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## COVID-19 update

### Molinaro: County does not have resources to enforce mask mandate

By Kate Goldsmith

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

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

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

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

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

“As Governor, my two top priorities are to protect the health of New Yorkers and to protect the health of our economy. The temporary measures I am taking today will help accomplish this through the holiday season,” said Hochul in a press



County Executive Marc Molinaro  
-Archive photo

release issued Dec. 10. “We shouldn’t have reached the point where we are confronted with a winter surge, especially with the vaccine at our disposal, and I share many New Yorkers’ frustration that we are not past this pandemic yet.”

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

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### Director: Library expected to reopen week of Dec. 20



Howland Public Library has been closed since the end of November due to its HVAC unit. Library Director Kristen Salierno expects the library to reopen to patrons the week of Dec. 20.

-Courtesy photo

By Kristine Coulter

Howland Public Library is expected to be back open the week of Dec. 20, according to Howland Public Library Director Kristen Salierno. Howland Public Library has been closed since Nov. 26 due to the failure of its aging HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) units, said Salierno.

“Supply chain issues related to COVID-19 have slowed the delivery of the necessary parts for the repairs. Many aspects of the current library facility are reaching the end of their useful life.

While routine maintenance is certainly conducted, it is our reality that the failure of major systems are on the horizon given the age of some of the equipment we are dealing with,” said Salierno. “Therefore, the Library Board of Trustees are engaged in a long-range planning process that will result in a professional assessment of the major systems and the facility’s overall suitability to meet the needs of the community. Our community members deserve a facility that can serve all of

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## Annual event to honor veterans with wreaths

By Kristine Coulter

Dutchess County resident Danielle “Dani” Masterson will participate in the annual National Wreaths Across America (WAA) on Dec. 18.

“This is my third year with WAA,” explained Masterson.

This year WAA has more than 3,100 participating locations with more than 2.7 million wreaths being laid, according to the website [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org).

Masterson said, “I invite you all to attend on December 18th at noon in the Wappingers Rural Cemetery to REMEMBER our fallen U.S. Veterans- HONOR those who Served -TEACH your children the value of freedom.”

Masterson said she was asked by Patricia Peltier (who has since passed away), who was involved with WAA, to participate. “I actually met her on Facebook. There was a post and people were in an uproar on how veterans graves were being taken care of. I had made a comment about being a National Bugler that sounds Taps around the country for military funerals. She mentioned Wreaths Across America and asked if I was interested.

“Once she taught me the ropes on what to do, then Patricia broke the news to me that she had cancer and she only had a few weeks left to live. Honoring veterans is the most important thing in my life, as it was to Patricia,” noted Masterson.

Some of the words Masterson used to describe participating in WAA were humbling, exciting, memorable, and touching.

“For me, honoring the fallen is an important part of what I do, not just on Wreaths Day, but all throughout the year. Wreaths Across America gave the Gold Star families that we support a connection that they really appreciate,” she said.

An occurrence in 2019, Masterson said, had the most powerful impact on her. She stated, “I had two wreaths left to place. One for my grandfather and the other for my friend. I noticed a man visiting a grave close by, who kept looking over to see what I was doing.”

Masterson went on to explain the man’s father was a veteran whose grave was not marked as a Veteran’s grave. “So, I took the wreath that was going to be placed at my grandfather’s grave and placed it on his grave. I knew my grandfather would understand. After I placed that wreath, I was approached by a woman who asked what I was doing with all these wreaths,



Dutchess County resident Danielle “Dani” Masterson will participate in the annual Wreaths Across America in Wappingers Falls on Dec. 18.

-Courtesy photo

and I told her about WAA. Come to find out, her father was also a Veteran and his grave was also unmarked.” Masterson continued, “I took my final wreath and told her that ‘It would be my honor to place this wreath at his grave.’ [There were] tears in her eyes as she hugged me and thanked me for what was

just done.”

Masterson remarked, “I already had so many emotions that day for what our military has given for us and that just really solidified my desire to do more. I am truly humbled and blessed to be a part of this wonderful mission.”

Wappingers Rural Cemetery is at 2822 Route 9D in Wappingers Falls.



# Library to reopen

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their needs in a safe and sustainable way.”

It was noted by Salierno that while the building is closed to the public, patrons can still come to the library’s front entrance to pick up items they have ordered with their library cards. Online services such as downloadable eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, comics and movies are all accessible through the library’s website, at [beaconlibrary.org](http://beaconlibrary.org).

“We will also have our “Take and Make” pick up programs available on certain days – just check our online calendar for availability,” she said. Staff is available to assist patrons by phone at 845-831-1134. Patrons can also find a listing of staff email on the library’s website.

“We have been touched by all the patrons who have called or stopped by our window to check in on us and tell us how much they miss coming to see us. We have so many wonderful community members,” remarked Salierno.



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# McHoul announces candidacy for 105th Assembly District

Before a crowd of supporters recently in the Village of Fishkill, Dutchess County Legislator Doug Mchoul announced that he is running for State Assembly to represent New York’s 105th District.

McHoul’s announcement was delivered as part of a speech regarding the current political atmosphere in New York, which included statements such as:

“Over the past two years, New Yorkers have been challenged like never before.”

“And in the midst of defending ourselves against the Coronavirus, our country – and our state - became divided over politics.”

“The vast majority of us are REAL people who want to see our government use common sense. Unfortunately, that is not an option in Washington, and it’s certainly not an option in Albany, where one party control has had devastating effects on people like us. As a taxpayer, homeowner, business owner, and father – I can no longer stand aside and allow our state lawmakers to continue to divide us, overtax us, penalize us, and force us to live our lives the way they want.”

“That’s why today I am announcing my candidacy to represent the 105th Assembly District of New York.”

“The only way we can accomplish anything is by working together to achieve not what we want, but what we can as a team.”

McHoul currently serves as a member of the Dutchess County Legislature, representing District 17 which includes part of the Town of Fishkill and the Village of Fishkill. Prior to his election to the Legislature in 2019, he served as a member of the Fishkill Town Board from 2014 – 2019.

