

COVID-19 UPDATE

Molinaro: County does not have resources to enforce mask mandate

Local effort will be on vaccines, testing, education

by Kate Goldsmith

Late last week, Gov. Kathy Hochul announced a new mandate that requires masks to be worn in all indoor public places unless businesses or venues implement a vaccine requirement. Hochul cited the recent surge in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations statewide for the order, and “to be in alignment with the CDC’s recommendations for communities with substantial and high transmission.”



County Executive Marc Molinaro

Since Thanksgiving, the statewide seven-day average case rate has gone from 34.02 per 100,000 to 51.98 per 100,000 on Dec. 11, the latest data available as the paper went to press.

In Dutchess County, the average case rate went from 39.73 per 100,000 to 50.2 per 100,000 from Dec. 2 to 10. In that same time period, active cases jumped from 628 to 1,484; hospitalizations increased from 46 to 55 and deaths rose from 515 to 518. The infection rate was 5.72 percent on Dec. 10, according to the county’s COVID-19 Dashboard.

The CDC labels the county as an area of high transmission.

The mandate became effective on Monday and will run through Jan. 15, 2022, when it will be re-evaluated based on conditions at the time.

“As Governor, my two top priorities are to protect the health of New Yorkers and to protect the health of our economy. The temporary measures I am taking today will help accomplish this through the holiday season,” said Hochul in a press release issued Dec. 10. “We shouldn’t have reached the point where we are confronted with a winter surge, especially with the vaccine at our disposal, and I share many New Yorkers’ frustration that we are not past this pandemic yet.”

Hochul thanked “the millions of New Yorkers who have done the right thing to get fully vaccinated.” She added, “We are all in this together, and if others will follow suit, these measures will no longer be necessary.”

A violation of any provision of this measure is subject to all civil and criminal penalties, including a maximum fine of \$1,000 for each violation. Local health departments are being asked to enforce these requirements.

In a statement, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said the county won’t participate in enforcement; rather, it will “continue to facilitate testing and vaccines, encourage mask wearing, and educate individuals on how to assess their risk when out in public.” He reiterated the county’s priority is “the health and well-being of our residents.”

Molinaro noted that “the State has indicated counties should focus on education only for a minimum of the next

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Resilient couple revives hardware store in Wingdale



Ildiko and Patrick Orlando stand inside the arms of the seven-foot gorilla character they acquired for the holidays at the Orlando Family Hardware Store in Wingdale. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

by Curtis Schmidt

The nostalgia – and challenges – of operating a small-town hardware store are alive and well with the Orlando family in the Dutchess County hamlet of Wingdale.

Ildiko, a native of Hungary, and Patrick describe themselves as “creative thinkers” and unemployable entrepreneurs who enjoy making money together.

They did that as property managers and “house flippers” in Bay Shore, Long Island before coming to the “peace and quiet” of the Hudson Valley. With Patrick’s background in property management and landscaping and Ildiko’s education in business administration and real estate, “one house became 60,” said Ildiko.

And a dozen years later, they found that perfect 1700-era farm house and five acres of land with their desired “beautiful view” in Wingdale.

That’s when it happened. They were renovating the farm house and selling veggies from their 100-foot greenhouse at a local farmers market when a fellow vendor mentioned that the local Wingdale Hardware Store of 25-plus years was going out of business and up for sale.

That’s when nostalgia set in. “I just said to myself, ‘We can’t lose this part of Americana. Every small town has to have a hardware store,’” said Patrick.

And then reality set in.

“The store was really going down hill. The tumbleweeds were blowing through the isles (so to speak),” said Ildiko. “It was a nerve-racking decision. We went back and forth for about three months. Could we really bring the store back from near death?”

That was two years ago. Today, the Orlando Family Hardware Store is full of up-to-date merchandise, bustling with customers ranging from contractors to DIY types and yes, all are enjoying and learning in a hardware store with an “old-time local flavor.”

“Reviving and running a hardware store was obviously the last thing on our minds when we moved here,” Ildiko said with a laugh. “But we dove into it.”

Patrick is a “jack of all trades” type of guy and has the hardware background and handles merchandise and customers, while Ildiko handles the bookkeeping. The most important thing is to “listen to our customers,” they said.

“We technically started from scratch,” Patrick said of the process. “We followed layout plans and updated each aisle with everything from basic and modern carpentry tools to all of the nuts and bolts, plumbing and electrical items, leaf and snow-blowers, generators – you name it.”

He also made trips to area hardware stores to educate himself and get the necessary ideas.

So, did they achieve success overnight?

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“No. It took months and months,” said Ildiko. “There were days when we did not break even. We didn’t know if we could pay the rent, pay employees and keep the lights on. We kept asking ourselves if we made the right decision.”

But eventually the locals came in, saw the updated merchandise and began to feel confident that they could find whatever they needed. Helpful staff and owners just added to the new-found success, and word spread in the area.

Now the Orlandos have even made the deep-dive investment into items like Benjamin Moore Paints, Diablo blades and Milwaukee tools.

“We need to continue to give people real reasons to buy here vs. making the drive to larger cities,” said Patrick. “This is not a dead store front. It’s full of life and has everything they need and want. We are finally developing a good clientele.”

And that means employing another “tried and true” retail marketing tool.

“We know our customers and greet them by their first names. We’re getting a lot of new faces in the store, so that makes it a little difficult, but that’s a good problem to have,” said Ildiko. “Then we have to keep pushing forward and keep asking ourselves ‘What is the next item we can provide? What else do they need



Above: Nostalgic hardware items from the past bring an old-time flavor to the Orlando Family Hardware Store in Wingdale. Below: Patrick Orlando stocks shelves with new merchandise. Photos by Curtis Schmidt

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Now, they’re moving forward with mailing out discount cards, adding home and kitchen items, gifts, local honey and syrup, lotions and items to attract women. They even added a seven-foot gorilla character up front to bring a smile to customers’ faces when they pull up. They also like taking part in local events like Halloween and parades.

“We’re fighting the good fight by keeping a local business and the community alive,” said Patrick. “We’re con-

tributing to the local economy and we love the challenges.”

And that leads us to their next one. The couple also recently bought the Miller Hardware Store in Pleasant Valley. It’s another store that needs to be built back up. The Orlandos are putting to use what they have learned from their previous endeavors.

“It’s all about listening and learning from your customers,” said Patrick. “That’s basic, but that’s what keeps us going and moving forward.”

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two weeks to garner community support and compliance, and we are actively working to assist businesses and other public facilities in better understanding this new state regulation.”

He also pointed to the state’s online FAQ, which is provided at the end of this article. It can answer many questions businesses and the general public might have about the mandate.

“Beyond this [two-week] period, Dutchess County has been advised against and will not divert critical health department resources away from other activities for the purpose of enforcement,” he said. “Dutchess County does not have the public health resources necessary to enforce this public health regulation. As Health departments are the only entity allowed to enforce this measure, all further questions or complaints [should be directed to] the NYS hotline: 1-888-364-3065.

“The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health remains committed to our COVID-19 response through education and sharing information for residents about the

importance of vaccination and other common sense mitigation measures, as well as ensuring community access and availability of testing, vaccinations and boosters,” Molinaro concluded.

Reaction to mandate

An indoor public place is defined as any indoor space that is not a private residence — businesses and venues New Yorkers frequent that are publicly owned or owned by private business. These entities include indoor entertainment venues, concert halls, indoor sports stadiums, recreational spaces, restaurants, office buildings, shopping centers, grocery stores, pharmacies, houses of worship and common areas in residential buildings.

Hochul’s announcement took many by surprise, prompting comments that it places an unfair onus on businesses, will create potential safety issues for employees and will be impossible to enforce.

Jim Calvin, President of the New York Association of Convenience Stores, issued a statement on behalf of its members.

“We appreciate the magnitude of the public health dilemma New York is fac-

ing, and the difficult choices our leaders must make to address it,” Calvin said. “Checking the vaccination status of everyone stopping in for their morning coffee would make convenience stores ‘inconvenience’ stores.”

He emphasized the difficult situation the mandate places on store employees.

“...Past experience has shown that when our stores are thrust into the role of mask police, bad things can and do happen, including sporadic violence directed at employees just trying to do their job.”

Calvin appealed to “valued customers” to cooperate “as we strive to implement this policy in a manner that keeps our stores accessible and our team members safe. And we hope our state leaders will reconsider the wisdom of potentially placing our essential workers in harm’s way.”

Sen. Sue Serino said, “Public health and safety always needs to come first, but the policies the state puts in place also need to be fair and balanced, and unfortunately too often the small business have had to bear the brunt of these mandates, without any voice in the process. Governor Hochul promised to do things differently, and that should start by being fully transparent in the process and actively engaging stakeholders who would be impacted by these decisions before making them unilaterally and without warning.”

She added, “I will continue to work with my colleagues to ensure that the voices of those impacted by these mandates are truly heard and to restore local control.”

Senate Republican Leader Rob Ort (Niagara County) called Hochul’s announcement “half-baked” and “a complete reversal from her previous comments.”

“She is now attempting to mandate that local governments and businesses do the impossible,” said Ort in a statement. “Like her predecessor, I believe the Governor has overstepped her authority with this order. I am reviewing options with my colleagues to rescind this authority and restore these public health decisions to local communities, where they belong.”

Louise McLoughlin, Executive Director at Dutchess County Workforce Investment Board, heard the news late Friday afternoon after returning from an employment and jobs seminar in Chicago. Already “knee-deep in trying to help county employers match up with potential workers to help solve a massive staffing shortage problem,” McLoughlin said she was, “at best, perplexed by the mandate and certainly a bit unprepared upon arriving back home to find out about the Governor’s decision.”

She said the mandate “presents yet another roadblock for business owners to overcome.” She added, “I don’t know for sure how this is going to affect things; but obviously we’re going to have to sit down and talk with local businesses to get some input and feedback.”

The state has set up an FAQ resource page at <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/node/13521> for more information about the mandate.

NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINE

Due to a holiday press schedule, there will be an early deadline for the Dec. 22 issue of Northern Dutchess News. All editorial must be received by Thursday, Dec. 16, at noon. All ads must be placed by Thursday, Dec. 16, at 5 p.m.

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A call for community action

Dear Families, Friends and Neighbors,

Congress unanimously adopted the Pledge of Allegiance on June 22, 1942:

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America;
and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

In those darkest days of World War II, we rallied to the call, put aside our differences, beat the enemy. Today, we face Covid. Without regard or remorse, this enemy takes our loved ones, ruins our businesses, isolates our children, divides our families, taxes us all.

In extraordinary times, Americans always have come together. We face the enemy and win the future. Like a chain, a strong community depends on each of us to act as one. Against Covid, we must:

- Vaccinate
- Mask
- Social distance

We can overcome Covid. Together!!!

Christopher Klose
Red Hook

Police training trends in the current environment

The Dutchess County Association of Chiefs of Police conducted a training course focused on police trends in the current environment on Nov. 18.

This eight-hour course covered the following topics: Use of Force in the current environment; The First Amendment - current trends; Qualified Immunity; and The Police, the Press & Social Media.

Attended by 89 Law Enforcement Officers from 26 local, county, city, state and federal agencies, and was held at Poughkeepsie Elks Lodge #275 in Poughkeepsie.

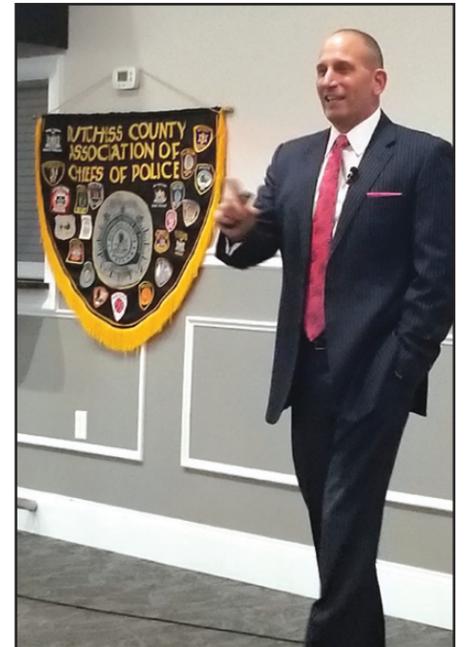
The Instructor, Eric Daigle, is from Daigle Law Group which is a leading law firm specializing in management consulting services in support and development of effective and constitutional policing practices. It also provides law enforcement training, policies and procedures, orders, manuals and training bulletins to the community.

President of the Dutchess County Chiefs of Police Association, Special Agent (Ret) Nicholas J. Valhos stated, "In these uncertain times there is nothing more valuable at critical moments than policing. Our profession of policing

seems to be undergoing an unusual number of challenges, with no end in sight. Agencies across this country are struggling to identify and apply best practices to new or revised approaches for police officer training. Police leaders are focusing their attention and efforts to achieve both short and long-term goals for their departments in these demanding times. Some of these areas are use of force and de-escalation of force, training law enforcement on disinformation, social media, modern technology, and most importantly building the community's trust and community-based policing."

Valhos further stated, "It is important for the public to be aware that we are moving forward in all aspects of the current police environment of policing, and we are continuing to face the challenges of policing today, keeping Dutchess County communities and our police officers safe throughout this great nation."

With police departments across the nation under stress they have been challenged to maintain appropriate training programs to ensure officers are ready for split-second decisions while on duty.



Eric Daigle, with the Daigle Law Group, instructs a training course focused on police trends in the current environment for the Dutchess County Association of Chiefs of Police on Nov. 18. Courtesy photo by Nicholas J. Valhos

Donation of Upper Landing Park will expand county's parks system

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro recently announced the Dutchess County Parks system will be expanding to include Upper Landing Park in the City of Poughkeepsie, thanks to a generous donation from The Dyson Foundation. The Dutchess County Legislature last week voted unanimously to approve the acquisition of the 2.75-



Upper Landing Park. Courtesy photo

acre park from The Dyson Foundation.

Dutchess County Parks will take over responsibility for the maintenance and operation of this waterfront gem, including offering park programming and events.

Located off Water Street in the City of Poughkeepsie, Upper Landing Park sits on the Hudson River waterfront and is centrally located to many historic sites, tourism attractions and businesses and will be a connection point in the county's proposed Urban Trail network.

