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Local officials voice concerns on energy cost hikes

By Kate Goldsmith

Central Hudson recently notified its customers of imminent hikes in their bills, due to increases in supply costs for electricity and natural gas. The company cited a colder-than-average winter and “global energy factors” that are causing a surge in prices.

Projected average impacts for natural gas are about 19 percent; about 46 percent for electric bills; and about 29 percent for combination electric and natural gas bills. According to Central Hudson, these bill increases are temporary and may vary for individual customers depending on energy usage and their billing cycle.

In a statement, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro called out Central Hudson for its “flawed roll-out of a new billing system and failure to effectively communicate rising energy costs to Dutchess County residents.”

Molinaro pointed to the rising price of gasoline and “an unbearable rate of inflation” nationally.

“Locally, New York State’s decision to close Indian Point shifted the region from a reliance on steady, stable and affordable energy to an unstable commodity,” said Molinaro. “Bitter cold temperatures have further exacerbated the situation by increasing demand.”

While he blamed the current situation on “bad decisions and bad policy in Albany and Washington,” Molinaro added “Central Hudson bears much responsibility here.”

“They knew a rate increase was imminent. They have absolute control over their operations and communications,” he said. “It is clear based on the countless individuals who have communicated with my office that Central Hudson’s outreach efforts have failed.”

Molinaro said this increase “adds insult to the injury from last year’s flawed roll-out of their new billing system. Central Hudson has an obligation to keep our community informed about the cost of the energy they deliver.”

He added, “Too many families living paycheck to paycheck cannot bear the weight of inflation. Add to that a confusing and shocking utility bill increase and we have a recipe for disaster.

“Central Hudson must do better. They can do better,” said Molinaro. “It’s time they provide assistance and relief to our residents.”

Last week, State Sen. Sue Serino urged Gov. Kathy Hochul to take steps to suspend state taxes and fees and pushed for the state’s Public Service Commission (PSC) to investigate the significant price hikes.

“Like many officials, my office has been inundated with calls and emails from distraught neighbors who are seeing drastic spikes in their utility bills,” said Serino. “With costs rising

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Resilient business teams recount pandemic solutions

By Rich Thomaselli

Small independent business teams in the Hudson Valley learned to be adaptive and evolutionary during the COVID-19 pandemic. They may have had to do it quicker than they wanted, but they had to be resourceful nonetheless.

And, yes, there were some positives that came out of the pandemic that those businesses will keep on using.

While all businesses felt the impact in one way or another, one sector that felt challenges on an extreme level was travel agents. Many even had to refund money for vacations and trips that could not happen at the beginning of the pandemic.

“What I would say is that we’ve had more people come in and ask us for help,” said travel advisor Debbi Calabrese, president of Hopewell Junction-based Embassy Travel. Calabrese is a Certified Travel Counselor and a Destination Specialist for Africa and Dubai.

Indeed, travel agents have been in demand as the pent-up demand for wanderlust now comes with even more questions and issues that only advisors can answer – What are airline change policies? Are there any fees? What travel restrictions do European countries have in order to enter? What happens if I catch COVID overseas?

People like Calabrese have been life-savers.

“Whether or not we can help them depends on how they booked or where they booked. If they booked with Expedia, for instance, I can’t help. I might be able to help with a cruise line and ask to transfer the booking, so I like to think people have understood the value we bring,” she said.

Calabrese’s knowledge even helped a young couple who called her with a vague request.



Debbi Calabrese of Embassy Travel in Hopewell Junction stands in front of a wall of post cards from her customers. Her travel agency and others in the Hudson Valley felt challenges on an extreme level as the COVID-19 pandemic began, but they have become life-savers for local travelers trying to navigate the myriad of issues in the travel industry.

-Photos by Curtis Schmidt

“They called me and asked, ‘Where can we go where you don’t have to wear a mask?’ I said, Oh, you mean the COVID Special?” she said with a laugh. “But they had a good time, and it was good for me, too.”

Delis and restaurants

At Jeanie Bean and Family Delicatessen in Clinton Corners, owner

Jennifer Cahill said “We were so fortunate to stay open throughout the pandemic thanks to our awesome customers.”

But during the initial stages of the pandemic, it was mostly take-out as gatherings were not allowed and later some customers were reluctant to come in for sit-down meals.

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Youth can participate in Read and Respond program at library

By Kristine Coulter

Middle school and high school students may participate in a Read and Respond project for Black History Month being held at Howland Public Library. Any student in grade 6 and up may participate. They can stop by the library and pick up a copy of Book One of three in the “March” series.

Book One is about the late Congressman John Lewis’ perspective on the Civil Rights Movement.

“We wanted to do something special for Black History Month but were limited as to what we could do because we aren’t currently having in person programming. I find that many teens really enjoy graphic novels and there are so many great non-fiction graphic novels being published in recent years. This book form is a great way to introduce different topics to teens in a way that is engaging and accessible.



Youth can participate in a new Read and Respond program at Howland Public Library. The first book is Book One in the “March” series.

-Courtesy photo

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on basic necessities across the board and New York facing a current budget surplus, the state must take immediate action to provide relief for residents. New Yorkers are hurting—especially our seniors who live on fixed incomes. The state cannot sit idly by or point fingers. Now is the time to take real action to ease the burden on hardworking New Yorkers.”

In a letter to Hochul and PSC Chair Rory M. Christian, Serino said, “As you know, all utilities contend that they are at the mercy of surges in market prices and point to factors such as increased demand for electricity and natural gas, international volatility and other issues they claim are beyond their control. As you also know, decisions at the state level, like ones that have significantly reduced energy supply, failure to invest in bolstering the power grid, and others that make it difficult and expensive to do business in New York have further [exacerbated] these price increases.”

Calling for “immediate action” to suspend the fees and taxes, Serino said, “While some price drivers may certainly be beyond the control of utility companies and state officials, many can be traced to New York’s high costs in general—much of that resulting from significant taxes and fees tacked on to utility bills.”

Joe Jenkins, Associate Director of Media Relations for Central Hudson, said the company “shares the concerns of our elected officials and customers regarding the recent increase in energy costs.”

Jenkins said, “Domestic and global factors have raised the demand and prices for energy, as our elected officials acknowledged, and combined with inflationary pressures on other goods and services has created a real burden for residents here and abroad.”

He noted that there are three major components to utility bills: taxes, delivery charges and supply charges. Central Hudson has no control over the taxes or supply charges; the company provides a delivery service only.

“Supply charges are for the electricity and natural gas itself provided by independent generators and suppliers, and it is this cost that has risen so dramatically,”

said Jenkins. “These prices are determined by energy markets, and Central Hudson and other utilities do not mark up or profit on these costs. Customers pay the same energy costs as Central Hudson does.”

Jenkins said Central Hudson’s outreach efforts to customers and elected officials began in late October 2021, after state regulators forecast potential supply cost increases.

“These communication efforts included a news release about winter energy prices, a newsletter sent to government and community leaders, social media campaigns and multiple interviews on several local radio stations,” he said.

“As it does every year, Central Hudson has taken steps to reduce the impact of higher market prices by hedging energy supply to the extent allowed by state regulators,” Jenkins added. “This means contracting for a portion of energy at fixed prices and purchasing natural gas in the summer when prices are lower and putting it into storage, to be drawn when prices rise. For this billing period, these hedging measures are saving customers millions of dollars by reducing the impact of market prices for electricity by approximately 28 percent and natural gas by 30 percent.

To assist customers with higher-than-normal bills, Central Hudson is offering no-cost payment plans., Jenkins said. He also reminded income-qualified customers to apply for programs such as the federally funded Home Energy Assistant Program (HEAP) grants and the new Regular Arrears Supplement program that provides up to \$10,000 in utility arrears assistance to eligible households who are unable to pay their unpaid electric and/or gas utility arrears. Customer receiving HEAP benefits also qualify for our Bill Discount program.

Other programs include the Extra Security Plan, which offers an extended billing due-date for qualified customers on a fixed income; and the Good Neighbor Fund, which provides last-resort grants for families who have exhausted all other means of assistance.

Customers can learn more about Central Hudson’s assistance programs by visiting www.cenhud.com/account-resources/assistance-programs/.

COVID-19 update

Hospitalizations, deaths decreasing

By Kate Goldsmith

The lagging indicators of hospitalizations and deaths are heading in the right direction, according to county’s COVID-19 Dashboard as of Feb. 20 (the most recent update as this paper went to press). Although there were still 8 deaths last week, that was noticeably less than the 16-17 deaths per week that were recorded in the previous few weeks.

Vaccination rates are almost at a standstill, with a very small week-to-week increase in all categories: the adult population with at least one vaccine, the county’s total population with at least one vaccine, and the county’s total population who have completed a vaccine series.

Quick facts – Dutchess County (as of Feb. 20)

Active cases: 201 (down from 391 on Feb. 13)

Community transmission: 13.28 per

100,000 (down from 15.32 on Feb. 13)

Hospitalizations due to COVID-19: 7 (down from 18 on Feb. 13)

Hospitalizations of individuals with COVID-19: 19 (down from 32 on Feb. 13)

Total deaths: 645 (up from 637 on Feb. 13)

% population 18+ with at least one dose of vaccine: 84.9 (slightly up from 84.7 on Feb. 13)

% of total county population with at least one dose of vaccine: 76.29 (slightly up from 76.12 on Feb. 13)

% of total county population that has completed their vaccine series: 68.42 (slightly up from 68.11 on Feb. 13)

The county dashboard doesn’t include data on boosters; however, according to the CDC, 49.5 percent of county’s fully vaccinated population has received a booster.

Small business owners’ resiliency

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So, Jennifer and her staff came up with the idea of preparing a wide variety of frozen meals for individuals and families to pick up and take home and use when needed. They had offered frozen meals before, but they enlarged the list during the pandemic.