On the candidate’s campaign website, his bio states:

“I’m a lifelong resident of Dutchess County. I grew up in Hopewell Junction, went to high school at Trinity-Pawling School, and have resided in Fishkill since 2010. Along with my four sisters (yes, four



Doug Mchoul

– and older!), we co-own and operate our long-established family business, McHoul Funeral Home in Fishkill and Hopewell Jct. For years, I’ve been active in many local non-profit and civic organizations like the Chamber of Commerce, Exchange Club, Mid-Hudson Children’s Museum, Fishkill Little League (my expertise reached its peak as a tee-ball coach), and more. I’ve been married for 18 years to Stephanie, also a local business owner. Our daughter Madelyn (14) is a freshman at Our Lady of Lourdes High School our son Nolan (11) is a 6th Grader at Brinckerhoff Elementary School.

I’m a homeowner, business owner, elected official, and parent. For eight years, I’ve had the privilege to represent my neighbors as a County Legislator and Town Board Member. I believe that my real-life experience and proven track record as an elected official makes me uniquely qualified to be Assemblyman.”

Current Assemblyman Kieran Lalor announced earlier this autumn he is not seeking re-election.

# REAL ESTATE MARKET UPDATE

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40 Lafayette Ave.	2	1/0	1,008	\$370,000
8 Beskin Pl.	3	1/0	1,344	\$385,000
19 Dinan St.	3	1/1	1,326	\$420,000
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# County Exec Molinaro, Pulver tour farm receiving ‘Learn, Play, Create’ award



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

The grant will assist the facility purchase a lift, specialized saddles and supports, and an all-season mechanical horse to accommodate young people, including

children and those who lack the necessary balance and core strength to mount or ride without supports. You can watch a video of the tour below: The program is part of the “Dutchess Invests” initiative to direct \$57 million in one-time funding allocated to Dutchess County through the Federal Government’s American Rescue Plan (ARP) to areas the community recognized as priorities. Dutchess County has awarded its allocated \$3 million for the program in 2021 to fund 147 projects by local non-profits organizations that directly serve

County Executive Marc Molinaro, second from right, and Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver visit with children at the Hope Rising Farm.

-Courtesy photos

children – enhancing and empowering opportunities for children to learn, play, and create, while filling an educational, financial, social and/or emotional void because of the quarantine and stay-at-home orders necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

## Fatal accident Main St. and Teller Ave. intersection

On Dec. 1, at approximately 3:15 p.m., the City of Beacon Police responded to the intersection of Main Street and Teller Avenue for an accident involving a vehicle vs. Pedestrian. The female pedestrian was treated on scene by the City of Beacon Fire Department and transported to St. Luke’s Hospital in Orange County by Mobile Life. She was later transferred to Westchester Medical Center in Westchester County where she succumbed to her injuries.

According to Beacon Police in a press release, preliminary investigation revealed that a Jeep Wrangler was stopped

for a red light on Main Street facing Westbound. The pedestrian was standing on the corner of Main Street and Teller Avenue waiting to cross the street Eastbound. When the traffic light turned green, the pedestrian began crossing the street in the crosswalk and the operator of the Jeep made a left hand turn from Main Street onto Teller Avenue striking the pedestrian in the roadway.

An investigation determined that neither impairment nor speed was a factor. No further information will be released at this time, according to police.

## Pancake breakfast set at firehouse

The Rombout Fire Company, 901 Main St., in Fishkill, is hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Dec. 19, from 8 to 11 a.m. Pancakes, eggs, omelet station, sausage, bacon, juice, coffee and tea are

on the menu. Admission is adults \$10, seniors \$9, children \$7 (under age 5 are free).

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EARLY DEADLINE NOTICE

Due to the holiday press schedule for the weeks of Christmas and New Year's, Beacon Free Press will have an extra-early deadline for the Dec. 22 and Dec. 29 issues.

For the Dec. 22 issue, all editorial and calendar events must be received by Thursday, Dec. 16, at noon. All advertising must be received by Thursday, Dec. 16, at 3 p.m.

For the Dec. 29, issue, all editorial and calendar events must be received by Thursday, Dec. 23, at noon. All advertising must be received by Thursday, Dec. 23, at 3 p.m.

For more information, email Curtis Schmidt at [cschmidt@sutchessnews.com](mailto:cschmidt@sutchessnews.com) or call 845-406-7733.

Retired judge thanks Pagones for service

To the Editor:

Beacon City Court Judge Timothy Pagones will conclude his judicial career at the end of this month. He has presided in City Court for 23 years. During that time, he consistently conducted court as a true professional. Judge Pagones treated everyone who appeared before him with courtesy and respect. I know from experience that he was admired by members of the local bar and his judicial colleagues. He knew the law and applied it in a fair and impartial manner.

When one approached the bench, Judge Pagones greeted litigants and attorneys with a smile and a cheerful attitude with regard to the very difficult matters that were scheduled on his calendar every day. It made sense that he handled drug and other problem-solving courts during his judicial career. These courts work best when the judge is empathetic and truly understands the nature of substance abuse and demonstrates a willingness to help those who battle this disease. Judge Pagones was a perfect fit for this challenging assignment.

I know I speak for many of my fellow Beacon residents when I thank Judge Pagones for his service to the criminal justice system here for the past 23 years and wish him well in his future endeavors.

Peter Forman  
Beacon

TOWNE CRIER DANCE JAM  
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Get On Down at the Towne Crier Dance Jam on Thursday, Dec. 23 at 7 p.m., 379 Main Street, Beacon. Song requests are welcome. Fine dining, snacks, desserts and full bar are available. These dances are informal and even if one comes alone, one can always find a friendly partner on the dance floor. All are welcome – singles, couples, friends, newcomers. Admission is \$10. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination is required.

For more information, call 765-0667 or [rhodaja@optonline.net](mailto:rhodaja@optonline.net).

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Troop K hosts  
Toys for Tots drive



Troop K is once again collecting new, unwrapped toys for the annual Toys for Tots program.

-Courtesy photo

Once again the New York State Police in Troop K have joined forces with the United States Marine Corps to collect donated children's toys as part of the national Toys for Tots program this holiday season.