The Dyson Foundation originally purchased the property in 2012 and opened it as Upper Landing Park in 2013, providing an urban, waterfront park as well as access to the Walkway Over the Hudson

Waterfront Elevator.

Molinaro said, "Upper Landing Park has long been a jewel of a park along the most consequential waterway in American history. With its ready access to many favorite destinations for Dutchess County residents and visitors alike, we are pleased to add this gem to our Dutchess County Parks system. We are grateful to The Dyson Foundation for their generous gift of this property and are confident it will improve the quality of life for Dutchess County residents."

The property has a rich history, first serving as hunting and fishing ground for Native Americans for thousands of years. It became one of the first areas to be settled in Dutchess County by Europeans and has served as homestead, mill site, commercial dock, Revolutionary War depot, industrial hub and electrical power generation source for the surrounding area.

Blood donors needed during holiday season

Nearly two years into the pandemic, everyone has earned a holiday break with their family and friends. But as the nation gathers again for celebrations this season, the American Red Cross, which provides 40% of the country's blood, is facing historically low blood supply levels.

Busy holiday schedules, breaks from school and winter weather all contribute to a drop in blood and platelet donations this time of year. Those factors, combined with the ongoing challenges of COVID-19, make it vital for donors to make an appointment to give as soon as possible. If more donors don't come forward to give blood, some patients requiring a transfusion may potentially face delays in care.

Donors are urged to schedule an appointment now by using the Red Cross

Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). There is no blood donation waiting period for those who have received a flu shot or a Moderna, Pfizer or Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine or booster, so long as they are symptom-free.

To encourage donors to help address the historically low blood supply this holiday season, all who come to give Dec. 17-Jan. 2 will receive an exclusive Red Cross long-sleeved T-shirt, while supplies last.

Beacon: Dec. 23, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Veterans Building, 413 Main St.

Millbrook: Dec. 22, 1-6 p.m., Millbrook Fire House, 20 Front St.

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Dec. 18, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Poughkeepsie

Galleria, 2001 South Road
Dec. 28, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Poughkeepsie
Galleria, 2001 South Road
Dec. 30, 2-7 p.m., Boardman Road
Branch Library, 141 Boardman Road

Rhinebeck: Dec. 22, 1-6 p.m.,
Rhinebeck Village Hall, 76 East
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Tivoli: Dec. 30, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., The
Masonic Lodge in Tivoli, 7 North Road

TRIO OF MEETINGS ON COUNTY'S SHARED SERVICES PLAN SLATED

Dutchess County will host a series of virtual public hearings on the Dutchess County 2021 Shared Services Plan on the following dates:

• Wednesday, Dec. 15, at noon; Thursday, Dec. 16, at 11 a.m.; Thursday, Dec. 16, at 3 p.m.

One can attend the hearing by clicking the link found on the County's shared services website: dutchessny.gov/Departments/Budget/County-Wide-Shared-Services-Initiative.htm.

One can also attend the hearing by calling 1-516-268-4602 and entering the following meeting codes for the respective events:

• Wednesday, Dec. 15, at noon, Meeting ID: 519 958 010#; Thursday, Dec. 16, at 11 a.m., Meeting ID: 338 245 683#; Thursday, Dec. 16, at 3 p.m., Meeting ID: 319 849 095#



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United Way offers free transportation for COVID-19 vaccine appointments to Poughkeepsie residents

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region is partnering with Lyft to offer free rides to individuals needing transportation to and from COVID-19 vaccine appointments and COVID-19 booster vaccinations. The program covers up to \$50 round trip. The individual must cover any expenses beyond \$50.

The program is open to Dutchess and Orange residents in Newburgh and Poughkeepsie. It cannot be used for drive-thru vaccination sites. Medicaid recipients are not eligible for this program. They can call their Medicaid provider to cover the cost of transportation.

Sign up to receive your unique code by at uwdor.org/vaccinerides and click the "apply" button. You can apply the code to a round trip. Rides can only be used as transportation to and from a vaccine clinic site. Users can apply for a second code to use for transportation to and from a second shot.

Troop K hosts Toys for Tots drive

Once again the New York State Police in Troop K have joined forces with the United States Marine Corps to collect donated children's toys as part of the national Toys for Tots program this holiday season. Between now and Dec. 17, people can drop off new, unwrapped toys at Troop K Headquarters, SP Poughkeepsie, located at 2541 Route 44 in Salt Point, or any of the local Troop K barracks. Representatives of the Marine Corps will pick up the toys for distribution to area children. All 18 Troop K stations located in Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess and Columbia counties are participating in the initiative. Contact information at https://www.troopers.ny.gov/Contact_Us/Troop_Information/Troop_K/.

Rhinecliff Fall Soup Sales are back

The Rhinecliff Volunteer Fire Co. and Rhinebeck Grange #896 will hold their Fall Soup Sales on Dec. 16, as well as on Jan. 27 and Feb. 24 in 2022. From 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on those dates, a choice of soup or chili will be available for take-out at the cost of \$10 per quart. To order ahead, email Joe at baerhands@aol.com or call the firehouse at (845) 876-6149 beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Rhinecliff Firehouse, on the corner of Shatzell Avenue and Orchard Street in

Rhinecliff. Pick up at side window on Orchard. Profits will alternate between the two community organizations.

Board of health meeting Dec. 16

The Dutchess County Board of Health will be holding its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 4 p.m. virtually using Microsoft Teams. To listen to the meeting, call 1 516-268-4602 and enter the Conference ID number: 187 762 93#.

Rhinebeck Chamber's Holiday Breakfast set Dec. 16

The Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its Holiday Breakfast on Thursday, Dec. 16, from 7:30 to 9 a.m., at Terrapin in Rhinebeck. The event will feature festive music by the Rhinebeck High School Men's & Women's Choir. Tickets are \$10, and advance reservations are required via <https://rhinebeckchamber.com/>. Face masks are suggested for all attendees.

Blood Drive set Dec. 22

There will be a Community Blood Drive at the Village of Rhinebeck Village Hall (76 East Market St.) on Wednesday, Dec. 22, from 1 to 6 p.m. The need for blood right now is critical. Northern Dutchess oncology nurse Karley Flinn has partnered with the American Red Cross to host this blood drive. Schedule your appointment to donate at redcrossblood.org; use sponsor code NURSES.

Rhinebeck church announces

Christmas Eve Service, upcoming course

Grace Bible Fellowship Church, 6959 Route 9, Rhinebeck, will hold its Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m. There will be singing of Christmas carols, Lighting of the Candles and more.

The Grace Bible Institute will offer a course, "Overcoming Obstacles," for the winter term. The 12-week course will begin on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022, from 7 to 8:20 p.m. Call (845) 876-6923 or email cdcfirone@aol.com for more information.

Blood Drive in Clinton

Clinton Alliance Church will host a Blood Drive on Tuesday, Dec. 28, from noon to 6 p.m., in honor of Ray Joyce. Ray was a church member and a Navy Korean War Veteran. He started the blood drives years ago and continued to be involved until his recent passing. The Church is located at 1192 Centre Road, Rhinebeck. Appointments encouraged. Call (800) 933-2566.

Think DIFFERENTLY conference held Dec. 3

As Dutchess County prepared to recognize International Day of Persons with Disabilities on Dec. 3, County Executive Marc Molinaro and Deputy Commissioner for Special Needs Toni-Marie Ciarfella hosted the County's fifth annual Collaboration of Services and Care Across the Life Span for People with Special Needs, a virtual Think DIFFERENTLY conference for families and providers to discuss planning care for someone with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The event attracted dozens of families and providers.

Molinaro said, "It is vital that those with special needs and their families have an easy way to navigate through all the providers and services available to them. This annual conference is a great way to support these families, like my own, to be able to have a clear understanding and knowledge of the wealth of resources available. This event brings families and providers together to learn best practices for care as they assist their loved one through all stages of life. The connections made through this conference make a lifelong impact. Dutchess County is delighted to facilitate these connections and support those of all abilities throughout our area."

Karla Vermeulen, PHD, Deputy Director of the Institute for Disaster Mental Health and the Associate Professor of Psychology at SUNY New Paltz provided this morning's keynote address, discussing developmental tasks that characterize adolescence and emerg-

ing adulthood, multiple stressors young people experience today and how to apply these concepts to a child's individual functional levels.

Additionally, a group discussion including panelists from the County's departments of Community and Family Services and Behavioral & Community Health, as well as local services providers and state offices, shared insight and answer questions about eligibility and services for individuals with disabilities, from birth to childhood.

Deputy Commissioner Toni Ciarfella, PHD, shared, "We have a wonderful community committed to Think DIFFERENTLY and I am so proud we can offer the fifth annual conference, as it is so important for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities to have the most updated references and resources available to them and their families. Information is always available on our Think DIFFERENTLY.net website but this conference opens the dialogue between individuals, families, and providers, offering additional supports. Particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, it is more important than ever to protect and provide for all those living with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Coming together to collaborate is the best way to create inclusion for all." More information about Dutchess County's efforts to Think DIFFERENTLY, as well as ways communities can be more supportive of those of every ability, is available at thinkdifferently.net.



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Tools of the Philatelic Trade

In a recent post, we talked about what you might collect. Today, let's examine tools that make collecting easy. All tools we suggest are that: suggestions. But those we recommend will make collecting a little easier, probably more pleasurable, and are likely to keep your stamps in the best health.

Start with your stamps' home: this can be a pre-printed album, a stock book, or even just loose leaf pages in a binder. Albums are useful because they've already provided SOME organization, and often images. One trick some of us use is to buy a used album; not only do we get the album cheap, they often have stamps in them. Don't put a lot of money into the album, especially if you're just starting out. We often change our focus as we get deeper into collecting. Stock books, because there's no set order, facilitate that, at least until you decide what to focus on.

In a stock book, you insert stamps in slots that hold them tight. In albums or pages, you affix the stamps with hinges (or mounts). Hinges are bits of glassine with gum on one side; and most come pre-folded. Moisten the shorter side a little, affix to the back of your stamp; moisten the longer side now attached to your stamp, and carefully lay your hinged stamp into the album.

While doing that, most of us hold the stamp with "tongs," which look very much like tweezers but are made specifically for stamps. Most of us start with tongs with ends that look like duck bills, but they come in all shapes, lengths, and materials.

A magnifying glass wouldn't hurt now, either. Sometimes it is useful to see details too small for the naked eye. I have all sorts, everything from 2X to 25X, and some with their own built-in light, all the better to see with.

The beginning collector might not be interested in knowing more about the stamps; if you do, there are catalogues you can use. Most American collectors use Scott catalogues. The most recent edition has 13 volumes, organized by country alphabetically. If you're only collecting Ireland, then you only need the volume that covers I; if you collect the world, ultimately you want them all. New ones are VERY expensive, but older used ones are cheaper, sometimes free (our club frequently has them cheap or free).

One last item to consider is a perforation gauge, which measures the "teeth" on the edges of a stamp. Some stamps look like one another, differentiated only by the number of teeth. There are many different kinds of gauges: paper, metal, clear plastic, each with its own advantages.

Our next regular club meeting will be in January due to the holidays. We meet every second and fourth Thursday at the Red Hook VFW. You're always welcome to visit, check us out, ask questions about all these mysterious things or stamps. You can also call or text 845-681-9837 for more information.

Jewish War Veterans mark 125th anniversary



Representatives of the Private Herman Siegel Post 625, the local post of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA, accepted a proclamation from Assemblymember Didi Barrett commemorating the 125th anniversary of the national organization. Attending the ceremony, held at Barrett's Poughkeepsie office, are (from left) PC Ralph Schwartz, PC Robert L Morrison, Chief of Staff Martin Hochhauser, Commander Ron Markowitz, Barrett and Presiding Officer Rob Rubin. *Courtesy photo*

Assemblymember Didi Barrett, Chair of the NYS Assembly's Veterans Affairs Committee, sponsored a resolution commending the Jewish War Veterans (JWV) of the United States of America on their 125th anniversary, and paying tribute to its members for their outstanding contributions to our nation.

Representatives of the local post, Private Herman Siegel Post 625, JWV of the USA, accepted the proclamation from Barrett at a ceremony held at her Poughkeepsie office.

JWV is the oldest continuously active veterans' organization in America, founded in 1896 by Jewish veterans of the Civil War to counteract the public misconcep-

tion that Jews did not fight for their country. JWV advocates for the rights and benefits of all military personnel and veterans, fights antisemitism and racism, shares camaraderie and conducts service programs to support members of our military and those who have served.

All persons of the Jewish faith who have served in any branch of the regular military, Guard or Reserve, in wartime or peace, are invited to join the Post. There are also categories of membership for non-veterans who would like to support the organization.

For information, visit the Post on Facebook and contact pvthermansiegelpost625@yahoo.com.

Renegades ownership changes to DBH

by Rich Thomaselli

The Hudson Valley Renegades, the area's minor league baseball team for 27 years, will be under new ownership for the 2022 season.

The Goldklang Group – headed by well-respected and longtime minor league owner Marvin Goldklang, who is also a limited partner of the New York Yankees for 30 years – has sold the Renegades to Diamond Baseball Holdings (DBH), a subsidiary of the Endeavor Group.

The Renegades will continue to be led by GM/President Steve Gliner.

"Joining DBH is a meaningful step toward furthering our commitment to contributing meaningfully to the local community," Gliner said in a statement. "The Hudson Valley deserves a next level experience in minor league baseball, with the same ballgame traditions they've known and loved. I trust that joining DBH will serve everyone well into the future. We are excited to begin the next chapter of our rich history here at Dutchess Stadium."

Little will change. Gliner is back, the Renegades will still exist, will still play at Dutchess Stadium, and will still be the High Class A affiliate of the New York Yankees.

As part of DBH, Gliner will work closely with Diamond Baseball

Holdings' leadership, Pat Battle and Peter B. Freund. Battle is Executive Chairman of DBH, bringing extensive experience at the local and national level. He is currently Chairman of the Board of Learfield and serves as an advisor to Endeavor across multiple companies.

Freund is CEO of DBH, also bringing to the plate experience as a longtime Minor League Baseball owner and operator. Freund most recently consulted with the Office of the Commissioner of Baseball on the transition of Major League Baseball's licensed affiliates while spearheading the formation of the MLB Draft League.

