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## SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

### Farms diversify to survive and thrive

By Curtis Schmidt

The family farm – it’s the epitome of a small business enterprise. For those who love what they do, it’s an idyllic lifestyle.

You’re the boss. You can work as much (or little) as you want, but you still have to make a living – pay the bills, balance costs vs. income, support the family, pay for the kids’ education – and the list goes on.

And somewhere in the equation, items like creativity, changing with the times and building relationships all go a long way into developing the successful small farm.

To get a taste of how area farmers are surviving and thriving, we are speaking to a variety of individuals – Uplands Farm in Verbank/Millbrook with dairy cattle, Clover Brooke Farm in Hyde Park with llamas, alpacas, goats and sheep, Hardeman Orchards in Red Hook with apples and peaches, and Hudson Valley Flower Farm in Beekman with a wide variety of cut flowers for gifts and much more.

Surviving and thriving is all about diversification and exploring opportunities to add income in non-traditional ways. Current examples include – weddings and a music venue at Hardeman Orchards, and llama/alpaca hikes, goat and donkey walks, plus soap-making, beer brewing and felting/fiber arts classes at Clover Brooke Farm.

But success also comes from reaching beyond the Hudson Valley and setting yourself apart on the larger stage.

Mark Adams, President Emeritus of the Dutchess/Putnam/Westchester Farm Bureau said, “Local farms compete in a world marketplace. We pay about the same price for fertilizer, supplies, equipment and maybe energy as farms in other states.

“But labor is much more expensive in New York. Local farms have adapted by switching from labor-intensive crops like vegetables, to grain and hay, which are harvested by machine, plus beef cattle.

“We keep farming as long as we can make enough money to have a decent life - a home, food, a car, and maybe go to the movies once in a while.”

World market place? Stephen Van Tassell, owner of Uplands Farm, noted “We developed a cow family which we were able to market worldwide as a source of top genetics in the Holstein industry. The cow family ranked at the top of the breed for components, such as butterfat and protein, which is still a huge benefit in our current market, giving us a large advantage over the average milk price.”

And now let’s take a look at each farm, focusing on history, costs and income and the lure of farming.

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## Holiday events set in Beacon, Wappingers Falls Nov. 26

By Kristine Coulter

After celebrating Thanksgiving, municipalities will hold holiday events to get the local community into the spirit of the season.

### Performances set for tree lighting in Beacon

The City of Beacon will be holding its 5th Annual Traditional Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on November 26, from 4 – 6 p.m., at Polhill Park, which is next to the Welcome Center (corner of Main Street and Route 9D/Wolcott Ave.) Attendees may stop by and receive an ornament kit. There will be Christmas carols sung by local musicians, Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops.

The Committee Members include Donna Idema, Rosemary Merhige, Jennifer See, Atilano Rivera, Chris Bopp, Rhonda Altonen, Stephanie Soltish, Bobbie Zappala and Kay Caporale.

So, what will be new at the event this year?

Committee member Rhonda Altonen said, “The Beacon Recreation Department is raffling off 12 live 12 Days of Christmas Christmas Trees. These can be delivered to the winners home, or they can request that the tree be planted in the park of their choice.”

Altonen said the number of people in attendance for this event grows annually.

“Our numbers have been growing each year. We gave out 100 Ornaments and S’mores Kits last year. We are hoping for the same and maybe a few more,” said Altonen.



The annual Traditional Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on November 26 at Polhill Park in Beacon. Pictured is from a previous year’s event.

-Courtesy photo

Performances will be performed by Alyssa Warner (with Beacon Scouts Troops), Yanarella School of Dance, Max Goodhill, School of Rock, and the Beacon High School Chorus

Asked why is it important for the City to host the tree lighting?

“This is only our second year back after the pandemic, so we are excited that the community is coming back and enjoying the celebration of the holiday season,” said Altonen.

The tree lighting ceremony will take place at dusk, around 5:30 p.m.

### Santa to attend Holiday Tree Lighting and Parade in Wappingers Falls

Wappingers Falls will host its annual Holiday Tree Lighting and Parade on November 26. The festivities begin at 6 p.m. when the parade steps off. All are welcome to march in the parade. Line up is at 5:30 p.m. on Elm Street. Registration is not required. The tree lighting will follow.

There will be a DJ playing music. Refreshments for attendees. Santa will make his way to the event to hear the lists of children.

There is a rain date of Nov. 27.

## Local associations discuss the value of small businesses

By Kristine Coulter

Small Business Saturday is November 26. Small businesses are an important part of the local community.

### The Beacon Chamber of Commerce welcomes new members

Patrick Greer Moroney has been president of the Beacon Chamber of Commerce for the approximately eight months.

Asked during a phone interview, how can the Beacon Chamber assist local businesses, Moroney replied, “By creating a unified front for the business community and coordinate better with the City.”

Being a member of the Chamber can assist businesses by letting people “know they’re (the local businesses) there,” said Moroney.

Local businesses, remarked Moroney, “are our most essential assets.”

On its website, The Beacon Chamber of Commerce states, in part, “The Beacon Chamber of Commerce is proud of our city. Our city has a vibrant Main Street and side streets with unique shops, diverse places to eat, wine bars, craft beer establishments and coffee shops. Of course, Beacon is art – especially Dia: Beacon - and our local galleries.”



The City of Beacon’s Main St. has numerous small businesses and restaurants. Small Business Saturday is November 26.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

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# Small Business Saturday is Nov. 26

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Businesses are “the vibrance of the community” and the “life blood of the community,” remarked Moroney. Businesses also help “introduce the way of the life” the City has to offer.

Moroney said he enjoys being president of the Chamber and it lets him know “I’m “walking the walk” of service because the world needs that.”

To join the Beacon Chamber of Commerce, one must have a Beacon business, although someone who wants to participate may or can join, said Moroney.

On Small Business Saturday, Moroney said, people should come down to Beacon.

For more information, visit <https://www.beaconchamberoc.org/>.

### Wappingers Falls Business & Professional Association assisting local businesses

Jackie Muller was recently elected to be the president of the Wappingers Falls Business & Professional Association (WFBPA).

“The WFBPA assists local businesses through offering opportunities to network, supporting marketing to the community, as well as works with other local organizations to support community projects and development,” explained Muller in an email.

Muller said, “Small Business Saturday and every day is important to local businesses and the communities they serve because it is a way to show the community what is available locally as well as invite the community to show their support which guides small businesses in understanding what the community truly wants.”

Muller remarked, “Small businesses help the local economy by bringing products and services closer to home as well as creating jobs and supporting community initiatives.”

Small business owners can visit WFBPA’s website at <https://www.wfbpa.org/membership> to find out how to become a member.

“WFBPA wants to know what our communities need. What businesses and initiatives are important to you. Please email us at [Wappingersfallsbpa@gmail.com](mailto:Wappingersfallsbpa@gmail.com),” said Muller.

### Fishkill Business Association’s mission is to ‘promote and serve’ its members

Austin Schweitzer is with the Fishkill Business Association (FBA). He is a Financial Advisor whose office is at 1399 Route 52 Suite 101 in Fishkill.

“Our mission is to help support the local businesses serving both our village and town. Fishkill is a quaint area that has a ton to offer the local residents and tourists visiting the area! Our main objective is utilizing our platform to promote and support our members,” said Schweitzer.

He said this is done this in a few different ways:

1. Quarterly networking events with business owners
2. Fishkill Block Party and
3. Promoting the small businesses over the FBA’s Facebook page that has more 1,600 followers.

Asked why Small Business Saturday is important to local businesses and the communities they serve, Schweitzer replied, “Small Business Saturday is very important! The purpose is to help encourage local residents to shop locally! Whether that’s in person or online at the small business. Dutchess



Main St. in the village of Fishkill has numerous small businesses and restaurants. Small Business Saturday is November 26.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

County has a lot of wonderful small businesses and this is a chance for us to keep the money here in the community and stay local. It’s so important because this gives an opportunity for us to help our small businesses thrive in the community. You can help support by shopping at the local shops, dining out or visiting local places.”

According to Schweitzer, “Small Businesses help the local economy in many ways! The first is that they provide more jobs locally that have a more meaningful impact to the community. The second is that they provide economic activity for the area and help stimulate the economy.”

When asked why a small business should

join the FBA, Schweitzer responded, “FBA is always looking for new businesses to join our organization. Whether you are located in Fishkill or your business serves Fishkill. You can submit an application through our website Fishkill Business Association (<https://fishkillbusinessassociation.com> Business Request) and then someone from the organization will reach out to you.

