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Millbrook CSD
going remote
through Dec. 23;
parents upset

by Rich Thomaselli

Concerned about the growing number of COVID-19 cases in the Millbrook Central School District, Superintendent of Schools Laura Mitchell said that all four schools – two elementary, one middle school and the high school – were temporarily going to back to remote learning.

But the announcement stunned parents, both for the decision itself and the timing.

Mitchell sent out a robo-call and an email at approximately 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 16, advising parents that the school would be going back to remote learning for Friday, Dec. 17, as well as Monday through Thursday, Dec. 20-23 prior to the holiday break.

Mitchell said in the email the district would revisit the situation prior to students' coming back to school on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022.

On Friday morning, information was sent out, noting that all Millbrook CSD athletics and extracurricular activities are paused until Jan. 3.

"Over the course of the past two days, we have had multiple confirmed cases of COVID-19 throughout the District. Additionally, we have identified nearly 5% of our student population as potential close contacts of these cases. These students were placed in precautionary quarantine and given the opportunity to utilize the new Test-to-Stay protocols to continue attending the academic portion of the school day. Once the school day ends, these students must return to quarantine in their own respective homes and cannot participate in extracurricular activities," Mitchell wrote. "Today (December 16), we were informed

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Always giving back – O'Hanlon
enjoys role as 'real beard Santa'

by Jim Donick

A Pleasant Valley military veteran has found another way to give back and to serve the community. Former U.S. Marine Keith O'Hanlon has taken on the role of Santa Claus for all sorts of community organizations, families, and veterans events.

Along with his girlfriend, confidant, and partner in holiday cheer, Terri Brundage, he and she have created a Santa and Mrs. Claus partnership that has been raising large sums of money for the local food pantry in Pleasant Valley and bringing joy to countless families and events over the last five or six years.

They make stops around the county when invited. They only ask for a donation to the food pantry, either cash or food. Cash allows the food pantry folks to get turkeys and hams for distribution close to the holiday as they have limited cold storage.

It all started when somebody was looking for a Santa Claus for a veterans families affair at Liberty Station.

"It was my first time," O'Hanlon said. "I didn't know how I would do or even what I would do. As I walked in, though, something happened. I started the 'ho, ho, ho' and my voice took on a whole new sound. It was Santa Claus."

A little girl of about five spotted him. "She came running right up and gave

me a big hug and walked me into the room. She just wanted to be with me. At that point, I realized I had another calling."

Blessed with a perfectly "Santa Claus-ian" beard, O'Hanlon looks the part even when not wearing his Santa Suit. With what they call in the trade, a "real beard Santa," he arrives in a beautiful European or Victorian costume.

"I didn't want to look like the Coca-Cola Santa," he said. Instead, his red velvet suit and demi-cape give him an air of times far away and long ago.

O'Hanlon doesn't do the Santa gig just for fun. He asks anyone who invites him to come to provide a donation for the Pleasant Valley Food Pantry. That donation can be in the form of cash or of foodstuffs.

"So far this season," O'Hanlon said. "We've gotten nearly \$8,000 in donations of food and cash."



Sometimes Santa doesn't come in a sleigh. Sometimes he comes in a two-and-a-half ton vintage military truck. Pleasant Valley military veteran Keith O'Hanlon has been Santa Claus to many veterans and families throughout the county as he gathers donations and support for the Pleasant Valley Food Pantry, while spreading holiday cheer. Photo by Jim Donick

Playing at or, maybe really being Santa has left O'Hanlon with a wealth continued on page 2

County mobilizes efforts
to help with staffing shortages

by Rich Thomaselli



Signs like these are common all over Dutchess County as employers seek to fill openings. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

The staffing shortage that has plagued the nation in recent months is very much an issue right here in our backyard.

Whereas employment issues are usually are classic cases of supply and demand – too many workers, not enough jobs – this is the complete opposite.

There are jobs and employers practically using sandwich boards and walking up and down Route 9 to advertise

their open positions, but the COVID-19 pandemic has changed the landscape over the past 20 months for potential employees.

Some have taken buyouts, some have outright retired, some have gone back to school, some won't take any job unless there's a work-from-home component and still others, as one staffing expert told the Southern and Northern Dutchess News last week, won't even consider a job unless it starts at \$18 an

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of stories.

“I’ll never forget this little girl of about four years old,” he recalled. “She came up on my lap with a pacifier in her mouth and started to talk. I don’t know why, but as I looked at her I said ‘you know it would be so much easier for Santa to see your pretty smile if you took that (pacifier) out of your mouth.’ She popped it right out and gave me a smile that lit up the whole room. Later her grandfather, who brought her, came up to me and said, ‘I don’t know what you said to her, but we’ve never been able to get her to take that out of her mouth. THANK YOU.’”

O’Hanlon reports a recent event where he was given \$300 and the participants also filled the entire bed of his pickup

truck with foodstuffs. This past Sunday, Dec. 19, O’Hanlon had some volunteer elves joining him and Mrs. Claus, along with his two-and-a-half ton military truck, Lucy Duecey, in the parking lot of the ACME store in Pleasant Valley. Kids and families could have a photo with Santa and they were asked to donate food for the food pantry.

“We are hoping to fill an entire ‘deuce and a half’ for the food pantry to distribute over the holidays,” he said a few days earlier.

It’s been an interesting move from wearing olive drab or camouflage to wearing red velvet and deploying his great white beard, but Marine Keith O’Hanlon is still serving where he’s needed.



Left: Military veteran Keith O’Hanlon is pictured at the Pleasant Valley Veterans War Memorial. Photo by Jim Donick Above: O’Hanlon and Mrs. Claus join the Sanchez family during a holiday event. Courtesy photo



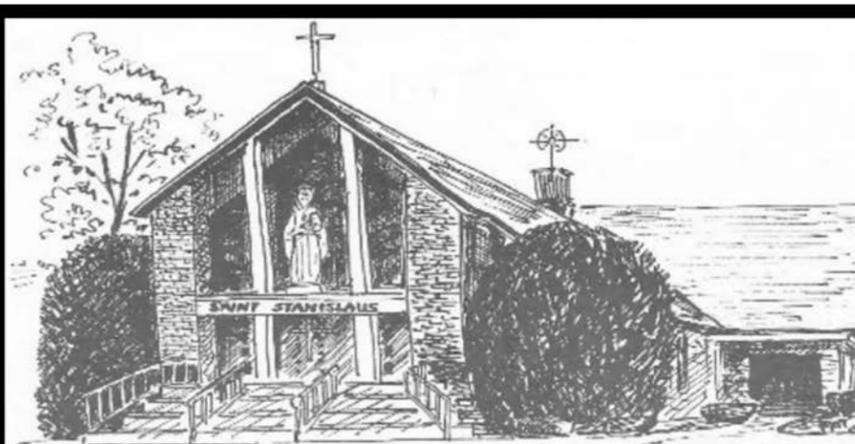
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For the Christmas Season, St. Stanislaus will be open and will be observing all state and Archdiocese mandated COVID-19 regulations. Masks will be required for everyone in the church.

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Friday, December 24: Christmas Eve Masses will be celebrated at 4:00pm and 7:30pm

Saturday, December 25: Christmas Day Masses will be celebrated at 8:15am and 11:00am

Sunday, December 26: Feast of the Holy Family Masses will be celebrated only at 8:15am and 11:00am on Sunday. NO Saturday evening Mass.

Saturday, January 1, 2022: Feast of Mary, Mother of God Since the Feast falls on a Saturday this year, it is NOT a day of obligation and there will only be one one Mass at 9:00am. There will be NO evening Mass.

Sunday, January 2: Feast of the Epiphany Masses will be celebrated on Sunday this year at 8:15am and 11:00am

May all have a Merry & Blessed Christmas & New Year

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County participates in statewide STOP-DWI holiday season enforcement effort

Police agencies throughout Dutchess County are participating in a special enforcement effort to crack down on impaired driving to coincide with the holiday season. The statewide STOP-DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign effort started on Friday, Dec. 17, 2021 and will conclude on Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022.

The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office,

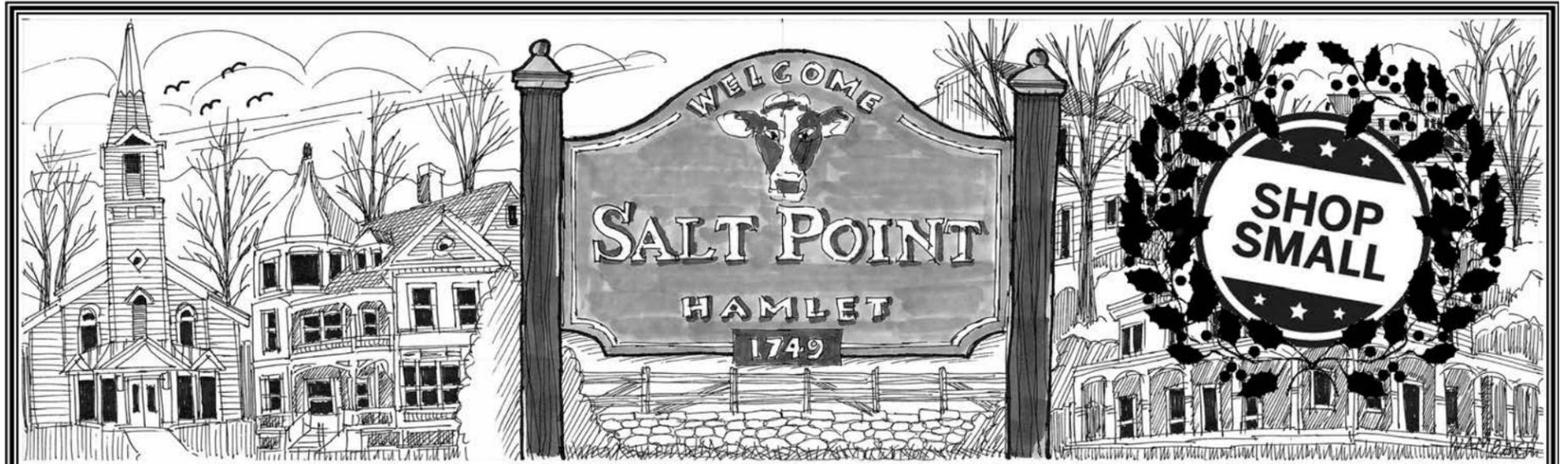
New York State Police and municipal law enforcement agencies will collaborate across the state and will be out in force in this coordinated effort to reduce the number of alcohol-related injuries and deaths during this period.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 210 lives

were lost nationwide in alcohol-impaired driving crashes during the Christmas to New Year's Day holiday period in 2019. The number of impaired drivers on Christmas and New Year's Day is expected to increase this year, as both holidays fall on a Saturday.

The Holiday Season Enforcement Campaign is one of many statewide

enforcement initiatives promoted by the New York State STOP-DWI Association with additional funding from the STOP-DWI Foundation with a grant from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. The Statewide STOP-DWI Crackdown Campaign also targets 4th of July, Memorial Day, Labor Day Weekend, Halloween and Thanksgiving.



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Arlington district silences discussions of racism

To the editor:

How do we interpret silence around racism? Writing on the Holocaust, Elie Wiesel said that "silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented." When life and dignity are endangered, "sensitivities become irrelevant."

During the protests of June 2020 that demanded accountability for police violence and black death, a popular sign carried by white folks was: "WHITE SILENCE = WHITE VIOLENCE." These signs demanded an end to police brutality and its disproportionate targeting of people of color. But they also reminded us how white silence actively perpetuates racism. School districts that worry about the sensitivity of white families who might "feel bad" if we talk about racist incidents, end up standing in the way of justice.

In the mostly middle-class white suburban school district of Arlington, New York, our struggling district-wide Equity Initiative (started under then-ACSD superintendent Brendan Lyons and approved by the BOE) has withered in silence. With no community input, the BOE introduced its replacement, "Wellness and Belonging," which leaves no room within its current implementation for discussions about the racist bullying that Black and Brown children suffer on a daily basis.

Racial assaults from white students to Black students ("Pick my cotton, slave") bounce off of the Wellness and Belonging wall of silence. When anti-racist parents demand attention to this racial abuse, the BOE is silent and administrators acknowledge it only in the vaguest of terms.

Some remarkable students, teachers and administrators continue to push racial equity forward, but without district support teachers and administrators fear that talking about race, and making white people uncomfortable, could cost them their jobs.

In Arlington white fragility is more protected than the truth of testimonies and statistics on racial disparities. Addressing this situation can mitigate the dehumanizing effects of valuing some lives over others, and it could help our children work together in mutual dignity as they face unprecedented national and global challenges.

Eva Woods Peiró
Vassar College Professor
Member of On PAR,
"Partners Against Racism in Arlington"
<https://onpararlington.org/>

Serino to State: 'Every penny' from Cuomo book proceeds should go to 'victims' of pandemic policies

To the editor:

[Now] that Andrew Cuomo must return proceeds from his pandemic book deal, I believe every penny that the disgraced former Governor profited off of New Yorkers' pain should be directed to the victims of his dangerous pandemic policies, like the many families who lost loved ones in New York's nursing homes.

