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Schools trying to cope with COVID-19 surges

By Rich Thomaselli

Local school districts are finding themselves in the same position they were in for the last two winters.

Hope for the best. Prepare for the worst.

As the Omicron variant of the COVID-19 virus continues its rapid surge and record-setting positive cases across the world – less medically severe than the original COVID but more transmissible – schools are wrestling with whether to continue in-person learning, go strictly remote, or have a hybrid of both for the thousands of students in Dutchess County.

“We are currently dealing with the post (holiday) vacation COVID surge, so every day is a new challenge,” said Dr. Martin Handler, Superintendent of the Pine Plains Central School District. “We will not go remote unless we are not able to staff either the buildings and/or the buses. So far so good, but it has been close. We have alerted the parents that we might have to do a short-term remote with very little notice.”

That’s what happened at Millbrook, Dover and Arlington last week.

Omicron decimated teaching staff, support staff and transportation workers – not to mention students – and those three Dutchess County schools shifted to remote. Millbrook was out all week starting Jan. 3 and was scheduled to return to in-person on Monday the 10th. Dover was remote for the first three days of the week and returned to in-person on Thursday, Jan. 6. And Arlington needed to go remote on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 6 and 7, due to a shortage of bus drivers. Arlington was also scheduled to go back to in-person on Monday, January 10.

Millbrook was especially hit hard as one of the smallest districts in the county.



Wappingers Central School District Superintendent Dr. Dwight Bonk said the Test-to-Stay program for school districts, and schools like John Jay High School, pictured, has been a big boost for tempering the number of cases in the district.

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“As noted in past communications, in order to continue in-person learning we need to take a community approach to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. We cannot stress enough the importance of following proper protocols for attendance so that we can keep each other safe and healthy,” Millbrook Superintendent Laura Mitchell said in an email to parents. “If your child presents one or more of the COVID-19 related symptoms, they may

not attend school until they obtain a Negative COVID-19 diagnostic test result or an acceptable alternate diagnosis, have symptom improvement, and are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. If a COVID-19 test is refused, your child may not return to school for a minimum of 10 days.”

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COVID-19 update

As home testing increases, positivity rate less meaningful

By Kate Goldsmith

Exacerbated by the highly transmissible omicron variant, COVID-19 infections continue to climb, along with hospitalization rates and deaths, albeit at a slower pace. One particular data point, however, is losing its relevance and is skewing the picture: the percentage of positive test results, which is calculated by dividing the number of those who test positive by the number of total tests performed on any given day.

At his Jan. 7 Facebook Town Hall, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro explained why this number (23.31 percent as of this writing) doesn’t present an accurate portrayal of how COVID-19 is spreading, as an increase in the use of at-home test kits is only revealing those who test positive.

“If you’re withdrawing the negative tests, the positivity rate will jump, [because] we’re only going to be seeing positive cases that are reported,” he said. “It becomes a less meaningful number when we don’t go through the formal testing process [at a testing site] ... If you’re self reporting, [this] data point on the dashboard becomes less and less meaningful.”

Still, other data indicate that the exponential increase attributed to the holidays continues. On Jan. 7, Molinaro noted the county had 5,683 active cases; on Jan. 9, that number reached 8,329. In that same time period, hospitalizations rose from 147 to 155. While Molinaro said it was cause for concern because it “puts significant stress on the medical system in the Mid-Hudson Valley,” he noted the rate was lower than last year at this time, when there were 172 hospitalized.

Of those hospitalized, 62 percent are partially or not vaccinated and 38 percent are fully vaccinated; the latter number has “ticked up a bit,” Molinaro said. Those age 65 and older account for more than half (56.5 percent) of the hospitalizations.

The number of COVID-related deaths (547 since the start of the pandemic) has not increased proportionately to infections, seeming to confirm the belief that omicron produces milder symptoms.

“The variant doesn’t present itself as severe [as previous ones]; the symptoms are [more] like the common cold,” Molinaro said. “[It’s] more transmissible, but not necessarily as severe.”

The largest number of new cases are in the 20-29 and 30-39 age groups.

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New town board members take seats in Fishkill

By Kristine Coulter

The Fishkill Town Board has three new Town Board members, John Forman, Carmine Istvan and Brian Wrye. The three new board members were sworn in on Sunday, Jan. 2 at the Fishkill Town Hall. Town Clerk Becki Tompkins, along with County Legislator Douglas McHoul, took their oaths as well. County Legislators Nick Page and Yvette Valdez-Smith will also represent town of Fishkill residents in the Legislature.

Fishkill Town Supervisor Ozzy Albra said, “Public service is a privilege and a solemn duty.” He noted in a Facebook post, “I look forward to continuing to make our great town even better, and to working with John, Carmine and Brian in the best interest of the citizens of Fishkill. I wish them all the best as they join myself and Councilwoman Louise Daniele on the Town Board.”



Town of Fishkill Supervisor Ozzy Albra, second from right, stands with newly sworn-in Fishkill Town Board members, from left, Brian Wrye, Carmine Istvan and John Forman at the Fishkill Town Hall earlier this month.

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Comptroller Lois sworn in for second term in office

Joined by her family, Dutchess County Comptroller Robin Lois paused from her work at the County Office Building to take her oath of office for her second term as Dutchess County Comptroller. Due to COVID restrictions, the ceremony was held in the Dutchess County Courthouse with the oath of office administered by The Honorable Christi Acker, Supreme Court Justice for the 9th Judicial District.

"I am proud of the work we have done and accomplishments we have achieved during my first term, but there is still much more to do," said Lois. "I am honored to have been chosen by the people of Dutchess County to serve another four years as their Comptroller, and I look forward to building upon our office's great work of protecting taxpayer dollars."

"Comptroller Robin Lois has spent the last four years affirming what a great choice she was for the voters of Dutchess County," said New York State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli. "She has consistently done her job professionally, putting her constituents over politics and striving to maintain the independence of this important office. And she continues

to be a great partner to me in maintaining accountability and transparency to the taxpayers of Dutchess County. I look forward to working with her in the years ahead."

"I am delighted to congratulate Robin Lois, my friend and colleague in public service, on being sworn in for a second term as Dutchess County Comptroller," said NYS Assemblymember Didi Barrett. "Her dynamic leadership and attention to detail are tremendous assets that benefit the residents of Dutchess County. I look forward to continuing to work together on the shared issues that impact our beloved Hudson Valley region. Congratulations Robin!"

"Congratulations to Robin Lois and to the residents of Dutchess County for having re-elected an extremely competent and conscientious Comptroller," said NYS Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson. "During her first term in office, Robin Lois proved herself to be a careful overseer of county spending. As a public servant of the highest integrity, Robin will continue to ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent wisely and well."



Judge Christi Acker administers the oath of office to Dutchess County Comptroller Robin Lois. At the right is Lois' husband, Dale.

-Courtesy photo

Astor Services expands offerings with health services for adults

Responding to an identified need in the communities it already serves, Astor Services for Children & Families has announced that a new Adult Care Management program is now available to residents 18 and older within New York's Dutchess, Ulster and Orange counties.

These services are free to individuals with Medicaid insurance and provide comprehen-

sive coordination of all those involved in an individual's health and wellness, including medical and behavioral health experts from the clinical and non-clinical sides.

"Astor has been providing high-quality care to children across nine counties in New York State and we wanted to offer that same quality of care for adults," said Joe Pettignano, care management supervi-

sor at Astor Services for Children & Families. "We've seen an increase in mental health concerns brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic and a heightened need in the community to support adults in managing communication with their many providers."

The program is flexible, with in-person and phone-based services, depending on

the individual's preferences. Spanish speaking service providers are also available. The program is open to individuals with qualifying conditions.

Anyone can make a referral to the program, including the individual themselves. To learn more, contact Joe Pettignano at jpettignano@astorservices.org or 845-943-1288.

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Local representatives react to Gov. Hochul's State of the State address

Compiled by Curtis Schmidt

Gov. Kathy Hochul delivered her 2022 State of the State Address on Wednesday, Jan. 5, outlining her plan for "A New Era for New York."

In the address, Hochul outlined nine key components of her agenda:

- rebuilding New York's healthcare economy;
- protecting public safety and taking strong action against gun violence;
- investing in New York's people;
- investing in New York's communities;
- making New York's housing system more affordable, equitable and stable;
- making New York a national leader in climate action and green jobs;
- rebuilding New York's teacher workforce and re-imagining higher education;
- advancing New York's place as a national equity model;
- and making critical reforms to restore New Yorkers' faith in their government.

Gov. Hochul's "New Era for New York" agenda includes 228 initiatives to kick-start the state's comeback from COVID-19, including a \$10 billion healthcare plan to rebuild and grow the healthcare workforce and deliver direct payments to healthcare workers.

She also plans major ethics reforms to limit statewide elected officials to two terms, ban outside income and replace JCOPE (Joint Commission on Public Ethics) with a new Independent Ethics Agency.

Hochul said her "Billion Dollar Rescue Plan" will help small businesses come back, and she plans middle class tax relief to "lift up millions of New Yorkers."

She also plans infrastructure investments to expand transit in New York City and lead the nation in climate action.

Here is reaction to Hochul's address from local officials on the state level.

• State Sen. Sue Serino: "Every day I hear from residents who are fed up with one party control and the rising costs, increases in crime, and government over-reach that comes with it. With hundreds of thousands fleeing the state just last year, New Yorkers

are voting with their feet, and it is clear the state cannot afford to turn a blind eye to the very real crises we face.

"I was heartened to hear that Gov. Hochul shares some of the priorities that I have been pushing - including a commitment to bolster support for small businesses that have been impacted by the pandemic, a desire to increase access to mental health services, a drive to expand the Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Program statewide, a push to increase access to childcare, and a need to improve aging services in the state.

"However, the devil is in the details, and today's presentation offered few. I was incredibly disappointed to hear the Governor acknowledge New York's public safety crisis, yet offer no concrete solutions and no mention of the clear need to rollback New York's dangerous bail 'reform' measures.

"We have a lot of work ahead of us to stop the out-migration, get our state back on track, restore freedom, and really move forward from the pains of the pandemic. As we begin this Legislative Session, I am committed to ensuring the voices of our neighbors are heard."

• Assembly member Didi Barrett: "Today's speech was a breath of fresh air, and touched upon many of the issues I've been working to address for years. From our caregiving crisis to affordable/energy efficient housing, to broadband access, to supporting New York State's veterans' and their families, I look forward to tackling these critical issues in the upcoming session and am pleased that the Governor's vision for the state includes the following:

• Expanding the Joseph P. Dwyer Vet2Vet Program to every county in New York State. Since I became Chair of the Assembly Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I have fought to expand funding and statewide access to this lifesaving peer support program. I am delighted to see that the Governor recognizes how impactful this program has been, and I again urge her to fund Dwyer in the Executive Budget and expand it to serve veterans in every county of New York State.



Gov. Kathy Hochul speaks at her 2022 State of the State Address on Jan. 5.

-Courtesy photo

"- Rebuilding and growing our healthcare workforce. While our heroic frontline workers across the state have been working tirelessly to combat this unprecedented pandemic, here in the Hudson Valley, we have also seen an alarming reduction in both primary and specialty healthcare, including a severe shortage of mental health providers and shutting down maternity and delivery services. We must ensure that rural communities get our fair share of any additional healthcare workforce.

"- Supporting New York State's farmers and farm-workers. This is the first State of the State I can recall that acknowledges the importance of our small and mid-sized farmers who feed all our families. I am pleased to see that Governor Hochul understands the hardship many local farmers face, and am ready to partner with her to ensure that New York State provides the incentives and policies to grow and support the next generation of New York farmers."

• Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson specifically called attention to Hochul's proposals on roads, bridges and other critical infrastructure, middle-class income and property tax relief, workforce development programs, gun violence prevention initiatives, increasing renewable energy genera-

tion and improving college affordability - particularly for part-time students

Jacobson said, "I began my political career on the Newburgh City Council, campaigning to 'fix all the potholes,' so I appreciate that Governor Hochul also believes that reliable infrastructure is critical to good quality of life.

"Of course, I was pleased to hear that the State will move swiftly to enact \$1.2 billion in tax cuts for middle-class New Yorkers and another \$1 billion in property tax relief for middle-class homeowners. The double-whammy of the pandemic and inflation has unfairly impacted too many working families. Now, these taxpayers know that help is on the way.

"Workforce development is an issue I am particularly interested in," Jacobson added. "So I was also impressed by the broad range of initiatives discussed, from healthcare to construction and beyond. I am grateful the Governor is considering the needs of part-time students. Her proposal echoes a bill I introduced in 2019 to expand the State's Excelsior Scholarship program to part-time students. Many students who need help most cannot afford to attend full-time, so it makes no sense to lock them out of financial assistance."

Legislature re-elects Pulver as Chairman

At the January 4th Organizational Meeting of the Dutchess County Legislature, Gregg Pulver (Pine Plains) was re-elected as Chairman by his colleagues. This will be Pulver's fifth one-year term as Chairman.

In his remarks thanking his colleagues, Pulver said "When we come to the Chambers, we come to unite and move our County forward. We will continue to govern together. We don't pass budgets or bonding authority without a consensus and support from both parties. It's not the Republican way or the Democrat way - it's the Dutchess County way. I thank my colleagues for their support and let's have a great 2022."

Legislator Michael Polasek (LaGrange) nominated Pulver saying, "Gregg is genuine, compassionate and cares very much for his community and the 300,000 people that call Dutchess County home. He has demonstrated characteristics of being a servant leader. I am proud to work alongside Gregg and enthusiastically nominate him for Chair of this body."

County Executive Marc Molinaro said, "Dutchess County is a broad and diverse community, one made up of residents of every background imaginable, whose voices and philosophies comprise the rich tapestry

that makes our county unique. The 25 members of the Dutchess County Legislature similarly represent the various segments of this County's population - be they farmers, small business owners, educators, parents - drawn together by their shared commitment to serve their nearly 300,000 Dutchess County neighbors. Whether these legislators return to begin their second or third term, or have just been elected to their new post two months ago, I thank them all for their dedication to Dutchess County and the people who are proud to call this community home.