“The Fishkill Business Association is always looking for volunteers, new members and anyone interested in becoming a board member. We encourage you to come out to our events and to check us out on Facebook to stay up to date with the latest information!” Schweitzer exclaimed.

## County to participate in Thanksgiving STOP-DWI enforcement campaign

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro announced police agencies throughout Dutchess County will participate in a special enforcement effort to crack down on impaired driving to coincide with the national Thanksgiving holiday. The statewide STOP-DWI High Visibility Enforcement Campaign effort starts on Wednesday, Nov. 23rd and will end on Sunday, Nov. 27th.

The Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office, New York State Police and municipal law enforcement agencies will collaborate across the state and will be out in force in this coordinated effort to reduce the number of alcohol-related injuries and deaths during this period.

The Thanksgiving holiday period is among the most active on U.S. roadways, with the American Automobile Association estimating some 55 million motorists traveled for the holiday in 2019,

the vast majority of whom drove to their destination. According to the National Safety Council, 29 percent of driving fatalities during the 2019 Thanksgiving holiday period involved an alcohol-impaired driver.

County Executive Molinaro said, “Thanksgiving unites loved ones from across the miles to celebrate all our blessings as Americans. While many of these joyous gatherings may include alcohol, it’s incumbent on those imbibing to plan a safe ride home – both for their own safety and the safety of those with whom they share the road. There is no excuse for impaired driving, and as they do every day, the dedicated men and women of law enforcement will purge local roadways of inebriated motorists during the Thanksgiving weekend.”

The Thanksgiving Engagement Campaign is one of many statewide

enforcement initiatives promoted by the New York State STOP-DWI Association with additional funding from the STOP-DWI Foundation with a grant from the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee. The Statewide STOP-DWI Crackdown Campaign also targets Super Bowl Sunday, Memorial Day weekend, 4th of July, Labor Day weekend, Halloween and national Holiday Season in December.

While STOP-DWI efforts across New York have led to significant reductions in the numbers of alcohol- and drug-related fatalities, still too many lives are being lost because of crashes caused by drunk or impaired drivers. Highly visible, highly publicized efforts like the STOP-DWI Crackdown Campaign aim to further reduce the incidence of drunk and impaired driving. Residents can make a difference with a sober plan by downloading the “Have a Plan” mobile app.

## State Police arrest E.F. man on criminal possession of a weapon

The New York State Police announced the arrest of Essam A. Saleh, 29, of East Fishkill, for Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the third-degree, a class D felony on November 15.

According to a press release from State Police, at approximately 2:10 p.m., Troopers conducted a traffic stop on a 2015 Mercedes-Benz 500 on the Taconic State Parkway in East Fishkill for multiple vehicle and traffic law violations. An investigation determined the operator, Essam Saleh, was in illegal possession of a Palmetto State Armory PSAK-47 rifle, stated the release.

Saleh was issued an appearance ticket returnable to the town of East Fishkill Court on December 29.

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**Uplands Farm – Stephen Van Tassell**

“Uplands farm was purchased in 1922 by my Great Grandfather, a New York City businessman with no farm knowledge or experience. He brought my adult grandfather here to help. My father Henry was born and farmed lifelong. The early days where a subsistence model that helped the family survive the Great Depression. Over the decades, dairy became the focus as it remains today.

“I was born with a consuming desire to continue the dairy farm. I had the opportunity to breed and manage the herd to my desire. I married Jill and we chose to work solely on the farm with no off-farm jobs or support to raise our family in what I still feel was an idyllic lifestyle.

“The economic conditions during that period changed dramatically, including dismal margins due to low milk price and an increased requirement for cash/income to cover real estate taxes that went from \$800 annually in the 1970s to near \$30,000 today. We also had a young and extended family to support.

“We have developed business relationships, which continue to help keep us viable. I consider myself one of the most fortunate people in the history of man. I wake every morning looking forward to the day ahead. I have never been hungry and I have been surrounded by some of the finest people around the world through a lifetime in the dairy business. Uplands Farm remains an important core to a diverse group of family and friends and I hope it lasts forever.”

**Clover Brooke Farm – Andrea Parent-Tibbetts**

“As first generation farmers, my husband and I started our farming journey in 2016 with much to learn about farming and long-term sustainability as our goal. Our first major project was rebuilding the century old dairy farm that had not been managed for 30 years, prior to our purchase. Rebuilding infrastructure on the farm, clearing pastures, installing over 5,000 feet of fencing, repairing/rebuilding barns, building animal shelters and improving soil health for long-term grazing/crop production, while tackling most of the projects ourselves to save on outside labor costs, consumed all of our savings.

“We have learned that diversification is paramount to the survival of most businesses and farming is no different. We recognized we had to find ways to recover some of our costs to continue our projects that we had envisioned for the farm. We looked at ways to use the assets we had invested in (beautiful bucolic farm, friendly animals, past careers in education and finance) and decided to open our farm up to visitors.

“We jumped into social media at record speed, establishing our presence on an assortment of online platforms, networked to spread our name, collaborated with like-minded organizations, and developed a ‘Virtual Farm Visit Experience’ during COVID, which was picked up by national media.

“We raise llamas, alpacas, sheep and goats, producing luxurious yarns and other fiber products for sale. We also offer Llamaste Yoga and Lavender Loofahs and have partnered with Fearless Farmers, Inc. to offer Regenerative Farming classes for summer campers and elementary school groups. We welcome



*Llamaste Yoga and Lavender Loofah Classes in collaboration with Wander Women Retreat are just one of the many opportunities for visitors to the Clover Brooke Farm in Hyde Park. Area farmers are diversifying their operations and taking advantage of their surroundings to attract visitors and add income in non-traditional ways.*

-Courtesy photo

over 4,500 visitors a year to the farm who enjoy our many experiences, becoming an Agri-tourism destination for many looking to vacation in The Hudson Valley. “Farm on!”

**Hardeman Orchards – John Hardeman**

“I grew up on the farm I currently operate. My father managed it until he retired and then I managed it until I bought my own orchard. In the late 1990s, with Scenic Hudson’s pilot program to purchase development rights to protect farmland, I was able to buy this farm. “I operated both orchards, which were about 100 acres in production, and then sold the remote orchard to reduce the debt load and focus on the home orchards. Over time as the dynamic of the apple industry changed (a slump in apple prices, government regulations, loss of local support businesses) the larger orchards got bigger and smaller ones diversified or closed.

“I scaled back the orchard to retail and pick-your-own and started to make hay, grow some corn and lease out land to a neighbor to grow barley for the local malt/beer companies.

“I have recently started to use one of my barns as a seasonal music venue and for weddings as a way to supplement farm income.

“It has become more difficult to move a large amount of apples by retail. I rarely sell bushels, half bushels or even quarter bushels (the later being about 12 lbs.) of apples as peoples don’t cook and bake as much as they use to and tend to buy a few apples at the supermarket. Also, the fruit choices at big stores has increased (years ago it was apples, citrus and bananas) due to global trade.

“I never started farming to get rich, but more as a lifestyle. I enjoy the seasonal diversity, working outside, the connection to the environment, planting and nurturing crops to production and supplying food to people.”

**Hudson Valley Flower Farm – Shelley Wollert**

Wollert visited a U-Pick cut flower farm with friends (and sisters) Christina and Clarice Jensen in September of 2021. They were all so moved by the experience, they decided to start their own business as a cut-flower growing collective, farming on their individual properties in Beekman, Beacon and Hillsdale and combining the fruits of their labor.

Wollert left her 10-year career as a technical project manager to spearhead

ance investing in the farm vs. profits, especially since this was our first year and we had a lot of start-up costs. But I am optimistic that we have found an enthusiastic and appreciative market here in the Hudson Valley for local cut flowers that will continue to grow,” said Wollert.

“This year was our first season at Hudson Valley Flower Farm, so we are learning a lot about growing in a sustainable way - making sure to nourish the soil and our pollinators to maintain a balanced ecosystem. In planning for next season, we looked at which varieties of flowers did particularly well for us and we are also appealing to buyers. We are focused on growing more of what works in order to make the most of what we can produce on our parcels.”

Hudson Valley Flower Farm offers local, sustainable flowers and handmade gifts in custom arrangements for purchase, for special events large and small, and wholesale to premium local shops, florists, and businesses.

“Like so many people,” said Wollert, “living through the pandemic has made me rethink just about everything. There was a reshuffling of priorities and a yearning more than ever to make beautiful things that spark human connection and happiness. Hudson Valley Flower Farm is that happy place for me.”



