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Habitat Dutchess breaks ground for 2 new houses in City of Poughkeepsie



Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County held a groundbreaking ceremony for two new houses at South Grand Ave. and Fountainbrook Ave. in the City of Poughkeepsie on January 31.

-Courtesy photo

By Kristine Coulter

A groundbreaking ceremony for the start of construction on two new houses – which will become homes—took place in the City of Poughkeepsie on January 31. The ceremony, held by Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County, took place at South Grand Ave. & Fountainbrook Ave.

“All applicants are chosen based on income eligibility and need. Both applicants were qualified as they met the income guideline of 50-80% of area medium income. Both were living in sub-standard housing which could be either physical or cost related (more than 35% of their income),” explained Maureen Brennan Lashlee, who is the chief executive officer for Habitat Dutchess.

The families have been in the program for more than two years and have completed over 400 hours of sweat equity, it was noted by Brennan Lashlee.

“Both were in the program so much longer than typical due to COVID, but both held on and will be homeowners soon,” she explained.

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‘You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown’ at Beacon High School Feb. 9, 10

By Kristine Coulter

The Beacon Players Younger Company will perform “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown,” on February 9 at 7 p.m. and February 10 at 1 p.m. The performances will take place at Beacon High School, 101 Matteawan Road, in Beacon. Performances are by special arrangement with Concord Theatrics.

For tickets, visit beaconplayers.com.

Antony Scarrone is the director for The Beacon Players and The Beacon Players Younger Company.

“The Beacon Players have often involved elementary and middle school students in our productions. After our success, last spring, with our production of “Les Miserables,” we gave some thought to the young students that were in our show, and the program at the middle school. We discussed the fact that many of these kids would like to continue after their middle school production which usually ends around December. We decided to create a Younger Company for grades 5 through 8,” Scarrone explained.

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“You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown,” at Beacon High School on Feb. 9 - 10, will feature the Peanuts gang, including Snoopy.

-Courtesy photo

Howland Cultural Center collecting funds for Portico Restoration Project

By Kristine Coulter

Theresa Kraft is the president of the Howland Cultural Center (HCC0). She recently told the Southern Dutchess News that the Portico Restoration Project is more than half-way through receiving donations. The goal, said Kraft, is \$150,000.

On Saturday, February 24th, the 2024 Friends Campaign will launch an “Evening with Friends, Champagne, and Cupcakes!,” said Kraft. Then, in May, the HCC will celebrate its 45th anniversary with a Gala at the Roundhouse, 2 E. Main St., in Beacon, said Kraft.

“The Howland Cultural Center is a prominent cultural hub in our city that demands attention. Likewise, the portico that surrounds our front door is the most forward and visible part of our facade. Our Portico Restoration Project will restore and stabilize the portico and central bay of the Howland Cultural Center’s principal facade, the one that faces Main Street in Beacon. The structure encompasses the front porch and serves as the frame for the public entrance,” Kraft explained.

“The portico shelters the front doors, and as is where everyone enters and leaves, the building transits through the portico,” it was stated by Kraft.

Let’s start with the work on the ground floor—the first floor. What is planned for this level, according to Kraft, are “a bluestone porch block, four supporting columns, and four decorative columns.”

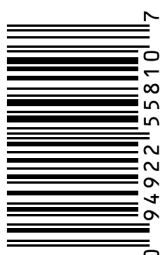
Next level – the second floor.

That level “includes a projecting bay that stretches the second-floor area, two full-length double-hung windows, a small balcony, and a deteriorating timber structure for support,” said Kraft.

There is a clapboard, two quarter-round windows, and the central gable supporting the projecting portion of the roof, said Kraft, that will need to be done on the third floor. “Decorative timbering and scrollwork are missing. Restoration involves reconstruction of the balcony’s missing balustrade and the missing decorative scrollwork and timber “hood” in the gable. Compromised structural timbers supporting the balcony will be restored.

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Habitat Dutchess breaks ground for 2 new houses in Poughkeepsie



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Maureen Brennan Lashlee, executive director of Habitat Dutchess, makes remarks during the groundbreaking ceremony on Jan. 31 in Poughkeepsie.