"Diamond Baseball Holdings will be global in our ambitions and hyper-local in our approach and creating incredible fan experiences will remain our number one priority," said Battle and Freund. "Additionally, we look forward to providing opportunities for growth to the employees of PDL Clubs whose passion and ingenuity have built the sport through the decades."

"As a long time Minor League owner and operator, I am thrilled that Hudson Valley will now be part of such a dynamic new group of clubs," said Goldklang. "I have known Peter Freund for almost 15 years and have every confidence that with him at the helm, Diamond Baseball Holdings will continue to build on our legacy which we are incredibly proud of."

MOW of Greater Hyde Park receives Field Hall grant

Meals on Wheels of Greater Hyde Park has announced they have received a \$7,500 grant from the Field Hall Foundation.

Jack Fenton, president of the Board of Directors for Meals on Wheels of Greater Hyde Park, said the larger portion of the grant, \$6,500, will be used toward the cost of the paper goods needed to deliver the meals and personal protective equipment needed in both food preparation and in delivering meals.

Fenton said, "With the rising costs of paper goods and food, this grant is critical for us to meet our goal of providing home-delivered meals at a reasonable

price (\$23 per week) to our clients in the greater Hyde Park area and the Village of Rhinebeck."

The remaining \$1,000 will be used to assist clients if they experience an unexpected financial emergency on a one-time basis.

"Seniors and others are still facing difficult financial times due to the pandemic," said Fenton.

Field Hall Foundation's mission is to improve the lives of older adults and their caregivers in Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties. They can be reached at fieldhallfoundation.org.

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4-H students embrace agriculture in Dutchess County

Dutchess County has 31 active 4-H Clubs of which 17 specialize in agricultural animals, including hogs, dairy, beef, goats, llamas and alpacas, sheep, horses, rabbits and poultry.

Here in Dutchess we still have a strong focus on our agricultural roots. Supported in part by Dutchess County, youth of all abilities are already working on their year-round projects in preparation for the 2022 season.

Thanks to the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation in November, 4-H partnered with the Dover Free Union School District to offer a weekly after-school program held at Dover (grades 3-5) and Wingdale Elementary (grades K-2) Schools entitled "Our World of Food and Farms."

In session one, 'Fruity Facts,' the kids did an experiment to find strawberry DNA! Session Two was all about eggs, and with the help of 4-H Intern Julia Raskopf and her real live chickens, the students left knowing many interesting eggy facts. This program is in partnership with grace Immigrant Outreach and planned to continue through 2022.

Supporting Our Veterans

Our first Veterans Day program was a huge success. Ten youth attended and got to learn the real meaning of the day. Highlights included hearing stories from veterans in the community, trying out genuine MRE's (Meals Ready to Eat), baking cookies for veterans and making commemorative poppies.

Our partnership with American Legion Post 178 in Millerton (who heavily support the Dutchess County Long Rifles 4-H Club) made this possible and it is slated to become an annual event.

For more information on 4-H Clubs in Dutchess County, contact Jane Rodd at jr825@cornell.edu.



Julia Raskopf – member of the Flock of Feathers 4-H Club, is already an Agriculture Educator in training. Courtesy photo

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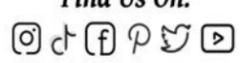
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Blooming Kids 4-H Club members really do Bloom!

Based in and around Millbrook, the Blooming Kids Club have an exciting year planned.

They started the year with enthusiasm, turning out to decorate a float and join with Pony Tails 4-H Club in the Millbrook Parade of Lights. Thanks to support from Millbrook Garden Club, they will be learning by taking trips to some of the outstanding gardens in the state. The highlight is a trip to the NY Botanical gardens planned for early summer 2022.

Meanwhile, they are really enjoying meeting and working on their two major projects of the year.

Project One is to create a club banner which will illustrate what they are all about and be exhibited at the 2022 Fair. Project Two is the ongoing partnership with Millbrook Middle School to expand the vegetable garden and grow food for educational classes and local food pantries.

The new garden shed should arrive any time now thanks in part to Bay Horse Gazebos! If you are interested in joining Blooming Kids, contact Andrea in the 4-H Office for more information at ajr274@cornell.edu.



Blooming Kids and Pony Tails enjoy the Millbrook Parade of Lights and proudly represent 4-H. Courtesy photo

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

Suguru

3					1			
		4			1			
					2			
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		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

- Former Soviet division: abbr.
- Saudi or Jordanian
- Playful romp
- Words of one finding an error
- Student's summons
- Make reparation
- Laugh loudly
- Square column
- Avian abodes
- 13
- Vietnamese festival
- Frustrate
- Wed without formality
- Dedicated poems
- Pep
- Monastery head
- International alliance
- World's longest river
- Period of time
- Cut of meat
- Quarter, for one
- At the, in Italian
- Crawling colonists
- Rosemary and others
- Musical number
- Business transaction
- Wild
- Commands
- Passenger ship: abbr.
- Reliable
- In a horizontal position
- Uncommon
- Elevator man
- Hole-boring tool
- Word with green or more
- ___ up; confined
- In a bad mood
- Shameful grades
- 90° from ENE

DOWN

- Young pig
- Twisting
- Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Ned
- Belittled
- Divide
- Singing voice
- Fire
- Large weapon
- Curbed one's hunger
- Derrière
- Being: Sp.
- Relaxation
- Spheres
- Very funny person
- Vote into office
- Brit's change
- Poet's color
- Bench parts
- Insincerely smooth
- Urges
- Fictional captain
- Cattle herder's prop
- Croakers
- Papal cape
- Greek peak
- Highway Patrolman's device
- Long sandwich
- Blood carrier
- Certain berths
- Attracted
- Lozenges
- Diminutive suffixes
- European river
- Circulatory or respiratory: abbr.
- Row
- Accurate
- Keep
- Ash or alder
- Hair covering

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The solutions to both the Sudoku & Crossword puzzles can be found on page 18

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Through Dec. 19: "A Christmas Carol," The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. Dicken's classic tale, adapted and directed by Lou Trapani, stars Rik Lopes as Scrooge. With Jovan Bradley, Andy Crispell, Ellie DeMan, Joe Felece, Harriet Luongo, Duane Joseph Olson & Jody Satriani. Musical direction by Paul & JoAnne Schubert. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 7 p.m. (no show 12/17); Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$25. Proof of vaccinations for all patrons 12+ will be required to enter the theater. Masks are required. (845) 876-3080, centerforperformingarts.org or boxoffice@centerforperformingarts.org

Through Dec. 19: Holiday Market, WomensWork.art gallery, 4 S. Clinton St., Poughkeepsie. "Spirit of the Season," a small works holiday show, with all works for sale. www.womenswork.art

Through Dec. 19: Holiday Show, Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. The show offers unique, handcrafted items such as ceramics, drawings, paintings, greeting cards, ornaments, jewelry, prints, sculptures and photographs. Fri., 5-8:30 p.m.; Sat., noon-8 p.m.; Sun., 1-5 p.m. www.tivoliartistsgallery.com

Through Dec. 19: Festive Holiday Tours, Mount Gulian Historic Site, 145 Sterling Ave., Beacon. Mount Gulian, the Dutch Colonial home of the Verplanck family, will be beautifully decorated in different era's fashions: opulent Victorian style décor adorning the dining room; simple, rustic decor in the study; contemporary holiday displays embellishing the home's main room. Adding to the twinkle of holiday decorations, the museum's collection of fine decorative pieces contribute to the home's comfort and cheer. Tours: Sat. & Sun., Dec. 18-19; also Wed.-Fri., Dec. 15-17. Tours at 1, 2 & 3 p.m. on all days. Masks required while in the homestead; advance reservations required. Complimentary refreshments will be available for all guests. Call (845) 831-8172, email at info@mountgulian.org or visit <https://mountgulian.org/holiday-tour/> to make reservations. Admission: \$12 adult; \$10 senior; \$6 children 6-18. Children under 6 and Mount Gulian members are free.

Through Dec. 22: Theatre on the Road's "A Christmas Carol," various locations. Interactive dinner-theater performance of Charles Dickens' classic tale of transformation, brought to life by actors and carolers in authentic Victorian costume, and featuring merry songs, laughter and heartwarming nostalgia. Audience members are encouraged to interact with the characters throughout the performance. Each event includes a three-course meal followed by a reception where guests can meet the characters. Performances: Wed., Dec. 8, 7 p.m., The Venue Uptown (Best Western), Kingston. Wed., Dec. 15, 7 p.m., The Beekman Arms, Rhinebeck. Sat., Dec. 18, 5 p.m., Meadowbrook Lodge, New Windsor. Sun., Dec. 19, 5 p.m., The Beekman Arms, Rhinebeck. Wed., Dec. 22, 7 p.m., The Beekman Arms, Rhinebeck. Visit www.theatreontheroad.com/ for tickets and more information.

Through Dec. 26: The Wonderland of Lights, Dutchess County Fairgrounds, Rhinebeck. Holiday drive-thru experience features dozens of dazzling displays to delight the entire family. Sun.-Thurs., 6-9 p.m.; Fri.-Sat., 6-10 p.m. Enjoy a plethora of festive pageantry while journeying through more than a mile of spectacular lights and holiday wonder, from tunnel displays to towering structures and whimsical designs. Tickets & info at https://thewonderlandoflights.com/rhinebeck_show/#date

Dec. 17: "The Nightmare Before Christmas," UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston. In this trailblazing claymation holiday hit from producer Tim Burton, Jack Skellington, the leader of Halloweentown, schemes to celebrate a very different Christmas, 7:30 p.m. All seats \$6; members get in free. (845) 473-5288, (845) 339-6088 or boxoffice@bardavon.org

Dec. 17-18: "The Bald Soprano," The Stissing Center, Pine Plains. Presented by The Stissing Theatre Guild: "The Bald Soprano" by Eugène Ionesco, 7:30 p.m. Purchase tick-

ets via <https://stissingtheatreguild.org>.

Dec. 17-19: Winter Music Concerts at Kaatsbaan, 120 Broadway, Tivoli. Superwolves and Bonnie "Prince" Billy & Matt Sweeney, with Emmett Kelly & David Pajo. Matt Sweeney and Will Oldham reunite 16 years after their original underground classic, for performances featuring an album that plays like the continuation of a decades-long conversation. Performances at 8 p.m. www.kaatsbaan.org

Dec. 17-19: Work-in-Progress Performances of SITI Company's "A Radio Christmas Carol," Sosnoff Theater, Fisher Center, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. As part of the company's 30th anniversary celebrations, SITI Company returns to the Fisher Center to develop a new live, in-person performance based on Orson Welles' 1939 radio play of "A Christmas Carol." Reimagining the intimacy and alchemy of that recording studio, SITI conjures the ghosts of the past, present and future to speak to our society's immediate need for gratitude, charity, fairness, justice and equity. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25, with \$5 tickets for Bard students made possible by the Passloff Pass. fishercenter.bard.edu, (845) 758-7900 or boxoffice@bard.edu

Dec. 18: "A Dickens Tale" with Bright Side Touring Theatre, The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. 11 a.m. Santa Claus will also make an appearance. All seats \$10. (845) 876-3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

Dec. 18: Handel's "Messiah," Bardavon, 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie. The Hudson Valley Philharmonic's 61st anniversary season continues with a special holiday concert performance of Handel's beloved oratorio with guest conductor Christine Howlett, 2 p.m. Guest vocalists from Cappella Festiva will join the HVP. A pre-concert talk with Maestro Howlett will take place at 1 p.m. for all ticket-holders. Tickets start at \$26. (845) 473-5288, (845) 339-6088 or boxoffice@bardavon.org

Dec. 18: Holiday Concert, The First United Presbyterian Church of Pine Plains. The concert will feature local musicians including students from Stissing Mountain Junior - Senior High School, Jim Petrie, Dorothy Whitaker, Gerard Lisella, Cacilia Wyman, Jan Brooks and Ryan Orton, Organist, 4 p.m. A free will offering will be taken for the continued maintenance of the Church" historic 1926 Estey Pipe Organ. (518) 398-7117

Dec. 18: Winter Solstice Celebration, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 Rte. 9G, Hudson. This free community event will feature a variety of programs for Olana guests to participate in as the sun sets on the shortest day of the year, 1-5 p.m., including abbreviated self-guided tours of the Main House (until 3:30 p.m.), mobile tea house, free art activities and more. Sunset bonfire will conclude the event. To register for the mobile tea house and for more information about the event, visit www.olana.org

Dec. 18-19: Rhinebeck Theatre Society's "Miracle on 34th Street: A Radio Play," Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. The production is complete with period costumes and a Foley artist. Performances: Sat., 3 p.m.; Sun., 7 p.m. Tickets \$10. Reserve at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/5321522>. Audience members must show proof of COVID-19 vaccine and wear masks at all times.

Dec. 19: "Mr. Fullerton" by Local Produce Readers' Theatre, The Stissing Center, Pine Plains. "Mr. Fullerton" by Anne undeland is a love story based on a true one. In 1909 while living in Paris, the 46-year-old Edith Wharton fell in love for the first and only time in her life. 3 p.m. Tickets \$5. <https://thestissingcenter.org/>

Dec. 19: Red Hook North Pole, Red Hook VFW Post 7765 parking lot, 30 Elizabeth St., Red Hook. Free hot chocolate and candy canes, greetings from Santa and his Elves, 50/50 raffle and raffle for child toys, noon-3 p.m. Face-masks requested. (845) 758-6212

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Guitarist 'coming home' for area performance

by Kate Goldsmith

Poughkeepsie-born musician and John Jay High School graduate Jay Kacherski is excited to return to the area for a "coming home" concert as part of the Texas Guitar Quartet. The performance, set Friday, Dec. 17, at 8 p.m., is part of the Pawling Concert Series season.

"I grew up in the Hopewell Junction/Fishkill area and went to high school at John Jay (Class of '96)," Kacherski said via email. He left for college and then lived and studied in various places around the United States and abroad.

