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## COVID-19 update

### As cases soar, testing seen as key factor

By Kate Goldsmith

The holiday surge continued this week, bringing skyrocketing COVID-19 infections not seen since last year at this time. In an effort to expand testing, the state sent a small number of free at-home test kits to counties, which then distributed them to municipalities. Dutchess' two cities, 20 towns and eight villages had scarcely alerted residents of their availability before supplies were depleted.

The county released a statement noting "The demand for these test kits far exceeds the supply at this time. We thank you all for your patience as we await further shipments from New York State, which are expected in the coming weeks. As further test kits arrive, they will be distributed by population size to our municipal partners, who will then distribute to residents."

The state sent a large supply of KN95 face-masks, as well, which were also distributed to municipalities. Residents, businesses and organizations can check with their locality for availability.

Statewide, positive tests have catapulted from 57.8 cases per 100,000 on Dec. 1 to 254.4 cases per 100,000 on Dec. 24, the last day that data was available as this paper went to press. The daily infection rate went from 4.8 percent to 12.4 percent in that same period.

According to the state's COVID-19 Dashboard, Dutchess County currently has a seven-day average of positive tests of 94.5 per 100,000 — one of the lowest in the Mid-Hudson region, but nevertheless a leap from 54.8 per 100,000 the week before.

To calculate the infection rate, the number of infections (positive tests) is divided by the total number of tests on any given day. While this number is not the most accurate indicator (test results can lag the actual testing by a few days), it does point to an exponential increase over a little more than three weeks. The high test positivity rates also suggest that cases may be under-counted, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

As of Dec. 24, Dutchess County's COVID-19 Dashboard noted there were 2,611 active cases in the county (up from 1,325 on Dec. 16) and a 9.39-percent infection rate (up from 6.5 on Dec. 16). Hospitalizations were at 74 (up from 64 on Dec. 16), and there have been 528 deaths (up from 523 on Dec. 16) since the beginning of the pandemic.

According to CDC data, an average of 278 cases per day were reported in Dutchess County, a 88-percent increase from the average two weeks ago. Since the beginning of the pandemic, at least 1 in 7 residents have been infected. Right now, Dutchess County is at an extremely high risk for unvaccinated people. So far, December has been the month with the highest average cases since January 2021 in Dutchess County.

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## Fishkill officer saves teen, owner in dog mauling incident

By Rich Thomaselli

There was no training for this. No manual, no class, no insight, no background, no nothing. It was all pure instinct. And guts. And courage.

Town of Fishkill Police Officer Ray Maeang is being hailed as a hero after a selfless act of bravery last week in which he saved a 14-year-old girl who was being mauled by a pit bull — as well as saving the owner after the dog turned on her as well.

"Incredible bravery," was how Town of Fishkill Police Chief Keith Dworkin described it. "Officer Maeang had the courage to jump in there and pull the dog off the girl."

For Maeang, it was a series of split-second decisions — including whether to use lethal force.

"You're right, there is no training for it," Maeang said. "It was a matter of being 'in the moment' as soon as I arrived and saw the dog on top of what I can only describe as this young helpless female. So, it was 100 percent instinct."

The incident happened when the pit bull's owner took the dog out for a walk in the woods near her home. The young teen was also out for a walk at the same time, Dworkin explained, and her presence startled both the owner and the dog.

The pit bull was leashed, but it was a Velcro strap, and the dog broke away from the owner and began attacking the



Town of Fishkill Police Officer Ray Maeang is being hailed as a hero after saving a 14-year-old girl and a dog's owner last week after the dog broke loose from a leash and attacked the girl.

-Courtesy photo

girl. The owner quickly jumped in and tried to stop the attack. When she couldn't, she tried to shield the girl, but the dog then turned on the owner.

A passerby called the police and

Maeang estimated he was on the scene within a minute of receiving the dispatch — but did say there was approximately 10

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## A year in review with local municipal leaders



Local municipal leaders reflect on 2021. From left, Village of Fishkill Mayor Kathy Martin, City of Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou and Town of East Fishkill Supervisor Nicholas D'Alessandro.

-Courtesy photos

By Kristine Coulter

Southern Dutchess County municipal leaders have managed their communities through another year. What were some of the highlights of the important decisions and laws passed by local leaders? Here is what some of them had to say as they reflected back on 2021.

### 'Bringing Beacon back to some normalcy' after 2021

City of Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou said the 2021 Accomplishments are: Bringing Beacon back to some normalcy after a tumultuous 2021 — all city services continuing, helping Main Street busi-

nesses recover, hiring new police chief and city administrator, starting up in-person city meetings again, ongoing public safety review with a police advisory committee, and advancing proposals for improving Main Street.

Regarding the City's finances, Kyriacou remarked, "City finances are in very good shape. Our 2021 budget planned for loss of \$1.5 million in state aid to be covered by city reserves, but state aid was restored. We kept tax increase below the state tax cap of 2% and we are enjoying additional tax revenue from new construction coming online."

### Town of Wappinger 'revenue growth has been strong'

Town of Wappinger Supervisor Richard Thurston was re-elected for another term in November.

"We are most proud of our ability to emerge from the COVID pandemic with a seamless transition from remote working to strong economic growth and improved Town-wide services. While the pandemic lockdown-imposed restrictions on our operations initially, we were able to prepare a foundation for broad-based growth

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Something to consider: Disruptions in testing due to the holidays may affect reporting the number of cases and deaths in the next couple of weeks.

## State to help counties with COVID-19 costs

On Dec. 20, Gov. Kathy Hochul announced that she is making \$65 million available to counties across New York State to help with the costs associated with administering vaccines and boosters and enforcing the mask-or-vaccine mandate for indoor public places that went into effect statewide on Dec. 13.

Up to \$1 million will be available for most counties, with larger counties eligible to receive up to \$2 million. The new funds will apply to expenses incurred by counties and local health departments, which have been delegated to enforce the mandate, from when the “mask-or-vaccine” mandate was announced on Dec. 10 until its expiration on Jan. 15, 2022, and will be provided on a reimbursement basis through an application to the Department of Health.

When the mandate was announced, leaders of at least 30 counties in New York, including Dutchess, stated they didn’t have the resources to enforce it.

“Getting vaccinated and wearing a mask are the surest ways to fight COVID and stay safe, and this funding will help counties across the state enforce the reasonable, responsible and effective mask-or-vax mandate in place until mid-January,” Hochul said.

Eligible expenses include staffing and venue-specific costs for any sites offering vaccines, boosters, and/or tests; personnel costs associated with mask, test and vaccine/booster distribution; personnel costs associated with mask protocol enforcement; and public awareness efforts for the mask-or-vaccine protocol.

Counties that participate in the enforcement of the statewide mask-or-vax mandate will be eligible to apply for this additional assistance. Funding for other costs is still available for all counties from a separate \$65 million made available in September, which assisted with the quick and reliable distribution of booster shots.

For comprehensive information about COVID-19, including testing, vaccinations, prevention and more, visit [www.DutchessNY.gov/Coronavirus](http://www.DutchessNY.gov/Coronavirus) or call the COVID information line at 845-486-3555.

## Legislation aims to improve state response to pandemic

Gov. Hochul recently has signed several COVID-related bills.

“We need to make sure we learn the lessons of the pandemic so we don’t make the same mistakes twice,” Hochul said in a release last week. “These new laws will help us improve our response to the pandemic now, crack down on fraudulent use of vaccination records, and help us better understand the areas of improvement we need to make to our health care system so we can be even more prepared down the road.”

- Falsification of COVID-19 vaccination records: Legislation (S.4516-C/A.7536-B adds clarification that a COVID Vaccination Card shall be considered a written instrument for purposes of the forgery statute which makes the falsification of COVID-19 Vaccination Cards a class A misdemeanor. It also creates a new E felony of computer tampering in the third degree for intentional entering, alteration or destruction of “computer material” regarding COVID-19 vaccine provisions. Individuals who misrepresent their vaccination history, not only jeopardize their own health, but the health of all those they come into contact with.

- Improving schools access to the statewide immunization database: Legislation (S.4962/A.5062) gives schools improved access to the statewide immunization database, requiring the Department of Health (DOH) to allow every school access to the immunization records for their students. Currently, schools that are not school based health-centers have read-only access to the New York State Immunization Information System (NYSIIS). This leads to schools having to individually search each of their student’s immunization records and manually downloading them into their database. With the recent surge in students five to eighteen getting vaccinated, allowing schools the ability to download their full roster of vaccination data will save hours for staff, and improve the infection response from schools.

- DOH to conduct medical care study related to the pandemic: Legislation (S.6375/A.5713) directs the Commissioner of Health to conduct a study of the delivery of ambulatory care and other medical care in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The commissioner will then make recommendations to improve the delivery, quality, accessibility, and cost of the full range of ambulatory health care services required by the community. The findings and recommendations will then be published on DOH’s website. This bill will help to improve medical access for New Yorkers, especially those in public hospital deserts that rely on ambulatory care more heavily. A similar study was conducted in 2017, so this is an opportunity to see how the pandemic has affected our medical care system.

# Another year, another ton; Claudio Cares inspires all



Claudio Cares followers delivered non-perishable items to food pantries on Dec. 27. Included are Matt and Mary Kate Sweet, Colin and Kegan Alnwick, Will Stanton, Ryan and Rory O’Donnell, Maddox Weiss and Nate Bogart.

-Courtesy photo

## By Curtis Schmidt

Every year of the Claudio Cares Can Drive is another inspirational adventure.

“During the last two years, we have been surprised by how many people still remember Claudio even with all the COVID issues,” said Dad Luigi Coppola. “Every year we aim to keep the memory of our son, Claudio, alive because of the good that he did for his friends and family during his short life. The outpouring of love and support every year is very inspirational.”

This year, the Coppola family and volunteer supporters filled a one-ton truck with non-perishable food to distribute to various food pantries throughout the Hudson Valley.

Coppola said that amount correlates to about 2,000-2,500 meals. Since the first year of the drive in 2012, the Claudio Cares Can Drive has collected and distributes more than 500,000 pounds of food.

Individuals, families and businesses that contributed this year included

Guardian Self Storage, Franklin D. Roosevelt High School National Honor Society (NHS), Rhinebeck High School NHS, Ralph R Smith Elementary School, Marion Salon Spa in Millbrook, Roosevelt Fire Company, Hyde Park Artist Collective, Lyceum and Roosevelt Theaters, Anderson Center for Autism, Tuthilltown Distillery, NYS Senator Sue Serino, Fleischman Family, Pack Family, Miller Family, Marchant Family Patierno Family, The Daley Family, and numerous individuals who dropped off their goods throughout the season.

The food pantries receiving the goods include Hyde Park Food Pantry at Regina Coeli Catholic Church, The Reach Out Church Food Pantry in Hyde Park and the Holy Trinity Food Catholic Church food pantry in Poughkeepsie.

“While the pandemic has slowed us down, it has not snuffed us out. Claudio’s spirit will continue to guide us and inspire us,” said Coppola. “We thank everyone for helping us to help our own.”