“Our freezer is full of homemade chicken pot pies, shepherds pies, lasagna, eggplant parm, a variety of delicious soups and more,” said Cahill. “It put a smile on our faces knowing we were able to help relieve a little bit of the stress by preparing a home-cooked meal.”

And as things progressed, her customers have continued to come in asking for the frozen meals.

Real estate agents

In the real estate world, Lino Mendogni, chairperson for the Communication Committee for the Dutchess County Association of Realtors (DCAR), joked that agents and brokers having to switch to Zoom calls “probably saved the trees because of less paperwork.”

But he was beyond serious when he said, “Realtors had an important role in keeping commerce moving. A lot of brokerages had to pivot and go to transactions online. I think that’s here to stay.

“Another thing I think will stay is that there are a slew of buyers comfortable doing virtual tours. The agent would go to a home and look at a home and Facetime the client. I think that’s going to continue and that was a positive thing.”

Even a lot of closings are now done virtually and that will continue, he said. With New York Gov. Kathy Hochul recently allowing for electronic notary publics, you don’t even need a notary in the room any longer.

“It was hard for agents to pivot but we had to. And we will continue to,” he said.

Gardens and nurseries

One oft-delayed project that people seemed to take up during the pandemic was home improvement and gardening, a trend that Adams Fairacre Farms Marketing



Jennifer Cahill, left and her Mom, Jeanie Bean, display a variety of frozen foods that they and the staff at Jeanie Bean and Family Delicatessen in Clinton Corners made available for customers during the pandemic. Those frozen foods continue to be available today.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

Director Wendy Troncone said started during the advent of the pandemic in 2020 and continues to today.

“When we speak to our customers, the largest driving factor for gardening is stress relief. Secondly, many have been spending more time at home, working remote and have been beautifying their homes one plant at a time,” Troncone said.

And success breeds success. Once new gardeners like millennials realized they had a green thumb, they were motivated to continue gardening for a variety of reasons, including helping to support the environment, planting pollinators to help save the honeybees, butterfly gardening and buying indoor plants that help clean the air.

“Not only are they planting outdoors, but they are also bringing plants like succulents indoors to bring that serenity into their living spaces,” Troncone said. “The positive for Adams is that we were able to help make our customers happier during a tough time, because at the end of the day, it is all about the customer.”

Molinaro submits 2021 Annual Report to Legislature

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro recently submitted the Annual Report for 2021 to the Dutchess County Legislature, pursuant to the requirements of the Dutchess County Charter. The annual report provides an overview of the county’s finances, as well as highlights of the work and activities of the Executive Branch of county government over the past year.

Molinaro said, “Dutchess County continued to rise above the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021 with each of our departments and divisions maintaining the high-quality services and programs that so many of our residents rely upon. This annual report provides the Legislature many highlights of the tremendous work the dedicated men and women of Dutchess County Government have accomplished over the past 12 months.”

The annual report features a brief review of Dutchess County’s financial condition, which has seen a strong recovery credited to preventative cost-saving measures taken in 2020 coupled with \$57 million in financial support from the federal government through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) and a surplus in sales tax revenue following increased consumer spending post economic shutdown.

Additionally, the increase in sales tax revenue is anticipated to have a significant positive impact on the county’s General Fund Balance, which will be used to reduce indebtedness, invest in capital projects and reduce the county’s property tax levy by over \$5.5 million, the largest reduction in County history, as well as decreasing the property tax rate by 10 percent, the seventh straight property tax rate decrease for homeowners and businesses.

The report also features a summary of the activities of the Executive Branch departments of Dutchess County Government, demonstrating the continued hard work and dedication of Dutchess County Government employees. Among the work activity highlights:

- Office for the Aging (OFA) delivered more than 136,000 hot meals to more than 600 clients as well as hosting a dozen drive-through picnics, serving 3,966 residents, and five drive-in BINGO events attended by over 200 seniors.

- Veterans’ Services assisted more than 17,000 Dutchess County veterans and

their families.

- HELPLINE staff answered 23,843 calls and 742 text messages from individuals seeking mental health assistance.

- Hosted more than 4.3 million pages with over 1.2 million visitors on the county’s website, dutchessny.gov.

- Community & Family Services (DCFS) provided services to more than 30,000 Dutchess County residents.

- The 9-1-1 Communication Center answered 206,779 calls, dispatching 119,786 incidents.

- Human Resources reviewed 5,659 applications for appointment eligibility, including 3,922 exam applications and 1,737 recruitment applications.

- The Department of Planning and Development coordinated 10 grant programs, awarding more than \$12.4 million in projects, programs, and organizations.

- Despite issues caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office of Probation and Community Corrections Pretrial Services division conducted 1,294 pretrial screens, resulting in 761 releases to supervision, an increase over the previous year.

- The Public Defender’s Office represented 6,570 individuals, including 4,109 cases in the criminal and appellate courts and 2,661 cases in the family courts.

- Public Works (DPW) Highway division completed over 19.5 miles of road surface improvements on 13 county highways.

- Dutchess County Public Transit (DCPT) logged over 530,000 passenger trips and its Dial-A-Ride service saw a 101 percent growth with more than 12,000 rides in 2021.

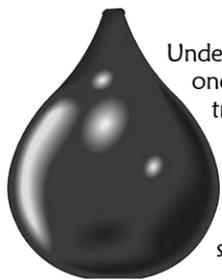
Molinaro said, “Though not without its challenges, 2021 was undoubtedly a successful year for Dutchess County Government. While still coping with a new reality brought on by this unprecedented pandemic, the dedicated men and women of Dutchess County Government continued to adapt and innovate to go above and beyond for the more than 300,000 people who call our great county their home. We look forward to 2022 and a prosperous new year of building on our successes and working through challenges together.”

Molinaro will outline his priorities and focus for Dutchess County Government in 2022 at his annual State of the County address, a date for which will be announced soon.

GIVE BLOOD GIVE LIFE

Who needs blood?

Under normal circumstances, every two seconds someone in America will need a blood transfusion. Blood transfusions are used for trauma victims - due to accidents and burns - heart surgery, organ transplants, women with complications during childbirth, newborns and premature babies, and patients receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or other diseases, such as sickle cell disease and thalassemia.



Remediation continues at former Texaco site

By Kristine Coulter

Chevron continues with remediation at the former Texaco site in the Fishkill hamlet of Glenham.

“Chevron is continuing to work through the remediation process under the oversight of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). The property is currently at the Feasibility Study (FS) stage, where remedial alternatives are being evaluated for different portions of the property. The first draft FS was submitted to NYSDEC for review and covers the portions of the property that are south of the railroad,” said Jaclyn Kruzich, Corporate Affairs Advisor and Chevron Environmental Management and Real Estate Company.

Asked about any real estate update regarding the former Texaco site, Kruzich replied, “We continue to seek a qualified developer with experience in environmental remediation to redevelop the property. Chevron recently sold approximately 9,935 sq ft of property to [Dutchess] [C]ounty to accommodate a bridge replacement project. The property is adjacent to Washington Avenue near the current bridge.”

As for the next step, Kruzich said, “Chevron is awaiting review from the NYSDEC on the first of three draft Feasibility Studies for the site, which are planned to be submitted over the course of this year.”

According to the Glenham Mills website, <https://www.glenhammills.com/>, “The 153-acre site, which is bisected by Fishkill Creek, a tributary of the Hudson River, was first home to a wool and saw mill erected on the property back in 1811.” According to the website, “Texaco purchased the land and began developing the site in 1931, transforming the mill buildings down by Fishkill Creek into the original Beacon Laboratories. Over the



Residents listen to Chevron representatives regarding the Glenham Mills project during a previous meeting.

-Archive photo

course of the next 72 years, the complex expanded multiple times as it furthered its research, development, technical services and environmental protection work in support of the downstream petroleum and energy business.”

It is noted on the website, “Through its merger with Texaco in 2001, Chevron acquired the facility and closed it in 2003 to centralize research efforts at its locations in Richmond, California and Houston, Texas. Since then, the focus at the campus has been on environmental cleanup and redevelopment efforts ... A Community Advisory Panel (CAP) was formed in 2011 to facilitate dialogue between Chevron and the community.”

Chevron continues to provide monthly updates on its website and hosts Community Advisory Panel (CAP) meetings as developments occur, according to Kruzich.

“The regulatory process can take time. The last CAP meeting was held after a key environmental milestone was completed (the Remedial Investigation Report), and we plan to continue that practice with the next milestone (the Feasibility Studies, as they are reviewed and approved by NYSDEC),” stated Kruzich.



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Changes made to Memorial Building in Beacon

To the Editor:

You may have noticed some changes to the Memorial Building on Main Street. The Veterans' organizations of the building have more plans in store. The building committee, comprised of leadership of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and the Marine Corps league have embraced Mayor Lee Kyriacou's beautification of Main Street initiative.

Our first foray was artistic. Art, particularly public art, often engenders strong reactions, indeed that's one of its purposes. Our first entrée into public art, the Eagle, has received universal praise, and we are gratified.

You may have noticed that the decaying coats of arms of the Military Services formerly on the building's pediment, have been replaced with simple, elegant letters identifying the building by name. In the coming months, in collaboration with the city, we hope to develop a more elevated landscape leading the way to a more elegant and inviting Main Street corridor. We are also looking to upgrade the universal accessibility of the front portico of the building.

Less visible is the professional kitchen, and the restroom upgrades that we installed during the pandemic. We are now ADA compliant! Hopefully, we will introduce these to the residents of Beacon at our inaugural comedy night on the 2nd of April. Look for the announcement of what will surely be an exciting and fun evening.

John MacEnroe
American Legion Post 203

Drive-thru for Ash Wednesday

One can drive-thru on Ash Wednesday, March 2, at the Fishkill Reformed Church to receive ashes. The church is at the corner of Route 9 and 52 (Main Street), Fishkill. Ashes will be available from: 10-11 a.m., noon-1 p.m., 5-6 p.m. and 7-8 p.m.