*The staff at Uplands Dairy Farm in Verbank/Millbrook includes, from left, Veronica Howard, Jaime Venega-Santos, owner Stephen Van Tassell and Amanda Lacaillade.*

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# Introducing the Class of 2022 for the Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame



The Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame's Class of 2022. The induction ceremony took place on November 13 in LaGrangeville.

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The Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame (1958 – 2022) enters its sixty-fourth year celebrating the game of baseball. We honor players, coaches, sponsors, umpires, and others for their contributions to baseball.

Announced to The Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame Class of 2022 are Tim Allen, Steve Kost, Bill Mercurio, Danny Miller, Bill Pauldine, Mick Santivenere, Jake Slate, Harold Tompkins, and Mick Whittemore.

Kevin Kirk, Dover High School. and Bobby Lefever, Franklin D. Roosevelt High School will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

The Induction Ceremony was held on November 13 at the Freedom Plains Presbyterian Church in La Grangeville.

The membership meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at noon at Madison's Pizza, Pleasant Valley. New members are welcomed to join. If one has any questions or nominations for the Class of 2023, contact Skip Rottkamp at 845-297-3546, or [cyrilrottkamp@gmail.com](mailto:cyrilrottkamp@gmail.com).

# DCHS exhibit of Caroline Clowes' animal paintings on display at Locust Grove



Dutchess County Historical Society Executive Director Bill Jeffway (left) and Board of Directors President Rob Doyle speak at the opening of the Caroline Clowes exhibit. Below is part of the exhibit.

-Photos by Curtis Schmidt



## 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is live

The first nationwide three-digit mental health crisis hotline is up and running. It is designed to be as easy to remember as 911, but when you dial 988, a dispatcher will connect callers with trained mental health counselors.

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The Dutchess County Historical Society's (DCHS) latest flagship exhibit, "Fertile Ground: The Hudson Valley Animal Paintings of Caroline Clowes," is on display at the Locust Grove Estate in Poughkeepsie through the end of December.

Potentially one of the foremost female artists of her day, Caroline Clowes was lost to history until a chance re-discovery several years ago.

"This is a truly historic exhibition. It is the first such assembly of the paintings of Caroline Clowes, the nationally acclaimed 19th century LaGrange artist whose reputation had been allowed to fade. Visitors will not only enjoy her paintings, but learn about the story of a woman of talent and persistence who succeeded in a male-dominated field," said Bill Jeffway, DCHS executive director.

## Ulster Savings Bank's Community Appreciation Day Dec. 3

The community is invited to Ulster Savings Bank's Holiday Celebration and Community Appreciation Day on Saturday, December 3, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Red Hook branch at 7296 South Broadway. Santa will be on hand to have your picture taken with him. There will be free refreshments (while supplies last). Plus, there will be fun games and activities, such as the popular Wheel of Prizes\*, sugar cookie decorating, and crafts for kids. Local vendors will be

joining the festivities for your holiday shopping. Please bring a new ornament to decorate the tree which will be donated to Team Nora.

\*No account opening is required and will not increase your chances of winning. Employees and immediate family members of Ulster Savings Bank and its subsidiaries are not eligible to win. Entrants must be 18 years of age or older. One entry per person. Taxes, if applicable, are the responsibility of the winner.

## 2022 Holiday Tours offered at Mount Gulian Historic Site



Mount Gulian Holiday Tours will be offered December 10, 11, 14, 15, 16 and 18. -Courtesy photo

Mount Gulian Historic Site, the Dutch Colonial home of the Verplanck family, invites the public to join them for a close-to-home, relaxing time of good cheer and good company this holiday season.

The site's historic rooms will be beautifully decorated in different styles: opulent Victorian style décor adorning the dining room; charming, rustic decor in the study; contemporary holiday displays embellishing the home's main room. Adding to the twinkle of holiday decorations, the museum's collection of fine decorative pieces will contribute to the home's comfort and cheer.

Mount Gulian will be open for Holiday

Tours on Saturday & Sunday, December 10, 11; on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, December 14, 15, 16 and on Sunday, December 18. Tours on all days will be offered at noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Reservations are required and may be made by calling Mount Gulian at 845-831-8172 or email at info@mountgulian.org. Prepayment is not required.

Admission is \$12 adult; \$10 senior; \$6 children 6-18. Children under 6 and Mount Gulian members are free.

Membership is open to the public.

For further information please call 845-831-8172 or email info@mountgulian.org

## FELDMAN, KLEIDMAN, COFFEY & SAPPE LLP RECEIVES 'BEST LAW FIRM' DESIGNATION



### Hudson Valley Law Firm Named Among U.S. News Best Lawyers® 'Best Law Firms' of 2023

Successfully trying cases at all levels of state and federal courts throughout the Hudson Valley and Capital District for more than 36 years, Fishkill-based law firm Feldman, Kleidman, Coffey & Sappe LLP (FKC&S) announces that it has been selected for inclusion in the U.S. News – Best Lawyers® “Best Law Firms” of 2023, receiving a Tier 1 designation in the White Plains, NY metro area for Personal Injury Litigation-Defendants and a Tier 2 designation in the area of Medical Malpractice-Defendants. The U.S. News - Best Lawyers® "Best Law Firms" rankings are based on a rigorous evaluation process, and FKC&S has been recognized since its First Edition in 2010.

Pictured, from left, are FKC&S partners Jeffrey M. Feldman, Kathryn C. Collins and Robert R. Sappe.

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## Dates in December announced for breast, ovarian, gynecological support groups

Support Connections announces breast, ovarian, gynecological support groups in December

Support Connection, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization that provides free, confidential support services and programs for people affected by breast, ovarian, or other gynecological cancers. They offer monthly support groups which focus on topics pertaining to living with breast, ovarian, and gynecological cancer through all stages of diagnosis, treatment, and post-treatment.

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, support groups have been transitioned to virtual platforms (ZOOM or toll-free teleconference). Virtual groups are accessible to women from the comfort of

their homes, regardless of where they live, and the organization does have a nationwide reach. All groups are open to new members as well as past participants. Advance registration is required: call 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290 to register.

To view support groups in the calendar: <https://supportconnection.org/calendar/>

Please also note: Support Connection's Peer Counselors are available for unlimited, one-on-one individual counseling and assistance via phone and email: call 800-532-4290 or submit an online request at [supportconnection.org/contact-a-counselor](https://supportconnection.org/contact-a-counselor).

The following virtual support groups are scheduled for December:

#### Breast, Ovarian, & Gynecological Cancer Zoom Support Groups:

- December 1 at 10 a.m.
- December 7 at 7 p.m.
- December 13 at 10 a.m.
- December 15 at 7 p.m.
- December 21 at 7 p.m.
- December 28 at 7 p.m.

#### Advanced Stage or Metastatic Breast Cancer Toll-Free Telephone Support Group:

- December 5 at 7 p.m.

#### Ovarian Cancer Toll-Free Telephone Support Group:

- December 14 at 7 p.m.

#### Advanced Stage or Metastatic Breast and Ovarian Cancer Zoom Support Group:

- December 16 at 12:30 p.m.

#### Breast Cancer Zoom Support Group:

- December 19 at 7 p.m.

## Budget Committee of Legislature amends, advances 2023 county budget

The Budget, Finance, and Personnel Committee meeting of the Dutchess County Legislature adopted amendments to the 2023 Executive Budget and approved by a 9-3 vote to advance the budget to the entire Legislature. A Public Hearing on the tentative budget will be held on December 5 at 7 p.m. and a vote of final adoption on December 8 at 7 p.m. Budget amendments adopted include the following:

- \$500,000 in additional funding for the Municipal Investment Grant program in the Planning & Development Department, for \$1,000,000 total.
- \$200,000 in additional funding for the

Children's Service Cabinet in the DCFS-Youth Admin Department, for \$217,000 total.

- \$150,000 in additional funding for the Office of the Aging's community outreach, for \$246,500 total.

• \$4,000 in additional funding for the Dutchess County Behavioral & Community Health Department's Veterinary Services, for \$22,000 total.

- \$25,000 in additional funding for the Sheriff Department's SPCA program, for \$103,000 total.

• \$50,000 in additional funding for Emergency Response in the professional service program, for \$298,883 total.

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## SUDOKU

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

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.