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“Our first family is a three-generation family and both grandmom and daughter work in the banking industry. The school-age son is a successful honor student in the Poughkeepsie Central School District,” said Brennan Lashlee. “Our second family is a young couple with two children, one is a newborn. The dad works in landscaping and the mom has significant physical limitations requiring Habitat to build its first ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) home, something we are very excited about. Aging in place is only possible if the home can meet the

needs of the senior.” Members of the Marshall family told Southern Dutchess News through an email from Habitat Dutchess: “The excitement is truly overwhelming seeing our foundation being dug out is just absolutely surreal and truly symbolic of digging ourselves out of the trenches and breaking the cycle of renting and living paycheck to paycheck and laying down a strong foundation for our little family as we will be physically laying our foundation.” As for what this home will mean, the Marshalls stated, “It means a sense of pride that will never fade. It’s unreal to know that with our hard work and dedica-

tion and the guidance of Habitat and their affiliations with multiple other organizations in the community; the wealth of knowledge and monetary wealth we’ve gained is something extraordinary and the educational experience has endless value. It’s so rewarding, and we are so ready to reap the benefits of all the hard work.” Regarding the process, it was remarked by the Marshalls, “This has been and will be the single most important thing we’ve ever been a part of aside from growing our family. In a world where everything is constantly changing, knowing that our home, our safe place, will always remain affordable and keep our family safe and sheltered is just a bonus to the family memories we can make on this new journey as first-time homeowners with Habitat for Humanity. The future of our family is so bright and has no limits, that’s to this amazing organization that has now become an extension of our family. We couldn’t be more grateful for the entire process that led us to this very day!” Whether time, talent or treasure, Brennan Lashlee said, “Dutchess County always rises to the occasion and once aging will show that we all believe everyone deserves a safe home to call their own. Our goal for these two homes is to raise \$100,000 from local donors, and I am confident we will.” In addition to these two homes, Habitat Dutchess plans to build or start seven more for a total of nine homes in 2024, according to Brennan Lashlee. Locations include the Town of Poughkeepsie, Town of Hyde Park School District, Town of

Amenia and the Town of Northeast,” Brennan Lashlee remarked. “We are very excited about the groundbreaking; this let us know this is really happening for our family,” said members of the Martin-Nelson family who remarked about the home ownership experience in an email. What does this new house mean to them? They replied, “Security, growth, strong foundation, fresh start, and to have something to pass on for generations to come.” Regarding the process, they stated in the email: “The process for us was very long, there were a lot of setbacks. However, we had to look at it in a positive way, that this was God’s plan and when it is the right time there is nothing going to stop us, and we are ready!” Brennan Lashlee said, “Habitat for Humanity is overjoyed to celebrate another groundbreaking for first-time home ownership. Each family qualified for an affordable mortgage and Habitat will subsidize the gap with a forgivable second mortgage.” Thanks were offered to partners at Ulster Savings, Bank and Dutchess County for their ongoing support. “This is you and your family’s journey, so every story is different. There’s going to be a lot of emotions, work and time that you are going to go through in this process, and it’s not going to be easy. However, with the Habitat family they will do their best to help you in every way to make it happen. Habitat wants us to succeed,” said the Martin-Nelson family.

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HCC collecting funds for portico

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Windows will be restored. The slate siding on the bay will undergo restoration by the team. Work involves the construction of a frost-proof foundation under the porch block, which does not have one,” she noted. Most of the Portico Restoration Project, remarked Kraft, “cost consists of construction materials and labor for carpentry and exterior trim, slate work on bay side-walls, gutters, and leaders, exterior painting, wood decking, and other related parts, plus part of architect supervision services. We envision a single prime contractor who may engage subcontractors for certain parts. There are other soft costs involved for architect oversight, alternate temporary access, signage, and general conditions. Because we already have substantial funds from our internal sources, generous public donations and grant award support from the city and potential grants from foundations and the state, we envision covering much of the initial

work and soft costs from these sources.” This Portico Restoration Project is seen by us as the first step in what will eventually be a larger, broad restoration and repair of the building’s entire exterior, Kraft remarked “This larger project estimated to exceed \$1 million. This portico project is ideal for a “first phase” for three reasons. First, it’s the work that has the most urgency. Second, it is the most visible part of the facade and its restoration will have the greatest impact on public appreciation, and thus, our fundraising,” she said. Kraft offered thanks to those who have donated to this project. “We are grateful for the generous contributions from our local community and for helping us move toward our goal of protecting and preserving the irreplaceable Richard Morris Hunt ‘Jewel of Beacon,’ and for championing the musicians, performers, artists, educators, and community members who make this a special place in Beacon,” said Kraft.