While no amount of money will ever bring these residents back, I urge Attorney General James to take this opportunity to put these misbegotten funds to work to acknowledge their pain, and to send a strong message to New Yorkers that no public official should be able to leverage their office to personally profit off the backs of those they serve.

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of additional positive cases and we continue to contact trace a wide variety of settings within the school day. As the number of cases grows, so do the number of close contacts in our student and staff population, making it increasingly challenging to sustain in-person instruction. Therefore, out of an abundance of caution, in an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we have made the decision to pivot to remote instruction beginning tomorrow, Friday, December 17, 2021, through December 23, 2021."

Mitchell called it a "mitigation measure." But many parents expressed disappointment that the Superintendent seemed to be basing her decision on the 5 percent number of potential contacts who may or may not have been exposed, and less on the total number of positive COVID-19 cases in the district – three students and two staff members – over the previous seven days prior to the decision.

However, the 5 percent number of students who have potentially been in contact with positive cases still represents upward of 70 to 100 youngsters at all four schools.

Millbrook resident Paul Iannucci, a local business owner who has a son who is a freshman at the high school, said the

remote and hybrid learning from March 2020 to September 2021 was a detriment to his boy.

Iannucci said his son was on the verge of failing.

In a letter to Mitchell that Iannucci provided to the Northern Dutchess News, he told Mitchell he was concerned about the academic performance of the children in the district, as well as their social skills, athletic participation and after-school activities.

"No warning, no choices and no talk of this ever being considered. My daughter lost her last year-and-a-half of the "normal" high school experience and now my son is in jeopardy of missing out on not only his education, but he also plays JV basketball. So, not only is he going to be behind in his classes, but these athletes are also already behind a year because of not having basketball last year," Iannucci wrote. "This seems like an irrational decision; who decided this? Why not put it to a vote with not only the board, but to all the parents in the district? I'm already talking to other parents who are also very upset over this, and we all need to have a voice!"

Iannucci said going remote again for an extended period of time would be "cat-

astrophic" to children.

Parents also questioned the timing of the decision. One mother of a child in the district wrote on Facebook that she knew something was up when she picked up her son from school and he was carrying a backpack filled with books, as well as the Google Chromebook that the district issued to children who were taught remotely the last year-and-a-half.

When she questioned her son, he replied that he didn't know what was going on, but that one of his teachers told him to take everything home.

This was at noon on Thursday; four-and-a-half hours later, the district made the official announcement, leaving parents less than a day's notice to find child-care or other arrangements.

One parent wrote on Facebook that she was a "Single mom and I work full-time. I can't do this all over again this year. What am I supposed to do with my 7-year-old???"

Another parent in the district, Shawna Keenan, told the Northern Dutchess News, "We are sick of this. Our children are suffering with this and the masks and the restrictions. Enough is enough."

For those of us who have spent months pushing for accountability, the New York State Joint Commission on Public Ethics' decision is a step in the right direction. However, the Commission remains deeply flawed, and through its inaction on this issue, the Legislature has remained complicit in allowing its pervasive dysfunction to continue.

We will not stop pushing for the full transparency, answers, justice and accountability that these families, and all New Yorkers, deserve.

Senator Sue Serino
Ranking Member of the State Senate's Aging Committee

Questioning Dr. Fauci and the COVID-19 vaccines

To the editor:

During Dr. Anthony Fauci's 37 years overseeing America's infectious health, drug expenditures multiplied over 10 times. The United States is the most vaccinated nation, with the highest health care costs per person among developed nations, yet ranks below many in health. In the last several years, U. S. life expectancy has been declining.

But that is not the worst, as explained in Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s book, "The Real Anthony Fauci," perhaps the most important book to understand the time we live in.

Dr. Fauci sped approval for very risky drugs by eliminating or shortening the normally required placebo control group - making it difficult to learn if those on a drug become ill compared to those not on it, both during and years after the study.

For example, the human drug trial of the AIDS drug AZT, a failed cancer chemotherapy so toxic it never got beyond animal testing. The placebo control group wound up taking AZT, eliminating any possibility of finding long-term issues. Later studies showed there were many such issues.

Dr. Fauci replayed that approach with the recent mRNA COVID-19 vaccine trials, where the placebo control group ended prematurely, and was given the vaccine - presumably ending the possibility of finding any long-term effects.

Well, not quite. A new control group arose, ordinary folks who decline the COVID-19 vaccine. If they continue to exist, it will be possible to compare their health with those who got vaccinated.

The government says the COVID-19 vaccines are safe. So did tech entrepreneur Steve Kirsch, chiding a lady who said she knew three who died after the vaccine – the vaccines are safe.

But Mr. Kirsch looked into the matter, and changed his view, laid out in skirsch.com/covid/All.pdf, a 199 slide presentation that contends the vaccines have caused over 150,000 deaths, while saving at most 20,000. Those who question his view have an opportunity to get \$1,000,000, if they can show his methodology (he used 8 different ways to determine the number) is flawed.

How deadly is COVID-19? Well, the Italian equivalent of our National Institutes of Health (NIH) contends only 5 percent of COVID-19 deaths were due to the coronavirus. The rest were from one to five co-morbidities, the true cause of death. COVID-19 was like a flu season.

Before giving Dr. Fauci our children for his latest effort, folks might want to double check. Read the book.

Frank Stoppenbach
Red Hook

Democratic caucus elects Atkins, Valdes-Smith as minority leaders

In a unanimous vote, the Democratic caucus of the Dutchess County Legislature elected Yvette Valdés Smith (District 16, Fishkill/Beacon) and Barrington Atkins (District 10, City of Poughkeepsie) as Minority Leader and Assistant Leader for 2022-2023 during its meeting on Dec. 13.

According to a statement from the Democratic caucus, they will represent the first team of legislators of color to lead a caucus in County History.

Incoming Legislator Valdés Smith said, "I am honored to be a part of this caucus and to play a leadership role. Our caucus is comprised of true public servants who will continue to do the work of the people. And, I have the deepest respect for Legislator Atkins. As a Puerto

Rican and an African American, we will lead together and ensure that we are voices not only for those of us who have been historically disenfranchised, but for our entire community."

Legislator Atkins said, "Together we will work for the greater good. I am proud to serve Dutchess County alongside Legislator Valdés Smith and this amazing caucus. This work requires tireless efforts to advance the ideals held true by our party and the communities we represent. While in the minority of the legislature, our voices will not be silenced, and we will not be rolled over in a 'business as usual' fashion. We are innovators, we are smart, we are hard-working, we know and understand our strengths as well as our weaknesses, and we will hold everyone

accountable for the lawmaking process."

Valdés Smith is a former public school teacher and "proud union member" who lives in Fishkill with her husband and two children. She holds two Master's degrees in Education. She has served on the Environmental Management Council, volunteered with her local PTO, and helps run a local environmental education center.

A City of Poughkeepsie native, Atkins

holds a Master's degree in social work, with a focus on youth mental health, from Howard University. His legislative priorities have included better outreach and services to youth and strategies to address gun violence as a public health threat, especially on Poughkeepsie's Northside. Atkins has sponsored mental health community trainings and events as well as serving on the county's Police Modernization and Reform Task Force.

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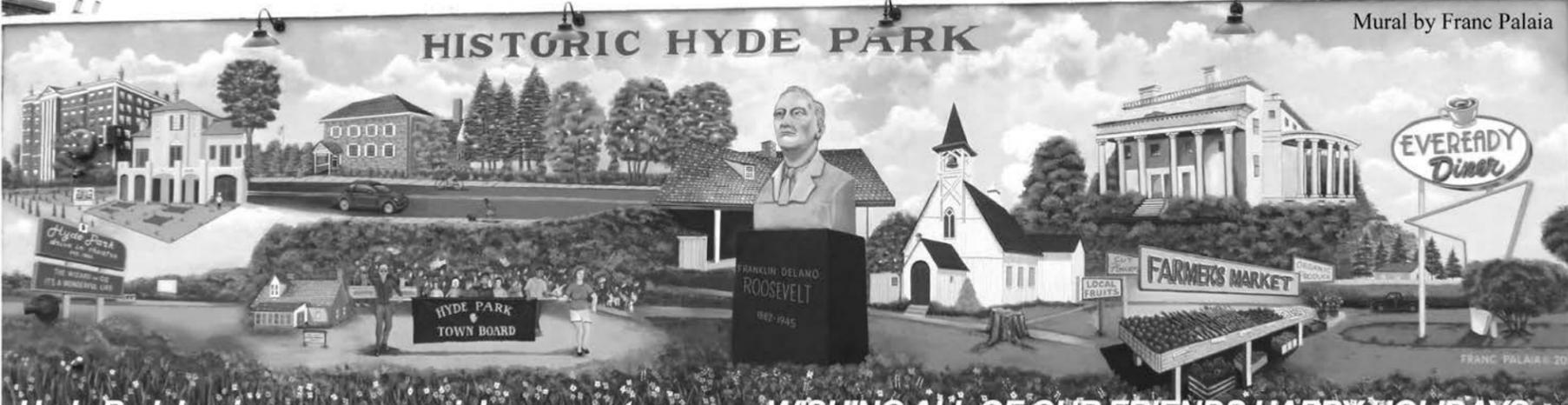
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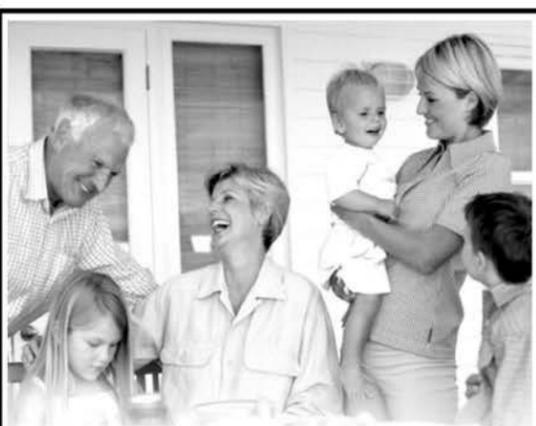
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Mandate compliance - Molinaro urges civility toward business employees

by Kate Goldsmith

Reacting to a holiday surge combined with two highly infectious variants in circulation (Delta and Omicron), Gov. Kathy Hochul on Dec. 10 issued a mandate requiring masks to be worn in all indoor public places unless the establishment requires proof of complete vaccination. Dutchess and at least 30 other counties in New York have said they don't have the resources to enforce the mandate; although in Dutchess, at least, County Executive Marc Molinaro and the Department of Behavioral and Community Health (DBCH) continue to focus on educational efforts, testing and hosting vaccination clinics to encourage residents to minimize the risk to themselves and others.

During his latest Facebook Town Hall on Dec. 16, Molinaro continued to encourage residents to get vaccinated (while stressing that it is a personal choice) and took some time to discuss reports of individuals venting their anger over Gov. Hochul's mask mandate on employees of local businesses.

Molinaro pointed out that businesses who do not require proof of vaccination must, under New York State public health law, comply with the mask mandate. He added that Dutchess County government "is not going to engage in the enforcement," but will continue its education and outreach.

The County Executive implored residents not to take out their anger on employees who are only doing their jobs.

"They are advising you of what the New York State health order is," he said. "We have to respect each other ... We cannot accept abuse or violence or hatred [toward those] working in these businesses or establishments."

Molinaro added, "If we're going to protest our views, protest in a civil way," by contacting the officials who are actually creating these edicts.

"There are ordinary residents, our friends and neighbors, who are truly under great pressure just trying to do the right thing," and warned that law enforcement will be engaged if situations become combative.

Hospitalizations being watched

Data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicate the risk of COVID-19 infection for unvaccinated individuals in Dutchess County is "high." According to the county's COVID-19 Dashboard, hospitalization rates due to COVID-19 have increased by 60 percent (from 40 on Nov. 25 to 64 as of Dec. 16, the latest data available as this paper went to press). While the county reports that most of those hospitalized (75 percent) are either unvaccinated or partially vaccinated, 25 percent of fully vaccinated individuals are among those 64. As of Dec. 16, there were 1,325 active cases in Dutchess.

"While we're seeing an increase we are not alarmed by the hospitalizations at the moment," said Molinaro, but the Dutchess' Department of Behavioral and Community Health (DBCH) is keeping a close eye on the numbers, he said.

From Thanksgiving to Dec. 16, there were also 18 additional deaths related to COVID-19, bringing the number to 523. According to the CDC, that means 1 in 527 county residents have been lost to the virus.

Doctors at two local hospitals noted the situation is compounded by normal seasonal ailments.

Dr. William Begg, Vice President of Medical Affairs, Vassar Brothers Medical Center, said, "Cold and flu season is here, and at the same time, our county's COVID-19 hospitalizations are on the rise. The governor's mask mandate - in addition to getting a vaccine booster - is a smart step that we can all take to further protect ourselves and our loved ones from spreading COVID-19, influenza, RSV and other illnesses. We should take

every precaution to prevent unnecessary hospitalizations and deaths, especially as the holiday season is here."

Dr. W. Andrew Wilson, vice president, medical affairs, Northern Dutchess Hospital said, "Dutchess County hospitalizations today are at about 50 percent of where we were last December (106 on 12/14/2020), so we know vaccines are helping; and the best thing we can do is to get fully vaccinated or, if eligible, a COVID-19 booster before we gather again this Christmas and New Year.