	1		7					3
	2		4	3		9		
7	9				1			
2						6		8
			5		4			
3		1						4
			6				1	9
		4		8	7		2	
1					5		8	

## Suguru

1		2			4
4			4		
	5				

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. Moos
5. Spaghetti, for one
10. Highway
14. Oil exporter
15. Change
16. Locality
17. Foreign dollar
18. Get up
19. No, in Nürnberg
20. Cafe employee
23. Bakery displays
24. Prefix for classical or natal
25. Sewer's need
28. Blood channels
33. Splitting \_\_; quibbling
34. Ring-shaped island
35. Title for a cop: abbr.
36. Biblical book
37. \_\_ the Elder; a ancient Roman author
38. Movie: Sp.
39. After taxes
40. Train tracks
41. Hymn singers
42. Pope or Orwell
44. Deliverers of past decades
45. Repairman's truck
46. Just
47. Not reasonable
54. Continent
55. Shed crocodile tears
56. Recess
58. \_\_ for; summoned
59. Fathers
60. Possible sign of rheumatoid arthritis
61. Pine or palm
62. Set out
63. Institution on the Thames

### DOWN

1. Facial feature
2. Mine discoveries
3. Do a household chore
4. Priers
5. Glued
6. Certain singers
7. Name in lights
8. Night light
9. Passionately
10. Deep spite
11. Nabisco snack
12. First four of five
13. Moist and chilly
21. Coastal inlets
22. Virginia \_\_
25. Scottish clan chief
26. Parts of horse collars
27. Uprisings
28. Slanted
29. Reagan and Howard
30. Regional expression
31. "\_\_, meenie..."
32. No-nonsense
34. Muhammad and others
37. Opposite of "agonizing"
38. Capital city
40. Tatum's dad
41. One-quarter of MIV
43. Emulate Earhart
44. Swarm over
46. Mammal that swims
47. Hot spot
48. Drug addict
49. Prong
50. Send out
51. \_\_ song; cheaply
52. Spoils
53. Dummy
57. Mr. Berry

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
14					15						16			
17					18						19			
	20			21						22				
			23					24						
25	26	27					28	29				30	31	32
33						34						35		
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39				40						41				
42			43							44				
			45					46						
47	48	49				50	51					52	53	
54						55						56		57
58						59						60		
61						62						63		

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

# County to host 6th Annual 'ThinkDIFFERENTLY' Conference

Dutchess County will host the sixth annual Collaboration of Services and Care Across the Life Span for People of All Abilities ThinkDIFFERENTLY conference on December 2 at 9 a.m. The conference will be held in a hybrid format, both in person at The Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home located at 4079 Albany Post Road in Hyde Park and virtually on Microsoft Teams. The event is for families and providers to discuss planning care for someone with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Registration is required and can be done at [dutchessny.gov/tdconference](http://dutchessny.gov/tdconference).

County Executive Molinaro said, "Dutchess County puts emphasis on supporting those of all abilities and our goal is helping families navigate through life

and be aware of the many programs and services available to them. Bringing providers and families together is a great way to continue the conversation on best practices and decide where there may be room for improvement. As we launch the development of our All Abilities Action Plan, we are thrilled to host this collaborative event for those with disabilities and service providers."

Dutchess County's Director of Emergency Management Bill Beale will provide the keynote presentation, discussing emergency preparedness with a focus on those with disabilities. He will address families that may include a person with special needs and how they can prepare themselves to assist their loved ones during an emergency.

Throughout the afternoon, guest

speakers will share insight and discuss resources and services valuable to residents of all abilities during different periods in their lives.

Presentation topics include:

- Early Intervention (EI) and Preschool: discuss processes and differences in evaluation from EI to Preschool for speech and other services.
- The IEP and 504: how to seamlessly navigate these processes and programs.
- Transition Planning: providing information on the support and services available during transitional periods for those ages 15-21.
- Adult Opportunities: providing opportunities for adults of all abilities such as the ThinkAHEAD college program through Dutchess Community College or employment opportunities in programs such as "Think Jobs."

The afternoon will conclude with an "open discussion" for parents, where they will have the opportunity to speak with other parents, ask questions, and gather information to better serve their family members with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Dutchess County All-Abilities Director Dana Hopkins shared, "The annual ThinkDIFFERENTLY conference is a day that many in our community look forward to. Attendees can hear from and speak directly to the providers that serve their family members. I truly believe there is

such value in that. Each year we have received positive feedback that attendees have left with a wealth of knowledge. On the other side, community providers, benefit from hearing from families and caretakers on current needs as it enables us to best serve our residents of all abilities."

Molinaro recently presented his proposed 2023 budget that included Dutchess County's forthcoming ThinkDIFFERENTLY All Abilities Action Plan. The action plan will expand the established ThinkDIFFERENTLY's initiative as well as set new goals with actionable items to make the Dutchess County community more accessible for those of all abilities to live, work and learn.

Molinaro created the "Think DIFFERENTLY" initiative in 2015 as a way of fostering a more welcoming and inclusive community for individuals of all abilities. Since its inception, more than 100 municipalities throughout New York State and several others across the nation have followed Dutchess County's example and have passed Think DIFFERENTLY resolutions, committing to create a more inclusive and supportive environment for individuals of all abilities.

More information about Dutchess County's efforts to ThinkDIFFERENTLY, as well as ways communities can be more supportive of those of every ability, is available at [thinkdifferently.net](http://thinkdifferently.net).

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## Central Hudson names Joseph Hally V.P. of Regulatory Affairs

Joseph Hally has been named Vice President of Regulatory Affairs for Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation. The appointment will be effective on January 1, 2023.

"Joe has distinguished himself at Central Hudson over many years by working to advance policies that benefit customers and strengthen the communities we serve," said Charles Freni, President and CEO of Central Hudson. "We are excited for Joe to continue leveraging his experience and capabilities in this new role."

Hally started working at Central Hudson in 2004 and has held leadership roles in Finance, Strategic Planning, Energy Transformation and Treasury. He is currently the Manager of Regulatory Affairs.

Hally will report to Sharon McGinnis, who is currently Central Hudson's Senior Vice President of Human Resource & Safety. Effective January 1, 2023,



Joseph Hally

## this week's puzzle solutions

SUDOKU

This week's answer

1	6	2	3	9	5	4	8	7
9	3	4	1	8	7	5	2	6
8	7	5	6	4	2	3	1	9
3	5	1	8	2	6	7	9	4
6	8	9	5	7	4	1	3	2
2	4	7	9	1	3	6	5	8
7	9	3	2	6	1	8	4	5
5	2	6	4	3	8	9	7	1
4	1	8	7	5	9	2	6	3

L	O	W	S	P	A	S	T	A	R	O	A	D	
I	R	A	N	A	L	T	E	R	A	R	E	A	
P	E	S	O	S	T	A	N	D	N	E	I	N	
S	H	O	R	T	O	R	D	E	R	C	O	O	
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A	M	O	S	P	L	I	N	I	C	I	N	E	
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S	E	N	T	S	I	R	E	S	N	O	D	E	
T	R	E	E	S	T	A	R	T	E	T	O	N	

Suguru solution

1	5	4	3	5	1
4	3	2	1	2	3
1	5	4	3	5	4
4	2	1	2	1	2
1	3	5	3	5	3
4	2	1	2	4	1

McGinnis' position will evolve to include oversight of regulatory affairs for the company in addition to her existing responsibilities.

Hally has a BS in Business Administration and an MBA in Finance from the State University of New York at Albany. Prior to joining Central Hudson, Hally worked for Consolidated Edison and Orange & Rockland Utilities in various positions.

Hally is a Dutchess County resident. He has volunteered as Central Hudson's Campaign Chair for the United Way and has served on the Board of Directors of Gateway Hudson Valley, a regional non-profit social service agency, since 2018.

# Elks honor middle school students



The Beacon Elks recognized the Students of the Month for the 6th, 7th and 8th grade students at Rombout Middle School of September and October of this school year.

Pictured from left, are Lodge Youth Activities Chair /Past District Deputy Carl Oken, September Award Winners Kylie Ebeling, Jude Williams, Dean Getter, and October Award Winners Ryan Suica, Giovanni Bowley and absent from the photo Josefine Zezza.

The Elks and Glazed Over Donuts sponsor this event with certificates and gift cards to Glazed Over Donuts.

-Courtesy photo

# Zoom conference for young women with breast, ovarian or other gynecological cancers

Support Connection, Inc. announces a free program: Young Women's Open Discussion for Women With Breast, Ovarian, or Gynecological Cancer will be held via ZOOM video conference on December 6, from 7 – 8 p.m.

Open to women nationwide, ages 20 – 40 years old, who have or have had breast, ovarian or gynecological cancer. The discussion will be led by two of Support Connection's Peer Counselors, who were both diagnosed with cancer as young women. Pre-registration is required. To register, call Support Connection, 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290. Must register no

later than 5 p.m. on December 5.