Between now and Dec. 17, people can drop off new, unwrapped toys at Troop K Headquarters, SP Poughkeepsie, located at 2541 Route 44 in Salt Point, or any of the local Troop K barracks. Representatives of the Marine Corps will pick up the toys for distribution to area children.

All 18 Troop K stations located in Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess and Columbia counties are participating in the initiative. Contact information can be found at [https://www.troopers.ny.gov/Contact\\_Us/Troop\\_Information/Troop\\_K/](https://www.troopers.ny.gov/Contact_Us/Troop_Information/Troop_K/).

# Beacon Police Blotter

The following is from the City of Beacon Police Department:

Nov. 6: Auto Accident-Fishkill Avenue-Dominic S. Ricottilli, 29, of Beacon, was charged with a Driving While Intoxicated and Miscellaneous V & T.

Nov. 8: Criminal Mischief-Front Street-Caller reported graffiti on his building. Only wished to document at this time.

Nov. 8: Larceny- Fishkill Avenue-Caller reported merchandise stolen from her establishment. Report was taken. Investigation was conducted.

Nov. 8: Suspicious Condition-East Main Street- Caller reported that his vehicle was missing from his normal parking spot. Report was filed. Investigation was conducted. Vehicle was located.

Nov. 8: Warrant-North Avenue- Daniel J. Searles, 33, of Beacon, was processed on an open warrant of arrest.

Nov. 9: Burglary- Kristy Drive-Philip P. Pascuzzo, 55, of Beacon, was charged with burglary second-degree, grand larceny fourth-degree & petit larceny.

Nov. 10: Larceny-DePuyster Avenue-Caller reported a phone removed from his car. Report was taken. Investigation was conducted.

Nov. 12: Lost Property-Church Street-Caller reported lost property. Report was taken.

Nov. 12 Auto Accident- Wolcott Avenue- Officer responded for a car vs deer accident. Report was taken.

Nov. 16: Suspicious Auto-Washington Avenue-Caller reported being followed by a van. Report was taken. Investigation was conducted.

Nov. 17: Warrant-Tompkins Avenue-David R. Long, 40, of Beacon, was processed on an open bench warrant.

Nov. 17: Harassment-Tompkins Avenue- Caller reported being harassed by a neighbor. Report was taken.

Interview was conducted.

Nov. 17: Traffic Stop- Tompkins Avenue-Corey A. Jones, 52, of Beacon, was charged with petit larceny & criminal trespass second-degree.

Nov. 17: Auto Accident-Hit & Run-Main Street- Caller reported that a vehicle backed into his car and left the scene. Report taken. Investigation was conducted. Suspect was located.

Nov. 19: Warrant-Municipal Plaza-George J. Cintron, 34, of Beacon, was processed on an open Bench warrant.

Nov. 21: Intoxicated Subject-Municipal Plaza- Roshan Baychoo, 40, of Wappingers Falls, was charged with Driving While Intoxicated first-degree & Miscellaneous V & T.

Nov. 22: Unattended Death- Beacon-Officers responded to a call for an Unattended Death. Report taken. Investigation was conducted.

Nov. 23: Larceny- Main Street- Caller reported items taken from his store. Report was taken. Investigation was conducted.

Nov. 24: Auto Accident-Main Street-Caller reported damage to her vehicle as a result of hit-and-run accident. Report was filed. Investigation was conducted.

Nov. 26: Criminal Mischief-Eliza Street-Caller reported damage to a fence surrounding a property. Report was taken. Investigation was conducted.

Nov. 29: Fraud-Liberty Street-Caller reported fraudulent activity involving his accounts. Report was taken. Investigation was conducted.

Nov. 29: Fraud-Grove-Caller reported that someone filed a joint tax return in her name. Report was taken. Investigation was conducted.

Number of Calls: 538  
Accidents: 30  
Domestics: 15



## Opera star Emily Righter-Lipschutz to perform in Poughkeepsie Dec. 19

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

For more information please e-mail us at: [towermusicseriesemail@gmail.com](mailto:towermusicseriesemail@gmail.com), or checkout our website: [www.poughkeepsiereformedchurch.com](http://www.poughkeepsiereformedchurch.com), or call The Reformed Church at 845-452-8110. Due to COVID, masks are required.



Opera star Emily Righter-Lipschutz will perform in Poughkeepsie Dec. 19. -Courtesy photo

## Free Christmas films to screen in Hyde Park

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

“Elf,” rated PG, stars Will Ferrell, Bob Newhart and James Caan.

“National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation,” rated PG13, stars Chevy Chase, Beverly D’Angelo and Randy Quaid.

The doors will be open at 9 a.m., when Santa will be on hand to visit with children; and both films will begin at 10:15 a.m. Upon entry, attendees will choose which film they

want to see.

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

Everyone who attends the movie is asked to bring non-perishable food items for distribution through a local food pantry. The need is greater this year and food pantries are stressed. Food donations may also be dropped off at the theater at any time after 3:30 p.m. any day before Dec 18.

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

# Beacon High School receives music grant

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) collaborated with the Tri-M® Music Honor Society (a program of National Association for Music Education, or NAFME) to provide grants to 10 new Tri-M® chapters during the 2021-2022 academic year. The 10 schools receiving grants have been announced. One of the 10 schools is Beacon High School. The advisors at Beacon High School are Susan Wright and James Walton.

These 10 schools bring leadership opportunities to their music students through Tri-M chapters. Through community outreach and service projects, these student leaders demonstrate the impact of music education in their schools.

“Tri-M Music Honor Society provides students with valuable leadership and community service opportunities,” said Dr. Mackie V. Spradley, NAFME President Board Chair. “We are pleased to see these 10 schools launch new chapters to spotlight their music programs and serve in their school districts.”

“The NFHS is excited to help launch

these schools’ participation in Tri-M,” Dr. James Weaver, Director of Performing Arts for the NFHS added. “We are excited for these students to become leaders in their music programs, schools, and communities.”

Other schools to receive the grant are in California, Florida, Idaho, Maryland, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah and Wisconsin.

Requirements for a school to receive the grant included:

- Have a willing faculty member able to fulfill the duties of the Advisor role.
- Have never chartered a chapter, or not have had an active chapter in the past 10 years.
- Be in good standing with their NFHS state association.
- Plan to or currently participate in NFHS state music contests and/or programs.
- Plan for student leadership development.