"That said, throughout the pandemic, we have required staff, patients and visi-

tors to wear a mask inside the hospital because it's just one more way we can protect each other. We encourage our community to do their part in staying healthy: Mask up, socially distance, get tested if you have any COVID-19 symptoms and follow all the state and federal guidelines, including the governor's mask mandate. When cases come down, we can unmask again without worries."

Molinaro said the county "will continue to engage with the state. They don't want to compel counties to enforce this mandate."

County mobilizes efforts to help with staffing shortages

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hour.

"This," says Louise McLoughlin, Executive Director at the Dutchess County Workforce Investment Board, "is definitely uncharted waters."

To that end, the County is mobilizing its efforts much as it did when the pandemic first hit. Only now they're trying to marry an apparent apathetic workforce with hopeful employers.

Dutchess County agencies are working together and with outside groups to try to alleviate the problem, which has continued to grow even though the extra unemployment benefits expired in September.

McLoughlin and the Workforce Investment Board for instance partnered with the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce in October on a job fair that drew more than 250 participants.

"I think one thing we learned was that business owners are going to have to look beyond the traditional worker," McLoughlin said. "I think we have youth and young people who want to work. I think we have people with disabilities, and their employment rate is extremely high. I think we have seniors who really do have a lot of knowledge to impart that want to come back to the workforce."

The Workforce Investment Board is also working with the Think Dutchess Alliance. In fact, the Alliance's CEO, Sarah Lee, said other partners include the Chamber of Commerce, Dutchess Community College, Dutchess Tourism and the Council of Industry.

"We are trying to connect businesses with employees that meet their workforce and talent needs, including holding job fairs and connecting employers to employee training resources and micro-credentialing that help people looking for

work or looking for career pivots to be prepared to work in changing fields," she said.

Tourism is a big part of that.

If you stop and think about it, every employee of every hotel and motel in the country is working in a travel-related capacity, as is every docent at a museum or homestead, every restaurant worker, every car rental employee, every person in an antique store, workers in amusement parks, and so on.

It's a huge industry in Dutchess County and the greater Hudson Valley at large.

"Even before the pandemic it was a challenge to find workers in this industry but it's a challenge of perception," explained Melaine Rottkamp, CEO of Dutchess Tourism Inc. "A lot of people think of jobs in travel and tourism as entry-level, low-paying jobs. That's not always true, but even if that's how you start, careers in tourism and hospitality can lead to a fulfilling lifelong career and skills that are transferable."

Dutchess Tourism is doing its part by using monies that the County received from the American Rescue Plan funds to start two entities - one is a certified tourism ambassador program, and the other is for visitor engagement. These are classes that are offered free of charge that will begin in April for anyone who is a Dutchess County resident or who works in Dutchess County tourism who is interested in learning the travel and tourism business.

"If we can train people before they even get to a job, that helps our businesses and it helps the employee," Rottkamp said. "Look, there's been a confluence of factors that have contributed to this situation. It's going to take a confluence of factors to help solve it."

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Don't forget veterans during the holidays

With Christmas almost here, it's easy to hunker down at home and simply focus on family festivities: exchanging gifts with loved ones, taking time off to recharge our batteries, and settling in for the cold winter ahead. That's certainly understandable – after all, we have all earned some down time after two years dealing with the pandemic.

But we also don't want to forget the folks out there who need help, especially during the holidays. Christmastime can be the worst time of the year for many veterans who struggle with isolation, mental illness and homelessness. And with the weather getting colder, these veterans can often feel so helpless because they don't have any family or close friends to turn to in a time of trouble. Honestly, many of our heroes can feel left out during the holidays.

That's exactly why many of the veteran service organizations in Dutchess County came together this year to organize a special event aimed at bringing as many local veterans together as possible to share the holiday spirit.

I'm so proud to report the "Holiday for our Heroes" event on Sunday, Dec. 12, brought together over 100 veterans and their guests for a day of fun and camaraderie. The day began with a great Marist vs. Navy basketball game at Marist's McCann Arena that included a

special halftime ceremony featuring a celebration of our veterans and a donation of \$2022 by Marist College to the VetZero Heroes ride program, which gives free rides to veterans for their vital appointments.

The day concluded with a wonderful dinner at Mahoney's Irish Pub & Restaurant in Poughkeepsie. Thanks to the kindness of Marist College as well as donations from our local service organizations like VetZero, MHA Dutchess Vet 2 Vet and several VFW and Legion posts, the entire event was absolutely free for all veterans and their guests. That's amazing!

For me, the best part of the night was seeing all the smiles and hearing all the laughter from the assembled veterans, many of whom were meeting for the first time. That's the thing about veterans: they speak their own language, so when you meet a fellow veteran who is a stranger, it usually takes all of five minutes before you are talking like old friends.

It was also great to see all our veteran service organizations coming together in the spirit of the holidays to support our local veteran community. Honestly, that doesn't happen very often. Each organization is rightly focused on what they can do for veterans in need, so it sometimes becomes difficult to remember we all have the same goal. At the end of the day,



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Marist College presented VetZero with a donation of \$2022 for their veteran ride program. From left are Director of Marist Athletics Tim Murray; Marist President Dr. Kevin Weinman; Marist Executive Vice President Dr. Geoff Bracket; and Christa Hines, Executive Director of Hudson River Housing. Photo by Julio E. Ronda

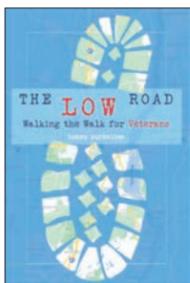
we all share the same mission: taking care of our heroes the way they have taken care of us.

I'm so proud of this first "Holiday for our Heroes" event and I know many of my colleagues are already looking forward to planning a second event, next Christmas. We're in the thick of the holiday season now, and it's energizing to think we worked to build an event that brought over 100 veterans together to spread a little holiday cheer. There are so many people to thank, but I'd like to especially recognize Kevin Weinman, President of Marist College; Christa Hines, Executive Director of Hudson River Housing; and Adam Roche, Director of Dutchess County Veterans

Services, for their work above and beyond. Thank you!

And thank you, for listening! I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. Perhaps we will see you at the "Holiday for our Heroes" event in 2022!

A Navy veteran, Tom Zurhellen has been Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in Poughkeepsie for the past three years. In the summer of 2019, he walked across America from Portland, Oregon, to Poughkeepsie to raise awareness on veteran suicide and veteran homelessness in our country. He continues to work with local veterans in need through the VetZero Project, in partnership with Hudson River Housing.



TAKE THE HIGH ROAD AND BUY 'THE LOW ROAD'!

Tom Zurhellen chronicles his 2019 VetZero Walk Across America in his new book, "The Low Road: Walking the Walk for Veterans." The Walk raised awareness of the plight of many veterans in our country, and called attention to the fact that, every day, 22 veterans take their own lives. Proceeds from "The Low Road" will go directly to help local veterans in need through the VetZero Project at Hudson River Housing. The book costs \$22 and can only be purchased at www.hudsonriverhousing.org.

'Trees for Troops' collects Christmas Trees in Salt Point



For the 10th consecutive year, the members of the Salt Point Volunteer Fire Company, with mutual aid from other area departments and community members, loaded over 600 Christmas trees for the annual "Trees for Troops" drive on Saturday, Nov. 27. The trees were loaded at Hahn Farm on Salt Point Turnpike. Through a partnership with FedEx, the Trees for Troops program has delivered more than 265,000 trees to military families in the U.S. and to troops stationed overseas in countries such as Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Qatar, Spain, and Guam. Christmas tree growers and individuals around the country donate the trees, while FedEx provides the shipping to military families. Courtesy photo

VA Hudson Valley's Walk-in COVID-19 vaccine clinics offering boosters to eligible veterans

Following CDC recommendations for those that would most benefit from the COVID-19 booster, the VA Hudson Valley Health Care System is now providing booster shots for Moderna, and J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccines to eligible veterans, as supply and capacity permits.

The VA Hudson Valley Health Care System is administering Moderna and J&J/Janssen COVID-19 booster shots at the following times and locations:

CASTLE POINT VA MEDICAL CENTER

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Multipurpose Room, Bldg. 19, Room 100

MONTROSE, FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT HOSPITAL

Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Social Hall, Bldg. 15, Room 16

VA Hudson Valley Community Clinics are by appointment only. Eligible veterans can also call (845) 831-2000, ext. 217666, to schedule an appointment for their booster shot. Individuals can also receive their booster shot at no cost outside of VA by locating a vaccine site at Vaccines.gov - Search for COVID-19 vaccine locations. They'll need to bring their CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card for their appointment.

Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. CDC's recommendations now allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots.

For more information about the status of vaccination throughout Dutchess County, visit DutchessNY.gov/COVIDvaccine.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.

Upcoming Red Cross blood drives

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

Rhinebeck: Dec. 22, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Rhinebeck Village Hall, 76 East Market St.

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

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

Tivoli: Dec. 30, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., The Masonic Lodge in Tivoli, 7 North Road

Donors are urged to schedule an appointment in advance 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, as long as they are symptom-free.

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 cdcf-cirone@aol.com for more information.

UMC churches set Christmas Eve service

The Red Hook United Methodist Church and Rhinebeck United Methodist Church will present a combined Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 24 in the Red Hook church sanctuary. For more information, please call 845-758-6283.

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 are encouraged. Call (800) 933-2566.

Rhinecliff Fall Soup Sales are back

The Rhinecliff Volunteer Fire Co. and Rhinebeck Grange #896 will hold their Fall Soup Sales on Jan. 27 as well as Feb. 24. 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.

Multiple agencies perform mine rescue in Dover



A man was trapped in the cab of an excavator in a Dover mine. Multiple agencies responded and rescued the man, who was transferred to Westchester Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries. *Courtesy photo*

At 1:32 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 14, J.H. Ketcham Hose Company and Town of Dover Ambulance were dispatched to Wingdale Materials on Pleasant Ridge Road for a 40-year-old male trapped in machinery within the mine. Shortly afterward, a mutual aide request for additional resources was made, bringing Town of Amenia Ambulance, and the Technical Rescue Team from Arlington Fire District, LaGrange Fire District and City of Poughkeepsie Fire Department. A helicopter from LifeNet was called to standby at the scene to airlift the victim once he was removed from the mine.

By 2 p.m. rescuers from J.H. Ketcham and Arlington had entered approximately 2500 feet into the mine and made contact with the victim. He was conscious and alert, trapped inside the cab of his excavator by a large boulder that had dislodged from the mine's wall, landing on the machinery.

Technical Rescue Technicians from Arlington, LaGrange and City of Poughkeepsie worked to stabilize the estimated 40-50 ton boulder and then

extricate the patient from the machinery. Throughout the extrication, the patient received Advanced Life Support care from LaGrange and Arlington paramedics.

The patient was extricated from the cab approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes from initial contact. He was transferred to LifeNet and air-lifted to Westchester Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries to both legs and one hand.

J.H. Ketcham Hose Company was assisted at the scene by Arlington, LaGrange and City of Poughkeepsie Fire Departments, Town of Dover Ambulance, Town of Amenia Ambulance, Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response, Dover Town Supervisor Richard Yeno, H.O. Penn, McIlvane Protection International and LifeNet.

Pawling, Amenia and Sherman, Conn. fire departments were on standby for Dover; Roosevelt and New Hackensack were on standby for Arlington and LaGrange.



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

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1					4			
		2						
								1
		5						

The heavy lines indicate areas, called cages, from one to five squares in size. Fill each cage with unique digits, counting up from 1. So for example a 2-square cage contains the numbers 1 and 2; and a 5-square cage contains the numbers from 1 to 5. Adjacent (touching) squares, even ones that touch diagonally, may never contain the same number.

ACROSS

1. Became dim
6. Religious celebration
10. Seaman's confinement
14. "Goodnight, ___"
15. Invisible emanation
16. Island off Scotland
17. Lasso
18. Weather forecast
20. Fuming
21. Blood problem
23. Places for berets
24. Cut of pork
25. Saloons
27. Like seawater
30. Numerical prefix
31. Perpendicular addition
34. U. S. body of water
35. Contraction
36. France's May
37. Like the father of the valedictorian
41. Light color
42. Place of relief
43. Fits to ___
44. Beast of burden
45. Songbird
46. Drinker's spot
48. Dill herb
49. Ore's location
50. Useful
53. Half of a prison?
54. Triumphant exclamation
57. Desert sights
60. Largest internal organ
62. Behold: Lat.
63. Rent
64. Roman official
65. Crowd's noise
66. Ending for who or how
67. Scrapes

DOWN

1. Business
2. Opera solo
3. No longer with us
4. Ending for insist or differ
5. Man of the cloth
6. Burr role
7. Parent's sibling
8. Full house letters
9. Spotted
10. Snacks
11. Cheer
12. About
13. Shapely legs
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35. Item listed in a will
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39. Swiss waterway
40. Primitive dwelling
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47. Fisherman
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49. Stingy one
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The solutions to both the Sudoku & Crossword puzzles can be found on page 18



Eating a Poinsettia

Mark dispels a few myths surrounding this holiday flower.