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Good cause eviction propose - too good to be true?

To the Editor:

There is a pattern for the creation of poor public policy, and once you know it, it's pretty easy to identify a proposal that does more harm than good. Is the proposal addressing a well-worn issue? Are professional advocates pushing for it? Is it too good to be true?

The Beacon good cause eviction proposal checks all of these boxes, and – true to form – this well-intentioned law would bankrupt small business owners who rent property in Beacon, reduce the city's affordable housing stock, and ultimately hurt the very tenants it claims to help.

As currently proposed, good cause eviction will limit evictions in Beacon and prohibit rent increases of more than five percent. That's simple for the renter, but housing is a system. A law that inhibits the ability of landlords to operate their business will either drive them out or force them to seek ways to cut costs - and that's bad for tenants.

From a political standpoint, fighting eviction is a no-brainer. Even the word conjures the worst imagery of good families being tossed into cold by some heartless landlord. The reality is that eviction is already rare and extremely difficult.

In 2019, New York passed the Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act ("HSTPA") which significantly overhauled state rental laws, offering strong protections for tenants and limiting landlords' ability to evict delinquent tenants. Among other things, HSTPA requires landlords to notify tenants if a lease will not be renewed or if rent will be increased by 5% or greater and it permits courts to stay the issuance of a warrant to evict a tenant for up to one year if the tenant's shows substantial hardship in finding new accommodations.

At the time of its passage, state lawmakers gushed about the law. Senator Michael Gianaris said, "This sweeping legislation provides the strongest tenant protections since the rent laws were enacted decades ago." Senator Gustavo Rivera said HSTPA provided "...the strongest and boldest affordable housing legislation and tenant protections in New York State's history."

If New York already has the strongest tenant protections in its history, why does the Beacon Common Council see the need to add additional regulations on top of that?

Instead of helping tenants, Beacon's proposal will reduce the affordable housing stock in the city and disincentivize investment the remaining properties, adding to the struggles already present in an industry that has been hammered by the pandemic. It will strip landlords and property owners of their property rights by guaranteeing leases for life for tenants.

Good cause legislation will discourage mom-and-pop-style individuals from purchasing property for rental units, making affordable housing more scarce. And as small landlords are forced to sell, more affordable housing units come off the market, leaving larger corporate landlords – who are not as attentive to tenant needs and less willing to work with them in certain situations – as the only ones who can afford to be in business.

The City's Attorney has also said that the City doesn't have the legal authority to enact a good cause eviction bill. The New York Conference of Mayor's confirmed that legal reasoning as well. Why would the Common Council continue to move forward with this proposal if the legal ability to do so is dubious at best?

Make no mistake: many landlords are small business owners who have struggled through the pandemic as much as anyone else. And they're working with their tenants despite having their own income impacted by state mandated moratoriums that have been in place for more than a year. Another law that makes it even harder to do business will drive them out of the business, and that's bad public policy that does more harm than good.

Kelly Campell
Beacon

Member of Dutchess County Association of REALTORS®

Eight join Beacon Elks



The Beacon Elks Lodge 1493 initiated eight new members into the order this month. Exalted Ruler Ron Piga initiated the new members on Past Exalted Rulers Night. Congratulations to the new members.

Anyone interested in joining the Benevolent and Protected Order of Elks, go to Elks.org for more information or see any member.

Pictured, front row from left, Rhonda Altonen, Maria Prisco, Exalted Ruler Ron Piga, Donna Maria Snowden, Anne Crane, Darryl Plumer and, back row from left, Gina Haight, Maureen Harvey, Edward Lopez.

-Courtesy photo

A Matter of Black Lives

By Christopher Klose

Editor's note: The following article was submitted in remembrance of Black History Month by historian Christopher Klose.

"M.P. / C.P. 1745" reads the chiseled datestone in the foundation of our farmhouse on Echo Valley Farm, home to the Kloses since 1943. The Sawkill bounds us on the west. Easterly lie its rolling hills, stonewalls and fields, ancient oaks and maples, big house, white picket fence and iconic red barns. All bear witness to the strength and stamina of Red Hook's earliest settlers.

Wendell Michael Pulver ("M.P.") was born in Germany in 1705. He emigrated with his parents and two younger brothers to Hunterstown, the southernmost Palatine camp in what is now Germantown. Records show he was naturalized in 1715 and sometime before 1734, he married Anna Catherine Mohr ("C.P."), another Palatine émigré. They founded the farm, had 11 children and in 1730 and 1740 Michael is listed as a freeholder, paying taxes to Rhinebeck (Red Hook was formed from the north precinct of Rhinebeck, becoming its own town in 1812).

In her "A Brief History of Red Hook," Clare O'Neill Carr points out that landowners like the Pulvers would sometimes own one or two slaves. "Slaves were considered a commodity, along with horses and livestock, and their possession was a measure of prosperity..." They were worked hard, housed in cramped dirt-floored basements, dark attics or farm out-buildings. Always, they lived in fear of being sold away, families sundered forever.

Henry (Heinrich) Pulver inherited the farm from his parents. He is listed in the first U.S. Census (1790) as having "2 white males over 16 (Henry and son David), 4 white females (wife Ann Valentine Shaffer and daughters Margaret, Catherine and Hannah) – and 3 slaves (unnamed)." In the 1800 Census, his son David (1769-1848) is recorded as owning two slaves (unnamed).

As the Pulvers prospered generation after generation, so too did other industrious early Red Hook farmers and landowners. A worn ledger book I've just finished transcribing -- "Children Born of Slaves," 1799-1826 – matter-of-factly lays out the details of American human bondage in fading, flowing pen strokes:

• Town of Rhinebeck - this is to certify that on the 27th day of August 1799 there was born of my slave Margaret a male child named John given under my hand this 1st day of September 1799 – *Janet Montgomery*

To Henry Shop Town Clk
Entered of Record September 1, 1799

H. Shop, Town Clk
• To H. Shop Town Clk

October 8th 1805, I the Subscriber in conformity to a law of this State do certify that there was born in my house on the 16th of Jan'y last a girl named Eliza her mother – a Slave of mine by the name of Barbara.

Philip H. Livingston
• Recorded of Record October 8th 1805

Henry Shop Town Clk
I Solomon Van Steenburgh of the Town of Rhinebeck Blacksmith do hereby Certify that on the 26th Day of January 1805 there was born of my Slave Marian a Male Child named Stephen Given under my hand at the Town of Rhinebeck the 12th day of August 1805

Solomon Van Steenburgh
• To H. Shop Clk of
The Town of Rhinebeck

Entered of Record August 12th 1805
H. Shop Town Clk

I John Steinfeldt of the Town of Rhinebeck Merchant do hereby Certify that on the 27th day of August 1807 there was born of Rehemah(?) the Slave of Geo. Ring a Male Child named Jonah, that child being my property and therefore certify as aforesaid Given under my hand at the Town of Rhinebeck the 27th day of December 1808.

I am passionate about people, place and time, about history, especially Red Hook's. The evil of slavery was everywhere, at all levels, as each wearying, repugnant entry attests. More than 250 years later, it makes me cringe and feel guilty that "what turned out to be paradise" for us, as my father happily wrote on the real estate flyer for the farm, was built with enslaved people.

Black lives have always mattered.

Senator Sue Serino announces launch of 2022 State Senate Campaign

It was a full house at Poughkeepsie's Refinery 51 as Senator Sue Serino announced on Feb. 17 that she is officially launching her campaign for the new 43rd State Senate District. The new Senate District, created as a result of redistricting, is expected to cover parts of Dutchess, Columbia and Rensselaer counties.

"Our community is at a crossroads," said Senator Serino. "Every day I hear from residents who are fed up with the rapidly rising costs, increases in crime and government overreach that continue to impact every area of their lives. The frustration is not just talk, as New Yorkers are leaving in droves. Never has it been more important to bring balance back to Albany, and that starts by electing a truly independent voice—with roots here in our community—committed to fighting tirelessly for our neighbors. That is what I have always done and will continue to do for the residents of the new 43rd Senate District as we work to rebuild and get our state back on track."

"When it comes to our community, no one cares more than Sue," said Dutchess County Republican Chairman Mike McCormack. "Sue is always on our side, and she has the heart and the drive to make a difference for our neighbors in the critical years ahead. With Albany more concerned about mandates than public service, never has it been more important to elect leaders we know will stand with us against power-hungry politicians. Sue has never been afraid to fight for what's right and that's why we need to ensure she is elected this November."

Acting Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati, who introduced Serino at the event, said "Senator Sue Serino has done an outstanding job for the residents of Dutchess County. She fights for her constituents and is our strong voice in Albany. We need her to continue to be our voice."

City of Poughkeepsie Mayor Rob Rolison led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance and said, "Senator Sue Serino has been a true champion for the City of Poughkeepsie, and has gone above and beyond to help us rebuild in the wake of the pandemic. Sue understands that we need to increase affordability and develop real opportunities for our neighbors of all ages to thrive. She always puts our needs first which is why we need to ensure she is elected this November."



New York State Senator Sue Serino speaks at the official launch of her campaign for the new 43rd Senate District.

-Courtesy photo

Deirdre Houston, Dutchess County Legislature Assistant Majority Leader, who spoke in support of Serino said, "As a small business owner, and a longtime resident of our community, Sue is someone who gets it. She understands the challenges we all face because she's lived them. She is someone who is one of us and you know that when you call her—no matter the time of the day—she's going to answer the phone and jump to help."

Cristin Roe, a local hairdresser, shared how Serino assisted her during the pandemic, saying, "When Governor Cuomo shut us down, those of us in the service and personal care industries felt totally left behind by the state. Sue was the only one who stood up and made us a top priority, made sure we were heard, and worked hard to find solutions to help get us back to work. We are grateful to have such a caring lawmaker representing us and we need to ensure Sue is elected in November."

Marist goes to optional mask-wearing

By Rich Thomaselli

For the first time in almost two years, Marist College is at its lowest level of COVID-19 alert warning.

