

Millbrook CSD going remote through Dec. 23; parents upset

by Rich Thomaselli

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

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

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

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

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

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

continued on page 4

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

by Jim Donick

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

County mobilizes efforts to help with staffing shortages

by Rich Thomaselli

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

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

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

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

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

continued on page 6



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

INDEX

Letters	4
Dispatches from the VFW	7
Community Calendar	10
Creative Living	11-14
Suguru	11
Crossword Puzzle	11
Sudoku	11
Get Growing!	12
Love to Cook	13
Obituaries	18
Public Notices	20-21
Classifieds	22-23

• OPEN FOR BUSINESS •

Bank of Millbrook	p 6	Hyde Park Community	p 5	Ulster Savings Bank	p 24
Christ Church Red Hook	p 2	Pleasant Valley Dept. Store	p 12	Valley Bible Church	p 2
Consumer Directed Choices	p 24	Pleasant Valley Lions Club	p 8-9	WKZE 98.1	p 10
Conway's Equipment	p 13	Roosevelt Cinemas	p 14	Wonderland of Lights	p 12
Coppola's of Hyde Park	p 5, 10	Salt Point Community	p 3	INSIDE: Adams Fairacre Farms	
Hudson Valley Hospice	p 13	St. Stanislaus Koska Parish	p 2	Dr. Oppenheimer	



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

continued from cover

of stories.

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

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

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

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

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



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



Season’s Greetings to our readers.
Thank you!

Join us to Celebrate the Savior's birth!

Where: Valley Bible Fellowship Church
When: Friday, Dec. 24th at 3:00 PM
What: "Candles and Carols" Christmas Eve Service
Wearing of masks expected, in accords with state mandate.



Valley Bible Fellowship Church
1875 Clove Road, Lagrangeville NY 12540
845-724-3984 • www.valleybfc.org



May all have a Merry & Blessed Christmas & New Year

Come Celebrate the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Episcopal tradition:

Friday, December 24:
Christmas Eve Festive Candlelight Holy Eucharist at 7:00pm

Saturday, December 25:
Christmas Day Holy Eucharist at 10:00am

Christ Church ~ 7423 S. Broadway ~ Red Hook, NY





St Stanislaus Kostka Parish

1590 Main Street, Pleasant Valley NY

Schedule for Christmas 2021

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

Thursday, December 23: Church Decorating after 9:00am Mass and in the evening

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

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

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

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

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

County participates in statewide STOP-DWI holiday season enforcement effort

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

The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office,

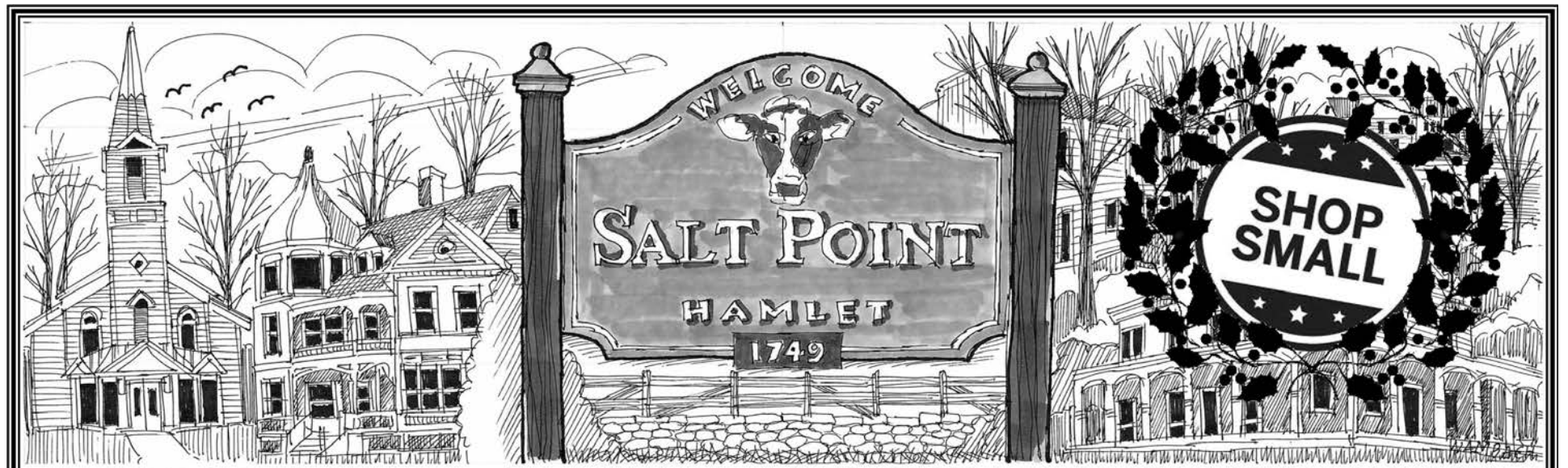
New York State Police and municipal law enforcement agencies will collaborate across the state and will be out in force in this coordinated effort to reduce the number of alcohol-related injuries and deaths during this period.

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

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

The Holiday Season Enforcement Campaign is one of many statewide

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



Our Salt Point businesses appreciate your patronage—WISHING ALL OF OUR FRIENDS HAPPY HOLIDAYS...



Matt's
AUTO BODY
COLLISION CENTER

SPIES
HECKER

AUTHORIZED REFINISHER

We handle all body work—
repairs, collision & work with
all insurance companies

1930 Salt Point Turnpike
SALT POINT, NY 12578
mattsautobody.com

845-266-5450

Visit our new location!

**Hummingbird
Ranch Farm Store**

Great Gift Ideas for the Holidays!




Find those special friend & family Holiday Gift ideas... Our store is filled with unique Christmas goodies & handmade products from us & other local vendors ... Jewelry, Local Honey, Maple Syrup, Maple Peanut Brittle, Beeswax Candles, Fine Teas, Incense & more...



**For the
Holidays**

New Location: 58 Cottage St • Salt Point, NY 12578
845-266-0084 • Hrs: Tue-Sat 10am-6pm








2297 Salt Point Turnpike
Clinton Corners, NY 12514
Tel. (845) 266-3494
hackettfarmsupply.com

Country Store stocked with local meats & gifts!

Fresh eggs from our own chickens!





Gifts for the entire family...Enjoy our local pies & ice cream, too!

NEW! Tequila & Mezcal!

Open Every Day from Noon to 7pm
Open Saturdays 11am to 7pm



HARKER HOUSE
WINE & SPIRITS

**Your Crossroads for Exceptional
Wine & New York State Spirits**

www.HarkerWine.com
2404 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners, NY
(845) 266-0778



CLINTON TOWING
PRECISION RECOVERY

**2470 SALT POINT TURNPIKE
CLINTON CORNERS, NY 12514
MATSAUTOBODY.COM**

845.266.9238 845.705.6669

(Published weekly)
Northern Dutchess News & Creative Living is a division of the Southern Dutchess News, produced and printed in Dutchess County since 1959. The Southern Dutchess News is an official newspaper of Dutchess County, as voted by the Dutchess County Legislature. Submit all legal notices to sdnlegals@aol.com.

Publisher
Albert Osten

Executive Editor/
General Manager
Curtis Schmidt
cschmidt@sdutchessnews.com

Editorial/Creative Director
Kate Goldsmith

Reporters
Kristine Coulter
Rich Thomaselli

Contributing Writers
Jim Donick, Mary Keelan
Stacey van den Thoorn

Advertising Representative
Richard Wambach
845-417-5377
richard@wambachcommunications.com

Advertising deadline: Friday, noon

To submit news and letters to the editor:
northerndutchess@sdutchessnews.com
Deadline is Thursday at 3 p.m.

To submit arts-related news
and calendar events:
creativeliving@sdutchessnews.com
Creative Living deadline is Thursday
at 3 p.m. for publication the following week.

Northern Dutchess News serves the towns of Amenia, Beekman, Clinton, Dover, Hyde Park, LaGrange, Milan, Pine Plains, Pleasant Valley, Red Hook, Rhinebeck, Stanford, Union Vale and Washington; the villages of Millbrook, Red Hook, Rhinebeck and Tivoli; and the hamlet of Salt Point

The Southern Dutchess News
84 East Main Street
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590
845-297-3723

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NORTHERN DUTCHESS NEWS welcomes your letters. Letters must be submitted via e-mail to be considered for publication; e-mail to northern.dutchess@sdutchessnews.com and include the phrase “Letter to the Editor” in the subject line. Include a telephone number and address for verification purposes. Letters may be edited for legal considerations, reader interest and length. We look forward to hearing from you.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NOTE: Letters to the Editor do not necessarily reflect the views of the Northern Dutchess News. Letters must be e-mailed to be considered for publication. We cannot accept handwritten or faxed letters.

Arlington district silences discussions of racism

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Millbrook CSD going remote through Dec. 23; parents upset

continued from cover

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

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

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

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

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

Iannucci said his son was on the verge of failing.

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

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

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

astrophic” to children.

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

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

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

Questioning Dr. Fauci and the COVID-19 vaccines

To the editor:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Frank Stoppenbach
Red Hook

Democratic caucus elects Atkins, Valdes-Smith as minority leaders

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

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

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

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

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

accountable for the lawmaking process.”

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

A City of Poughkeepsie native, Atkins

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

SEND US YOUR NEWS

northerndutchess@sdutchessnews.com

COMPUTER PROBLEMS?



Friendly Certified Computer Repair Experts


Simply mention coupon code **42513** and get **\$20 OFF** any service you need!

Geeks on Site

Call Now for a **FREE** Diagnosis
1-866-848-0045

One time use only. Cannot be used in conjunction with any other coupon or offer. Coupon offer good until December 31, 2021. Void for any new service except subscription fees. Must mention coupon at time of sale.

HISTORIC HYDE PARK



Mural by Franc Palaia

Hyde Park businesses appreciate your patronage—WISHING ALL OF OUR FRIENDS HAPPY HOLIDAYS...



DO YOUR LOVED ONES KNOW YOUR WISHES?

Of all the things you discuss with your family, your last wishes could be one of the most important decisions you share. By discussing your wishes and putting them in writing, you clear up any doubts your family might have at an already difficult time.

Call us and we'll help you and your family through the preplanning process.



SWEET'S FUNERAL HOME

INC.

4365 Albany Post Rd. (Rte. 9) • Hyde Park
(845) 229-2624 • sweetsfuneralhome.com

New York State law mandates that all contracts for prefunded funerals executed by applicants for or recipients of Medicaid be irrevocable.



YOUR AD COULD BE HERE—CALL 845-417-5377



EST. 1961 ITALIAN AMERICAN CUISINE

4167 Albany Post Road
Hyde Park, NY
(845) 229-9113

PIZZA SPECIAL

\$9.00 FOR PIZZA
2 PIZZAS FOR \$18.00

SUNDAYS AND FRIDAYS
TOPPINGS EXTRA
TAKEOUT ONLY

Dutchess Scuba Diving LLC

FULL SERVICE SCUBA DIVING CENTER

1164 Rte. 9G • Suite 3 • Hyde Park, NY 12538

• TRAINING • SALES • REPAIR • TRAVEL

845-444-9015 • 845-444-9016 fax
DutchessScubaDiving.com

Where your underwater adventures begin!



RETURN THE FAVOR

Proud Business Supporter of Our Veterans

Mandate compliance - Molinaro urges civility toward business employees

by Kate Goldsmith

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hospitalizations being watched

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

County mobilizes efforts to help with staffing shortages

continued from cover

hour.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tourism is a big part of that.

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

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

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

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

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

Fifteen years goes by in a flash

We're pleased to let you know that the Bank of Millbrook is now offering a 15-year, fixed-rate mortgage. It's a terrific option to get your house paid off faster at a secured rate and to save money at the same time.

David Fountain
Vice President, Loan Officer

BANK OF MILLBROOK
The Strength of Relationships

(845) 677-5321 BANKOFMILLBROOK.COM
MILLBROOK AMENIA PINE PLAINS STANFORDVILLE

MEMBER FDIC

Wheels For Wishes
benefiting
Make-A-Wish®
Northeast New York
Your Car Donations Matter
NOW More Than Ever!

• Free Vehicle Pick Up ANYWHERE • 100% Tax Deductible
• We Accept Most Vehicles Running or Not • Minimal To No Human Contact

Call: (877) 798-9474 WheelsForWishes.org

* Car Donation Foundation d/b/a Wheels For Wishes. To learn more about our programs or financial information, call (213) 948-2000 or visit www.wheelsforwishes.org.

Don't forget veterans during the holidays

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

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

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

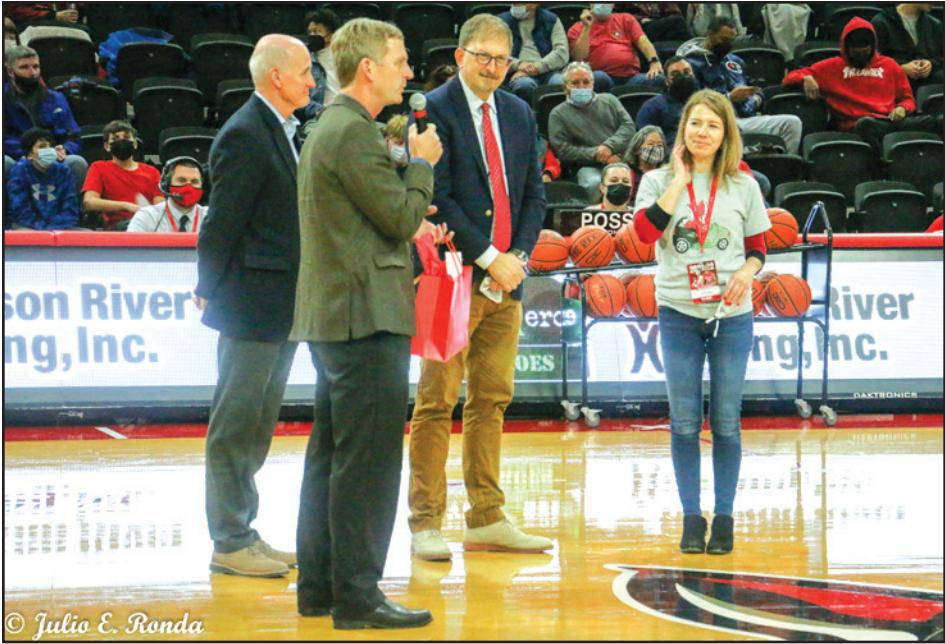
I'm so proud to report the "Holiday for our Heroes" event on Sunday, Dec. 12, brought together over 100 veterans and their guests for a day of fun and camaraderie. The day began with a great Marist vs. Navy basketball game at Marist's McCann Arena that included a

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

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

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

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



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

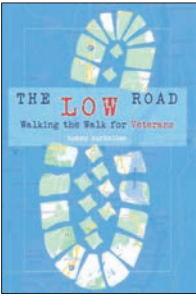
we all share the same mission: taking care of our heroes the way they have taken care of us.