Lots of myths surround the popular holiday flower known as the poinsettia:

• **Poinsettias are poisonous** – On March 20, 1987, advice columnist Ann Landers printed a letter by a person who claimed that a cat had died after eating a poinsettia. This kicked off a firestorm of letters from florists, many writing about cats that lived amongst the poinsettias in their greenhouses. In a later column, Landers apologized for the misinformation: “Many thanks to all the florists who wrote. I’m glad that letter didn’t appear in December. It could have ruined their Christmas.”

Well, it did. It’s taken decades to convince people that, like lots of plants, and even foods, eating a lot of something can cause stomach pains. Scrolling through the internet, you can find everything from a video of Rachel Ray recommending folks buy plastic flowers (to tumultuous applause from the audience), to a segment of a publicist eating poinsettias while ranch dressing drips onto his shirt. By the way, the cats in our poinsettia greenhouse (Coco and Chanel) are 12 years old.

• **Keep poinsettias in the dark** – Poinsettias are photo-periodic. When the nights become longer than the days, starting on Sept. 21, geese fly south,

woodchucks start to think about hibernating, and poinsettias begin to sprout red leaves, which will eventually form the red “bract” surrounding the small yellow flowers at the center. Once your poinsettia loses its blossoms, say in late January, you can cut off the top half of the plant. This should leave some foliage so new branches can sprout.

During the spring and summer, give the growing poinsettia as much light as possible, maybe even planting it outside. On Sept. 21, bring the plant inside and give it as much light as possible during daylight hours. If the poinsettia “sees” light after sunset, new leaves will be green instead of red. Put the plant where you don’t turn lights on at night, or else put a cover over it from 6 p.m. to 6 or 8 a.m.

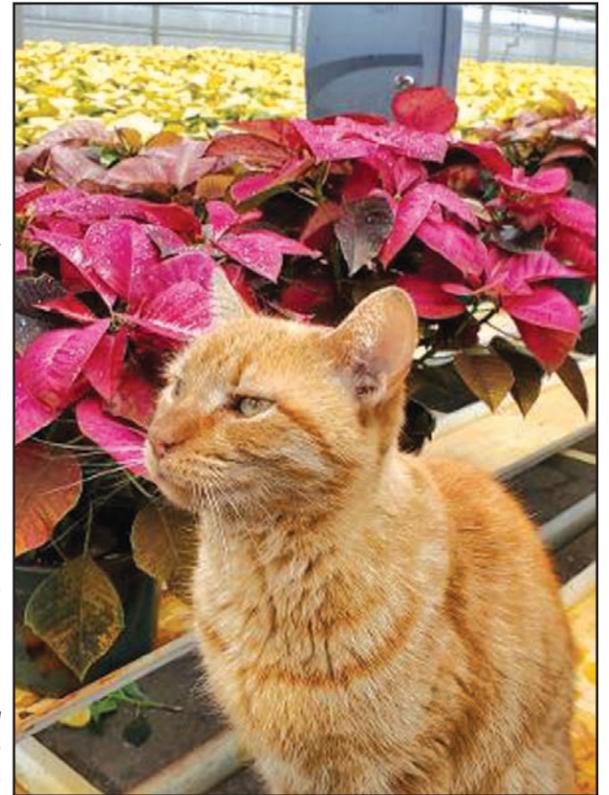
Kathy DeLano did it perfectly. She kept last year’s poinsettias at Ulster Savings Bank, where she is branch manager. Since the bank closes at 5 p.m. (6 p.m. on Fridays), no extra lights interfere with the flowers’ natural rhythm.

Viola! Red poinsettias for the holidays.

• **Joel Poinsett owned slaves** – I know he didn’t, because when I googled “Joel Poinsett slaves,” nothing came up. Poinsett (1779-1851) was born in South Carolina. He was involved in politics during a period of deep division, striving to



Above: Kathy DeLano with re-bloomed poinsettias. Right: Coco with poinsettias. Photos by Mark Adams



keep his native state from seceding from the Union.

As secretary of war under President Van Buren (1837-1841) he was involved in the battle to acquire Texas from Mexico. As minister to Mexico, Poinsett famously “discovered” the poinsettia, bringing it back to his own greenhouse in 1829. I googled “Joel poinsett cats.”

Nothing came up.

• **Search “Eating a Poinsettia”** on YouTube for a video of me eating a poinsettia. I’m still alive.

And so are the cats.

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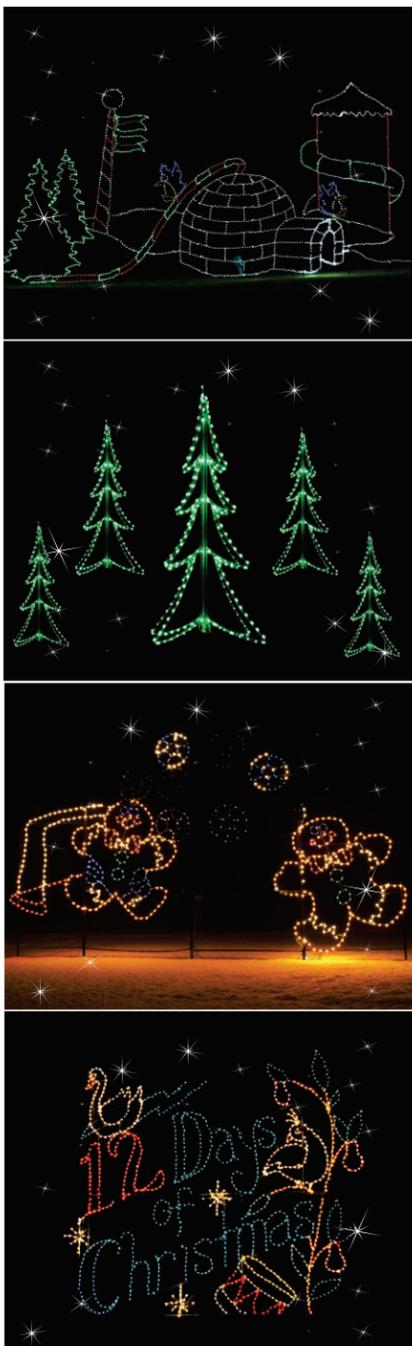


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Proof that non-alcoholic drinks can be fancy and tasty, too

Whenever we have reason to celebrate there's no denying food is almost always an important part of it. Whenever we gather there's bound to be plates and dishes, platters and trays, filled with things savory and sweet. But when we eat, we also drink, and so glasses are filled and toasts are made, especially this festive time of year.

I've written plenty of articles about cocktails and spirits of all sorts but have always been aware that it's not everyone's cup of tea (pun intended); and so, for all who would rather not partake in the kind of spirits found in a glass, this one is for you. Just because you can't or choose not to partake in something alcoholic doesn't mean you should feel excluded in the festivities. Whether for health reasons or personal preferences you can still tip a glass of something special and befitting the occasion. If you think soda or fruit juice are your only options, I promise you that's not the case.

I am a fan of well-crafted cocktails and fully enjoy everything about them, from the careful balance of quality ingredients to the presentation and that first delightful sip. Making my own at home got me thinking that there's no reason the same

thought can't be put into a drink without alcohol. Considering the way cocktails are typically made got me thinking about combinations of flavors and presentations that should work just as well as any containing spirits. Armed with some references from bartender websites, my collection of cocktail books and personal experience, I set to the task happily.

I have a personal reason for this, as well. My father cannot partake due to health reasons and I never want him to feel excluded. It's always a challenge to come up with something he can have and will actually like, and I've tried everything. I've learned through this ongoing process that non-alcoholic wines and sparkling ciders just don't cut it. Their flavor tends to leave a lot to be desired. Soda, then. But that hardly does the trick. Today, with increased health awareness, it's easier than ever to find prepared mixes designed specifically for people like my dad, but I suspect most of those wouldn't meet with his approval. All these non- and de-alcoholized attempts lack a certain something, and it isn't the alcohol. It comes down, I think, to taste, which they either lack or is just off.

I got out my books and cocktail shak-

er as well as some good ingredients and started to play. Of course, the real test will be the man I most want to please, so I'll get back to you on that one; but tasting the ones I'm sharing here, I would gladly have one myself, so I figured that was proof enough that I was onto something. It should be said that my main goal was not to try to re-create a known alcoholic drink but rather to come up with something that worked on its own merit, carefully thought out, mixed and presented, and so I think calling these mocktails is a bit of a misnomer. See what you think.

A quick side note: To me, the idea of a great cocktail is that it be sipped and savored. Quality ingredients are key and so, in theory, when mixed with love, you should have a winner in the form of something you actually want to drink, not just something to make you look like you're fitting in!

CELEBRATORY SOUR

I love a good sour, whiskey being my favorite. Two key components in any sour are lemon juice and egg white, so it isn't a stretch at all to make one without the booze.

INGREDIENTS

Strong, freshly brewed tea



Vicki toasts her readers with a Pineapple Spice 'mocktail.' Courtesy photo

- 1oz fresh lemon juice
- 2 dashes good quality vanilla extract
- 1/4 oz maple syrup
- 1 egg white
- 1/3 oz pomegranate juice with water

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Bardavon Gala to feature Broadway star Audra McDonald

Love to Cook

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Audra McDonald.
Photo by Allison Michael Orenstein

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tickets are available at:

\$275 (includes premier performance seating, pre show gala cocktail party with Celebrity Chef David Burke at Revel 32 plus tax-deductible contribution);

\$125 (includes preferred performance seating plus tax-deductible contribution);

\$75 (show only, subject to availability).

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

For more information, visit www.bardavon.org.

added to make 1/2 oz (this will help it float – you’ll see!)

Ice

METHOD

Pour 2 oz tea into a cocktail shaker. Add lemon juice, vanilla, maple syrup and egg white and dry shake to combine. Add lots of ice and shake again. Strain into a rocks glass filled with ice. Gently pour in pomegranate juice, which should settle just under the foam. Garnish with a cherry. Makes one drink

SPICED PINEAPPLE

I love this one – it’s tart, spicy, creamy and sweet and looks pretty, too! I added ginger syrup to this for a little extra kick, but I think you could omit it. I also added that quintessential tiki ingredient, orgeat, which I usually make myself; but do yourself a favor and buy some! And I highly recommend NOT skipping the fresh rosemary.

INGREDIENTS

3 oz pineapple juice
1.5 oz coconut milk
1 oz ginger syrup (recipe follows)
1/2 oz orgeat
1/4 teaspoon salt
Splash of ginger beer (or 1 oz if not using ginger syrup)
Nutmeg (freshly grated is best)
Fresh rosemary sprigs

GINGER SYRUP

Place 1 cup each of water and sugar in a saucepan over medium heat until sugar dissolves. Reduce heat, add 1 cup fresh chopped ginger and simmer for 30 minutes. Remove from heat, let cool, strain into a jar and refrigerate.

METHOD

Bruise a sprig of rosemary by rubbing it between your palms to release its oil and essence and rub inside a coupe glass.

Add all ingredients plus another bruised rosemary sprig to a cocktail shaker with ice. Shake well.

Strain into the coupe and garnish with a sprig of rosemary. Sprinkle with more nutmeg and serve. Makes 1 drink.

RUBY REFRESHER with smoked rosemary

Clearly I like rosemary, especially this time of year. Its pine notes just add festive

flavor in my book. You can certainly omit it for this and still have a fine drink, but maybe just try it first. I find it adds a subtle rich complexity to an otherwise pleasantly bracing drink.

INGREDIENTS

Fresh rosemary
Juice of 2 ruby grapefruit (about 2 cups)
3/4 oz fresh lime juice
3/4 oz simple or agave syrup

METHOD

First, you have two choices here: this will make one drink served straight up or two over ice. I suggest using an old fashioned glass or snifter either way, which hold 8 ounces each.

Light a rosemary sprig on fire, place in your serving glass and cover with a small plate. Aren’t we fancy?! Yes. Yes we are.

Shake all other ingredients with ice, strain into your now smoked glass (with or without ice) and garnish with fresh rosemary.

Maybe you’re health conscious, the designated driver or just don’t like alcohol, but that’s no reason not to be part of the party. Make your guests, or yourself, feel special by offering a festive drink that’s carefully crafted from quality, well-balanced ingredients that play well with and off of each other. Include aromatics and garnishes, serve in classic cocktail glasses and toast to your heart’s content. I know the new year will find me enjoying these quite often, and I do believe I’ll be better for it. Here’s hoping our loved ones will be, too.

Cheers to a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

See page 18 for finished puzzle (no peeking!)

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Construction set to begin at former Arthur May School

Construction is set to begin at the site of the former Arthur S. May Elementary School, at 25-31 Raymond Avenue in the Town of Poughkeepsie.

The mixed-use redevelopment project, to be called "The Arlington," will include residences, commercial and retail spaces – and the preservation of an important piece of the site's history: the main portion of the historic school.

"The Arlington's design simultaneously pays homage to Poughkeepsie's past while being part of Arlington Town Center's future," says John Pinna, chairman of the Town of Poughkeepsie Historic Commission. "A highlight is the repurposing of the school, a solution that retains a large portion of the iconic site, including its façade and the main, rectangular building, and fulfills the developer's early commitment to look for ways to save the school."