"As I have since taking office in 2012, I look forward to working with legislators to ensure Dutchess County residents enjoy the most efficient government possible, delivering the high-quality programs and services

they deserve. I congratulate my friend, Gregg Pulver, on again being elected the Legislature's chairman. Gregg's vision and leadership have helped this body reach heights never before attained, and his eagerness to work on the behalf of Dutchess County residents is unparalleled. Gregg has been a tremendous partner in governing since first becoming Chairman, and I value his insight and years of experience as we continue to guide Dutchess County through this pandemic.

"As our 25 legislators begin their new term, I congratulate them all, and I'm eager to collaborate with them all, continuing our collective mission of serving the residents of Dutchess County."



Gregg Pulver

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To the Editor:

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Jeff Cady and Tom Hahn
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Break for taxpayers 'a good thing'

To the Editor:

Letter writer Diane Peraan in your 12/8/21 issue [Headline: Resident responds to Molinaro, Pulver] complained that County Executive Marc Molinaro gave Dutchess County taxpayers a tax break of \$5 million in 2022. This is a good thing --- not a bad thing for Dutchess taxpayers. Remember, these returned tax dollars belong to the taxpayer in the first place --- not to the government and its politicians.

Since the government of Dutchess County budget is going see a reduction of \$5 million tax dollars from the budget Ms. Peraan is concerned that county programs may need to be cut. Again, cutting the size and cost of running the government of Dutchess is a good thing --- not a bad thing.

Helmut M. Gartner
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Dutchess County Democratic Committee elects Julie Shiroishi as new county chair

The Dutchess County Democratic Committee elected Julie Shiroishi as the Committee's new Chairperson. Running unopposed, Shiroishi succeeds longtime Chairperson, Elisa Sumner, who announced in early October that she would step down after serving for more than twelve years.

Shiroishi said, "As a lifelong Democrat, I will be guided by our party's core values of tolerance, respect, and pluralism. Whether it's building a resilient economy and creating good-paying jobs or striving toward a more just and equitable society, Democrats are committed to making a positive difference in our communities and our lives.

"I am grateful to Elisa Sumner for her years of dedicated service and honored to be elected by my fellow Democrats to succeed her. Under Elisa's leadership, our Committee has opened up new opportunities for Democrats in Dutchess County. This year alone, Democrats won a second term for County Comptroller Robin Lois, a new Democratic State Supreme Court Justice from Dutchess County, and numerous municipal seats.

"In a historically Republican county like Dutchess, victories like these signal that the winds are changing. Democratic priorities that support working families resonate with a growing majority of Dutchess voters. As our committee moves forward, I will work with Democrats across the Hudson Valley to continue expanding the party, engaging the electorate, and electing the Democratic representatives our county and our country need to thrive.



Julie Shiroishi

"Additionally, I want to expand the definition of what it means to be politically engaged and encourage anyone interested in participating in Democratic politics—whether that means running for local office or helping out behind the scenes—to contact us at dutchessedemocrats@gmail.com," Shiroishi concluded.

Shiroishi is a resident of Beacon, where she has lived with her family for the past fifteen years. She was State Senate candidate Karen Smythe's 2020 campaign manager and is a member of the Beacon Democratic Committee. She currently serves as Chief of Staff for Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson (D-104).

City of Poughkeepsie awarded \$3.5M State Grant to repair aging sewer line, protect environment

The City of Poughkeepsie has been awarded an approximate \$3.5 million state grant to reduce groundwater infiltration into the sanitary sewer system, combating the impacts of water runoff that can overwhelm the city's sewer system and cause "combined sewer overflows" or CSOs.

A chief goal of the \$3,566,800 grant is provide better environmental protection for the city by making repairs to an existing, aging sewer line that extends from approximately Winnikee Avenue to High Street paralleling the Fall Kill Creek.

The city has been addressing potential sources of inflow and infiltration within the sanitary sewer collection system and is particularly focused on sewer overflows that discharge into the Hudson River when overcapacity occurs during storm events.

While Poughkeepsie is in compliance with all New York State regulations, the city is working to mitigate combined sewer overflows, and this an integral project in that strategy.

"We are grateful for this generous state grant, as it allows us to continue our work to address Poughkeepsie's aging infrastructure while lessening our reliance on long-term borrowing in order to do so," said Mayor Rob Rolison. Limiting long term borrowing continues to be an important aspect of our financial management plan. As prior bond issuances are retired, we look forward to declining debt service costs in coming years, and it is large grants for infrastructure projects like this one that have a tremendous positive impact on our community."

Much of the City of Poughkeepsie's sewer system is almost a century old. At the time it was built the best practice method of collecting sanitary sewage, rainwater runoff and industrial waste-

water was to combine all of them in one pipe and bring it to the Water Pollution Control Plant. As is common with many waterfront cities around the world, this combined sewer method is still used in the older parts of the city.

The city operates under a state permit that regulates the discharge of wastewater from the Water Pollution Control Plant, as well as the discharge of Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO).

This sewer rehabilitation program will reduce the impacts of flooding during strong weather events by repairing, replacing or lining existing mains and manholes, the mayor said.

Mayor Rolison said the city is committed to improving operations at the City's Waste Pollution Control Plant and eliminating the discharge of combined sewer into the Hudson River. The mayor noted the city already has spent millions of dollar making improvements in the water and sewer systems

"We will continue modernizing our system, in order to provide better environmental protections and use the latest technologies to foster green infrastructure," Mayor Rolison said.

Last year Mayor Rolison formed a Climate Smart Communities Task Force, which successfully worked to win the city its bronze certification in June 2021 through the state Department of Environmental Conservation program. This important achievement will qualify the city for funding to support future climate-smart actions. The city also was selected as the host community for Cornell University's fall 2021 Climate-adaptive Design studio. In partnership with Cornell students and DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program, the community is exploring design alternatives for more climate resilient and connected waterfront areas.

WF Republicans to hold caucus

Wappingers Falls Republican Caucus will be held on Jan. 25 at 7 p.m., at the Johnson

Firehouse, School St., in Wappingers Falls. Snow date will be Jan. 27.

Schools continue to cope with COVID

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In the Wappingers Central School District, the second-biggest in Dutchess County, Superintendent Dr. Dwight Bonk said the Test-to-Stay program for school districts that began in early November has been a big boost for tempering the number of cases in the district. The program allows the district to provide testing to students and staff identified as a close and proximate contact to a COVID positive individual, with the ability to "test to stay" in school.

Identified students or staff have the option to test with either an NAAT PCR and/or antigen (rapid) test on each school day for seven days after exposure. The testing is done at the District Office for two hours every morning. As long as the individual tests negative, they will be able to maintain their in-person school attendance; however, if the

individual begins to show signs and symptoms of COVID, they will be excluded from school, per current Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health guidance.

"This program has significantly reduced the number of students and staff required to quarantine by enabling over 400 students to remain in the classroom after testing negative that would have been subject to quarantine based on the prior New York State guidance," Bonk said, noting that the district has used over 2,000 testing kits through the program. "Staffing challenges continue, but fortunately to this point, we have been able to adapt on a regular basis that has allowed us to continue to provide regular in-person instruction throughout our 15 schools."

Just as the school districts worked together to come up with the 50-plus page plan to go remote two years ago, they all have contingencies to go back to remote if needed.

"We are looking to maintain in-person learning with the evolving protocols," Red Hook Superintendent Janet Warden said. "We have a remote learning plan ready to implement quickly, if necessary."

Aviva Kafka, Superintendent of the Hyde Park Central School District, said she has a similar way to pivot if needed.

"We do have approved plans for remote instruction with immediate turnaround time. We asked students and staff to bring home their devices prior to winter break,



Gayhead Elementary School, like the other 14 schools in the Wappingers Central School District, is using the Test-to-Stay program regarding COVID-19.

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but thankfully we were able to open for in-person instruction this week," she said.

Back at Arlington, Superintendent Dave Moyer is hopeful and optimistic.

"We have a plan for remote and we did caution people to make sure that are

bringing their devices home," he said. "We are only anticipating localized or short-term periods of remote, so currently we are not providing meals, but we would plan differently if we had a long-term remote learning situation."

COVID-19 update

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In Dutchess County, 83.4 percent of the 18+ population, and 74.38 percent of the county's total population, has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. The number of Dutchess residents who have completed their vaccine series is at 66.36 percent.

The highest vaccination rate is for ages 55 and older, ranging from 90 to 99 percent.

Decline in contract tracing shifts responsibility to individuals

With increased case loads, state and county government have diverted resources from contact tracing to focus on testing, Molinaro said. He encouraged residents who test positive to alert family, friends and others with whom they've recently been in contact, so they may monitor for symptoms and isolate as needed.

The protocols for isolation have also changed, depending on vaccination status and whether an individual is symptomatic. With omicron's shortened incubation period, the isolation protocol is now a minimum of five days. Those who are asymptomatic after five days, or whose symptoms are resolving within that time frame, can end quarantine but should wear a well-fitting mask around others for the next five days. If symptoms haven't abated after five days, individuals should continue isolation for the next five days.

Fully vaccinated individuals who have been exposed to someone who tested positive are not required to quarantine unless they have symptoms, but are asked to wear a mask and monitor symptoms for 10 days, with testing at Day 5 if possible. If symptoms develop, follow isolation protocol.

Unvaccinated individuals who have

been exposed to someone who tested positive should follow the protocols for isolation listed above.

Visit dutchessny.gov/coronavirus for more information.

Testing, boosters available at county site

Molinaro noted that the county averaged 3,221 tests daily over the seven-day period ending on Jan. 7. In December alone, more than 86,000 approved tests were done in Dutchess County.

Testing is offered upstairs at the former JCPenney site at the Poughkeepsie Galleria. Residents who are being tested should enter on the second floor, nearest to Best Buy. Testing hours have been expanded to five days a week: Tuesdays through Fridays from 1 to 7 p.m.; and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Over the next few weeks, the county also expects to get regular deliveries of the over-the-counter tests, which they will distribute to the municipalities based on population. These tests go quickly, and residents should check their municipality's website for availability, or call for more information.

At the end of 2021, the state provided more than 36,000 test kits to the county specifically for distribution to school districts; with the help of volunteers these kits were delivered to school districts over the New Year's weekend, in line with the test-to-stay program touted by Molinaro which the state recently adapted.

As the eligibility for boosters has expanded, the county is offering longer hours of operation at the former JCPenney site on Thursdays and Saturdays, and has added Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. Appointments are recommended; residents must bring their CDC vaccination card so that it can be updated

with the booster information.

"Our focus had been to provide surveillance testing and to keep kids in school," Molinaro said.

Visit dutchessny.gov/covidvaccine for more information.

Serino expects to receive testing kits; will distribute to nursing home visitors

With Gov. Kathy Hochul now requiring visitors to New York's nursing homes to test negative for COVID-19 within 24 hours of their visit, Sen. Sue Serino announced that she will use her state allotment of COVID-19 test kits to ensure local residents are able to continue visiting their loved ones.

On Jan. 7, all members of the State Senate were notified they would receive 1,000 test kits from the state to distribute in their local communities. Serino plans to prioritize providing to nursing homes in Senate District 41 who express a need to continue safe visitation.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has been a powerful reminder of how dangerous isolation can be for all of us, but especially for our seniors living in nursing homes and residential healthcare facilities," said Serino. "We must do all that we can to ensure safe visitation can continue, and that starts by ensuring these facilities have priority access to the tests they need to

keep COVID out, while allowing loved ones in."

With the tests expected to be delivered in the coming days, Serino will announce a plan for distribution following their arrival.

Continue mitigation steps

Dr. Livia Santiago-Rosado, Department of Behavioral & Community Health Commissioner, reminds residents to use multi-layered prevention efforts to protect themselves and to prevent the spread of COVID including:

- Get vaccinated
- Get a booster shot if already vaccinated
- Wear a mask in indoor public settings
- Physically distance when possible
- Wash hands and avoid touching face including nose and eyes
- STAY HOME WHEN SICK OR HAVE SYMPTOMS to prevent spread of viruses, including COVID and flu
- Adhere to protocols if you test positive.

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

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Got Goat Milk! members, leaders enjoy friendship through learning



The look of joy on the faces of the Got Goat Milk! members at the Dutchess County Fair attests to the lifetime memories and friendships they make through 4-H!
-Courtesy photo

Lifelong memories and friendships are made through the welcoming, long-running Got Goat Milk! 4-H Club.

These poignant memories derive from friendships built during the year at club events and at their farms.

The 4-H'ers work together and share knowledge and experience in caring for their animals. They understand the sacrifice of hard work in all kinds of weather and appreciate the joy and sorrow that accompanies the birth and passing of the goats they love.

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed some of their activities, but Got Goat Milk! kids have plans for their goats and their community.

The kids are looking forward to the American Dairy Goat Association National Show in Harrisburg, PA this

summer. It will be a lot of work, but they are on the move. And, of course, the 2022 Dutchess County Fair will be a highlight of the year.

In keeping with the 4-H pledge line "Hands to Larger Service" Got Goat Milk! will be supporting their community throughout the year.

Grateful for our beautiful county, the kids will be heading back to Ferncliff Forest for another clean-up in the spring, picking up litter and keeping the forest beautiful.

And cognizant of needs of other animals, the club will be hosting a drive to collect food and supplies for the Dutchess County SPCA. Want to help? Email Club leader Cristel Clum ccubian@gmail.com for details of how you can contribute.

State Police investigating theft from Central Hudson substations



On Jan. 7, the New York State Police investigated several larcenies of copper from Central Hudson substations in the northern Dutchess area.

The suspects are removing in use copper ground wires which destabilizes the electric substation. Not only is this dangerous to the suspects, but the repairs to ground wires are extremely dangerous and could lead to transformer explosions causing injury or death to workers as well as interruptions in service.