# Officer saves two lives

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minutes that went by between the time the attack started and his arrival.

Dworkin said the Town of Fishkill’s Animal Control Officer retired and the town was working with the local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) on a per diem basis. But this was all up to Maeang.

“There was a lot of blood,” Maeang said softly. “The young girl was on her back; the owner was on top of her. The girl was very disoriented. The dog was still attacking them.”

Maeang said using his gun was never an option.

“There was no use in lethal force,” he said. “The risk to reward was way too high.”

Instead, Maeang rushed in and threw himself on top of the dog, managing to use his strength to push the dog off the two females and then pin the pit bull to the ground.

“It wasn’t easy,” he admitted.

“Thankfully I played sports. I knew if I put pressure under its neck, closer to its jaw line, I could control it.”

A second officer arrived and brought a rope, and the two lawmen were able to control the pit bull. In the meantime, paramedics and emergency medical technicians arrived and took both the adult dog owner and the teenager – who drifted in and out of consciousness – to the hospital.

“Ray is a young officer who has only been with us for a few years, but he is exceptional,” Dworkin said. “He goes above and beyond, and this case is no different. He’s just that type.”

Dworkin said he understands the young girl is home and her family said she is doing better.

The pit bull’s owner is also home, and the dog was put down by the SPCA.

“That’s something that’s never happened to me,” Maeang said of the attack. “It was very different and there’s just no training behind that. I’m just grateful I was working that day.”

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# Municipal leaders reflect on 2021

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during 2021,” said Thurston. “Since I treated all staff as “essential personnel” we were able to keep all staff employed and services provided, albeit in diminished quantity such as senior services. Now, we are back 100%.”

Regarding the Town of Wappinger finances, Thurston remarked that “Financially, we will end 2021 where we began the year with very strong liquidity and healthy fund balances; strong budgetary flexibility and balanced financing of major Town projects. This strong financial performance has enabled us to approve a new budget that allows us to improve Town services while reducing the tax burden for our residents in 2022.” The Wappinger supervisor noted that revenue growth has been strong in 2021, especially sales tax and mortgage tax revenues. “Barring unforeseen economic issues, we expect the growth to continue generally,” said Thurston.

**Village of Fishkill ‘in a good place’**

The Village of Fishkill elected a new mayor after more than 20 years. Kathy Martin was elected in June as mayor, succeeding former mayor James Miccio.

“Our biggest accomplishment this year was safely reopening the Village after COVID,” said Martin. “I am happy to say that our businesses are thriving, and we are welcoming several new businesses to the Village of Fishkill.”

Martin said she thanked all for supporting local establishments in the Village of Fishkill.

“The Village’s finances are healthy. We are in a good place,” said the mayor.

**‘Nuts-and-bolts year’ in the Town of Fishkill**

Town of Fishkill Supervisor Ozzy Albra said the past year has brought revamping of the town code to protect from development on Route 82 and Route 52 with the amendment, said Albra. Chapter 146 moves for more protection of water and

**Mount’s Center on Aging and Disability Policy earns \$20,000 for elder program**

Mount Saint Mary College’s Center on Aging and Disability Policy (CADP) was recently awarded a \$20,000 grant from Orange County to expand the Elder Abuse Awareness Virtual Coalition.

The COVID-19 pandemic increased social isolation for everyone, but one group that was especially impacted were seniors. Many seniors, disconnected from relied-upon family and government assistance, found themselves at an even greater risk of being abused or taken advantage of.

Thus, the coalition was created in 2020 to serve the elder population by fostering public awareness about all forms of elder abuse. This is done via open discussion and the sharing of knowledge and resources. It covers topics including exercise, finances, neglect, self-awareness, and more.

One of the first actions of the coalition was to start a podcast, which is currently in its third season. All episodes – and more information about the Elder Abuse Awareness Virtual Coalition – can be found at [www.eaavc.org](http://www.eaavc.org).

The conversations are moderated by Elisa Gwilliam, founder of the Hudson Valley Healing Center, and hosted and facilitated by Lawrence T. Force, a Psychology professor at Mount Saint Mary College, and AnnMarie Maglione, director of Orange County Office for the Aging.

CADP is directed by Force and Jeffery Kahana, associate professor of History at the Mount.

Force, a gerontologist, has worked in the field of aging and disabilities for more than three decades as an administrator, clinician, and educator. He has authored and collaborated on books, articles, and technical reports that address topics of aging policy, Alzheimer’s disease, family caregiving, and end-of-life care.

Kahana, in addition to teaching at the Mount and working with the Center on Aging and Disability Policy, is a prolific author on subjects ranging from academics to social issues in the United States.

For more information, visit [www.msmc.edu](http://www.msmc.edu).

what developers are placed in what specific district, said the supervisor. There is also aquifer protection as 2021 goes into 2022, he said. There were also amendments to zoning in Chapter 150 and regarding subdivision in chapter 132 of the town code.

Albra said, “2021 was a nuts-and-bolts year. I focused on a lot of policies and procedures our Town follows to secure the quality of life for residents.”

Albra mentioned the Panhandle Law, which provides private properties, like Walmart, to put up signs saying no panhandling, which allows one who is panhandling to be removed and receive a ticket. The second provision provides that anyone on public property that is being aggressive to another can be prosecuted. There is also the Peddling and Soliciting law.

A law was adopted to create a voter referendum if town-owned land is to be sold, said Albra.

**Economic policy ‘largest accomplishment’ in Town of East Fishkill**

“The largest accomplishment is continuing our economic policy,” said East Fishkill Supervisor Nicholas D’Alessandro. The approval of Frito-Lay fulfillment center at iPark. D’Alessandro remarked the facility is “very important not only for the town but the entire Hudson Valley.”

“The town finances are outstanding,” according to the supervisor. “We have the highest bond rating ever (by



Richard Thurston



Ozzy Albra

Moody’s). We have our lowest fiscal stress score, which is a 3.” The town’s fiscal stress score is assigned by state Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli’s office to the state’s municipalities.

There have been 88 senior units approved for Joe’s Mother’s Road, off Route 82, said the supervisor. “This will be our first senior community in East

Fishkill,” he said. “This is a huge need for the community.”

The town backed out of the New York State cannabis law and opted out of lounges and retail stores.

“Basically, because we do not know what happens with that law,” said D’Alessandro, who noted a municipality can opt in in the future.

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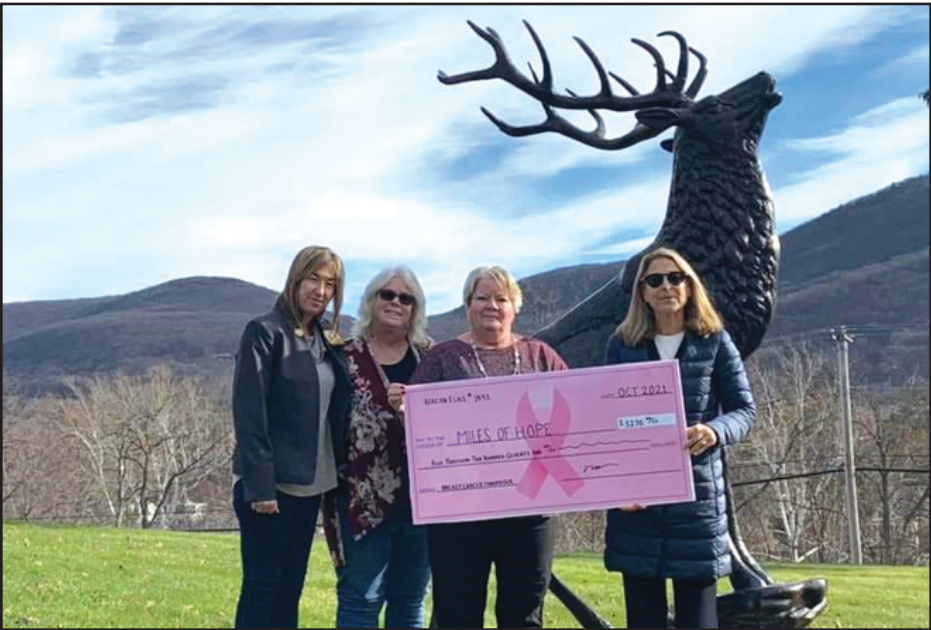
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# Miles of Hope receives donation from Beacon Elks



The Beacon Elks Lodge #1493 conducted a Breast Cancer Awareness fundraiser in October. Thanks to the members, family and friends throughout Dutchess County, the fundraiser raised \$5,270. Presenting the donation, from left, was Esteem Leading Knight Jennifer Velez, cancer survivors and members Cathy Oken, Patty Lamoree with Executive Director of Miles of Hope Pari Farood.

-Courtesy photo

## NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson members donate \$10,000 to Sparrow’s Nest

New York State Correctional Officers and Police Benevolent Association, Inc. (NYSCOPBA) Mid-Hudson Region Vice President Chris Moreau on Dec. 21 delivered a \$10,000 donation to Sparrow’s Nest, a Hudson Valley charity that cooks and delivers homemade meals to families facing a cancer diagnosis.

Founded in 2012, Sparrow’s Nest serves families in Dutchess, Putnam, Orange, Ulster and Northern Westchester Counties. To date, the organization has assisted over 500 families in the Hudson Valley region.

The donation, which came directly from the NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Region members, helps Sparrow Nest assist families who are supported by the program for one week. Traditionally, it costs the charity \$10,000 a week to operate and provide home cook meals.

“We are so thankful for the generous donation from the NYSCOPBA Mid Hudson Members. This donation will feed 4 families for an entire year as they go through treatment. This means, two meals a week, supplemental food, holiday meals and food gift cards to help ease the financial and mental burdens put on a family facing a cancer diagnosis. Thank you seems inadequate when sharing just how far this donation will go.” Said Krista Jones, Executive Director of Sparrow’s Nest.

“When it comes to giving back to our local community, NYSCOPBA members always go above and beyond,” said Senator Sue Serino. “This significant donation is a true testament to the generosity of NYSCOPBA’s members and will go a long way to ensure that local families impacted by a cancer diagnosis have one less thing to worry about, empowering them to focus their energy instead on their treatment, healing and time spent with loved ones. We thank them for supporting a community organization like Sparrow’s Nest that does so much for so many here in the Hudson Valley and know this donation will go a long way to support their mission of ensuring meal recipients maintain a sense of normalcy and comfort during such a difficult time.”

“Today’s donation to Sparrow’s Nest will hopefully provide families in the Hudson Valley that are dealing with the daily burden of struggling with cancer, some relief during this holiday season. Our members throughout the State are committed to helping those less fortunate or families that are facing the immense strain of serious medical issues, especially during the holidays. It is important for all of us who are more fortunate to support those who aren’t and our members are committed to that,” stated Chris Moreau , NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.