Kacherski currently resides in Louisiana and, in addition to his work with the Texas Guitar Quartet, is the guitar instructor at Loyola University of New Orleans, University of New Orleans, McNeese State University, & NOCCA - the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts. He is also artistic director of the Houston Classical Guitar Festival & Competition; director of the Francis G. Bulber Youth Orchestra Guitar Program; and director of the Loyola Guitar Festival.

"This concert at Pawling will be my first performance in the area, so it is quite

a special concert for me," he said. "I have played all around the world, but this is a 'coming home' concert after all these years."

Formed in 2009, Texas Guitar Quartet has been described as "impeccable in every respect" by Classical Guitar Magazine. In tours throughout the United States, Central America, Spain and China, audiences have embraced the quartet for their daring programs, dazzling virtuosity and joyful music making. Their programming involves creative arrangements of orchestral works by familiar composers including Bach, Mozart, Beethoven and Ravel, as well as contemporary works.

The concert will be held in the Gardiner Theater at Trinity-Pawling School, 700 Route 22 in Pawling. Tickets are \$30; students pay \$15 and children younger than 12 are admitted free. Visit www.pawlingconcertseries.org to purchase and for more information.

The Pawling Concert Series requires that all those who attend its concerts in this month are fully vaccinated and wear masks when in Gardiner Theater. Concert-goers must show proof of vaccination to attend these concerts.



Jay Kacherski (top left), who was born in Poughkeepsie and raised in the Hopewell Junction/Fishkill area, has "come home" to perform in the Pawling Concert Series this Friday with the Texas Guitar Quartet. *Courtesy photo*

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MORTON LIBRARY TO FEATURE ACOUSTIC MUSIC DEC. 17

Richard's Rhinecliff Acoustic Show will take place at Morton Memorial Library (82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff) on Friday, Dec. 17, from 8 to 10:30 p.m. This month's lineup features Chuck Jacobs, Paul Tryon & Maxx MacRae, Tim Kapelock, and Paul Clarke. Donations are suggested. Call (845) 876-7007 for more information.

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Opera star to perform in Poughkeepsie Dec. 19

International opera star Emily Righter-Lipschutz will return to New York to present a Holiday Favorites concert at the Reformed Church of Poughkeepsie, 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 3:30 p.m. Also featured will be world renowned baritone Brian Montgomery and highly sought-after pianist Eric Clark. Come and enjoy a wonderful mix of classical, Broadway, popular traditional carols and much more. Free-will offering (suggested donation \$15).



Emily Righter-Lipschutz

For more information, e-mail towermusicseriesemail@gmail.com or visit www.poughkeepsiereformed-church.com; or call The Reformed Church at (845) 452-8110. Due to COVID, masks are required.

Righter-Lipschutz was most recently seen and heard in Belgium in the title role in "Carmen;" Cherubino in "Le Nozze di Figaro" (Opera Tampa); Louise in the world premiere of Michael Ching's "Anna Hunter"; and Rosina in "Il Barbiere di Siviglia." Prior to these performances, Righter-Lipschutz was also heard at Carnegie Hall and in Philadelphia as the soloist in Rossini's "Stabat Mater," Verdi's "Requiem," and John Rutter's "Magnificat."

Brian Montgomery has sung in more than 80 operas and 60 leading roles, and has been heard at many of the world's leading performance venues including the Lyric Opera of Chicago, Arena di

Verona, Bavarian State Opera, and Glimmerglass Festival Opera. Montgomery created the role of Sloan in the world premiere of David Carlson's "Dreamkeepers," and returned as Iago in "Otello" as well as the Music Master in "Ariadne auf Naxos." Also, a noted voice instructor, many of his students have been heard internationally.

Eric Clark has performed to great acclaim throughout much of the United States as well as in Europe and Asia. A semi-finalist in the 2019 American International Piano Competition and Festival in Washington D.C. Clark also received second prize in the Paderewski International Competition and honorable mention in the International Chopin Competition of Hartford the same year. Clark and Righter-Lipschutz have performed in prior concerts together, including a jazz concert to benefit the homeless of Baltimore, which raised over \$52,000.

HVP to present 'Messiah'

The Bardavon continues the Hudson Valley Philharmonic's (HVP) 61st anniversary season on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 2 p.m., at the Bardavon in Poughkeepsie, with a special holiday concert performance of Handel's "Messiah" with guest conductor Christine Howlett

Guest vocalists from Cappella Festiva will join the HVP to perform George Frideric Handel's most popular choral work, for a total of 100 instrumentalists and singers on the Bardavon stage. A pre-concert talk with Maestro Howlett will take place one hour before the concert for all ticket-holders.

Tickets for this event start at \$26. Call (845) 473-5288 or (845) 339-6088 or

email boxoffice@bardavon.org to purchase.

Canadian conductor and soprano Christine R. Howlett is the Director of Choral Activities at Vassar College where she conducts the Vassar College Women's Chorus, and Vassar College Choir, and teaches music theory and voice. Howlett is the Artistic Director of Cappella Festiva, an auditioned choral ensemble with a 40-year history of performing in the Hudson Valley. In 2006, she co-founded the Summer Choral Festival at Vassar College and the Cappella Festiva Treble Choir, an auditioned choral ensemble for treble voices ages 10-16.



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Free Christmas films to screen Dec. 18 in Hyde Park

Hyde Park Roosevelt Cinemas, I Heart Radio of the Hudson Valley and Rhinebeck Bank are joining forces to host a free Christmas movie and food drive on Saturday, Dec. 18, for children and their families.

“Elf,” rated PG, stars Will Ferrell, Bob Newhart and James Caan. This is the story of Buddy, who has been raised in the North Pole as a full-sized Elf.

“National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation,” rated PG13, stars Chevy Chase, Beverly D’Angelo and Randy Quaid. Clark Griswold (Chase) wants to have a perfect family Christmas, so he pesters his wife and children, as he tries to make sure everything is in line.

The doors will be open at 9 a.m., when

Santa will be on hand to visit with children; and both films will begin at 10:15 a.m. Upon entry, attendees will choose which film they want to see.

Admission is free, but tickets must be obtained in advance from Rhinebeck Bank on Violet Avenue in Hyde Park or on Route 9 in Rhinebeck.

Everyone who attends the movie is asked to bring non-perishable food items for distribution through a local food pantry. The need is greater this year and food pantries are stressed.

Food donations may also be dropped off at the theater at any time after 3:30 p.m. any day before Dec 18.

Hyde Park Roosevelt Cinemas is at 4060 Albany Post Road in Hyde Park.

‘Lost Christmas’ next Movies With Spirit film screening

The BBC movie “Lost Christmas,” a heartwarming urban fairy tale of love, loss and second chances, is the next Movies With Spirit screening, at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 18, at St. James United Methodist Church, 35 Pearl St. in Kingston.

The tale — with shades of “It’s a Wonderful Life,” “A Christmas Carol” and “Oliver Twist” — takes us into the life of a 10-year-old boy, “Goose” (Larry Mills), who causes a series of heartrending losses due to his seemingly innocent action.

Goose lives with his parents in Manchester, England. On Christmas Eve, he hides his father’s car keys after his father, a fireman, gets called to an emergency rescue. Goose doesn’t want his dad to leave. But Goose’s mother finds her keys and drives his dad instead. A few minutes later, both parents are killed in a car crash.

The guilt-ridden, orphaned Goose — once bright and cheery — becomes a troubled kid supporting his enfeebled grandmother (Sorcha Cusack) through petty street crime.

Goose’s dog, Mutt — who his parents had given to him just before they drove off — is the only thing keeping the boy grounded.

Mutt gets lost the following Christmas Eve day. In Goose’s desperate search for him, he meets a mysterious, amnesia-suffering stranger named Anthony (Eddie Izzard), who knows nothing about himself other than his name, which is pinned to his coat.

Oddly, though, Anthony seems to

know Goose. He also realizes that Goose and everyone else he meets have lost something. Even more oddly, Anthony has a baffling ability to help those people find what they lost.

An ensuing mystery follows, with Anthony drawing in Frank (Jason Flemyng), a former friend of Goose’s father who is now lost in life after being estranged from his family; an elderly woman who recently lost a precious bangle; an elderly doctor who lost his wife decades earlier; and a mother who lost her daughter in an accident a year earlier.

But at the center of the mystery is Anthony himself: Who is he? How does he know nothing about himself and so much about other people? And is Anthony’s ability to find lost things real or just an illusion?

The 2011 film earned an International Emmy Award as the best made-for-TV film for children produced and premiering outside the United States.

The movie runs 90 minutes and is rated PG. The screening will be followed by a facilitated discussion. Refreshments will be served.

Attendees over age 12 are asked to contribute \$10 a person.

Movies With Spirit screenings comply with all federal, state and local health and safety protocols, including those of the screening venues.

For more information about “Lost Christmas” and the rest of the series, contact Harrington at (845) 389-9201 or at gerryharrington@mindspring.com. Details are also available at facebook.com/MoviesWithSpirit.

‘The Nightmare Before Christmas’ set Dec. 17 at UPAC

The Bardavon will present “The Nightmare Before Christmas” (1993) on the big screen at UPAC in Kingston on Friday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m. In this trail-blazing claymation holiday hit from producer Tim Burton, Jack Skellington, the leader of Halloweentown, schemes to celebrate a very different Christmas. The visuals plus Danny Elfman’s marvelous music and lyrics are simultaneously horrifying and heartwarming.

In the lobby, Lambe Lambe, a multiple stage small puppet theater presentation by Paperheart puppets, will precede and follow the film with a holiday fantasy experience for all ages.

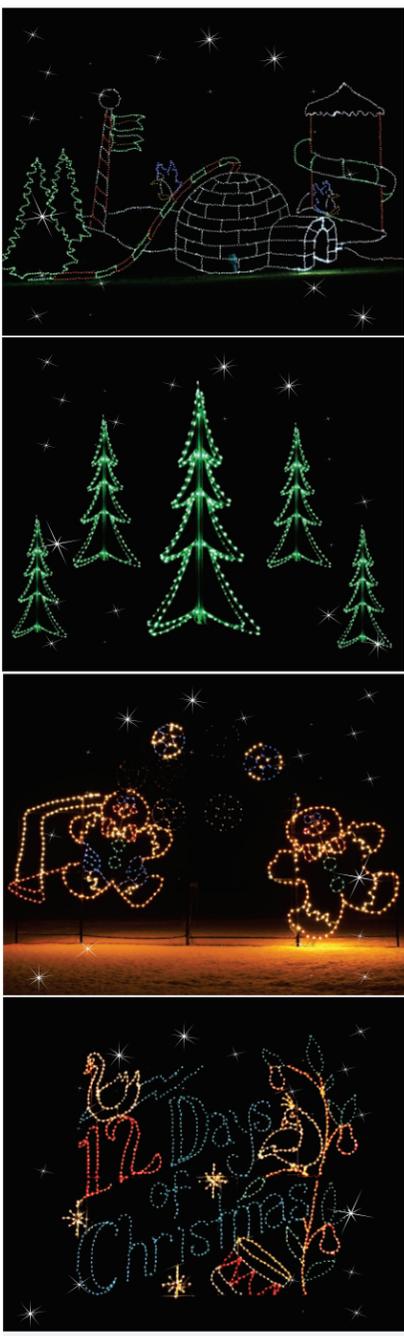
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A year-end message on DCHS accomplishments

by Rob Doyle
DCHS Board President

We believe that two pandemic years have not dimmed, but have only reinforced the value and strength of Dutchess County Historical Society (DCHS).

Growing membership and growing event attendance (online) indicates that more people endorse the idea that our mission to preserve and share the values, stories, people and experiences of the past allows us better understand and appreciate the present, and plan for the future.

We invite everyone who can to make a contribution this calendar year. Regular contributions are our only source of funding. We do not receive any taxpayer funding, whether Federal, State or County; we rely only on contributions from individuals (and businesses) like you.

Allow me to review a few of the things your support is enabling.

Major Caroline Clowes Exhibition Nov./Dec.

We are very pleased to announce that the pandemic-delayed exhibition of the restored works of the LaGrange artist, Caroline Morgan Clowes, is expected to

be launched and open during the months of November and December, 2022. We will be sharing news as plans become firm.

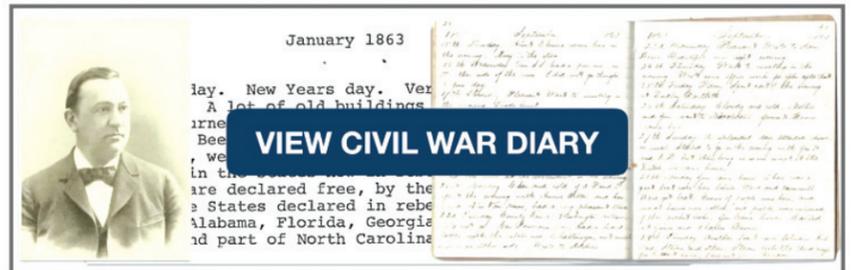
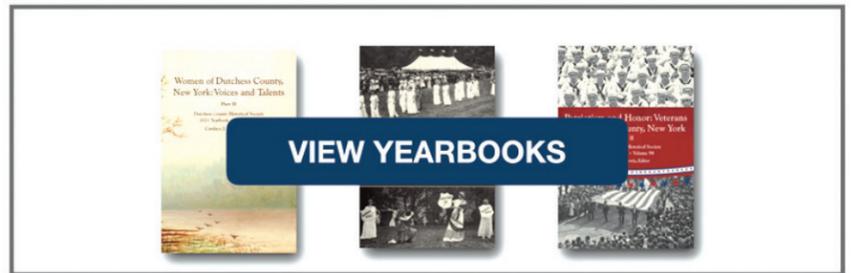
Our Yearbook hit a milestone!

The 100th volume of the DCHS Yearbook is published! Congratulations and many thanks to Candy Lewis. This is the eighth volume published under her leadership and role as editor. Each is a landmark publication individually, and remarkable as a set. All Yearbooks, since 1914, are now available online on our website. The 3 most recent years are available only to paid member/donors.

Our role as archival guardian

An example of the types of items entrusted to us include a wide range of items from the important Bockee family of Amenia and North East. There are two beautiful, early 19th-century husband and wife portraits, a civil war medical chest, and documents and photographs that give us insight into the medical side of the Civil War, the home life of families involved in local government and justice, and the students of the Bockee school.