Central Hudson is offering a reward of \$5,000 for any information leading to the arrest and prosecution of any individual responsible for breaking into the Smithfield, Hibernia and Stanfordville substations.

If you believe you have any information regarding the identity or location of the persons responsible, contact the New York State Police at 845-677-7300.

-Courtesy photo

Schools start restricting fans at sporting events

By Rich Thomaselli

With the Omicron variant setting a record amount of positive COVID-19 cases, some local high schools have begun restricting the number of fans it is allowing inside gymnasiums this winter to watch teams play.

So far, neither Section 1 nor Section 9, the respective governing bodies of school athletics in Dutchess County, has enacted any area-wide mandates. But some of the schools have taken it upon themselves.

At Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Dutchess County – a Section 1 school based in the Town of Poughkeepsie – the boys basketball victory over Lakeland last week was witnessed only by family members of the players and cheerleaders. The Warriors are temporarily not allowing students or other fans into the gymnasium at the moment.

In Section 9, which includes a handful of

Dutchess County programs in what is primarily an Orange, Ulster and Sullivan county based league, 15 schools have banded together to set new rules about attendance.

Though the Omicron variant is less medically severe than the original virus that hit in March of 2020 or the Delta variant from the late summer of 2021, it is highly transmissible. That's the reasoning for schools to try to create better social distancing in a confined space.

Beacon, Pine Plains, Red Hook, Rhinebeck and Spackenkill are part of the 15 schools that have instituted new restrictions. Beacon is allowing just two spectators per visiting players at basketball games.

Pine Plains, Red Hook, Rhinebeck and Spackenkill all have the same new policy – four family members per athlete at home games, two guests per athlete for visiting teams.

Fishkill board holds first meeting of year

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"Becki has done a great job as Town Clerk and Tax Receiver," Supervisor Albra said. "The people of Fishkill are blessed to have an official of her caliber and I look forward to continuing to work with her at Town Hall day-to-day," Albra noted about Tompkins in the Facebook post.

The town board held its Reorganization meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 5 at the Fishkill Town Hall.

Residents brought up concerns about traffic.

Istvan said that he has "a great relationship" with Village of Fishkill Mayor Kathy Martin. He noted he has talked to Town of Wappinger Supervisor Richard Thurston and Town of East Fishkill Supervisor Nicholas D'Alessandro about the traffic issue.

"I take this stuff very serious," said Istvan.

Daniele said she is concerned about the traffic and would like help as many citizens as she can with the traffic issue.

Albra said as a town board [previously], they have been "very frugal with development."

"I'm very cognizant of the traffic," said the supervisor. He noted that "there will be development" because "...we can't stop a project as a right." He added, "It's going to take a lot for me to change any zoning laws."

Albra remarked about the new board members, "One good thing they said, they want to make Fishkill a better place. I commend that comment."

Police Chief Keith Dworkin said about traffic, "We can look at anything." He did note that when a police officer is there, it slows traffic down usually because "they (drivers) pay more attention" to the officer.

Wrye said, "We're going to work together with you."

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Now, things are really humming. Even if each club only met once per month, that's 30 meetings! Then there are Public Presentations, Community Service events, Fundraisers, Committee Meetings to plan events like the Dutchess County Fair, and a host of workshops, clinics, and field trips to look forward to.

To find out more about what 4-H has planned check out our website at ccedutchess.org/youth-4h/4-h-club-program and call or email us to join the fun!



Members of Pony Tales and Blooming Kids celebrate together at the Millbrook Parade in December. Courtesy photo

4-H Festive Spirit

Members of 4-H Clubs Pony Tales and Blooming Kids got together and had enormous fun decorating a hay trailer provided by Vern and Krys Schrom of WhyNot Farm, Amenia (Krys is also the Pony Tales Club Leader).

The trailer was decked out with 4-H and American flags, banners, lights, trees, garlands and even a blow up "Santa goat." It was such a success that our plan for 2022 is to start decorating a 4-H float in November and have clubs take turns in using it in their town parades!

Top Dogs bake sale

The Top Dogs 4-H club held a bake sale and social at Cascade Country Corner in Amenia to raise money for their club activities while having fun together. Jane went home with a scrumptious chocolate loaf cake, a lemon poppy seed cake and lots of cookies.



Even 4-H Program Leader Jane Rodd joined Chris Kringle in the Festive Fun. Courtesy photo



Flexibility has allowed County Landings to endure dramatic economic change

By Bill Jeffway

The first economic opportunity European settlers saw after the 1609 arrival of Henry Hudson on behalf of the Dutch and the Dutch West India Company, was beaver pelts. The hubs of New Amsterdam and Orange (now New York City and Albany) grew while much of the land in-between, like Dutchess County, lacked settlement until the 18th century.

What we today call the Hudson River was the great north/south connector to east/west travel and commerce. New Amsterdam was a strategic hub at the intersection of the Hudson River and the Atlantic Ocean and east/west routes to Europe and Africa. Orange was a strategic hub at the intersection of the Hudson and the Mohawk River, amplified from 1825 by the Erie Canal with east/west routes connecting to the Great Lakes and US mid-west and west.

The English arrived in their ships in New York City in 1664, easily wresting control of the Hudson Valley from the Dutch and putting a much greater emphasis on settlement as a means to deepen and firm up their claims to the valley. First up was riverside settlement.

The importance of the orientation to, and access to the river can be very easily seen in the map of the Great Nine Partners Patent (1697). The vast area covered today's towns of Clinton, Pleasant Valley, Washington, Stanford, and parts of Amenia and North East making up 36 "wood lots." It also included what is today the lower portion of Hyde Park where one lot for each partner was allocated, creating the nine "water lots" (see illustration).

Further evidence of the value of the land closest to and adjoining the river can be seen in letters from DCHS Collections written by the wealthy landowner Henry Beekman in 1741. In writing to a "Captain Budd," he referred to Pawlings Purchase (the upper portion of Hyde Park) saying, "There is now not any useful wood [within] a mile of the river." He went on to write, "The land is daily lessened in value, There have been two [men] constantly upon it who do no other

thing than cut cord. In less than ten years upward of one-hundred sloops and boatloads have been carried out."

The American Revolutionary War displaced Manor Lords and their corresponding tenant farmers, allowing economic growth to become more democratic and widespread. This set the scene for a "second tier" of economic hubs (after New York City and Albany) to emerge at landings at the intersection of the Hudson River and its inland, east/west oriented streams, creeks and kills. Beacon (formerly called Matteawan), Wappinger, Fishkill, Poughkeepsie, Hyde Park, Rhinebeck, and Red Hook all did brisk business as landings where inland farmers could trade their products of grains, wood, or livestock, for manufactured and imported goods on returning boats.

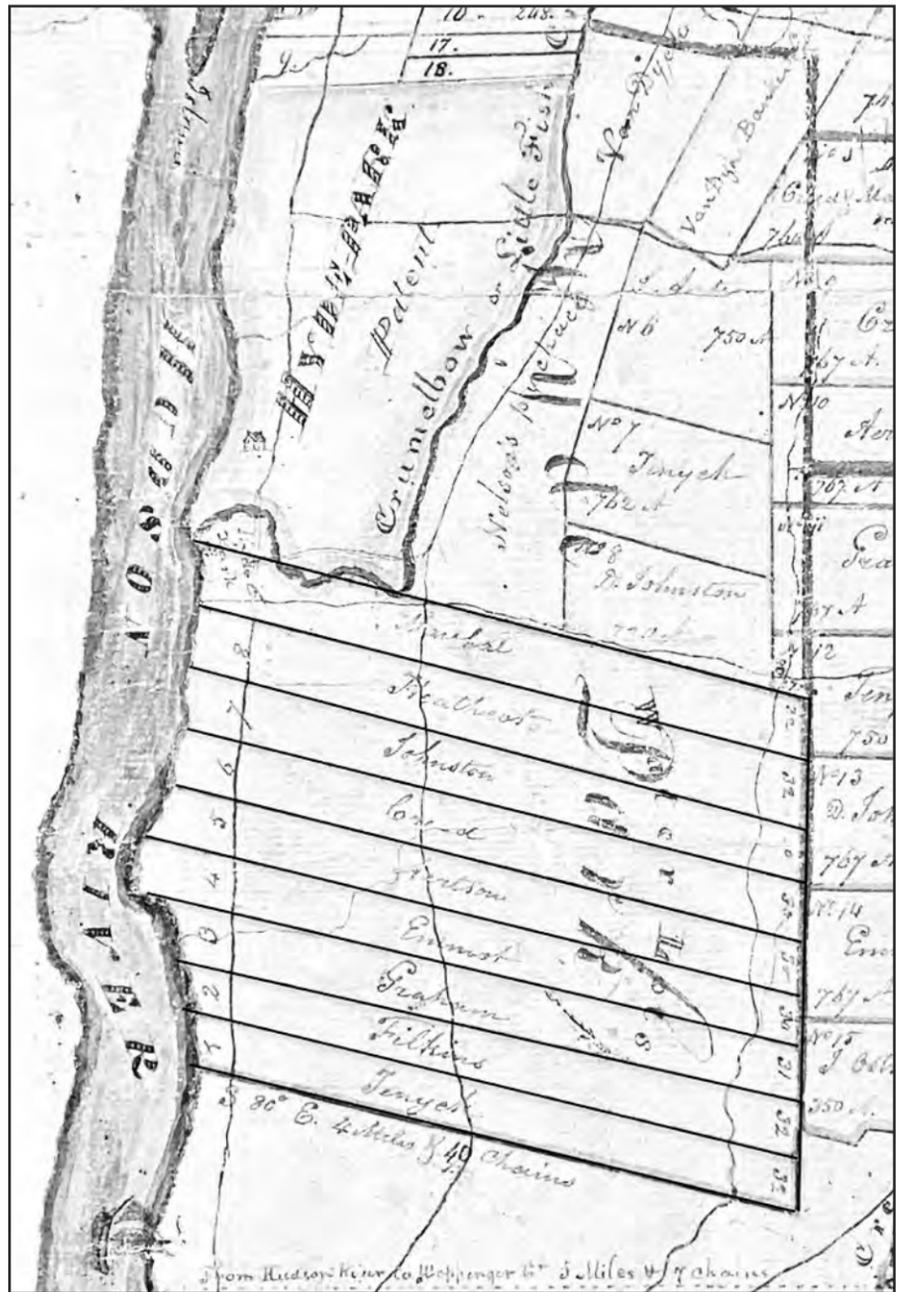
Look at any farmer's ledger and you will see the regular costs of taking their output to the nearest landing.

In 1812, an estimated 200 sloops made regular trips between New York City and Albany, with stops at Dutchess landings to take on and exchange passengers, freight and mail. A mere twenty years later (the Erie Canal opened in 1825) the number of sloops stopping at Dutchess County landings rose to 1,200.

But the Erie Canal opened Dutchess farmers to competition from the west. Combined with the better economic opportunities from work in emerging manufacturing, Dutchess County saw a dramatic decline in its rural population. The degree of decline in rural populations cannot be overstated.

Using the town of Milan as an example, its population in 1840 and 1980 was about the same, around 1,800. But a lot happened in between during those 140 years. By 1930, the population had dwindled to 622 persons. The decline of farming as a viable economic option was a serious challenge, with some notable exceptions like the Hart-Hubbard family that grew a successful international apple exporting business.

River-front cities and towns on the Hudson were spared such declines. As a matter of fact, they continued to grow with the growth of industry and manufac-



Above is the 1734 Edsall Map of the Great Nine Partners Patent, showing the careful attention of the subdivision allowing each of the nine partners to have land access to the Hudson River. The series of horizontal lots today form the southern part of the Town of Hyde Park.

-Courtesy of DCHS Collections

turing, their growth corresponded to the scale of the rivers and streams that fed them, allowing southwest Dutchess, where the two dominant streams, the Wappinger Creek and the Fish Kill empty into the Hudson, where the county's heaviest population remains.

Virtually all the economic growth started at the edge of the Hudson River and moved east. Despite enduring their own ups and downs, river-front landings fared better than their rural, inland counterparts

over the course of three centuries. They did this by functioning as transfer points across the four points of the compass, and by becoming manufacturing destinations in and of themselves.



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As part of a presentation on Thursday, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m., a 19th century map is compared to a contemporary map when DCHS Board President Rob Doyle speaks about the hamlet of New Hamburg, and its role as a "Landing." Sponsorship by White's Hudson River Marina allows DCHS to bring the event to the public at no charge.

Library meeting rescheduled

The Blodgett Memorial Library Board meeting has been rescheduled for Jan. 19 at 6 p.m. The meeting is a hybrid meeting. The meeting was originally to take place on Jan. 12.

Please contact the library staff at 845-896-9215 for the Zoom link. Those attending in person (37 Broad St. in the Village of Fishkill), please remember to bring a mask.

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Vassar Haiti Project forms Lucinda Franks and Robert Morgenthau Art School & Gallery

By Kristine Coulter

They made an impact in Dutchess County, Manhattan, the country and the world. Now, the legacies of the late Lucinda Franks and Robert Morgenthau will continue with the formation of the Lucinda Franks and Robert Morgenthau Art School & Gallery. It is part of the Vassar Haiti Project, which enables Vassar College students to support Haitian artists, students and the people of Haiti.

“Both the late Lucinda Franks and Robert Morgenthau supported the work of the Vassar Haiti Project (VHP) over the past 15 years. The idea to name the Art School & Gallery in honor of Ms. Franks and Mr. Morgenthau emerged as a meaningful way to continue their legacies, and to promote their belief in the importance of supporting the underserved and creating possibilities for a better world—including by empowering young Haitian artists to achieve their dreams,” said Lila Meade, who cofounded the VHP with her husband Andrew Meade.

“Benoit Profélus is a gifted artist and teacher in Gros Morne, a small, nearby city he moved to after graduating from the school supported by the Vassar Haiti Project in Chermaitre, Haiti. All of us at the Vassar Haiti Project are inspired by his vision to teach young people, men and women alike, the incredible tradition and skill of Haitian artistry,” said Meade. She went on to explained that Profélus was recently granted property (where the gallery and studio will be constructed) by the deputy of Gros Morne, Fritz Chery, “who also believes in his natural artistic ability and endless passion to empower youth through art.”