# 11th, and final installment of Learn, Play Create grants awarded

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro announced on Nov. 16 the County’s Learn, Play, Create: Supporting Our Kids grant program has awarded its allocated \$3 million to fund 147 projects by local non-profits organizations that directly serve children – enhancing and empowering opportunities for children to learn, play, and create, while filling an educational, financial, social and/or emotional void because of the quarantine and stay-at-home orders necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The popularity of the Learn, Play, Create program has exhausted the \$3 million allocated for 2021; applications are no longer being accepted. Based on the success of the Learn, Play, Create program, County Executive Molinaro has expanded the program in his 2022 Executive Budget, allocating an additional \$500,000 for the program for the coming year; application instructions and guidance will be available in early 2022.

Molinaro said, “This pandemic has impacted children and families in so many ways, and the success of Learn, Play, Create is evident in the 147 projects Dutchess County is proud to fund. These projects – whether they’re new uniforms or reduced registration fees for youth sports teams; new costumes and stage upgrades for young actors; or books, supplies and computers for libraries to offer expanded services to children – will each greatly benefit thousands of children and families across Dutchess County. We are proud to continue our support for this vital program in 2022 and expand its reach throughout our community.”

The 11th and final round of 2021 Learn, Play, Create awards consists of:

- Boy Scouts of America Troop 33 (Pleasant Valley), \$5,000
- Trailer replacement – Purchase of a small trailer to replace the Troop’s dilapidated CONEX storage container.
- Boy Scouts of America Troop 145 (Wappinger), \$20,000

Expanding outdoor life and leadership skills – Providing uniforms and materials to youth who wish to join the program; obtaining camping, cooking and boating equipment to be used as part of the outdoor program, including a one-week canoeing

trip through the Adirondack region.

- Hudson River Housing (Poughkeepsie), \$20,000
- At-Risk and Homeless Youth Enrichment Project – Enrollment fees, transportation, sports uniforms and other supplies/materials to enable 50 Hudson River Housing residents to participate in after-school activities, clubs, sports leagues, art classes, music lessons and the like.
- John Jay Music Boosters (East Fishkill), \$20,000
- Bringing Back a Love of Music – Purchase instruments, mallets, bows, parts to repair instruments, instrument and music storage pieces, musical scores, performance folders, uniforms for competitions and competition registration fees.
- Rhinebeck Aerodrome Museum, Inc. (Rhinebeck), \$5,000
- Youth Education Program – Purchase supplies, including lumber such as specialty aircraft spruce, hardware and airframe covering supplies used on the Aerodrome property under trained, adult supervision.

Molinaro announced Learn, Play, Create in June 2021, as part of “Dutchess Invests,” his initiative to direct \$57 million in one-time funding allocated to Dutchess County through the Federal Government’s American Rescue Plan (ARP) to areas the community has recognized as priorities. Learn, Play, Create provided \$3 million in one-time grants to local non-profit youth organizations in the categories of expanded learning – arts, libraries and athletics – that were deprived of a year of fundraising or participation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Dutchess County Legislature adopted the Learn, Play, Create: Supporting Our Kids grant program, as part of the “Dutchess Invests” initiative, at its June 2021 meeting.

This year, Learn, Play, Create funding was available in grant awards up to \$20,000 for youth-serving organizations that promote learning, art enrichment and sports activities for specific purchases or needs, including equipment, supplies or other one-time expenses to help enhance program offerings, as well as make the program more accessible for families. Libraries were eligible for purchases or needs up to \$50,000.

# OLL’s Ryan VanDeWater joins UConn baseball

Ryan VanDeWater began playing baseball as a 6-year-old in the Hyde Park Little League. His many years of competing in both school and travel teams since those early days have paid off for the Our Lady of Lourdes senior. Thanks to commitment and dedication, the Hyde Park resident signed his National Letter of Intent Tuesday, November 23rd to join the baseball team at the University of Connecticut, an NCAA Division One school, next year.

A right-handed pitcher for his travel team, The Bronx Bombers, Ryan brings versatility to the Our Lady of Lourdes team as a two-way player who pitches and plays first base. Ryan’s talent and commitment to the sport led to his appointment as co-captain of the Lourdes team last year.

He received an offer from UConn this fall and plans to earn a bachelor’s degree in finance and major in Financial Risk Management. After receiving offers from Georgetown, Saint Thomas Aquinas, and Pace University, Ryan chose UConn because he wants to play D1 baseball with a program that has a history of developing players for the next level, has a winning program, and When asked about his future in baseball, Ryan replied, “I plan to play the game of baseball as long as I possibly can. If that takes me to professional baseball I plan on playing at the highest level that I can. Eventually, when the game passes me by as a player, I hope to teach and instruct younger players in their pursuit of



Our Lady of Lourdes senior, Ryan VanDeWater, signs his National Letter of Intent to play Baseball at UConn, while his father and mother, Marcus and Erika VanDeWater watch.

-Courtesy photo

excellence in the game of baseball.”

Ryan would like to especially thank his parents for their never-ending support, his family for always being at the games, his coaches for teaching him so much over the years, and believing in him unconditionally. Lastly, he would like to thank his friends and teammates who have been by his side, always encouraging him to do his best.

Ryan’s family, friends, and OLL teammates along with Lourdes President, Catherine Merryman, Athletic Director William Kyle, and Lourdes Varsity Baseball Coach, Chris Lugbauer were all on hand for the signing to support and congratulate him.

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# Bardavon Gala to feature Broadway star Audra McDonald

After a two-year delay, the Bardavon will hold its Gala on Saturday, May 7, at 8 p.m. The event will feature an intimate evening with Broadway royalty Audra McDonald.

McDonald – a six-time Tony, four-time Drama Desk, two-time Emmy & Grammy Award-winner - performs her signature mix of songs from Broadway, the Great American Songbook, and beyond. McDonald has starred in 12 Broadway shows, and received Tonys for “Carousel,” “Master Class,” “Ragtime,” “A Raisin in the Sun,” “Porgy & Bess” and “Lady Day at Emerson’s Bar & Grill.” She is a regular on CBS’ “The Good Fight,” and played Aretha Franklin’s mother in the 2021 bio pic, “Respect.”

Gala guests will enjoy a pre-show cocktail party with music, featuring a bountiful selection of Celebrity Chef David Burke’s signature canapés and show-stopping hors d’oeuvres. Chef Burke himself will be on site, ready to mingle with gala guests at Poughkeepsie’s Revel 32, just around the corner from the theater entrance.

The pre-show party starts at 5:30 p.m.

and will feature music by Hot Club of Saratoga and Sean Gallagher. Finish the party off before heading to the theater with something sweet by Gwenn from Kingston’s Stone Soup.

Funds raised by the Bardavon Gala help underwrite many programs that cannot support themselves—education programs and school residencies that bring artists and musicians to local schools, ambitious symphony concerts, and more.

Tickets are available at:

- \$275 (includes premier performance seating, pre show gala cocktail party with Celebrity Chef David Burke at Revel 32 plus tax-deductible contribution);
- \$125 (includes preferred performance seating plus tax-deductible contribution);
- \$75 (show only, subject to availability).

Purchase tickets in person at the Bardavon Box Office, 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie, (845) 473-2072; in person at the UPAC Box Office, 601 Broadway, Kingston, (845) 339-6088; or online at TicketMaster.com.

For more information, visit [www.bardavon.org](http://www.bardavon.org).



Audra McDonald

-Courtesy photo

## Hochul announces \$35M for supportive housing units across the state

Gov. Kathy Hochul recently announced 192 conditional awards totaling \$35 million to housing agencies in every region across New York to provide support services and operating funding for at least 1,400 units of supportive housing for homeless persons with special needs, conditions or other challenges.

This is the sixth funding round of the Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI) which brings together eight state agencies to help provide funding for supportive housing for vulnerable populations, including veterans, victims of domestic violence, frail or disabled senior citizens, young adults with histories of incarceration, homelessness or foster care, chronical-

ly homeless individuals and families, as well as individuals with health, mental health and/or substance use disorders.

The ESSHI Interagency Workgroup, which reviews applications for funding, includes representatives from the Office of Mental Health (OMH); the Department of Health (DOH) including the AIDS Institute; New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR); the Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS); the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS); the Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (OPDV); the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) and the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD).

Supportive housing has been shown to provide stability, safety and the opportunity for individuals and families to live in their own homes and communities as they make their way on the road to recovery. Housing with support services also reduces the need for costly emergency department visits and inpatient hospital stays.

The conditional awards are for service and operating funding needed to operate permanent supportive housing units. The awards will allow applicants to secure separate capital funding to finance the development and construction of their housing project.

Awards may be used to provide rental assistance and services to eligible target populations to ensure their housing stability, including but not limited to:

- Primary and behavioral health services;
- Employment and vocational training and/or assistance;
- Educational assistance, including GED support;
- Parenting skills development and support;
- Child care assistance;
- Counseling and crisis intervention;
- Children’s services, including educational advocacy, support and counseling; and

- Services or staff to identify and locate eligible individuals that need housing.
- Awardees in the Mid-Hudson region include:
- Sisters of Charity Housing Development Corporation
  - Hudson River Housing Inc.
  - Search for Change Inc.
  - Community Housing Innovations Inc.
  - Rehabilitation Support Services Inc. (3 awards)
  - PEOPLE: Projects to Empower and Organize the Psychiatrically Labeled Inc.
  - Lower West Side Household Svc. Corp
  - St Dominic’s Family Services
  - RUPCO Inc.
  - The Childrens Village Inc
  - Hudson River Housing Inc. (7 awards)
  - Search for Change Inc.
  - Family of Woodstock Inc. (2 awards)
  - St. Joseph’s Hospital, Yonkers
  - St Dominic’s Family Services
  - Mental Health America of Dutchess County Inc.
  - Access: Supports for Living Inc.
  - Regional Economic Community Action Program
  - Rehabilitation Support Services Inc.
  - The Wartburg Home of the Evangelical Lutheran Church
  - The Newburgh Ministry Inc.

## Marist, Vassar will require students to get boosters for spring semester

**By Rich Thomaselli**

With COVID-19 cases surging in the Hudson Valley – and worldwide for that matter – due to the Omicron variant, Dutchess County’s two pre-eminent private colleges are taking big precautionary steps ahead of students’ return for the spring semester next month.

Marist College and Vassar College, both in the Town of Poughkeepsie, will mandate that students and staff receive a COVID-19 booster shot as requirement to coming back to campus after the holidays.

Vassar students and staff must receive their booster vaccines by Jan. 17, 2022, or no later than 30 days after becoming eligible to receive the shot.

“The health and safety of everyone on campus is paramount, and we understand health to include not only the physical health, but also mental health and social well-being,” Vassar President Elizabeth Bradley wrote to students, parents and staff. “Additionally, we will apply all the learning we have had through the last four semesters of the pandemic to provide the best and safest on-campus experience possible.”

Marist is following a similar path.

Although both schools were able to get through the fall 2021 semester relatively unscathed by COVID-19 – the Marist College women’s basketball team was sidelined for a game due to injuries and COVID protocols – neither one wants to be in a position they found themselves for the spring

semester of 2020. When the pandemic hit hard in March of 2020, many schools shut down all on-campus instruction and dorms, eventually returning millions of dollars in tuition as well as room and board fees.