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

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

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

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



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

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

'Trees for Troops' collects Christmas Trees in Salt Point



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

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

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

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

CASTLE POINT VA MEDICAL CENTER
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Multipurpose Room, Bldg. 19, Room 100

MONTROSE, FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT HOSPITAL
Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Social Hall, Bldg. 15, Room 16

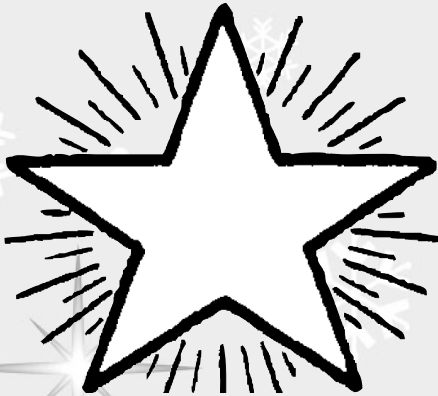
VA Hudson Valley Community Clinics are by appointment only. Eligible veterans can also call (845) 831-2000, ext. 217666, to schedule an appointment for their booster shot. Individuals can also receive their booster shot at no cost outside of VA by locating a vaccine site at [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov)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

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

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



PLEASANT VALLEY LIONS MEMORY TREE 2021



David Aber:Pat Aber;
Gertrude A. Aber:Pat Aber;
Robert Aber:Pat Aber; Doris
Adams:Betsy & Ed Kinkade; Ralph
Adams:Betsy & Ed Kinkade; Tom
Aiello:Tracy Tietje; Helen Albano:Stefanie Little;
Fred Albrecht:Stephen & Jean Albrecht; Grace
Albrecht:Stephen & Jean Albrecht; Noreen Aldrich:Mr. &
Mrs. Michael Knox; Annie Alexander:Eric & Marcia
Alexander; Bijou Alexander:Eric & Marcia Alexander; Billy
Alexander:Eric & Marcia Alexander;
Cary Alexander:Eric & Marcia
Alexander; Socrates Alexander:Eric &
Marcia Alexander; Helen Alexander:Eric &
Marcia Alexander; Sol Alexander:Eric & Marcia
Alexander; Marlene Allen:Dana M. Biagetti; Donald
Allerton:Jackie Allerton; Stephen Amato:Dennis & Jill
Feller; Andrew 2019:Pam Highbridge; Cliff Andrews:Jo Andrews;
Andrews Family:Jo Andrews; Anne Angiulo:Doug Malone; Anton
Angiulo:Doug Malone; Faye Angiulo:Doug Malone; Joe Angiulo:Doug
Malone; June Angiulo:Doug Malone; Kathie Arata:Kerrie Hart; Carl
Arndt:Rachel; Roman Astree:Donovan Esperi; Cortland Auser:Phyllis Menzenski;
Doris Auser:Phyllis Menzenski; Kim Austad:James Gundell; Una Austin:The Kenyon
Family; Una Austin:Bill & Jane Austin; William Austin:Bill & Jane Austin; Clifford G.
Baker:Karen Baker; Elizabeth G. Baker:Karen Baker; Aunt May Baker:The Kaminsky Family;
Peggy Baker:Karen Baker; Sid Baker:Faye & Lee Benedict; William E. Baker, Sr.:Karen Baker;
Alphonse John Balga:Stefanie Little; Alphonse Joseph Balga:Stefanie Little; Dwayne Balga:Stefanie Little;
Peter Barbarosa:Karen Skiadas; Aunt Carolyn Bargna:Sam & Olivia Sileno; Joseph Bargna:Ginger Carroll;
Carolyn Bargna:Ginger Carroll; Helen Bargna:Ginger Carroll; Nino Bargna:Ginger
Carroll; Donato Basso I:Kathleen Basso; Donato Basso II:Kathleen Basso; JoAnn
Basso:Kathleen Basso; John Basso:Kathleen Basso; Jill M. Battistoni:Glenn & Rita Battistoni; Pat
Beatty:Barbara Herles; Patricia Slivernail Beatty:Remo & Marcia Valdatta; Dolores & Gary
Benedict:Tynion & Fischer Cousins; George A. Benedict:Faye & Lee Benedict; Edna L. Benedict:Faye & Lee
Benedict; Christian Benz:Carl and Johanna; Frances Benz:Carl and Johanna; Ronnie Berg:Karen Castella; David
Bergeron:Kristine, Sarah, Nick; Mort Berman:Carolyn & Tom Weber; Karen Bernardo:Phyllis Menzenski; The
Besignano Family:The Chmura Family; Richard Bevier:Lazerson Family; Adolph Birkenmeyer:Kathy Longbard; Anne
Birkenmeyer:Kathy Longbard; Michael Birrittella:Mark Poplawski; Suzy Bishop:Carolyn & Tom Weber; Peter Blank:Maureen
McDonnell; Robert Blank:Maureen McDonnell; Angie Blonigen:Pat Aber; Clarence Blonigen:Pat Aber; Dale S. Blonigen:Pat Aber; Mary
Boas:Bill & Jane Austin; Phil Boas:Bill & Jane Austin; Louis Bolert:Lewis H. Dean; Diane Bollen:D.M. Rottkamp; Jesse M. Bontecou:Betsy &
Ed Kinkade; Virginia Boone:The Kessler Family; William Boone:The Kessler Family; Beth Bove:Andrew P. Lane; Elizabeth Bove:Andrew P. Lane; Phil
Bove:Andrew P. Lane; Ellen Brenner:The Chmura Family; John J. Brenner:The Chmura Family; Dorothy Brill:James Gundell; Merle Brill:James Gundell;
Dorcas Brower:Joyce Brower; George Brower:Mike & Ida Mikula; George Brower:Joyce Brower; Bruce W:Mr & Mrs L Brajuha; Bill Brue:Vicki Snitzler; Helen
Brue:Vicki Snitzler; Rita Brue:Greg & Linda Deichler; Katy Buck:Bill & Jane Austin; George Michael Bukantis:Christina,
Cassi & Denise; Jeanetta Burrow:Linda Wilber; Mable Cady:Jeff & Jean Cady; Mike Cady:Jeff & Jean Cady; Marion P.
Cady:Henry Mikolajski Jr; Caroline Calvello:Flo McDermott; Caroline Calvello:Barbara, Kathy & Kelly; Michael Calvello Jr:Flo
McDermott; Michael Calvello Sr:Flo McDermott; Michael Calvello Sr.:Barbara, Kathy & Kelly; Ronnie Campbell:Remo & Marcia Valdatta;
Alfred Campisi:Marie & John Garbellano; John Carow:James Gundell; Frank Carlon:Ed Madison; Serge Carriere:Lex Van Loon; Alfred
Carroll:Mark Carroll; Gertrude Carroll:Mark Carroll; Don Carter:Betsy & Ed Kinkade; Elisabeth Casse:Lou M. Trojan; Louise Cataldo:Doug
Malone; Vincent Cataldo:Doug Malone; Milena Caviglia:Louis & Gloria Caviglia; Jane Cawley:Karen Karis; Harnet Chapman:Jaime Chapman;
Michael J. Chmura:The Chmura Family; Rosina M. Chmura:The Chmura Family; Seulgi Chok:Fred Schaeffer; Carmine Cianci:Pat Cianci; Christopher
Cianci:Pat Cianci; John Cianci:Pauline & Wayne Herr; John Cianci:Pat Cianci; Mary Cianci:Pat Cianci; A. Edward Ciferri:Gary Ciferri; Gloria Ciferri:Gary
Ciferri; John Cocco:Michael & Johnna Touma; Virginia Cocco:Michael & Johnna Touma; Robert Colbert:George Sealey; Betty Conklin:Mike & Ida Mikula; Charlie
Conklin:Mike & Ida Mikula; David Conklin:Bob & JoAnn Maucher; David Conklin:The Recktenwald Family; David Conklin:Greg & Linda Deichler; Betty Connelly:Joe
Lomoriello; Evelyn Conners:William Conners; William J. Conners:William Conners; Joyce Conrad:Ida Wacker; Teddy Contarino:Anne, Joe & Pat DePalma & Alicia McAllister;
Adelle Conte:Linda Conte; Elizabeth Gallagher Conway:Leonard F. Gallagher Jr; Carl Cooley:Eric & Marcia Alexander; Elizabeth Cooper:Bill & Jane Austin; Haste Cooper:Bill
& Jane Austin; Claudio Coppola:Marion & Michael Morris; Jean F. Coppola:Susan Feather-Gannon; Nancy Corrado:Deidre Quinn; John C.:Mr & Mrs L Brajuha; Ruth C.:Mr & Mrs L
Brajuha; Stephen Corns, Jr:Agnes Corns; Steve Corns:Agnes Corns; Alison Cotter:Dawn Cotter Groves; Barbara Cotter:Dawn Cotter Groves; Neil Cotter:Dawn Cotter Groves; Russ T.
Cotter:Dawn Cotter Groves; John Coulter:Betsy & Ed Kinkade; Mary Ann Coutant:Glenn Coutant; All Victims of Covid:Jayne & John Murphy; Covid Victims:Doug Malone; Victims of Covid
19:James Gundell; Lucia Crescenzo:Sharon DiMetro; Dru Cross:Jay and Viki Cross; Robert Cross:Rachel; Tom Cross:Jay and Viki Cross; Alan Crotty:Remo & Marcia Valdatta; Betty Cunliff:Betsy
& Ed Kinkade; Mike Cunliff:Betsy & Ed Kinkade; Joseph D'Aquanni:Anne, Joe & Pat DePalma & Alicia McAllister; Dad 2019:Pam Highbridge; Daisy:Bob & Sue McRitchie; Gordon Daley:Brenda Daley;
Michael Daly:Ida Wacker; Mary Danaher:David & Barbara Hans; Philip Danaher:David & Barbara Hans; Skip Daniels:Susan Feather-Gannon; Joe D'Aquanni:Betsy & Ed Kinkade; Joe D'Aquanni:Barry &
Jaqueline Hutchings; Joe D'Aquanni:Jayne & John Murphy; Chet Davis:Patti Sawyer; Fran Davis:Patti Sawyer; Barbara Dean:Lewis H. Dean; Mark DeBenedictis:Marie Romano; Suzy Debert:James Gundell;
Deceased Military Personnel:Mr & Mrs William W. Mackey; Goldie Decker:Candy Olson; James R. Decker:Mary Hanaburgh; Delos Deichler:Greg & Linda Deichler; Gilda Deichler:Greg & Linda Deichler; Mike
Denick:Bill & Jane Austin; Mike Denick:Fred & Maria DeWald; Evalyn DePalma:Anne, Joe & Pat DePalma & Alicia McAllister; Michael V. DePalma:Anne, Joe & Pat DePalma & Alicia McAllister; Dr. Vincent M.
DePalma:Anne, Joe & Pat DePalma & Alicia McAllister; Angelo DeRasmo:Frank DeRasmo; Blanche DeRasmo:Frank DeRasmo; Karen D'Eredita:Greg & Linda Deichler; Chris DeRosa:Kristin DeRosa; Antoinette
DeSanto:Carolyn & Tom Weber; Nicholas Vincent DeSario:Deborah Lynn DeNatalle; Paul Desmond:Mark Carroll; Candace DeVoe:Eric & Marcia Alexander; Donald DeVoe:Eric & Marcia Alexander; Anna DeWald:Fred & Maria
DeWald; LeRoy DeWald:Fred & Maria DeWald; Jennifer Dickson:Marion & Michael Morris; Luigi DiDomenicus:Bill & Jane Austin; Marty Diesing:Anne, Joe & Pat DePalma & Alicia McAllister; Beverly Dimauro:Patricia Prunty;
Daren DiMetro:Sharon DiMetro; Elizabeth M. DiPerno:Roger & Pat Mastrì; Tom Distefano:Debbie Distefano; John Dmitrash:Mike Davies; Clarice E. Dobson:Karen Baker; Franklin W. Dobson:Karen Baker; Robert E. Dobson:Karen
Baker; Warren F. Dobson:Karen Baker; Giovanni Domicoli:Glenn & Rita Battistoni; Carole Donegan:John & Barbara Donegan; Irene Donegan:John & Barbara Donegan; John Donegan Sr.:John & Barbara Donegan; Lucinda Dormeyer:Ida
Wacker; Franklin Doty:Cynthia Stirling; Olive Doty:Cynthia Stirling; Marie & Thomas Dowd:Schollmeyer Family; John E. Dossy (Daddy):Janet & Wayne Mac Isaac; Patricia R. Dossy (Aunt Pat):Janet & Wayne Mac Isaac; Patricia Dossy:William
Dossy; Ruth M. Dossy (Mommy):Janet & Wayne Mac Isaac; Marion Drewes:Arthur Drewes; Max Drewes:Arthur Drewes; Willy Drewes:Lewis H. Dean; Ron Duclos:Remo & Marcia Valdatta; Richard
Dunn:James Gundell; Grace Dvoracek:Dana M. Biagetti; John Dvozenja:Kim Dvozenja; Alexandra Dyal:Catherine Oswald; Tom Dyal:Catherine Oswald; Tommy Dyal, Jr.:Catherine Oswald; Dorothy
Eastwood:Ida Wacker; Herbert Eastwood:Ida Wacker; Terry & Henry Eberhard:Lois & Fred Apers; Charles Eberwein:George Sealey; Marilynn Edmonds:Ed & Cheryl Sheehan; Robert I. Edmonds, Sr.
(Dady):Ed & Cheryl Sheehan; Ronnie Eisenberg:Carolyn & Tom Weber; Brenda Elkins:D.M. Rottkamp; Joy Ellis:Jay and Viki Cross; Scott E. Emmett:Frank & Linda Emmett; David Engelman:Barbara Lemberger;
May Engelman:Barbara Lemberger; Erik W.:Mr & Mrs L Brajuha; Ernesto:Michelle; Everyone:Anonymous; Family Memory:Paul Harrison; Joseph Fanelli:Joyce Quattrociochi; Margaret Fanelli:Joyce
Quattrociochi; Frank Farunda:Jason & Madeline Kiggins; Susan Fassett:The Recktenwald Family; Joseph Fastiggi:Melonie Fastiggi; FDNY Brothers:Faye & Lee Benedict; Frances B Feather:Susan Feather-Gannon;
Kendrick W Feather:Susan Feather-Gannon; Pamela Feather:Susan Feather-Gannon; Barbara Feldman:James Gundell; Dylan Feller:Dennis & Jill Feller; Ed "Hoppy" Fischer:Jayne & John Murphy; Edward J.
Fischer:Faye & Lee Benedict; Hoppy Fischer:Faye & Lee Benedict; Mary L. Fischer:Faye & Lee Benedict; Stefanie Fischer:Marie & John Garbellano; William E. Fischer:Faye & Lee Benedict; Norman Fisher:D.M.
Rottkamp; Rev John Fleming:Jayne & John Murphy; Bill Flynn:Chris Flynn; Joe Flynn:Chris Flynn; Gregory S. Forshey:Anne P. Masker; Catherine Franciosa:Joyce Quattrociochi; Eleanor Fremgen:David & Barbara
Hans; Eleonore Friesitzer:Marion & Michael Morris; Tony Friesitzer:Marion & Michael Morris; Theron W. Funk, Sr.:Theron, Mary Ann & Elizabeth Funk; Theron W. Funk, Sr.:Theron, Mary Ann & Elizabeth Funk; Vito
Furguglietto, Sr.:Joyce Quattrociochi; Mike Furrer:Jim Murray; Frank Gaetano:Diana B. Gaetano; Greg Galarza:Gregory Galarza; Ray Galarza:Gregory Galarza; Helen T. Gallagher:Leonard F. Gallagher Jr; Leonard F.
Gallagher Sr.:Leonard F. Gallagher Jr; John Gamby, Sr.:Joyce Quattrociochi; Jack Gannon:Bill & Jane Austin; Jack Gannon:Betsy & Ed Kinkade; John (Jack) Gannon:Susan Feather-Gannon; Mary Garbellano:Marie & John
Garbellano; Tony Garbellano:Marie & John Garbellano; Alan Gard:Samuel Tsukroff; Mary Jane Gardner:Joan Eisenhut; Antonio Gemmati:James & Madeline Kiggins; Logan Gentry:James Gundell; Dick Germiller:Beth Van
Fleet; Mary Germiller:Beth Van Fleet; Richard J. Germiller:Barbara Herles; Joe Germiller:Barbara Herles; Mary Germiller:Barbara Herles; Rhonda Millard Gessner:Melissa Waterman; Bob Ghee:Betty "Boop" Lorentzen; Patricia
Gianotti:Jason & Madeline Kiggins; Robert Gianotti:Jason & Madeline Kiggins; Brendan Gilmartin:Jeff Still; Russel Gilmore:Joseph Peruffo; Richard Giordano:Joanne & Tom Gleason; Jimmy Gleason:Debbie & Butch Roe; John
Gleason:Debbie & Butch Roe; Stephen Gleason:Debbie & Butch Roe; Mary Gliks:Karen Skiadas; Aunt Gloria:Pam Highbridge; Burt Gold:Betsy & Ed Kinkade; Ben Goldstein:Betty Renner; Clara Goldstein:Betty Renner; Kathryn
Goldstein:Cathie & Bob Lang; William Goldstein:Cathie & Bob Lang; Pippa Gore:Susan Feather-Gannon; Joan Grey:Susan Fairbairn; Dan Griffin:James Gundell; Jim Groves:Dawn Cotter Groves; George P. Gruntler:Barbara J.
Gruntler; Gun Violence Victims:James Gundell; Alice Gundelfinger:James Gundell; Ernest Gundelfinger:James Gundell; Susan Gundelfinger:James Gundell; Werner Gundelfinger:James Gundell; Peter Gundell:James Gundell; Vicki
Gundell:James Gundell; Veronica M. Guynup:Pat Aber; Florence Haight:Jayne & John Murphy; Harry Haight:Jayne & John Murphy; Harry "Ab" Haight:Jayne & John Murphy; Hazel Haight:Jayne & John Murphy; Sheila Halsted:The
Kessler Family; Jared Hammerling:Patti Sawyer; Anna Hampe:Mary Hanaburgh; Frank Hampe:Mary Hanaburgh; Eddie Hanaburgh:Mary Hanaburgh; Thomas Hanaburgh:Mary Hanaburgh; Frank T. Hans:David & Barbara Hans; Helen
Hans:David & Barbara Hans; Marge Heasley:Marion & Michael Morris; Marge Heasley:Anne, Joe & Pat DePalma & Alicia McAllister; Thomas Heffner:Diana B. Gaetano; Katy Heffron:Karen Skiadas;
Heidi:Bob & Sue McRitchie; Phil Heiler:Charlie & Fran Traver; Albert Heim:Dana & Ray Newsom; Annie Heim:Dana & Ray Newsom; Michael Helis:Susan Downey; Ray Helis:Susan Downey; Sabina Helis:Susan Downey; Lucy Herbst:David
Surico; Joe Herles:Barbara Herles; Jeff Herles:Barbara Herles; Bill Herman:Bill & Jane Austin; Bill Herman:Bill & Jane Austin; Michael Helis:Susan Downey; Ray Helis:Susan Downey; Sabina Helis:Susan Downey; Lucy Herbst:David
Herr:Pauline & Wayne Herr; Helen Herr:Pauline & Wayne Herr; Walter Herr:Pauline & Wayne Herr; Walter E. Herr:Pauline & Wayne Herr; Clyde Herriman, Sr.:James Gundell; Johanna P Hessler:Hilde McQuillan; Paul Hessler:Hilde McQuillan;
Connie K. Hewlett:Charlie & Fran Traver; Gertrude Hewlett:Bud, April, Sean & Martika Hubbard; Howard Hewlett:Charlie & Fran Traver; Robert Hewlett:Bud, April, Sean & Martika Hubbard; Karen Hickey:James Gundell; Don Hickman:Faye &
Lee Benedict; Donald Hickman:Jeff & Kathy Hickman; Donald Hickman:Carolyn & Tom Weber; Penny Hickman:Marion & Michael Morris; Penny Hickman:Carolyn & Tom Weber; Penny Hickman:William Conners; Ron Hicks:Bob Soden; Roberta
Hildebrandt:Irene & Andres Hanson; Ken Hinsch Sr.:Bob Young; Dorothy Hirsch:James Gundell; Ralph Hodges:Doug Malone; Mary & Jack Hoey:Schollmeyer Family; Sara & Thomas Hoey:Schollmeyer Family; Lowell Hofmann:Janet Hofmann; William
D. Horne:Diana S. Ritchie; Del Hunter:Pauline Herr; Julia Husak:Karen Skiadas; Durward "Curly" Hutchings:Karen Castella; Lorraine Hutchings:Barry & Jaqueline Hutchings; Ruth Hutchings:Karen Castella; William Hutchings:Barry & Jaqueline
Hutchings; Bruno Imperati:Remo & Marcia Valdatta; Patricia Ireland:Bud, April, Sean & Martika Hubbard; Les Irvin:Sue McGarvey; Ruth Irvin:Sue McGarvey; Andrew Jackson:The Kaminsky Family; Mary Jackson:The Kaminsky Family; Mary
Jacobini:George Sealey; Frank Jenks, Jr.:Shirley Smith; Frank Jenks, Sr.:Shirley Smith; Harry Johnson:Joseph Peruffo; Harry E. Johnson:Audrey S. Johnson; Jon W.:Mr & Mrs L Brajuha; Denny Jones:Betsy & Ed Kinkade; Aunt Julie:Pam Highbridge; George
Kaelber:Anonymous; Dr. James F. Kaminsky:The Kaminsky Family; Dr. Bert Kanwit:Dana & Ray Newsom; Janet Kanwit:Dana & Ray Newsom; Barbara Kanya:Barbara & Charles Shapley; John Kanya:Barbara & Charles Shapley; Nicholas Karchmer:Sharon
DiMetro; Lucy Haynes Keeler:Larry Haynes; Debbie Kelley:William Conners; Nancy Kelley:Remo & Marcia Valdatta; Millie Kelly:Sue McGarvey; Harold Kenyon:Betsy & Ed Kinkade; Harold Kenyon:The Kenyon Family; Louise Kessler:The Kessler Family; Jessica
Keto:Joe & Valerie Keto; Barbara Keyes:Mark & Peggy Kuras; James A. Keyes:Pat Aber; Joyce M. Keyes:Pat Aber; Eileen Kiggins:Jason & Madeline Kiggins; Richard Wilbur Kiggins:Jason & Madeline Kiggins; Kathleen Killela:Susan Feather-Gannon; Elmer
Kinkade:Betsy & Ed Kinkade; Eva Kinkade:Betsy & Ed Kinkade; John L. Kinney Jr.:John L. Kinney; John L. Kinney Sr.:John L. Kinney; Pat Kish:Joyce Quattrociochi; Karen Lee Knapp:Ken & Joan Knapp; Karl Knapp:Arthur Drewes; Harold Knox:Mr. & Mrs.