The developer, Arthur May Redevelopment, LLC, (AMR), an affiliate of Poughkeepsie-based PAZ Management, Inc., has been closely coordinating with state and local authorities for the past few years. Following these efforts, the highly anticipated project received an official and unanimous go-ahead from the Town of Poughkeepsie Planning Board. BBL will serve as construction manager for The Arlington, which will seek a National Green Building certification.

The project will be delivered in two

phases, with the first units of Phase 1 expected to be delivered in late Summer 2022. Phase 1 features 63 modern, energy efficient, market rate rentals, a combination of one- and two-bedroom units in two buildings, as well as 16,000 square feet of commercial and retail space. Residential units will feature 9' to 11' ceilings, oversized windows for extra natural light, open floor plans, energy efficient appliances and immediate access to the walkable amenities of the Arlington Town Center. Upon completion of both phases, The Arlington will include 197 units and more than 20,000 square feet of commercial space on 6.8 acres in the heart of the Town of Poughkeepsie's Arlington Town Center. Amenities will include a fitness center, recreation area, dog park, package pickup services, covered parking and more.

"This development is part of the bigger vision for the Arlington Town Center," said Bob Legacy, president of the Arlington Business Improvement District, who worked closely with Jacob Reckess, vice president of PAZ Management, Inc., throughout the planning process. "The thoughtful revitalization brings vibrancy to the town, as it supports the many popular restaurants, shops and walkable areas surrounding Vassar College, and becomes an undeniable attraction for residents, neighbors and visitors alike. It also supports the Business Improvement District's strate-



"The Arlington," a mixed-use residential, office, commercial, retail and courtyard center, will replace the former Arthur S. May Elementary School in the Town of Poughkeepsie. *Rendering courtesy of SRA Architects*

gic plan and the many events, such as free movie nights and block parties, that have been bringing a fresh energy into the neighborhood recently."

Closed to students since 2014, the former Arthur S. May school building sat vacant in the middle of a walkable corridor in the Arlington Town Center. After more than 95 years off the tax base, it is now back on the town's tax roll, adding value to the community and directly benefiting the township, school system, fire department and other jurisdictions. As part of The Arlington's development,

AMR is also improving components of the local highway system, which will enhance traffic flow around the area.

"This project is a win for the entire community," said Frank Castella, Jr., president and CEO of the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce. "The developer, a Poughkeepsie-based organization owned and operated by a civic-minded family, is to be commended for its willingness to lead and invest through this signature project, which will complete the Arlington Town Center."

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Bard announces \$250,000 matching gift to Tivoli Firehouse Capital Campaign

Bard College recently announced a matching gift of \$250,000 to the Tivoli Firehouse Capital Campaign. Bard's gift will match new donations to the campaign 1 for 1 up to \$250,000. The \$3 million campaign will fund a much-needed firehouse expansion in Tivoli.

"It is deeply gratifying to support an organization of such importance to the College and surrounding communities," said Bard College President Leon Botstein. "We are all in their debt for the service they provide, and encourage others to join us in helping the Tivoli Firehouse meet its campaign goal."

"On behalf of the Tivoli Firehouse, the Village of Tivoli and all of our volunteers we are incredibly grateful for this transformative gift from Bard College," said Fire Chief Marc Hildenbrand. "This matching gift will help us to get closer to realizing this essential capital expansion so that we can continue to provide all of these critical fire response and mutual aid services."

The Tivoli firehouse has supported its community and surrounding residents in fire and safety measures, as well as medical emergency responses and mutual aid, for more than 100 years. Their service area includes Tivoli, large parts of Red Hook, and the Bard College campus, and they provide mutual aid support to Germantown and Clermont, responding to more than 300 emergency responses each year. Tivoli Fire Chief Marc Hildebrand, who also serves as a fire protection systems technician at Bard

College, leads more than 50 volunteer firefighters, a number that has more than doubled since the pandemic.

The need for expanded facilities to accommodate the Tivoli Firehouse has been clear for some time, as membership grew, the company acquired essential new equipment, and updated health and safety requirements for firefighters required more space than the 1985 building could provide. After a fire struck the firehouse in July 2019, the Tivoli Fire Company rebuilt and committed to pursuing a capital campaign to finally enlarge the firehouse. The \$3 million Tivoli Firehouse Capital Campaign will fund a 4,000-square-foot expansion to support the department's fire safety, medical response, and the Red Cross Emergency Shelter.

The campaign's goal is to build the majority of support from local, state, and federal partners in government. \$1 million will be raised privately from a combination of foundations, corporations, and individual donors. To date, the campaign has received nearly \$500,000 that includes this new Bard College matching gift towards the \$1 million target of private support. Bard College's matching \$250,000 gift will help raise the remaining funds needed to reach the campaign's goals.

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To learn more or to donate, visit tivoli-firehouse.org/capital-campaign.

Four arrested for hate crime in Dover

On Dec. 6, the New York State Police from the Dover Plains barracks responded to a possible robbery in the Town of Dover.

Troopers were dispatched to a home on Market Street at approximately 11:53 p.m., after a caller to 911 reported that a group of men attacked them, and one attacker armed with a handgun fired a single shot. None of the victims were seriously injured, and the attackers fled on foot with stolen jewelry.

An intensive investigation by the Bureau of Criminal Investigation determined the perpetrators, Joshua A. Benson, age 40, Joshua A Benson Jr., age

23, Nicholas L. Gast, age 34, and Darius L. Robinson, age 19, all from Dover, targeted the victims based on their race.

All four were arrested for Robbery in the 1st degree as a hate crime, a Class B felony.

All four subjects were arraigned before the Town of Dover Court and remanded to the Dutchess County Jail pending future court proceedings. Darius Robinson and Joshua Benson Jr. were remanded in lieu of \$50,000 cash bail, \$100,000 secure bond, or \$200,000 partially secure bond. Nicholas Gast and Joshua Benson were remanded without bail.

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Dutchess County launches school bus safety program to protect children, stop dangerous drivers

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro recently announced that the county has partnered with BusPatrol to launch a school bus safety program, tackling the issue of motorists illegally passing stopped school buses. As part of the partnership, more than 1,000 school buses across Dutchess County have access to advanced safety technology at zero cost to local taxpayers, including stop-arm cameras to help enforce traffic laws and educate motorists on the dangers of passing school buses.

The Pine Plains Central School District is the first in Dutchess County to implement the program across its entire fleet of 38 school buses; several other local districts are expected to join the program in the coming year.

The program will commence with an initial warning period: Motorists who illegally pass a stopped Pine Plains school bus equipped with these cameras will receive a warning until Jan. 12, 2022. Starting Jan. 13, 2022, drivers who do so will receive a citation and fine in the mail.

Dutchess County has communicated with several other local districts, which are expected to join the program in early 2022, utilizing this potentially life-saving technology to protect thousands more local students.

According to the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, an estimated 50,000 motorists illegally pass stopped school buses every day in New York State, putting the lives and safety of children at risk.

Dr. Martin Handler, Pine Plains Schools Superintendent, said, "The safety of our students is a top priority, and the Pine Plains Central School District is eager to protect students from motorists

who flout the law and illegally drive around a stopped school bus. Pine Plains is proud to be the first local school district to take part in the county's partnership with BusPatrol and take an active role in protecting our students. We are certain this partnership will improve student safety, and it has the potential to save lives."

In addition to stop-arm cameras, school districts have access to additional safety technology including:

- Cloud-managed, 360-degree safety cameras (interior, windshield, rearview and sideload) to provide a full view of activity surrounding the school bus;
- Emergency response solutions to enable student transportation, school, and law enforcement officials to respond immediately; and
- GPS, routing and telemetry solutions to see where buses are located at any given time.

The technology, installation and maintenance of all hardware and software included in the BusPatrol Student Safety Platform are provided at no cost to the school district and taxpayers. The program is entirely funded by violators over a five-year term.

Jean Souliere, CEO and Founder of BusPatrol, said, "Our safety programs are helping to promote a safer driving culture across the state of New York. We want to create a reflex in drivers, so that every time they see a big yellow bus on the road, they slow down and prepare to stop. That simple action could help save the life of a child."

Additional information about BusPatrol is available at <http://www.buspatrol.com>.

LINDEN AVENUE MIDDLE SCHOOL FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

Grade 8

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Grade 7

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McCann, Ada McKinley, Reggie McLaughlin, Violet McMillen, Jack Molinaro, Gehrig Moore, Quinn Murphy, Kenneth O'Connor, Maddox Patierno, Odin Pawlson, Daniel Pedreira Lapa, Luna Piraces, Mary Pomerantz, Marcello Reppucci, Logan Rinehart, Jessica Robbins, Edward Russell, Liam Russell, Michael Schmidt, Noah Schultheis, Rocco Schultz, Eoin Selenis, Mia Sember, Kaelyn Sepesi, Sawyer Smith, Archibald Staropoli, Gabrielle Steele, Tucker Stelmach, Allison Weber, Nova Webster, Ada Wilson, Riley Wood, Maura Wright

Honor Roll: Johann Bartges, Gianna Cagliostro, Jonathan Chavez Zamudio, Lillian Collins, Jayden Couse, Sebastian Ferris, Mason Fluegel, Brooke Fuentes, Olivia Hapeman, Madison Horn, Wesley Jutton, Max Krom, Natalie Leedy, Lillyanna Lowe, Matthew Lowe, Rebeca Marcos, Aiden McCluskey-Harries, Asher Papeika, Patrick Ramsey, Joshua Sackett, Taylor Schultz, Jaxon Scott, Ty Smith

Grade 6

Principal's Honor Roll: Lily Ackerman, Victor Baker-Bozskik, Charles Barr, William Barton, Adeline Carr, Emily Coon, Zoe Costello, Lyla Cutting, Michael DeLango, Stella Donahue, Madison Fasce, Jenna Fehling, Alden Feller, Axel Fenn, Natalia Fernandez, Jasper Fox Jr., Elia Garcia, Ema Garcia, Melanie Gonzalez, Phineas Greenberg, Juliet Hagan, Marie Hagan, Maximillian Hangac, Liam Harrison, Isaac Imboden, Miranda Jones, Eleanor Kanuk, Brian Kent, Liam Kessler, Chloe Knecht, Riley Kovach, Jack Losee, Roger Loughran III, Oliver Malta Lavariega, Ayla McMeekin, Louis-Selassie Mengestu, Jackson Milroy, Camden Misasi, Jackson Morelle, Henry Moynahan, Noah Munn, Elizabeth Ng, Lily Oot, Jack O'Sullivan, Analayah Otero, Hudson Payne, Scarlett Peacock, Holden Pounds, Petra Rosemann, Mayle Sassano, Lucca Shavelle, Hudson Slattery, Brodey Smith, Olivia Starkey, Kaelyn Streib, Nikolaus Tanner, Logan Wenner, Emma Wiltsie, Mirielle Wisniewski, Stephanie Zarate

Honor Roll: Melissa Anderson, Mason Benedict, Aeden Brown, Claire Burns, Chad Dunham, Zoe Ewing, Lucy French, Stella French, David Garvey, Benjamin Godfrey, Brittany Goldfarb, Gia Gould, Jackson Gray, Yishai Hall, Isabella Jennings, Braeden Kenny, Christopher Klump, Ireland Kolbinskie, Elizabeth Lang, Justin Lopez-Perez, Payten Minkler, Kaylee Minn, Lucas Ostroski, Cameron Pethic, Simon Robertson, Lincoln Rupe DeCarolis, Grace Schmidt, Otto Seixas Pereira da Costa, Ceri Slattery, Ian Tritsch, Haylie Walsh, Lou Zeff

Grade UGS

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We wish everyone an uplifting and fulfilling Christmas and a Happy New Year!

GOLDEN LIVING

THE UPCOMING 3G NETWORK SHUTDOWN AND HOW IT AFFECTS SENIORS

Adapting to new technology is a double-edged sword for seniors: While it opens vast new possibilities for seniors to stay connected, the speed of advances in technology may not quite register with seniors who came of age in an era of built-to-last products. Nana's got a cast iron skillet her own grandmother brought over from Italy. Dad's still got the pair of boots he wore at Woodstock. Grandpa is still wearing the watch he wore in Korea. That iPhone 4S wasn't cheap, it's only nine years old, it's paid for, and it's only used to make calls. Why change? The answer has to do with the nature of advances in the technology that uses wireless networks - not just phones, but older medical devices, tablets, home security systems and other connected products. Newer, faster and more reliable technology can't move forward unless older technology using the same wireless network space is phased out.

Older devices may need to be upgraded or replaced next year. That's because the "3G" network on which older devices operate is being phased out during 2022, so providers can begin using faster and more advanced network services. 3G stands for "third generation," and it's being replaced with 5G, which is - you guessed it! - the fifth-generation technology standard for broadband cellular networks.

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) notes three key benefits to 5G networks:

- Much higher data rates, enabling consumers to download content more quickly;
- Much lower latency (delayed network response) - measured in milliseconds, imperceptible to humans; and
- Increased capacity as the network expands.

Still, anybody who's driven through rural areas knows there are stubborn "dead zones" where consistent mobile coverage is all but impossible to come by. On the other hand, it's encouraging to know that 5G will be using some of the frequencies once used by over-the-air TV broadcasts. In theory, if your home picked up those TV broadcasts, 5G has a good chance of being available at your home as well.