Barely two weeks after lowering its system to yellow and restoring many of the privileges associated with campus life – including restoration of bus trips to Broadway plays, for instance – Marist on Friday, February 18, dropped its alert to green.

As part of its decision, the Town of

Poughkeepsie school also announced it was moving to a mask-optional policy.

Students and staff have been wearing masks on campus and in classrooms, the library and dining halls for the better part of the last two years.

"The use of masks is supported and encouraged for all who choose to wear one. This is particularly important for individuals who are not vaccinated against COVID-19 and individuals with medical conditions that put them at high-

er risk for severe infection," according to a letter sent to students and parents signed by school vice-presidents Geoff Brackett, Thom Wermuth and Deb DiCaprio.

The school asked that students adopt a "mask friendly" approach, whereby those who wish to wear a mask respect those who do not, and those who do not wish to wear a mask respect those who do.

Additionally, Marist will discontinue mandatory surveillance testing. Marist will continue to offer testing for asymptomatic

students on Mondays and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. a.m. at 51 Fulton St. Testing for students with symptoms will continue to be done at the Health Service.

The update to mask-optional was based on Marist's high rate of vaccination and booster compliance, declines in COVID transmission at Marist and in Dutchess County, along with recent changes to New York State masking guidelines, including the HERO Act.

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Each column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.

Each 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.

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1	8		4			9		

Suguru

	1				
5					3
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	3				
			1		
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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. Purse handle
6. Race portions
10. Use scythe or sickle
14. Time periods
15. Greek mountain
16. ___ Stanley Gardner
17. Nervous
18. Foamy waves
20. Affirmative
21. North American Indian
23. Item with a noose
24. Blacken on the surface
25. Get ready, for short
27. Upper room
30. Political alliance
31. Eur. nation
34. Lost
35. Midsection
36. Nothing
37. Kiss ___; perform a centuries-old custom
41. Moray or conger
42. Like some brick walls
43. Refreshing drinks
44. Draft board: abbr.
45. Clutter
46. Natural gift
48. Soil
49. James Joyce's land
50. St. Benedict or St. Bernard
53. Completed
54. Word with meal or bran
57. Principles governing clothing
60. Soaring creature
62. Hamlet, for one
63. "So be it!"
64. Eliot's "___ Marner"
65. Canonized mlles.
66. Fresh
67. Lock of hair

DOWN

1. Light carriage
2. Muscle quality
3. Tracks made by wheels
4. RRRRR
5. Mind
6. Closer to the ground
7. Late tennis pro
8. Greek letter
9. Made a lap
10. Summary
11. Ages
12. Setting for "Heidi"
13. 100 centavos
19. Votes into office
22. Long-tailed rodent
24. Grump
25. Worked at
26. Promising
27. Entrances
28. Residue
29. Becomes dizzy
30. Causes of distress
31. Electrolytic cell part
32. Tablecloth fabric
33. Holy
35. Watch's spot
38. Boundaries
39. State with confidence
40. Yarn
46. ___ on; attach
47. Stop
48. Measured portions
49. Occurrence
50. Uses a plus sign
51. Parents' problem
52. Nota ___
53. Smelly European river?
54. Womanizer's glance
55. Word of woe
56. d'Urbervilles resident
58. Golfer's accessory
59. Cockney's abode
61. Broadcast

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The solutions to the Sudoku, Crossword puzzle and Suguru can be found on page 14



Pomona Grange leads the way in celebrating Washington's Bicentennial

By Melody Moore
DC Historical Society

The third Monday of the month of February, popularly known today as President's Day, was formally established in 1885, but the story of the holiday actually begins in 1800, the year following the death of George Washington.

So revered was the former President that citizens began to observe his birthday as a day of perennial remembrance. The tradition continued as an unofficial observation until 1879 when then President Rutherford B. Hayes made it a Federal holiday for the District of Columbia. Eight years later, the celebration of the birthday of America's first President was expanded to the entire country and was known as Washington's Birthday.

In 1968, as part of the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, it became known as President's Day. Today, the holiday is seen as a day to honor the contributions of all Presidents, past and present.

As the 200th anniversary of President Washington's birthday approached, there was a groundswell of interest in local and national celebrations of all kinds to commemorate this significant milestone. On December 2, 1924 President Calvin Coolidge signed a joint resolution that established a commission to oversee the ceremonies, and on February 22, 1927 in a joint session of Congress, the Washington Bicentennial was officially authorized to take place between February 22 and November 24, Thanksgiving Day.

The Commission was to be chaired by the President and included the Vice President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and four members each from the Senate and the House of Representatives. Additional Presidential Commissioners were also appointed.

As the celebratory year kicked off, Herbert Hoover was President and one of the Presidential Commissioners was George Eastman of New York. Representative Sol Bloom, a songwriter from Manhattan, was appointed to oversee the celebrations.

The years between the authorization of the Bicentennial and the 1932 activities and events saw the Commission, under Bloom's leadership, undertake its mission to present Washington on a national, state and local level as a farmer, soldier, and statesman, rather than as the national hero of mythic proportions that had emerged in the years following his death.

To advance their cause, the Commission produced a number of publications intended

to provide inspiration and guidance to communities, patriotic societies, educational institutions, organizations, churches, clubs, and businesses – actually anyone who was so inclined – who wanted to sponsor an event. Among the booklets published by the Commission were: Programs and Papers Portraying the Personality, Character, and Achievements of George Washington, Music from the Days of George Washington, Suggested Programs for the Nation-wide Celebration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of George Washington, Pageants and Plays Depicting the Life of George Washington, and George Washington Play and Pageant Costume Book.

Dutchess celebrations

Dutchess County took up the challenge and starting early in 1932 the Poughkeepsie Eagle-News reported on the various celebrations taking part around the county. On January 18, a Poughkeepsie committee was organized to begin work on Bicentennial activities. John J. Mylod, J. Wilson Poucher and Helen Wilkinson Reynolds represented the Dutchess County Historical Society on the committee.

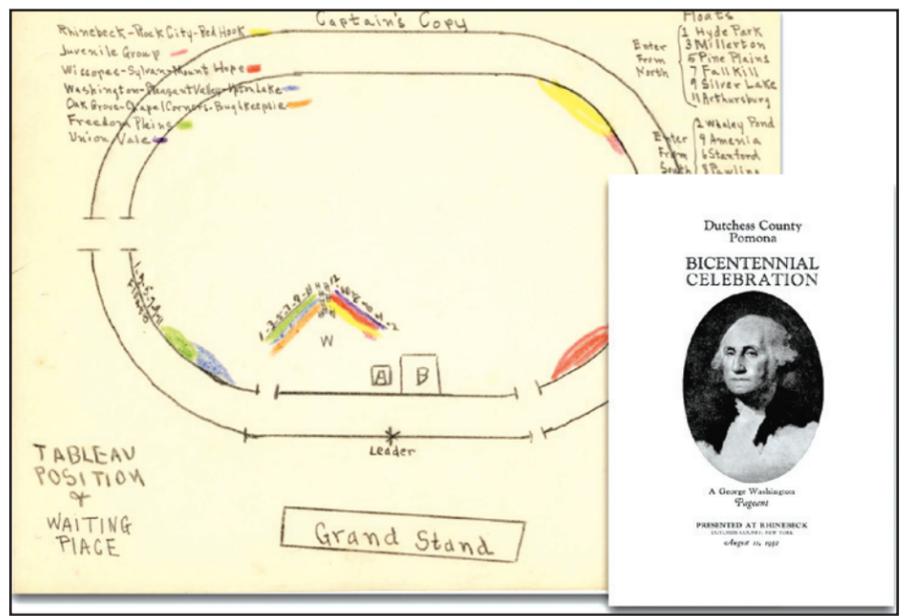
On the launch day, February 22, a number of churches held Bicentennial services and more than 700 people were in attendance at the 1st Baptist Church in Poughkeepsie. On February 23, employees of the Hudson River State Hospital hosted a Washington's Bicentennial party and tea dance attended by 300 people.

Later in the month, on February 29, speaking at the Hyde Park M.E. Church to 350 attendees, Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt paid tribute to Washington's outstanding qualities. A little over a month earlier on January 23, Roosevelt had announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

As warmer spring weather arrived, so did outside activities. On May 18, the 8 and 40 Society conducted a tree planting ceremony at the Lown Memorial Garden on College Hill. During the ceremony, a sealed jar containing a parchment inscribed with the names of the Society's members was placed in the ground. Activities continued unabated throughout the remainder of the year.

Pomona Grange event

The first mention of what was perhaps the most ambitious program of the year was in the Eagle-News on March 3, 1932. A one-day mardi gras and get together, sponsored by the Dutchess County Pomona Grange and the Farm Bureau, was being planned for



The Washington Bicentennial Papers of Ruth Halstead in the DCHS collections include both polished, public-facing materials like the program shown above, and the highly detailed, sketched out executional plans that allowed the massive event to be performed in 1932.

-Courtesy of DCHS Collections.

either the Washington Hollow or Rhinebeck Fairgrounds. This Washington Bicentennial event was to include a full day of entertainment and athletics and was to be free to the public.

In keeping with the pageantry craze that swept the country in the early 20th century, the highlight of the day was to be a historical pageant in which various periods in Washington's life were to be acted out on floats. George Halstead was appointed Chairman of the Committee and his sister Ruth Halstead served as the committee's secretary.

The Halstead siblings lived on a farm on Titusville Road in the Town of LaGrange and were well suited for their offices. George, a retired farmer, was a graduate of the Eastman Business College. He was serving as Master of the Pomona Grange at the time of the Bicentennial and at the time of his death, he was the oldest living member of the Poughkeepsie Grange. His sister Ruth was a graduate of Poughkeepsie High School and Vassar College. At her death, she was a 72-year member of the Poughkeepsie Grange and had belonged to both the New York State and National Granges.