The Pleasant Valley Lions Teresa Albrecht, Jane & Bill Austin, Mark
Carroll, Fred DeWald, Susan Feather-Gannon, Wayne Herr, Pam Highbridge,
MaryBeth Kaminsky, Kim & Dave Kenyon, Mike Kessler, Betsy & Ed Kinkade, Bob
Lama, Joe Lomoriello, Doug Malone, Jim Reed, Tom Reed, Fred Schaeffer, Fran &
Charlie Traver, Lex VanLoon, Kirk VanSwearingen, Lee & Rob Vrablik,
Divine & Ron Williams



PLEASANT VALLEY LIONS MEMORY TREE 2021



Michael Knox: Mary
Knuffke: John Knuffke;
John Koenig: Joseph Peruffo;
Bud Kopp: Marie & John
Garbellano; Andreas
Koutsoudakis: Carolyn & Tom Weber;
Anna Kovacevic: Karen Skiadas; Ante
Kovacevic: Karen Skiadas; Charles Kozus: Louise
Hewlett; Sarah Kozus: Louise Hewlett; Charles
Krafft: Melonie Fastigi; Frank Konisky: David &
Barbara Hans; Albert Kudzia: Joe Lomoriello; Laura
Kudzia: Joe Lomoriello; Rudy Kupfer: James Gundell; Eleanor
Kuras: Mark & Peggy Kuras; Ladder 101 FDNY: Brian McShane;
Morton J. Laffin: Brian Laffin;
Patricia M. Laffin: Brian Laffin; Guido
Lama: Robert Lama; Julia Lama: Robert
Lama; Harry Lang: Cathie & Bob Lang; Louis
Lang: Cathie & Bob Lang; Beth Langhein: Stephen &
Jean Albrecht; Robert Lehmkuhl: Joseph Peruffo; Al
Lemberger: Pauline & Wayne Herr; Al Lemberger: Bill &
Jane Austin; Alan Lemberger: Fred & Maria DeWald; Al
Lemberger: Betsy & Ed Kinkade; Al Lemberger: Barbara Lemberger;
Al Lemberger: Charlie & Fran Traver; Kurt Lemberger: Barbara
Lemberger; Lisa Lemberger: Barbara Lemberger; Robert Lester: Bob & JoAnn
Maucher; Emma Levine: William Dossy; Emma Levine: Tim, Jen, Emily, Kaiy,
and Tyler; Emma Levine: Lois & Fred Apers; Adam Levy: James Gundell; Frances
Lezon: Lezon Family; Joseph Lezon, Sr.: Lezon Family; Harold Lilienfield: The Daversa
Family; Josephine Lilienfield: The Daversa Family; Gene Lomoriello: Joe Lomoriello; Nate
Lomoriello: Joe Lomoriello; Vincent P Lomoriello: Joe Lomoriello; Paul Long: Betsy & Ed
Kinkade; Eddie Longbard: Kathy Longbard; Bill Lorentzen: Betty "Boop" Lorentzen; Tommy
Lorentzen: Betty "Boop" Lorentzen; Jeanette Lossoe: David & Barbara Hans; Merlin Lossoe: David &
Barbara Hans; Carola Lott: Sarah Glaister; Jerodine Lovelace: William Conners; Ronnie Lovelace: Greg &
Linda Deichler; Ginny Lucas: Mike & Ida Mikula; Virginia Lucas: Joyce Brower;
Lucy: Bob & Sue McRitchie; Chin-Wei Luo: Cheng-Tin Luo & Gary St. Onge; Catherine
Lyons: D.M. RottKamp; Darlene Lytle: Ronald Lytle, Sr.; Geneva Lytle: Ronald Lytle, Sr.; George
Lytle, Jr.: Ronald Lytle, Sr.; George Lytle, Sr.: Ronald Lytle, Sr.; Eleanor L. MacIsaac (Mom): Janet &
Wayne Mac Isaac; Martin MacIsaac (Dad): Janet & Wayne Mac Isaac; Bertha Mackey: Your Family; Patricia
Mackey: Tom & Barbara Mackey; William Mackey, Sr.: Your Family; Newall MacWilliams: Franklin L. Mears;
Virginia MacWilliams: Franklin L. Mears; Frank Magennis: Roger & Pat Mastri; Marguerite Magennis: Roger & Pat
Mastri; Humbert Maggiacomo: H. Maggiacomo; Louise Maggiacomo: H. Maggiacomo; Frank Maher: Barbara Herles;
Pasquale Maisto: Fred & Maria DeWald; Ursula Maisto: Fred & Maria DeWald; Maisto Family: Fred & Maria DeWald; Betty
Major: Jayne & John Murphy; Jack Major: Jayne & John Murphy; Ann Malone: Doug Malone; Frank Malone: Doug Malone; Jan
Malone: Pauline & Wayne Herr; Jan Malone: Doug Malone; Jan Malone: Kathi & Gary Kreig; Jan Malone: Anne, Joe & Pat DePalma &
Alicia McAllister; Kathy Malone: Doug Malone; Louise Mancuso: Joyce Quattrociocchi; Sally Mancuso: Joyce Quattrociocchi; Samuel
Mancuso: Joyce Quattrociocchi; Helen Mann: Barbara Lemberger; Hillard Mann: Barbara Lemberger; Hope Mann: Barbara Lemberger; Jean
Mann: Terri Cronk; John Mann: D.M. RottKamp; John Mann: Terri Cronk; Louis Mann: Barbara Lemberger; Ruth Mann: D.M. RottKamp; Suzanne
Mann: Terri Cronk; Connie Manna: Joyce Quattrociocchi; Tommy Manna: Joyce Quattrociocchi; Tom Manning: Anne, Joe & Pat DePalma & Alicia McAllister;
Marcy B.: Mr & Mrs L Brajuha; Don Marks: William Baney; Howard Martin: Tom & Barbara Mackey; Michael Martin: Tom &
Barbara Mackey; Tim Martin: Tom & Barbara Mackey; Angelo Martino: Bob Martino; Christine Martino: Bob Martino; Melissa
Martucci: Joyce Quattrociocchi; Eugene C. Masker, Jr.: Anne P. Masker; Eugene C. Masker, Sr.: Anne P. Masker; Evelyn
Massaro: Pauline & Wayne Herr; Frances Massaro: Pauline & Wayne Herr; Josephine Massaro: Pauline & Wayne Herr; Nicholas
Massaro: Pauline & Wayne Herr; Carmella Mastri: Roger & Pat Mastri; Joseph Mastri: Roger & Pat Mastri; Manuel Mastri: Roger & Pat
Mastri; Dorathea Matwchuk: D.M. RottKamp; Walter H. Matwchuk: D.M. RottKamp; Arthur S. May: Pauline & Wayne Herr; Nicola
Mazzerali: Richard Fishwick; Rhoda McArthur: Candy Olson; Donald McCarthy: Kevin McCarthy; Ed McCarthy: Vicki Snitzler; Elsie McCarthy: Vicki
Snitzler; Henry McDermott: Flo McDermott; Henry McDermott: Jeff & Kathy Hickman; Anna McDonnell: Doloris McDonnell; Helen McDonnell: Maureen
McDonnell; Martin McDonnell: Maureen McDonnell; Susan S. McDonnell: Maureen McDonnell; Thomas McDonnell: Maureen McDonnell; Thomas (Mickey)
J. McDonnell, Jr.: Doloris McDonnell; Thomas J. McDonnell, Sr.: Doloris McDonnell; Joseph E. McGill: Dan McGill; Joseph F. McGill: Dan McGill; Margaret
McGill: Dan McGill; Alice McGinnis: Phyllis Menzenski; Marcia McKenna: Anne, Joe & Pat DePalma & Alicia McAllister; Nancy McKenna: Jeff & Jean Cady; Nancy
McKenna: Greg & Linda Deichler; Nancy McKenna: Joan Eisenhut; Kathleen McKeon: Andrew P. Lane; Margaret McOlloh: Jane Lucas; Mary A. McQuillan: Hilde
McQuillan; Bill McQuillan: Hilde McQuillan; William J. McQuillan Sr.: Hilde McQuillan; Beverly McRitchie: Bob & Sue McRitchie; Madelyn McRitchie: Bob & Sue McRitchie;
Robert McRitchie: Bob & Sue McRitchie; Terence McShane FDNY: Brian McShane; J. Howard McSorley: Mr. & Mrs Thomas A. Reed; Jerry McSorley: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas A. Reed;
Margaret McSorley: Mr. & Mrs Thomas A. Reed; Tony McSorley: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas A. Reed; Ann McTighe: Pat Cianci; Thomas B. McTighe, Jr.: Pat Cianci; Edith Mears: Franklin L.
Mears; Frank Sr Mears: Franklin L. Mears; June Meeker: John & Barbara Donegan; Robert Meeker: John & Barbara Donegan; Rochelle Merritt: Eric & Marcia Alexander; Ms Messier: Bob
& Sue McRitchie; Troy Meyer: Bud, April, Sean & Martika Hubbard; Angelo Migliorelli: Joyce Quattrociocchi; Concetta Migliorelli: Joyce Quattrociocchi; Frank Migliorelli, Sr.: Joyce
Quattrociocchi; Rocco Migliorelli: Joyce Quattrociocchi; Henry Mikolajeski, Sr.: Henry Mikolajeski Jr; Jeannette Mikolajeski: Henry Mikolajeski Jr; Betty Miller: Meg Rovere; Christopher
Miller: Sharon & Bob Niznik; George Miller: Sharon & Bob Niznik; Jonathan Miller: Sharon & Bob Niznik; Robert Miller: Meg Rovere; Shirley Miller: Candy Olson; Harold Mills: Jayne & John Murphy;
Michael Minko: Marie Romano; The Miritello Family: Pauline & Wayne Herr; Pam Johnson: Mogueet: Mary Ann Lohrey; Mom 2011: Pam Highbridge; Emily Monell: Greg & Linda Deichler; Barbara
Morace: Cynthia Stirling; Jim Moran: Marie & John Garbellano; Thomas Moran: Maureen McDonnell; Bernice Morris: Richard & Gail Rau; Patrick Morris: Richard & Gail Rau; Hilda Morrissey: Mary Ann
Lohrey; James P. Morrissey: Mary Ann Lohrey; James P. Morrissey III: Mary Ann Lohrey; Margery Morrissey: Mary Ann Lohrey; Rosemary Morrissey: Mary Ann Lohrey; Richard Mrstik: Barbara Herles; Ann
Mueller: Anne, Joe & Pat DePalma & Alicia McAllister; Carol Mueller: Kathleen Basso; Robert Mueller: Kathleen Basso; Ralph Muller: Don & Petra Sagliano; Jodie Murphy: Jayne & John Murphy; Joe Murphy: Chris
Flynn; Martha Murphy: Chris Flynn; Margaret Myers: Bob & Sue McRitchie; Ernest Naylor: Diana B. Gaetano; Thelma Naylor: Diana B. Gaetano; Cathy Nervegna: Tim, Jen, Emily, Kaiy, and Tyler; Hope Lesperance
Newhart: Mary Hanaburgh; Alfred Newman: Dan McGill; David Newsom: Dana & Ray Newsom; Sheryl Newsom: Dana & Ray Newsom; Michelle Nitto: The Kessler Family; Felix Nolan: Barbara & Ron Nolan; Harper
Nolan: Barbara & Ron Nolan; Lila Nolan: Barbara & Ron Nolan; Michael Nolan: Barbara & Ron Nolan; Peter Nolan: Barbara & Ron Nolan; Sage Nolan: Barbara & Ron Nolan; George Nolen, Sr.: George Nolen Jr; Patrick Nowik: Betty
"Boop" Lorentzen; Florence Oakley: Barry & Jaqueline Hutchings; John C. Oakley: Barry & Jaqueline Hutchings; Anna Olah: Glenn Coutant; Daniel Olson: Candy Olson; Marion Ong: Terri Cronk; Victims Of Opiod Overdose: Lois &
Fred Apers; Ossie: Susan Feather-Gannon; Ron Paglia: The Kenyon Family; Panama: Susan Feather-Gannon; Raymond A. Pantaleo: George Nolen Jr; Jacqueline Pape: Louis & Gloria Caviglia; Nicholas Pape: Louis & Gloria Caviglia; Nancy
Parise: Mr. & Mrs Thomas A. Reed; Paula M.: Mr & Mrs L Brajuha; Gladys P. Paulson: Pat Aber; William T. Paulson: Pat Aber; Joanne Pearce: Bob & Sue McRitchie; Theidore Perl: Joseph Perl; Jill Person: Pauline & Wayne Herr; Dolly
Peruffo: Joseph Peruffo; Dolly Peruffo: Audrey S. Johnson; Kenneth Petersen: Joyce Quattrociocchi; Marina Petersen: Joyce Quattrociocchi; Dominick J. Petrolino, Jr. : Anne P. Masker; Roberta E. Petrolino: Anne P. Masker; Sandy Petruso: Lex Van