For more information about Tri-M® Music Honor Society, visit [musicchonors.com](http://musicchonors.com).

# COVID-19 update

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

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

Molinaro noted that “the State has indicated counties should focus on education only for a minimum of the next two weeks to garner community support and compliance, and we are actively working to assist businesses and other public facilities in better understanding this new state regulation.”

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

“Beyond this [two-week] period, Dutchess County has been advised against and will not divert critical health department resources away from other activities for the purpose of enforcement,” he said. “Dutchess County does not have the public health resources necessary to enforce this public health regulation. As Health departments are

the only entity allowed to enforce this measure, all further questions or complaints [should be directed to] the NYS hotline: 1-888-364-3065.

“The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health remains committed to our COVID-19 response through education and sharing information for residents about the importance of vaccination and other common sense mitigation measures, as well as ensuring community access and availability of testing, vaccinations and boosters,” Molinaro concluded.

**Reaction to mandate**

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

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

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

“We appreciate the magnitude of the public health dilemma New York is facing, and the difficult choices our leaders must make to address it,” Calvin said. “Checking the vaccination status of everyone stopping in for their morning coffee would make convenience stores ‘inconvenience’ stores.”

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

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

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

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

be impacted by these decisions before making them unilaterally and without warning.”

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

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

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

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

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	7	4					5	
2			8					6

Suguru

3				1	
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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. Former Soviet division: abbr.

4. Saudi or Jordanian

8. Playful romp

13. Words of one finding an error

14. Student's summons

15. Make reparation

16. Laugh loudly

17. Square column

18. Avian abodes

19. 13

22. Vietnamese festival

23. Frustrate

24. Wed without formality

26. Dedicated poems

29. Pep

32. Monastery head

36. International alliance

38. World's longest river

39. Period of time

40. Cut of meat

41. Quarter, for one

42. At the, in Italian

43. Crawling colonists

44. Rosemary and others

45. Musical number

47. Business transaction

49. Wild

51. Commands

56. Passenger ship: abbr.

58. Reliable

61. In a horizontal position

63. Uncommon

64. Elevator man

65. Hole-boring tool

66. Word with green or more

67. \_\_\_ up; confined

68. In a bad mood

69. Shameful grades

70. 90° from ENE
- DOWN

1. Young pig

2. Twisting

3. Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Ned

4. Belittled

5. Divide

6. Singing voice

7. Fire

8. Large weapon

9. Curbed one's hunger

10. Derrière

11. Being: Sp.

12. Relaxation

13. Spheres

20. Very funny person

21. Vote into office

25. Brit's change

27. Poet's color

28. Bench parts

30. Insincerely smooth

31. Urges

32. Fictional captain

33. Cattle herder's prop

34. Croakers

35. Papal cape

37. Greek peak

40. Highway Patrolman's device

44. Long sandwich

46. Blood carrier

48. Certain berths

50. Attracted

52. Lozenges

53. Diminutive suffixes

54. European river

55. Circulatory or respiratory: abbr.

56. Row

57. Accurate

59. Keep

60. Ash or alder

62. Hair covering

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# Jewish War Veterans mark 125th anniversary



The 125th anniversary of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America was recently recognized with a resolution by the New York State Assembly. Pictured, from left, PC Ralph Schwartz, PC Robert L Morrison, Chief of Staff Martin Hochhauser, Commander Ron Markowitz, Assemblymember Didi Barrett and Presiding Officer Rob Rubin.

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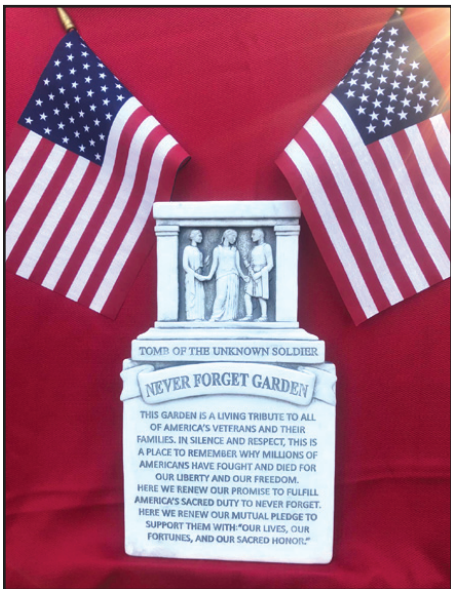
# VanBuren honored with ‘Never Forget Garden’ marker



From left, N.Y. State Vice Regent, Pamela Barrack; Melzingah Regent Joan Miskell; President General NSDAR Denise VanBuren and Melzingah Vice Regent Ethel Fyffe. -Courtesy photos submitted by Harold Delamater

Melzingah Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution held a “Never Forget Garden” marker dedication on the grounds of the Madam Brett Homestead. VFW Post 666 Commander Harold Delamater and Marine Corps League Det 861 Adjutant Tony Pulliam were invited to participate in the ceremony. The marker was received from the New York State DAR organization in honor of Denise VanBuren, President General and Melzingah daughter.

The marker is in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier; and is for all who visit the garden to express patriotism, with the noble purpose of remembering all whose lives were courageously given in service to our country, both at home and abroad. A permanent marker will be placed in the Spring of 2022.



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# Renegades ownership changes to DBH

**By Rich Thomaselli**

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

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

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

“Joining DBH is a meaningful step toward furthering our commitment to contributing

meaningfully to the local community,” Gliner said in a statement. “The Hudson Valley deserves a next level experience in minor league baseball, with the same ball-game traditions they’ve known and loved. I trust that joining DBH will serve everyone well into the future. We are excited to begin the next chapter of our rich history here at Dutchess Stadium.”

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

As part of DBH, Gliner will work closely with Diamond Baseball Holdings’ leadership, Pat Battle and Peter B. Freund.

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

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

“Diamond Baseball Holdings will be global in our ambitions and hyper-local in

our approach and creating incredible fan experiences will remain our number one priority,” said Battle and Freund.

“Additionally, we look forward to providing opportunities for growth to the employees of PDL Clubs whose passion and ingenuity have built the sport through the decades.”