Preservation, sharing through digital works



DCHS member/donor benefits include online access to the three most recent Yearbooks, access to 600 local postcards, and a quarterly spotlight on Collections, which currently features the Civil War diaries of Edmund Platt, and additional choices at dchsn.org/short. Images courtesy of DCHS



A short video at dchsn.org/short called "We believe" explains the mission and values of DCHS and examples of things there important to preserve, like the story of the women's suffrage leader of a century ago Nina Mattern McCulloch, see above in a World War One era silent movie training film on canning. Image courtesy of DCHS



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The Christmas Tree

Mom teaches Luigi and Vinny a lesson in patience.

I remember growing up realizing that we were a typical Italian Family. I realized we were typical, after going to a friend's house, whose parents came from Italy also, and seeing how their house was decorated, and discovered it looked just like ours.

For one, we had a gold colored velvet couch with plastic covering, just like theirs. We also had a forest green velvet matching chair with plastic on it. Theirs was burgundy colored. Curtains consisted of gold colored heavy velvet drapes with green tiebacks, same as theirs but with burgundy tie backs. And to finish it off, forest green shag carpet. Ding, ding, ding! Just like theirs! On top of it, we had clear plastic runners on the carpet. That's was how our living room was set up, and we were never allowed in it. Ever.

That is, until Christmas time.

You see, that is where we would put up our artificial jigsaw puzzle Christmas tree of death. The artificial jigsaw puzzle Christmas tree of death consisted of four layers. The bottom layer had red tagged branches made of spun wire with green plastic needles. The ends were sharp and would cut your fingers when you tried to put them in the green slotted metal pole that was labeled to make it more confusing. The second layer of the artificial jigsaw puzzle Christmas tree of death had yellow tagged branches followed by blue tags, with the top portion an all in one piece that had to be bent back into shape.

Now when you put this tree together, there was always those two or three branches with no label on them, so you had to figure out where they went. All of this was stored in a giant cardboard box held together with masking tape. The box ceased to be cardboard years earlier when the masking tape began to hold it together, and now it was just a masking tape box.

You know, I never understood why they never sold artificial trees in a storage

box. Hmmm. Not a bad idea.

Anyway, every year just before Thanksgiving, my brother Vinny and I would drag out the giant masking tape Christmas tree box from the basement corner where it was stored and put it in the middle of the basement floor, figuring it would start to subliminally influence mom while she washed clothes, which was all the time.

It was also at that time that we would start to bug mom to put it up. We would beg, plead, and cry to put it up daily. Mom would say, not till after Thanksgiving and not till she thoroughly cleaned the living room, which we were never allowed to be in and therefore was completely spotless.

One year, Vinny and I decided we would put up the tree without permission. Mom went to work at the restaurant and then we started with our diabolical scheme.

Ring! Ring!

Mom: Tanka you for callina Coppola's Hyda Park. Howa cana I help you.

Me: Mom this is Luigi. Can we put up the Christmas Tree?

Mom: Ima ata work!

Me: Please! We cleaned the living room for you! Please.

Mom: Luigi! Ima gonna ... The bathroom isa downa the hall ... Please no doa this.

Me: We won't make a mess. We promise.

Mom: Luigi, ifa you no listena to me, I'ma gonna ... yes, youra table shesa a ready.

Me: Please.

Mom: We gonna talka about when I getta home. Okay?

Me: Okay?

Well when I hung up the phone, all I

heard was okay. So Vinny and I dragged up from the basement the giant cardboard masking tape box with the artificial jigsaw puzzle Christmas tree of death in it, and started to put it up. We brought up all the decorations, the lights, the manger, etc. We decorated the entire living room from top to bottom.

When Mom got home, Johnny Mathis was singing Christmas carols, all the Christmas lights were on, and there was even a fire in the fireplace. When she saw the living room all decorated, well let's just say she yelled more Italian than English at us. There were some other words that I'm not quite sure what language it was in, but Vinny and I got the gist of her argument.

When she got done yelling at us, we had to take everything down, put the artificial jigsaw puzzle Christmas tree of death back into the giant masking tape cardboard box, all the lights and decorations and bring it all back downstairs.

The next day we had to help her make the first batch of Rococo, a donut-shaped crispy Italian Christmas cookie made with hazelnuts. Not a bad punishment? Well we had to help her, but we couldn't have any, till Christmas.

ROCOCO

Ingredients:

- 16 oz. Flour
- 8 oz. ground hazelnuts
- 8 oz. white sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder

- 2 oz. unsalted butter, softened
- grated rind of 1 lemon
- grated rind of 1 orange
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 eggs
- 1 pinch grated nutmeg

Method:

Pre-heat the oven to 300 degrees.

Combine flour, ground hazelnuts, sugar and baking powder in a bowl. Add the butter and mix it with your hands so mixture just comes together.

Add the lemon and orange zest, water, beaten eggs and nutmeg. Mix well with your hands to form a soft dough.

Cut small pieces of about 1 inch from the dough, and roll them into thin sticks, using a floured surface in order to make them less sticky. Shape each stick into a small doughnut shape and overlap the ends.

Transfer to oven pans lined with parchment paper. Bake for about 30-45 minutes or until golden. Let the cookies sit until cool. Serve with espresso.

Luigi Coppola is one of five brothers born to Francesca and Antonio Coppola. The Coppola family came to America from Naples, Italy in 1954. Antonio and his brothers opened their first restaurant in Poughkeepsie in 1961. Luigi and his brothers Nick, John, Antonio and Vincent have carried on the family tradition in the way their parents taught them, using classic recipes taught to them at their apron strings. Visit their website at www.coppolas.net.

NEWS FROM THE OLD DUTCH VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB

All is merry and very bright!

by Pat Owens

The Old Dutch Village Garden Club is at it again decorating for the holidays. The memorial garden looked wonderful throughout the Fall season with cornstalks and pumpkins ushering in the winter. Once the wintry weather hits, the Garden Club elves get moving on a holiday theme.

This December eleven "elves" directed by Linda Lawson, our intrepid garden magician, have installed great adornments. All week before, preparations were ongoing leading up to the installation. For those of you who pass by the garden frequently, you will recognize the garden plan as described. Around the central Dutch Mill birdhouse are four antique sleds which, along with the corner posts, are festooned with garlands, greens and large Buffalo plaid bows. Snowmen guard the Garden Club sign and there are unopened gifts waiting on the concrete benches. The trellis which is heavy with

clematis during the summer is sporting a package-filled sleigh. Sprinkled all over are lots and lots of lights, some even mimicking a Christmas tree, and lots of festive bows and icicles. It is truly a winter wonderland.

Strolling by the garden, the outside park benches also have garland, ribbons and little birds. This was a huge effort made easier by a talented group of members. Some new members jumped right in to help and share their ideas.

The Old Dutch Village Garden Club meets on the second Thursday of each month, except for August, at St. John's Reformed Church in Upper Red Hook at 12:30. Should you wish to join us, and we hope that you will, please contact Linda Lawson at (845) 758-5653 for additional information. New members and visitors are always welcome. Remember, there are no requirements: you do not have to know anything, you do not even need a garden!

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Official election results

by Kate Goldsmith

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TOWN SUPERVISOR RACES AMENIA

Victoria A. Perotti (incumbent, R, C) 703

Julie Doran (AS) 316

A proposal to increase the Amenia Free Library's budget by \$50,000 (total budget of \$175,000) was approved 588 to 461.

BECKMAN

Mary B. Covucci (incumbent, R, C) 1,911

ran unopposed

A proposal to increase the Beekman Library's budget by \$19,519 (total budget of 443,848) was approved 1,447 to 1,266.

CLINTON

Michael Whitton (D) 855

Susan Michael (R) 619

DOVER

Richard C. Yeno (incumbent, R, C) 1,102

ran unopposed

HYDE PARK

Alfred D. Torreggiani (R) 2,416

Aileen Rohr (incumbent, D, WOR) 2,382

LAGRANGE

Alan E. Bell (incumbent, R, C) 2,628

ran unopposed

MILAN

Alfred LoBrutto (D, R) 683

ran unopposed

PINE PLAINS

Brian Walsh (R) 435

Darrah Cloud (incumbent, D) 381

PLEASANT VALLEY

John M. DeVecchio (R, C) 1,389

Frank Mazzella Jr. (D, WOR) 1,362

A proposal to allow the town to make its annual contribution to the Pleasant Valley Free Library's operating budget (\$495,000) was approved 1,668 to 1,020.

RHINEBECK

Elizabeth Spinzia (incumbent, D) 1,597

Bruce Washburn (R) 1,159

A proposal to increase the town's annual contribution to the Starr Library's operating budget from \$344,800 to \$394,800 was approved 1,889 to 831.

STANFORD

Wendy Burton (incumbent, D) 779

Mark D'Agostino (R, C) 539

UNION VALE

Betsy Maas (incumbent, R, C) 966

Stephen Frazier 212

A proposal to establish annual contributions to neighboring libraries (the town doesn't have its own library) was defeated 814 to 675.

WASHINGTON

Gary Ciferri (R) 910

ran unopposed

COUNTY RACES COMPTROLLER

Robin Lois (D, WOR) 33,135

Ola Nesheiwat Hawatmeh (R,C) 29,936

COUNTY LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 1

Town of Poughkeepsie

Giancarlo Llaverias (incumbent, D, WOR) 612

Blake M. Williams (R, C) 530

COUNTY LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 2

Pleasant Valley & Town of Poughkeepsie

Donald R. Sagliano (incumbent, R, C) 1,596

Daniel Degan (D, WOR) 1,509

COUNTY LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 3

LaGrange

Michael Polasek (incumbent, R, C) 1,869

ran unopposed

COUNTY LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 4

Hyde Park

Benjamin N. Geller (R, C) 1,211

Brendan Lawler (incumbent, D, WOR) 1,181

COUNTY LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 5

Town of Poughkeepsie

Thomas L. Keith Jr. (incumbent, R, C) 1,384

Pamela Kingsley (D, WOR) 1,160

COUNTY LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 6

Town of Poughkeepsie

Tony D'Aquanni (R, C) 1,300

Rebecca Edwards (incumbent, Minority Leader, D, WOR) 1,257

COUNTY LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 7

Hyde Park & Town of Poughkeepsie

William G. Truitt (incumbent, R, C) 1,805

Sarina A. Teuschler (D, WOR) 1,026

COUNTY LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 8

City & Town of Poughkeepsie

Craig P. Brendli (incumbent, D, WOR) 1,975

Brianna L. McKee (R, GD) 1,368

COUNTY LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 9

City of Poughkeepsie

Randy Johnson (incumbent, D) 674

ran unopposed

COUNTY LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 10

City of Poughkeepsie

Barrington Atkins (incumbent, D, WOR) 532

ran unopposed

COUNTY LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 11

Rhinebeck & Clinton

Brennan Kearney (incumbent, D, WOR) 2,543

Becky Skidmore Mills (R, C) 1,624

COUNTY LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 12

East Fishkill

John Metzger (incumbent, Assistant Majority Leader, R, C) 2,076

ran unopposed

COUNTY LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 13

East Fishkill, LaGrange and Wappinger

Donna J. Bolner (incumbent, R, C) 2,010

ran unopposed

COUNTY LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 14

Wappinger

Lisa Paoloni (incumbent, R, C) 1,540

Val Fuhrer (D, WOR) 817

COUNTY LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 15

Wappinger

Joseph D. Cavaccini (incumbent, R, C) 1,891

John Bohuniek (D, WOR) 1,096

COUNTY LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 16

Fishkill & Beacon

Yvette Valdes Smith (D, WOR) 1,498

Ron Davis (R, C) 1,302

COUNTY LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 17

Town & Village of Fishkill

Douglas AA McHoul (incumbent, R, C) 1,633

Donald Przytula (D, WOR) 881

COUNTY LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 18

Beacon & Fishkill

Nick Page (incumbent, D, WOR) 1,880

ran unopposed

COUNTY LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 19

North East, Stanford, Pine Plains & Milan

A. Gregg Pulver (incumbent, Chairman, R, CG) 1,924

Claire Owens (D, WOR) 1,609

COUNTY LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 20

Red Hook & Tivoli

Kristofer Munn (incumbent, D, WOR) 1,743

Warren Sheprow 131

COUNTY LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 21

East Fishkill

Stephen M. Caswell (incumbent, R, C) 1,798

Eric Eckley (D, WOR) 832

COUNTY LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 22

Beekman & Union Vale

Faye B. Garito (incumbent, R, C) 1,652

Barbara A. Walsh (D, WOR) 1,055

COUNTY LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 23

Pawling, Beekman & East Fishkill

Edward P. Hauser (incumbent, R, C) 1,813

ran unopposed

COUNTY LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 24

Dover & Union Vale

Alan V. Surman (incumbent, R, C) 1,512

Tyler Irish (D, WOR) 966

COUNTY LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 25

Amenia, Washington, Pleasant Valley & Village of Millbrook

Deirdre A. Houston (incumbent, R, C) 1,676

Daniel Hutnick (D, WOR) 1,293

STATE & COUNTY-WIDE PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL #1

The proposed amendment would freeze the number of state senators at 63, amend the process for counting the state's population, delete certain provisions that violate the United States Constitution, repeal and amend certain requirements for the appointment of the co-executive directors of the redistricting commission and amend the manner of drawing district lines for congressional and state legislative offices.

This proposal was defeated by a count of 34,115 to 27,246 in Dutchess County and was rejected overall in the state.

PROPOSAL #2

The proposed amendment to Article 1 of the New York Constitution would establish the right of each person to clean air and water and a healthful environment.

This proposal was approved by a count of 41,541 to 20,493 in Dutchess County and was approved overall in the state.

PROPOSAL #3

This proposed amendment would

delete the current requirement in Article II, Section 5, that a citizen be registered to vote at least 10 days before an election and would allow the Legislature to enact laws permitting a citizen to register to vote less than 10 days before the election.

This proposal was defeated by a count of 36,417 to 26,769 in Dutchess County and was rejected overall in the state.

PROPOSAL #4

The proposed amendment would delete from the current provision on absentee ballots the requirement that an absentee voter must be unable to appear at the polls by reason of absence from the county or illness or physical disability.