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY PHONE IF I DON'T UPGRADE?

As a rule, if your phone dates to 2012 or earlier, there's a good chance it won't be much use next year without being upgraded or replaced. According to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), many older phones will become unable to make or receive calls or texts, including 911 services.

Your provider will know if the end of 3G is going to be an issue for you and

your device, and they may have discounts available for older customers. With continuing worldwide supply chain difficulties, what specific device replaces an old 3G device may be hard for providers to answer.

The rotary phone in your kitchen will still work just fine, although its mobility is limited by the length of the cord.

HOLIDAY ADVISORIES

The Office for the Aging and alloFA Senior Friendship Centers will be closed for the Christmas holiday on Friday, Dec. 24; and for the New Year's Day holiday on Friday, Dec. 31. Clients of OFA's Home Delivered Meals program will receive shelf-stable meals in advance of each holiday.

HIGH SPEED INTERNET SURVEY

It's one thing to complain that you're not getting the internet service you pay for every month ... and another thing to be able to do something about it. Reliably fast broadband internet service is a must for everyone, even those who have no home internet connection at all and feel no need for any kind of home computer or handheld device.

Your community's public safety operations, health care providers, merchants and so much more, all rely on solid broadband connections. That's why Dutchess County is surveying county residents to identify specific gaps in broadband coverage.

There are other governments doing similar surveys. The Town of Stanford recently conducted one, for which they are awaiting results. The State of New York and Federal government are also surveying broadband needs, but it's the closest-to-home surveys like ours that are likely to pinpoint needs most accurately.

To take the survey and learn more about the county's High-Speed Internet Access Initiative as well as the importance of broadband access for all, visit dutchessny.gov/highspeedinternet. Additional questions can be emailed to broadband@dutchessny.gov. For those who are not online or have only limited internet access, contact Dutchess County Emergency Management at 845-486-2080.

VIRTUAL DEMENTIA CONVERSATIONS WITH PAWLING LIBRARY

The Pawling Library and the Alzheimer's Association will present a free virtual event, "Dementia Conversations," on Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 6:30 p.m. Topics covered will include going to the doctor; deciding when to stop driving; making legal and financial plans, and more. To RSVP, email adult@pawlinglibrary.org.

Golden Living is prepared by the Dutchess County Office for the Aging, 114 Delafield St., Poughkeepsie, New York 12601, telephone 845-486-2555, email: ofa@dutchessny.gov website: www.dutchessny.gov/aging

Dutchess County Korean War hero eligible for Medal of Honor



PFC Charles R. Johnson was killed in action in Korea on June 12, 1953. He was responsible for saving the lives of at least eight other soldiers. At the time of his death, he was overlooked for any decorations for valor. Rep. Delgado's legislation would authorize the president to posthumously award him the Medal of Honor beyond the five-year statutory limit. *Courtesy photos*

WASHINGTON - On Dec. 7, the U.S. House of Representatives passed Rep. Antonio Delgado's (NY-19) legislation to make Korean War hero Charles R. Johnson eligible for the Medal of Honor. Johnson, a native of Dutchess County, was overlooked for this decoration when he gave his life in service of his country—an injustice that has taken almost 70 years to correct.

In November, Rep. Delgado secured a commitment from Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin to recommend to President Joe Biden that Johnson receive the Medal of Honor. However, Congress must first waive a statutory requirement that the Medal of Honor be awarded within five years of the act of valor it recognizes. Rep. Delgado's legislation making Johnson eligible to receive the medal beyond the five-year time limit passed the House as part of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022, which now heads to the Senate.

Johnson was killed in action on June 12, 1953 while defending Outpost Harry—a small but strategically important hill in the Chorán Valley, about 60 miles north of Seoul, South Korea. During the battle, which saw thousands of enemy troops attempt to seize the outpost, Johnson and many other soldiers in his unit were wounded. Ignoring his own injuries, Johnson treated wounded soldiers, dragged others to safety, and held off the enemy practically single-handedly as his comrades were evacuated. He died doing so. Others in his unit credit him with saving the lives of at least eight men. He is buried in Millbrook.

Despite his bravery, Johnson received no decorations for valor at the time of his death. It was not until 2011 that he was posthumously awarded the Silver Star. According to the testimony of his fellow soldiers, Johnson had been overlooked for this decoration—or any decoration—when he died because he was black, an unfortunately common occurrence during the

time. A Pentagon review of PFC Johnson's case was initiated by former Rep Chris Gibson, and the work continued by Delgado.

"Our extraordinary brother Charlie 'Buddy' Johnson died as he had lived—thinking of others before himself," said Ed Johnson, Glenn and Juanita Mendez Johnson - surviving siblings of Charlie Johnson. "We have grieved his death every day for nearly 70 years, hoping that someday his remarkable act of selflessness, patriotism, and courage would be fully honored and recognized. Even as a child, Charlie's kindness, generosity, and integrity touched everyone that he met. Despite our grief, we were not surprised that he would give his life to save others. The best heroes are ordinary people who accomplish extraordinary deeds. We would like to thank Congressman Delgado, Secretary Austin, and all of those who made our dream to see our brother, Charles Johnson receive the Congressional Medal of Honor a reality."

"Charlie Johnson made the ultimate sacrifice to save the lives of at least eight soldiers," said Delgado. "His bravery must be recognized by the nation he died defending, and his family deserves for the world to know about his heroism. I thank Secretary Austin for his agreement on this issue and urge the Senate to send this provision to the president's desk without delay."

"I'm deeply grateful for Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin's and Congressman Antonio Delgado's strong support and leadership helping advance this cause to posthumously recognize the distinct gallantry of PFC Charlie Johnson, a great American hero and veteran of the Korean War from Dutchess County," said Siena College President and former Congressman Chris Gibson. "It's long overdue that Johnson's bravery and supreme sacrifice be recognized with our nation's highest award—the Medal of Honor—and by including this provision in the NDAA we are one step closer to Presidential approval and ultimately getting this done. Amen."

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Eileen Pike Bither

FORMERLY OF PLEASANT VALLEY – Eileen Bither entered into eternal rest in early December 2021. Born Eileen M. Myers in 1936, she was raised in Pleasant Valley, NY, and subsequently lived in Poughkeepsie, Bradenton FL, Jonesboro GA, Hodgdon ME, Pittsfield MA, Chattanooga TN, and Radford VA. Eileen was a former Eastern Star member in Millbrook, danced with the Boots and Bows Square Dance Club, and was a former member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Red Oaks Mill Fire Dept. She enjoyed bowling, camping, crafts, bingo, jigsaw puzzles, and music—especially Christmas and country western. Eileen is loved, and survived by two sisters, Jane Smith and Rita Morey; one sister-in-law, Louise Dalton; her three children, Debra Greiner of TN, Sharon (Kurt) Smith of Pleasant Valley, and David Pike of VA; as well as four granddaughters, 6 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Eileen was pre-deceased by her husband of 26 years, Herbert Pike and her husband of 24 years, Floyd Bither, as well as her parents and brothers. A graveside service was held Saturday, December 18 at the Wappingers Rural Cemetery on West Main Street in Wappingers Falls. The family has requested in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Medi-Hospice, 141 E. Main St., Pulaski, VA 24301. Arrangements are under the direction of Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 East Main Street in Wappingers Falls. To send the family a personal condolence, please visit our website at www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.

Christopher Shawn Carroll

AMENIA – Christopher Shawn Carroll, 55, a lifelong resident of Amenia, NY, passed away on Tuesday December 14, 2021 at

Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, NY. Chris was a self-employed landscaper in the area. Born on September 28, 1966 in Sharon, CT, he was the son of Philip T. Carroll, Sr. of Amenia, NY and the late Judith Ann Baker. Chris was a graduate of Webutuck High School class of 1984. He was an avid hunter and enjoyed playing baseball and watching stock car racing. He also enjoyed 1980s and country music. Chris was a very caring person who loved his family and friends. In addition to his loving father, Chris is survived by a brother, Philip T. Carroll, Jr. and his wife, Barbara Wadsworth, of Amenia, NY and two step-sisters, Ellen France of Milledgeville, GA and Christine Michelsen of New York, NY. He is also survived by three nieces, two nephews and a step-mother, Young Carroll. In addition to his mother, Chris was predeceased by a brother, James W. Carroll and a niece, Brittany Carroll. Calling hours were held on Monday, December 20, 2021 at the Hufcut Funeral Home, 3159 Route 22, Dover Plains, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at Immaculate Conception Church, 4 Lavelle Rd., Amenia, NY with Rev. R. Kent Wilson. Burial followed at Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Amenia. Memorial contributions may be made to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, LLS - Connecticut-Hudson Valley, P.O. Box 22445, New York, NY 10087-2445. To send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.

Emmanuel Casimir

LAGRANGE – The beloved Emmanuel J. Casimir, 93, died peacefully at his home on December 9, 2021. Born in Plaine-du-Nord, Haiti on June 9, 1928, he was the son of Emanuel and Survina (Exavien) Casimir.

After his schooling, Emmanius worked at the National Bank of Haiti, where his integrity and work ethic allowed him to quickly rise through the ranks. After 30 years, he retired from the National Bank of Haiti as a respected bank director. Emmanius married in 1958 and was a loyal husband and devoted father. After the death of his wife, he moved to the United States to be closer to his children and grandchildren. To keep himself active, the retired bank director began working as a cashier for A&P Supermarket in LaGrange. He walked to work every day (rain or shine) and captured the hearts of his co-workers and customers with his vibrant and jovial nature. Throughout his life, Emmanius remained an avid reader, lover of music, and philanthropist. He will be forever remembered as a hardworking, dedicated, faithful and loving man of God. Emmanius was predeceased by his wife, Irene Gauthier Casimir on March 14, 1991. He is survived by his children and their spouses, Eric and Marie-Eliette Casimir, and Marilyne and James Herivaux; six prized granddaughters, eleven cherished siblings and many dear cousins, nieces, and nephews. Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc. 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Ellen Marie Fischer

LAGRANGE – Ellen Marie Fischer (nee McCaffrey), 75, of LaGrange, New York, passed away peacefully on December 13, 2021 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center, Poughkeepsie, NY. Ellen was born on December 13, 1946 in Manhattan. She was

the daughter of the late Patrick and Julia (Nolan) McCaffrey. On December 2, 1967, she married William A. Fischer, who survives at home. She is survived by her children and their spouses: Ellen Fischer Bopp (Bryan Bopp) of Pleasant Valley, NY; William J. Fischer (Connie Shemo) of Plattsburgh, NY; Patrick F. Fischer (Nabeela Fischer), of Chantilly, VA; and Frank T. Fischer (Michele Fischer) of Devonshire, Bermuda. She leaves behind twelve beloved grandchildren: Kiernan, Rory, and Meara Fischer; Alexander and Daniel Bopp; Safia, Sammy, Sarah and Sabrina Fischer; and Sydney, Jack and Shannon Fischer. Ellen is also survived by her sister, Rita McCaffrey of Calabasas, California. Ellen was raised in Parkchester in the Bronx, where she attended St. Helena's Elementary School and St. Helena's High School. She attended Hunter College in Manhattan, and graduated from Dutchess Community College in Hyde Park, New York. She worked for many years at Spectrum Behavioral Health in Poughkeepsie, NY as an office administrator. Ellen had a great love of reading, playing mahjong, and spending time with her husband at their farm in Schoharie County. The family held visiting hours at Allen Funeral Home, 1605 Main St., Pleasant Valley, NY on Thursday, December 16, 2021. Her life was celebrated with a Funeral Mass at St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church in Pleasant Valley on Friday, December 17, 2021. Her family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Ellen's name to Catholic Charities. May she rest in peace. For condolences, please visit www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com.

Tips from Central Hudson to keep safe, energy efficient this winter

Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp. reminds its customers to take steps now to keep their homes energy efficient, safe and warm during the colder months ahead. Measures include servicing heating systems, installing carbon monoxide detectors and becoming more energy efficient.

"As days become colder, heating systems will be working more often, and higher energy use can raise both the wholesale market supply price for electricity and natural gas, which can have an impact on utility bills," said Charles A. Freni, President and C.E.O. of Central Hudson. "Using appliances efficiently, especially during the coldest weather, conserves resources and can help residents manage their energy bills."

Increased global demand for energy, particularly natural gas have already triggered dramatic price increases in Europe and Asia. This spike in worldwide utilization is expected to have an impact on domestic storage levels, meaning a colder winter with strong heating demand has the potential to push energy prices higher than normal in the U.S. Combined with the increased dependence on natural gas worldwide for electric generation as nuclear and coal plants are closed, bills

could rise.

Customers can help manage energy costs in various ways, such as implementing energy efficiency measures and exploring their billing options.

Energy Efficiency

"Now is a great time to implement energy efficiency measures," Freni added. Central Hudson offers energy efficiency incentives for homes and businesses, including rebates of up to \$1,000 on new, high-efficiency natural gas home heating systems, up to \$1,600 on electric heat pump systems, \$250 on indirect natural gas water heaters and up to \$1,000 on high efficiency heat pump water heaters. A complete description of Central Hudson's rebates and programs is available at www.CentralHudson.com and clicking on "Save."