Loon; Chet Pfeiffer: Diana B. Gaetano; Ruth Pfeiffer: Diana B. Gaetano; Carol Pickett: Rachel; Fred Pickett: Rachel; Susan K Pickett: Rachel; Andrew Pink: Brenda Daley; Eleanor Pink: Brenda Daley; Victor M. Pisanelli, Jr.: Stefanie
Little; Mary L. Pizzuto: Don Pizzuto; Victor R. Pizzuto: Don Pizzuto; Geri Poellott: Betty Renner; Henry Polley: James Gundell; Mildred Polley: James Gundell; George Pomponio: Rob Vrablik; Grace
Pomponio: Rob Vrablik; Popavera Family: Jo Andrews; Halina Poplawski: Mark Poplawski; Joseph Poplawski: Mark Poplawski; Stanley Poplawski: Mark Poplawski; Bill Pulver: Stefanie Little; Jack
Pulver: Stefanie Little; Jean Pulver: Stefanie Little; Donald W. Puppe: Pat Aber; Loretta M. Puppe: Pat Aber; George Purcell: Carolyn & Tom Weber; Anne Purdy: Mike & Ida Mikula; Anne Purdy: Joyce Brower;
Edward Purdy: Mike & Ida Mikula; Edward Purdy, Sr.: Joyce Brower; Frank L. Quattrociocchi, Jr.: Joyce Quattrociocchi; Frank C. Quattrociocchi, Sr.: Joyce Quattrociocchi; James Rabar: Bob & JoAnn Maucher;
James Rabar: The Recktenwald Family; James Rabar: Anne, Joe & Pat DePalma & Alicia McAllister; Mary Jane Racz: Beth Van Fleet; Mary Jane Racz: Barbara Herles; Mildred Rang: Richard Rang; Olympia
Rau: Richard & Gail Rau; Ozzie Rau: Richard & Gail Rau; Barbara Rawls: Betty "Boop" Lorentzen; Rayden: Michelle; Alison Raymo: William Dossy; Doraine Reed: Jim Reed; Emmily Reed: Jim Reed; Helen A.
Reed: Mr. & Mrs Thomas A. Reed; Helen Reed: Jennifer Carneccchia; John A. Reed: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas A. Reed; John Reed: Jennifer Carneccchia; Kristi Reed: Lawrence M. Reed; Mary Reed: Jim Reed; Michael
Reed: Lawrence M. Reed; Mike Reed: Jim Reed; Nelli Reed: Jim Reed; Peggy Reed: Jennifer Carneccchia; Elizabeth Reed: Lawrence M. Reed; Henry Reichert: Jennifer Reichert; Ethel
Relyea: Larry Haynes; Rose Marie Reppy: Sam Carroll; Aunt Mary Jane Reppy: Sam & Olivia Sileno; Hans Riedel: Carl and Johanna; Louise Riedel: Carl and Johanna; Alberta Riley: Glenn Coutant; John C. Ritchie: Diana S
Ritchie; Melissa D. Ritchie: Diana S Ritchie; Melissa D. Ritchie: Michelle; Virginia A. Ritchie: Diana S Ritchie; Walter C. Ritchie: Diana S Ritchie; Kent Roberg: Anne, Joe & Pat DePalma & Alicia McAllister; Carlton A.
Robinson, Jr.: Donna Robinson; Carlton A. Robinson, Sr.: Donna Robinson; Dolores J. Robinson: Donna Robinson; Rocky: Dave & Jean Cole; Henry Rodgers: Bill & Jane Austin; Henry Rodgers: Betsy & Ed Kinkade; Jose
Rodriguez: Mary Holden; Virginia Rodriguez: Mary Holden; Archie Roe: Debbie & Butch Roe; Chip Roe: Debbie & Butch Roe; Kathy Roe: Debbie & Butch Roe; Charley Rosa: Michael Rosa; Abigail Keislak Rose: Lawrence M.
Reed; Henry Rose: Lawrence M. Reed; Ethel Rosmilso: Ralph Rosmilso; Eileen Roth: Patti Sawyer; Sue Roth: Carol Daniels; Laura Rouse: Sharon Fairbairn; Peter Rouse: Sharon Fairbairn; Richard Rouse: Sharon Fairbairn; "Gigi"
Rudy: The Kaminsky Family; Uncle Jim Rudy: The Kaminsky Family; Ricky Ruffo: Dana M. Biagetti; Gilman Russell: Luann Turner; Mary Russell: Luann Turner; Gen Rychcik: Tim Rychcik; "Gigi"
Saeed: Michelle; Nicholas Sagliano: Don & Petra Sagliano; Rhoda Sagliano: Don & Petra Sagliano; Gerry Sargent: Marie & John Garbellano; Marjorie A. Sargent: Linda McReynolds; Bartlett L. Sargent: Linda McReynolds; Ida
Seagnelli: Marie & John Garbellano; Jennie Scalzi: Joan Eisenhut; John Scalzi: Joan Eisenhut; Alice Schaeffer: Fred Schaeffer; Frank Schaeffer: Fred Schaeffer; Don Scharfenberg: Doug Malone; Peter Schatz: Kristin DeRosa; Cora
Schlimmer: Joe & Valerie Keto; Gene Schlimmer: Joe & Valerie Keto; Wayne Schmidt: Bill & Jane Austin; David Schoentag: David Surico; Margaret Schofield: Mike Davies; Mike Schofield: Mike Davies; Theresa & William
Schollmeyer: Schollmeyer Family; John Schroeder: Remo & Marcia Valdatta; Carol Schumacher: Jennifer Reichert; Raymond Schumacher: Jennifer Reichert; Barbara Braun Scott: Kim E. Scott; Jane Scott: James Gundell; Sealey
Family: George Sealey; Rowena Seaman: William Conners; Jean Secor: Anonymous; William Secor: Anonymous; Marie Seifert: Shamen Rodriguez; Kerri Shaneberger: Bill & Jane Austin; Elmira C. Shapley: Barbara & Charles Shapley;
Kenneth C. Shapley: Barbara & Charles Shapley; Kenneth M. Shapley: Barbara & Charles Shapley; Barbara Sheehan: James Gundell; Edward Sheehan Sr.: Ed & Cheryl Sheehan; Kathleen A. Sheehan: Ed & Cheryl Sheehan; Wanda
Sheehan: Ed & Cheryl Sheehan; Ann Sheridan: Bill Sheridan; Thomas John Sheridan: Bill Sheridan; Kenneth Sherow: Audrey S. Johnson; Marguerite Sherow: Audrey S. Johnson; Louise Mylod Sherry: Mylod Family; William Sherry: Mylod
Family; Anne Sherwood: Cathie & Bob Lang; Arthur Sherwood: Cathie & Bob Lang; Albert Shostack: Betty Renner; Laura Shostack: Betty Renner; Sam Shostack: Betty Renner; Tom Siewert: Tom & Barbara Mackey; Tony "Papa" Sileno: Sam
& Olivia Sileno; Tessie Skiadas: Karen Skiadas; Thomas Skiadas: Karen Skiadas; Maureen Skreebes: Betsy Pulliam; Barry Smith: Bill & Jane Austin; Tara Smith: Melissa Waterman; Fred Snitzler: Vicki Snitzler; Jackie Snitzler: Vicki Snitzler;
Trevor Sonneburg: Sharon DiMetro; Emil Spahn: Mr. & Mrs. K.E. Spahn; Mary Spahn: Mr. & Mrs. K.E. Spahn; Adele Spiro: James Gundell; Clova St. Onge: Cheng-Tin Luo & Gary St. Onge; Solange St. Onge: Cheng-Tin Luo & Gary St. Onge;
Maurine Starpole: Robert Lama; Sofreda Steele: Tom & Barbara Mackey; Christopher Stirling: Cynthia Stirling; William Suling: Veronica Ohearn; Frank Surico: David Surico; Lucille Surico: David Surico; Edmund Tannini: Maureen McDonnell;
Don Teal: Bill & Jane Austin; Don Teal: Betsy & Ed Kinkade; Tommy Telfer: Dawn Cotter Groves; William Tenny, Jr.: Esther, Lauren, Will & the Tenny Family; Gloria Tenor: Cliff Ginsay; Rhea Terhune: Stefanie Little; Rose Terry: Bill & Jane Austin;
Rose Terry: The Kenyon Family; Rose Marie Terry: Deidre Quinn; Marie E.R. Terwilliger: Dana M. Biagetti; Lee W. Terwilliger: Dana M. Biagetti; Bonnie Thayer: Joan Eisenhut; John Tice: Karen Tice; Anna & George Tkach: Schollmeyer Family;
Patricia & Joseph Tkach: Schollmeyer Family; Lynda Tomik: Carl and Johanna; Mary Tomik: Carl and Johanna; William Tomik: Carl and Johanna; William Tompkins, Sr.: William E. Tompkins Jr.; Donna Touhey: Cathie & Bob Lang; Gertrude
Touhey: Carolyn & Tom Weber; Michael & Johanna Touma; Rita Touma: Michael & Johanna Touma; Pat Tozzi: Anne, Joe & Pat DePalma & Alicia McAllister; Theresa Tozzi: Anne, Joe & Pat DePalma & Alicia McAllister; Ed Kinkade; Charlie
& Fran Traver; Dorothy Traver: Charlie & Fran Traver; Evelyn Trojan: Lou M. Trojan; Christopher Turtles: Lois & Fred Apers; Robert Turner: Luann Turner; Cindy Twyman: Maureen McDonnell; Jim Tyger: Phyllis Menzenski; Unknown Soldiers: D.M.
RottKamp; Joseph Valsey: Lou Valsey; Susan Valsey: Lou Valsey; Carolann Van Kleeck: Joan Eisenhut; Kenneth Van Nossdall: Your Family; Luella Van Nossdall: Your Family; Bob & Lois VanSwearingen: Kirk Van Swearingen; George Verity: Tony Moran;
Jean Verity: Carol Moran; Victims of Domestic Violence: James Gundell; Victims of Gun Violence: Lois & Fred Apers; Victims of Syrian Atrocities: James Gundell; Richard A. Volk: Pat Aber; Steve F. Volk: Pat Aber; Veronica R. Volk: Pat Aber; Helen
VonBorstel: Meta Plotnik; Anne Vrablik: Rob Vrablik; John Wacker: Ida Wacker; Mary Wacker: Ida Wacker; Betsy Wade: Carolyn & Tom Weber; Thomas "Tagger" Wagner: Stefanie Little; Daniel Walker: Marianne Walker; Brian
Wallace: Sue McGarvey; Janey Wallace: Sue McGarvey; Martha Wallace: Mike Davies; Matt Wallace: Andrew P. Lane; J.T. Walsh: Susan Feather-Gannon; Arthur Walton: Frank DeRasmo; Charlie Ward: Sue McGarvey; Jamie Ward: Pauline & Wayne Herr;
William Weatherwax: Meg Rovere; Fred & Florence Weber: Carolyn & Tom Weber; Joann Wente: Patti Sawyer; Mike Wenzig: Betty "Boop" Lorentzen; Shirley Whalen: Mr. & Mrs. K.E. Spahn; Tom Whalen: Mr. & Mrs. K.E. Spahn; James E. Whearty: Dennis &
Jill Feller; Sylvia Whearty: Dennis & Jill Feller; Nana Mildred F. Whispell: Ed & Cheryl Sheehan; Chris White: Lois & Fred Apers; Bruce Whiter: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Knox; Raymond Whiteman: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Knox; Robert Whitman: Liz Whitman; Paul
Wigsten: Dawn Cotter Groves; Joyce Wilber: Kelly Wilber; Stephen Wilber: Kelly Wilber; Steve Wilber: Linda Wilber; Jack Wilcox: Lex Van Loon; Lee Wilcox: Vicki Snitzler; Regina Wilcox: Lex Van Loon; Loraine Wilkenson: Bud, April, Sean & Martika Hubbard;
Rebecca Wilkenson: Bud, April, Sean & Martika Hubbard; George Williams: Cody LaBombard; Gladis Williams: Candy Olson; Florence Williamson: Candy Olson; Howard Williamson: Candy Olson; Prinz Williamson: Candy Olson; Betty Wohlfarth: Candy Olson;
Judy Worthington: Stephen & Jean Albrecht; WTC Victims: James Gundell; Andy & Fran Yavinsky: Kirk Van Swearingen; Karma Yeshi: James Gundell; Elizabeth Hornyak Young: Bob Young; Harold Young: Bob Young; Julia Young: Andrew P. Lane; Ruth Young: Debbie
& Butch Roe; Martha Zinsley: Maureen McDonnell; William Zinsley: Maureen McDonnell; Jackie Zuipema: Susan Downey;

