

Barbara Bedell: Awards honor accomplishments and service

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A grant for \$35,000 from the Dyson Foundation, based in Millbrook, has been awarded to the Dispute Resolution Center. It will be used for mediation training of new volunteers and for workshops for current volunteers. The nonprofit, led by **Donna Ramlow**, executive director, helps families, youth, communities and organizations. Mediation services are free or at low cost and are available to the general public. The agency serves Orange, Putnam, Sullivan and Ulster counties. It has offices in Middletown, Carmel, Monticello and Kingston,. For information call 372-8771, ext. 5003.

**** Matthew Casey**, a Washingtonville High School Class of 2017 graduate and a member of Washingtonville's Boy Scout Troop 16, has achieved the rank of Eagle, a Scout's highest rank. For his project he created a visual timeline of Moffat Library's history using original source documents and artifacts saved when the library suffered significant flooding and damage in the wake of Hurricane Irene in 2011. Congratulations.

Coming up

****** The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County's annual meeting will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Extension office at 232 Plaza Road, Hannaford Plaza, in Kingston. The meeting is free and open to the public. A snow date is Thursday, same time and place.

****** The bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, an event which propelled our nation into World War II, will be remembered with a program and wreath-laying that starts at 10 a.m. at Blu Pointe Restaurant (formerly Torches) on the Newburgh Waterfront. At noon wreaths will be placed by the New Windsor Sons of the American Legion Squadron 1796, at 29 Walnut St., and a light lunch served. For information call 401-8381.

****** The Emory Osborn-Thomas Fitzsimmons American Legion Post 521 in Montgomery and the Charles Dusenberry-Robert Flannery VFW Post 2064 in Maybrook will remember the lives lost on the 76th anniversary of Pearl Harbor at a program Thursday, regardless of the weather, at Powell's Landing on the shores of the Wallkill River in the Village of Montgomery. It begins at 10 a.m. and ends with a 21-gun salute, the playing of "Taps," and the symbolic flowered wreath tossed into the Wallkill. The public is invited.

This and that

** **Jaden Smernaos**, a Minisink Valley Middle School student, has been awarded the Orange County Citizen of the Month award for November. The Westtown youth raised \$7,145 for the American Cancer Society's "Real Men Wear Pink" campaign. Orange County Executive **Steve Neuhaus** personally presented the award to the young student who found innovative and fun ways to engage the students and faculty into the campaign.

** Valley Central School District received an Award of Honor in the New York School Public Relations Association's 38th annual communications contest which celebrates outstanding achievement in educational communications. "Horseplay is Therapeutic at Montgomery School" received an Award of Honor in the Excellence in Writing category for **Courtney Bonfante**, the district's communications specialist.

Concert correction

The 58th annual holiday concerts of the Classic Choral Society, whose artistic director and conductor is **Janiece Kohler**, will be in two locations on different dates. They are 4 p.m. Sunday in the United Church of Christ, 2 Old Dominion Road in Blooming Grove and at 4 p.m. Dec. 17 in the First Presbyterian Church at 33 Park Place in Goshen.

The venues were transposed in yesterdays column. The press release sent was incorrect.

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