There is no age discrimination for cancer. Support Connection understands there are unique challenges faced by young women living with a diagnosis of breast, ovarian or gynecological cancer.

This is not an educational program; there will be no professionals speaking about the medical or psychosocial aspects of cancer. Open Discussions present a valuable opportunity to connect with others with similar concerns who understand what one is going through, and a chance to help one another by sharing information, resources, and coping strategies.

# Truman Capote's 'A Christmas Memory' Dec. 4

Truman Capote's "A Christmas Memory" will be presented by Fort Beacon Studios and Howland Cultural Center at 6 p.m. on December 4. Reading by Scott Ramsey and directed by Barry Hoff. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Limited tickets are available.

Tickets available at [howlandculturalcenter.tix.com](http://howlandculturalcenter.tix.com). Masks are recommended.

All proceeds go to the Big Horizon Fund for fine arts scholarships.

The Howland Cultural Center is at 477 Main St. in Beacon.

# Women's parish club to host annual Christmas Fair

The Women's Parish Club of St. Joachim - St. John the Evangelist Church will be holding its Annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 3rd from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 4th from 8:30 a.m.

to 2 p.m. It will be held in St. Joachim's gymnasium, on Leonard Street in Beacon.

Breakfast and lunch will also be available. Outside vendors are not used at this event.

# 'A Tree Glows in Beacon'

"A Tree Glows in Beacon," the formation of a human "Christmas tree," will take place at Memorial Park on the Pop Warner Hill on November 27. Takes place at 4 p.m. (arrive by 3:30 p.m. for instructions).

Attendees should bring an ugly sweater, colorful hats (for the ornaments), and a flashlight or lantern (for the tree lights). All will form a human "Christmas tree."



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# Historical society to host Sinterklaas program

In tribute to the Dutch origins of the Mesier Homestead, the Wappingers Historical Society celebrates the holiday season with a program for children entitled, "Sinterklaas and Dutch Holiday Traditions." This family-oriented program will take place in-person at the Mesier Homestead on Sunday, December 4. Program times are 1 p.m., 2:15 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Sinterklaas, also known as St. Nicholas, is dear to the hearts of Dutch children. Each year in Dutch homes, St. Nicholas Day is celebrated as a family, with lively songs, treats and gift giving. Program attendees will learn about the history of Sinterklaas and the holiday traditions that the early Dutch settlers brought with them to New Netherland, and discover how

Sinterklaasavond (St. Nicholas Eve) was celebrated in the home with food and sweet treats. Children will also be treated to a special Sinterklaas story time and a surprise visit by a special guest, Sinterklaas himself!

Tickets are \$5 per child; one accompanying adult is free with each child ticket. Adults not accompanying a child are \$8. Due to limited space at each session, advance ticket purchase is suggested. Tickets can be purchase through the Wappingers Historical Society website at [www.wappingershistoricalsociety.org](http://www.wappingershistoricalsociety.org). The Mesier Homestead is located at 2 Spring Street, Wappingers Falls. For more information, please call 845-632-1281.



The Wappingers Historical Society will host a program "Sinterklaas and Dutch Holiday Traditions" on December 4 in Wappingers Falls.

-Courtesy photo

## 'Oh, What Fun!' Holiday Party set for December 10 in Fishkill

"Oh, What Fun!" Holiday Party will be hosted by Women's Professional Network (WPN) on December 10, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal

Parish House, 5 Elm Street, in Fishkill. Attendees will have a catered dinner from Antonella's and special dessert choice of

beverages, wine. Cost is \$30 per person (WPN Members) through Venmo (no registration fee). For on-WPN members cost is

\$32 per person through Eventbrite only. No tickets at the door. Registration deadline: 6 p.m. on Dec. 5.

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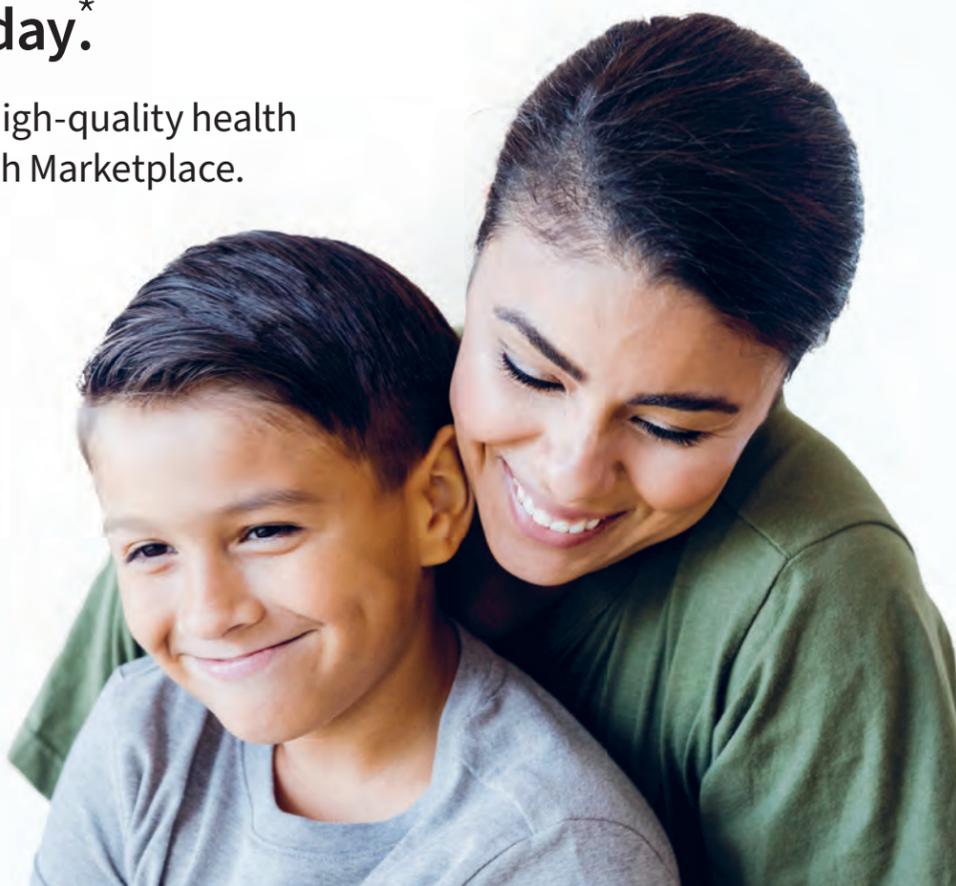
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# Obituaries

## Susan Calogero Tyler



**POUGHKEEPSIE** - Susan Calogero Tyler, 48, of Poughkeepsie, NY passed away on November 10, 2022. She was born on March 11, 1974 in Bronx, New York to Cesare and Adline Calogero. Susan was a Graduate of Arlington High School and also was a graduate of Dutchess Community College. Susan was a Medical Assistant for New Beginnings Plastic Surgery. Susan was a life long local resident. Her children were her life. She was the wife of Robin L. Tyler they were married August 12, 2020 in Jacksonville, Florida. Survivors include her spouse Robin Tyler Poughkeepsie New York, parents

Cesare and Adline Calogero Vero Beach Florida, son Nicolas O'Dell Poughquag New York, daughter Makayla Tyler Mayfield New York, son Alex O'Dell Poughquag New York, son Devin O'Dell Poughquag New York, daughter Kaylee Tyler Lagrange New York, brother Alfredo Calogero Vero Beach Florida, sister Sandra Calogero Lagrange New York, several nieces and nephews. Friends called on Friday, November 18, 2022 at Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home, 371 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY. Funeral Service were held Friday November 18, 2022. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. Memorial donations can be made to <http://gofund.me/82b78f5e> If you would like to send an online condolence to the family, please visit our website at [www.doylefuneralhome.com](http://www.doylefuneralhome.com).

