in Boiceville, New York on September 11, 2001. I remember the beautiful, clear, blue sky as I strolled my 5-month-old son Charlie down my street. My neighbor George and I commented on the pleasant weather. I brought Charlie inside, noticed on TV that CNN was reporting a plane had hit one of the towers. Initial speculation was it was an accident. However, when the second plane hit, it became evident this was an attack. Heightened uncertainty and horror as a third plane hit the Pentagon and the towers fell. I called my wife Mary who was a nurse at Kingston hospital, and we could hardly wait to be together safe at home so we could attempt to process this kind of new world reality going forward."

Joyce Benedict, reader from Hyde Park

"I had met a friend for breakfast at the Eveready Diner in Hyde Park. A TV hung above and behind the booth where we sat. Chatting, her face turned to one of shock. 'Joyce, a plane has flown into the World Trade Center Building!' I turned, looked up. Smoke pouring out. Our meal served. Again, Vernece looked up and her face showed something awful had occurred. I turned. Another plane had struck! By then, we, everyone in the diner stood up, turning to available TVs throughout the diner standing like statues, staring. I felt an empty, sick feeling in my stomach."

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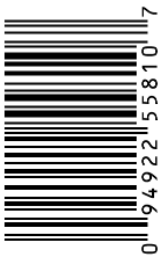
Hurricane Ida leaves devastation in local area



The remnants of Hurricane Ida hit the area on Wednesday and Thursday, September 1 and 2. Pictured is the flooding of businesses on Elm Street in the Village of Fishkill. Village of Fishkill Mayor Kathy Martin said Elm Street is "the most problematic area for the village." She said Village officials worked in conjunction with the Village and Town of Fishkill police departments, Department of Transportation and County Emergency Response to close down Route 9 and Elm Street. On Friday, Sept. 3, Martin noted that "the water has receded. We are monitoring the situation."

-Photo courtesy of Robert Musiello

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Better children's mental health planning needed to address Hudson Valley's growing need

To the Editor:

In August, the NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) issued a request for proposals to add 10 new Youth Assertive Community Treatment teams around the state. Once contracts are awarded, children in 17 counties will have access to the Medicaid-funded program, which features a psychiatrist, licensed mental health counselors, care coordination, peer support and other in-home supports for children and their families.

The Hudson Valley children who can access the new service must live in Westchester, Albany, Schenectady, Warren, Washington or Saratoga counties. Sadly, youth in Rockland, Orange, Putnam, Dutchess, Ulster, Columbia and Greene counties are left out.

This is a repeat story for children's mental health services: there just isn't enough of it to go around and families that reside in certain counties lack support.

COVID-19 changed the lives of children in many ways. Youth suicide rates and emergency department calls are up. Every community needs more children's mental health services than what was available prior to the pandemic.

Let's ensure the expansion and investment in children's mental health services meets the needs of every county. For starters, the request for proposal process should be revised to close geographic gaps in services and clinical practitioner shortages, and address family homelessness, rises in suicide rates and emergency department presentation instead of population. Let's also add metrics on the communities and families hardest hit by COVID-19 fatalities, illnesses, and infections to ensure we are reducing the long-term impact of the pandemic on children as best we can.

Yvette Bairan,
Chief Executive Officer,
Astor Services for Children & Families

Remembering 9/11

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Anthony Scarrone, director for the drama group The Beacon Players at Beacon High School

Being at Ground Zero on 9/11 changed so many lives, including my own. The horror of that day is embedded in the hearts and minds of every American. The sounds, sights and smells will forever be with me. My dirty suit remains untouched and stored as a reminder. The anger has dissolved into sadness and loss that is felt every day.

Chris Silva, Executive Director of the Bardavon 1869 Opera House

"I was crossing the Mid-Hudson Bridge when I heard on the radio that a plane had hit a tower. By the time I got to the Bardavon for our staff meeting, the horrible reality of it hit us all at the same time. We had the Hudson River Arts Festival scheduled that weekend with dozens of musicians, vendors, etc. We canceled it, closed the theatre, and everyone went home to be with friends and family. The memory still gives me a sinking feeling inside that will never go away."