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



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-Images courtesy of DCHS

**By Rob Doyle  
DCHS Board President**

We believe that two pandemic years have not dimmed, but have only reinforced the value and strength of Dutchess County Historical Society (DCHS). Growing membership and growing event attendance (online) indicates that more people endorse the idea that our mission to preserve and share the values, stories, people, and experiences of the past allows us better understand and appreciate the present, and plan for the future.

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

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

**Major Caroline Clowes  
Exhibition Nov./Dec.**

We are very pleased to announce that the pandemic-delayed exhibition of the restored works of the LaGrange artist, Caroline Morgan Clowes, is expected to be launched and open during the months of November and December, 2022. We will be sharing news as plans become firm.

**Our Yearbook  
hit a milestone!**

The 100th volume of the DCHS Yearbook is published! Congratulations

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

**Our role as  
archival guardian**

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

**Preservation, sharing  
through digital works**

We continue to make progress in the digitization of the extraordinary photographs in the DCHS Frank and Baltus B. Van Kleeck Collection, including the oldest known photograph of Poughkeepsie from 1850. Some of these images are available as printed notecards. See online member/donor payment page at [dchsnny.org/short](http://dchsnny.org/short).

**2022 Awards**

We are now scheduling our annual awards to coincide with our regular annual meeting in April. The exact date is not yet fixed. We will share details as they get confirmed.

**Virtual Event Space,  
upcoming programs**

The success of offering live events, which then become permanently available in the DCHS Virtual Event Space on demand, means we will continue to look for both business and individual sponsors to allow us to bring programs forward at no charge for viewing.

Some of the 2021 programs now available on demand include:

- The 300th Anniversary of Dutchess County Courts with County Historian Will Tatum
- The Local Campaign for Woman Suffrage with Sandra Opdycke
- Living History & Historic Reenacting as Tools for Teaching the Past with -Neil Murray

We hope you will be able to join us for

the upcoming virtual events in 2022:

- New Hamburg: A Dutchess County River Hamlet, with DCHS President Rob Doyle, Thursday, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m.
- Consequence of Freedom: The Rise & Fall of Hyde Park's New Guinea Community, with DCHS Executive Director Bill Jeffway, Wednesday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m.

**In summary**

We offer our most sincere wishes for a peaceful, healthy, happy holiday season and bright New Year. We hope we have earned your continued endorsement and support of our work. We believe it has never been more important. You may pay through our secure online payment at: [dchsnny.org/short](http://dchsnny.org/short). Or mail a check to DCHS, PO Box 88, Poughkeepsie, NY 12602.



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# Obituaries

## Patricia M. Roger



WAPPINGERS FALLS – Patricia Marie Roger, 79, of Wappingers Falls entered into the eternal Kingdom of Heaven on Friday December 3, 2021.

Born February 28, 1942 in Beacon, NY, Mrs. Roger was the daughter of the late Walter Bride and Elizabeth Owen Bride. Pat was a homemaker and loving wife. She enjoyed walking, crossword puzzles, tending to her lawn and gardens and feeding the wild birds. Caring for her pet birds also brought her joy and entertainment. Pat's favorite hobby was painting and ornating her many lawn statues which she proudly displayed for all to see and enjoy. She is survived and will be deeply missed by her devoted husband of 45 years, David Roger, as she was the love of his life. She is also survived by her brothers: Robert Bride (Kris) and William Bride, her children by marriage: Amelia El Manakhly (Ahmed), Timothy Roger (Pamela), Kevin Roger, Nancy Doyle (Walter) as well as many cherished nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her siblings Barbara, Butch and Cheryl and her son David. Calling hours were held December 9, 2021 at the Wm. G. Miller & Son FH, Inc., 371 Hooker Ave Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 with a funeral service. Burial followed in the family plot at St. Joachim Cemetery, 51 Leonard Street, Beacon, NY 12508. If you wish to send an online condolence, please visit our website at [www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com](http://www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com).

## Dillon R. Losee

FORMERLY OF HYDE PARK – Dillon Robert Losee, a recent resident of Middletown and formerly of Hyde Park, passed away on Monday, December 6, 2021 at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla. He was 32. He was born in Valhalla on November 8, 1989 and attended local schools. Dillon studied small engine repair at Dutchess BOCES and worked as a bus driver for First Student, Inc. in Orange County. Survivors include his mother, Laura Burke & her husband Jim of Winchester, VA; his father, Ralph Losee & his wife Jill of Poughkeepsie; his siblings, Austin Conklin, Cody Anderson, Kalynn Rottman, Michael Losee, and Justin Hutchinson; and his fiancé, Danielle Montagna. Dillon is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and other loving relatives & friends. He was predeceased by his grandparents, William Losee, June Losee, Robert Anderson, and Carol Anderson. Calling hours were held on Friday, December 10 at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill. Interment took place on Saturday, December 11 at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9, Fishkill. For online tributes, you can visit Dillon's Book of Memories at [www.mchoulfuneralhome.com](http://www.mchoulfuneralhome.com).

## Maurita Wright

FISHKILL – Maurita M. Wright, 84, an area resident since the late 1960's, died on December 7, 2021 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. She previously lived in Larksville, PA. Born in Wilkes-Barre, PA on August 31, 1937, Maurita was the daughter of the late Frank and Loretta (Cantwell) Conahan. Maurita was an alumna of College Misericordia, and had worked as a Home Economics teacher in Plymouth, PA. She lived a life of service. She volunteered at the Fishkill food pantry, St. Francis Hospital, and numerous community programs. Maurita's home was always open to all. Maurita is survived by her children, Patrice Anjos and her husband Jose of Fishkill and John Wright and his significant other Nancy Williams of Newburgh; her grandchildren,

Laura and Nicole, and Aidan; her "sister," Sr. Martha Hanlon, RSM; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was also predeceased by her husband of 30 years, John Wright, Sr. in 1993; her brother, Frank Conahan; and her sister, Patrice Benjamin. Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Saturday at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill followed by burial at Fishkill Rural Cemetery. Please visit Maurita's Book of Memories at [www.mchoulfuneralhome.com](http://www.mchoulfuneralhome.com).