This proposal was defeated by a count of 35,694 to 27,357 in Dutchess County and was rejected overall in the state.

PROPOSAL #5

The proposed amendment would increase the New York City Civil Courts jurisdiction by allowing it to hear and decide claims to up to \$50,000 instead of the current jurisdictional limit of \$25,000.

This proposal was approved by a count of 38,371 to 21,366 in Dutchess County and was approved overall in the state.

PROPOSAL #6

The proposal would have approved a Local Law to update the rules and procedures of the Independent Reapportionment Committee and would have reduced the size of the Dutchess County Legislature from 25 members to 21 members.

This proposal was defeated by a count of 39,124 to 19,004.

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Marist men fall to Navy, 67-61; Women's team deals with injuries

by Rich Thomaselli

After winning two straight games, the Marist College men's basketball fell under .500 with a 67-61 loss to Navy on Sunday at McCann Arena.

The Red Foxes are now 4-5 overall. Marist started slowly and couldn't come all the way back. Six straight points from Jaylen Walker, including a three-pointer, staked Navy to a 12-4 lead at the 14:25 mark of the first half.

The Midshipmen extended their lead to 22-9 at the 9:40 mark thanks to a 10-0 run. Back-to-back three-pointers by Samkelo Cele and Ricardo Wright cut Marist's deficit to five, but Navy countered with a 14-0 run and led 41-22 at halftime.

Early in the second half, Marist embarked on a 14-0 run to cut its deficit to eight. Wright had 10 points in that run, including a pair of three-pointers.

Later, Jao Ituka scored seven straight points to bring Marist within six with 9:33 to go. However, the Red Foxes did not come any closer. Navy's lead stayed

between six and 12 points the rest of the way, and Ituka's three-point play in the closing seconds cut the final margin to six.

Wright had game highs with 18 points and seven rebounds. He scored 15 of his points in the second half. Ituka finished with 17 points and shot 6-for-9 from the field. He scored 13 points in the second half.

Cele (10 points) gave Marist three double-digit scorers.

Anthony Nelson led four Navy double-digit scorers with 13 points.

The Marist women's basketball team has been on an unwanted break since December 5. A combination of injuries to at least three players and COVID has paused team activities due to institutional protocols.

At one point, the Red Foxes were down to eight players and the program had to cancel a game against Stony Brook.

Following semester final exams this week, Marist's next scheduled game is Saturday, Dec. 18 at Fairfield.



The Marist College men's basketball team dropped a 67-61 decision to Navy on Sunday and now has a 4-5 record on the young season. Photo courtesy of Marist College Athletics

State agency offers tips to prevent household fires this holiday season

The New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services' Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC) encourages New Yorkers to follow best practices to prevent household fires during the upcoming holiday season.

Year-end holidays, in combination with the winter months, bring an increased risk of fire and carbon monoxide poisoning due to cooking fires, the use of heating equipment and fires from decorations and candles. To help increase awareness of fire dangers, the OFPC produced a short video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ooVWRuCKG7k>) to emphasize the importance of following simple fire prevention steps this winter which can prevent potential disasters and life-threatening emergencies.

Christmas, along with Thanksgiving, are peak days for home-cooking fires. Cooking is by far the leading cause of home fires year-round, with unattended cooking serving as the leading cause.

Reduce fire dangers by:

- Never leave cooking unattended.
- If you have a small fire while cooking on the stove top, smother the flames by sliding a lid or baking sheet over the pan and turning off the burner until cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the oven door closed.
- Keep children away from the stove and areas where hot food is being prepared.

Holiday decorations and candle fires can also contribute to home fires. Christmas tree fires are more common during the hours when people are awake, and most fires start in the living room, family room or den. Electrical failures or malfunctions were factors in almost one-third of Christmas tree fires, and heat sources, such as a candle or equipment too close to a tree, also contributed to fires.

Reduce holiday decoration and candle fires by:

- Inspecting a string of lights for worn or broken cords. Always read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Minimizing the use of extension cords and multi-plug devices.
- Keeping lit candles away from deco-

rations and combustibles. Always keep them out of reach of children and pets, and never leave a candle burning unattended.

• Always turning off electrical tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

• Don't forget to water your real tree to prevent it from drying out.

Another area of concern during the holidays and winter season centers around the use of home heating equipment. Heating equipment is a leading cause of fires in U.S. homes. Nearly half of all home heating fires occur in December, January and February. A vast majority of home heating fires involve stationary or portable space heaters. Another cause of home heating fires includes poorly maintained solid-fueled heating equipment, primarily chimneys.

Tips to help prevent home heating fires include:

- Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney, vents and heating equipment yearly.
- Keep combustibles at least three feet away from heating equipment.
- Always plug appliances including space heaters directly into a receptacle. Never plug appliances into a power strip or extension cord.

Answer to this week's Dot to Dot (puzzle on page 14)

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■ 2 - 160

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Answers to this week's diversions (puzzles on page 10)

Suguru solution

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

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SUDOKU
This week's answer

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

Consumer Directed Choices launches new Virtual Homecare Workforce Hiring Portal

Consumer Directed Choices, Inc. (CDChoices), a non-profit organization providing Fiscal Intermediary payroll and program administration services to seniors and people with disabilities, has launched an enhanced, easy-to-use workforce recruitment portal to connect individuals in need of home care services with “personal assistants” or caregivers.

CDChoices believes that this new technology will streamline the hiring process and provide consumers and personal assistants with an easy, seamless experience.

Through CDChoices and New York State’s Consumer Directed Assistance Program, consumers control their own care by searching, interviewing, hiring, and training personal assistants. Given the national shortage of homecare employees, CDChoices proactively enhanced and simplified its recruitment platform to attract more users.

“We recognize the difficulty of recruiting personal assistants and the lack of attention paid to the home care industry, which is one of the fastest-growing sectors in the state,” says Christopher Graber, Chief Executive Officer of CDChoices. “New York currently has the greatest shortage of home care workers in the nation. We want to do our part to help our consumers increase their ability to attract, recruit, and retain dedicated workers.”

Once a profile is created, a CDChoices consumer can search for personal assistants who match the specific care criteria they need. Similarly, personal assistants can search based on their own criteria and apply for specific job assignments that consumers have posted. Jobs feature full-time, part-time, and per diem.

Portal features include:

- Direct Messaging – The workforce recruitment portal will enable secure,

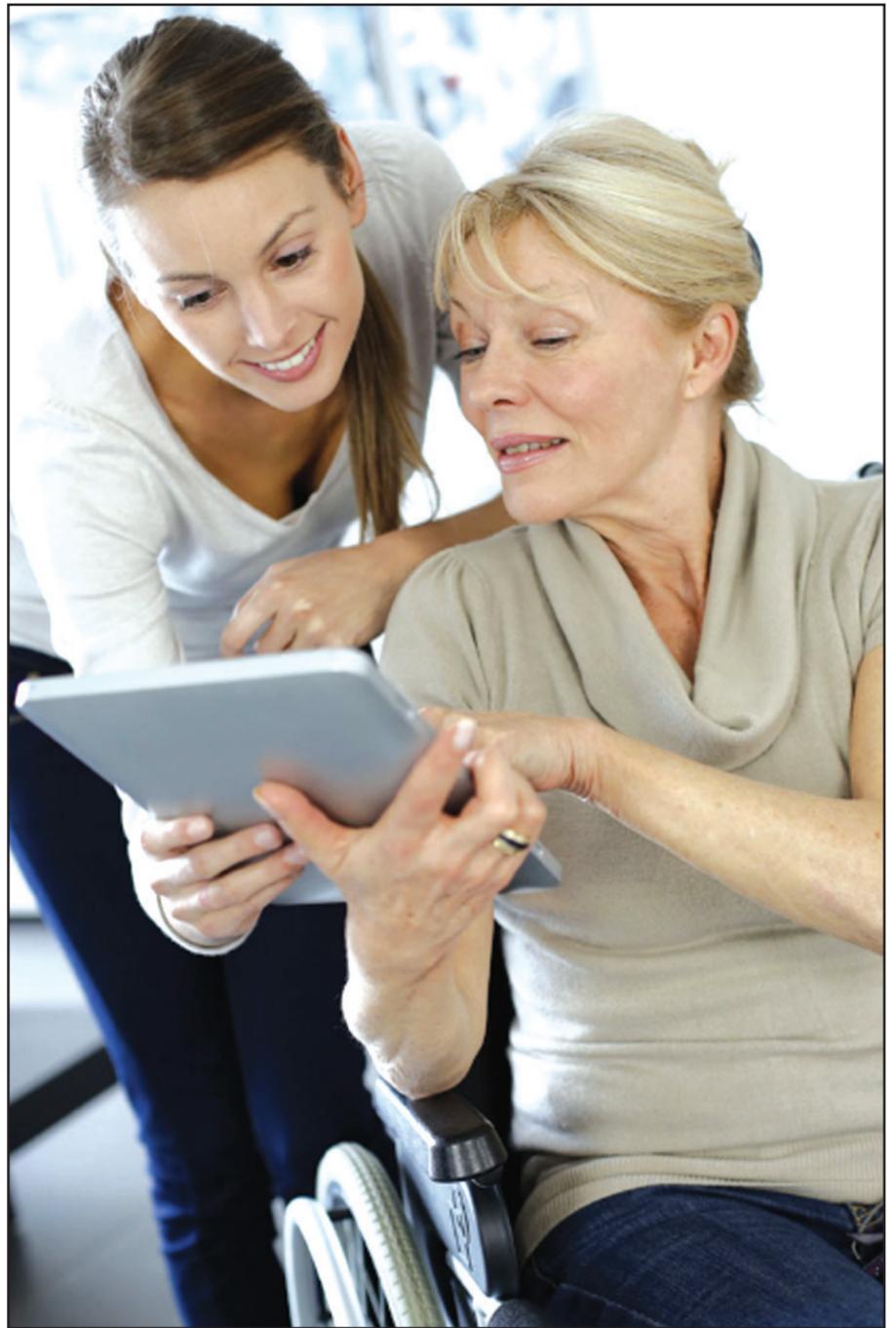
direct communications between consumers and personal assistants within the system. This feature will alert users by email or mobile text message each time they receive a communication in the portal. Not only does this protect user privacy, but it is an efficient way to communicate in real-time before scheduling an interview.

- Sort and Filter Options – The workforce recruitment portal will enable a “sort” feature that allows consumers to organize applicants by their most recent log-in, profile creation date, and location to review potential workers residing closest to their home. The “filter” option will allow users to refine their search for a specific shift(s) they may need to fill, desired skill(s), language preference(s), and location radius (e.g., 10-miles from their home).

- Saved Search Criteria & Job Posting Management – The workforce recruitment portal will allow users to save any searches they have completed within the system. They can choose to receive email and/or text notifications if there are new matches for their saved search criteria. Users can set different frequencies for receiving notifications, and finally, consumers can renew/repost the job when it expires. This will ensure the jobs posted within the portal are up-to-date and tailored to the consumer’s needs.

“I am very impressed with the new portal and format,” says Lori Rappleyea, a consumer using CDChoices. “It will be much easier to look for a specific type of qualified person for a personal assistant position.”

Visit the website to learn if you are eligible for CDChoices through the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP). To learn more about becoming a personal assistant and creating a profile, visit portal.cdchoices.org.



Through CDChoices and New York State’s Consumer Directed Assistance Program, consumers control their own care by searching, interviewing, hiring, and training personal assistants. *Courtesy photo*

County Exec Molinaro, Pulver tour farm receiving ‘Learn, Play, Create’ award



County Executive Marc Molinaro and Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver visit with children at the Hope Rising Farm. *Courtesy photos*

Hope Rising Farm Therapeutic Riding Center recently invited Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro and Gregg Pulver, Chairman of the Dutchess County Legislature, to tour its Millerton farm, which recently received an award of \$17,900 through the County’s “Learn, Play, Create: Supporting Our Kids” grant program.

The grant will assist the facility purchase a lift, specialized saddles and supports, and an all-season mechanical horse to accommodate young people, including children and those who lack the necessary balance and core strength to mount or ride without supports. You can watch a video of the tour at https://youtu.be/P4M0MGr2_5U.

The program is part of the “Dutchess

Invests” 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 recognized as priorities. Dutchess County has awarded its allocated \$3 million for the program in 2021 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.

In October, Molinaro proposed expanding “Learn, Play, Create” in 2022 by allocating \$500,000 for the program.

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OBITUARIES

Steve Amato

DOVER PLAINS – Steve Amato, 39, a life-long area resident passed away on Sunday, December 5, 2021 at Long Island Jewish Hospital in Valley Stream, NY. Steve was a elevator technician in local Union 1 working for the Fujitec elevator company in New York, NY. Born on June 24, 1982 in the Bronx, NY, he was the son of Enrico and Millie (Contreras) Amato of Dover Plains. Steve was a graduate of Dover Highschool class of 2000. In addition to his loving parents, Steve is survived by his daughter, Emily Amato of Queens, NY. He is also survived by his two sisters Liza Marie Passante of Milton, NY and Annette Amato of Hartsdale, NY and two brothers Ralph Amato of Cortlandt Manor, NY and Peter Amato of Peekskill, NY. And girlfriend Lynn DiMarco of Farmingdale, NY. Steve also had many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins who will miss him. Steve's animated personality would put a smile on anyone's face. He was known for his humor, quick wit, and banter. He adored his daughter; she was his world, he will live on in her, and we will always see him in her sweet face. To know him is to love him and we do. Dearly. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, December 10, 2021 at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 62 Mill Street, Dover Plains. Entombment followed at the Community Mausoleum at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery. To send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.

Leona Bodzas

UNION VALE – Leona M. Bodzas of Hoosick Falls, New York died at St. Peter's Hospital Hospice December 4, 2021. She was born on June 23, 1932 in New York City to David and Margaret (O'Connor) Faulkner. Formerly from the Town of Union Vale, where she and her late husband, Julius Bodzas raised a family; Lorraine Dody of Dover Plains, Donald (deceased) and Joseph Bartholomew and spouse, Rev. William Bartholomew of Baldwinsville, NY. She was a devout follower of Jesus, an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Union Vale Fire Department, North Clove Grange, Seniors of Millbrook and a volunteer of the thrift store of St. Joseph's Church. Visitation was held on Friday, December 10 at Allen Funeral Home, 3270 Franklin Ave., Millbrook. A funeral service followed from the funeral home. Interment will be in Clove Cemetery, Clove Valley, NY. For condolences, please visit www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com.