Franks was an award-winning journalist. She was the youngest person to win a Pulitzer Prize, which she was awarded in 1971.

Morgenthau was the son of former Secretary of the Treasury, under President



Vassar Haiti Project supporters, the late Lucinda Franks and Robert Morgenthau. A Haitian school and gallery will be named in honor of the couple.

-Courtesy photo



Haitian artist Benoit Profélus.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Henry Morgenthau Jr. and Elinor Morgenthau. He was the Manhattan district attorney for more than three decades.

“The mission of the Lucinda Franks and Robert Morgenthau Art School & Gallery will be to empower young artists to learn more about the Haitian art tradition, to express themselves, and to showcase their work such that painting can become a viable career path to support them and their families. It is a way of giving young people tangible life skills so they can paint, sell their art and then support themselves and their families,” stated Meade.

Joshua Morgenthau, who runs the family farm, Fishkill Farms in East Fishkill, said, “My parents spent much of their lives work-

ing to give back to those who were less fortunate, both in their local communities and further afield.” He said his mother first traveled to Haiti with Lila Meade. Josh Morgenthau said his mother “felt an instant connection with the artists, children and families she met there. She became passionate about working with VHP to provide opportunities for them.”

Meade replied when asked about the response to the announcement, “The response has been overwhelmingly positive, especially thanks to the partnership with a dear friend of Lucinda Franks and Robert Morgenthau, Patricia Kenner. We are actively getting the word out about this new project to the wider community to garner additional support.”

Meade said that while Haiti is “suffering so many environmental and political challenges, the building of this gallery/school is a positive action that can empower a different future for so many in the area. The almost probable future for them can be reversed in a new possibility that they are creating for their future.”

Josh Morgenthau remarked, “In many ways, this school and gallery is the culmination of years of work on the part of everyone involved in VHP, and I think my parents would be so proud to see that work come to fruition, and humbled by the dedication in their name.”

For more information, email thevassarhaitiproject@gmail.com or visit the VHP website to donate.

HVADC coordinates FeedHV, donates locally produced food to nine programs

Turning an adversity for local small farmers into an opportunity to feed Hudson Valley neighbors in need, FeedHV has coordinated with Scenic Hudson to purchase frozen products from Hudson Harvest at a reduced cost to distribute to nine area agencies with food assistance programs.

Administered by Hudson Valley AgriBusiness Development Corporation (HVADC), FeedHV is a regional food rescue and harvesting network operating throughout Dutchess, Orange, Ulster, Columbia, Greene, Putnam and Sullivan counties. It links donors of prepared, but unserved, food and fresh produce with nonprofits and food assistance programs.

Through an app-assisted network of food donors, volunteers and feeding agencies, FeedHV facilitates the harvesting, processing and distribution of locally grown or produced agricultural products, shelf-stable food donations and prepared nutritious foods. Among the donors are restaurants, farms, food makers, stores, hospitals and universities. The food assistance programs include food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters.

When several area small farmers were

notified in the fall of 2021 that their freezer storage facility in Columbia County would be closing, they began to seek out a new location, reached out to Hudson Harvest, and also to HVADC to find new cooling storage. HVADC coordinated the effort through FeedHV to enable Hudson Harvest to identify excess products in their freezers for distribution to food assistance agencies.

“HVADC was in the unique position to assist both the farmers who were losing their freezer space and our FeedHV food assistance agencies by coordinating with two of our long-time partners, Scenic Hudson and Hudson Harvest. Scenic Hudson’s continued generosity and commitment to farms and food security is greatly appreciated. Hudson Harvest did a spectacular job at coordinating deliveries and pick-ups to ensure that the food reached those who needed it,” said Mary Ann Johnson, Deputy Director, HVADC.

Based in Germantown, Hudson Harvest is a local food distributor supporting local food communities, making it easier for consumers to get access to local, sustainably grown, healthier food. The FeedHV purchase, made possible by a donation from Scenic Hudson,

allowed Harvest Hudson to free up approximately 15 pallets of space in its freezer facility in Athens, making room for ten small farmers who were displaced by the closing of their prior facility. More than 4,550 pounds of locally produced frozen products — including turkey, goose, pork, salmon, beef, venison, lamb, baked goods, prepared rice, and vegetables and fruits — has been delivered to the receiving agencies.

“We are thrilled to help the many food pantries in need, as well as those farmers who were affected by the closing of their prior cold storage facility. Helping donate significant amounts of local food to our community pantries, while also providing cold storage space to those affected farmers was a win-win for all of us. Thankfully the teams at HVADC, Scenic Hudson and FeedHV coordinated a swift, multifaceted solution in just a few days, all in time for the holidays and winter season when our local supply chain is even more critical for those in need,” said Michael Waterman, CEO, Hudson Harvest.

The receiving agencies are in Beacon,

Cairo, Catskill, Kingston, Poughkeepsie, Red Hook and West Park, and include Ascension Food Pantry, Catskill Community Center, the Center for Creative Education, Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Outreach, Fareground, Prabhujji Food Distribution, Red Hook Responds and The Pantry at Dutchess Community College. Food distribution started just prior to Thanksgiving and was completed in December.

“Scenic Hudson was delighted to partner once again with the HVADC and FeedHV to get fresh, locally grown meats, vegetables, and fruits onto the tables of people most in need. It directly reflects the organization’s goals to provide support for the region’s family farms and ensure everyone benefits from its natural assets, including access to nutritious food. During the pandemic, food insecurity has increased dramatically. We hope this donation will help brighten the holidays for many families throughout the valley,” said Scenic Hudson President Ned Sullivan.

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Obituaries

Nancy Ann Eraca

BEACON – Nancy Ann Eraca, a life-long Beacon resident, passed away peacefully on January 2, 2022 at the Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, NY at the age of 84 years old. She was born on July 8, 1937 in Poughkeepsie, NY, daughter of the late William J. & Margaret Ellen (Ball) Myers. On June 2, 1979 in Beacon, NY, she married Michael Eraca, who predeceased her after 30-years of marriage. Together they owned and operated The Hub restaurant-bar in Beacon, until they retired. Nancy is survived by her 3 daughters: Jill (Rand) Perry, Jan (Doug) Smalley and Peggy (Frank) Angeloni. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren & 7 great-grandchildren. Nancy loved her family & friends dearly, and always enjoyed their company. Along with her husband, she was also predeceased by her son Greg Cary and her one sister Peggy Hannaburg. Her Family received friends on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at the LIBBY FUNERAL HOME, 55 Teller Avenue, Beacon, where a prayer service was offered. Interment will be private at a later date in the Fishkill Rural Cemetery, Fishkill, NY. In lieu of flowers the family wishes for memorial donations be made to the Beacon Community Kitchen payable to Multi-Services, P.O. Box 1285, Beacon, NY 12508. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.LibbyFuneralHome.com.

Howard Banney

EAST FISHKILL – Howard Francis Banney, age 80, passed away on January 5, 2022 at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on October 20, 1941 in Brooklyn, NY to Howard and Dorothea Banney (nee' Keilburn). Howard started his career at Western Publishing Company, where he worked for over 23 years before moving to IBM in East Fishkill where he worked as a technician. He was a big fan of Elvis Presley, and enjoyed collecting coins and learning all he could about archeology. In addition to these hobbies, Howard was also very interested in genealogy and even traced most of his family back as far as the 1300s. Howard is survived by his beloved wife Elizabeth "Beth" Banney (nee' Mulvihill); his dear children Howard (Lori) Banney, and Theresa (Bill) Molina; 5 grandchildren: Nicholas Charles Banney, Caitlyn Marie Banney, Thomas Elijah Banney, Samantha Grace Banney, and Alexander Cooper Molina; a brother: Gilbert Weitz (Marilyn); and nephews Charles, William and Ryan Weitz, as well as his first wife Judith Barth. Funeral services will be private at this time. Donations in Howard's memory may be made to Bergen County Horse Rescue—350 Ramapo Valley Road Mahwah, NJ 07430. Arrangements are under the direction of McHoul Funeral Home, Inc. Please visit his Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Rachael Joanne Brodbeck

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Rachael grew up in Wappingers Falls and loved cheerleading in her school years. She had a wonderful sense of humor and knew how to make everyone laugh. Rachael had creative skill and was talented at crocheting, writing and drawing. Rachael is survived by her daughter Isabella Mercado, her mother Kelly Brodbeck, her sisters Courtney Brodbeck and Alexandra Capogna, her cat Boujee, and her many aunts, uncles, cousins and nephews. Rachael is at peace now and will always be in our hearts. There will be no calling hours or service.

Linda Lee Caporuscio

WAPPINGERS FALLS – Linda Lee Caporuscio, 74, an area resident for almost 50 years, passed away on January 4th, 2022. Born in Ossining on October 23, 1947, Linda was the daughter of the late Anthony and Theresa (Longhi) Venuto. She worked as a legal secretary at PepsiCo in Harrison for many years and then for Seven Oaks Realty in Hopewell Junction. On August 15, 1971 in Pleasantville, Linda married Gary S. Caporuscio who survives at home after 50

years of marriage. She is also survived by her loving son, Christian Caporuscio and his wife Dina Verissimo and their son, Tyler Caporuscio (Age 8) of Middlesex Borough, NJ; her loving son, Gary Caporuscio and his daughter, Brianna Caporuscio (Age 10) of Beacon; and her brother, Anthony Venuto and his wife Andrea. Linda leaves behind her beloved dogs, Baily (West Highland Terrier) and Bella (Bichon Frise). Linda was a proud mother of her scientist son, Christian and her police officer son, Gary. She enjoyed spending many cherished moments with her grandchildren, Tyler and Brianna. She loved dogs and spending time accompanying her husband at the casinos. She was an avid fan of Tom Brady and followed his football career. Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Columba Church followed by burial at St. Denis Cemetery. The Mass of Christian Burial will be livestreamed on the funeral home website. Donations may be made in Linda's memory to Dutchess County SPCA. Please visit her Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Joseph Vincent Condon Jr.

BEACON – Joseph V. Condon Jr., a life-long Beacon resident, passed away on January 3, 2022 at the Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, NY; at the age of 67 years old. He was born on August 17, 1954 in Poughkeepsie, NY, son of Nancy (Hellman) Condon and the late Joseph V. Condon Sr. Joe attended the St. Joachim School in Beacon and graduated from Beacon High School class of 1973. He worked at IBM in East Fishkill, and then he opened his own business, Joe's Irish Pub in Beacon which he owned & operated for many years until closing in 2020. Joe had a love for motorcycles, and traveling to Florida. He was a member of the Dutchess County Pistol Association, and various other gun clubs. He was a longtime member of the Beacon Elks Lodge 1493. Along with his dear mother Nancy Condon, Joe is survived by his two children: Eve (Salvatore) Competiello and Joseph (Caressa) V. Condon III; and his four grandchildren: Collin, Alex, Ayla and Alana; his longtime companion, Letitia 'Rocky'. He is also survived by his two brothers: Matthew Condon and Christopher (May Rita) Condon; and his nephew Christopher Condon Jr; and a host of friends. His Family received friends on Monday, January 10th at the LIBBY FUNERAL HOME, 55 Teller Avenue, Beacon. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Tuesday, January 11th at St. Joachim Church, 51 Leonard Street, Beacon. Interment will be at a later date in the Cold Spring Cemetery, at the convenience of his family. In lieu of flowers the family wishes donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.LibbyFuneralHome.com.

Karoline Liebler

WAPPINGERS FALLS – Our beloved Karoline Hildegard Liebler, former resident of Wappingers Falls, NY from 1962 to 2016, died Christmas morning, Saturday, December 25, 2021, while in hospice at Bethel Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Croton-on-Hudson, NY. She was 90 years old. Karoline was born April 26, 1931, in the Bronx, beginning what was to be a great life as a first-generation American with immigrant parents from Slovakia and Germany. She was working as a secretary at age 21 when she met a U. S. Marine, George H. Liebler. They fell in love and married April 27, 1952. So strong was their marriage, she decided to become a Catholic herself, and was a devout follower. She was a parishioner at St. Mary Mother of the Church (Fishkill), and later at Church of St. Christopher (Buchanan). After 64 years of true bliss together and raising four beautiful and successful children, Karoline was widowed when George passed in 2016. She was also predeceased by her parents, and by her sister Rita DeMartino and her husband Bill.

Survivors include daughter Gail S. Liebler and her husband John Schultz of Nevada; daughter Donna L. Duffy and her husband Kent of Pleasantville and their children Ryan and Éva; son George S. and his former wife Claudia of Peekskill and their son Jake; and son Steven T. and his wife LaDonne of Germany and their children Michael, Kathryn, and William. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews, as well as many wonderful friends who were like family to her. When not preparing one of her many delicious meals, like her famous sauerbraten, Karoline kept busy with her commitment to the unborn child and peaceful Right-to-Life protests abortion, for which she was arrested and jailed on six different occasions! Her always positive attitude and cheerful outlook on life and family will be sorely missed. Calling hours will be January 14, 2021, at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill Inc. 1089 Main Street from 4pm-8pm. A mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, January 15, 2021 at 10am, at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street Fishkill, NY. Interment to follow at Fishkill Rural Cemetery.