John Nelson, Assistant Vice President, Community, Government and Public Relations at NuVance Health

"I was working as editor at Taconic Press, a weekly newspaper chain in Millbrook. The talent, ability and dedication of the staff was on display when we changed planned coverage without hesitation and switched the front pages of all eight newspapers to reflect the tragedy. My grandmother died Sept. 10, 2001. My father was scheduled to fly the evening of Sept. 11 to be with his family. With flights canceled, he missed her funeral. That still haunts me. The tragedy affected us all in so many ways. Most of all, it united us and showed how the true spirit of America lies in our ability to come together to celebrate, to compete, to support and, yes, to mourn."

Vicki Day, 'Love to Cook' columnist and

Content Marketing Specialist, Illustrator, Copy Writer, Graphic Designer, Food Stylist at Adams Fairacre Farms

"That Tuesday I arrived at work not knowing what had happened. My coworkers were visibly shaken as they told me, and we helplessly watched events unfold together, hardly believing it and feeling scared and sick. I frantically called a friend in the city with no answer, later calling his mother to find out he was safe. Tragically the brother-in-law of my boyfriend at the time worked at the World Trade Center. The belief is that he had escaped but went back in to rescue people. We'll never know for sure.

"There's no way to fully move on from this, no way to forget. We shouldn't and we won't. That day changed our world profoundly and broke our hearts, if not our spirit. There are few words I can offer. Love, respect and prayers to all and wishing you peace and beautiful memories."

Jim Donick, contributing writer, Northern & Southern Dutchess News

"It was the second Tuesday of the month. The second Tuesday is always the monthly meeting of a luncheon club my wife and I attend in Manhattan. We were getting ready to go to the train when word arrived of the first tower. We didn't go.

"Within an hour of the first strike our phone rang from half a world away. It was our Foreign Service Officer daughter, posted at the time to our embassy in Conakry, Guinea, a small country in West Africa. Word had already reached there from the State Department. Knowing our habits, she was wanted to make sure we weren't going to the city. Later that day she reported a couple of army trucks full of troops pulled up to the embassy. A senior government official jumped out of the first and asked for the Regional Security Officer. 'These men are at your command,' he said, 'deploy them as you think best to help protect your embassy.'

"It seems America's friends all over the world wanted to come to our assistance that day."

Fall programs at Grinnell Library

The following fall programs will be held at Grinnell Library.

The fall programs are:

•Medicare 101: Monday, Sept. 13, 3-4 p.m. Learn about how and when to enroll, when you can make changes, and the different types of insurance options available to you.

•Toddler Tuesdays: Tuesdays, Sept. 21 - Oct. 26, 11-11:30 a.m. Join Miss Molly for stories, music, and free play. Age: 2 year olds.

•Kindergarten Readiness: Tuesdays, Sept. 21 - Oct. 26, 4:30-5:15 p.m. Families will enjoy stories and activities designed to encourage the development of early learning practices by exploring literacy, science, stories, art, and play. Ages 4-5 and their caregivers.

•Pre-K Storytime: Wednesdays, Sept. 22 -

Oct. 27, 11-11:30 a.m. Join Miss Molly for stories, music, and free play. Ages 3-5.

•Dance a Story: Thursdays, Sept. 23 - Oct. 28, 11-11:45 a.m. Each child and their caregiver are invited to participate in whole body movement activities that inspire us to consider new ways to tell stories. Children of all ages.

•Little Read: Wednesday, Sept. 29, 4-4:45 p.m. Join us as we read and discuss the book, "Drawn Together." Afterwards, fine artist and illustrator, Sheena Kowalski, will guide the children through an art project. Ages 5-8.

•Tech Tutor: Wednesdays: 3-3:45 p.m.; 4:30-5:15 p.m. and Fridays: 11:30-12:15 p.m.; 3-3:45 p.m. Join us for one-on-one tech help sessions.

For questions and registration, contact the library at 845-97-3428. Grinnell Library is at 2642 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls.

Wappinger sends out WCSD tax bills

Lee Anne Freno, Receiver of Taxes for the Town of Wappinger, announced that the 2021 Wappinger Central School District school tax bills were mailed out on September 7. Payments can be made by mail, online or at the tax office at Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Collection hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Taxpayers who have escrow accounts at banks or other lending

institutions are reminded that their bills may have been forwarded directly to those institutions.

If you have not received your tax bill and have it sent directly to your home, please call the tax office. Bills must be paid by October 12, to avoid penalty.

For further information, please call the tax office at 845-297-4342 or visit the Town's website at townofwappingerny.gov.

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