Bernadette Fusaro

LAGRANGE - Bernadette Fusaro, 75, of Poughkeepsie, NY passed away on December 6, 2021 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. She was born on November 7, 1946 in Poughkeepsie, New York to the late Stanley and the late Pauline Niedzwiecki Koziol. Bernadette was a graduate of Dutchess Community College and Marist College. On May 17, 1980 in Lagrange, NY Bernadette married Gene T. Fusaro who survives at home. She was a Para Legal for Quartararo and Quartararo and also for Gellert and Klein Law Firm. Bernadette also was a Bookkeeper for Anstu Farms and worked at MACYS part time as a salesclerk. Bernadette

was a local resident all of her life. She was a member of St. Joseph's Church in Poughkeepsie. She loved to travel. Bernadette loved Disney and had gone there 11 times. She also loved the beach and traveled to Old Saybrook Ct Beaches and Wildwood NJ Beaches. Survivors include husband Gene Fusaro of Lagrange New York, her daughter Danielle A. Fusaro of Lagrange New York, grandchildren Mitchell and Emmitt Lundgren of Lagrange New York, brother Robert Koziol of Pleasant Valley New York, Many Nieces and Nephews. Bernadette was predeceased by her brother Eugene Koziol. Friends called on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home, Poughkeepsie, NY. Funeral Services were after the visitation. To leave an online condolence, please visit our website at www.doylefuneralhome.com

Daniel Gabbe

CLINTON CORNERS – Daniel Gabbe passed away peacefully on December 1, 2021 at home, following a lengthy and gallant battle with pancreatic cancer. Dan is remembered as a courageous and dignified gentleman whose life was centered on his devoted wife of 38 years, Nancy Causey Gabbe, his son, Drew Gabbe and wife Rosemary, and his daughter, Lauren Gabbe-Greene and husband Richard, and three grandchildren, twins Alena and Jenna Gabbe (20) and Luca Greene (5). He leaves a brother, James Isaiah Gabbe, and wife, Jill, and their children Benjamin (37) and wife Carmen Maria, and Bridget (34) and husband Sanjay Raveendranath. He is also survived by his former spouse Barbara Gabbe-Harris. Dan was born on March 14, 1941 in Wilmington, Delaware to Naomi and Milton Gabbe and grew up in Rockville Center and Oceanside, NY, attending local schools. In high school, he was a noted athlete receiving numerous varsity letters and becoming a champion wrestler. He graduated from the University of Miami with a BS in business and served in the Army National Guard as a sergeant in the military police in the 1960s. Dan's early career as a women's clothing buyer for Sears Roebuck and Company lead into a thriving business with his wife Nancy in clothing manufacturing, Causey Inc, a New York-based company, specializing in private label business with major retailers, and eventually other ventures - Mary and the Natives with partner Mary Marino, and then Bodsana, a yoga pant company, with wife Nancy and friend, Allen Friedman. Dan and Nancy were among the early pioneers in urban loft living in the financial district of Manhattan. After many years of loft living and closing Causey Inc. they moved to Woodstock, then Clinton Corners, NY where Dan pursued his love of buying and selling antiques in his space at the Millbrook Antiques Mall (MAM) in Millbrook, NY. He was known for speciality items including highly collectible and stylish wooden hat forms, and distinctive pocket and hunting knives. Nancy will continue to operate the space at MAM. A memorial service will take place December 16, 2021 from noon – 2:30 pm at Tamarack Preserve, Amenia NY. [The Gabbe family hopes guests will be vaccinated and if not, masks are requested.] In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Food of Life Pantry at

St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Amenia Union, NY <https://stthomasamenia.com/pantry>; or Memorial Sloane Kettering, <https://giving.msccc.org/pancreatic-cancer>. For condolences, please visit www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home, Millbrook.

Dillon R. Losee

FORMERLY OF HYDE PARK – Dillon Robert Losee, a recent resident of Middletown and formerly of Hyde Park, passed away on Monday, December 6, 2021 at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla. He was 32. He was born in Valhalla on November 8, 1989 and attended local schools. Dillon studied small engine repair at Dutchess BOCES and worked as a bus driver for First Student, Inc. in Orange County. Survivors include his mother, Laura Burke & her husband Jim of Winchester, VA; his father, Ralph Losee & his wife Jill of Poughkeepsie; his siblings, Austin Conklin, Cody Anderson, Kalynn Rottman, Michael Losee, and Justin Hutchinson; and his fiancé, Danielle Montagna. Dillon is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and other loving relatives & friends. He was predeceased by his grandparents, William Losee, June Losee, Robert Anderson, and Carol Anderson. Calling hours were held on Friday, December 10 at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill. Interment took place on Saturday, December 11 at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, Fishkill. For online tributes, you can visit Dillon's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Sabino 'Sammy' Joseph Pagano

HYDE PARK – Sabino "Sammy" Joseph Pagano U.S. Army Ret. 90, of Hyde Park, N.Y., formerly of Pleasant Valley, N.Y., Port Chester, N.Y. and New Rochelle, N.Y., passed away on Monday, December 6, 2021. Born on October 11, 1931, in the Bronx, NY, he was the son of the late Carlo and Ida (Delvecchio) Pagano. In January 1949, at the age of 17, Sabino proudly served in the United States Army and went to serve our country in the Korean war until he was wounded twice in battle and honorably discharged in 1952. Earning the Purple Heart along with many other medals and awards, his experience during this time in his life was rarely, if ever talked about but the leg brace that he had to put on everyday was evidence that he had been through something most of us could never understand. On April 27, 1952, after returning home, Sabino married the former Philomena Pandoli. They lived in New Rochelle and then Port Chester until 1961 when they moved to Pleasant Valley. Despite his injury, Sabino was an excellent provider for his 4 children, considering himself the 'best wallpaper hanger', he worked for the Painters Union until his retirement. Then he went on to work various other jobs, owning his own pizzeria, Sabinos' Pizza in Stanfordville for a number- of years and including, but not limited to, 'managing' the bar at Easy Street, where everybody knew his name! He stood out in a crowd and whether you liked him or not, you noticed! Sammy marched to the beat of his own drum, truly authentic and loud, his presence was unique and undeniable! For that, he will be missed. Although they divorced after 44 years of marriage, Sabino and Phyllis remained friends to the end. She survives at her home in Hyde Park. Together having four children, he was predeceased by his two youngest, Steven Pagano of Hyde Park and Paula Jappen of Hyde Park, and siblings Carlo and Karrie. Survived by his oldest children, Gary and wife Terrie Pagano of Hyde Park and Susan and hus-

band Del Travis of Newburgh, one sister Gloria Severit of and best friend Alfred Shaffer. Sabino was a grandfather to ten, great-grandfather to sixteen, a great, great grandfather to three, several nieces and nephews and last, but definitely not least, he was a friend to many. Calling hours were Monday December 13th at Sweets Funeral Home, Rte. 9, Hyde Park, N.Y. 12538. Cremation took place at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery on Tuesday. Condolences may be made to the family at www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

Doris May Paquette

RED HOOK – Doris May Paquette, 89 of Red Hook, NY, passed away on December 2, 2021 at Northern Dutchess Hospital. She was born in Fairhaven, Vermont on September 3, 1932. She was the daughter of John and Violet (Howard) Benson and the foster daughter of Faye and Bell Carpenter. Doris married the love of her life, Paul Robert Paquette on July 15th, 1954 in Richford, Vermont. Doris was not only a housewife and mother; she enjoyed working at the Red Hook School District for many years and was loved by all. Doris and Paul moved their family from Vermont to Long Island, then to Millbrook, and finally settled in Red Hook, New York where they raised their family on the Grieg Farm. Doris was a social butterfly and made many friends throughout her life. You couldn't go to a store, post office or out in the community without her running into folks she knew and thus a long wait for her to finish visiting with them. She loved the holidays and could spend hours shopping. Mom always put her children and family first and then her friends. Mom would take folks that were away from their own families and give them a good old-fashioned meal and a place to sleep if needed. She was always doing for others, she had a heart of gold. No matter who you were you could never leave without a big hug from Mom. Mom was always making home-made doughnuts for all the folks on the Grieg Farm, and many others for that matter. When Doris retired from the school, she began taking care of children so their parents could go to work. Mom loved kids. Doris is survived by her children Doris E. Parkinson and David of Red Hook with whom she and Paul resided for the last 10 years; Roberta P. Paquette, Pepe and LaVie of Hudson, NY; Laurie A. Paquette and Jimmy of Florida; David P. Paquette, and his wife Elaine of Poughkeepsie; Lisa M. Paquette and Haywood of Red Hook; Penny L. Paquette and Warren of Elizaville; and Jennifer Fivelsdal and Harald of Red Hook. She is also survived by six grandchildren, Nicole (Jason G.), Jennifer (Jason M.), Ryan (Amber) Kody, Isabella, Dylan, Joanna (Trevor), and Jonathan; as well as five great grandchildren, Madison, Haley, Caden, Evan and Theo; a brother Gus; two nephews, Adrian Duranleau and Lawrence Paquette, a niece Gisele Fleury all of Vermont; and many other nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her many "adopted" kids throughout her life. Doris is predeceased by her husband Paul; siblings Florence, Lizzy, Bobby, Jack and Betty. Memorial calling hours were December 9, at the Dapson-Chestney Funeral Home, 51 W. Market St., Rhinebeck. Memorial Services and Prayers were offered by Fr. Douglas Crawford of the Good Shepherd Church. Memorial donations in honor of Doris may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or to Shriners Hospitals for Children. To send an online condolence, please visit www.dapsonchestney.com.

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AUTUMN THARPE,
Plaintiffs,
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JANE DOES 1-100, being
all the heirs at law of
FREDERICK C.
THOMANN and W.O.K.
THOMANN, the UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA, the
NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF TAXA-
TION, JUAN ORDONEZ,
MICHELLE CENTENO,
DANIEL GUNN, 40 EVER-
GREEN AVE LLC, THE
PRIVATE EQUITY
EXCHANGE GROUP INC.
and ET QUIETE LLC,
Defendants.

-----x
TO THE HEIRS AT LAW
OF FREDERICK C.
THOMANN and W.O.K.
THOMANN:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUM-
MONED to answer the
complaint in this action.
Plaintiffs Nemesio Santos
and Autumn Tharpe have
commenced an action in
the Supreme Court of
Dutchess County (Index
No. 2021-54028) to deter-
mine claims under RPAPL
Article 15 to a .12-acre
service road adjacent to 36
Evergreen Avenue,
Poughkeepsie, New York
(SBL: 6160-01-167836).
Plaintiffs seek to establish
that they are the sole own-
ers of the title to the stated
real property in fee simple
absolute, and to forever bar
the Defendants, their heirs,
successors and/or assigns
or any persons claiming
any interest in the stated
real property by, through or
under such Defendants to
the stated real property
more fully described in the
complaint of this action,
and that full possession of
the stated real property be
exclusively granted to the
Plaintiff, and for such other
and further relief as the
Court deems just and prop-
er. Any such heirs or other
interested parties are
required to file responsive
pleadings on or before
1/21/2022. Upon your fail-
ure to appear, judgment will
be taken against you by
default and bar any right,
title or interest you may
have or had in and to a por-
tion of the property
described in the complaint.

McCABE &
MACK LLP
Attn: DANIEL C.
STAFFORD
Attorneys for
Plaintiffs
63 Washington Street
P.O. Box 509
Poughkeepsie, NY 12602-
0509
Tel: (845) 486-6800

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF DUTCHESS SUPPLEMENTAL SUM- MONS Index

No. 2020-50267
BAYVIEW LOAN SERVIC-
ING, LLC,
Plaintiff,

v.
ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVISEES, DISTRIBU-
TEES OR SUCCESSORS
IN INTEREST OF THE
LATE THOMAS PETTIT
A/K/A THOMAS JOHN
PETTIT, IF LIVING, AND IF
ANY BE DEAD, ANY AND
ALL PERSONS WHO ARE
SPOUSES, WIDOWS,
GRANTEES, MORT-
GAGEES, LIENORS, DIS-
HEIRS, DEVISEES, DIS-

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TRIBUTEES, EXECU-
TORS, ADMINISTRATORS
OR SUCCESSORS IN
INTEREST OF SUCH OF
THEM AS MAY BE DEAD,
AND THEIR SPOUSES,
HEIRS, DEVISEES, DIS-
TRIBUTEES AND SUC-
CESSORS IN INTEREST,
ALL OF WHOM AND
WHOSE NAMES AND
PLACES OF RESIDENCE
ARE UNKNOWN TO
PLAINTIFF, UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA BY
THE INTERNAL REV-
ENUE SERVICE, NEW
YORK STATE DEPART-
MENT OF TAXATION AND
FINANCE, FIRST HORI-
ZON HOME LOAN COR-
PORATION, JODI WHITE,
DANTE SCHIAVO, KYLE
PETTIT, CHRIS ERAMO,
Defendants.

To the above named
Defendants:
You are hereby summoned
to answer the complaint in
this action and to serve a
copy of your answer, or if
the complaint is not served
with this summons, to
serve a notice of appear-
ance on the Plaintiff's attor-
neys within thirty days after
the service of this sum-
mons, exclusive of the day
of service, and in case of
your failure to appear or
answer, judgment will be
taken against you by
default for the relief
demanded in the com-
plaint.