Charles Reilly

EAST FISHKILL – Charles "Chuck" Douglas Reilly, 59, a lifelong area resident, died on January 3, 2022 at his home. Born in Poughkeepsie on June 30, 1962, Chuck was the son of the late Charles and Marlene (Kniffen) Reilly. He enjoyed working with his hands and spending time with his sons. Chuck loved to go fishing and spend time with his dog Blue. He worked for Boyd Artesian Well Company in Carmel for over 25 years until his retirement. Charles is survived by his sons, Charles Reilly, Jr., Christopher Oliver, and Joseph Reilly; his grandchildren, Christopher Oliver, Lilliana Oliver, Charles Reilly, Harper Reilly, and Joseph Reilly; his siblings, Paul and Wendy Reilly, Cullen and Carmine Casucci, and Kimberly and Dean Tuller; and many nieces and nephews. Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. Please visit Charles' Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Kenneth Joseph Tomlins

FORMERLY OF BEACON – Kenneth Joseph Tomlins, former a longtime resident of Beacon, recently 10-years of Fall River, MA, passed away on January 4, 2022 at Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, RI. He was born in Beacon, NY on September 13, 1955, son of the late Harold & Anna (Partivich) Tomlins. Kenneth is survived by his three brothers and three sisters: William Tomlins, Walter Tomlins, Sandy Eller, Sue Miers and Judy Trankle; and a host of nieces & nephews. Along with his parents, Kenneth is predeceased by two brothers John and Calvin Tomlins. His Family gathered with Friends on Friday, January 7, 2022 at LIBBY FUNERAL HOME, 55 Teller Avenue, Beacon, where a service was held. A Private Interment in Fishkill Rural Cemetery will be a later date at the convenience of his family. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.LibbyFuneralHome.com.

Catherine 'Kitty' Kirzoncic Butler

BEACON - Catherine "Kitty" Kirzoncic Butler, a longtime resident of Beacon, passed away peacefully on January 7, 2022 at her home. She was 90 years old. Kitty was born on October 5, 1931 in Cold Spring, the daughter of the late Joseph and Johanna Brickner Alton. Kitty had worked as a seamstress at both Beacon Looms and Crescent Lingerie in Beacon. She also had worked as a Matron for the Beacon Police Department. She was married to Michael Kirzoncic until his passing in 1976. She also was predeceased by her second husband, Joe Butler. Kitty was a Christian Soldier with the Salvation Army in Beacon for 56 years. Kitty is survived by her children, Robert Kirzoncic, Sr., Joanne Lis, Michael Kirzoncic, III, Katherine Heady, Michelle Verdile and James Kirzoncic and his wife, Wanda; her step-children, Sue Ann Leverage, Mary Pat Opray, Jane Anne Maurice and Christopher Butler; her 12

grandchildren; her 13 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husbands, Kitty was predeceased by her granddaughter, Laura Lis and her brother, Joseph Alton, Jr. Family and friends gathered on Tuesday, January 11 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A funeral service was held at the funeral home. A private burial is planned at Fishkill Rural Cemetery. Memorial donations in memory of Kitty may be made to the Salvation Army in Beacon. To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

Bernard Korzekwinski

WAPPINGERS FALLS – Bernard Thomas Korzekwinski, Sr., 86, died on January 2, 2022 at his daughter's home in Hampstead, NC. Born in Queens on October 13, 1935, he was the son of Frank and Florence (Samodulski) Korzekwinski. Bernard proudly served our county in the US Army during the Korean War and retired from the US Coast Guard after being deployed to Iraq during Desert Storm. He had been employed as a Fire Marshall for FDNY for 28 years. He was a member of the VFW. On September 24, 1966 in Queens, Bernard married Rita McMahon who predeceased him on March 2, 2008. He is survived by his children and their spouses, David and Maria Carrigan, Bernard and Jose Korzekwinski, Thomas and Regan Korzekwinski, Leigh Ann and Gregory O'Connor, James and Lana Korzekwinski; his grandchildren, Gina and Eric Vasquez, Nick Wingfield, Gabriella and David Gunn, Eric Carrigan, Amanda Korzekwinski, Alec Korzekwinski, Sarah Korzekwinski, Thomas Korzekwinski Jr., Ryan Korzekwinski, Jason Wingfield, Ryann Korzekwinski, April O'Connor and Zach; and his great-grandson, Gavyn Gunn. Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. The Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Wednesday at 10am at St. Columba Church, 835 Route 82, Hopewell Junction followed by interment in St. John's Cemetery in Queens. Memorial donations may be made in Bernard's memory to Hospice.

Gary Wilfred Losee

Gary Wilfred Losee passed away on January 3, 2022 in Poughkeepsie, NY after a courageous battle against a brief illness. He was 71 years old. Gary was born on June 20, 1950 in Fort Lawton, Seattle, Washington. He was a very talented auto mechanic and auto body specialist. His work with electronics was unsurpassed. He could fix or create anything. Gary was an avid CBer in the 70's where he was known as "The Preacher." He was a long time Amateur Ham Radio Operator (KB2PQE). He was also a member of the local ham club QSY Society. Along with his friends he would travel to every ham radio fest within a 100-mile radius, as well as attending Hamvention in Ohio every year. His other hobbies included listening to the scanner, motorcycling, scuba diving, hiking, and more. Gary is survived by two sons, James and Matthew, and a daughter, Jennifer. He is predeceased by his parents Major (US Army Retired) Wilfred J and Sirena (nee Serini) Losee. He is survived by his former spouse Claire, and his long-time partner Noreen Krieger. Gary will be dearly missed by his grandchildren, Katelyn, Hailey, Matthew, Tyler, and Isabella. He leaves behind a sister, Elizabeth (Lilette) and her spouse Joseph Weiss. A nephew, Marc Weiss and niece, Jaclyne Caballero, and several grandnephews and grandniece who always loved being around him. He will be missed by many friends. His absence will be felt year-round, but especially during the family's holiday gatherings. Marc's semi-annual pig roast will never be the same without Gary's antics. Everyone loved his stories, jokes, and warm presence. Gary's memorial service and interment will be held at a later date, when family and friends are able to gather and celebrate his life. Delehanty Funeral Home is honored to assist Gary's family with arrangements.

The Discovery of a Masterpiece set Jan. 19

Via Google Meet, join Mallory Mortillaro, Curator of Collections for the Hartley Dodge Foundation in Madison, New Jersey, for a presentation titled, "The Discovery of a Masterpiece" on Wednesday, January 19th at 3 p.m. In this hour-long virtual presentation,

hosted by the Howland Public Library, Ms. Mortillaro will describe discovering one of the biggest art finds in recent history. Lost to the art world since the 1930s, Ms. Mortillaro discovered and authenticated an official work by Auguste Rodin.

Email Adult Services Librarian, Alison Herrero, at adults@beaconlibrary.org to receive the link information to this Google Meet virtual program. This program for adults is free.

The Howland Public Library is located at

313 Main Street, Beacon, NY. To see all events currently offered at the library, go to www.beaconlibrary.org and click on Calendar. For more information call Alison Herrero, Adult Services Librarian at 845-831-1134.

Creative Living

Annual Robbie Burns celebration moves to Hudson House Distillery

The Hudson Valley's 13th annual Traditional Robbie Burns Night Supper/Celebration will be held on the banks of the Hudson at the new Hudson House Distillery in West Park on Friday, Jan. 21, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. All current Covid protocols will be followed, and only those fully vaccinated with proof of vaccination will be admitted.

David Archer, principal of DA Associates Public Relations, the organization promoting the event, said "With an increased capacity and an exciting new location, we are further developing this much-anticipated annual Hudson Valley event. We are formalizing the presenting entity into the Robert Burns Scottish Society of the Hudson Valley, creating an annual award to recognize an individual leader in the Hudson Valley Distillery community."

This year's honoree is Ralph Erenzo, and part of the net proceeds and contributions from the evening will be used to establish the Robert Burns Scholarship Fund, an annual \$1,000 scholarship supporting the study of distillery sciences, given in memory of Gable Erenzo, in acknowledgment of Gable and Ralph Erenzo's contributions

to the distilling industry in the Hudson Valley.

Renowned Hudson Valley storyteller Jonathan Kruk will lead the entertainment that will include Master Piper Jeremy Freeman, Swordsman Neil Roberts, plus the Honorable Haggis and whiskey tastings. The dinner features the recitation of Burns's poetry, a traditional storytelling, songs, and whisky toasts.

The three-course prix fixe menu includes traditional Scottish dishes - cock-a-leekie soup, "neeps and tatties," a Highland beef stew for what Burns called the "great chieftain o' the puddin'-race," and lemon curd shortbread. Samplings of Hudson House whiskies, Black Creek Bourbon Rye will also be offered.

"It's all about the party. It's about good food, entertainment and good company," said Archer.

Seating is limited. Reserve online @thehudsonhouse.ny.square.site or call 845-834-6007. The \$75 per-person price includes tax & gratuity or \$125 per person for a Donor Ticket, which includes a pre-show Distillery tour and a meet-and-greet photo opportunity with Jonathan Kruk.



Hudson Valley storyteller Jonathan Kruk will headline the entertainment for this year's Traditional Robbie Burns Night Supper/Celebration. The event will also include a scholarship presentation and prix fixe dinner.

-Courtesy photo

Lourdes hosts VEX EDR Robotics Tournament

More than 200 people were in attendance for the VEX EDR Hudson Valley Qualifier robotics tournament last month hosted by the Our Lady of Lourdes High School Robotics Team, WarriorBots.

Seventeen teams from schools throughout our region competed for a chance at the State finals that will take place in the spring of 2022. Students had to assemble robots capable of accomplishing various tasks simultaneously such as collecting cones and stacking these into goal zones, as well as balancing robots and cones on see-saw platforms. In each match, teams were paired up and then competed against another pair of teams. Each team took part in a minimum of six qualifying matches throughout the day. The top teams of the day then moved on to the quarter, semi and final rounds.

WarriorBots placed sixth overall in the qualification matches.

Matthias Johnson, the WarriorBots Coach, was thrilled with the outcome. "It was amazing to see public and private schools from our region coming together to demonstrate their skills and abilities," remarked Johnson.

The recent tournament was one of the first events in this region's VEX EDR schedule, and it is the only one taking place in the Mid-Hudson Valley. Johnson added, "It is incredible to see other teams come together and help make this day a reality. A special thanks to all those that attended and helped out wherever they could. In addition, with Lourdes hosting tournaments, there is now



WarriorBots, the Our Lady of Lourdes High School Robotics Team Members. From left, Salvatore Incorvaia, Lourdes student Sal Incorvaia, Joseph Nuzzo, Team Coach Matthias Johnson and Lourdes student Daniel Kelly.

-Courtesy photo

an opportunity for local teams to travel less. Most events open to us are scattered throughout NY State which require at least an hour of travel. Hopefully this will incentivize local schools to start teams."

In addition to the team from Our Lady of Lourdes, teams competing are from the following schools and organizations: The Harvey School, Fallsburg Jr./Sr. High School Granville Jr./Sr. High School, Kennedy Catholic High School, The Mount Academy, Port Jervis Senior High School, D.R. Everts Library and Omega Robotics.

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by luigi coppola



Shopping with Pop

Confusion in the produce aisle

The other day I went to the grocery store to buy fruit for the restaurant. I needed some strawberries for a dessert I was making. I was in a hurry, so I was walking very fast with my head down. I come around the corner and nearly run into my father, who was shopping for home. Pop looks at me with a big smile.

Pop: "Whea Luigi! I'ma so happy to see you!"

Me: "Hi, Pop!"

Pop: "Listen I need you to pick me up a few things, okay?"

Me: "But Pop im in-"

Pop: "OK. I need 1 1/2 banans"

Me: "What, 1 1/2? What?"

Pop: Yeah, just break it off. I do it al the time.

Me: Pop, you can't do that.

Pop: Why? Youa pay by the pounda, no?

Me: It's not right.

Pop: It'sa OK. Nonja you worry. OK, then getta me 2 apples anda 5 grapes.

Me: What? Huh?

Pop: Whatsa matter for you.

Me: 5 grapes?

Pop: Yeah. You getta five grapes and put them in a little bag. Oh. Maka sure you used double bags. Thisa way I cana put the broccoli di rabe ina the freezer.

Me: What? Huh?!

Pop: Thena I wanta the ... Come si chia- ma (How is it called) Cachi.

Me: Persimmons?

Pop: Yeah! Geta me 4.

Me: 4? Don't they come in a box of 6?

Pop: Yeah, so? OK, Imma gonna wait

right here for you.

So I go over the fruit aisle and I get everything he asked for including the 1 1/2 bananas, double bagged, and I run back put everything in his cart, give him a kiss goodbye and run out to my car. I zip back the restaurant and run inside and ... DAMN IT!!!!!! I forget the strawberries! That man has a way of confusing you.

At least I can tell you the recipe for the strawberry dessert I was going to make.

Method

1. Preheat the broiler and toast one side of the bread. Remove the bread, add chocolate to each slice and return to the broiler until chocolate is melted.

2. Add diced strawberries, pistachio nuts and sprinkle Grand Marnier.

3. Serve with Espresso

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

Strawberry Chocolate Bruschetta

Ingredients

- 6 slices crusty Italian bread
- 10 oz. semi-sweet chocolate
- 10 oz. Strawberries, diced
- 1/2 cup pistachio nuts, coarsely chopped
- 2 oz. Grand Marnier liqueur

Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation

By Janet McHugh, Recreation Director

Holiday Hope Donation Drive: We are teaming up with "Hope on a Mission" to provide much needed warm winter clothing to those in need. We will be collecting specifically the following items for adults only (no children's clothing please): Gently Used or New *Sweatpants, *Hooded Sweatshirts, *Leggings, *Boots, *Jeans. Donation boxes are located at:

The Senior Center, 14 Abe's Way from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The Recreation Office, 1 Overocker Rd. Level 1 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Collection is taking place until January 18. Summer Camp Employment Applications: Applications are available on our website at www.poughkeepsietownrec.com for Camp Counselors, Directors, and Assistants, must be 16 years old or older. Applications are due by February 25, 2022. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Find all details on the website.

It may be winter, but we're thinking about Spring! Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 9th and plan to join us for our Spring Fling taking place at Greenvale Park, 2260 New Hackensack Rd. 1:00pm - 3:00pm. Children will have lots of fun hopping into spring with an egg hunt, petting zoo, obstacle course, treats, and more.