In a letter to students, parents and staff signed by Marist Executive Vice President Geoff Brackett; Thom Wermuth, Vice President for Academic Affairs; and Deb DiCaprio, Vice President for Student Affairs, Marist said it does “not anticipate any changes to the spring 2022 academic calendar, nor shifting to remote education. However, this will require a collective effort and a redoubled commitment by everyone in our community, especially with the emergence of a highly contagious new variant, Omicron. A fully vaccinated campus combined with an indoor-mask requirement and symptomatic testing remain the best strategies to protect against severe cases of COVID-19, including its variants.”

To that end, Marist is requiring all students and staff to obtain a booster shot by Monday, Jan. 31, 2022. Like Vassar, if students and staff are not yet eligible to receive the booster – typically given six months after receiving the Pfizer and Moderna second vaccine dose or two months after the Johnson & Johnson shot – they have 30 days from date of eligibility to prove they have been inoculated with the booster.

They must also get a flu shot by Jan. 14, 2022.

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Diversions

SUDOKU

Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.

The object of the game is to fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers.

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.

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

Suguru

5					
		3	1		
	1				
4					3

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. Loses color

6. Cleansing process

11. Hoover, for one

14. Musical production

15. Old harps

16. Atlantic resort, for short

17. Realistic

19. Harem room

20. Twentieth-century ogre

21. Burl, for one

22. Take place

24. Give confidence to

26. Word with Age or energy

28. Action word

30. In the best way possible

33. Toyland dwellers?

36. Unreasonably zealous

38. Eggs

39. Casa cooking pot

40. Of a tepee's shape

41. Use a wooden spoon

42. Communist leader (1893-1976)

43. Home for 42 Across

44. Garden pest

45. Mustang Ranch in Nevada, for one

47. ¿Quién \_\_?; Who knows?

49. Like formal wear

51. Annoy

55. Mojave, for one

57. Bad day for Julius

59. Sweet beverage

60. Ending for baby or bull

61. Threatened with a deadline

64. " \_\_ be in England..." (Robert Browning)

65. Big and strong

66. Construct

67. Untrustworthy one

68. Ornamental nailheads

69. Factions
- DOWN

1. Professors' lecterns

2. Footless ones

3. Clark's companion

4. Crossword puzzle bird

5. Contemptuous writings

6. Famous middle initial and last name

7. Tanzanian lake

8. Go wrong

9. Orderly

10. Red-faced

11. Painter's cover

12. Classroom helper

13. Sound of prolonged pain

18. Surpassing

23. Newscaster Lindstrom

25. Eye part

27. Knee-ankle connections

29. Cooks, in a way

31. 28 and 29, in old Rome

32. Scotland \_\_

33. Explosive

34. Winglike

35. Like very red eyes

37. Curry, for one

40. Horse's color

41. Earned a ticket

43. Heavenly beings

44. Humiliates

46. Italian numeral

48. "Wanna make \_\_?"

50. Road sign

52. Measured: var.

53. Bring out something latent

54. Lets

55. Christian \_\_

56. This: Sp.

58. Prohibitionists

62. Actress Joanne

63. Silk from an Assam worm

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# Before ‘selfies,’ diaries provided the means to record daily life

**By Melodye Moore**  
Raise your hand if you keep a diary.  
Raise your hand if you’ve ever kept a diary.  
Raise your hand if you know what a diary is.

Once fairly common, diaries seem to be a thing of the past, replaced by Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and other forms of popular social media. At first glance, they may seem boring and unimportant, just a record of daily events and experiences. But to historians they are a very valuable document that, because its candid and forthright “reporting,” brings the reader closer to ordinary people and everyday life than just about any other type of primary source material. Unlike modern social media posts that often focus on feelings and emotions, diaries recorded the daily rhythms of life and provided a snapshot of a person and a place in time.

The Dutchess County Historical Society (DCHS) is fortunate to have many diaries in its collection. The ones that often get the most attention are those that include details of big stories – wartime experiences, seeing famous people, or reactions to important national event.

Others, like the March 1844 to October 1847 diary of Alson Ward of Pleasant Valley, provide a glimpse into life in a rural, antebellum town, typical of many in the county.

Educated at the New Paltz Academy and in the schools of Poughkeepsie, Alson is 22 years old when he begins his diary. The Ward family, originally from England, had been among the earliest settlers of Pleasant Valley and owned a mill and farm lands on what is today Traver Road. Despite the success of their milling operation, they saw themselves as farmers and listed agriculture as their occupation in census records.

The diary is written during a period of time when America was undergoing great changes. The rapid development of new forms of transportation allowed for greater mobility for the average citizen and the lessening of isolation for rural families.

The 1825 opening of the Erie Canal and the availability of more fertile western lands forced New York farmers to diversify and led to a rise in the use of scientific agriculture. Fruit growing became highly technical and the nurseries emerged to meet the growing need. Medicine became more main-stream and ancillary professions such as dentistry and pharmacy spun off. Along with all these changes came more leisure time and the urge for self-improvement.

All of these changes and cultural forces can be seen through Alson’s diary entries.

With access to sleighs, cutters, carriages and wagons, Alson and his father Joshua traveled frequently to Poughkeepsie, usually at least once a week and sometimes three to four times.

Besides business trips, there were pleasure excursions. Without movie theaters and television, “visiting” was the most popular form of social entertainment and provided an ideal forum for the exchange of ideas on nearly every topic. Undaunted by distance, visitors came to the Ward house from as far away as Hopewell and Fishkill. Alson himself takes an extended “vacation” in September, leaving at 6 a.m. one morning to travel to Columbia County to visit

relatives, arriving before sundown. After three subsequent days still “on the road” visiting other relatives and having a “pic-nick,” he returns home, spending another 10-12 hours on the road. Apparently worn out by his travels, he uncharacteristically decides to skip church the next day.

Farming the land was a way of life for the Ward family and they seemed to have quickly adapted to new scientific methods. The diary reveals that he and his father spent most of March working at establishing a peach orchard.

In one week alone, the pair went to Poughkeepsie three times, returning with a total of 600 peach trees. They were careful to buy only inoculated trees and Alson makes a point of describing in some detail the method for planting the trees.

An advertisement in the Poughkeepsie Telegraph for the Fishkill Hook Nursery near Johnsville gives some indication of the choices available in the area. One could buy apple, apricot, cherry, pear, peach and nectarine trees at prices that ran from 20 cents for a small apple tree to 25 cents for a medium tree, to 37 ½ cents for a large tree. The Wards peach orchard must have been successful for on October 21, 1851 Joshua Ward was awarded a patent for a machine for peeling and cutting peaches

By 1850, there were five practicing doctors in Pleasant Valley and while Alson was modern enough to avail himself of a physician, he was still not ready to rely solely on medical science. Sick

with a fever, headache and sore throat, he soaks his feet for the purpose of “taking a sweat.” When this doesn’t work he drinks paregoric and eventually pronounces himself cured by “proper rest.”

John Bower, another Pleasant Valley diarist of the same period, recounts a more serious encounter with a local doctor. On the first day of his illness, he is visited four times by the doctor who bled him, immersed him in a warm bath and applied brandy and red pepper to his back and side. The malady was not cured however and over the next month he treated himself with an application of boiled oats. The last occurrence apparently called for more than home remedies and the doctor prescribed opium pills that left John in a “stupor and quite unwell for three days.”

To judge from Alson’s diary, the most important self-improvement activity in Pleasant Valley in 1844 was singing. Alson belonged to the Singing Association and attended Mr. Bartlett’s singing school. Held weekly, the classes concentrated on such things as learning the minor scale. When people were not singing at meetings, they were singing at church or singing at home.

One could argue that one of the most important forces in the education and molding of society in the first half of the 19th century was the church. In 1831, Alexis de Tocqueville concluded that “religion is the foremost of the institutions of the country.” Nineteenth century faith, derived principally from awakening theology, was deeply evangelical and intuitive.

The churches of Pleasant Valley all seem to have fallen within this definition and for the Ward family the church was probably the single most influential factor in their lives. Sundays were unequivocally given over to the church and nothing else except perhaps Sunday dinner with relatives. Frequently one attended morning services at the Presbyterian Church, dinner, afternoon services at the Episcopal Church, tea and an evening prayer or temperance meeting at the Methodist Church. Occasionally a missionary would visit.

Alson was a member of the Juvenile Franklin Temperance Society and was heavily involved in planning the



A sketch of Alson Ward from 1893. Ward was born December 10, 1821 in today’s Pleasant Valley, on the family’s large farmlands south of the center of the village center. He died there on January 6, 1906.

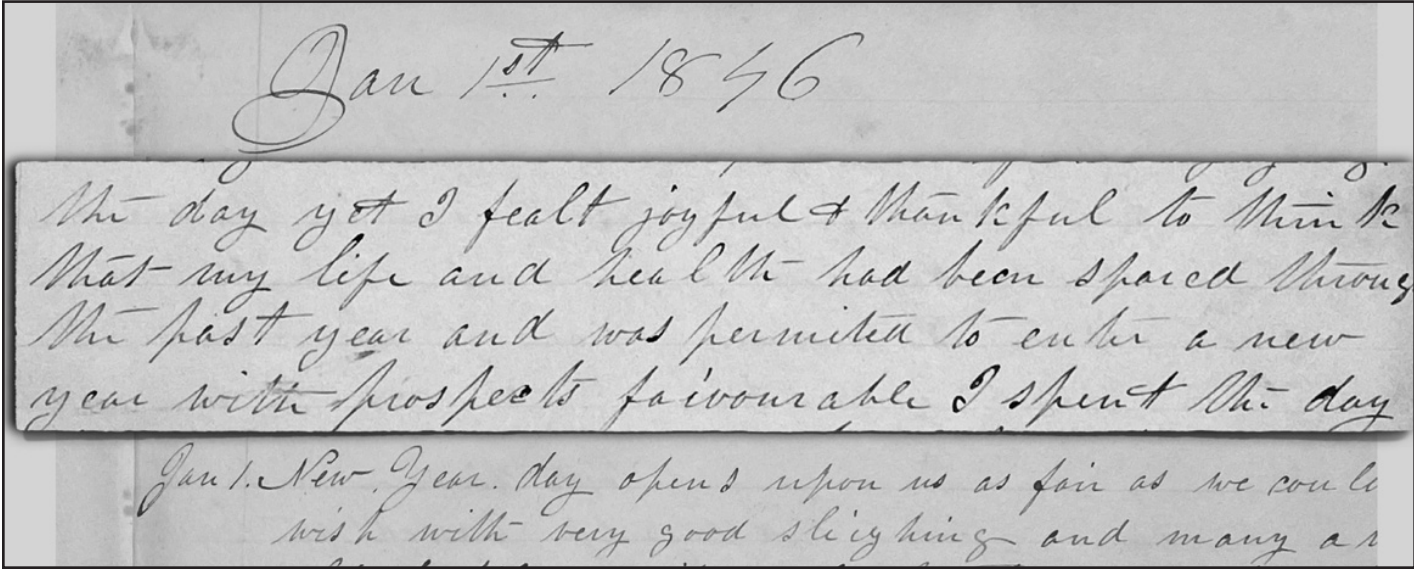
Temperance Meeting and County Convention held in 1844 in Pleasant Valley. While the temperance movement was important to Alson, he shows little interest in the growing abolition or women’s suffrage movements.