## Barbara Penzetta



**BEACON** - Barbara Penzetta, a longtime resident of Beacon, entered into rest on November 16, 2022 at the Kaplan Family Hospice Residence in Newburgh. She was 81 years old. Barbara was born on January 3, 1941 in Poughkeepsie; the daughter of the late Raymond and Mary Klim Smith. On February 14, 1960 she married Anthony "Tony" Penzetta and they enjoyed 62 years of married life. Mr. Penzetta survives at home. Barbara worked for the Beacon City School District and retired as a secretary for the Board of Education. In addition to her husband, Barbara is survived by her daughter, Tracey Yeaple (Chris); her son, Nick

(Marjorie) Penzetta; her grandchildren, Gabriela Penzetta, Olivia Yeaple, Jessica Penzetta and Emma Yeaple; her brother, Raymond Smith and his wife, Barbara; several nieces and nephews as well as many close friends she has made through the years. In addition to her parents, Barbara was predeceased by her brother, Robert Smith. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, November 19, at St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 Willow Street, Beacon. Burial followed at St. Joachim Cemetery, 325 Washington Avenue, Beacon. To send a personal condolence please visit [www.riverviewbyhalvey.com](http://www.riverviewbyhalvey.com). Funeral arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

## Dariana Marie Jimison



**EAST FISHKILL** - Dariana Marie Jimison, 24, a resident of Hopewell Junction since 2000, passed away at home surrounded by her family on November 16, 2022 after a 10-year courageous battle with cancer. Dariana was born in the Bronx on December 14, 1997. She graduated from Arlington High School in 2016. Dariana is survived by her mother, Lisa Byrne; her father, James Jimison; her brothers, Benjamin Jimison and James Jimison; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Calling hours were held on Friday, November 18, 2022 at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. Donations may

be made in Dariana's memory to Angels of Light Hudson Valley ([www.angels-of-light-hv.org](http://www.angels-of-light-hv.org)) or the Ryan McElroy Foundation ([www.ryansfoundation.org](http://www.ryansfoundation.org)). Please visit her Book of Memories at [www.mchoulfuneralhome.com](http://www.mchoulfuneralhome.com).

## Christina R. Robb



**BEACON** - Christina R. Robb, a lifelong resident of Beacon, passed away on November 10, 2022 at her home. She was 48 years old. Christina was born on January 30, 1974 in Cortlandt Manor, the daughter of Elena Lounsbury Robb and the late John M. Robb who predeceased her in 2004. Christina had worked as a hairdresser at several local establishments. She loved her family and friends. In addition to her mother, Christina is survived by her sister, Joy Robb Maloney and her husband, Jonathan; her brother, Joseph M. Robb; her nieces and nephew, Taryn Maloney, Trista Maloney and Seth Maloney; several aunts, uncles and cousins. Family and friends gathered on Wednesday, November 16 at

Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A funeral service was held at the funeral home. Private cremation followed and burial of her cremated remains were on Friday, November 18 at St. Joachim Cemetery, 325 Washington Avenue, Beacon. To send a personal condolence please visit [www.riverviewbyhalvey.com](http://www.riverviewbyhalvey.com). Funeral arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

## Citizens Preparedness Training coming to Pleasant Valley Nov. 30

The Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response has scheduled its next Citizens Preparedness Training. The free session will be held in partnership with the Town of Pleasant Valley on Wednesday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m., at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall, located at 1554 Main St. in Pleasant Valley. During

the training, participants will learn resources and skills necessary to better prepare for any type of disaster. No registration required; walk-ins are welcome.

Additional trainings will be scheduled at various locations throughout the county in the coming months. For information, visit [www.dutchessny.gov](http://www.dutchessny.gov).

## CCEDC provides key resources to help agricultural community

Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County (CCEDC) offers the local agricultural community the resources that are needed in order to survive, which are especially important during tough economic times.

"Much of what we do is through one-on-one conversations as each operation has specific needs and challenges, said Jennifer Fimbel, Dutchess County Agricultural Navigator

She said the hot topics for 2022 were rising fertilizer costs, Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), the lack of USDA slaughter facilities and start-up farms.

"I am asked at least twice a week about how a landowner can reduce their taxes through adding a farming venture or from new farmers looking to acquire farmland," she said. "CCEDC is part of the American Farmland Trust NY's Regional Navigator network. Through their website 'Farmland For A New Generation NY,' we are able to provide them with an entire network of farmers looking to farm. We also offer landowners information on how farm lease works here in the Hudson Valley, ventures that might work best on their soils and should they farm the land themselves or find a farmer to work the land independently."

Fimbel said (HPAI) or bird flu has been, and continues to be an issue in NYS.

"By keeping not only commercial poultry producers informed about preventing HPAI in their flocks, but also home flocks, we only had one case in Dutchess County," she said. "HPAI is a real threat to those who depend on poultry for eggs, meat and breeding stock.

It isn't going away and we partner with our colleagues from around the state and NYS Agriculture and Markets for reporting and preventing HPAI in our domestic flocks."

Fertilizer costs were at an all-time high this past year and farmers were concerned how to best mitigate the risks of producing at higher costs or reducing yields on their products. "We discussed with individual farmers about the spring fertilizer costs, where costs might be cut and the ramifications on yields, giving them the tools they need to make decisions about their crops," said Fimbel.

The lack of local slaughter facilities has been a constant discussion, according to Fimbel. "We encouraged partnerships between farmers to ease travel time and keep the food system moving. Slaughterhouses are not an easy sell in many parts of the county and finding labor is even more difficult. The pieces aren't all there, but we have been working on it."

She said CCEDC's partnership with Dutchess County for the Ag Navigator program has again offered the "Farming in Dutchess" virtual series. Topics have been of interest to a variety of people, including school districts, municipal officials, farmers and landowners.

"We also work with municipal officials when they have questions about what qualifies as agriculture, building permit fees, zoning and Agriculture Valued Assessment," said Fimbel. "Agriculture is not an easy business and we at CCEDC offer the resources to allow our famers to make the decisions that best suit their operations."

## Astor Services seeks donations for 'Adopt-A-Family' program

With the holiday season upon us, Astor Services, a non-profit organization providing mental/behavioral health and educational services to thousands of children, adolescents, adults and their families throughout the Hudson Valley and the Bronx, is seeking monetary donations for its annual Adopt-A-Family program to help local families in need.

For more than 25 years, the Adopt-A-Family program has paired children enrolled in Astor programs and their families (18 and under) with donors who purchase gifts for them during the holidays.

During the pandemic, safety procedures and modifications were made to the program and the Adopt-A-Family program sought monetary donations to purchase gift cards. Cancelling this program was never an option, especially while families were struggling due to the pandemic. This year, like the last two years, instead of wrapped gifts, gift cards will be sent directly to the families of

the children registered.

"A gift card is more than just a gift; it empowers families to choose what is right for them and their children," said Trish Luchnick, Director of Family Driven Care at Astor Services. "It strengthens a family's bond and offers hope during the holidays and beyond. Last year, through the generous donations received from individuals, local businesses, and foundations, Astor's Adopt-A-Family program provided gift cards to more than 1,900 children in the Hudson Valley and the Bronx. Gift cards enable families to experience joy as their children open a gift chosen personally for them."

Astor hopes that with the community's generosity, it will be able to provide some holiday joy to families in need. For more information about the program, or to sign up to donate, visit [www.astorservices.org/adopt-a-family](http://www.astorservices.org/adopt-a-family) or contact Dana Valdez at [dvaldez@astorservices.org](mailto:dvaldez@astorservices.org).

## Free tax prep volunteers needed

In a renewal of its annual program, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is working with the Hudson Valley CASH Coalition to provide free-of-charge tax preparation services for residents of Dutchess, Orange, and Putnam counties who qualify. The program targets seniors and low-to-moderate income households, offering a seamless and free tax filing opportunity.

For the upcoming 2023 tax season, the Hudson Valley CASH Coalition and AARP Foundation are seeking volunteers. Training will be held for new volunteers in the Fall for Dutchess and Putnam residents and in January for those in Orange County. If you are interested in additional information or participating, please contact Linda Eddy at [leddy@dutchesscap.org](mailto:leddy@dutchesscap.org) or call 845-475-7500.

The Hudson Valley CASH Coalition – a union of AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County, and United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region as well as an additional 13 other community partners – works to provide much-needed services to thousands of residents in the Mid-Hudson region. Last year, 4,218 residents were assisted

through the program, with \$4.2 million in tax refunds and credits going back to families and individuals throughout the community.

There are many volunteer opportunities available for a broad range of skills and interests. An extensive accounting or finance background - or even an interest in numbers - is not necessary to volunteer. Consider joining the team in administrative and support roles such as tax site greeters, program marketing, or appointment support, should you prefer a non-mathematical assignment.

All with computer knowledge and the genuine desire to help others are encouraged to sign up! Experience with filing your own taxes will be helpful. Tax volunteer classes will offer in-depth training and conclude with IRS certification after successful completion. Note: the Hudson Valley CASH Coalition is in need of bilingual volunteers to better assist Spanish-speaking clientele.

For more information on becoming a volunteer, contact Linda Eddy 845-475-7500 or [leddy@dutchesscap.org](mailto:leddy@dutchesscap.org) for more information or go to [www.hv-cash.org](http://www.hv-cash.org).