As the new year kicks off, I would like to thank Ruta Ronis, our senior center program correspondent, for covering all the news at

the senior center. From human interest to the hard news, Ruta keeps our senior citizens in the know. So, the next time you want the scoop on all the activities at the center, look for Ruta's article here in the Southern Dutchess News. Thank you Ruta!

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

Ruta Ronis

Holiday gatherings are over and after all the activity and time with family you may now be feeling a bit down or lonely. Our Senior Center is open Monday - Friday 9 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. so bundle up, put on your mask, and head on over to 14 Abe's Way. Just turn onto South Gate Drive by the Route 9 Friendly Ford/Umberto's traffic light. Abe's Way and the Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center is about a quarter of a mile down on the right.

By now, wearing a mask is just as automatic as wearing clothes and footwear...you never leave home without it. We are requiring that everyone in our Center wear a mask at all times, regardless of vaccination/booster status. Better to be safe than sorry.

We'll be celebrating January birthdays on Wednesday, January 19. The next day, Thursday, January 20 you're invited to join us as the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Dept. will speak with us on "How To Avoid Scams." Their presentation will begin at noon and a light lunch will follow, compliments of the Poughkeepsie Stop&Shop on Rt 9. Pre-registration is required. You may sign up in person at our Senior Center or call our staff at 845-462-0265 during regular

Center hours.

Our members are always happy to have new players join them in playing various games including Quiddler, MahJongg, Poker, Pinochle, Rummikub, and Billiards.

Our treasured weekly 10am activities include Arts and Crafts on Mondays, Exercise with George on Tuesdays, Bingo on Wednesdays, and Water Color Painting Class on Thursdays. The Care and Share Bereavement Group meets at 2:30 on the first and third Thursday of each month.

Winter is here and that can mean

inclement weather. At this time, we are following the Arlington School District's decision - if they are closed or delayed, then our Senior Center is also. There will be a message on our Center phone as well. Just call 845-462-0265. You can also check for updates on our website www.poughkeepsietownrec.com and Facebook at www.facebook.com/poughkeepsietownrec.

We wish all of you a healthy and joyful New Year and look forward to safely seeing you at our Senior Center!

East Fishkill Recreation

By Bill Green, Recreation Director

REMINDER! All individuals interested in working this summer in an East Fishkill recreation position (counselor, life-guard, director, etc.) must hand in an Application Form for 2022 by Monday, Feb. 14 at Lime Kiln. All current employees must reapply each year.

We're looking at a possible Feb. 20 bus trip to Catskills Resort Casino. Let me know if you are interested. "Masked" gamblers are welcome. Please follow this column for updated information.

April 2 will be our Town Clean-up Day and April 9 will be our annual Easter Egg

Hunt and Opening Day for baseball, softball and soccer (weather permitting)! Complete information on all upcoming events and activities will be available in our 2022 Recreation Guides which should be available at the end of this month.

The next East Fishkill Recreation Advisory Board meeting is Monday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. in the East FishkillTown Hall.

Check EAST FISHKILL RECREATION online or go to recreation1@east-fishkillny.gov or give us a call

at 845-226-8395 for more information.

FYI - It still does snow in East Fishkill in the WINTER!

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by debbi calabrese



Your flight has been canceled!

Here are strategies you need to handle the situation

Your bags are packed, your flight and transportation to the airport are confirmed and are on time and you will arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure. You've prepared for everything, except, when you arrive at the airport you find that your flight has just been canceled. Now what?

It doesn't happen that often, but statistics show that one out of every hundred flights do get canceled. There are a variety of reasons, such as inclement weather, unexpected crew shortages, or equipment failure that grounds a plane, thus causing the flight to be canceled.

More recently, flights are being canceled due to lack of capacity. It's more economical for a plane to fly full, therefore, airlines are combining flights by canceling one flight and rebooking passengers on the flight that will be operating. But none of the reasons causing a cancellation really matter because, what does matter, is "what you do next."

First, and as quickly as possible, get on the long line that is forming to speak with an airline representative for re-accommodating flights. The longer that line is, the more likely that alternative flights will fill up quickly.

Then, while you're waiting while standing on line, pull out your cell phone and see if you can save time by rebooking yourself on another flight or another airline. Most airlines have agreements with other partner companies, allowing them to transfer your reservation to a fellow airline that has available seats.

You should immediately notify by phone or text, whoever is expecting you. This might include a car rental company,

a private car, a corporate colleague, even friends or family.

Acting quickly can save someone from sitting at the airport awaiting your arrival. Worse, being charged airport waiting time fees by whomever you hired to transport you to your local destination. Doing this while waiting in line to adjust your reservation is not only multitasking but also keeps you busy instead of focusing on your worry or frustration.

While you might feel impatient, even angry, try to imagine yourself on the other side of the counter. The airline representative has the unenviable job to deliver bad news, over and over again, while appearing sympathetic. Imagine that you're trying to concentrate on solving the problems of 200 angry passengers who are yelling at you as though you, personally canceled the flight.

This is not "a squeaky wheel gets the oil" scenario. It's a time for diplomacy and is crucial that you remain respectful and even grateful for whatever assistance the airline representative can offer. You'll want to extend that courtesy to the car rental company, a private car driver, or, your own family members, all of whom are also impacted by your delay.

Inclement weather can also cause airline cancellations. Unfortunately, there is little you can do about a major thunderstorm, high winds, low visibility, blizzards, or any other disruptive weather event. Yes, it's inconvenient, but canceling is for the safety of all.

You will again need to employ the "canceled flight" strategy. Your priorities, in this case, are to secure the first available flight for the next day and to procure



A sample listing of recent canceled flights.

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accommodations as close to the airport and as quickly as possible. Often, the airline will offer accommodation vouchers to a local motel/hotel. You likely won't be given a choice of resort, but, if you're a frequent flier, you might be able to use your status to procure an upgraded room.

If you're traveling for business, your company may already have agreements with national hotels at negotiated contracted rates. The comfort of a private room, a hot meal, and a comfortable bed will help to soothe the frustration of the day.

Once you've relaxed you should immediately contact home or work again, to let all parties know that you're safe and have secured lodging. If your final goal was to a vacation resort you should contact them prior to 3 p.m., if possible, to advise them of your delay.

If you arrive the next day without having notified the resort of your flight cancellation, you likely will find that your reservation has been released and given to another party and, that the resort has charged you a cancellation fee.

Travel insurance is often part of a vacation reservation and might cover the unexpected costs of a delay. Again, you'll also want to contact the insurance company as soon as possible. But this time you'll be calling from a beach.

Debbi Calabrese, owner of Embassy Travel in Hopewell Junction, writes about travel experiences on an every-other-week basis. She has more than 30 years of experience in the travel industry.

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Rotary Club congratulates Students of the Month for December



The Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls recently recognized its Students of the Month for December 2021. The students attend Roy C. Ketcham High School, Wappingers Junior High School, James Evans and Myers Corners elementary schools. The Rotarians congratulate the students: John Williams, Ketcham; Hannah Lindell, WJHS; Sofia Cruz, Evans and Amy Tenesca Chavez, Myers.

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Dance night at Elks Lodge

Get On Down at the Elks Lounge Dance Night on Feb. 19 at 7 p.m., 900 Wolcott Avenue (Rt. 9D), Beacon. Enjoy a vibrant mix of musical styles and song requests welcome. These dances are informal and even if you come alone, you can always find a friendly partner on the dance floor. \$10

admission, \$5 for Elks members, includes a variety of complimentary snacks, and a full cash bar is available. All are welcome – singles, couples, friends, newcomers. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination is required.

For more information, call 845-765-0667 or rhodaja@optonline.net.

Fishkill Recreation

By Lauren McMenamin
Assistant Recreation Director

Babysitting Course: Come learn how to be a Star babysitter with Amanda Tucker, certified Early Childhood teacher. Our Babysitting Course will be held Saturday, Feb. 26 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Feb. 18th is the last day to register). The course is offered to students ages 10-17 who are interested in learning how to care for small children. Our Babysitter Course will cover topics such as interviewing tips, communication skills, ages/stages of young babies and toddlers, safety, first aid, feeding and caring for young children. Each future babysitter will also get to learn how to hold a baby and change his/her diaper. Visit our website for more information and to register. www.fishkillrecreation.com

Afterschool Program: Registration for the third session of the 2021-2022 school year has begun! The program is held at Brinckerhoff, Fishkill & Glenham Elementary. Session 3 begins January 31st. Don't wait to sign up! Visit our website to register and for more information. www.fishkillrecreation.com.

Zumba Fitness: Tuesdays 7-8 p.m.

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Contact Sandy Melo for more information and to register: 845-765-1661 or jack829@optonline.net

Zumba Gold: Zumba Gold classes are back at the Fishkill Rec Center! Meg is excited to be back. Classes are held on Mondays from 9am-10am. \$5/participant. Contact Meg for more information and to sign up. kyogaspot@gmail.com

Gentle Yoga: Come and practice an hour of Gentle Yoga. Yoga is not only good for the body, but good for the mind! Classes are Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9am-10am. Contact Meg to sign up and for more information. kyogaspot@gmail.com.

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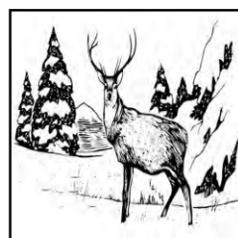
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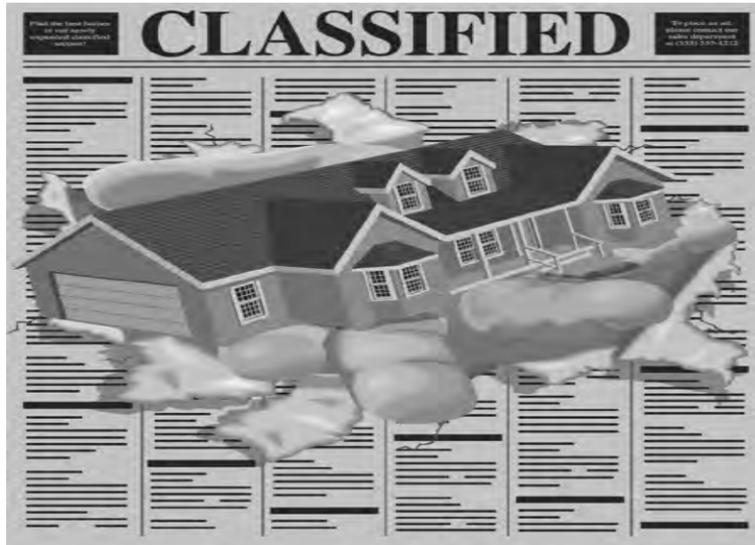
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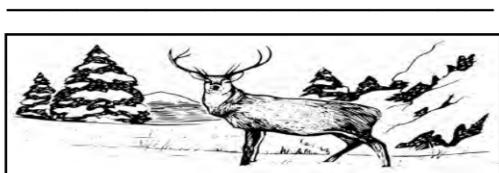
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HIGHER HOMES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/08/21. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 51 Audubon Trail, Salt Point, NY 12578. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

HTMN HOLDINGS, LLC App. for Auth. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/10/21. LLC was organized in CT on 1/11/21. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC process may be served. SSNY to mail process to 109 Federal Rd., Danbury, CT 06811, which is also the required office for LLC. Cert of Org filed with: SSCT, 165 Capitol Ave., Ste. 1000, Hartford, CT 06115. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LMLG PROPERTIES, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/29/21. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 21 Argent Dr., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Pawling Self Storage Mgt LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/17/21. Office: Dutchess County. Registered Agents Inc. designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Registered Agents Inc., 90 State St., Ste. 700, Office 40, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Nimaibashi Sky LLC. Filed 11/15/21. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Joseph Lavetsky, 32 Helen Ct, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: General.

HUDSON VALLEY LAWNWORKS LLC. Filed 7/29/21. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Dana Marra, 202 Rochdale Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: General.

VERONICA'S HOME CLEANING LLC. Filed 8/12/21. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 1526 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: General.

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INSHAAM LLC. Filed 7/2/21. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 107 Bart Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Ste 202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.

Theplayboxxx LLC. Filed 6/2/21. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 242 Main St., #176, Beacon, NY 12508. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave Ste 202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.

JMC Events LLC. Filed 7/14/21. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 415 Maple St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: General.

Becoming Addison LLC. Filed 10/4/21. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Corporate Filings Of New York, 90 State St, Ste 700, Office 40, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: General.

Polstein Holdings LLC. Filed with SSNY on 11/30/21. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 119 Sunrise Hill Rd. Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: Any Lawful

HUDSON VALLEY STORAGE, LLC Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company, (LLC), Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on November 17, 2021. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of any such process served to 7 Saint Johns Parkway, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Purpose: to engage in any actor activity for which a LLC may be organized under the NY LLC Law.

KYNISKA, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/29/21. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 26 Chaucer Road, Staatsburg, NY

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ERNESTFARM, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/30/21. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 128 Ernest Road, Stanfordville, NY 12581. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COVE ROAD HV LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/02/2021. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Amanda N. Miller, 329 Wurtemberg Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

El Gran Toro LLC, a domestic LLC filed with the SSNY on 12/3/21. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Treybich Law, P.C., 272 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose for LLC: any lawful.

LIGHTHOUSE 766 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/01/21. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2863 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Blue Monarch Consulting, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with New York Secy of State (SSNY) on 11/22/21. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 134N. River Dr., Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful activity.

AmitRaj LLC. Arts of Org filed with SSNY on 11/25/21. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC: 57 Sherwood Heights, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. General Purposes.

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HuntingHoundLodge LLC. Filed with SSNY on 12/1/2021. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: Po Box 518 Millbrook NY 12545. Purpose: any lawful

Dnd Trucking, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 11/24/2021. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 10 Shale Rd Beacon NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful

A. Sandoval Woodwork LLC. Filed with SSNY on 11/19/2021. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 812 South Street Newburgh NY 12550. Purpose: any lawful

Brian Btoe, LLC filed with the SSNY on 12/3/21. Office: Erie County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 4779 South Park Ave, #3, Hamburg NY 14075. Purpose: any lawful

SWEAT LEAF LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/03/2021. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Amanda N. Miller, 329 Wurtemberg Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

N.M.A Housing, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 4/21/21. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to 23 Hammersley Ave Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful.