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'You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown' at Beacon High School Feb. 9, 10



"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" can be seen at Beacon High School, 101 Matteawan Rd., in Beacon on Feb. 9 and 10. Pictured is the cast during a recent rehearsal.

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The younger group works with the older students in the drama club in many different aspects of theater, explained Scarrone. "They actually started off by presenting "Thriller" at our coffeehouse fundraiser at Halloween," he stated.

According to Scarrone, "The biggest part of the project [was] that the students would have their own production and so we developed the group and decided to produce 'Charlie Brown.'"

He continued: "These young actors have worked extremely hard to perfect

their skills, they have worked on our art crew, our set crew, and now they are ready for [their] performance."

One of the members in the production is Hazel Balogh, who is a seventh-grade student.

"Last year I was encouraged to audition and got the role of young 'Cosette' for "Les Mis." The process was sometimes tiring but it was really exciting too! We had rehearsal many days every week and worked really hard for the production. This year they started a younger company that is not doing the high school production but has its own production for the middle school kids instead," Hazel stated in an email.



The cast of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."

-Courtesy photos

Hazel described working on the production as magical.

"The stage itself is so spacious and easy to dance on and I feel really comfortable there because I've done many productions on that stage with BPAC (Beacon Performing Arts Center) and Beacon Players," Hazel said.

Hazel said she "look[s] forward to opening night, although closing night will

probably be the most memorable because all the work we've put towards making the production amazing has finally come to a close. After every show I've been in is over, it's always bittersweet."

"This has been an extremely enjoyable process, and we hope that this will be our premier production leading the way to many more as well as more theater element involvement for these younger students," Scarrone said.

Wappingers Central School District receives \$2.5 million grant from NYS for mental health services

Governor Kathy Hochul has awarded New York schools \$100 million to address pandemic learning loss and provide students with mental health support, via New York State Recover from COVID School Program Grants (RECOVS).

Wappingers Central School District

received a \$2.5 million Mental Health RECOVS Grant, which expands and supports practices that promote mental health and wellness and improves the ability of staff and students to identify mental health concerns and increase help-seeking behaviors.

WCSD School Superintendent Dr. Dwight Bonk shared his appreciation for the support. "The health, welfare, and safety of our students and staff remains our top priority. In recent years, we have added staff and services to address mental health and foster a safe school environment: this includes additional social workers, psychologists, nurses, and local law enforcement. I am thankful to Governor Hochul and our local state delegation for supporting our efforts, and we will continue to seek competitive grants to secure more funding outside of the regular annual budget process. Clearly, all students deserve a safe and supportive environment where they can reach their highest academic, social, and emotional potential."

Hochul said. "This funding will help our teachers and school staff pinpoint where students have fallen behind and

provide students with the crucial mental health, especially after the pandemic." resources needed to support their

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Local volunteers thanked for participation in Operation Christmas Child

To the Editor:

Generosity throughout Wappingers Falls contributed to a successful shoebox gift collection season at drop-off locations for the Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child. Across the U.S., the project collected 10 million shoebox gifts in 2023. Combined with those collected from partnering countries in 2023, the ministry is now sending over 11.3 million shoebox gifts to children worldwide, including many who are suffering from war, poverty, disease and disaster.

Through shoeboxes—packed with fun toys, school supplies, and personal care items—Wappingers Falls area volunteers brought joy to children in need around the world. Each gift-filled shoebox is a tangible expression of God's love, and it is often the first gift these children have ever received. Through the continued generosity of donors since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 220 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories.

Across NY, shoebox packers often shop for deals on shoebox items throughout the year, and many serve at a deeper level by becoming a year-round volunteer. Information about ways area participants can get involved year-round can also be found at samaritanspurse.org/occ or by calling 518-437-0690.

Although local dropoff locations for shoebox gifts are closed until Nov. 18 – 25, 2024, anyone can still be a part of this life-changing project by conveniently packing a shoebox gift online in just a few simple clicks at samaritanspurse.org/buildonline.

These simple gifts, packed with love, send a message to children worldwide that they are loved and not forgotten.