Alson married Julia Boyd in 1851 and eventually moved to Poughkeepsie where he worked for the Poughkeepsie Savings Bank in the real estate transactions division. His obituary reports that he was a Director of the Fallkill Bank, a Trustee of the Poughkeepsie Cemetery Association and on the Board of Education and the Alms House Board. He is buried in the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery.

Were it not for his diary, Alson’s life would have been summed up by a brief list of accomplishments and the personality of the man that emerges from the entries would never have been known. So, the next time you stumble on an old dusty diary, don’t throw it out. Better yet, maybe make a New Year’s resolution to start your own diary.

If these diary snippets whet your appetite to learn more about life in Pleasant Valley and Dutchess County in 1844, a full, searchable transcription of the diary can be found at [dchsnny.org/alson-ward](http://dchsnny.org/alson-ward).

Melodye Moore is a Trustee of DCHS, head of its Collections Committee, and involved in the development of its programs and exhibitions.



As we approach New Year’s Day 2022, the first entry in Alson Ward’s personal diary reflect a sentiment we may consider appropriate 176 years after it was written: “January 1, 1846. I felt joyful and thankful to think that my life and health had been spared through the past year and was permitted to enter a new year with prospects favorable.”

-Courtesy photo and image

## this week’s puzzle solutions

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

This week's answer  
**SUDOKU**

P	A	L	E	S	E	N	M	A	D	A	M		
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I	D	I	V	E	S	H	A	P	P	E	N		
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Suguru solution



# Putnam Chorale has open membership

**By Kristine Coulter**

The Putnam Chorale is seeking new members to join in its singing.

As for why one should join, Nicholas Simonelli, Putnam Chorale President, said, “One joins a chorus for the love of group singing. Typical choristers have sung in church choirs, school groups, or collegiate choruses. When newcomers find us, they often note they sang in school/college and miss it.”

Simonelli noted the Chorale’s mission statement, which says in part: “The two-fold mission of the Chorale is to provide amateur and aspiring professional singers an opportunity to enrich their lives through choral singing and to provide the community with compelling performance experiences unrivaled outside the major city venues.”

“Membership is open to all with singing experience of any type. We do not audition, but that does not diminish the seriousness of the musical effort. We make great music and provide rehearsal aids to learn the music when possible. We allow newcomers to find their place and decide if the Putnam Chorale is a good fit for them,” remarked Simonelli.

“I was a member of music groups in

high school and college, but during my work career, I didn’t have the time to participate in music. Joining the Putnam Chorale has been a joy of rediscovery,” said Putnam Chorale member Katherine Gambino.

Pre-pandemic, Putnam Chorale had approximately 50 members. For the Messiah concert, which was held at the end of 2021, membership was back up to approximately 45, after a low point in 2020, stated Simonelli.

“Singers can expect to find great camaraderie and friendship. Their singing skills should grow by paying attention to music direction and the occasional voice trainers we bring in to do workshops. Their knowledge of and exposure to different music genres is likely to grow as well. And one can expect the thrill of the live performance,” according to Simonelli.

Regarding rehearsals, Simonelli, said, “Historically, we rehearsed Monday evenings 7:30 to 9:30 in Carmel (for example, at the high school). During the last season we rehearsed 7-9 p.m. and had to relocate to a larger space to accommodate COVID distancing. Plans for the Spring 2022 season (starting



The Putnam Chorale seeks news members to sing with the group. Pictured are members of the chorale during one of its performances.

-Courtesy photo

## Glenham FD special meeting set Jan. 5

The Board of Fire Commissioners of the Glenham Fire District will be holding a special meeting on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 7 p.m.

This meeting will be held at the Slater Chemical Firehouse located at 76 Old Glenham Road, Glenham, in the Town of Fishkill.

January 3) will be finalized later this month and announced on our website, but it’s likely to be 7 or 7:30 p.m. in Carmel or Brewster, in Putnam County.”

“Not only is the music wonderful, but the experience of singing is restorative and the collaboration with the other members is so uplifting. I joined three years ago, and I can’t imagine my life now without singing,” remarked Gambino.

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# Obituaries

**Leo Tat Shing Chan**

WAPPINGERS FALLS – Leo Tat Shing Chan, was surrounded by loved ones when he passed away on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, after an eight month battle with cancer. He was 61. He was born on June 30, 1960 in Hong Kong, and started his journey to America when him and his family moved to Westerly, Rhode Island on June 6, 1973. After graduating high school, Leo attended and graduated university at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and later obtained a Master’s in engineering at the Rochester Institute of Technology. He was the first in his family to attend and graduate college. Shortly after graduating, he resided in Pawcatuck, Connecticut where he worked for General Dynamics assisting in the assembly of Nuclear Submarines for 15 years. He married Joanna Ng on January 17, 1991, and they moved to Wappingers Falls together in 1994. Leo continued his career in engineering at the Indian Point Energy Center where he worked as a nuclear mechanical engineer. He spent the rest of his career there and retired from being a Supervisor Engineer months before his untimely passing. Leo was regarded as a bright and hard worker, a lover of sports, an avid fisherman, and an extraordinary cook. He was very family oriented and cherished spending time with them. Always imparting infinite amounts of wisdom, he was often regarded as the smartest man in the room. Leo was loved by many in the community as well as by the many that he came across during his lifetime. He took care of the ones around him, and the effects of his compassion will remain long after he has passed. He is survived by his mother, Lai Cheung Chan; his wife, Joanna Ng; his children, Ryan and Daniel Chan, his daughter-in-law Brittany; his siblings, Alan, David, Peter, John and Ann Chan; and his nieces and nephews Anson, Alicia, Brian, Christopher, Jordan, Diana, Nancy, Nina, Alvin, Barbara, Raymond, and Cindy. He was predeceased by his older sister, Anita Chan-Bovio. Arrangements are under the direction of the Chinese Wah Lai Funeral Home at 22 Mulberry Street, New York, NY 10013. A funeral service was held on December 22, 2021. The burial service will be at Kensico Cemetery, shortly after, in Valhalla, NY.

**William F. Decker**

BEACON – William F. Decker, a long-time resident of Beacon and formerly of Ossining, passed away on December 17, 2021 at Montefiore St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital, Newburgh. He was 89 years old. Bill was born on November 23, 1932 in Syracuse, the son of the late Clifford and Nellie Dombrowski Decker. He graduated from Ossining High School in 1953. Bill proudly served in the both the U.S. National Guard of New York beginning in 1952 and also in the U.S. Army when he was called up into active duty until his honorable discharge in 1962 as a Sergeant. Bill retired from Fishkill Correctional Facility after 34 years of service. He was a parishioner of St. Joachim – St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Bill is survived by his wife of 63 years, Elizabeth Decker of Beacon; his daughter, Joan Marie Kline and her husband, Alan of Endwell, NY; his grandsons, William Kline of Beacon and Thomas Kline of Endwell; his sisters, Marian Ingegneri of Ossining and Charlotte Decker of Ossining; his three nieces and three nephews, one grandniece and two grand nephews. In addition to his parents, Bill was predeceased by his infant son, John. Family and friends gathered on Monday, December 20 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, December 21 at St. Joachim Church, 51 Leonard Street, Beacon. Burial with military honors followed at St. Joachim Cemetery, Beacon. Memorial donations in memory of Bill may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, any cat sanctuary or local veterans outreach programs.

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.

**Philip Giorgio**

FISHKILL – Philip Giorgio, Jr., 65, an area resident since 1996, died peacefully at home on December 15, 2021 surrounded by his family. He previously lived in the "West End" of New Rochelle. Born in New Rochelle on October 7, 1956, Philip was the son of the late Philip and Margaret (Racanello) Giorgio, Sr. He and his wife had been the proud owners of Giorgio's Land of Flowers Shop on 4th Street in New Rochelle. He then worked for the Westchester County Parks Department for over 40 years until his retirement. His family was the most important thing in the world to him, and he cherished the time he spent with all of them. On April 9, 1983 at St. Joseph's Church in New Rochelle, Philip married Maura (Tynan) Giorgio who survives at home. He is also survived by his children, Philip R. Giorgio and his wife Allye of Spackenkill, Alicia E. Giorgio of Fishkill, and Ryan M. Giorgio and his girlfriend Nicole Babian of Fishkill; his grandchildren, Ava and Mia Grace Giorgio; his siblings and their spouses, Patricia and Les DeSalvo, Elaine and Bobby Bretts, Richard and Karen Giorgio, Margaret and Jerry Grutteria, and Michael and Jean Giorgio; his brother-in-law, Sean Tynan; his beloved companion, Frankie; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Kateri Church, 1925 Route 82, LaGrangeville. Donations may be made in memory of Philip to Hudson Valley Hospice. Please visit his Book of Memories at [www.mchoulfuneral-home.com](http://www.mchoulfuneral-home.com).

**Susan Haddad**

EAST FISHKILL - Susan L. Haddad, 61, an area resident since 1994, died on December 18, 2021 at her home after a 7-year battle with cancer. She previously lived in Yonkers. Susan was born in Yonkers on July 22, 1960. A friend to the world, she gravitated toward roles that served her community. Namely, she cared for children at Little Angels day-care, where her daughter went to pre-school. She also held a Black Belt in karate and worked as a karate instructor at Betty Jean's Dance Studio. She was employed as a bank teller for many years until her retirement. Customers would ask specifically for Susan because of her radiant personality. Susan was proud of her Jordanian heritage and loved Arabic music, food, and culture. Most recently, she acted in the HBO miniseries, "I Know This Much Is True" as the mother of a dancer in episode 2. Family and friends will always remember Susan's carefree spirit of driving around in her red convertible. On August 20, 1977 at St. Mary's Church in Yonkers, Susan married Nithal Haddad who survives at home. She is also survived by her children, Michael Haddad of Staten Island and Dr. Kristen Haddad, PhD of Cincinnati, OH; her granddaughter, Leila Haddad; her mother, Rifah Hattar; her siblings and their spouses, Hilda and Vincent Cozza, Henry and Angelika Hattar, Dr. Thomas Hattar, MD and Dr. Jeanine Werner, MD, and Michael Hattar and Helen Miello; her Goddaughter, Angelina Cozza; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. Susan was predeceased by her father, Fahed Hattar; and her siblings, Hani Hattar, William Hattar, and Joseph Hattar. Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic, the Mass of Christian Burial at St. Columba Church and burial at St. Denis Cemetery will all be private. Arrangements are under the direction of the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc. Please visit Susan's Book of Memories at [www.mchoulfuneral-home.com](http://www.mchoulfuneral-home.com).