H.P. FIVE, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/22/21. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1984 New Hackensack Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business location: 767 Sergeant Palmateer Way, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590.

2531 RTE 55 REALTY GROUP LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/3/21. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall

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mail process to 36 E. Main St., Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business location: 2531 Rte 55 Poughquag, NY 12570.

Notice of Form. of OUTCAST GROWERS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/25/21. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 327 Mill St Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of YSIADCO, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/17/21. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 48 Pine Dr Pawling, NY 12564. Any lawful purpose.

Bel erba Landscaping, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 11/22/2021. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 57 Saddle Ridge Dr., Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. General Purpose

Dingle Road LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 10/28/2021. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 214 Ingham Hill Rd., Old Saybrook, CT 06475. General Purpose

Notice of Formation of BUTTONWOOD HORSE RACING LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/01/21. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 3158 Rt. 9G, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Hold ownership of the family's livestock (primarily thoroughbred horses) and to conduct all other business authorized under law.

1824 HILL STREET LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/14/21. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon

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whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 3979 ALBANY POST ROAD #2070 HYDE PARK NEW YORK 12538 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Lionroot Studios, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 11/22/2021. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Joseph A. Fisher, Esq., 35 Palm St., Lindenhurst, NY 11757. General Purpose

Notice of Formation of 2B Locust LLC. Art. of Org. filed Sec y of State (SSNY) 12/1/21. Office location: Dutchess Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 3 Chadwick Court, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of 21 Vail Road LLC. Art. of Org. filed Sec y of State (SSNY) 11/30/21. Office location: Dutchess Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 66 Firemens Way, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of formation of 93 Penstock Lane, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/16/2021. Office location, County of Dutchess. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 8 Prince St, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful act.

TheBodyworkStudio, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 11/16/21. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to 19 Fowler Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. General Purposes.

Notice of formation of NOSTALGIA 2 NOW LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect y of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/02/21. Office in Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall

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mail process to the LLC, 241 Leetown Rd Stormville, NY, 12582. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Qualification of DIALYSIS HOLDCO, LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 11/30/21. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/17/11. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is C T Corporation System, 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

VDL HOLDING, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/8/21. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1984 New Hackensack Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

THELAWOFFICEOF BARBARA COHEN PLLC, a Prof. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/22/2021. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 758 Hunns Lake Road, Stanfordville, NY 12581. Purpose: To Practice The Profession Of Law.

Notice of Formation: 324 MAIN STREET LLC. Filed with SSNY on 6/15/21. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 324 Main St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Real Estate Holding.

SAM'S PLACE OF MILLBROOK, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/18/21. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 295 Kennels Road, Millbrook, NY 12545. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF S.E.S. Enterprise, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/01/2021. Office location: DUTCHESS COUNTY. SSNY designates agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 36 Taylor Ave Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of KALO TAXIDI REAL ESTATE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/06/21. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 11 Rose Hill Ln., Tivoli, NY 12583. Purpose: Real estate holdings.

Valley Hudson LLC Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/28/21. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 1591 9D, Wappinger Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of J. Graham Hanson LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/2/21. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: United Corporate Services, Inc., 10 Bank St, Ste 560, White Plains, NY 10606. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Wappingers Falls Dental Arts, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/11/17. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 17 Red Oak Lane, Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567. Purpose: practice the profession of dentistry.

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name is MB Ligs LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of the State of New York (Secretary) on 12/13/2021.

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Office of the LLC: Dutchess County. Secretary has been designated as agent for service of process upon the LLC. Secretary shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 159 Malone Road, Salt Point, NY 12578. The purpose of the business of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity.

Jennifer Polk, RN, PLLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 12/1/2021. City: Dutchess. SSNY design. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Jennifer Joy Polk, 11 Beskin Pl., Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Registered Professional Nursing

Notice of formation of CEEN Properties LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/2/2021. Office location, County of Dutchess. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Keith C. Sartorini, PO Box 617, Bangall, NY 12506. Purpose: any lawful act.

Fox Hill Interiors LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/30/2021. City: Dutchess. SSNY design. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Kiernan Spellman, 8 Fox Hill Rd., Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. General Purpose

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company: The articles of Organization of Loken Real Estate LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on December 13, 2021. The county in which the main office will be located is Dutchess County, NY. The SSNY is designated as agent against whom process against it may be served. The address to which process may be mailed is 51 Lake Road, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose of LLC: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Form. of SAXON HALL AXES AND ALES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/6/21. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY design. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 89 Watch

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Hill, Fishkill, NY 12524. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of MITIGA SECURITY INC.. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/15/21. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY design. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 142 W 57th St, New York, NY 10019. Any lawful purpose.

Streber LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/02/2021. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 15 LaDue Road, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: any lawful.

Notice of Formation of 2145 RT. 52, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/8/21. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Rolf Krauss Jr., 2145 Route 52, Apt. F, Hopewell Junction, NY 12532, the registered agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. Purpose: real estate investments and any lawful purpose.

August Madeline Fields LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 12/13/2021. City: Dutchess. SSNY design. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Michael Fields, CPA, Coles & Bodoin, LLP, 75 Second Ave., Ste. 100, Needham, MA 02494. General Purpose

Delta Pi Restaurant Group LLC. Filed with SSNY on 12/16/2021. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 87 East Dorsey Lane Poughkeepsie NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful

Eyes In The Sky LLC. Fictitious Name: Metropolitan Realty NY. Filed w 3/17/2021 ith SSNY on 12/13/2021. Formed in FL on. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 18 Rega Rd Fishkill NY 12524. FLSOS P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee FL 32314. Pur-

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pose: any lawful

Haviland Hollow Press LLC. Filed with SSNY on 12/7/2021. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 85 Duncan Rd Lagrangeville NY 12540. Purpose: any lawful

Pellegrino Property Management LLC. Filed with SSNY on 12/6/2021. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 4307 Albany Post Rd Hyde Park NY 12538. Purpose: any lawful

OLD HOPEWELL FARMS LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/14/2021. Office location, County of Dutchess. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Thomas Webber, Jr., 47 Watch Hill Dr, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: any lawful act.

DG AUTO ENTERPRISE LLC Arts of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/13/21. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY design. as agent for process & shall mail to: 194 COTTAGE ST SUITE G, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful act of activity.

Hank Jr Home Improvements L.L.C.. Filed 8/26/21. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY design. as agent for process & shall mail to: 7 Marjorie Ln, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Ste 202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.

CJ'S TRUCKING & TRANSPORT LLC. Filed 12/6/21. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY design. as agent for process & shall mail to: 184 Middle Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Ste 202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.

NAVAJO ENTITIES LLC. Filed 8/18/21. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY design. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Bernard James Kiernan, 15

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Pine Wood Rd, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: General.

TDG FREIGHT LLC. Filed 11/17/21. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY design. as agent for process & shall mail to: 6 Prospect St, Staatsburg, NY 12580. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Ste 202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.

I LAUNDROMAT, LLC. Filed 12/13/21. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY design. as agent for process & shall mail to: 48 Charles Colman Blvd, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: General.

TZ & SC, LLC. Filed 11/12/21. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY design. as agent for process & shall mail to: 48 Charles Colman Blvd, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: General.

SummitDX LLC. Filed 11/15/21. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY design. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Raymond Higgins, 499 Pleasant Ridge Rd, Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: General.

Notice of Form. of MILL LANE PARTNERS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/15/21. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY design. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to: P.O. Box 1269, Shelburne, VT 05482. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of AB&H VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/27/21. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY design. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 1 Partridge Creek Way, Clinton Corners, NY 12514. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Asher Appraisals and Realty LLC. Art. of Org. filed Sec y of State (SSNY) 12/21/21. Office location: Dutchess Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 4 Colonial Road, Apt 84, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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of KO Management LLC. Fictitious name in NY State: KO Storage Management, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/14/21. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Minnesota (MN) on 11/13/18. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005, the registered agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. MN address of LLC: 10301 Wayzata Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55305. Arts. of Org. filed with MN Secy of State, 332 Minnesota St, Ste N201, St Paul, MN 55101. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Milea Catering LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with New York Secy of State (SSNY) on 11/15/21. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 17 Levine Ln., Unit 1705, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is David H Kim, 17 Levine Ln., Unit 1705, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful activity.

BLACKPAW, LLC Filed with SSNY on 12/22/21. Office Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 21 Pine Echo Dr. Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Valley Hudson Dental Lab LLC Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/29/19. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 1591 9D, Wappinger Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

FERTUCCI ASSET HOLDINGS LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/9/2021. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 200 Westage Business Center, Suite 233, Fishkill NY 12524.

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Purpose: any lawful.

FERTUCCI VENTURE HOLDINGS, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/13/2021. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 200 Westage Business Center, Suite 233, Fishkill NY 12524. Purpose: any lawful.

FERTUCCI MANAGEMENT HOLDINGS LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/9/2021. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 200 Westage Business Center, Suite 233, Fishkill NY 12524. Purpose: any lawful.

Notice of Formation of The Law Offices of Paul J. Klausner, PLLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/28/21. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. Purpose: Attorneys at law.

DANIK Enterprises, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 10/04/21. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: PO Box 246, Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: any lawful.

CARLON LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/24/21. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1018 Main Street, Unit 113, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

OUR VENTURE AWAITS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/24/21. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1018 Main Street, Unit 86, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF DUTCHESS INDEX# 2019-5472 FILED: 11/20/2019 SUMMONS DUTCHESS County designated as the place of trial on the 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 AU-

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DREY 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

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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

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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 Amer-

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ica 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.

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and Warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Fishkill for the year 2022 and I will attend at the Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524, from February 1, 2022, Monday through Friday from 9:00AM-1:30PM and 2:00PM-3:30PM, for the purpose of receiving taxes listed on the said rolls. No payment will be received on Saturdays, Sundays, or on legal holidays. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, TAXES MAY BE PAID BEFORE February 28, 2022 without charge of penalty. On all such remaining unpaid taxes after such date, penalty will be added as follows: March 2%, April 3%, and May 4%. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant of the provisions of the law, the tax roll of the Town of Fishkill will be returned to the Commissioner of Finance of the County of Dutchess on the 1st day of June, 2022. Signed: Rebecca Tompkins, Rebecca Tompkins, CMC, CTO, Receiver of Taxes, Dated: January 5, 2022

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January 7, 2022 REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-07-22 Landscape Maintenance - Maybrook Section of Empire State Trail within Dutchess County and Upper Landing Park Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 27th day of January 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our web site http://www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call (845) 486-3613. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TOWN OF WAPPINGER DUTCHESS COUNTY PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Town of Wappinger Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the 25th day of January, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger Falls, NY pursuant to Sections 240-37, 240-21(D), 240-15, Non-Residential Schedule Definition of "Mixed Uses" of the District Zoning Regulations in an HM Zoning District, of the Zoning Law of the Town of Wappinger to consider the following area variance: PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, the Zoning Board of Appeals has not made a determination of significance pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and hereby reserves its right to make such determination after the conclusion of the public hearing. Appeal No. 21-7740 (Interpretation) Ron Evangelista, et al: The Town of Wappinger Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a Public Hearing on an Interpretation of Section 240-52(C), 240-21(D), 240-15, Non-Residential Schedule Definition of "Mixed Uses" of the District Zoning Regulations in an HM Zoning District. Legal continued on next page

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At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, held at the Town Hall, in East Fishkill, New York in said Town, on the 9th day of December, 2021, at 7:00 P.M., Prevailing Time. PRESENT: NICHOLAS D'ALESSANDRO Supervisor PETER CASSIDY Councilman EMANUELE MARINARO Councilman ANIL BEEPHAN Councilman THOMAS FRANCO - ABSENT

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ORDER SCHEDULING FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON FORMATION OF ROAD IMPROVEMENT AREA In the Matter of the Formation of Road Improvement Route 52, Patriots Way, South Drive the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Town Law § 200, the Town Board on its own motion has determined it necessary to improve the roads of the Town of East Fishkill by accepting certain private roads and improving them and correcting them to NYS and Dutchess County roads; and WHEREAS, the Town Engineer has prepared a report which calls for the improvements to be made to Route 52, Patriot's Way, South Drive currently a private road within the Town of East Fishkill; and WHEREAS, the improvements contemplated are: the repairing of South Drive, construction of drop off lane for John Jay High School, reconstruction of Auditorium Drive, constructing a road about on Route 52 and the installation of appropriate drainage, stripping, signage and landscaping; and WHEREAS, the maximum amount proposed to be spent for said improvements is approximately Two Million Five Thousand Ninety-one Five Hundred thirty-three dollars (\$2,591,533.); and WHEREAS, the area benefitted as stated in the petition consists of the following parcels identified by Tax Map Number and the description of said parcels is as follows:

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Owner Grid Number Acreage Share 1525 Route 52 Partners LLC 6356-04-731304 3.24 Ac. 50,000 1525 Route 52 Partners LLC 6356-04-776321 3.43 Ac. 50,000 Global Foundries U S 2 LLC 6356-04-794174 45.64 Ac. 7,509.97 Global Foundries U S 2 LLC 6356-04-955157 98.94 326,359.67 Hopewell Sportsdome Ventures 6356-04-587105 33.73 Ac. 252,729.14 1 Park East Fishkill LLC 6356-04-861300 20.94 Ac. 351,641.80 1 Park East Fishkill LLC 6356-04-878256 4.54 Ac. 33,842.96 1 Park East Fishkill LLC 6356-04-939276 10.11 Ac. 154,458.91 1 Park East Fishkill LLC 6356-04-999272 3.87 Ac. 43,191.01 1 Park East Fishkill LLC 6356-04-069311 10.00 Ac. 89,075.67 1 Park East Fishkill LLC 6356-04-069311 6.64 Ac. 200,420.26 Jahn Realty (Route 52 Supply) 6356-04-590195 2.28 Ac. 7,304.00 RWHPA LLC 6356-04-606028 105.00 Ac. 925,000.00 Wappingers Central School District (and See Map Attached) 6356-04-710115 36.08 Ac. 100,000.00