## Virginia DeLuca

BEACON - Virginia DeLuca, 91, an area resident since 1956 and formerly of Brooklyn, died peacefully at her home on December 10, 2021 surrounded by her loving family. Born in Brooklyn on November 23, 1930, she was the daughter of Cosmo and Gabriella (LaPosta) DiTore. Virginia worked as a medical secretary at Highland Hospital and for Dr. Choi and Dr. Lee in Fishkill. She was a parishioner of St. Mary, Mother of the Church in Fishkill, and a member of the Marian Guild. On January 20, 1952 in Brooklyn, Virginia married the love of her life, Nicholas DeLuca. Together, they shared 70 loving years of marriage. In addition to her husband, Virginia is also survived by her children, Nicholas DeLuca and his partner Lee Anne Kelly, Linda Owen and her husband Timothy, David DeLuca and his wife Cookie; her granddaughters, Tina Owen and Michelle Ospino and her husband Ricardo; and her great-grandchildren, Brianna Winstel, Nicholas Lentini, John Cobb Jr., and Rosario Malanga. She was predeceased by her brother, Anthony DiTore. The family would like to thank Hospice for their compassionate care of Virginia. Calling hours will be held on Thursday from 3-7pm at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. The Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Friday at 10am at St. Mary, Mother of the Church followed by entombment in Fishkill Rural Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Please visit Virginia's Book of Memories at [www.mchoulfuneralhome.com](http://www.mchoulfuneralhome.com).

## Grace U. Graham

WAPPINGERS FALLS– Grace U. Graham 85, a lifelong resident, died on December 4, 2021 peacefully at her daughter's home in Atlanta, Georgia. Born in

Beacon New York on July 27, 1936, Grace was the daughter of Albert and Grace Uhl. Grace graduated from Wappingers Central Schools and was a graduate of Albany Business College. She worked as a secretary for the Wappingers Central School District. Grace was an active member of Zion Episcopal Church for many years. Grace is survived by her husband Tom of 63 years; her daughter Lisa and son-in-law Michael Agunzo; and two grandchildren, Jessica Mueller and Brandon Mueller and his wife, Vesna Mueller. She is also survived by her brother Albert Uhl, his wife Effie; nephew Christopher Uhl and several cousins. A memorial will be held in the Spring at Zion Episcopal Church. Donations may be made to Zion Episcopal Church, 12 Satterlee Place, Wappingers Falls NY 12590. Arrangements are under the direction of Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 East Main Street in Wappingers Falls. To send the family a personal condolence, please visit our website at [www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com](http://www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com).

## Richard Haines

FISHKILL – Richard D. Haines, a resident of Fishkill since 1998, formerly of Skaneateles and Mahopac, passed away at home on Wednesday, December 8, 2021. He was 92. Son of the late Frederick B. and Helen (Doncaster) Haines, he was born in Ashville, NC on November 6, 1929. In 1947, Richard enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as a Musician Second Class during the Korean Conflict. He was honorably discharged from service in 1952. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from New York University, where he studied music education. Richard dedicated his career to teaching music and retired from Lakeland Schools in Westchester County, where he was employed for 26 years. In addition to his passion for music, he also enjoyed reading and poetry. He is survived by his wife, Lesia (Gibba) Haines, at home in Fishkill; his son and daughter-in-law, Richard W. and Mary Haines; in addition to other relatives and friends. Richard was predeceased by his daughter, Barbara Haines, as well as his brother, Frank Haines. Services were previously held with interment at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, with arrangements under the direction of McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Lakeland Education Foundation, P.O. Box 132, Shrub Oak, NY 10588. For online tributes, you can visit Richard's Book of Memories at [www.mchoulfuneralhome.com](http://www.mchoulfuneralhome.com).

# Elks donate hams to food pantry



The Mid-Hudson District #6180 Elks donated 30 hams to the Castle Point VA Food Pantry for the Christmas holiday season. Pictured, from left. U.S. Army veteran Jim Mullen and Elks Veterans Representative Carl Oken.

-Courtesy photo

# Consumer Directed Choices launches new Virtual Homecare Workforce Hiring Portal

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

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

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

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

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

Portal features include:

- Direct Messaging – The workforce recruitment portal will enable secure, direct communications between consumers and personal assistants within the system. This feature will alert users by email or mobile text message each time they receive a communication in the portal. Not only does this protect user privacy, but it is an efficient way to communicate in real-time before scheduling an interview.
- Sort and Filter Options – The workforce recruitment portal will enable a "sort" feature that allows consumers to organize applicants by their most recent log-in, profile creation date, and loca-



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-Courtesy photo

tion to review potential workers residing closest to their home. The "filter" option will allow users to refine their search for a specific shift(s) they may need to fill, desired skill(s), language preference(s), and location radius (e.g., 10-miles from their home)

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

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

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

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS Index No: 2021-54028 Plaintiffs designates Dutchess County as the place of trial. SUMMONS The basis of the venue is the location of the subject real property. -----x NEMESIO SANTOS AND AUTUMN THARPE, Plaintiffs, -against- JOHN DOES 1-100 and JANE DOES 1-100, being all the heirs at law of FREDERICK C. THOMANN and W.O.K. THOMANN, the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, the NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION, JUAN O R D O N E Z , MICHELLE CENTENO, DANIEL GUNN, 40 EVERGREEN AVE LLC, THE PRIVATE EQUITY EXCHANGE GROUP INC. and ET QUIETE LLC, Defendants. -----x TO THE HEIRS AT LAW OF FREDERICK C. THOMANN and W.O.K. THOMANN: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action. Plaintiffs Nemesio Santos and Autumn Tharpe have commenced an action in the Supreme Court of Dutchess County (Index No. 2021-54028) to determine claims under RPAPL Article 15 to a .12-acre service road adjacent to 36 Evergreen Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York (SBL: 6160-01-167836). Plaintiffs seek to establish that they are the sole owners of the title to the stated real property in fee simple absolute, and to forever bar the Defendants, their heirs, successors and/or assigns or any persons claiming any interest in the stated real property by, through or under such Defendants to the stated real property more fully described in the complaint of this action, and that full possession of the stated real property be exclusively granted to the Plaintiff, and for such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper. Any such heirs or other interested parties are required to file responsive pleadings on or before 1/21/2022. Upon your failure to appear, judgment will be taken against you by default and bar any right, title or interest you may have or had in and to a portion of the property described in the com-