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

Upcoming Red Cross blood drives

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

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

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

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

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

Donors are urged to schedule an appointment in advance by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). There is no blood donation waiting period for those who have received a flu shot or a Moderna, Pfizer or Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine or booster, as long as they are symptom-free.

Blood Drive set Dec. 22

There will be a Community Blood Drive at the Village of Rhinebeck Village Hall (76 East Market St.) on Wednesday, Dec. 22, from 1 to 6 p.m. The need

for blood right now is critical. Northern Dutchess oncology nurse Karley Flinn has partnered with the American Red Cross to host this blood drive. Schedule your appointment to donate at redcrossblood.org; use sponsor code NURSES.

Rhinebeck church announces

Christmas Eve Service, upcoming course

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

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

UMC churches set Christmas Eve service

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

Blood Drive in Clinton

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

Rhinecliff Fall Soup Sales are back

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

Profits will alternate between the two community organizations.

Multiple agencies perform mine rescue in Dover



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Coppola's
Ristorante
EST. 1961 ITALIAN AMERICAN CUISINE

**4167 Albany Post Road
Hyde Park, NY
(845) 229-9113**

PIZZA SPECIAL

**LARGE PIZZA
\$ 9.00**

**2 LARGE PIZZAS
\$ 18.00**

**SUNDAYS AND FRIDAYS TOPPINGS EXTRA
TAKEOUT ONLY**

Prepare for Power Outages & Save Money

PWRcell, Generac's fully-integrated solar + battery storage system, stores solar energy that can power your whole home during utility power outages and save you money on your electric bill.

REQUEST A FREE QUOTE!

ACT NOW TO RECEIVE A \$300 SPECIAL OFFER!*

| (888) 871-0194

\$0 DOWN FINANCING OPTIONS!*

*Offer value when purchased at retail.
**Financing available through authorized Generac partners.
Solar panels sold separately.



GENERAC
PWRCELL
SOLAR + BATTERY STORAGE SYSTEM

Celebrating Musical Diversity in the Hudson Valley

VOTED "BEST GROWN UP RADIO STATION" BY READERS OF HUDSON VALLEY MAGAZINE

98.1 Around the World

KZE

98.1

99.1 Red Hook, online wkze.com

Now Playing:

Folk, Blues, Roots, Rock, Alt country, Reggae, World Music, Jazz, Folk Rock, Bluegrass, Newgrass, Oldies, Zydeco, and much more...
From Artists both Known and Unknown, from the Local Area and Abroad

Diversions

SUDOKU

Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.

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

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

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

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

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

Suguru

1				4	
		2			
					1
		5			

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

ACROSS

- Became dim
- Religious celebration
- Seaman's confinement
- "Goodnight, ___"
- Invisible emanation
- Island off Scotland
- Lasso
- Weather forecast
- Fuming
- Blood problem
- Places for berets
- Cut of pork
- Saloons
- Like seawater
- Numerical prefix
- Perpendicular addition
- U. S. body of water
- Contraction
- France's May
- Like the father of the valedictorian
- Light color
- Place of relief
- Fits to ___
- Beast of burden
- Songbird
- Drinker's spot
- Dill herb
- Ore's location
- Useful
- Half of a prison?
- Triumphant exclamation
- Desert sights
- Largest internal organ
- Behold: Lat.
- Rent
- Roman official
- Crowd's noise
- Ending for who or how
- Scrapes

DOWN

- Business
- Opera solo
- No longer with us
- Ending for insist or differ
- Man of the cloth
- Burr role
- Parent's sibling
- Full house letters
- Spotted
- Snacks
- Cheer
- About
- Shapely legs
- Layers
- Stretch the truth
- In ___ of; as a substitute for
- Honks
- Skin trouble
- Heart dividers
- Wall covering
- Wild felines
- Plumber's concern
- Shed crocodile tears
- One who puts on a corset
- Compare
- Item listed in a will
- Drank rapidly
- Swiss waterway
- Primitive dwelling
- Cheap metal
- Fisherman
- Birch variety
- Stingy one
- Druggie
- Mexican lunch item
- Early Peruvian
- Like the Gobi
- Rara ___
- Aid
- Greek war deity
- American Indian
- 11th of 12 on the wall: abbr.
- ___ Lupino

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
14						15					16			
17						18				19				
20				21	22				23					
			24					25	26					
27	28	29				30					31	32	33	
34					35						36			
37				38	39						40			
41				42						43				
44				45					46	47				
			48					49						
50	51	52				53					54	55	56	
57					58	59				60	61			
62					63					64				
65					66					67				

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



Eating a Poinsettia

Mark dispels a few myths surrounding this holiday flower.

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

- **Poinsettias are poisonous** – On March 20, 1987, advice columnist Ann Landers printed a letter by a person who claimed that a cat had died after eating a poinsettia. This kicked off a firestorm of letters from florists, many writing about cats that lived amongst the poinsettias in their greenhouses. In a later column, Landers apologized for the misinformation: “Many thanks to all the florists who wrote. I’m glad that letter didn’t appear in December. It could have ruined their Christmas.”
- Well, it did. It’s taken decades to convince people that, like lots of plants, and even foods, eating a lot of something can cause stomach pains. Scrolling through the internet, you can find everything from a video of Rachel Ray recommending folks buy plastic flowers (to tumultuous applause from the audience), to a segment of a publicist eating poinsettias while ranch dressing drips onto his shirt. By the way, the cats in our poinsettia greenhouse (Coco and Chanel) are 12 years old.
- **Keep poinsettias in the dark** – Poinsettias are photo-periodic. When the nights become longer than the days, starting on Sept. 21, geese fly south,

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

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

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

Viola! Red poinsettias for the holidays.

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



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



keep his native state from seceding from the Union.

As secretary of war under President Van Buren (1837-1841) he was involved in the battle to acquire Texas from Mexico. As minister to Mexico, Poinsett famously “discovered” the poinsettia, bringing it back to his own greenhouse in 1829. I googled “Joel poinsett cats.” Nothing came up.

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

And so are the cats.

Mark Adams is an agricultural advisor to the Dutchess County Executive, Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, Dutchess County B.O.C.E.S. and Cornell University.



NOV. 25th - Dec. 26th



DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
RHINEBECK, NY

SUN-THURS: 6PM-9PM
FRI-SAT: 6PM-10PM

Get Tickets

Visit Our Site
TheWonderlandofLights.com
For Tickets and Show Dates

Connect with Us

On Facebook
@thewonderlandoflightsny

On Instagram
twol.ny

SPONSORED BY: T Mobile

Pleasant Valley
DEPARTMENT STORE
Shopping Local Never Felt So Good

Perfect Choices

Shop With Us and Find Just What You Need

Flannels

Sweaters

Socks

Slippers

1585 Main Street • Pleasant Valley (845) 635-2220

www.pleasantvalleydepartmentstore.com
email: PVMill2@aol.com



Shaken, not slurred

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

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

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

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

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

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

I got out my books and cocktail shak-

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

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

CELEBRATORY SOUR

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

INGREDIENTS

Strong, freshly brewed tea



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

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

continued on page 14



Hudson Valley Hospice



Celebrate the moments that matter

Choosing hospice is choosing to focus on loved ones and sharing and making memories. We can help make the most of the moments that truly matter.