# Elks sing carols to veterans



*The Elks from the Mid Hudson District lodges #6180 in Beacon, Poughkeepsie, Wappinger and the NYS Elks Association State chair Justine Crowley Duncan sang Christmas carols to the Veterans living in Castle Point VA from outside the building. Veterans enjoyed the carols from inside the CLC H-1 unit. Escorting the Elk members was Santa Claus and his team of firetrucks and members of fire departments from Castle Point, New Hamburg, New Hackensack, Dutchess Junction, Glenham and Chelsea.*

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# Salt Point student dies in auto accident, Dec. 21

**By Rich Thomaselli**

Days before Christmas, tragedy has befallen the Millbrook and Salt Point communities, and Our Lady of Lourdes High School. Madison Lynch-Dingee, 16, died on Tuesday, December 21, in a two-car fatal crash on State Route 82 in the Town of Washington. The accident happened at approximately 2:55 p.m. The Salt Point resident was a junior at Lourdes and attended Millbrook schools prior to high school. A candlelight vigil was planned for Monday, December 27, on the Village Green in Millbrook. Tuesday, December 28, would have been her 17th birthday. “Today our hearts are broken. It is with deep sadness that we inform you of a devastating loss to our school community. On December 21, 2021, Madison Lynch-Dingee, a junior at Our Lady of Lourdes High School was tragically killed in an automobile accident,” the school wrote on social media. “As we deal with our own devastation, we are aware that this loss is sure to raise many emotions, concerns, and questions for our entire school, especially our students. Helping our students navigate the difficult process was our priority for today December 22, 2021.” She was the daughter of Louise and

Richard Dingee. According to the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff's Deputy came upon the crash while on routine patrol on Route 82 near North Shanks Road. A preliminary investigation revealed that a 2011 Subaru operated by Dingee was traveling northbound on Route 82 at an unsafe speed. Dingee tried to pass a 2016 Acura before making a left-hand turn onto North Shanks Road, not realizing the Subaru was also trying to turn left onto North Shanks. Dingee's car slammed into the Acura, exited the roadway off the western shoulder, and struck a tree. She died at the scene. The occupants of the Acura were uninjured. At this time, no charges have been filed but the cause of the crash is still under investigation by the Sheriff's Office Crash Investigation Unit and Detective Bureau. At this time, unsafe speed on the part of the Subaru appears to be a primary factor according to the Sheriff's Office. “We are saddened by the loss of our beloved Madison, but remain steadfast in our faith that teaches us that Jesus saved us and promises all who love Him eternal life,” Our Lady of Lourdes wrote on social media. “We ask our entire school community to pray for Madison, her mother Louise and her father Richard.”

# Reps. Delgado, Maloney announce more than \$1 million in disaster assistance for Dutchess County

Last week, U.S. Representatives Antonio Delgado (NY-19) and Sean Patrick Maloney (NY-18) announced that Dutchess County residents have received \$1,139,760 for individual and household assistance in the wake of Hurricane Ida. After the county was initially denied, Reps. Delgado and Maloney fought to secure both Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Individual Assistance and Public Assistance for Dutchess residents. FEMA Payments are issued on a rolling basis and will continue to be disbursed to Dutchess residents. There were 829 valid registrations in the county and 740 referrals to the program. “Hurricane Ida wreaked havoc throughout our upstate communities,” said Rep. Delgado. “In the wake of the damaging storm, Dutchess County residents were able to apply for financial support through FEMA. I am proud to announce that over \$1 million in assistance is going directly to constituents in our district to help folks

rebuild and recover – and more funding is on the way. If you were affected by Hurricane Ida, please apply for FEMA assistance ASAP.” “Hurricane Ida brought devastation to so many families and businesses in communities across the Hudson Valley. Since seeing the damage first-hand, I’ve been working to ensure folks receive the support they need to get back on their feet,” said Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney. “I’m so proud to join Rep. Delgado in announcing that, after extensive advocacy, over \$1 million in FEMA funds are on the way for Dutchess County in Individual and Public Assistance to help our communities recover and rebuild.” The deadline for New Yorkers to apply for assistance has now been extended. Homeowners and renters with uninsured or underinsured damage to their property from Hurricane Ida now have until Tuesday, Jan. 4, to apply for FEMA disaster assistance.



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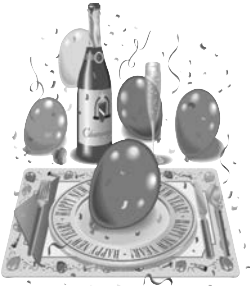
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DENCE ARE UN-  
KNOWN TO PLAIN-  
TIF, UNITED  
STATES OF AMER-  
ICA BY THE INTER-  
NAL REVENUE SER-  
VICE, NEW YORK  
STATE DEPART-  
MENT OF TAXATION  
AND FINANCE,  
FIRST HORIZON  
HOME LOAN COR-  
PORATION, JODI  
WHITE, DANTE  
SCHIAVO, KYLE  
PETTIT, CHRIS ER-  
AMO,  
Defendants.  
To the above named  
Defendants:  
You are hereby sum-  
moned to answer the  
complaint in this ac-  
tion 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 attor-  
neys within thirty days  
after the service of this  
summons, exclusive  
of the day of service,  
and in case of your fail-  
ure to appear or an-  
swer, judgment will be  
taken against you by  
default for the relief  
demanded in the com-  
plaint.  
NOTICE YOU ARE IN  
DANGER OF LOS-  
ING YOUR HOME  
If you do not respond  
to this summons and  
complaint by serving a  
copy of the answer on  
the attorney for the  
mortgage company  
who filed this foreclo-  
sure proceeding  
against you and filing  
the answer with the  
court, a default judg-  
ment may be entered  
and you can lose your  
home.  
Speak to an attorney  
or go to the court  
where your case is

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pending for further in-  
formation on how to  
answer the summons  
and protect your prop-  
erty.  
Sending a payment to  
your mortgage com-  
pany will not stop this  
foreclosure action.  
YOU MUST RE-  
SPOND BY SERV-  
ING A COPY OF THE  
ANSWER ON THE  
ATTORNEY FOR  
THE PLAINTIFF  
(MORTGAGE COM-  
PANY) AND FILING  
THE ANSWER WITH  
THE COURT.  
This is an attempt to  
collect a debt and any  
information obtained  
will be used for that  
purpose.  
The foregoing sum-  
mons is served upon  
you by publication  
pursuant to an order of  
Honorable Maria G.  
Rosa, Justice of the  
Supreme Court of the  
State of New York,  
signed the 19th day of  
November, 2021 at  
Poughkeepsie, New  
York.  
The object of this ac-  
tion is to foreclose a  
mortgage on the fol-  
lowing property:  
Tax I.D. No. 6156-02-  
600977  
ALL that certain piece  
or parcel of land situ-  
ate in the Town of Wap-  
pinger, County of  
Dutchess and State of  
New York, bounded  
and described as fol-  
lows:  
BEGINNING at a point  
in the middle of the Old  
Post Road, now Os-  
borne Hill Road, and  
distant South 20 de-  
grees 50 minutes  
West 128.23 feet and  
South 15 degrees 50  
minutes West 147.60  
feet from a new divi-  
sion line through lands  
of H. Osten forming  
the southeast corner  
of Secor and  
RUNNING THENCE  
along the middle of  
said Old Post Road  
South 15 degrees 50  
minutes West 100.00  
feet;  
THENCE leaving said  
Old Post Road and  
through lands of said  
H. Osten North 63 de-  
grees 38 minutes  
West 623.22 feet to a  
point in the line of for-  
merly Grosvenor, now  
Windheim;  
THENCE along said  
line North 66 degrees  
38 minutes East  
128.85 feet;  
THENCE through  
lands of said H. Osten  
South 63 degrees 38  
minutes East 521.66  
feet to the point of BE-  
GINNING.  
Subject to ease-  
ments, covenants,  
and restriction of  
record.  
These premises are  
also known as 38 Os-  
borne Hill Road, Wap-  
pingers Falls, NY  
12590.  
Woods Oviatt Gilman  
LLP  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
500 Bausch & Lomb  
Place  
Rochester, NY 14604

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**File No. 2021-170  
SURROGATE'S  
COURT -  
MONTGOMERY  
COUNTY  
CITATION**  
The People of the  
State of New York,  
By the Grace of God  
Free and Indepen-  
dent,  
To: BRIAN  
WEAVER residing at  
39 Regency Dr., Wap-  
pingers Falls, NY  
12590  
A petition having been  
duly filed by  
CHARLES PETER-  
SON, who is domi-  
ciled at 103 Second  
Ave., Fonda, New  
York, 12068  
YOU ARE HEREBY  
CITED TO SHOW  
CAUSE before the  
Surrogate's court,  
Montgomery County,  
at the Village of  
Fonda, New York, on  
the 20th day of Janu-  
ary, 2022, at 10:00  
O'clock in the forenoon  
of that day, why a de-  
cree should not be  
made in the estate of  
COLLEEN PETER-  
SON, lately domiciled  
at 103 Second Ave.,  
Fonda, New York,  
12068, in the County  
of Montgomery, New  
York, admitting to pro-  
bate a Will dated July  
10, 1989, a copy of  
which is attached, as  
the Will of COLLEEN  
PETERSON, de-  
ceased, relating to  
real and personal  
property, and direct-  
ing that Letters Testa-  
mentary issue to:  
CHARLES PETER-  
SON  
Dated, Attested and  
Sealed, November  
30, 2021  
Hon. GUY P.  
TOMLINSON  
Surrogate Judge  
County of Mon-  
tgomery  
By  
Alixon C. Thomas,  
Chief Clerk  
ATTORNEY  
Name of attorney:  
Charles R. Schwartz,  
Esq., The Schwartz  
Law Firm Tel. Ad-  
dress of attorney: 236  
State Highway 67,  
Amsterdam, NY  
12010  
NOTE: This citation is  
served upon you as re-  
quired by law. You are  
not required to ap-  
pear. If you fail to ap-  
pear it will be assumed  
you do not object to the  
relief requested. You  
have a right to have an  
attorney appear for  
you.  
SUPREME COURT  
OF THE STATE OF  
NEW YORK -  
COUNTY OF  
DUTCHESS  
INDEX# 2019-5472  
FILED: 11/20/2019  
SUMMONS  
DUTCHESS County  
designated as the  
place of trial on the ba-  
sis of situs of reality.  
WILMINGTON SAV-  
INGS FUND SOCI-  
ETY, FSB, AS  
TRUSTEE OF UP-  
LAND MORTGAGE