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

**STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF DUTCHESS SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Index No. 2020-50267** BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff, v. ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE LATE THOMAS PETTIT A/K/A THOMAS JOHN PETTIT, IFLIVING, AND IF ANY BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS WHO ARE SPOUSES, W I D O W S , GRANTEES, MORTGAGEES, LIENORS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF SUCH OF THEM AS MAY BE DEAD, AND THEIR SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, FIRST HORIZON HOME LOAN CORPORATION, JODI WHITE, DANTE SCHIAVO, KYLE PETTIT, CHRIS ERAMO, Defendants. To the above named Defendants: You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within thirty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a

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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. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of Honorable Maria G. Rosa, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed the 19th day of November, 2021 at Poughkeepsie, New York. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage on the following property: Tax I.D. No. 6156-02-600977 ALL that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Town of Wappinger, County of Dutchess and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the middle of the Old Post Road, now Osborne Hill Road, and distant South 20 degrees 50 minutes West 128.23 feet and South 15 degrees 50 minutes West 147.60 feet from a new division line through lands of H. Osten forming the southeast corner of Secor and RUNNING THENCE along the middle of said Old Post Road South 15 degrees 50 minutes West 100.00 feet; THENCE leaving said Old Post Road and through lands of said H. Osten North 63 degrees 38 minutes West 623.22 feet to a point in the line of formerly Grosvenor, now Windheim; THENCE along said line North 66 degrees 38 minutes East 128.85 feet; THENCE through lands of said H. Osten South 63 degrees 38 minutes East 521.66 feet to the point of BEGINNING. Subject to easements, covenants,

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and restriction of record. These premises are also known as 38 Osborne Hill Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 500 Bausch & Lomb Place Rochester, NY 14604

**File No. 2021-170 SURROGATE'S COURT - MONTGOMERY COUNTY CITATION** The People of the State of New York, By the Grace of God Free and Independent, To: BRIAN WEAVER residing at 39 Regency Dr., Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 A petition having been duly filed by CHARLES PETERSON, who is domiciled at 103 Second Ave., Fonda, New York, 12068 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's court, Montgomery County, at the Village of Fonda, New York, on the 20th day of January, 2022, at 10:00 O'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of COLLEEN PETERSON, lately domiciled at 103 Second Ave., Fonda, New York, 12068, in the County of Montgomery, New York, admitting to probate a Will dated July 10, 1989, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of COLLEEN PETERSON, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: CHARLES PETERSON Dated, Attested and Sealed, November 30, 2021 Hon. GUY P. TOMLINSON Surrogate Judge County of Mon By Alixon C. Thomas, Chief Clerk ATTORNEY Name of attorney: Charles R. Schwartz, Esq., The Schwartz Law Firm Tel. Address of attorney: 236 State Highway 67, Amsterdam, NY 12010 NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.

**LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing will be held by

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the County Attorney of Dutchess County in the County Office Building, County Attorney's Conference Room, 5th Floor, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, on the 22nd day of December 2021 at 10:00 am, on the following local law: A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE II (LEGISLATIVE BRANCH) OF THE D U T C H E S S COUNTY CHARTER AS IT PERTAINS TO SECTION 2.012 At said time and place, all parties interested will be heard. DATED: December 15, 2021 Marcus J. Molinaro Poughkeepsie, New York County Executive

**NOTICE OF 2022 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE HUGHSONVILLE FIRE DISTRICT** Please take notice that the Hughsonville Fire District, Town of Wappinger, County of Dutchess, New York, will hold an organizational meeting on Saturday, January 1, 2022, at 12 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Hughsonville firehouse, 88 Old Hopewell Road, in the Town of Wappinger, and are open to the public. This notice is being posted in accordance with the provisions of Section 94 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York. By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hughsonville Fire District. Kim Flower Fire District Secretary Hughsonville Fire District

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

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the purpose and intent of the proposed Local Law is to amend Chapter 148. Water. Article I. Water Use and Connections. § 148-2. Definitions of the Code of the Village of Wappingers Falls by amending the definition of "Board of Water Commissioners" to allow for the appointment of two Alternate Commissioners. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Village Board of Trustees has determined that pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c) (20) the proposed adoption of the aforementioned Local Law is a Type II action not requiring environmental review pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and, accordingly, no environmental review has been undertaken. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the proposed Local Law is available for review and inspection at the Office of the Village Clerk on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Village Hall, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, New York. Dated: December 09, 2021 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS JOHN KARGE, VILLAGE CLERK

**REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE** The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-91-21

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**PUBLIC NOTICE VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS** NOTICE is hereby given that the Village Board of the Village of Wappingers Falls at a regular Village Board meeting held on December 8, 2021, duly adopted, subject to Permissive Referendum, the following Local Law, published herewith, which authorized Opting Out of Licensing and Establishing On-site Cannabis Consumption Establishments Within the Village of Wappingers Falls. A Local Law Adopted Pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131 Opting Out of Licensing and Establishing On-site Cannabis Consumption Establishments Within the Village of Wappingers Falls Be it enacted by the Village Board of the Village of Wappingers Falls as follows: Section 1. Legislative Intent It is the intent of this local law to opt the Village of Wappingers Falls out of hosting on-site cannabis consumption establishments within its boundaries. Section 2. Authority This local law is adopted pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131, which expressly authorizes cities and villages to opt-out of allowing on-site cannabis consumption establishments to locate and operate within their boundaries. Section 3. Local Cannabis On-Site Consumption Opt-Out The Village Board of the Village of Wappingers Falls, County of Dutchess, hereby opts-out of allowing on-site cannabis consumption establishments from locating and operating within the boundaries of the Village of Wappingers Falls. Section 4. Severability If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, **Legal continued on next page**



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subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered. Section 5. Numbering for Codification It is the intention of the Village of Wappingers Falls and it is hereby enacted that the provisions of this local law shall be included in the Code of the Village of Wappingers Falls; that the sections and subsections of this local law may be re-numbered or re-lettered by the Codifier to accomplish such intention; that the Codifier shall make no substantive changes to this local law; that the words "local law" shall be changed to "Chapter," "Section," or other appropriate word as required for codification; and that any such rearranging of the numbering and editing shall not affect the validity of this local law or the provisions of the Code affected thereby. Section 6. Effective date This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State. Pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131, this local law is subject to a permissive referendum and thus may not be filed with the Secretary of State until the applicable time period has elapsed to file a petition or a referendum has been conducted approving this local law.