With memberships in the Mahwenawasigh Chapter of the DAR, the Dutchess County Historical Society, the Tuesday Club, the Vassar Poughkeepsie Club and the Oswego Monthly Hicksite Friends Meeting, Ruth was eminently qualified to be secretary, but according to a note left by her brother it was she who planned and directed the pageant presented by the Pomona Grange.

By the end of July, plans for the event were well underway. It had been decided to have it take place at the Rhinebeck fairgrounds on August 11 and all 26 subordinate Grange branches in the county had signed on to participate. The committee, under Ruth's leadership, had chosen to present a

pageant that included six episodes and a final tableau.

The materials used to develop the pageant were received from Washington through Hamilton Fish, Jr. Using these materials, Ruth scripted each episode to include at least one tableau and two floats and provided specific directions as to how the floats should be designed and how the participants should be costumed.

As an example, the third episode, "Washington the Soldier," included two tableaux and four floats and detailed descriptions of the clothing to be worn was taken from the "George Washington Play and Costume Book." Each of the Granges was assigned a specific tableau or float. A surviving sketch done by Ruth shows the tableau position and waiting place for each Grange within the fairgrounds track, and the order in which they would process in front of the grandstand. The final tableau assembled all the actors as they sang "America."

Following the celebration, the Rhinebeck Gazette reported that "The Granges of Dutchess County staged the most spectacular and colorful bicentennial celebration of this locality." According to the newspaper, over 900 people took part in the floats and the pageants.

George Halstead recorded that the sword used by one of the actors was actually used at Bunker Hill and the man who took the part of Washington "Crossing the Delaware" was an actual descendant of one of the men in the boat with Washington at that time.

So all you pageant planners out there, time to get going, only 10 years left until the Washington Tricentennial!

Melody Moore is a long-standing Board member of DCHS, Chair of its Collections Committee, regular contributor to the DCHS Yearbook, and develops a wide range of programs. More information at www.DCHSNY.org

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Firefighters contain fire at two-family residence in Wappinger



Firefighters from the Hughsonville Fire Department and surrounding departments work to contain a fire at 6 MacFarlane Rd. in the Town of Wappinger on Feb. 20. -Photo by Bill Johnson

The Hughsonville Fire Department was dispatched for a possible house fire at 6 MacFarlane Road in the Town of Wappinger around 10 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 20. Residents contacted Dutchess County 911 and reported smoke coming from a closet in a living room. The first Hughsonville units arrived on scene within 5 minutes reporting an active fire in a two-story wood frame structure. Firefighters confirmed that all residents had self-evacuated, and conducted an aggressive interior attack, containing the fire to one of two apartment units, according to a press release. The fire was brought under control within 40 minutes. Hughsonville Fire Department First Assistant Chief Paul Rogers, Jr. thanked his members and

those who assisted his department on the scene, "outstanding job, a perfect example of training and teamwork put together," stated in the release. Hughsonville was assisted by New Hackensack, Village of Fishkill, Rombout, New Hamburg, Chelsea, East Fishkill, and Glenham fire departments, as well as the Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response and Town of Wappinger EMS. Wappingers Falls Fire Department provided standby coverage for the Hughsonville Fire District. The Red Cross was contacted to assist the two families displaced by the fire. The Dutchess County Fire Investigation Division continues to investigate the cause of the fire.

Jewish War Veterans honored on 125th anniversary



Members of local Post 625 of the Jewish War Veterans (JWV) of the United States recently celebrated the 125th anniversary of the organization. New York State Senator Sue Serino presented a proclamation to members. The JWV is the oldest active veterans organization in America. Serino declared the event "an important reminder of the incredible sacrifices so many Americans have made throughout the years. May we remain forever grateful for their service and dedication to our country and our community." From left are Post Officers Ralph Schwartz, Martin Hochhauser, Senator Serino, Post Commander Ron Markowitz and Post Officer Robert L. Morrison, flanked by two of Serino's aides, one a Naval veteran and the other a member of Marist College ROTC. -Courtesy photo

Read and respond program for youth offered at library

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The March series is unique in that it is a personal account from someone who experienced the events first-hand," explained Michelle Rivas, Howland Public Library Assistant. "We wanted to share the book with as many young people as we could, so we decided on having a book giveaway. We also wanted to hear back from the teens on what they thought about the book. That's how the Read and Respond idea came about. Each book will include a list of Questions to Think About and a writing prompt asking them to reflect on a quote from John Lewis: "Never be afraid to make some noise and get into good trouble. Necessary trouble." Lewis was a U.S. Congressman from Georgia. He died in 2020. To learn more about Lewis' lifelong work for civil rights and social justice, students can also watch the documentary "Good Trouble" for free with their Howland library card and the Hoopla app. When participants are finished reading

the book or watching the documentary, they then are to write about what "Good Trouble" means to them. Rivas said the answers will be displayed in the library. Responses are due by March 11th. The students who share their responses will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win copies of Book Two & Three of the March Trilogy. In "Across That Bridge: A Vision for Change and the Future of America," John Lewis wrote, "Freedom is the continuous action we all must take, and each generation must do its part to create an even more fair, more just society." My hope is that by reading March teens will reflect on what civil or social justice issues are important to them," said Rivas. "If any student is unable to get a copy of "March" Book One through the giveaway, they can still participate in the project by accessing the eBook with the library's Hoopla app. If they don't already have a library card, they can stop by the library with a parent or guardian to register or sign up online at www.beaconlibrary.org/librarycard," noted Rivas.



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Local hoops star



Jake Deluise has won the Elks Regional Hoop Shoot which was held at Albutus Mangus High School, Rockland County, earlier this month. Jake previously won the Hoop Shoot held by the Beacon Elks Lodge 1493 and Elks District #6180. Jake also won the most consecutive shots Award at the Regional Shoot.

The Regional Shoot covers the area from NYC, Long Island and up to Poughkeepsie.

Jake will compete in Glen Falls for the NY Championship the first week in March.

Congratulations, Jake and best of luck.

-Courtesy photo

Veterans receive valentines



Veterans at the Castle Point VA Medical Center in Wappingers Falls receive cards for Valentine's Day from Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney as part of his 8th annual Valentines for Veterans program.

-Courtesy photo

Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney (NY-18) delivered more than 11,000 Valentine's Day cards to Hudson Valley veterans at the Castle Point VA Medical Center in Wappingers Falls as part of his 8th annual Valentines for Veterans program. After the event, Rep. Maloney released the following statement:

"I was honored to spend the day delivering valentines to local veterans on behalf of the Hudson Valley. As the son of a veteran, it is a privilege to see how much joy these cards bring each year," said Maloney. "Thank you to everyone across the Hudson Valley who came together to make these valentines. Thanks to your participation, we were able to hand out over eleven thousand valentines to show

our local veterans how much we appreciate them and their service."

"Every year, we look forward to Rep. Maloney delivering the thousands of Valentine's Day cards he collects for our Veterans. At VA Hudson Valley, our focus is providing care that improves Veterans' health and well-being, and this event is a terrific reminder that it's not only our staff who support them but our whole community," said Dawn Schaal, Medical Center Director, VA Hudson Valley Health Care System.

Any veteran in need of assistance should visit Rep. Maloney's website or call the Newburgh office at 845-561-1259.

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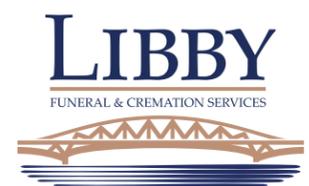
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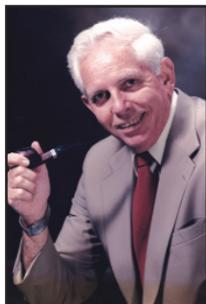
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Obituaries

Robert A. Booth



D U N D E E - Robert A. "Bob" Booth, age 89, of Dundee, NY formerly of Poughkeepsie, NY; passed away, Thursday February 10, 2022.

Robert was born March 8, 1932 in Cortland, NY. He

graduated from SUNY Delhi majoring in Architectural Design. He married the former Miriam Elizabeth Baird the daughter of a funeral director from Wayland, N.Y. He accepted a position with I.B.M. in Kingston, NY retiring as an Industrial Engineer in East Fishkill, NY; after 36 years in 1992. He had many jobs besides IBM from building homes, installing swimming pools; and was the owner of the former "Star Beverage," soda business in Poughkeepsie in the 1960's. In 1992 he invested in his son's future becoming CEO of Dundee Funeral Home Inc. dba Baird Funeral Home named after the currently 5 generation "Baird Family" profession.

Bob volunteered in countless organizations. Formerly very active in the New Hackensack Reformed Church; he was a Mason with the Wappinger's Falls Masonic Lodge and a recipient of its Distinguished Service Award. A former member of the Poughkeepsie New Yorkers Barbershop Chorus; and was a Scout Leader of Boy Scout Troop 56 in the 1970's. He collected and delivered tons of aluminum can tabs to the Springfield, MA Shriners Children's Hospital. He made 1000's of name tags for Trés Dias, and DeColorés weekend conferences for years.

He is survived by his son Baird R. (Cilinia) Booth of Dundee, NY, his daughter Brenna L. (Ronald) Jackson of Shelbyville, KY; 5 grandchildren, Corrina M. (Dustyn) Thompson of Dundee, Cara L. Booth (Brooks Funeral Home) of Newburgh, NY, Jordan R., Jenna C., and Jewel C. E. Jackson all of Shelbyville, KY; a sister-in-law Judy Booth of Cortland, NY; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his wife of 60 years Miriam Baird Booth on July 11, 2017; and his brother Donn Booth in 2013.

Arrangements by the Baird Funeral Home 36 Water St. Dundee, NY, to read more and leave condolences or share memories with the family, please visit www.bairdfuneralhomedundee.com.

William J. Hichak, Jr.