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Wappinger will conduct a Public Hearing on the 12th day of December 2022, at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, New York, at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard as to whether the Town Board of the Town of Wappinger should adopt Local Law #7 of 2022, "A Local Law to Eliminate the Authority For Designed Residential Developments in the Town of Wappinger." The purpose of the law is to repeal 240-50 Designed Residential Development.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Town Board has reserved its right to make its Determination of Significance pursuant to SEQRA at the conclusion of the Public Hearing to be held on the adoption of the proposed Local Law.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the full text of the proposed Local Law will be available for review and inspection at the office of the Town Clerk on weekdays from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

DATED: November 5, 2022  
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER

JOSEPH P. PAOLONI  
Town Clerk  
Town of Wappinger

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCB-33-22** NAME OF PROJECT: Splash Pad At Wilcox Park. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Installation of a splash pad, including all underground water supply lines, splash pad equipment and recirculation system. The anticipated start of construction is March 27, 2023 with final completion May 26, 2023, respectively. Beginning **November 21, 2022 at 8:00AM**: Bid Specifications and Drawings may be obtained in person Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm or by mail (provide your FedEx account number or SASE) at: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon

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request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address.

The bid documents will be distributed on a USB Flash Drive. You must give the following information to obtain the flash drive: Company Name, Address, Contact Name, Phone Number, E-mail Address. A refundable deposit of \$15.00 is required for each bid set, in the form of a check made payable to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance or cash will be required for each set of bid documents. The deposit is refundable in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 102 and will be made by the County upon receipt of a written request accompanied by said USB Flash Drive. Bids due on or before **Monday, December 19, 2022 at 11:00AM** and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids for the above project will be received by: Denise Spens-Gallagher, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Due to COVID-19, the bid opening for this solicitation will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below, in-person attendance at a bid opening will not be allowed. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 537 742 253# All Addenda will be issued to Plan Holders via E-mail, but also posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County

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has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Questions will be accepted by the close of business December 2, 2022 and emailed to Denise Spens-Gallagher at [dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov](mailto:dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov) with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC # 2022012725. AP-RENTICESHIP PROGRAM: Dutchess County requires that any contractor or subcontractor have, prior to entering into a Contract for the process of building, renovating or demolishing a public building, owned, operated and maintained by Dutchess County, with a value in excess of \$250,000., a prenticeship agreements appropriate for the type and scope of work to be performed and which have been registered with NYS Department of Labor in accordance with Article 23 of the Labor Law. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS** RFB-DCB-18-22, PROJECT: REBID Dutchess Stadium New Left Field Clubhouse, Seating Bowl & Restroom Building. Prime Bids shall be received for the following classes of work: Single Prime with PLA; General Construction including Electrical, HVAC, Plumbing and Site work. The anticipated start of construction is March 1, 2023; the anticipated completion date is March 23, 2024, respectively. Beginning **November 17, 2022 at 11:00am**: Bid Specifications and Drawings may be obtained in person Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm or by mail (provide your FedEx account number or SASE) at: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. The bid documents will be distrib-

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must be visible upon delivery. A Walkthrough is scheduled for Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 10:00am and or Wednesday, November 30, 2022 10:00am at Dutchess Stadium, Main Gate, Wappingers Falls, NY. All parties interested in bidding must apprise themselves of the site conditions immediately prior to bidding; if you cannot attend the scheduled walk-through, you can contact Diane McKenna at [dmckenna@dutchessny.gov](mailto:dmckenna@dutchessny.gov). Questions will be accepted by the close of business December 15, 2022 and emailed to Diane McKenna at [dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov](mailto:dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov) and cc'd to Christopher Boston at [cboston@dutchessny.gov](mailto:cboston@dutchessny.gov) with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2022012646. AP-RENTICESHIP PROGRAM: Dutchess County requires that any contractor or subcontractor have, prior to entering into a Contract for the process of building, renovating or demolishing a public building, owned, operated and maintained by Dutchess County, with a value in excess of \$250,000., a prenticeship agreements appropriate for the type and scope of work to be performed and which have been registered with NYS Department of Labor in accordance with Article 23 of the Labor Law. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the County Legislature of Dutchess County will meet on the 5th day of December at 7:00 pm, in the Legislative Chambers, 22 Market Street, 6th Floor, Poughkeepsie, New York for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget of said county for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023, and on the Capital Improvement Program of said county for the years 2023 through 2027.

**FURTHER NOTICE** is hereby given that copies of said Tentative Budget and Capital Improvement Program are available at the Office of the Budget Director,

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Sixth Floor, County Office Building, Poughkeepsie, where they may be inspected or procured by interested persons during regular business hours. Pursuant to Section 359 of the County Law, the maximum salaries that may be fixed and payable during said fiscal year to the members of the Legislature and to the Chairman thereof respectively are hereby specified: **MEMBER, COUNTY LEGISLATURE, 20 MEMBERS** \$16,391 **MAJORITY/MINORITY ASSISTANT LEADER, COUNTY LEGISLATURE** \$20,762 **MAJORITY/MINORITY LEADER, COUNTY LEGISLATURE** \$25,133 **CHAIRMAN, COUNTY LEGISLATURE** \$34,967 **LEIGH WAGER CLERK DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE**

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-68-22 Child Welfare Mandated Preventive Services. Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 9th day of December 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Please take notice that the Planning Board of the Village of Wappingers Falls will hold a public hearing on December 1, 2022, at 7:00 pm, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the American Legion Hall, 7 Spring Street, Wappingers Falls, NY on the application submitted by Joseph Potocki of Rayex Design Group, applicant, for property having an address of 2667 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY (Grid #6158-14-302265), owned by Greenacre Holdings, LLC and located in the Village Commercial (VC) Zoning District.

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The applicant is proposing to operate a take-out restaurant, and make associated changes to the façade and parking area. A copy of this application is on file in the Planning and Zoning Department and is available for inspection when the Department is open, Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. The telephone number is 845-297-5277. All interested persons may appear in person, by agent, or by attorney, and all will be heard. Date: November 16, 2022

**LEGAL NOTICE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**

that the Chelsea Fire District of the Town of Wappinger, County of Dutchess, Chelsea, New York, will hold a special meeting on Monday, November 28th, 2022. The meeting will commence at 7:00 p.m., at the Chelsea Fire District Office located at 15 Liberty Street, in the Town of Wappinger, and is open to the public.

This notification is being given in accordance with the provisions of Section 94 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York. By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Chelsea Fire District. Claire Gibson  
Fire District Secretary  
Chelsea Fire District

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF WAPPINGER**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Wappinger will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the 28th day of November, at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, Town of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, New York, at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to offer comments and suggestions on the Town's intended use of Community Development Block Grant Funds for calendar year 2022. Following the Public Hearing, the Town intends to make application for Community Development Block Grant Funds pursuant to the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development's Community Development Block Grant Program. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Town Board has determined that pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c) (21), the adoption of the aforementioned

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# Ulster Savings Bank announces promotions

Ulster Savings Bank has announced the promotions of two long-standing branch employees: Rocco J. Pucino III and Melissa Gay. Each employee has worked at Ulster Savings Bank's New Paltz location for many years.

Rocco J. Pucino III has been promoted to VP/Retail Banking Officer at the bank's Kingston headquarters. In Pucino's new role, he will be responsible for overseeing and directing the Retail Banking area by providing guidance and support to the bank's 15 branch locations.

A Newburgh resident, Pucino is a graduate of the American Bankers Association Stonier Graduate School of Banking located at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He is currently attending SUNY Plattsburgh on a path to graduate in 2023 with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. Rocco serves as treasurer and board member of the HealthAlliance Hospital Foundation and is a member of the New Paltz Rotary. He has been a bank employee since 2003.

Melissa Gay, an employee of Ulster

Savings Bank since 2012, has been promoted to Branch Manager at the bank's New Paltz location. Gay, a New Paltz resident, will manage the operations of her branch and further develop community relations.

She holds a BA degree in Sociology with a concentration in Criminology from SUNY New Paltz. She also holds an AS degree in Math and Science and an AS degree in Criminal Justice from SUNY Ulster. Melissa is a member of the New Paltz Rotary and will be participating in their Backpack Program that supplies food and toiletries to disadvantaged students in the New Paltz Central School District.

"We're pleased to announce the promotions of Rocco and Melissa," said John Finch, EVP/COO of Ulster Savings. "Both team members have demonstrated dedication and leadership skills along with making their communities better – both values of utmost importance to us. We are glad to announce these much-deserved promotions."