Discounted energy efficiency products with instant savings for Central Hudson customers are available at local participating retailers. Available items include LED bulbs, smart thermostats, advanced power strips, water-saving products and more. For a list of participating retailers visit www.CentralHudson.com, click on the "Save" link at the top of the page, then click on "Residential Incentives."

Other low-cost and no-cost efficiency measures homeowners may take include:

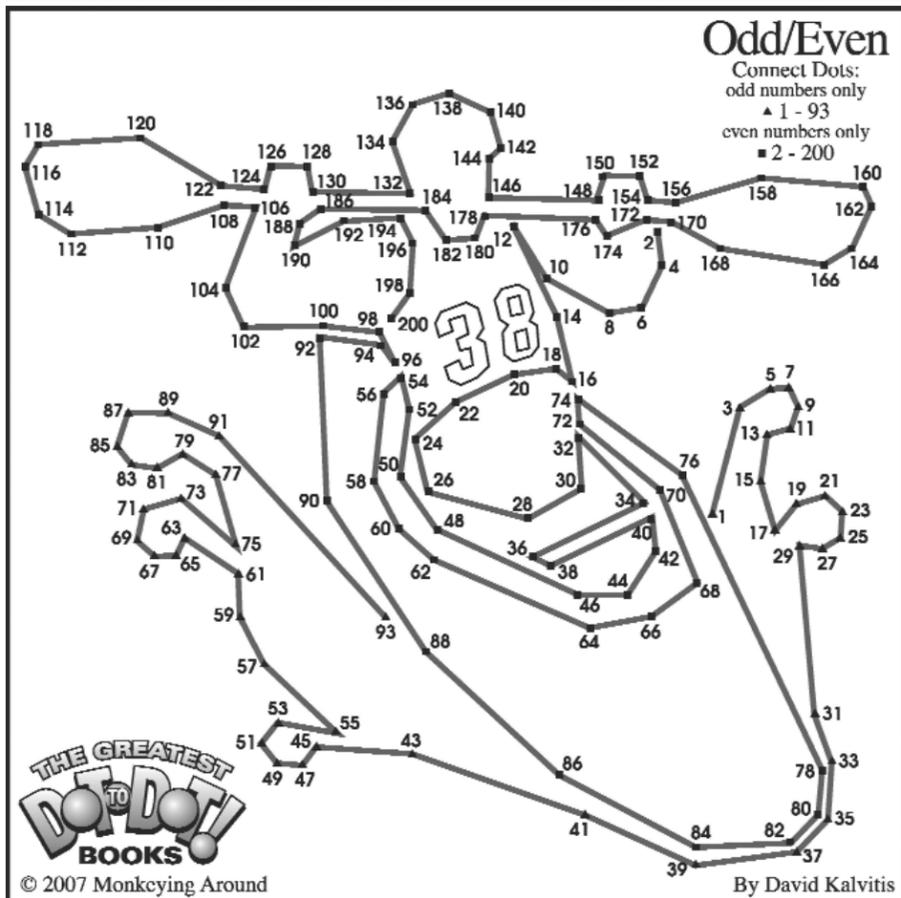
- Insulating ducts and hot water pipes where they run through uninsulated areas, such as crawl spaces, and repairing leaks in the duct system;
- Adding insulation, particularly in the attic;
- Turning down thermostats (each degree saves up to three percent on energy use);
- Keeping radiators and heating ducts clear of furniture to allow heat to circulate freely; and/or
- Sealing air leaks with weather stripping and caulk, which can save up to 10 percent on the use of heating fuels.

Billing options

To avoid seasonal variations in energy bills, Central Hudson customers may enroll in the Budget Billing program. "Budget Billing divides a household's

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



Answers to this week's diversions (puzzles on page 11)

Suguru solution

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SUDOKU

This week's answer

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HV Hospice to build the first hospice residence in Dutchess County

Michael Kaminski, President and CEO of Hudson Valley Hospice, announced that Hudson Valley Hospice has broken ground for a new \$10 million Hospice House, the first of its kind in Dutchess County, with its dedication and opening expected in early 2023.

Kaminski said, "Compelled by our mission, we are guided by a vision that continues to build Hudson Valley Hospice's reputation as the premier provider of hospice and palliative care in both Dutchess and Ulster Counties. As such, we are preparing to take this important step to add this much needed component of hospice care to the constellation of healthcare services we provide to the community."

The spacious home-like facility is located in Hyde Park, just north of Hudson Valley Hospice's administrative office, on seven wooded acres, with 14 private suites which will support all levels of hospice care needed by patients at the end of life. Each private suite will be approximately 400 square feet and have a large private bathroom, individual control of the room temperature, and convertible chairs and sofas allowing loved ones to stay overnight.

The suites will be tastefully decorated and encourage the display of personal items, photos, art, books and other life-

enriching mementos to add to the home-like environment, while doors in each room will open onto a Meditative Garden, offering patients and their loved ones the opportunity to enjoy a peaceful and tranquil outdoor environment. Two suites will be convertible for pediatric patient care to meet the extraordinary needs of young patients and their loved ones.

Spacious dining, family and patient lounges and gathering rooms will offer places for small and large groups to come together and common areas will provide an elegant and sophisticated, yet warm and friendly atmosphere with coffee stations, microwaves, and refrigerators for family use.

Kaminski also announced that Mid Hudson Construction Management has been chosen as the winning bidder of the construction project.

Dr. Albert Riddle, Hudson Valley Hospice's Chief Medical Officer, reported that "For many years, we've been diligent in building quality services and programs to support patients and their loved ones with home, hospital and nursing home-based care, as patients and families generally prefer their final days to be in their own familiar and comfortable surroundings. We have also learned that when home is not an option, our community needs a place where patients who



This rendering shows the front of Hospice House, Hudson Valley Hospice's new facility featuring 14 private suites for individuals in end-of-life care. The groundbreaking recently took place in Hyde Park. *Courtesy image*

have life limiting illnesses can find comfort and solace and their loved ones can take a break from the inevitable caregiver fatigue and the challenges of caring for loved ones to focus on the things that matter most. For many it's the best option. For many others, it's the only option."

Hudson Valley Hospice is the premier provider of end-of-life care in Dutchess and Ulster counties, providing compas-

sionate care, programs, services and support to individuals, and their loved ones, who are faced with a life-limiting illness. Donations to Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation help support those who may be uninsured or under-insured and provide for non-formulary drugs, tablets for itsTeleHospice lending program, equipment, programs and services and more. To make a donation, visit hvhospicefoundation.org or call (845) 240-7609.

MHCM's Brian Powers appointed Chair of Miles of Hope's Board of Directors



The Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation, a nonprofit committed to funding support services for people affected by breast cancer in the Hudson Valley, has appointed Brian Powers, vice president of marketing and business development at Mid Hudson Construction Management (MHCM), to chair its board of directors effective Jan. 1.

For the past four years, Powers served as vice chairman and treasurer of Miles of Hope's board. He replaces Salvatore V. Raccuia, M.D. as chair, after back-to-back years of service.

"Brian's innovative leadership and ability to target development opportunities, plus more than a decade of integrative marketing and operations experience, will ensure that Miles of Hope continues to expand its impact in the region," said Pari Forood, executive director of Miles of Hope. "As the area's only local breast cancer foundation, we have many people to help and a larger mission of limiting the physical, emotional and financial burdens of every person in our community that is battling breast cancer. Having a strong, active and passionate board – and people like Brian to lead it – brings us one step closer to moving that vital work forward."

Powers is a graduate of Mount Saint Mary College, with an MBA in Business

and BA in Public Relations, and began his career as a senior admissions counselor for his alma mater before starting in a marketing director role at JGS CPA, formerly Judelson, Giordano and Siegel, CPA, PC. After two years, Powers was promoted in 2014 to vice president of marketing and business development at JGS, where he conceptualized and executed integrated marketing strategies that led to an overall annual increase in firm revenue. In April of 2021, Powers joined the team at MHCM, where he is part of the senior leadership team responsible for strategic marketing, business growth and development and operations initiatives.

A firm believer in the power of community, Powers currently serves as chair of the marketing committee for the Think Dutchess Alliance for Business. Formerly, he served on the board of directors for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Town of Wallkill and as a planning board member for the Town of Poughkeepsie. Powers also served on the executive leadership team for the American Heart Association and as an ambassador for the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce.

"The mission of this organization is one that is near and dear to my heart and my past four years of service has only deepened my commitment," said Powers. "I am honored to take on an even greater role and to help Miles of Hope continue making the incredible mark it has on those bravely fighting breast cancer battles in our community."

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

A banking veteran of more than 30 years, Hoag previously served as branch manager at Rhinebeck Bank's Red Hook location since August 2016. In her new role, she will provide business customers with the Bank's full suite of business banking and cash management services, including Business Online Banking, remote deposit capture and credit card



processing.
"Throughout my banking career, I've worked tirelessly to make sure customers' needs and goals are my top priority and to provide them an exceptional customer experience, something I know is shared by everyone at Rhinebeck Bank," said Hoag. "My new role will allow me to help our many business customers throughout southern Dutchess and Orange counties succeed, something that I'm excited about and eager to begin."

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

McKenna named to lead Rhinebeck Area Chamber

John McKenna has been named as the new Executive Director of the Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce. He will replace Carolyn Bernitt, who is retiring to spend more time with her family.

McKenna has served in an executive-level capacity for over 20 years, advancing organizations, projects and campaigns in the public affairs arena. His service to non-profit organizations

includes Executive Director of Operation Respect and the Playing For Change Foundation. For a decade, he built the bases and raised the profiles of global mass-media trade associations, the National Association of Television Program Executives and the Independent Film & Television Alliance, participating at the major film, television, music and technology markets, festivals and conferences around the world.

He is active in the development of the Dutchess County Interfaith Council, serves on the Board of Directors of the John Lennon Real Love Project and advises the Non-Violence Project USA. Additionally, he leads annual volunteer and fund-raising efforts in support of missions in the border region of the USA and Mexico.

A graduate of UCLA with a degree in political science/international relations, he was a member of the Political Science Honor Society and reported on public policy for the Daily Bruin.

The twelfth of fourteen children, he was born in Queens and resides in Rhinebeck. With apologies to Mets and Red Sox fans, he is a passionate backer of the Yankees, and daily relies on some dose over the airwaves of The Beatles.



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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS Index No: 2021-54028 Plaintiffs designates Dutchess County as the place of trial. SUMMONS The basis of the venue is the location of the subject real property.

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NEMESIO SANTOS AND AUTUMN THARPE, Plaintiffs, -against- JOHN DOES 1-100 and 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 TAXATION, JUAN ORDONEZ, MICHELLE CENTENO, DANIEL GUNN, 40 EVERGREEN AVE LLC, THE PRIVATE EQUITY EXCHANGE GROUP INC. and ET QUIETE LLC, Defendants.

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TO THE HEIRS AT LAW OF FREDERICK C. THOMANN and W.O.K. THOMANN: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED 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 determine 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-

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The Milan Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. Rescue Squad is accepting bids for a new ambulance. Please contact asardaro48@milanvfd.org for bid specifications

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Pleasant Valley invites sealed bids for General Construction of the Town of Pleasant Valley "HELEN ALDRICH PARK - NEW RESTROOM/CONCESSION" as set forth in Bidding Documents prepared by CPL, 26 IBM Road, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Separate sealed Bids completed on forms provided with the Bid Documents will be received by the Town Clerk, Town of Pleasant Valley, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569 until 12:00 Noon (local time) on December 29, 2021, at which time they will be opened and recorded. Each bid shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "HELEN ALDRICH PARK - NEW RESTROOM/CONCESSION - GENERAL CONSTRUCTION"

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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 proper. Any such heirs or other interested parties are required to file responsive pleadings on or before 1/21/2022. Upon your failure 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 portion 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 SUMMONS

Index
No. 2020-50267
BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICE, LLC,
Plaintiff,

v.
ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTUTES OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE LATE THOMAS PETTIT A/K/A THOMAS JOHN PETTIT, IF LIVING, AND IF ANY BE DEAD, AND ALL PERSONS WHO ARE SPOUSES, WIDOWS, GRANTEEES, MORTGAGEES, LIENORS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTUTES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF SUCH OF

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THEM AS MAY BE DEAD, AND THEIR SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTUTES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, FIRST HORIZON HOME LOAN CORPORATION, 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 appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within thirty days after the service of this summons, 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 complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment 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

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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 publication pursuant to an order of Honorable Maria G. Rosa, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed the 19th day of November, 2021 at Poughkeepsie, New York.

The object of this 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 minutes West 623.22 feet to a point in the line of formerly Grosvenor, now Windheim; THENCE along said line North 66 degrees 38 minutes East 128.85 feet; THENCE through lands of said H. Osten South 63 degrees 38 minutes East 521.66 feet to the point of 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

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.

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File No. 2021-170 SURROGATE'S COURT - MONTGOMERY COUNTY CITATION

The People of the State of New York,

By the Grace of God Free and Independent,

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

A petition having been duly filed by CHARLES PETERSON, 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 domiciled 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 PETERSON, 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.