Contact Hudson Valley Hospice
hvhospice.org • (845) 240-7555



Simplicity

TIME TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE SNOW

Free Set Up
Free Delivery
Free Removal

Financing Available

*Subject to credit approval. Minimum monthly payment required. See dealer for details.

Starting at \$479⁹⁵



TRADE-INS WELCOME!

Celebrating Our 43rd Year

We are proud to honor The Favor Program

CHOOSE FROM A WIDE RANGE OF DURABLE AND DEPENDABLE SIMPLICITY® SNOWTHROWERS



CONWAY'S

LAWN & POWER EQUIPMENT, Inc.
Visit us at www.conwaysusa.com
Route 9 • 7235 South Broadway, Red Hook, NY 12571
845-758-8134

Store Hours: M-F 7:30-5, Saturday 7:30-3, Sunday Closed
"We want to be your power equipment dealer!"

www.simplicitymfg.com



Find us on facebook






Bardavon Gala to feature Broadway star Audra McDonald



Audra McDonald.
Photo by Allison Michael Orenstein

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tickets are available at:

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

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

For more information, visit www.bardavon.org.

Love to Cook

continued from page 13

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

Ice

METHOD

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

SPICED PINEAPPLE

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

INGREDIENTS

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

GINGER SYRUP

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

METHOD

Bruise a sprig of rosemary by rubbing it between your palms to release its oil and essence and rub inside a coupe glass. Add all ingredients plus another bruised rosemary sprig to a cocktail shaker with ice. Shake well.

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

RUBY REFRESHER with smoked rosemary

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

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

INGREDIENTS

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

METHOD

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

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

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

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

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

Vicki Frank Day is a graphic artist with more than two decades of experience in different aspects of the food service industry. She is the Content Marketing Specialist for Adams Fairacre Farms where she has worked for 25 years, with in-depth food research being an integral part of her marketing position. She believes that cooking is for everyone and should be a pleasurable journey, that food should be experienced, not merely eaten, and that special occasions can be an everyday celebration. E-mail her at vfrankday@adamsfarms.com.

Attention: Business Owners

Here’s the best advertising opportunity in Dutchess County

3 for 1

Place your advertisement in three different entirely local newspapers for ONE low price

Reach over 50,000 readers

Southern Dutchess News
Northern Dutchess News
Beacon Free Press

Call (845) 297-3723 for details
Email: Advertising@s Dutchessnews.com

DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

See page 18 for finished puzzle (no peeking!)

Odd/Even

Connect Dots:
odd numbers only
▲ 1 - 93
even numbers only
■ 2 - 200

THE GREATEST DOT-TO-DOT BOOKS

© 2007 Monkeying Around

By David Kalvitis

Construction set to begin at former Arthur May School

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

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

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

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

The project will be delivered in two

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

SEND US YOUR NEWS

northerndutchess@sdutchessnews.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bard College’s matching \$250,000 gift will help raise the remaining funds need to reach the campaign’s goals.

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

Four arrested for hate crime in Dover

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

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

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

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

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

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

GREAT NORTHERN
CATSKILLS
OF GREENE COUNTY

New Year's Eve Events

12/31 – New Year's Eve Dinner Party at
Riedlbauer's Resort | Roundtop, NY

12/31 – A Celestial New Year's Eve at
Scribner's Catskill Lodge + Prospect | Hunter, NY

12/31 – New Year's Firework Display at
Windham Mountain | Windham, NY

See more at greatnortherncatskills.com/events

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LINDEN AVENUE MIDDLE SCHOOL FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

Grade 8

Principal’s Honor Roll: Sarah Agate, Aliyah Almada-Makebish, William Anagnos, Francis Bauer Jr., Quinn Boyd, Ian Burns, Nora Callaghan-Jurgens, Lyla Carr, Darcy Cavanaugh, Jillian Cerulo, Madelyn Clements, Kyra Conklin, Heidi Csorba, Hudson Danner, Illa DeFraites Scott, Mary Doherty, Isabella Faraldi, Sara Flandreau, Scott Fluchere-Cameron, Kate Foster, Caroline Fox-Feuer, Sarah Garvey, Benjamin Gitlin-Goss, Caden Heeney, James Hegarty, Maria Hillery, Raleigh Jackson, Catherine Jude, Justin Juran, Brady Kelly, Tess Klahr, Nina Kortbus, Max Kowan, Collyn Lane, Miriam Link, Isabel Luzzi, Elizabeth Marlborough, Anjelica Milin, Ariana Minkel, Taisiia Mokii, Campbell Munn, Mason Murphy, Kyleigh Murray, Cami Palumbo, Leopold Pflaum, Benjamin Posner, Emmett Reardon, John Salvatore Reppucci, Sandhya Rifenburg, Nia Rose, Colton Roszko, Bailey Schneider, Mathew Simmons, Amelia Soave, Eva Soave, Eleanor Solomon, Joseph Virga, Willa Wainwright, Kailina Weaver, Evin Weiler, Courtney Weishaupt, Theia Werner Layla Winters, Lennon Winters, Ezekiel Woulfin, Jade Zhang

Honor Roll: Colby Benassutti, Gabriel Bennett, Jordan Bennett, Kate Borrelle, Macklin Boyd, Andrew Brinkmann, Domanic Ciangiola, Kieran Cook, Noah Flandreau, Devin Friedman, George Griffiths-Caselli, Dylan Juskiewicz, Kyla Kelly, John Kurlander, Jackson Lunceford, Dylan MacDonald, Owen Maroney, Robert Paschal, Caroline Pethic, Adrianna Pinckney, Alexis Pinho, Matthew Reilly, Nicholas Russo, Avi Sarantitis, Patrick Totman, Coral Traudt, Prestin Welch, Cassandra Werner, Chase Wilber

Grade 7

Principal’s Honor Roll: Emma Alexander, Twyla Aloï, Oliver Anderson, Rosemary Apap, Evangeline Armstrong, Abigail Bard, Sadie Bardfield, Grace Benepe, Reuben Berko, Alexandria Brandt, Phillip Briehof, Astrid Brodie, Angel Carreon-Cruz, Eve Celestine, Liliana Coon, Gemma Corcoran, Hailey Crafton-Pujol, Gretchen Csorba, Adelaide Decort, Ashlee Dipper, Declan Dörner, Jackson Dousharm, Tatiana Feiden, Elianna Fell, Patrick Fenn, Amelia Fetzko, Anna Finch, Lucas Flores, Richard Ford Owens, William Ford Owens, Christopher Frettoloso, Jillian Garber, Kyler Gardner, Maximilian Gilmore, Hazel Gorczynski, Harper Griffiths, Rosa Guerra Marcos, Ayla Hamilton, Olivia Hayes, Michaela Hegarty, Joel Hernandez Ojeda, Jacob Hinds, Elsa Hineman, Jackson Huber, Bridget Jaimez, Chase Kabat, Jameson Kessler, Justin Koerner, Madyn Kopec, Marina Kregel, Jack Langstaff, Chase LiPuma, Nathan Lowe, Raena Lueck, Elenna Magee, Sydney Mauney, Nola

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

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

Grade 6

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

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

Grade UGS

Principal’s Honor Roll: Sienna Krom, Isaiah Loyola, Gabriel Mengestu

NORTHERN DUTCHESS NEWS

ALL LOCAL ~ ALL THE TIME

www.sdutchessnews.com

Prepare for power outages with a Generac home standby generator

REQUEST A FREE QUOTE!
877-516-1160

FREE
7-Year Extended Warranty*
A \$695 Value!

Limited Time Offer - Call for Details

Special Financing Available
Subject to Credit Approval

*To qualify, consumers must request a quote, purchase, install and activate the generator with a participating dealer. Call for a full list of terms and conditions.



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



Rhinebeck Reformed Church

6368 Mill St, Rhinebeck • (845) 876-3727

Friday, December 24th at 7:00 PM

Our Christmas Eve liturgy is filled with the contemporary and the traditional. It tells the story of the manger in lessons, responsive readings, and prayers. Candles, processions, colorful adornments, carols, and songs all combine to witness to the beauty and awe of this holy night. At the high point of the service, we will have a collective candle lighting as we sing “Silent Night” to exemplify the Christ as “the light of the world.” (John 8:12).

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

GOLDEN LIVING

THE UPCOMING 3G NETWORK SHUTDOWN AND HOW IT AFFECTS SENIORS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HOLIDAY ADVISORIES

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

HIGH SPEED INTERNET SURVEY

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

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

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

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

VIRTUAL DEMENTIA CONVERSATIONS WITH PAWLING LIBRARY

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

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

Dutchess County Korean War hero eligible for Medal of Honor



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Attention: Business Owners

Here's the best advertising opportunity in Dutchess County

3 for 1

Place your advertisement in three different entirely local newspapers for ONE low price

Reach over 50,000 readers

**Southern Dutchess News
Northern Dutchess News
Beacon Free Press**

Call (845) 297-3723 for details
Email: Advertising@sdutchessnews.com

NOTICE TO NEW YORK RESIDENTS

Homeowner Funding enables families to make necessary energy efficient home repairs who:

- ARE UNABLE TO PAY CASH FOR NECESSARY HOME REPAIRS.
- CANNOT AFFORD HIGH OR ADDITIONAL MONTHLY PAYMENTS.
- HAVE BEEN TURNED DOWN FOR FREE STATE OR GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS.

REPAIRS INCLUDE:
ROOFING • SIDING • WINDOWS • DOORS & MORE...

up to **\$25,000**

NO Money Down / NO Equity Required

QUALIFY TODAY: **(800) 736-9629**
or visit **NYImprovementFund.com**

Approved applications will have the work completed by a quality repair crew provided by: HOMEOWNER FUNDING

OBITUARIES

Eileen Pike Bither

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

Christopher Shawn Carroll

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

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

Emmanuel Casimir

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

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

Ellen Marie Fischer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Energy Efficiency

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

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

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

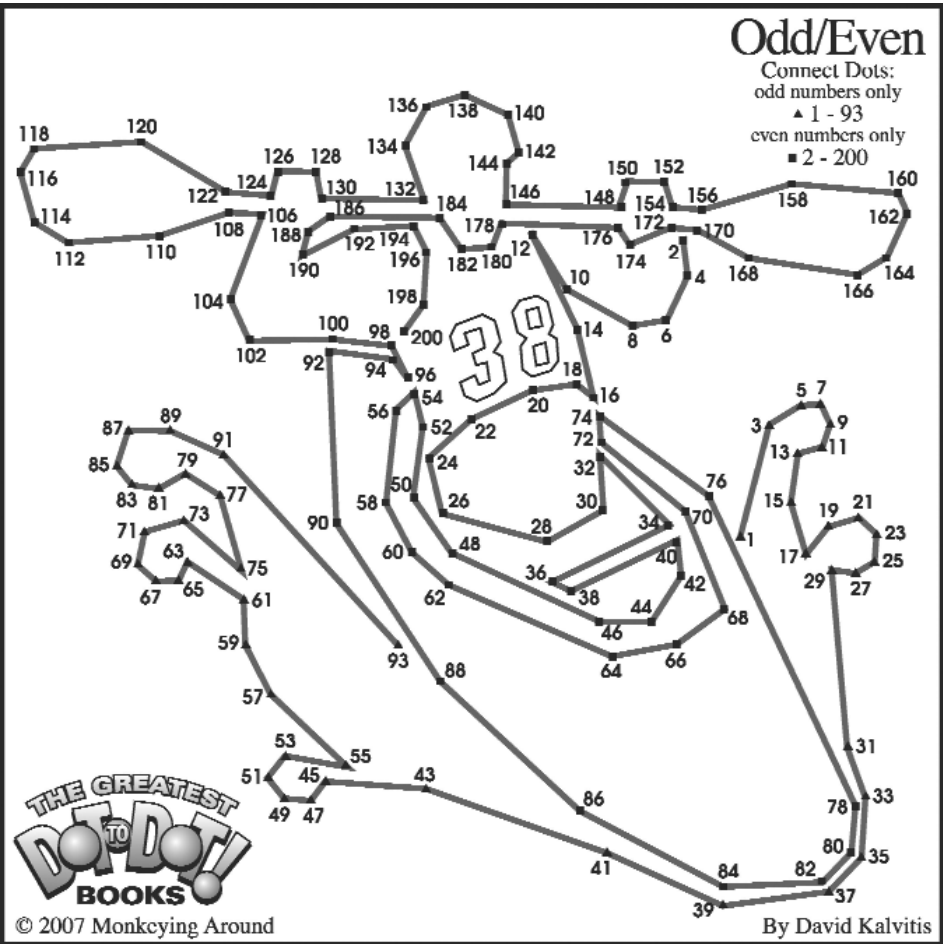
- Insulating ducts and hot water pipes where they run through uninsulated areas, such as crawl spaces, and repairing leaks in the duct system;
- Adding insulation, particularly in the attic;
- Turning down thermostats (each degree saves up to three percent on energy use);
- Keeping radiators and heating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

Billing options

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

continued on page 21

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



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

Suguru solution

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

F	A	D	E	M	A	S	S	B	R	I	G
I	R	E	N	E	A	U	R	A	I	O	N
R	I	A	T	A	S	N	O	W	S	T	O
M	A	D	C	L	O	T	T	E	T	E	S
S	A	L	I	N	E	D	E	C	A	E	L
E	R	I	E	A	R	E	N	T	M	A	I
P	R	O	U	D	A	S	A	P	E	A	C
T	A	N	O	A	S	I	S	A	T	E	E
A	S	S	W	R	E	N	T	A	V	E	R
U	T	I	L	E	S	I	N	G	A	H	A
S	A	N	D	D	U	N	E	S	L	I	V
E	C	C	E	T	O	R	E	E	D	I	L
R	O	A	R	E	V	E	R	R	A	S	P

SUDOKU

This week's answer

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

HV Hospice to build the first hospice residence in Dutchess County

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hoag promoted by Rhinebeck Bank

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

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



processing.