Rocco J. Pucino III



Melissa Gay

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Resolution is a Type II action not requiring environmental review pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) accordingly, no environmental review has been undertaken. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during this hearing should notify the Town Clerk's Office at (845) 297-5771 at least three business days prior to the public hearing.

Dated: 11-15-2022  
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF WAPPINGER  
JOSEPH P. PAOLONI,  
TOWN CLERK

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCB-34-22: NAME OF PROJECT:** Multiple Roof Replacement Project for Pine Plains Outpost, Millbrook Outpost and Office of Central Information Systems (OCIS).

Single Prime Bids shall be received for the following classes of work: **General Construction.** The anticipated start of construction is April 3, 2023, respectively. Beginning **November 23, 2022 at 8:00AM:** Bid Specifications and Drawings may be obtained in person Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm or by mail (provide your FedEx account number or SASE) at: Dutchess County DPW, Busi-

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ness Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. The bid documents will be distributed on a USB Flash Drive. You must give the following information to obtain the flash drive: Company Name, Address, Contact Name, Phone Number, E-mail Address. **All Addenda will be issued to Plan Holders via E-mail, but also posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site.**

A refundable deposit of \$15.00 is required for each bid set, in the form of a check made payable to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance or cash will be required for each set of bid documents. The deposit is refundable in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 102 and will be made by the County upon receipt of a written request accompanied by said USB Flash Drive. Bids due on or before **Wednesday, December 21, 2021 at 11:00am**, and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids for the above project will be received by: Denise Spens-Gallagher, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Due to COVID-19, the bid opening for this solicitation will be con-

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ducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below, in-person attendance at a bid opening will not be allowed. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting, +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll), Conference ID: 365 846 166#. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. A Walk-through is scheduled for Wednesday December 7, 2022 at 10:00AM starting at OCIS, 503 Haight Ave, Poughkeepsie, proceeding to Millbrook Outpost, then to Pine Plains Outpost. All parties interested in bidding must apprise themselves of

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the site conditions immediately prior to bidding; if you cannot attend the scheduled walkthrough, you can contact Denise Spens-Gallagher at [dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov](mailto:dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov). Questions will be accepted by the close of business December 14, 2022 and emailed to Denise Spens-Gallagher at [dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov](mailto:dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov) with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2022012848. **APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM:** Dutchess County requires that any contractor or subcontractor have, prior to entering into a Contract for the process of building, renovating or demolishing a public building, owned, operated and maintained by Dutchess County, with a value in excess of \$250,000., apprenticeship agreements appropriate for the type and scope of work to be performed and which have been registered with NYS Department of Labor in accordance with Article 23 of the Labor Law. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
415-453 US ROUTE 9  
SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN, FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT & FRESH-**

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**WATER WETLAND/ WATERCOURSE/ WATER BODY PERMIT AND CHI/ACQUISITIONS, LP - TWO (2) LOT SUBDIVISION PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that pursuant to Chapters 150-97B., 78-4B., 82-9E. and 132-12G of the Code of the Town of Fishkill the Town of Fishkill Planning Board (Planning Board) will hold a Combined Public Hearing on **Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the possible at the Town of Fishkill Town Hall, located at 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524, in the Francois R. Cross Meeting Room, for the proposal known as 415-453 US Route 9 Site Development Plan, Floodplain Development Permit, Freshwater Wetland/Watercourse/Water Body Permit and CHI/Acquisitions, LP - Two (2) Lot Subdivision located at 415-453 US Route 9, identified as Tax Map Parcel No.: 6255-00-060339, consisting of 39.3 acres in the PSC (Planned Shopping Center) Zoning District for the following approvals and permits:

1. Site Development Plan Approval (Town Code Chapter 150-97B.) for the redevelopment of the existing Dutchess Mall property to construct a 350,166 ± square foot warehouse building with associated off-street parking, loading docks and trailer spaces.
2. Floodplain Development Permit (Town Code Chapter 78-4B.) to obtain a permit for

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disturbance in a designated Floodplain in the course of the development of the project.

3. Freshwater Wetland/Watercourse/Water Body Permit (Town Code Chapter 82-9E.) to obtain a permit for disturbance of a wetland or wetland buffer in the course of the development of the project.

4. Subdivision Approval (Town Code Chapter 132-12G) to subdivide the 39.3-acre parcel into two (2) lots. Proposed Lot A shall be for the proposed 350,166 ± square foot warehouse building with associated off-street parking, loading docks and trailer spaces and Proposed Lot B is for future development and shall consist of 10.4 acres.

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](mailto: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 FOAM & WASH AMENDED SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Chapter 150-97.B. of the Code of the Town of Fishkill,

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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, December 8, 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 to demolish the existing motor vehicle service portion of the structure and to construct a new touch-free wash tunnel. The site work includes improvements to the car wash vehicle queuing, automated pay stations and additional parking and vacuum bays. The parcel for this proposal is identified as Tax Map Parcel No: 6156-04-828158, consists of 1.15 +/- acres, and is located at 778 Route 9 (approximately 2,000 feet north of the intersection of Route 9 and Route 52 on the east side of Route 9 in the GB (General Business) 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](mailto:dcolonna@fishkill-ny.gov).  
By Order of the Planning Board of the Town of Fishkill, New York  
Debbie Colonna,  
Planning Board Secretary

# Lassiter, Melzingah Chapter receive 'Beacons of History' Awards



Clockwise from top left, Command Sgt. Major Robert Jenks, representing the Secretary of Defense, (left) honors recipient and Beacon resident Tony Lassiter. Beacon Historical Society President Diane Lapis presents the award to Melzingah Chapter Regent Nancy Giordano. Members of Melzingah Chapter during the annual event.



-Courtesy photos

More than 200 supporters attended the Beacon Historical Society's sixth annual "Beacons of History" Awards on Nov. 10. The recognition honors those who have made substantial contributions to Beacon and who have helped to preserve its history and sense of community:

**Organizational Honoree:**

Melzingah Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution  
Founded in 1895 by Katherine Wolcott Verplanck, the Melzingah Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is one of the most active DAR chapters in the

nation. It is most notably known for its rescue of the c. 1709 Madam Brett Homestead from demolition in 1954, when plans called for a supermarket to be built on the site; it is not only the house of our community's first European settler but also the oldest building in Dutchess County. In addition to operating the property as a house museum, the DAR chapter has long promoted local history, including its erection of the Mount Beacon Monument in 1900 and donation of the George Washington Bust in 1999. Members also volunteer at Castle Point VA Medical Center, organize Main Street banners to recognize veterans, conduct history essay con-



tests and complete other service work as part of a worldwide service organization committed to promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism.

**Individual Honoree:**

Anthony Lassiter  
Born in Highland Hospital in 1947, Tony was educated in the Beacon City Schools and drafted into the Army as a combat engineer. In February 1969, Sgt. Lassiter was sent to Vietnam, where he was injured by hostile forces six months later. Awarded a Purple Heart, he was honorably discharged in November. Tony then enjoyed a 30-year career at IBM, served as a Sergeant with the Dutchess Co. Sheriff's Office and volunteered for 15 years on the Beacon Planning Board. He also volunteers on the City's Housing Authority, as Vice Commander of American Legion Post 203, Quartermaster of the VFW (Military Order of the Purple Heart), Treasurer for the Beacon Lions Club and with the St. Andrew's/St. Luke's Church Food Pantry and the Spirit of Beacon Day Committee.

"As a special surprise at the event, U.S. Army Command Sgt. Major Robert Jenks presented, on behalf of the Secretary of Defense, a special commendation to Tony and 10 other Vietnam-era veterans in the

audience to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War through a Department of Defense program that seeks to properly welcome these men and women home decades after their return from war," said Beacon Historical Society President Diane Lapis. "It was very moving, and a wonderful testament to Beacon's sense of community to see these men recognized."

The event was a friend- and fund-raiser for the Historical Society. Special appreciation is extended to the five Mount Beacon-level sponsorships that ensured its success: City of Beacon Housing Authority, Art & Mary Lou Johnson, Karen & Denny Meyer, The Roundhouse at Beacon Falls and the VanBuren Family. The Beacon Historical Society was founded in 1976 to "preserve, procure and present whatever may relate to the natural and cultural history" of Beacon. Its collection includes books, records, manuscripts, newspapers, photographs, maps, genealogies, portraits, relics, letters, journals, etc., and its purpose remains to educate the public and foster an awareness of Beacon's history. Membership includes a monthly newsletter, at least eight special lectures each year and other historic programming/lectures. Visit [www.BeaconHistorical.org](http://www.BeaconHistorical.org) for more information.

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