WAPPINGERS FALLS - William J. Hichak, Jr., a lifelong resident of Wappingers Falls, died at home on February 12, 2022. He was 55. Born on October 23, 1966 in Yonkers, he was the son of William and Eleanor (Pietschker) Hichak. Billy was a dedicated employee at Stop & Shop. He worked hard throughout the years and climbed his way to a manager position. This year would have marked 40 years with the company. He was a proud member of the UFCW Local 1500. Billy was passionate about his sports teams. He faithfully supported the Mets, Giants, and the Knicks. However, his biggest passion was the love he shared with his three children. He was a devoted father to Nicholas, Vincent, and Madison. Additional survivors include his loving parents William and Eleanor; his brother Joseph Hichak; his brother Michael Hichak and his wife Regina; his sister Deborah Townsend and her husband David; and he was a proud uncle to his five nieces and one nephew. Calling hours were held on Wednesday, February 16, at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. A funeral service was offered. Interment took place in the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery.

Please visit Billy's Book of Memories at www.McHoulFuneralHome.com.

Flora Lee Figgures Jones

BEACON - Flora was born in Alabama and came to New York at the age of 8. She attended Columbia University where she achieved a Masters Degree in Social Work. She was a Social Worker to her core. Helping people by providing information on education, employment, health services and politics was what she loved. Flora was an avid reader. The Democratic Committee and The Historical Society got a lot of Flora's time. Flora's faith in the Lord was strong and steadfast. Reading the Bible and Praying was something she did daily. To Cherish her memory, Flora leaves many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; she will be missed most by her best friend George McKie. Arrangements were entrusted to the care of the LIBBY FUNERAL HOME of 55 Teller Avenue, Beacon, NY and the HAYDEN & BUTLER FUNERAL HOME of 10031 Crowell Drive, Lisman, AL. Flora will be laid to rest privately at the Little Place Cemetery, Ararat Road, Gilbertown, AL. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.LibbyFuneralHome.com.

Fr. Isaac J. Calicchio, O.F.M.

WAPPINGERS FALLS - Fr. Isaac J. Calicchio, O.F.M. passed into eternal life on Saturday, February 5, 2022, at the age of 91. He was born in Jersey City, NJ on September 2, 1930, and was baptized John. He entered the novitiate on July 14, 1948, taking the name Isaac Jogues. He professed first vows on July 15, 1949 and made his solemn profession of vows on July 15, 1952. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 24, 1956. After ordination Isaac studied at Catholic University of America, receiving an M.A. in History, and then attended the Academy of American Franciscan History in Washington. He was assigned to teaching and initial formation at Mt. Alvernia Seminary, Wappingers Falls, NY, as Master of Clerics, and St. Francis Seraphic Seminary, Andover, MA as Prefect of Students. In 1966 Isaac transferred to Central America where he served for almost thirty years. During that time, he ministered at Sonsonate, El Salvador; Guatemala City, Guatemala; and Comayagua, Honduras, where he was involved in both parochial and academic ministry. He also served as President of the Central American Foundation and Rector of the Instituto San Francisco. Isaac returned to the United States where he served at St. Anthony Parish in Troy, NY, and St. Rose of Lima Parish in Meriden, CT. Isaac retired to St. Anthony Friary in Catskill, where he remained until taking up residence at Teresian Home in March of 2020. Funeral service took place Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at the Mount Alvernia Retreat Center, 158 Delavergne Avenue, Wappingers Falls.

Alfred E. Losee, Sr.

PLEASANT VALLEY - Alfred E. Losee, Sr., 76, of Pleasant Valley, NY, passed away February 14, 2022 at Fishkill Center for Rehabilitation in Beacon, NY. He was born July 27, 1945, the son of Edward and Bertha Sterling Losee. Alfred married the love of his life, Mildred Daniels on November 10, 1963 in Poughkeepsie, NY. He was the Head Mechanic at the City of Poughkeepsie Water Treatment Facility. Alfred was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was an avid New York Yankees and Buffalo Bills fan that loved doing Cashword Doublers. Alfred is survived by his loving wife, Mildred Losee, of Pleasant Valley, NY, his son Alfred Losee Jr. and his wife Michelle, of Red Hook, NY and his daughter Judy Lee and her husband John Sr. of Pleasant Valley, NY. He is also survived by his brother Thomas Losee and his wife Carol, of New Paltz, NY, his grandchildren Marissa and Jack Losee, Nicole, John Jr., and Jason Lee, great-grand-

children John Lee III, Brianna Robinson, Aries, Ever and Onyx Loyola. Survivors also include several nieces and nephews. Alfred was predeceased by his 2 brothers and 2 sisters. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wm. G. Miller & Son FH, Inc.

Janice MacDonald Gafner

CARY, NC - Janice MacDonald Gafner of Cary, NC, left this life for the next on February 7, 2022 after a valiant challenge with pancreatic cancer. Born to Leslie and Edith MacDonald on December 30, 1936 in New London, CT, Jan was the oldest of six daughters. After graduating from Old Lyme High School in 1954 she attended Bryant College where she met the love of her life, Frederick A Gafner of Rome, NY. Jan and Fred moved often due to Fred's career and every place they lived they quickly made lifelong friends; Poughkeepsie and Hopewell Jct. NY included. All who knew her will miss her ever present smile, encouragement, acceptance, and love. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made 'In Memory of Janice MacDonald Gafner' to the South Lyme Union Chapel, P.O. Box 227, South Lyme, CT 06376-0227.

Michael J. Hirkala, Jr.

FORMERLY OF WAPPINGERS FALLS - Michael J. Hirkala, Jr., 87, Merritt Island, FL, passed away January 11, 2022 at Vitas Hospice, Rockledge, FL. Born in Yonkers, New York, on July 2, son of the late Michael and Nellie (Guidos) Hirkala, Mike graduated Gorton High School '52, proudly serving the next 8 years in the US Air Force as airplane mechanic, then at JFK and Westchester County airports. Self-employed 15 years in heating, A/C, refrigeration in Dutchess County, NY, and a short time as IBM mechanical contractor, Fishkill, NY, Mike and his wife, Janet, retired December 2004 to their Florida condominium after living on Fowlerhouse Road in Wappingers Falls, NY, since 1971. Chairman of the Town of Wappinger Zoning Board of Appeals for several years, for decades he also attended Town Board and Planning Meetings as community watchdog before becoming president of the North Triton Arms Condo Association, Cocoa Beach. Moving to an over-55-mobile home community in 2007, he and his wife joined the North Merritt Island Homeowners Association in Brevard County, FL. Besides zoning and planning, his passions included boating on the Hudson River and taking his niece and nephews during Christmas holidays to Disney/Sea World. Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Janet (nee Saltes), niece Leigh Saltes, WI; nephews Eric Saltes, WI and Coen Saltes, MI; brother-in-law Jack Saltes, WI; sister-in-law Susan Lindem, WI; cousin Thomas Bachik, PA, and Frank Culko, FL; loyal friend Peter Tomasic, Sr., NY. Military burial took place February 10 at the VA/Cape Canaveral National Cemetery, Mims, FL, reception was held at the Island Lakes Community Clubhouse, Merritt Island, FL. Memorial contributions may be made to Brevard County Sharing Center, Cocoa, FL.

Grace Askland

EAST FISHKILL - Grace Askland passed away peacefully at the age of 84 on February 17, 2022 at the Lutheran Care Center. She said she never thought she'd make it past 70 and married yet to St. Warren for 64 years! Born in the Bronx on May 16, 1937, Grace was the daughter of the late Charles and Marie (Wilhelmina Conkling) Klein. Grace was a parishioner at St. Columba Church where she was a member of the Altar Rosary Society. Grace was a lover of conversation and in person gatherings with friends, family, and her beloved "lunch bunch." When visiting, she would bring the ziti and dress to the nines. If the timing and mood were just right you might be fortunate to hear one of her quips or stories she'd enjoy telling about her large, extended family. She is notably remembered for sending kind words and prayers on real paper with ink and for sending the first Christmas card received on Thanksgiving. On October 19, 1957 at Our Lady of Mercy Church in the Bronx, she married Warren Askland

who survives at home. She is also survived by her daughters, Denise Place and Donna Rickman; her grandsons, Elliott Place and Kevin Place; and her siblings, Warren Klein and Mary Ellen Jennings. In addition to her parents, Grace was also predeceased by her daughters, Kathleen Askland and Darlene Andrew; her granddaughter, Ingrid Place; and her brothers, Charles, Arthur, and Kenneth Klein. Please join us in celebrating her life where we can hear and share some Grace stories. Calling hours will be held on Wednesday from 4-7pm at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Thursday at 10 am at St. Columba Church followed by burial at St. Denis Cemetery. The family would like to thank the staff of the Lutheran Care Center for their care and compassion during Grace's time there. Donations may be made in Grace's memory to Covenant House, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or Lutheran Care Center. Please visit her Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Catherine 'Kitty' Burg

FISHKILL - Catherine "Kitty" Burg, age 96, passed away on February 14, 2022 in Fishkill, NY. She was born in Cornwall, Ontario, Canada on November 13, 1925 to parents Hubert and Mary (Ross) Pitts. On February 7, 1948, she married her husband Laurence Burg at Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church in Beacon, NY. Catherine spent many happy years as a homemaker. She is survived by her beloved husband of 74 years, Laurence; her children Daria (James) Baracca of Accord, NY, Steven Burg of Fishkill, NY, and Linda (John) Taylor of Fishkill, NY; her grandchildren Jordan, Jeremy and Damian Baracca, and Kendell and Benjamin Taylor; seven great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews. Catherine was pre-deceased by her siblings Alan Pitts and Mabeth Bamberger. Donations in Catherine's memory may be made to the charity of one's choice. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main St. Fishkill, NY. For online tributes, you can visit Catherine's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Francis 'Frank' Vetare

EAST FISHKILL - Francis (Frank) Vetare was born and raised in Putnam County New York by his parents Frank and Caroline (Coviello) Vetare. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Joan (Cropper); sons, Mark & his wife, Sarisa of Thailand, Matthew, and his daughter, Juliette of Hopewell Junction, NY; and Michael and his wife, Lissette, of Hopewell Junction, NY. Frank is also survived by three granddaughters, all of whom live in Southern California, Courtney, Caitlin, and Chloe, daughters of Caroline Francesca, Frank & Joan deceased daughter. Frank was the middle son of his Italian Immigrant family and was reminded that education was the key to success. Mr. Vetare attended or graduated from several learning institutes: Brewster High School; Merchant Marine Academy; U.S. Naval School of Aerial Photography; Rochester Institute of Technology (B.S. Degree); Syracuse University; University of Rochester; and American University. During his third Kodak assignment, Frank became an important name as a pioneer in changing the Typographic Hot Metal Method to Phototypesetting. He was the Kodak link working with I.B.M., RCA, Harris Intertype, National Geographic, and more to change typography all over the world from hot metal to phototypesetting. He retired from the Eastman Kodak Co. and retired, with his wife, Joan to Berlin, MD. In 1999, they moved to Hopewell Jct. New York. He died in Hopewell Jct., New York on February 12, 2022. Mr. Vetare will be cremated and asked that only relatives attend any service. He also reminds us that we only come this way once...and if you live it right that's all you need. Donations may be made to Hospice.