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

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

McKenna named to lead Rhinebeck Area Chamber

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

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

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

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

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

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



Legal Notices

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 ORDONEZ, 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 own-

Legal Notices

The Milan Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. Rescue Squad is accepting bids for a new ambulance. Please contact asar-daro48@milanvfd.org for bid specifications

Legal Notices

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Pleasant Valley invites sealed bids for General Construction of the Town of Pleasant Valley “HELEN ALDRICH PARK – NEW RESTROOM/CONCESSION” as set as set forth in Bidding Documents prepared by CPL, 26 IBM Road, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Separate sealed Bids completed on forms provided with the Bid Documents will be received by the Town Clerk, Town of Pleasant Valley, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569 until 12:00 Noon (local time) on December 29, 2021, at which time they will be opened and recorded. Each bid shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “HELEN ALDRICH PARK – NEW RESTROOM/CONCESSION – GENERAL CONSTRUCTION” and improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the Town of LaGrange, County of Dutchess and State of New York (Section 6260, Block 04, Lot 772218), said premises known as 24 Cochran Hill Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. There is due and owing to the plaintiff, the principle sum of \$128,232.37. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt described above. KOSTERICH & SKEETE, L.L.C., 707 Westchester Avenue, Suite 302, White Plains, NY 10604.

Legal Notices

ers of the title to the stated real property in fee simple absolute, and to forever bar the Defendants, their heirs, successors and/or assigns or any persons claiming any interest in the stated real property by, through or under such Defendants to the stated real property more fully described in the complaint of this action, and that full possession of the stated real property be exclusively granted to the Plaintiff, and for such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper. Any such heirs or other interested parties are required to file responsive pleadings on or before 1/21/2022. Upon your failure to appear, judgment will be taken against you by default and bar any right, title or interest you may have or had in and to a portion of the property described in the complaint.
McCABE & MACK LLP
Attn: DANIEL C. STAFFORD
Attorneys for Plaintiffs
63 Washington Street
P.O. Box 509
Poughkeepsie, NY 12602-0509
Tel: (845) 486-6800

**STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
Index
No. 2020-50267**
BAYVIEW LOAN SERV-
ING, LLC,
Plaintiff,
v.
ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVISEES, DISTRIBUT-
TEES OR SUCCESSORS
IN INTEREST OF THE
LATE THOMAS PETTIT
A/K/A THOMAS JOHN
PETTIT, IF LIVING, AND
IF ANY BE DEAD, ANY
AND ALL PERSONS WHO
ARE SPOUSES, WIDOWS,
GRANTEES, MORT-
GAGEES, LIENORS,
HEIRS, DEVISEES, DIS-
TRIBUTEES, EXECU-
TORS, ADMINISTRATORS
OR SUCCESSORS IN
INTEREST OF SUCH OF

**STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
Index
No. 2020-50267**
BAYVIEW LOAN SERV-
ING, LLC,
Plaintiff,
v.
ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVISEES, DISTRIBUT-
TEES OR SUCCESSORS
IN INTEREST OF THE
LATE THOMAS PETTIT
A/K/A THOMAS JOHN
PETTIT, IF LIVING, AND
IF ANY BE DEAD, ANY
AND ALL PERSONS WHO
ARE SPOUSES, WIDOWS,
GRANTEES, MORT-
GAGEES, LIENORS,
HEIRS, DEVISEES, DIS-
TRIBUTEES, EXECU-
TORS, ADMINISTRATORS
OR SUCCESSORS IN
INTEREST OF SUCH OF

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

Legal Notices

TION”
Bids shall be received for the following Contracts:
Title
HELEN ALDRICH PARK – NEW RESTROOM/CONCESSION (General Construction)
The Bid Documents, including Addendums 1, 2, & 3, may be obtained from the office of the Town Clerk, Town of Pleasant Valley, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569 which have been available since November 4, 2021. Pursuant to the provisions of GML 102, persons requesting a CD containing the bid documents may obtain them at no charge. Persons desiring a paper copy of the bid documents may choose to complete this on their own or can contact the Town Engineer for an estimate to obtain a copy at an additional cost. Contract Documents obtained from any other source are for information only and the Bidder is advised that

Legal Notices

THEM AS MAY BE DEAD, AND THEIR SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTUTEES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, FIRST HORIZON HOME LOAN CORPORATION, JODI WHITE, DANTE SCHIAVO, KYLE PETTIT, CHRIS ERAMO, Defendants.
To the above named Defendants:
You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within thirty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.
NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME
If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING

Legal Notices

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

Legal Notices

THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.
This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of Honorable Maria G. Rosa, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed the 19th day of November, 2021 at Poughkeepsie, New York.
The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:
Tax I.D. No. 6156-02-600977
ALL that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Town of Wappinger, County of Dutchess and State of New York, bounded and described as follows:
BEGINNING at a point in the middle of the Old Post Road, now Osborne Hill Road, and distant South 20 degrees 50 minutes West 128.23 feet and South 15 degrees 50 minutes West 147.60 feet from a new division line through lands of H. Osten forming the southeast corner of Secor and
RUNNING THENCE along the middle of said Old Post Road South 15 degrees 50 minutes West 100.00 feet; THENCE leaving said Old Post Road and through lands of said H. Osten North 63 degrees 38 minutes West 623.22 feet to a point in the line of formerly Grosvenor, now Windheim; THENCE along said line North 66 degrees 38 minutes East 128.85 feet; THENCE through lands of said H. Osten South 63 degrees 38 minutes East 521.66 feet to the point of BEGINNING.
Subject to easements, covenants, and restriction of record.
These premises are also known as 38 Osborne Hill Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590.
Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP
Attorneys for Plaintiff
500 Bausch & Lomb Place
Rochester, NY 14604

Legal Notices

with the Town of Pleasant Valley in accordance with the specifications and under the terms of the Contract Documents. The work shall be substantially completed within 270 calendar days of the date of the Notice to Proceed.
OWNER'S RIGHTS RESERVED: The Town of Pleasant Valley reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive any formality or technicality in any Bid in the interest of the Town of Pleasant Valley.
STATEMENT OF NON-COLLUSION: Bidders are required to execute the non-collusion bidding certificate attached thereto pursuant to Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York. Bidders are required to comply with the provision of Section 291-299 of the Executive Law of the State of New York. Bidders are required to comply with Section 139-k Disclosure of

Legal Notices

**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.

SUPREME COURT OF

Legal Notices

contacts and responsibility of offerors, paragraph 2. The bidder shall “...disclose findings of non-responsibility made within the previous four years by any governmental entity where such prior finding of non-responsibility was due to: (a) a violation of section one hundred thirty-nine-j of this article, or (b) the intentional provision of false or incomplete information to a governmental entity.”
The Town of Pleasant Valley hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in regard to any agreement entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration of an award.
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

Legal Notices

THE STATE OF NEW YORK – COUNTY OF DUTCHESS
INDEX# 2019-5472 FILED: 11/20/2019
SUMMONS
DUTCHESS County designated as the place of trial on the basis of situs of realty. WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF UPLAND MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST A, Plaintiff, against KATHI OLIVIERI, AS EXECUTOR AND TRUSTEE OF THE ESTATE OF AUDREY J. PULST A/K/A AUDREY JEAN PULST A/K/A AUDREY PULST; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; KMT GROUP LLC, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA) NA; HARVEST CREDIT MANAGEMENT VII LLC; FIA CARD SERVICES, NA; LVNV FUNDING, LLC; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE-TAX COMPLIANCE DIVISION – C.O. – ATC; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY; “JOHN DOE NUMBERS 1-10” The names of these defendants being fictitious and unknown to the Plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, person or corporations, if any having or claiming an interest in, possession of, or lien upon the premises described in the Complaint, Defendants. TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in a manner other than by personal delivery within the State. In the event the United States of America is made a party defendant; the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until sixty (60) days after service of the Summons. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Supreme Court of the State of New York and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the County of DUTCHESS on 11/20/2019. This is an action to foreclose on a mortgage. ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land together with the buildings

Legal Notices

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

LEGAL NOTICE
The following entitled bond resolution has been adopted on December 2, 2021, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Dutchess, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.
Dated:
Poughkeepsie,
New York,
December 14, 2021
Leigh Wager
Clerk, County
Legislature
RESOLUTION
NO. 2021189
BOND
RESOLUTION DATED
DECEMBER 2, 2021.
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,515,505 SERIAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION OF PARCELS OF LAND, OR RIGHTS OR INTERESTS IN SUCH LAND, FOR PASSIVE PARK PURPOSES AND THE PRESERVATION OF OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY
WHEREAS, continuing development within the County of Dutchess, New York (the “County”) has demonstrated a compelling need to continue to acquire, preserve, protect and maintain passive park land and existing open space and farmland to enhance the general quality of life and the environment of the County, including protection of drinking water sources, the quality of rivers and streams, wild life habitat and natural areas, and thereby benefit the residents and taxpayers of the County; and
WHEREAS, General Municipal Law Section 247 recognizes the value of open space areas and the need to preserve such land in such state and, specifically empowers municipalities with the authority to acquire real property or interests therein to preserve land as open space; and
WHEREAS, if existing open space areas are to be preserved, protected and maintained, the County must develop the capacity to purchase land, easements or other real property interests quickly and efficiently as the need arises and opportunities are iden-

Dated:
Poughkeepsie,
New York,
December 14, 2021
Leigh Wager
Clerk, County
Legislature
RESOLUTION
NO. 2021189
BOND
RESOLUTION DATED
DECEMBER 2, 2021.
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,515,505 SERIAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION OF PARCELS OF LAND, OR RIGHTS OR INTERESTS IN SUCH LAND, FOR PASSIVE PARK PURPOSES AND THE PRESERVATION OF OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY
WHEREAS, continuing development within the County of Dutchess, New York (the “County”) has demonstrated a compelling need to continue to acquire, preserve, protect and maintain passive park land and existing open space and farmland to enhance the general quality of life and the environment of the County, including protection of drinking water sources, the quality of rivers and streams, wild life habitat and natural areas, and thereby benefit the residents and taxpayers of the County; and
WHEREAS, General Municipal Law Section 247 recognizes the value of open space areas and the need to preserve such land in such state and, specifically empowers municipalities with the authority to acquire real property or interests therein to preserve land as open space; and
WHEREAS, if existing open space areas are to be preserved, protected and maintained, the County must develop the capacity to purchase land, easements or other real property interests quickly and efficiently as the need arises and opportunities are iden-

Legals continued on next page

Legal Notices

Legals continued from previous page

tified; and WHEREAS, this County Legislature recognizes the value of passive park land, open spaces and farmlands, and wishes to provide for the acquisition of real property and interests in real property therefor, and hereby finds and determines it to be in the public interest and a proper public purpose of the County to do so in accordance with the provisions of Section 247 of the General Municipal Law; and WHEREAS, the capital project hereinafter described, as proposed, has been determined to be a Type II Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, which regulations state that Type II Actions will not have a significant effect on the environment; and WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for the financing of the acquisition of such real property and interests therein for said purpose; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess, New York, as follows: Section 1. The acquisition of parcels of land, or rights or interests in such land, for passive park purposes and the preservation of open space and farmland, throughout, and in and for the County of Dutchess, New York, to implement the State authorized programs and policies provided in Section 247 of the General Municipal Law, as such acquisitions may be authorized from time to time by the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess, New York, after due notice and a public hearing as provided thereunder, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, is hereby authorized in and for said County of Dutchess at a maximum estimated cost of \$1,515,505. Section 2. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid class of objects

Legal Notices

or purposes is \$1,515,505, and that the plan for the financing thereof shall be by the issuance of \$1,515,505 serial bonds of said County hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law. Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is thirty years, pursuant to subdivision 21(a) of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the bonds herein authorized will exceed five years. Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Commissioner of Finance, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law. Section 5. The faith and credit of said County of Dutchess, New York, are hereby irrevocable pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. To the extent not paid from other sources, there shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said County, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable. Section 6. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the County of Dutchess, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the Commissioner of Finance and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted or impressed thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the County Clerk. Section 7. The powers and

Legal Notices

duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as she shall deem best for the interests of the County; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, she shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the Commissioner of Finance shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money. Section 8. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the County by the facsimile signature of the Commissioner of Finance, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the County), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the Commissioner of Finance. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the County not to impose and collect from registered owners of such serial bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in section 52.00 of the

Legal Notices

Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Commissioner of Finance shall determine. Section 9. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.1502. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a longterm basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein. Section 10. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if: 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said County is not authorized to expend money, or 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. Section 11. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in full in The Poughkeepsie Journal and The Southern Dutchess News, the official newspapers of said County, together with a notice of the Clerk of the County Legislature in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law. CA-121-21 HS/LDF/kvh G-0145-B 10/06/21

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

Legal Notices

Wappinger shall adopt a proposed Local Law entitled "A Local Law Amending the Town's Zoning Map for the Purpose of Rezoning a Property to the R-20 District" which will rezone the property at 26 Myers Corners Road from Conservation Commercial District to R-20. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Town Board is Lead Agency for this action and has determined that the enactment of the aforementioned Local Law is an unlisted action pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Part 617 NYCRR (commonly known as "SEQRA") and the Town Board reserves its obligation to make a Determination of Significance until after the conclusion of the Public Hearing. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the proposed Local Law are available for review and inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, New York. Dated: December 15, 2021 BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER JOSEPH P. PAOLONI, TOWN CLERK

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF WAPPINGER

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

Legal Notices

this action and has determined that the enactment of the aforementioned Local Law is a Type I action pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Part 617 NYCRR (commonly known as "SEQRA") and the Town Board reserves its obligation to make a Determination of Significance until after the conclusion of the Public Hearing. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the proposed Local Law are available for review and inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, New York. Dated: December 15, 2021 BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER JOSEPH P. PAOLONI, TOWN CLERK