WHEREAS, the expense of said improvements, pursuant to Town Law Section 202(2) shall be borne by local assessment upon the aforementioned lots and parcels of land especially benefitted by the improvements and the Town Board will establish a Road Improvement District to allocate the cost of said improvements among the benefitted properties; and WHEREAS, subsequent to said improvements, it is proposed to accept said roads for dedication to the Town by the property owners; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, by the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, shall be held at the Town Hall, 330 Route 376, in East Fishkill, New York, in said Town, on January 27, 2022, at 7:00 P.M., Prevailing Time, for the purpose of holding a public hearing to consider the Petition for Formation of Street Improvement District pursuant to Town Law Section 200 in regard to Route 52 and Palen Road Improvement District; and Section 2. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this Order to be published once in the Southern Dutchess News, the official newspaper of said Town, the first publication thereof to be not less than ten nor more than twenty days before the day set herein for the hearing as aforesaid, and said Town Clerk shall also cause a copy thereof to be posted on the signboard of the Town maintained pursuant to subdivision 6 of Section 30 of the Town Law not less than ten nor more than twenty days before the day set for the hearing as aforesaid; and Section 3. That the Town Engineer shall cause a copy of this order to be posted in at least five public places along the private roads referenced herein not less than 10 nor more than 20 days before the date of the aforementioned hearing. Section 4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

NICHOLAS D'ALESSANDRO VOTING AYE PETER CASSIDY VOTING AYE THOMAS FRANCO VOTING ABSENT EMANUELE MARIANRO VOTING AYE ANIL BEEPHAN VOTING AYE The order was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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Notice of Town and County Tax Collection - Town of Fishkill, County of Dutchess TAKE NOTICE THAT I, REBECCA TOMPKINS, Receiver of Taxes of the Town of Fishkill, County of Dutchess and State of New York, have duly received the Tax Roll

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess at a meeting held on December 2, 2021, adopted a local law entitled: LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2022, A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE II (LEGISLATIVE BRANCH) OF THE DUTCHESS COUNTY CHARTER AS IT PERTAINS TO SECTION 2.012 The County Legislature has determined that Section 2.012 of the Charter of the County of Dutchess should be revised inasmuch as it is the determination of the Legislature that the County's reapportionment and redistricting process must be consistent with New York State Constitutional and Statutory Law. Further, this local law is meant to establish a simplified timeline, consistent with the method and formula prescribed in Local Law Number 5 of 2020, within which to establish Commissions. A copy of the local law is available at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature where it may be inspected during regular office hours. LEIGH WAGER Clerk Dutchess County Legislature Dated:

Musical celebration to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Join Goldee Greene and Tom McCoy for a musical celebration to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. This hour-long concert will feature music by Stevie Wonder, Bessie Smith, Eubie Blake and George Frederick Handel. Ancient African American spirituals, new music, and some old favorites to sing along with will also be performed. Do not miss this illustration of Dr. King's enduring vision of freedom, justice, and peace for all.

Juilliard-trained Goldee Greene is an award-winning recording artist and stage performer. She started her career in a stage production of "Finian's Rainbow," starring Billy Crystal, at Summer Stock Theater and has since gone on tour as the lead in the Urban Bush Women's acclaimed dance/opera, Praise House, which opened at Lincoln Center, Kennedy Center, D.C., and Theatre Artaud, in San Francisco. She has sung with Pete Seeger on his Grammy-award-winning single, "God's Counting on Me, God's Counting on You."

In film, she appears in "Cool Runnin's: The Reggae Movie," with Bankie Banx's Roots 'n Herbs band. Goldee's original, full-length musical, "Sprang Thang" was produced by Amas Musical Theatre Company and ran for two weeks Off-



Tom McCoy

-Courtesy photos



Goldee Greene

Broadway at the Player's Theatre. Locally, Goldee performed in "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rainbow is Enuf," at the Beacon Theatre.

Tom McCoy is a versatile pianist, arranger, and composer, moving seam-

lessly between the worlds of classical, jazz, theater, and pop. He has appeared on stage with James Taylor, Ray Charles, Natalie Merchant, Judy Collins, Kate Pierson, Garth Hudson, Robert Goulet, Lea Salonga, and many other celebrities.

He has taught music and theater at

SUNY New Paltz, Mount Saint Mary's College, SUNY Dutchess, and Poughkeepsie Day School; he has recently lectured at Juilliard on jazz influences in classical music.

To register, visit <https://bit.ly/mlkconcertJan17> to join the online Crowdcast concert.

Campaign for Cary supporters gift \$2 million to transform Millbrook headquarters

A \$2 million gift recently received by Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies will support the transformation of its Millbrook headquarters into the facilities needed to advance 21st century science.

The leadership gift to the Campaign for Cary came from Zibby and Jim Tozer, longtime supporters of Cary Institute and its research for environmental solutions. Zibby served on the Institute's Board of Trustees from 2004 to 2013; as Chair of the Development and Trusteeship Committee, she brought on a remarkable number of Trustees. During her time as Chair of the Aldo Leopold Society, Zibby initiated a program of fostering relationships among Trustees, donors, and Cary scientists. Jim is a source of invaluable guidance as part of the President's Advisory Council, and their daughter, Farran Tozer Brown, is a current

Trustee, continuing the family's legacy of commitment to Cary Institute.

The two-year capital campaign was launched in 2020 to raise funds to reimagine the headquarters of one of the nation's leading ecological research organizations. Staff are global experts in the ecology of cities, freshwaters, forests, infectious diseases, and the impact of climate change on ecological systems. The Tozers' gift will allow Cary Institute to surpass its original public fundraising goal.

Scott Ulm, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Co-Chair of the Campaign for Cary, comments, "This is an extraordinary contribution from a family that has been instrumental in championing Cary Institute and its scientists. Zibby has been essential in recruiting new Trustees and founding the Aldo Leopold Society, a patron group that

provides vital support to Cary Institute's research and education programs."

In recognition of their longtime support and generosity, Cary Institute will be naming the renovated headquarters the Tozer Ecosystem Science Building. An open house celebration is planned for April 8.

Zibby Tozer comments, "I've greatly admired Cary Institute and its work since first learning about its science in 1993. Jim and I have enormous respect for its scientists, who are working to make the world a better place for all of us."

Architects Becker + Becker are leading the reimagining of the Tozer Ecosystem Science Building, with oversight from Emeritus Cary Trustee, architect Allan Shope. The original 1975 building, designed by architect Malcolm Wells for the New York Botanical Garden, was one of the nation's first commercial solar

buildings. Cary Institute took ownership in 1983. Becker + Becker restored its sawtooth roofline, and have achieved energy efficiency and sustainability goals. Recycled and repurposed materials feature in the redesign, and 100% of the building's electric needs will be met by an adjacent 700kW solar field.

The Campaign for Cary kicked off in August 2020 with lead gifts from Institute Trustees who were soon joined by more than 200 supporters. The campaign is ongoing through spring of 2022, and is committed to raising an additional \$680,000 to complete all aspects of the \$14 million project, which is funded in part by Institute resources. The new building will include additional science offices, dedicated space for visiting scientists and postdocs, and conference rooms outfitted with the technology to support virtual and hybrid networking.

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center opening receptions rescheduled for Jan. 14

The Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, located at 9 and 12 Vassar Street in Poughkeepsie, has rescheduled their Public Art Opening Receptions for Jim Bennett, Ada Monica Sperling and Brett Gehrke for Friday, Jan. 14, from 5 to 7 p.m. The Jim Bennett exhibition will be in the Hallway Art Gallery at 9 Vassar

Street. Ada Monica Sperling showing is in the Reception Gallery and Brett Gehrke will exhibit in the Hancock Gallery at 12 Vassar Street.

Attendees must show proof of vaccination and wear masks to attend the art opening receptions to meet the artists. Refreshments will not be served in order

for face coverings to remain on at all times. All exhibitions are slated to run until Feb. 25.

The Hallway Art Gallery at 9 Vassar Street is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Hancock Gallery and Reception Gallery at 12 Vassar Street are open Monday through

Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. but visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at 845-486-4571 for access. The 12 Vassar Street Galleries are also open during events at the VBI Theatre.

Visit cunneen-hackett.org to review the Visitation Safety Protocols.

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<p>Legal continued from previous page</p> <p>ing District. The applicant is seeking an interpretation of the Zoning Administrator, Barbara Roberti's interpretation of the Zoning Code dated June 20, 2021.</p> <p>The property is located at 123-125 New Hamburg Road, 2357 Route 9D, 2361-2365 Route 9D and is identified as Tax Grid Nos. 6157-01-048643 (0.21 acres), 057642 (0.20 acres), 057654 (0.69 acres), 059643 (0.14 acres) & 040637 (0.55 acres) in the Town of Wappinger. All interested persons will be heard by the</p>	<p>Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Wappinger at the public hearing as stated above.</p> <p>Signed: Peter Galotti, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals Town of Wappinger January 6, 2022</p> <p>The Rombout Fire District will hold their monthly meetings on the Second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM. The meeting will be held at the Rombout Fire District Headquarters, 901 Main Street, Fishkill. The District Work-shop will be on the</p>	<p>Monday preceding the meeting, which will also be at 7 PM at District Headquarters. All meetings are open to the public.</p> <p>Jill Muller, Fire District Secretary</p> <p>REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE</p> <p>The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-09-22</p> <p>Supplemental Vendors for On-Call Vehicle Modifications (v-mods) for Consumers with Disabilities</p>	<p>Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 2nd day of February 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our web site http://www.dutchessny.gov, selecting Government, then selecting Bidding and RFP Opportunities. For additional information, call (845) 486-3613.</p>	<p>ROLLS OF NEWSPRINT</p> <p>Great for Packing Wrapping Art Projects Using as a Drop Cloth</p> <p>45¢/pound • Premium White 75¢/pound</p> <p>Pick up at: Southern Dutchess News 84 East Main Street Wappingers Falls, NY 9am-5pm Mon.-Fri.</p>			

Diversions

SUDOKU

Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.

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

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

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

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

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

Suguru

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		3			3

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

ACROSS

1. One who croaks
5. Mr. Selleck
8. Book by Luke, for short
12. "As I ___ and breathe!"
13. 10 Down's owner
16. Foreign ruler's title
17. Sun disk
18. Longed
19. Long-eared animal
20. Spoilsport
23. Loony
24. Oneself: Fr.
25. Tell
27. City in Oklahoma
30. Many hospital employees: abbr.
32. Razed
35. Attacker
38. Muslim prince: var.
39. Party
40. Envelope sticker
43. Tiny skin opening
44. African succulents
46. White flower
48. Layer
51. One whose first name was Edgar
52. Indian weight
53. Current fashions
55. Golf term
57. British parent
59. Well-to-do person
64. Region
66. Major appliances
67. TV's "American ___"
68. Strong taste
69. Female relative
70. Plumbing problem
71. Choir voice
72. Adv. degree
73. Not crackers

DOWN

1. Part of a book cover
2. ___ Moreno
3. Preposition
4. Men
5. Whipped cream and chocolate syrup
6. Columbus' place
7. Large home
8. Shade tree
9. Lizards with big eyes
10. Novel estate
11. Cast off
14. Fight off
15. Astaire's sister
21. Days of ___; yesteryear
22. Speak enthusiastically
26. City in Arizona
27. Coptic bishops' titles
28. Distributed a deck
29. Variety
31. Established
33. Strange
34. Melancholy, to a poet
36. "Do You Hear What ___?"
37. Word with doll or bag
41. Traveler's aid
42. Asked "Will you be mine?"
45. Part of a wineglass
47. Martin, for one
49. Workers' group
50. 64 years after Columbus' voyage
54. Shuteye
56. Metal bars
57. ___ Hari
58. Russia's ___ Mountains
60. Move slowly
61. Concept
62. Reddish animal
63. Ms. Sommer
65. In the past

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Fishkill resident wins annual Holiday Spirit Photo Contest

The votes are in and the winner of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation's second annual Holiday Spirit Photo Contest is Dawn Fortis of Fishkill.

Fortis, who submitted a photograph taken outside of her home adorned with Christmas lights, will be awarded \$500. Of the five finalists, Fortis' photograph received 856 votes, the most cast by Central Hudson's Instagram followers. In total, nearly 1,500 votes were cast.

"Congratulations Dawn for beautifully capturing the spirit of the holidays and the joy this time of years brings to our local communities," said Charles A. Freni, President and CEO of Central Hudson. "We are impressed by the creativity demonstrated by all of the entrants and appreciate our Instagram followers for casting their votes."

Fortis is the president of Brielle Grace Breast Cancer Foundation. Her Fishkill home is decorated with more than 50,000 lights synchronized to more than 30 programmed songs to bring about breast cancer awareness.

"We come from a family of breast cancer survivors and first responders," Fortis wrote in an email to Central Hudson. "Our goal is to one day see a world without cancer."

The contest opened on Dec. 8, 2021, inviting Central Hudson customers to submit photographs of their holiday decorations taken within the energy company's service area by Dec. 17. Entrants were asked to submit photographs of dec-



Dawn Fortis of Fishkill is the \$500 winner of Central Hudson's second annual Holiday Spirit Photo Contest.

-Courtesy photo

orations inside or outside of their homes. All holidays celebrated from November through the end of December were welcomed, including religious holidays, Thanksgiving and New Year's. A selection of finalists was posted to Central

Hudson's Instagram page on Dec. 20, and voters were asked to "like" their favorite of the finalists. The official voting ended at noon on Dec. 30.

Freni reminded customers of the benefits of "following" Central Hudson on

Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to receive important safety messages, energy efficiency tips, announcements on new programs and services, updates on severe weather and other helpful information.



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Learn more at nyp.org/hudsonvalley

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