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College application process virtual program Feb. 24

Towne Crier Dance Jam Feb. 24

A free virtual program for high school students starting the college application process entitled Advice from College Admission Representatives arranged by Howland Public Library in Beacon. Join college counselor Adam Kendis and a panel of college admissions professionals to learn insider tips on college admissions. The program will be presented via Zoom on Thursday, Feb. 24 from 6-7 p.m. This informative presentation will include representatives from Bard, Dutchess Community College, and

SUNY New Paltz.
 The guests will be:
 • Bard College - Joshua Tyler, Associate Director of Admission
 • Dutchess Community College - Michelle Diano, Admissions Counselor
 • SUNY New Paltz - Paige Olscamp, Assistant Director of Freshman Admission
 Adam Kendis is the Director of College Guidance at a small, independent school in Fairfield County, CT and is a local Beaconite. He has been working in college

guidance for 15 years and has worked with hundreds of students and families. In 2011, Adam was named a Counselor That Changes Lives by the Colleges That Change Lives.
 This free program is designed for students in 11th grade and the adults who support them but is open to all students and parents. To register, go to www.beaconlibrary.org/collegeinfo. For more information, email Michelle Rivas at community@beaconlibrary.org.

Get On Down at the Towne Crier Dance Jam on Thursday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m., at 379 Main Street, Beacon. Dance to a vibrant mix of musical styles played by DJs Rhoda and Al in the rear performance room. Fine dining, snacks, desserts and full bar are available. All are welcome – singles, couples, friends, newcomers.
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The Town of Union Vale ZONING BOARD shall conduct a Public hearing on TUESDAY MARCH 1ST at 7:35 p.m. Via ZOOM on the application of "PETER RODRIGUES for an AREA VARIANCE for a PROPOSED DETACHED GARAGE located at 15 LIBERTY WAY LA GRANGEVILLE NY 12540. PARCEL # 6660-00-728306"

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public hearing on ZOOM please contact the Union Vale Land Use Secretary @ PBZBA@UNIONVALE.NY.US to receive an emailed invite to watch and to submit your name in order to be called upon to be heard.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

Index No. 2020-52502 Date Filed: 2/2/2022 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the Place of Trial Designation of Venue is based upon the situs of the Subject Property Subject Property: 9 Greenbush Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-1, Plaintiff, -against- Ronald Eutsey a/k/a Ronald V. Eutsey, if he be living or dead, his spouse, heirs, de-

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vises, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff; Karen Eutsey a/k/a Karen A. Eutsey "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the Subject Property described in the Complaint, State of New York; Defendants. To THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not

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personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until sixty (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Hal B. Greenwald, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Dutchess County, dated Feb. 10, 2022 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office. THE OBJECT OF THE ACTION is to foreclose a mortgage recorded in the Public Records of the County of Dutchess on Dec. 5, 2005 at Document Number 01 2005 23608, covering premises known as 9 Greenbush Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY

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LLP f/k/a Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 Telephone: (585) 247-9000 File No. 20-087516 #99185

The Washington Hollow Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall, 10 Reservoir Drive, Millbrook NY, 12545.

TOWN OF FISHKILL PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 62 GREENWOOD DRIVE LAND DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Chapter 150-59.B(6) of the Code of the Town of Fishkill, that the Planning Board of the Town of Fishkill will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall in the Francois R. Cross meeting room located in the lobby of the Town of Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY on Thursday, March 10, 2022, commencing at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, in the matter of an Applicant's request for a Land Development Permit for the construction of a 2,200 square foot three (3) bedroom, two and one-half (2.5) bath home with an integrated garage, lofted attached workshop and a driveway. The parcel for this proposal is located at 62 Greenwood Drive in the (BHZD) Beacon Hills Zoning District, consists of 1.423 acres and is identified as Tax Map Parcel No.: 6155-03-289194. All interested persons will be heard by the Planning Board of the Town of Fishkill at the public hearing to be held as aforesaid. For any persons unable to attend the public hearing, email comments may be submitted in advance to dcolonna@fishkill-ny.gov.

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dcolonna@fishkill-ny.gov. BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FISHKILL, NEW YORK Debbie Colonna, Planning Board Secretary

TOWN OF FISHKILL PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LANDS OF CHARLES & KATHLEEN BROWNELL TWO (2) LOT SUB-DIVISION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Chapter 132-12G of the Code of the Town of Fishkill, that the Planning Board of the Town of Fishkill will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall in the Francois R. Cross meeting room located in the lobby of the Town of Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY on Thursday, March 10, 2022 commencing at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible, in the matter of an Applicant's request to subdivide a 7.6-acre parcel into two (2) lots. Lot 1 will consist of 6.33 acres and contains an existing residence and Lot 2 will consist of 1.27 acres. A three (3) bedroom two-story single-family dwelling is proposed to be constructed on Lot 2 with minimal site disturbance. The parcel for this proposal is identified as Tax Map Parcel No.: 6155-03-181469, is located at 149 Old Glenham Road in the R-20 Zoning District. All interested persons will be heard by the Planning Board of the Town of Fishkill at the public hearing to be held as aforesaid. For any persons unable to attend the public hearing, email comments may be submitted in advance to dcolonna@fishkill-ny.gov. BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FISHKILL, NEW YORK Debbie Colonna, Planning Board Secretary

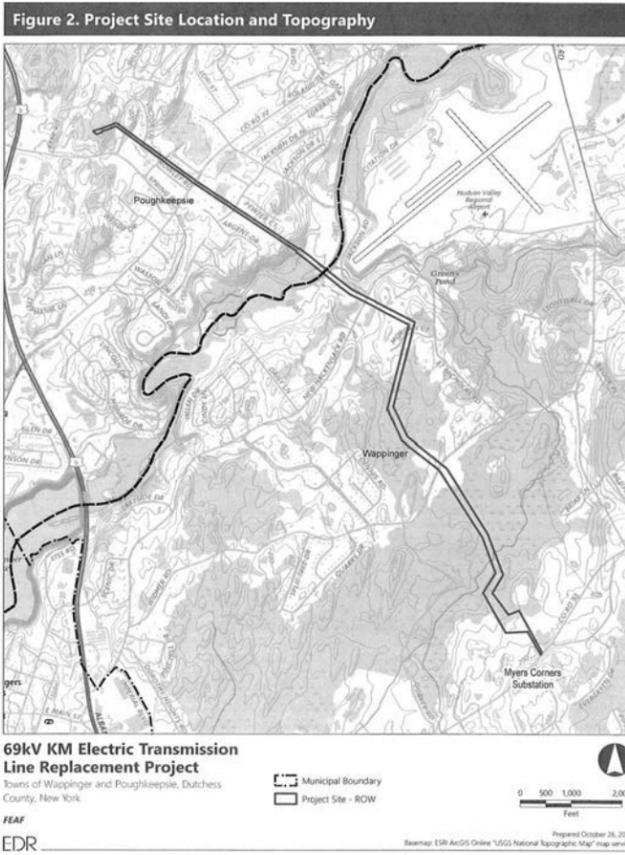
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING BOARD TOWN OF WAPPINGER DUTCHESS COUNTY, NY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Wappinger Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 7, 2022 at the Town of Wappinger Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590, at 7:00 p.m., pursuant to Town Code Sections 240-87 and 240-32 on an application from Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation (Central Hudson) for Site Plan Approval and for a Wetlands Permit. Central Hudson has also filed for a Floodplain Development Permit from the Zoning Administrator in accordance with Town Code Chapter 133. Central Hudson is seeking to reconstruct and replace an existing 69 kilovolt (kV) electrical transmission line, known as the "KM Line", within an existing cleared public utility right-of-way ("ROW") that extends from the Meyers Corners substation on Meyers Corners Road to an area just west of Victor Lane (Town of Poughkeepsie) ("Project"). The total length of the Project is approximately 2.8 miles, with 1.7 miles within the Town of Wappinger and 1.1 miles within the Town of Poughkeepsie. A map with the location of the KM Line proposed to be replaced in the Town of Wappinger and Town of Poughkeepsie is attached to this Notice of Public Hearing. The entire ROW is appropriated to public utility use. The KM Line has existed for nearly one-hundred years. Existing line conductors and poles have reached the end of their useful life. The proposed KM Line replacement is intended to address long term degradation of the strength of the conductors along the line, as well as many of the existing wood poles. All replacement electrical equipment has been designed to meet current standards and industry best practices. The Project will provide enhanced storm hardening to address potential extreme storm events, future weather patterns, enhanced lightning protection, and increased electric transmission reliability. The KM Line replacement project will take place within the existing ROW width, which generally varies from 60 feet to 125 feet. The project will temporarily disturb approximately 8.3 acres of the 37.5-acre ROW. There are currently 49 pole locations within the KM Line project. All existing poles will be removed and replaced nearly one-for-one in the same general location within this existing, cleared and developed utility corridor. The proposed KM Line replacement poles will be sturdier, self-weathering steel poles. They will be brown-colored and have a uniform appearance. Replacement conductors and ground wire will span the poles, replacing aged copper conductor that spans much of the KM Line. All electric facilities must be designed and operated in conformance with applicable industry standards, federal and state codes. The new KM Line meets these overriding criteria. The overall profile of the replacement poles is comparable to the existing poles in the ROW. The average height of all 49 existing poles is approximately 54.5 feet, whereas the average height of all 49 replacement poles will be approximately 59.5 feet.