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

NOTICE TO BIDDERS- RFB-DCB-01-22

Demolition of Unoccupied Building at 25 South Center Street, Millerton, NY Single Prime Bids shall be received for the following classes of work: General Construction. The anticipated start of construction is January 31, 2022; the anticipated completion date is March 11, 2022, respectively. Beginning December 16, 2021 at 8:00AM: Bid Specifications and Drawings may be obtained in person Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm or by mail (provide your FedEx account number or SASE) at: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties

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may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. The bid documents will be distributed on a USB Flash Drive. You must give the following information to obtain the flash drive: Company Name, Address, Contact Name, Phone Number, E-mail Address. A refundable deposit of \$15.00 is required for each bid set, in the form of a check made payable to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance or cash will be required for each set of bid documents. The deposit is refundable in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 102 and will be made by the County upon receipt of a written request accompanied by said USB Flash Drive. Bids due on or before January 13, 2022, at 11:00am and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids for the above project will be received by: Diane McKenna, Contract Specialist, Dutchess

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County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Due to COVID-19, the bid opening for this solicitation will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below, in-person attendance at a bid opening will not be allowed. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 225 068 039#. All Addenda will be issued to Plan Holders via e-mail, but also posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official

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bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. A Walkthrough is scheduled for Tuesday December 28, 2021 at 10:00am at 25 South Center St., Millerton. All parties interested in bidding must apprise themselves of the site conditions immediately prior to bidding; if you cannot attend the scheduled walkthrough, you can contact Diane at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov, to schedule one. Questions will be accepted by the close of business January 6, 2022 and emailed to Diane McKenna at dpwcontracts@dutchess

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sny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2021012591. APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM: Dutchess County requires that any contractor or subcontractor have, prior to entering into a Contract for the process of building, renovating or demolishing a public building, owned, operated and maintained by Dutchess County, with a value in excess of \$250,000., apprenticeship agreements appropriate for the type and scope of work to be performed and which have been registered with NYS Department of Labor in accordance with Article 23 of the Labor Law. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

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enue, Wappingers Falls, New York, at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard as to whether the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls shall adopt a proposed Local Law entitled "Local Law No. of the Year 2021, Amending Chapter 148. Water. Article I. water Use and Connections. § 148-2. Definitions of the Code of the Village of Wappingers Falls". PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the purpose and intent of the proposed Local Law is to amend Chapter 148. Water. Article I. Water Use and Connections. § 148-2. Definitions of the Code of the Village of Wappingers Falls by amending the definition of "Board of Water Commissioners" to allow for the appointment of two Alternate Commissioners. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Village Board of Trustees has determined that pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c) (20) the proposed adoption of the aforementioned Local Law is a Type II action not requiring environmental review pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and, accordingly, no environmental review has been undertaken. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the proposed Local Law is available for review and inspection at the Office of the Village Clerk on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Village Hall, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, New York. Dated: December 22, 2021 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS JOHN KARGE, VILLAGE CLERK

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

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the 29nd day of December, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2582 South Av-

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## Holiday Hoot set in Beacon



*Holiday Hoot with Goldee Greene and Friends will take place on Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. at Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., in Beacon. Proof of vaccination is required. The performance features GG & The Shades, Luvbug, The X-Tremes, Kwanzaa Korner and Holiday Sing-along finale. Special guest is pianist Lucy Galliber. Justice McCray is the production stage manager. Tickets are \$17.50 in advance or \$20 at the door. For more information, visit [www.howlandculturalcentertix.com](http://www.howlandculturalcentertix.com).*

-Courtesy photo

## Texas Guitar Quartet performing in Pawling



*Grammy-nominated Texas Guitar Quartet will be performing at the Gardiner Theater of the Trinity-Pawling School as part of the Pawling Concert Series on Friday, Dec. 17 at 8 p.m. The Texas Guitar Quartet is comprised of Poughkeepsie native Jay Kacherski, Isaac Bustos, Alejandro Montiel and Joseph Palmer. Formed in 2009, TXGQ has been described as “impeccable in every respect” by Classical Guitar Magazine. In tours throughout the United States, Central America, Spain and China, audiences have embraced the quartet for their daring programs, dazzling virtuosity and joyful music making. Their programming involves creative arrangements of orchestral works by familiar composers including Bach, Mozart, Beethoven and Ravel, as well as contemporary works. For ticket information, please go to [www.pawlingconcertseries.org/upcoming-concerts](http://www.pawlingconcertseries.org/upcoming-concerts). For more information about the Texas Guitar Quartet, visit [www.txgq.net](http://www.txgq.net).*

-Courtesy photo

## Take and Make Coloring Books at the Howland Public Library

Adults can stop by the Howland Public Library on Thursday, Dec. 16 to pick up a “Take and Make” craft bag. It will include two coloring books for adults and a set of markers. This event for adults is free. First come, first served. No reserves. The Howland Public Library is at 313

Main Street, Beacon. For more information, contact Alison Herrero, Adult Services Librarian at 845-831-1134. To view all scheduled events at the library, go to [www.beaconlibrary.org](http://www.beaconlibrary.org) and click on Calendar.

## Reading of Truman Capote’s ‘A Christmas Memory’ Dec. 18 in Beacon

Truman Capote’s “A Christmas Memory” will be held on Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. The reading is a memoir of Capote’s childhood relationship with his, eccentric and elderly cousin, Sook, and adventures in Alabama. The reading will take place at Howland

Cultural Center, 477 Main St. in Beacon. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Tickets are available at [howlandculturalcentertix.com](http://howlandculturalcentertix.com). Tickets holders require proof of COVID-19 vaccination. All proceeds go to the Big Horizon Fund for the fine arts scholarships.



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