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LOAN TRUST A,  
Plaintiff, against  
KATHI OLIVIERI, AS  
EXECUTOR AND  
TRUSTEE OF THE  
ESTATE OF AU-  
DREY J. PULST  
A/K/A AUDREY JEAN  
PULST A/K/A AU-  
DREY PULST; SEC-  
RETARY OF HOUS-  
ING AND URBAN DE-  
VELOPMENT; KMT  
GROUP LLC, CAPI-  
TAL ONE BANK  
(USA) NA; HARVEST  
CREDIT MANAGE-  
MENT VII LLC; FIA  
CARD SERVICES,  
NA; LVNV FUNDING,  
LLC; NEW YORK  
STATE DEPART-  
MENT OF TAXATION  
AND FINANCE-TAX  
COMPLIANCE DIVI-  
SION - C.O. - ATC;  
UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA - DE-  
PARTMENT OF  
TREASURY; "JOHN  
DOE NUMBERS 1-  
10" The names of  
these defendants be-  
ing fictitious and un-  
known to the Plaintiff,  
the persons or parties  
intended being the  
tenants, occupants,  
person or corpora-  
tions, if any having or  
claiming an interest in,  
possession of, or lien  
upon the premises de-  
scribed in the Com-  
plaint, Defendants.  
TO THE ABOVE-  
NAMED DEFEN-  
DANTS: YOU ARE  
HEREBY SUM-  
MONED to answer the  
Complaint in this ac-  
tion 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 attor-  
ney within twenty (20)  
days after the service  
of this Summons, ex-  
clusive of the day of  
service, or within thirty  
(30) days after com-  
pletion of service  
where service is made  
in a manner other than  
by personal delivery  
within the State. In the  
event the United  
States of America is  
made a party defen-  
dant; the time to an-  
swer for the said  
United States of Amer-  
ica shall not expire un-  
til sixty (60) days after  
service of the Sum-  
mons. In case of your  
failure to appear or an-  
swer, judgment will be  
taken against you by  
default for the relief  
demanded in the  
Complaint. NOTICE  
YOU ARE IN DAN-  
GER OF LOSING  
YOUR HOME. If you  
do not respond to this  
summons and com-  
plaint by serving a  
copy of the answer on  
the attorney for the  
mortgage company  
who filed this foreclo-  
sure proceeding  
against you and filing  
the answer with the  
court, a default judg-  
ment may be entered  
and you can lose your  
home. Speak to an at-  
torney or go to the  
court where your case  
is pending for further

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information on how to  
answer the summons  
and protect your prop-  
erty. Sending a pay-  
ment to your mort-  
gage company will not  
stop this foreclosure  
action. YOU MUST  
RESPOND BY  
SERVING A COPY  
OF THE ANSWER  
ON THE ATTORNEY  
FOR THE PLAINTIFF  
(MORTGAGE COM-  
PANY) AND FILING  
THE ANSWER WITH  
THE COURT. The  
Summons is served  
upon you by publica-  
tion pursuant to an Or-  
der of the Supreme  
Court of the State of  
New York and filed in  
the Office of the Clerk  
of the County of  
DUTCHESS on  
11/20/2019. This is an  
action to foreclose on  
a mortgage. ALL that  
certain lot, piece or  
parcel of land together  
with the buildings and  
improvements thereon,  
situate, lying and being  
in the Town of LaGrange,  
County of Dutchess and  
State of New York (Section  
6260, Block 04, Lot  
772218), said prem-  
ises known as 24  
Cochran Hill Road,  
Poughkeepsie, NY  
12603. There is due  
and owing to the plain-  
tiff, the principle sum  
of \$128,232.37. The  
relief sought in the  
within action is a final  
judgment directing  
the sale of the prem-  
ises described above  
to satisfy the debt de-  
scribed above. KOS-  
TERICH & SKEETE,  
L.L.C., 707 Westch-  
ester Avenue, Suite  
302, White Plains, NY  
10604.  
LEGAL NOTICE  
PLEASE TAKE NO-  
TICE that the Chelsea  
Fire District of the  
Town of Wappinger,  
County of Dutchess,  
New York, will hold its  
regular meeting for  
the year 2022 on the  
second Monday of  
each month.  
All meetings will com-  
mence at 7:30 p.m. on  
that day at the  
Chelsea Firehouse lo-  
cated at 15 Liberty  
Street, in the Town of  
Wappinger, and are  
open to the public.  
This notification is be-  
ing given in accord-  
ance with the provi-  
sions of Section 94 of  
the Public Officers  
Law of the State of  
New York. By order of  
the Board of Fire Com-  
missioners of the  
Chelsea Fire District.  
Claire Gibson  
Fire District  
Secretary  
Chelsea Fire District

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**NEW  
HACKENSACK  
FIRE DISTRICT  
217 Myers Corners  
Road  
Wappinger Falls,  
New York 12590**  
Please take notice  
that the Board of Fire  
Commissioners of the  
New Hackensack Fire  
District will be holding  
their annual reorgani-  
zation meeting on  
January 4, 2022 at  
6:00 PM at the New  
Hackensack Fire Dis-  
trict Headquarters,  
217 Myers Corners  
Road, Wappinger  
Falls, New York  
12590.  
December 29, 2021  
Frank P. Borquist  
Secretary/Treasurer  
NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN that the Board  
of Fire Commission-  
ers of the Rombout  
Fire District in the  
Town of Fishkill,  
Dutchess County,  
New York, at a meet-  
ing held on December  
9, 2021, duly adopted  
the following Resolu-  
tion, subject to a per-  
missive referendum:  
RESOLUTION #1  
A RESOLUTION au-  
thorizing the Board of  
Fire Commissioners  
of the Rombout Fire  
District, Town of  
Fishkill, Dutchess  
County, New York, to  
pay expenses in  
preparation for Town  
and Voter approval of  
satellite firehouse to  
be built at location  
1548 Route 52,  
Fishkill, New York.  
(which premises are  
owned by the Fire Dis-  
trict).  
The foregoing prelim-  
inary site work shall be  
partially paid for out of  
the Building Reserve  
Fund and the Board  
authorizes said ex-  
penditure at a cost not  
to exceed \$400,000  
(including associated  
architectural, engi-  
neering and legal  
fees).  
This Resolution is  
adopted subject to a  
permissive referen-  
dum.  
By order of the Board  
of Commissioners of  
the Rombout Fire Dis-  
trict.  
Jill Muller, Secretary  
Rombout Fire District  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN, that the Town  
Board of the Town of  
Wappinger adopted a  
local law to Opt-Out of  
Allowing Cannabis  
Retail Dispensaries in  
the Town of Wap-  
pinger outside of any  
Village as authorized  
Under Cannabis Law

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Article 4 at its regular  
meeting held on De-  
cember 13, 2021. This  
Local Law is subject to  
a referendum on peti-  
tion in accordance  
with New York State  
Cannabis Law § 131  
and the procedures  
outlined in Article  
Seven of the Town  
Law.  
(PROPOSED)  
LOCAL LAW  
NO. \_\_\_\_ OF 2021  
A Local Law Adopted  
Pursuant to Cannabis  
Law § 131 Opting Out  
of Licensing and Es-  
tablishing Cannabis  
Retail Dispensaries  
within the Town of  
Wappinger outside of  
any Village.  
Be it enacted by the  
Town Board of the  
Town of Wappinger as  
follows:  
Section 1. Legislative  
Intent  
It is the intent of this Lo-  
cal Law to opt the Town  
of Wappinger out of  
hosting Cannabis Re-  
tail Dispensaries  
within its boundaries  
that would otherwise  
be allowed under the  
New York State Mari-  
juana Regulation and  
Taxation Act.  
Section 2. Authority  
This Local Law is  
adopted pursuant to  
Cannabis Law § 131,  
which expressly au-  
thorizes towns to opt-  
out of allowing  
Cannabis Retail Dis-  
pensaries to locate  
and operate within the  
area of the town out-  
side of any village  
within such town.  
Section 3. Local Opt-  
Out for Cannabis Re-  
tail Dispensaries  
The Town Board of the  
Town of Wappinger,  
County of Dutchess,  
hereby opts-out of al-  
lowing Cannabis Re-  
tail Dispensaries from  
locating and operat-  
ing within the bound-  
aries of the Town of  
Wappinger outside of  
any village within the  
Town. In accordance  
with Cannabis Law §  
131(1), the Town re-  
quests the Cannabis  
Control Board to pro-  
hibit the establish-  
ment of on-site con-  
sumption premises li-  
censed pursuant to  
Article Four of the  
Cannabis Law within  
the Town outside of  
any village.  
Section 4. Local Law  
Subject to Permissive  
Referendum  
Pursuant to Cannabis  
Law § 131, this Local  
Law is subject to a re-  
ferendum on petition  
pursuant to Municipal  
Home Rule Law § 24  
and the procedure for  
calling for and holding  
such referendum  
shall be in accordance  
with the law.  
Section 5. Effective  
Date  
This Local Law shall  
take effect upon filing  
with the Secretary of  
State pursuant to Mu-  
nicipal Home Rule  
Law § 27.



**GIVE BLOOD GIVE LIFE**

Who needs blood?

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



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PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Wappinger adopted a local law to Opt-Out of Allowing On-Site Cannabis Consumption Premises in the Town of Wappinger outside of any Village as authorized Under Cannabis Law Article 4 at its regular meeting held on December 13, 2021. This Local Law is subject to a referendum on petition in accordance with New York State Cannabis Law § 131 and the procedures outlined in Article Seven of the Town Law. §

LOCAL LAW  
NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
(PROPOSED)  
OF 2021

A Local Law Adopted Pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131 Opting Out of Licensing and Establishing On-Site Cannabis Consumption Premises within the Town of Wappinger outside of any Village.

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Wappinger as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent  
It is the intent of this Local Law to opt the Town of Wappinger out of hosting on-site cannabis consumption premises within its boundaries that would otherwise be allowed under the New York State Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act.

Section 2. Authority  
This Local Law is adopted pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131, which expressly authorizes towns to opt-out of allowing on-site cannabis consumption premises to locate and operate within the area of the town outside of any village within such town.

Section 3. Local Opt-Out for On-Site Cannabis Consumption Premises  
The Town Board of the Town of Wappinger, County of Dutchess, hereby opts-out of allowing on-site cannabis consumption premises from locating and operating within the boundaries of the Town of Wappinger outside of any village within the Town. In accordance with Cannabis Law § 131(1), the Town requests the Cannabis Control Board to prohibit the establishment of on-site consumption premises licensed pursuant to Article Four of the Cannabis Law within the Town outside of any village.

Section 4. Local Law Subject to Permissive Referendum  
Pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131, this Local Law is subject to a referendum on petition

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pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 24 and the procedure for calling for and holding such referendum shall be in accordance with the law.

Section 5. Effective Date  
This Local Law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 27.