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The Wappinger Planning Board has determined that the Proposed Action is a Type I action with respect to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) because it involves a nonagricultural use occurring partially within an Agricultural District and will exceed 2.5 acres of land disturbance. A coordinated SEQRA review is being undertaken and the Town of Wappinger Planning Board is Lead Agency charged with conducting an environmental review and making a Finding of Significance. A copy of the application, Agricultural Data Statement and Full Environmental Assessment Form materials are available for review at the Wappinger Town Hall. At the public hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard. Written comments will also be accepted if received at the Public Hearing or prior thereto. Contact person for comments and information is: Bea Ogunti, Planning Board Secretary, Town of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590, e-mail: bogunti@townofwappinger.us Date: February 7, 2022 Bruce Flower, Chair Town of Wappinger Planning Board



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Waldstein to retire as Walkway leader in May; Haight named interim director

After a 12-year period that saw dramatic capital improvements, growing visitation, and even a Guinness World Record at the soaring 1.28-mile span over the Hudson River, Elizabeth Waldstein is stepping down as Executive Director of the Walkway Over the Hudson organization, a "friends' group" that supports and improves Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park. This is the second leadership transition announcement of late when Maureen Solero became the new chair of the Board of Directors, replacing John Storyk, who stepped down after three years of service.

Waldstein said it was "time to embrace the next chapter in my life" announcing her retirement effective on May 1. "It has been an honor to serve as Executive Director and I am proud to

have helped bring the vision of the Walkway to reality," said Waldstein, who stewarded the nonprofit through a period of significant expansion that included major community and capital projects designed to enhance public access and visitor comfort at the popular New York State Park.

"During this period of growth, Elizabeth Waldstein has served as our Executive Director with distinction. Her passion and dedication to the Walkway has driven our successes and accomplishments and her effective leadership and innovative thinking have enabled us to weather turbulent storms. We most certainly would not be who we are today if not for her leadership," said Solero.

Solero praised the thoughtful transition now underway at the organization. "Together we have developed a plan to

ensure a smooth transition to a new leadership structure that will serve the Walkway well into the future. To that end, we are pleased to report that Diane Haight, who has been enormously valuable to our organization in her capacity as Managing Director, will be appointed Interim Executive Director following Elizabeth's departure," she said. "The Walkway has successfully navigated the uncertainty of the COVID pandemic and is in a strong financial position with a dedicated and passionate Board of Directors and staff. John Storyk has skillfully, creatively and successfully led the Board of Directors for the past three years and I will do my best to continue to move this dynamic organization forward."

"While she is retiring from her full-



Elizabeth Waldstein is stepping down as Executive Director of the Walkway Over the Hudson organization after 12 years.

-Courtesy photo

time role as Executive Director effective May 1, Waldstein plans to remain involved with the Walkway through the leadership transition, while exploring future opportunities.

For more information about the Walkway organization, visit walkway.org.

this week's puzzle solutions

2	6	9	7	3	4	8	5	1
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This week's answer
SUDOKU

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TOWN OF FISHKILL PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VAN WYCK MEWS AMENDED SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Chapter 150-97.B. of the Code of the Town of Fishkill, that the Planning Board of the Town of Fishkill will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall in the Francois R. Cross meeting room located in the lobby of the Town of Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY on Thursday, March 10, 2022 commencing at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, in the matter of an Applicant's request for a Site Development Plan Amendment for the final phase of construction of Van Wyck Mews. The Planning Board of the Town of Fishkill granted an approval in 2006 for the construction of 337 units in 19 buildings, 20 units per building. Nine (9) of the buildings containing 175 units have been constructed. The Applicant is seeking to amend the 2006 Site Development Plan approval by reducing

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the overall unit count for the project and by changing the style of the building to be constructed. The original Building No. 10, containing 20 units is proposed to be constructed in the same location as previously approved. The remaining units are proposed to be constructed utilizing "townhome" style units with five (5) units per building, three (3) bedrooms per unit for a total of 113 units. A total of 133 units are proposed (20 in the larger style building and 113 in the "townhome" style units). Combined with the 175 previously constructed units the total proposed unit count shall be reduced to 308 units where 337 units were previously approved. As a result of the proposed unit style change there is a net reduction in the impervious surfaces proposed. The

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parcels for this proposal are located on the southern side of Merritt Boulevard and the northern side of Bennington Drive, are identified as Tax Map Parcel Nos: 6256-00-833123, consisting of 17.9 acres and Tax Map Parcel No.: 6256-00-791048 and both parcels are in the RMF-5 Zoning District. All interested persons will be heard by the Planning Board of the Town of Fishkill at the public hearing to be held as aforesaid. For any persons unable to attend the public hearing, email comments may be submitted in advance to dcolonna@fishkill-ny.gov. By Order of the Planning Board Of the Town of Fishkill, New York
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Who needs blood?

Under normal circumstances, every two seconds someone in America will need a blood transfusion. Blood transfusions are used for trauma victims - due to accidents and burns - heart surgery, organ transplants, women with complications during childbirth, newborns and premature babies, and patients receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or other diseases, such as sickle cell disease and thalassemia.

Ryan Hontz new event manager at Boscobel

Boscobel announces the hiring of Ryan Hontz as the museum's Event Manager.

Ryan comes to Boscobel with ten years of experience creating personalized events in New York City's premier venues, including Rockefeller Center, The New York Public Library, Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and The Brooklyn Museum.

"As Boscobel grows and diversifies public programming and private

rentals, we are thrilled that Ryan's creativity, warmth, and attention will help make every experience at Boscobel an experience of Boscobel," says Boscobel Executive Director Jennifer Carlquist. "His design talents, organizational acumen, and collaborative spirit will enrich public and private events, and generate funding necessary for Boscobel to thrive as a nonprofit museum, cultural center, and nurtured landscape."

"It's about creating memories, cele-

brating life's milestones, and bringing people together," says Hontz. "I'm thrilled to join the Boscobel team and look forward to producing magical and memorable events at this absolutely stunning—and fascinating—museum."

Ryan Hontz and his husband live with their dog in the Hudson Valley, where they enjoy trying new restaurants, exploring hiking trails, and soaking in the stunning river views.



Ryan Hontz

Annual Garden Shows set at all four Adams locations

Adams Landscaping will once again transport visitors to a spring paradise with their Annual Lawn & Garden Shows.

Visitors can take a moment to relax in the space filled with flowers in bloom, waterfalls, fairy gardens and stone walls. Each show will have different designs and plants.

Each Garden Show will feature DIY areas where visitors can get inspiration, ideas and how-to advice from our in-store experts. Like the Garden Shows, the DIYs are free to attend.

Each store offers something different so try to get to them all, whether you're new to gardening or a seasoned pro.

DATES

Poughkeepsie: February 25 – March 6

Newburgh: February 25 – March 6

Kingston: March 4 – March 13

Wappinger: March 4 – March 13

DIY AREAS

Poughkeepsie

- Gardening for Pollinators - Nursery

experts will be on hand opening weekend to explain the vital role pollinators play in our lives and which pollinator-friendly plants you can plant to bring them to your corner of the world.

- **Terrarium How-To** – by Marnie Reilly, Greenhouse Manager - You'll learn everything you need – containers, plants, rocks, soil – and need to know to create your own little ecosystem.

Newburgh

- **Winter Wonderland:** Landscaping for Winter Interest – by Tim Bellamy, Nursery Manager - Tim taps into his creative expertise, helping you select trees, shrubs and plants that will bring stunning beauty to your landscape even in winter!

- **Tropical Plants Create an Outdoor Oasis** – by Maureen Drury, Greenhouse Manager - Learn how to use tropical plants in your summer gardens, both sunny and shady, as well as tips on creating a tropical container garden for porch

or patio.

She'll also inspire you to create garden art from salvaged and reclaimed materials. Featuring Agrisculpture by local artist Amy Lewis Sweetman.

Kingston

- **Backyard Birding** - Learn the best ways to attract wild birds to your yard. Our experts will discuss and explain what songbirds need – like water, shelter and food – to entice them, keep them healthy and keep them coming back.

- **Outdoor Fairy Gardens** – by Carol Armstrong, Greenhouse Manager - Our experts are on-hand to explain plant selection and placement, with a focus on small DIY water features that will make any garden feel like an oasis.

Wappinger

- **Success Growing Orchids** – by Daniel Servedio, Greenhouse Manager - Daniel will recommend products and shares his tips to help you successfully

grow beautiful exotic orchids to transform your home into a tropical paradise.

- **Dooryard Garden** – by Al Esposito, Garden Center Manager - Stop by for plenty advice and inspiration to help you create your own beautiful garden just outside your door. See how flowering plants, garden accents, pottery and even herbs can add to that feeling of coming home.

THIS YEAR'S POLICIES

- There will be a one-way route through the show.

- No food or drinks allowed in the show and no food or drinks served at the show.

- There will be No Events, Seminars, Vendors or Cake at this year's Shows.

- Balloons will be in the Flower Shops.

- 'Animal Finds' will take place throughout the store, not inside the actual Shows.

- Drawings will be posted in the various departments and will have a QR code to enter online.



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