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF FISHKILL

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Town Board of the Town of Fishkill, County of Dutchess, State of New York, at a regular meeting thereof, held on December 15, 2021, duly adopted, subject to a permissive referendum, a resolution, and abstract of which is as follows: **RESOLUTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW REGARDING OPTING OUT OF ALLOWING ON-SITE CANNABIS CONSUMPTION ESTABLISHMENTS** The local law, adopted by such resolution of the Town Board, shall become effective 45 days from December 15, 2021 unless a petition is filed with the Town Clerk within 45 days of December 15, 2021 protesting against such law and such petition is signed and authenticated as required by NYS Municipal Home Rule Law § 24 by qualified electors of such local government, registered to vote therein at the last preceding general election, in number equal to at least ten per centum (10%) of the total number of votes cast for governor at the last gubernatorial election in the Town of Fishkill. In the event that such petition is so filed and determined by the Town Clerk to be in compliance with the law, the local law adopted by Town Board resolution on December 15, 2021 shall not be effective unless and until approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the local government voting on a proposition for its approval. Dated: December 16, 2021 Becki Tompkins Town Clerk

Legal Notices

with the law, the local law adopted by Town Board resolution on December 15, 2021 shall not be effective unless and until approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the local government voting on a proposition for its approval. Dated: December 16, 2021 Becki Tompkins Town Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF FISHKILL NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Town Board of the Town of Fishkill, County of Dutchess, State of New York, at a regular meeting thereof, held on December 15, 2021, duly adopted, subject to a permissive referendum, a resolution, and abstract of which is as follows: **RESOLUTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW REGARDING INCREASING SALARY OF TOWN CLERK FOR 2022 FISCAL YEAR** The local law, adopted by such resolution of the Town Board, shall become effective 45 days from December 15, 2021 unless a petition is filed with the Town Clerk within 45 days of December 15, 2021 protesting against such law and such petition is signed and authenticated as required by NYS Municipal Home Rule Law § 24 by qualified electors of such local government, registered to vote therein at the last preceding general election, in number equal to at least ten per centum (10%) of the total number of votes cast for governor at the last gubernatorial election in the Town of Fishkill. In the event that such petition is so filed and determined by the Town Clerk to be in compliance with the law, the local law adopted by Town Board resolution on December 15, 2021 shall not be effective unless and until approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the local government voting on a proposition for its approval. Dated: December 16, 2021 Becki Tompkins Town Clerk

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

continued from page 18

average annual energy bill into 11 even monthly payments, with the 12th month's payment adjusted up or down to reflect actual usage and market prices," said Freni. "With Budget Billing, energy bills are more predictable, which may also help in managing household budgets." Payment assistance options are also available to qualifying customers like the Bill Discount program for income-qualified customers. The federally funded Home Energy Assistant Program (HEAP) grants are now available and the new Regular Arrears Supplement program that provides up to \$10,000 in utility arrears assistance to eligible households who are unable to pay their unpaid electric and/or gas utility arrears. Central Hudson's Clean Energy Marketplace allows customers to save up to 10 percent on their utility bill while also investing in local clean energy projects. Residents and businesses may subscribe by visiting <http://CleanEnergyMarket.cenhud.com> to purchase a portion of the electricity produced by the project of their choice. Other programs include Deferred

Payment Agreements that help customers catch up by paying a past-due account balance in monthly installments, the Extra Security Plan which offers an extended billing due-date for qualified customers on a fixed income and the Good Neighbor Fund which provides last resort grants for families who have exhausted all other means of assistance. Learn more about Central Hudson's assistance programs by visiting www.cenhud.com/account-resources/assistance-programs/. **Safety** Having heating systems professionally maintained now ensures they will operate safely and efficiently throughout the winter. In addition to checking fittings, burners and performing other adjustments, chimneys and exhaust flues should also be cleared of any obstructions, especially now that leaves are falling. "Blockages can prevent flue gases from venting properly, causing a build-up of deadly carbon monoxide gas in the home," Freni said. Freni also advised customers to be aware of natural gas odors, which are similar to that of sulfur as a result of an added odorant for easier detection, and to follow

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

Natural gas odors detected outdoors or in public places should also be reported. Customers can contact Central Hudson in a variety of ways, including logging on to <http://www.cenhud.com/customer-service/contact-us/> and selecting their preferred form of communication, or by clicking on the green "Chat" tab on the right hand side of the page. Visit www.CentralHudson.com for more information on winter safety, efficiency incentives, energy saving tips and billing options.



Find us on Facebook:
Southern Dutchess
News Group



- Southern Dutchess News
- Beacon Free Press
- Northern Dutchess News

Classified

Place your ad today! Call 297-3723

Deadline Thurs at 3 p.m • Publication Wednesday

Fax your ad today! 297-6810

Classified Rates

Classified Line Ads
20 words \$12.50; each additional word 20¢
Classified Display Ads
\$14.50 per column inch

If submitted by deadline,
ads appear in three newspapers:
**Northern Dutchess News,
Southern Dutchess News
& Beacon Free Press**

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

100 Help Wanted
105 Employment Opportunity
106 Business Opportunity
107 Situations Wanted
120 Schools
121 Special Instruction
122 Musical Instruction
140 Nursery Schools
141 Child Care
142 Day Care
143 Baby-sitting
145 Adult Care
150 Announcements
151 Adoption
152 Novenas
154 Lost & Found
155 Personal
200 Services

201 Home Improvement
202 Cleaning Services
203 Lawn Services
221 Professional Services
222 Tax Experts
223 Beauty Services
225 Business Services
226 Travel & Services
227 Bridal Services
295 Financial
296 Mortgages
300 Real Estate
301 Townhouses & Condos
302 Commercial Property
304 Mobile Homes
305 Lots & Acreage
400 Townhomes & Condos for rent

Classified Index

401 Apartments for Rent
402 Rooms for Rent
403 Furnished Rooms
404 Furnished Apartments
405 Wanted to Rent
406 Garages for Rent
407 Vacation Rentals
408 Houses for Rent
420 Commercial Rentals
500 Musical Merchandise
501 Kid Stuff
502 Clothing
503 Furniture
504 Appliances
505 Free Items
506 Computers
507 Sports Equipment
508 Exercise Equipment

509 Office Equipment
510 Firewood
511 Lawn & Garden Equip.
512 Winter Merchandise
516 Misc. Merchandise
700 Pets & Supplies
701 Free Pets
702 Lost & Found Pets
703 Pets for Adoption
710 Garage & Yard Sale
711 Tag Sale
712 Moving sale
713 Rummage Sale
714 Flea Market
715 Craft Corner
716 Barn Sale
717 Estate Sale
718 Auctions
719 Antiques

720 Vendors Wanted
721 Wanted to Buy
722 Bazaar
723 Consignments
724 Farmers Market
725 Collectibles
750 Events
800 Boats
801 Campers & Trailers
802 Motor Homes
803 Recreational Vehicles
900 Autos for Sale
901 Vans/SUV's
902 Trucks
903 Motorcycles
904 Auto Parts & Tires
905 Autos Wanted

Contact Us

Call:
845-297-3723

Fax:
845-297-6810

E-Mail:
sdnadvertising@aol.com

Monday-Friday
9 am-4 pm

100 Help Wanted

JOBS!! JOBS!! JOBS!!

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

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

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

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

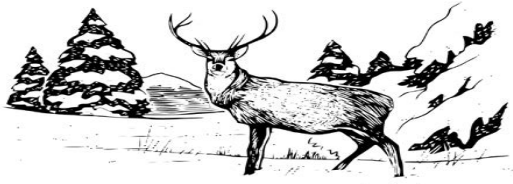
Full or Part-time Property Caretaker/Handyman for Private Residence in Millbrook, NY

The caretaker's duties will include, but are not limited to,
overall upkeep and maintenance inside and outside of the
home, including the grounds, residence, pool, and play
equipment. The caretaker will communicate with vendors
from time to time to obtain bids or estimates for any neces-
sary large-scale projects, and will assist in set-up and break-
down, as needed, for special events. Other property-related
responsibilities may be assigned on an as-needed basis.
The ideal candidate will be organized and punctual, possess
excellent verbal and written communication skills, and be
comfortable with text messaging and emails. The successful
candidate must be handy, experienced with general knowl-
edge of plumbing, electricity and carpentry, and be able to
work both independently and as part of a team. Flexibility is
expected with regard to scheduling/hours as needed, and a
valid driver's license and reliable vehicle is required. Please
send your resume, along with contact information for three
references to dawnellen.roberts@gmail.com
Please note that hiring will be contingent upon a successful
background check.

111 Career Training

TRAIN AT HOME TO DO MEDICAL
BILLING! Become a Medical Office
Professional online at CTI ! Get Trained,
Certified & ready to work in months! Call
855-543-6440. The Mission, Program
information and Tuition is located at
CareerTechnical.edu/consumer-information.
(M-F 8am-6pm ET)

COMPUTER & IT TRAINING PROGRAM !
Train ONLINE to get the skills to become a
Computer & Help Desk PProfessional now!
Grants and Scholarships available for
certain programs for qualified applicants.
Call CTI for details! (844) 947-0192
(M-F 8am-6pm ET)



204 Health

VIAGRA & CIALIS! 60 pills for \$99.
100 pills for \$150. FREE shipping. Money
back guaranteed! 1-855-579-8907

516 Misc. Merchandise

BEST SATELLITE TV with 2 Year Price
Guarantee! \$59.99/mo with 190 channels
and 3 months free premium movie
channels! Free next day installation!
Call 888-508-5313



Announcements

DENTAL Insurance

from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company

Call to get your **FREE** Information Kit
1-855-225-1434
Dental50Plus.com/nypress

Product not available in all states. Includes the Participating (in GA: Designated) Providers and Preventive Benefits Rider. Acceptance guaranteed for one insurance policy/certificate of this type. Contact us for complete details about this insurance solicitation. This specific offer is not available in CO, NY; call 1-800-969-4781 or respond for similar offer. Certificate C250A (ID: C250E; PA: C250Q); Insurance Policy P150 (GA: P150GA; NY: P150NY; OK: P150OK; TN: P150TN). Rider kinds: B438, B439 (GA: B439B). 6208-0721

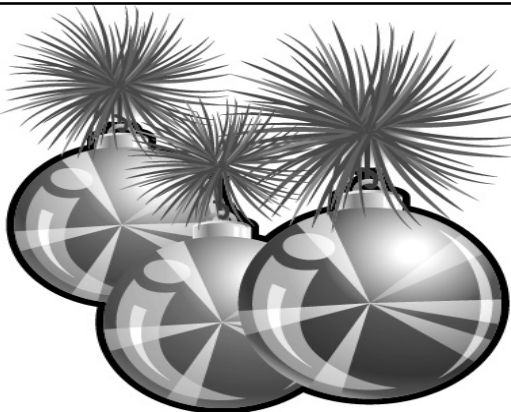
FULL TIME PRESS BINDERY ASSISTANCE

(Wappingers Falls NY)
for Newspaper Company.

Insert and Collating Newspapers.
Must be able to stand for long
hours
and light lifting.

Must be punctual and willing
to work.
Will train the right person.

Proof of Vaccine Required.
Call: 845-297-3723 Ext. 104



The Delightful Gift

- 4 Butcher's Cut Top Sirloins (5 oz.)
- 4 Filet Mignon Burgers (5.3 oz.)
- 4 Boneless Chicken Breasts (1 lb. pkg.)
- 4 Gourmet Jumbo Franks (3 oz.)
- 4 Individual Scalloped Potatoes (3.8 oz.)
- 4 Caramel Apple Tartlets (4 oz.)
- 1 jar Signature Seasoning (3.1 oz. jar)
- 8 **FREE** Filet Mignon Burgers (5.3 oz.)

65658PTN separately \$229.99*

SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY PRICE \$99.99

GET 8 FREE FILET MIGNON BURGERS

Order Now! **1.844.615.2744** ask for 65658PTN
OmahaSteaks.com/TheGift1246

*Savings shown over aggregated single item base price. Standard S&H applies. ©2021 Omaha Steaks, Inc. Exp. 12/31/21

Saving a Life EVERY 11 MINUTES

I'm never
alone

*Life Alert® is always
here for me.*

One touch of a button
sends help fast, 24/7.



Help at Home



Help On-the-Go

Life Alert®

Batteries Never Need Charging.

For a **FREE** brochure call:

1-800-404-9776

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



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

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

doubling its \$5,000 goal. The outpouring of donations for the Alzheimer’s Walk surrounded two of Tompkins’s team captains, both of whom have close family members affected by the disease the walks were created for. In a show of true strength, teams were able to rally tremendous support and community awareness locally.



Do you or a loved one need assistance to remain in your home?

CDChoices is your premier provider of CDPA, a NYS Medicaid Program for self-directed home care. Our passion is empowering seniors and people with disabilities to remain independent. The CDChoices difference is that we offer a unique, easy-to-use workforce recruitment portal to search for potential personal assistants who have the skills and experience you need. CDChoices offers your personal assistant higher pay rates and great benefits. To learn more, visit cdchoices.org.



Be in control of your care. Choose CDChoices.

CDChoices Headquarters
7 Washington Square | Albany, NY 12205

(518) 464-0810 | (518) 690-0690 (TTY/TTD)
www.cdchoices.org | info@cdchoices.org

Gift-giving starts with US!

Open a new personal checking account with us and we’ll deposit

\$200*

into your new account.



866.440.0391 / UlsterSavings.com

EQUAL HOUSING LENDER / MEMBER FDIC

Offer valid at our Dutchess County branches only:
4240 Albany Post Road / **Hyde Park**
39 Burnett Boulevard / **Poughkeepsie**
2680 South Road / **Poughkeepsie**
7296 South Broadway / **Red Hook**
1387 Route 9 / **Wappingers Falls**

*This offer is good for personal checking accounts opened through December 31, 2021. Recurring payroll, social security or pension direct deposit must be active within 90 days of opening your new checking account in order to receive \$200 bonus credit to your new USB checking account. You must be 18 years of age to open this account. Bonuses are considered interest and will be reported on IRS Form 1099-INT. Offer available with new checking account relationships only. Offer does not apply to accounts opened online. Other conditions may apply.