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THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF DUTCHESS INDEX# 2019-5472 FILED: 11/20/2019 SUMMONS

DUTCHESS County designated as the place of trial on the basis of situs of realty. WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF UPLAND MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST A, Plaintiff, against KATHI OLIVIERI, AS EXECUTOR AND TRUSTEE OF THE ESTATE OF AUDREY J. PULST A/K/A AUDREY JEAN PULST A/K/A AUDREY PULST; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; KMT GROUP LLC, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA) NA; HARVEST CREDIT MANAGEMENT VII LLC; FIA CARD SERVICES, NA; LVNV FUNDING, LLC; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE-TAX COMPLIANCE DIVISION - C.O. - ATC; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY; "JOHN DOE NUMBERS 1-10" The names of these defendants being fictitious and unknown to the Plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, person or corporations, if any having or claiming an interest in, possession of, or lien upon the premises described in the Complaint, Defendants. TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in a manner other than by personal delivery within the State. In the event the United States of America is made a party defendant; the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until sixty (60) days after service of the Summons. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment 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. The Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Supreme Court of the State of New York and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the County of DUTCHESS on 11/20/2019. This is an action to foreclose on a mortgage. ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land together with the buildings

and improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the Town of LaGrange, County of Dutchess and State of New York (Section 6260, Block 04, Lot 772218), said premises known as 24 Cochran Hill Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. There is due and owing to the plaintiff, the principle sum of \$128,232.37. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt described above. KOSTERICH & SKEETE, L.L.C., 707 Westchester Avenue, Suite 302, White Plains, NY 10604.

LEGAL NOTICE

The following entitled bond resolution has been adopted on December 2, 2021, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Dutchess, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Dated:
Poughkeepsie,
New York,
December 14, 2021
Leigh Wager
Clerk, County
Legislature

RESOLUTION
NO. 2021189
BOND
RESOLUTION DATED
DECEMBER 2, 2021.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,515,505 SERIAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION OF PARCELS OF LAND, OR RIGHTS OR INTERESTS IN SUCH LAND, FOR PASSIVE PARK PURPOSES AND THE PRESERVATION OF OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY WHEREAS, continuing development within the County of Dutchess, New York (the "County") has demonstrated a compelling need to continue to acquire, preserve, protect and maintain passive park land and existing open space and farmland to enhance the general quality of life and the environment of the County, including protection of drinking water sources, the quality of rivers and streams, wild life habitat and natural areas, and thereby benefit the residents and taxpayers of the County; and WHEREAS, General Municipal Law Section 247 recognizes the value of open space areas and the need to preserve such land in such state and, specifically empowers municipalities with the authority to acquire real property or interests therein to preserve land as open space; and WHEREAS, if existing open space areas are to be preserved, protected and maintained, the County must develop the capacity to purchase land, easements or other real property interests quickly and efficiently as the need arises and opportunities are identified

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it assumes the responsibility of errors that may be a result of using such documents.

Attendance at these pre-bid meetings was not required in order to submit a bid and be awarded a contract, it is each Contractor's own responsibility to be familiar with the conditions at the project site. The non-mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting was held on November 17, 2021, at 9:00 AM at Helen Aldrich Park which is open to the public and may be visited by prospective bidders at their convenience. Each bid shall be accompanied by an acceptable form of Bid Security (the bidder's Certified Check made payable to the Town of Pleasant Valley, or a Bid Bond issued by a surety and payable to the Town of Pleasant Valley) in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the Base Bid, as a guarantee that if the Bid is accepted, the Bidder will enter into a contract

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with the Town of Pleasant Valley in accordance with the specifications and under the terms of the Contract Documents. The work shall be substantially completed within 270 calendar days of the date of the Notice to Proceed. OWNER'S RIGHTS RESERVED: The Town of Pleasant Valley reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive any formality or technicality in any Bid in the interest of the Town of Pleasant Valley.

STATEMENT OF NON-COLLUSION: Bidders are required to execute the non-collusion bidding certificate attached thereto pursuant to Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York. Bidders are required to comply with the provision of Section 291-299 of the Executive Law of the State of New York. Bidders are required to comply with Section 139-k Disclosure of

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contacts and responsibility of offerors, paragraph 2. The bidder shall "...disclose findings of non-responsibility made within the previous four years by any governmental entity where such prior finding of non-responsibility was due to: (a) a violation of section one hundred thirty-nine-j of this article, or (b) the intentional provision of false or incomplete information to a governmental entity."

The Town of Pleasant Valley hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in regard to any agreement entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration of an award.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

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TION" Bids shall be received for the following Contracts:

Title HELEN ALDRICH PARK - NEW RESTROOM/CONCESSION (General Construction)

The Bid Documents, including Addendums 1, 2, & 3, may be obtained from the office of the Town Clerk, Town of Pleasant Valley, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569 which have been available since November 4, 2021. Pursuant to the provisions of GML 102, persons requesting a CD containing the bid documents may obtain them at no charge. Persons desiring a paper copy of the bid documents may choose to complete this on their own or can contact the Town Engineer for an estimate to obtain a copy at an additional cost. Contract Documents obtained from any other source are for information only and the Bidder is advised that

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tified; and WHEREAS, this County Legislature recognizes the value of passive park land, open spaces and farmlands, and wishes to provide for the acquisition of real property and interests in real property therefor, and hereby finds and determines it to be in the public interest and a proper public purpose of the County to do so in accordance with the provisions of Section 247 of the General Municipal Law; and WHEREAS, the capital project hereinafter described, as proposed, has been determined to be a Type II Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, which regulations state that Type II Actions will not have a significant effect on the environment; and WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for the financing of the acquisition of such real property and interests therein for said purpose; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The acquisition of parcels of land, or rights or interests in such land, for passive park purposes and the preservation of open space and farmland, throughout, and in and for the County of Dutchess, New York, to implement the State authorized programs and policies provided in Section 247 of the General Municipal Law, as such acquisitions may be authorized from time to time by the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess, New York, after due notice and a public hearing as provided thereunder, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, is hereby authorized in and for said County of Dutchess at a maximum estimated cost of \$1,515,505.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid class of objects

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or purposes is \$1,515,505, and that the plan for the financing thereof shall be by the issuance of \$1,515,505 serial bonds of said County hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is thirty years, pursuant to subdivision 21(a) of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the bonds herein authorized will exceed five years.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Commissioner of Finance, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. The faith and credit of said County of Dutchess, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. To the extent not paid from other sources, there shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said County, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 6. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the County of Dutchess, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the Commissioner of Finance and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted or impressed thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the County Clerk.

Section 7. The powers and

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

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

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Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Commissioner of Finance shall determine.

Section 9. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.1502. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a longterm basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

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

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said County is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in full in The Poughkeepsie Journal and The Southern Dutchess News, the official newspapers of said County, together with a notice of the Clerk of the County Legislature in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law. CA-121-21 HS/LDF/kvh G-0145-B 10/06/21

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF WAPPINGER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Wappinger will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the 10th day of January 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Town of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, New York, at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard as to whether the Town Board of the Town of

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Wappinger shall adopt a proposed Local Law entitled "A Local Law Amending the Town's Zoning Map for the Purpose of Rezoning a Property to the R-20 District" which will rezone the property at 26 Myers Corners Road from Conservation Commercial District to R-20.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Town Board is Lead Agency for this action and has determined that the enactment of the aforementioned Local Law is an unlisted action pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Part 617 NYCRR (commonly known as "SEQRA") and the Town Board reserves its obligation to make a Determination of Significance until after the conclusion of the Public Hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the proposed Local Law are available for review and inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, New York.

Dated: December 15, 2021 BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER JOSEPH P. PAOLONI, TOWN CLERK

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Dated: December 15, 2021 BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER JOSEPH P. PAOLONI, TOWN CLERK

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF FISHKILL NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Town Board of the Town of Fishkill, County of Dutchess, State of New York, at a regular meeting thereof, held on December 15, 2021, duly adopted, subject to a permissive referendum, a resolution, and abstract of which is as follows:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW REGARDING OPTING OUT OF ALLOWING ON-SITE CANNABIS CONSUMPTION ESTABLISHMENTS

The local law, adopted by such resolution of the Town Board, shall become effective 45 days from December 15, 2021 unless a petition is filed with the Town Clerk within 45 days of December 15, 2021 protesting against such law and such petition is signed and authenticated as required by NYS Municipal Home Rule Law § 24 by qualified electors of such local government, registered to vote therein at the last preceding general election, in number equal to at least ten per centum (10%) of the total number of votes cast for governor at the last gubernatorial election in the Town of Fishkill. In the event that such petition is so filed and determined by the Town Clerk to be in compliance with the law, the local law adopted by Town Board resolution on December 15, 2021 shall not be effective unless and until approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the local government voting on a proposition for its approval.

Dated: December 16, 2021 Becki Tompkins Town Clerk

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Dated: December 16, 2021 Becki Tompkins Town Clerk

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RESOLUTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW REGARDING INCREASING SALARY OF TOWN CLERK FOR 2022 FISCAL YEAR

The local law, adopted by such resolution of the Town Board, shall become effective 45 days from December 15, 2021 unless a petition is filed with the Town Clerk within 45 days of December 15, 2021 protesting against such law and such petition is signed and authenticated as required by NYS Municipal Home Rule Law § 24 by qualified electors of such local government, registered to vote therein at the last preceding general election, in number equal to at least ten per centum (10%) of the total number of votes cast for governor at the last gubernatorial election in the Town of Fishkill. In the event that such petition is so filed and determined by the Town Clerk to be in compliance with the law, the local law adopted by Town Board resolution on December 15, 2021 shall not be effective unless and until approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the local government voting on a proposition for its approval.

Dated: December 16, 2021 Becki Tompkins Town Clerk

Tips from Central Hudson to keep safe, energy-efficient this winter

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average annual energy bill into 11 even monthly payments, with the 12th month's payment adjusted up or down to reflect actual usage and market prices," said Freni. "With Budget Billing, energy bills are more predictable, which may also help in managing household budgets."

Payment assistance options are also available to qualifying customers like the Bill Discount program for income-qualified customers. The federally funded Home Energy Assistant Program (HEAP) grants are now available and the new Regular Arrears Supplement program that provides up to \$10,000 in utility arrears assistance to eligible households who are unable to pay their unpaid electric and/or gas utility arrears.

Central Hudson's Clean Energy Marketplace allows customers to save up to 10 percent on their utility bill while also investing in local clean energy projects. Residents and businesses may subscribe by visiting <http://CleanEnergyMarket.cenhud.com> to purchase a portion of the electricity produced by the project of their choice.

Other programs include Deferred

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Safety

Having heating systems professionally maintained now ensures they will operate safely and efficiently throughout the winter. In addition to checking fittings, burners and performing other adjustments, chimneys and exhaust flues should also be cleared of any obstructions, especially now that leaves are falling. "Blockages can prevent flue gases from venting properly, causing a build-up of deadly carbon monoxide gas in the home," Freni said.

Freni also advised customers to be aware of natural gas odors, which are similar to that of sulfur as a result of an added odorant for easier detection, and to follow

the advice of Central Hudson's natural gas odor safety slogan, Stop. Go. Let Us Know. Customers who think they smell natural gas should Stop: don't light or use a match, turn lights on or off, use a flashlight, cell phone, telephone, flush or run water, or turn on or off any other appliance or electric/electronic device; Go: leave the home or building immediately; and Let Us Know: by moving to another location and calling Central Hudson as soon as possible at (800) 942-8274, or emergency responders at 911.

Natural gas odors detected outdoors or in public places should also be reported.

Customers can contact Central Hudson in a variety of ways, including logging on to <http://www.cenhud.com/customer-service/contact-us/> and selecting their preferred form of communication, or by clicking on the green "Chat" tab on the right hand side of the page.

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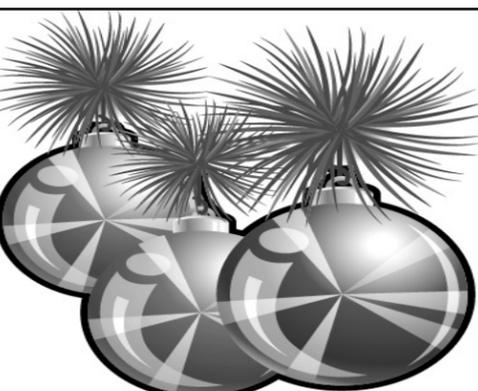
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Tompkins Mahopac Bank raises funds for Make A Wish Foundation, Alzheimer's Association

This fall, Tompkins Mahopac Bank participated in the Make a Wish Foundation's Walk for Wishes and the Alzheimer's Association's Walk to End Alzheimer's, raising more than \$27,000 in total donations for the charities. Tompkins raised a grand total of \$14,244 for the Walk for Wishes, surpassing its \$10,000 goal, and a total of \$13,348 for the Walk to End Alzheimer's, more than

doubling its \$5,000 goal.

The outpouring of donations for the Alzheimer's Walk surrounded two of Tompkins's team captains, both of whom have close family members affected by the disease the walks were created for. In a show of true strength, teams were able to rally tremendous support and community awareness locally.



Pictured are representatives from Tompkins Mahopac Bank's Dutchess, Putnam and Westchester branches and office staff. *Courtesy photo*



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