LEGAL NOTICE  
Please take notice that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Wappingers Falls will hold a public hearing on January 11, 2022, at 7:00 pm, online and telephonically only, utilizing the WebEx platform, to consider the application submitted by Viserba Breglia Holdings, LLC for an area variance approval for the property located at 2746 West Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY (Grid # 6158-14-252469) in the Village Mixed (VM) Zoning District. The applicant is seeking a variance from Village Code § 151-61, Definitions, "Dwelling, Multifamily" which permits "[a] building containing more than two dwelling units or a part of a building above a permitted business use containing more than two dwelling units" to allow a multifamily dwelling that (a) contains only two dwelling units and (b) has one of the dwelling units located below the commercial use. There will be no in-person participation in this meeting by the Board or the public. The public may join the meeting via WebEx using the following link:  
<https://wappingersfallsny.webex.com/j?MTID=m87b226f7346e0c2ba-bac32581eb74e3>  
Or through the WebEx website using the following information:  
Meeting Number (access code): 2631 456 9295  
Meeting Password: yfJDK5mAX77  
Or by telephone, at 1-408-418-9388, and using the meeting number (access code) above.

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, 8:30AM to 3:00 PM. The telephone number is 845-297-5277. All interested persons may appear by agent, or by attorney, and all will be heard.

Date:  
December 21, 2021

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**BIDDERS**  
RFB-DCH-2022-02 Dutchess County Urban Trail- Phase 1 Tree Clearing. Project Description: This project involves tree clearing of a former railroad corridor in the Town and City of Poughkeepsie for a future shared use trail. Beginning: Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at 8:00 am: Bid Documents may be obtained in person or by mail (provide your FedEx account number or SASE) at: Dutchess County DPW, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Business Office, 1st Floor, 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 are available on a USB Flash Drive. You must give the following information to obtain the flash drive: Company Name, Contact Name, Address, Phone Number, E-mail Address, All Addendums 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 will be required for each set of Bid Documents, in the form of a check made payable to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance. The deposit is refundable in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 102. (The refund must be requested in writing). Bids for the above project will be received by: Diane McKenna, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) 626 Dutchess Turnpike, 1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. On or before Friday January 21, 2022 at 11:00am, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. 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

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States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 905 328 926#. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check or official bank check) or a letter of credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. The successful bidder's security will be retained until he has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and furnished the required 100% Labor and Material Payment Bond, 100% Performance Bond and acceptable insurance documentation. Each bid 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. Questions will be accepted by 3:00pm on Friday, January 14, 2022 and shall be emailed to [dpwcontracts@dutchesny.gov](mailto:dpwcontracts@dutchesny.gov). The anticipated start of construction is March 1, 2022, and the anticipated completion date, including all punch list work is March 31, 2022. Failure to meet these dates will result in liquidated damages and engineering charges in accordance with the NYSDOT specifications September 1, 2021. This project is subject to New York State Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC # 2021012876. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in Bids and in bidding and to reject any or all Bids. "Bidders shall promptly notify the County of any errors, omissions, conflicts, and/or ambiguity that they identify in the contract documents by emailing [dpwcontracts@dutchesny.gov](mailto:dpwcontracts@dutchesny.gov)."

LEGAL NOTICE  
The following entitled bond resolution has been adopted on December 13, 2021, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Dutchess, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days af-

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ter the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Dated:  
Poughkeepsie,  
New York,  
December 27, 2021.  
Clerk, County  
Legislature

**RESOLUTION  
NO. 2021220**  
BOND RESOLUTION DATED DECEMBER 13, 2021. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$11,110,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE construction of the DUTCHESS urban trail in the town and city of Poughkeepsie, IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the capital project hereinafter described, as proposed, has been determined to be a Type I Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, which it has been determined will not have any significant adverse impact on the environment by the County of Dutchess, New York, having declared Lead Agency by Resolution No. 2021192 on November 8, 2021; and WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the financing of such capital project; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Construction of the Dutchess Urban Trail in the Town and City of Poughkeepsie, in and for the County of Dutchess, New York, including a shared use path, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, is hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$11,110,000.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is \$11,110,000, and that the plan for the financing thereof shall be by the issuance of \$11,110,000 serial bonds of said County hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the

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aforesaid specific object or purpose is fifteen years, pursuant to subdivision 19(c) of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the bonds herein authorized will exceed five years.

Section 4. The faith and credit of said County of Dutchess, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. To the extent not paid from other sources, there shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said County, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Commissioner of Finance, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as she shall deem best for the interests of the County; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, she shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the Commissioner of Finance shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 7. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be

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signed in the name of the County of Dutchess, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the Commissioner of Finance and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted or impressed thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the County Clerk.

Section 8. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the County by the facsimile signature of the Commissioner of Finance, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the County), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the Commissioner of Finance. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the County not to impose and collect from registered owners of such serial bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such recitals in addition to those required by section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Commissioner of Finance shall determine.

Section 9. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.1502. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allo-

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# Toys collected for tots by Fishkill groups



The Town of Fishkill Police, Town of Fishkill Recreation Department and Village of Fishkill Police collected toys for the U.S. Marines annual Toys for Tots program. -Courtesy photos

## Rosa Hoag receives promotion from Rhinebeck Bank

Rhinebeck Bank has promoted Rosa Hoag to Assistant Vice President, Cash Management Relationship Manager. She will cover the Bank's Southern Dutchess County and Orange County markets.

A banking veteran of more than 30 years, Hoag previously served as branch manager at Rhinebeck Bank's Red Hook location since August 2016. In her new role, she will provide business customers with the Bank's full suite of

business banking and cash management services, including Business Online Banking, remote deposit capture and credit card processing.

"Throughout my banking career, I've worked tirelessly to make sure customers' needs and goals are my top priority and to provide them an exceptional customer experience, something I know is shared by everyone at Rhinebeck Bank," said Hoag. "My new role will allow me to help

our many business customers throughout southern Dutchess and Orange counties succeed, something that I'm excited about and eager to begin."

When not working, Hoag enjoys the outdoors, especially when able to watch beautiful sunrises and sunsets. Hoag includes a love of cooking among her hobbies, as it gives her the opportunity to enjoy having her family together over a good meal.



Rosa Hoag

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cated on a longterm basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 10. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said County is not authorized to expend money, or

2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in full in The Poughkeepsie Journal and The Southern Dutchess News, the official newspapers of said County, together with a notice of the Clerk of the County Legislature in substantially

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the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

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Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 13th day of January 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our web site <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call (845) 486-3613.

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# Mystery decorators strike again at BJ’s Farm in Pleasant Valley

**Introduction by Jim Donick**  
As the Christmas season winds down, the memories and, sometimes, the mysteries linger.  
Joe Cardella, of BJ’s Christmas Tree Farm on Traver Road in Pleasant Valley has been bringing Christmas cheer to families for over 30 years. As he cleans up at the end of the season in his fields, he will spot the occasional lost mitten or scarf, but one surprise is invariably somewhere out there, and where he least expects to find it. He related the following story recently.

**The Invisible Christmas Tree Decorators**  
**By Joe Cardella**

It’s been many years since the Invisible Christmas Tree Decorator or possibly Decorators struck here at our farm. I remember the first time walking in a field and finding a small four-foot Douglas Fir tree, not a green needle on it, all decorated for Christmas. The day I found that little tree I was cleaning up after our farm had closed. There among all the beautiful trees, was this poor unappreciated tree all dressed up for the Christmas season.  
Since then, every year I have found a little tree not ready to be brought home by some loving family all decorated in the field.  
I have questioned my family and staff,

but they either don’t know or they won’t tell me who the invisible decorator is.  
After years of trying to unmask the decorator, I have narrowed it down. It either really is Elves or just maybe two guys who have worked for me since they were teenagers- Sean and Nick.  
I picture them coming at night wearing their Black Ninja garb and donning infrared goggles, so they can perform their deed unencumbered by the dark or peering eyes.  
Both of these boys fit the profile. Sean as a young boy would dress up in camouflage playing an Army Ranger hiding in my trees and Nick was the type that reminded me of the Eddie Haskell character from the TV show “Leave It to Beaver.”  
He was well mannered and always pleasant to be around, but you knew secretly he was thinking to himself what could I do to drive my boss crazy.  
BJ’s Christmas Tree Farm in Pleasant Valley, NY started planting Douglas Fir trees in 1987 and that year we were buying bows of greens and selling wreaths. In 1992, we sold our first trees, but now 2022 will be our last season for selling Christmas trees and if I have to post a guard 24 hours a day during our last season, I will find the Invisible decorator or decorators so I can say - THANK YOU!



A small tree sits decortated for the holidays at BJ’s Christmas Tree Farm in Pleasant Valley.  
-Courtesy photo

## 2022 Piano Festival to begin Jan. 9 in Beacon

The Howland Chamber Music Circle’s popular Piano Festival will be live in a series of Sundays, at 4 p.m. at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main Street, Beacon.  
Tickets to these concerts can be ordered on HCMC’s website [www.howlandmusic.org](http://www.howlandmusic.org). Please be aware that proof of vaccinations and the wearing of masks is required to enter the hall.  
The series begins on Sunday, Jan. 9, with a performance by Dominic Cheli, who impressed the audience with his playing and his commanding presence at the keyboard. He will be playing works by Erwin Schulhof, H. Leslie Adams,

Clara Schumann, Johannes Brahms, Liszt/Schubert and Modest Mussorgsky’s Pictures at an Exhibition.  
This concert is designated HCMC’s “Founders Concert” in memory of the Circle’s founders Gwen and Bill Stevens and is sponsored by the Stevens Family Fund of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley.  
The concert on January 23rd welcomes back Roman Rabinovich, who last performed for the Chamber Music Circle in 2018 and has since been busy performing around the world. Roman made his Israel Philharmonic debut under the baton of

Zubin Mehta at age 10. He was top prizewinner at the 12th Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition in 2008, while in 2015, he was selected by Sir Andras Schiff as one of three pianists for the inaugural "Building Bridges" series, created to highlight young pianists of unusual promise. His concert will feature works by Jean-Philippe Rameau, Franz Schubert, George Walker and Frederic Chopin.  
The last concert of the series, on February 20th, presents Charles Richard Hamelin, a newcomer to the Chamber Music Circle. He is the Silver medalist and laureate of the Krystian Zimerman Prize at the 2015

International Piano Competition in Warsaw. Charles Richard Hamelin is standing out today as one of the most important musicians of his generation. In 2014, he also won the second prize at the Montreal International Musical Competition and the third prize at the Soul International Competition in South Korea. Charles is the recipient of the Order of Arts and Letters of Quebec and the prestigious Career Development Award offered by the Women’s Musical Club of Toronto. His recital will feature works by Frederic Chopin, William Grant Still and Maurice Ravel.

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## Learn about the County-Wide Shared Services Plan on Dec. 30

Dutchess County Executive Marcus J. Molinaro will air a presentation of the County-Wide Shared Services Plan on Thursday, Dec. 30, at noon, on the County’s Facebook page, [Facebook.com/DutchessCoGov](https://www.facebook.com/DutchessCoGov).  
The presentation will also be posted on the County’s shared services website thereafter: [Dutchessny.gov/Departments/Budget/County-Wide-Shared-Services-Initiative.htm](https://Dutchessny.gov/Departments/Budget/County-Wide-Shared-Services-Initiative.htm).



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