NOTICE YOU ARE IN
DANGER 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 foreclosure
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 pending for further
information on how to
answer the summons and
protect your property.
Sending a payment to your
mortgage company will not
stop this foreclosure action.
YOU MUST RESPOND BY
SERVING A COPY OF
THE ANSWER ON THE
ATTORNEY FOR THE
PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE
COMPANY) 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 summons is
served upon you by publi-
cation 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 action is
to foreclose a mortgage on
the following property:

Tax I.D. No. 6156-02-
600977
ALL that certain piece or
parcel of land situate in the
Town of Wappinger, County
of Dutchess and State of
New York, bounded and
described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in
the middle of the Old Post
Road, now Osborne Hill
Road, and distant South 20
degrees 50 minutes West
128.23 feet and South 15
degrees 50 minutes West
147.60 feet from a new
division 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 degrees 38 min-
utes West 623.22 feet to a
point in the line of formerly

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Grosvenor, now Windheim;
THENCE along said line
North 66 degrees 38 min-
utes East 128.85 feet;
THENCE through lands of
said H. Osten South 63
degrees 38 minutes East
521.66 feet to the point of
BEGINNING.
Subject to easements,
covenants, and restriction
of record.
These premises are also
known as 38 Osborne Hill
Road, Wappingers Falls,
NY 12590.
Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP
Attorneys for Plaintiff
500 Bausch & Lomb Place
Rochester, NY 14604

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 Independent,

To: BRIAN
WEAVER residing at 39
Regency Dr., Wappingers
Falls, NY 12590

A petition having been duly
filed by CHARLES PETER-
SON, who is domiciled 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
January, 2022, at 10:00
O'clock in the forenoon of
that day, why a decree
should not be made in the
estate of COLLEEN
PETERSON, lately domici-
led at 103 Second Ave.,
Fonda, New York, 12068,
in the County of
Montgomery, New York,
admitting to probate a Will
dated July 10, 1989, a copy
of which is attached, as the
Will of COLLEEN PETER-
SON, deceased, relating to
real and personal property,
and directing that Letters
Testamentary issue to:
CHARLES PETERSON

Dated, Attested and
Sealed, November 30,
2021

Hon. GUY P.
TOMLINSON
Surrogate Judge County of
Mon
By
Alixon C. Thomas, Chief
Clerk

ATTORNEY
Name of attorney: Charles
R. Schwartz, Esq., The
Schwartz Law Firm
Tel. Address of attorney:
236 State Highway 67,
Amsterdam, NY 12010

NOTE: This citation is
served upon you as
required by law. You are
not required to appear. If
you fail to appear it will be
assumed you do not object
to the relief requested. You
have a right to have an
attorney appear for you.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that a public hear-
ing will be held by the
County Attorney of
Dutchess County in the
County Office Building,
County Attorney's
Conference Room, 5th
Floor, 22 Market Street,
Poughkeepsie, New York,
on the 22nd day of
December 2021 at 10:00
am, on the following local
law:

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING
ARTICLE II (LEGISLATIVE
BRANCH) OF THE
DUTCHESS COUNTY
CHARTER AS IT PER-
TAINS TO SECTION 2.012
At said time and place, all
parties interested will be
heard.

DATED:
December 15, 2021

Marcus J. Molinaro
Poughkeepsie,
New York
County Executive

NOTICE OF 2022 ORGA- NIZATIONAL MEETING

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OF THE HUGHSONVILLE FIRE DISTRICT

Please take notice that the
Hughsonville Fire District,
Town of Wappinger, County
of Dutchess, New York, will
hold an organizational
meeting on Saturday,
January 1, 2022, at 12 p.m.
The meeting will be held at
the Hughsonville firehouse,
88 Old Hopewell Road, in
the Town of Wappinger,
and are open to the public.
This notice is being posted
in accordance with the pro-
visions of Section 94 of the
Public Officers Law of the
State of New York.

By order of the Board of
Fire Commissioners of the
Hughsonville Fire District.

Kim Flower
Fire District
Secretary
Hughsonville Fire District

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that the Board of
Trustees of the Village of
Wappingers Falls will con-
duct a PUBLIC HEARING
on the 29th day of
December, 2021, at 6:00
p.m. at the Village Hall,
2582 South Avenue,
Wappingers Falls, New
York, at which time all par-
ties in interest and citizens
shall have an opportunity to
be heard as to whether the
Board of Trustees of the
Village of Wappingers Falls
shall adopt a proposed
Local Law entitled "Local
Law No. of the Year 2021,
Amending Chapter 148.
Water. Article I. water Use
and Connections. § 148-2.
Definitions of the Code of
the Village of Wappingers
Falls".

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER
NOTICE that the purpose
and intent of the proposed
Local Law is to amend
Chapter 148. Water. Article
I. Water Use and
Connections. §148-2.
Definitions of the Code of
the Village of Wappingers
Falls by amending the def-
inition of "Board of Water
Commissioners" to allow
for the appointment of two
Alternate Commissioners.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER
NOTICE that the Village
Board of Trustees has
determined that pursuant
to 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c) (20)
the proposed adoption of
the aforementioned Local
Law is a Type II action not
requiring environmental
review pursuant to the
State Environmental
Quality Review Act
(SEQRA) and, accordingly,
no environmental review
has been undertaken.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER
NOTICE that a copy of the
proposed Local Law is
available for review and
inspection at the Office of
the Village Clerk on week-
days from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00
p.m., at the Village Hall,
2582 South Avenue,
Wappingers Falls, New
York.

Dated:
December 09, 2021
BY ORDER OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF
WAPPINGERS FALLS
JOHN KARGE,
VILLAGE CLERK

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent,
County of Dutchess,
Poughkeepsie, New York,
hereby invites the submis-
sion of sealed bids for: Bid
#RFB-DCP-91-21

Access Points
Bids will be received until
2:00 p.m. on the 29th day
of December 2021 at the
Dutchess County Division
of Central Services, 378
Violet Avenue, Suite 2,
Poughkeepsie, New York

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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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hereby invites the submis-
sion of sealed bids for: Bid
#RFB-DCP-92-21

Network Switches
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2:00 p.m. on the 29th day
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PUBLIC NOTICE VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS

NOTICE is hereby given
that the Village Board of
the Village of Wappingers
Falls at a regular Village
Board meeting held on
December 8, 2021, duly
adopted, subject to
Permissive Referendum,
the following Local Law,
published herewith, which
authorized Opting Out of
Licensing and Establishing
On-site Cannabis Con-
sumption Establishments
Within the Village of Wappingers
Falls.

A Local Law Adopted
Pursuant to Cannabis Law
§ 131 Opting Out of
Licensing and Establishing
On-site Cannabis Con-
sumption Establishments
Within the Village of Wappingers
Falls Be it enacted by the
Village Board of the Village
of Wappingers Falls as fol-
lows:
Section 1. Legislative
Intent
It is the intent of this local
law to opt the Village of
Wappingers Falls out of
hosting on-site cannabis
consumption establish-
ments within its bound-
aries.

Section 2. Authority
This local law is adopted
pursuant to Cannabis Law
§ 131, which expressly
authorizes cities and vil-
lages to opt-out of allowing
on-site cannabis consump-
tion establishments to
locate and operate within
their boundaries.

Section 3. Local Cannabis
On-Site Consumption Opt-
Out

The Village Board of the
Village of Wappingers
Falls, County of Dutchess,
hereby opts-out of allowing
on-site cannabis consump-
tion establishments from
locating and operating
within the boundaries of the
Village of Wappingers
Falls.

Section 4. Severability
If a court determines that
any clause, sentence, para-
graph, subdivision, or part
of this local law or the appli-
cation thereof to any per-
son, firm or corporation, or
circumstance is invalid or
unconstitutional, the court's
order or judgment shall not
affect, impair, or invalidate
the remainder of this local
law, but shall be confined in
its operation to the clause,
sentence, paragraph, subdivi-
sion, or part of this local
law or in its application to
the person, individual, firm
or corporation or circum-
stance, directly involved in
the controversy in which
such judgment or order
shall be rendered.

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Section 5. Numbering for
Codification
It is the intention of the
Village of Wappingers Falls
and it is hereby enacted
that the provisions of this
local law shall be included
in the Code of the Village of
Wappingers Falls; that the
sections and subsections
of this local law may be re-
numbered or re-lettered by
the Codifier to accomplish
such intention; that the
Codifier shall make no sub-
stantive changes to this
local law; that the words
"local law" shall be
changed to "Chapter,"
"Section," or other appro-
priate word as required for
codification; and that any
such rearranging of the
numbering and editing
shall not affect the validity
of this local law or the pro-
visions of the Code affect-
ed thereby.

Section 6. Effective date
This local law shall take
effect immediately upon fil-
ing with the Secretary of
State. Pursuant to
Cannabis Law § 131, this
local law is subject to a per-
missive referendum and
thus may not be filed with
the Secretary of State until
the applicable time period
has elapsed to file a peti-
tion or a referendum has
been conducted approving
this local law.

Dated:
December 8, 2021
By the Order of the Village
Board
of the Village of
Wappingers Falls, New
York
JOHN M. KARGE, VIL-
LAGE CLERK

NOTICE TO BIDDERS- RFB-DCB-01-22

Demolition of Unoccupied
Building at 25 South Center
Street, Millerton, NY
Single Prime Bids shall be
received for the following
classes of work: General
Construction. The anticipat-
ed start of construction is
January 31, 2022; the
anticipated completion date
is March 11, 2022, respec-
tively. Beginning December
16, 2021 at 8:00AM: Bid
Specifications and
Drawings may be obtained
in person Monday through
Friday 8am to 5pm or by
mail (provide your FedEx
account number or SASE)
at: Dutchess County DPW,
Business Office, 1st Floor,
626 Dutchess Turnpike,
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.
Upon request, all interested
parties may review the hard
copy of the Bid
Specifications and
Drawings by visiting the
above referenced address.
The bid documents will be
distributed on a USB Flash
Drive. You must give the
following information to
obtain the flash drive:
Company Name, Address,
Contact Name, Phone
Number, E-mail Address. A
refundable deposit of
\$15.00 is required for each
bid set, in the form of a
check made payable to the
Dutchess County
Commissioner of Finance
or cash will be required for
each set of bid documents.
The deposit is refundable in
accordance with General
Municipal Law Section 102
and will be made by the
County upon receipt of a
written request accompa-
nied by said USB Flash
Drive. Bids due on or
before January 13, 2022, at
11:00am and at that time
publicly opened and read
aloud. Bids received after
that time will not be accept-
ed. Bids for the above pro-
ject will be received by:
Diane McKenna,
Contract Specialist,
Dutchess County
Department of Public
Works (DPW), 626
Dutchess Turnpike-1st
Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY

12603. Due to COVID-19,
the bid opening for this
solicitation will be conduct-
ed through Microsoft Teams
Audio Conferencing.
Anyone who wishes to hear
bids read aloud will need to
call into the phone number
listed below, in-person
attendance at a bid opening
will not be allowed. We ask
that you call in at least three
minutes prior to bid
due/time to ensure you are
connected properly. All call-
ins will be asked to identify
themselves by name and
organization. Join Microsoft
Teams Meeting +1 516-
268-4602 United States,
Hempstead (Toll)
Conference ID: 225 068
039#. All Addenda will be
issued to Plan Holders via
e-mail, but also posted on
BidNet Direct (aka Empire
State Purchasing Group)
site. Each bid shall be sub-
mitted as one paper original
and one electronic copy
and be accompanied by Bid
Security (bid bond, certified
check, official bank check)
or a Letter of Credit (in a
form agreeable to Dutchess
County) in the amount of
10% of the bid amount.
Bidders' security will be
retained until the successful
bidder has signed the
Owner-Contractor
Agreement and the County
has finalized the
Agreement. Each bid with
Bid Security shall be
enclosed in a sealed envel-
ope bearing the name of
the Project, Name of the
Bidder, and the date and
hour of the bid opening,
which must be visible upon
delivery. A Walkthrough is
scheduled for Tuesday
December 28, 2021 at
10:00am at 25 South
Center St., Millerton. All
parties interested in bidding
must apprise themselves of
the site conditions immedi-
ately prior to bidding; if you
cannot attend the sched-
uled walkthrough, you can
contact Diane at [dpwcon-
tracts@dutchessny.gov](mailto:dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov),
to schedule one. Questions
will be accepted by the
close of business January
6, 2022 and emailed to
Diane McKenna at [dpwcon-
tracts@dutchessny.gov](mailto:dpwcon-
tracts@dutchessny.gov)
with the County's response
published in Addenda prior
to 48 hours before the bid
opening date. This project
may be subject to NYS
Department of Labor
Prevailing Wage Rates
PRC #: 2021012591.
APPRENTICESHIP PRO-
GRAM: Dutchess County
requires that any contractor
or subcontractor have, prior
to entering into a Contract
for the process of building,
renovating or demolishing a
public building, owned,
operated and maintained
by Dutchess County, with a
value in excess of
\$250,000., apprenticeship
agreements appropriate for
the type and scope of work
to be performed and which
have been registered with
NYS Department of Labor
in accordance with Article
23 of the Labor Law. The
County reserves the right to
waive irregularities in bids
and in bidding and to reject
any or all proposals.

Legal Notices

Notice is hereby given that
the Pleasant Valley Board
of Fire Commissioners will
hold their Re-organization-
al meeting for 2022 on
Sunday, January 2, 2022 at
10:00 am at the Pleasant
Valley Fire District
Headquarters, 1619 Main
Street, Pleasant Valley,
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By order of the Pleasant
Valley Board of Fire
Commissioners.
Signed: Jennifer Broas,
District Secretary

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We are not responsible for typographical errors. A letter of correction will be supplied if requested.

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Contact Us

Call: 845-297-3723

Fax: 845-297-6810

E-Mail: sdnadvertising@aol.com

Monday-Friday
9 am-4 pm

100 Help Wanted

Monticello Central School District Openings
Spanish Teacher (7-12) Music Teacher/Orchestra Director Speech Language Pathologist NYS Certification Required Please apply online by Dec 19th at <http://monticelloschools.tedk12.com/hire> EOE

JOBS!! JOBS!! JOBS!!

Community Services Programs, Inc., Owner & Manager of DiMarco Place I & II Senior Housing; Meadow Ridge I & II Family & Senior Housing; and, Highland Meadows Senior Housing seeks to fill the following **FULL TIME** employment positions located in Wappingers Falls and Beacon:

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN 2 Positions
HOUSEKEEPER/JANITOR 3 Positions
EXECUTIVE ASSOCIATE 1 Position

Positions have competitive salaries and excellent benefits! Three (3) Years' Experience - 3 Employment References- Background Checks
Submit resume via fax 845.297.2080 or via email csphvhdfinc@aol.com

Community Services Programs, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer. EOE

Full or Part-time Property Caretaker/Handyman for Private Residence in Millbrook, NY

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