Jasmin Sutton
Marketing/Media Relations Associate
Operation Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse

'Thank you' to school board members, librarians

To the Editor:

As an 18-year resident of Fishkill and a proud mom of two John Jay Patriots, I would like to express my gratitude to our community's school board members, librarians, and teachers.

Although no system is perfect, I appreciate their often-thankless work. I also respect their expertise when selecting curricular materials that reflect accurate scientific and historical facts/books that fuel empathy, creativity, critical thinking, and imagination.

Diversity of ideas is what makes our community great, and I am delighted to see that information about the human experience—including gender identity and different religious beliefs—is part of all levels of education.

I am confident that the Wappingers Central School District will continue to be proactive in ensuring that individual parental rights and religious liberties remain intact without infringing on the rights of others.

Karen Svoboda
Executive Director
Defense of Democracy

Russia's invasion of Ukraine was wrong, but funding deal does not close southern border

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to another letter titled: "Failing to support Ukraine now will make the world a much more dangerous and expensive place" in the Jan. 31st edition.

The letter writers want the United States to continue funding Ukraine in the war with Russia. They say that a "deal" has been reached in the Congress that would fund Ukraine and close the U.S. southern border to the migrant invasion. The U.S. House indicated that the so-called "deal" is dead on arrival. This is because the deal does not in fact close the U.S. border.

While I agree that Russia's invasion of Ukraine is wrong, I think that the American people have a right to demand that our government take immediate action to stop the invasion of America's homeland. In fact, it is the duty of the American president and the U.S. Congress to protect the American homeland before foreign borders are protected.

Helmut Gartner
East Fishkill

Wappinger board to protect open space

Wappinger Town Supervisor Joseph D. Cavaccini and the Wappinger Town Board have taken action to protect open space and initiatives that improve the quality of life for all residents by supporting a conservation easement to preserve Emerald Creek Farm in their efforts to operate a farm in the Diddell hamlet of our community.

The owners of Emerald Creek Farm have started the process to obtain a conservation easement that would directly preserve their property.

Town Supervisor Cavaccini noted that,

"Emerald Creek Farm has been identified as a significant location in our own Comprehensive Plan. To ensure that this open space is preserved, in perpetuity, is increasingly important as the second most densely populated town in the County. Our commitment to support efforts such as this, will ensure that our quality of life is preserved for generations to come."

Emerald Creek farm is a commercial equine operation which includes boarding, foaling, and training of horses as well as horse-riding instruction.

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Wappinger flags lowered to half-staff to honor of Fire Commissioner Macleod

The Town of Wappinger is saddened to learn of the unexpected passing of New Hackensack Fire District Commissioner Roderick Macleod. Town Supervisor Joseph D. Cavaccini directed flags at the Memorial Plaza in front of Wappinger Town Hall to be lowered to half-staff. Commissioner Macleod, served the Town of Wappinger community for 51 years, dedicating his life to protecting and saving others. It was stated.

"The epitome of an active firefighter, Roderick went above and beyond the call of duty when it came to keeping our neighbors safe. As a dedicated volunteer for over five decades, Commissioner Macleod, will not only be remembered for his remarkable bravery, but also his service to and commitment to the leadership of our fire service. In addition to serving on the Board of Fire Commissioners, Roderick was a top responder in 2023, making 303 emergency calls as well as serving as District legal counsel to many fire agencies throughout Dutchess County, guiding them forward through difficult challenges. On behalf of the nearly 30,000 people who call our Town of Wappinger home, thank you Rod for keeping us safe," said Wappinger Town Supervisor Joseph D. Cavaccini in a statement.

"As we mourn the loss of Roderick, let us also celebrate his extraordinary life and legacy. He leaves behind a legacy of courage, compassion, and sacrifice that will continue to inspire us all. His commitment to service, unwavering bravery, and dedication to duty will forever be remembered and cherished by all who had the privilege of knowing him," said New Hackensack Fire Company Chief of Department Raymond Valentin.

"It is with heavy hearts and profound sorrow that we share the heartbreaking news of the passing of one of our brave firefighters, Roderick MacLeod. He courageously served our community for 51 years, dedicating his life to protecting and saving others," a post stated on the Department's Facebook page.

Cavaccini, Senior Councilman William H. Beale, Councilwoman Angela Bettina, Councilman Christopher Phillips, Councilman Al Casella, Town Clerk Joseph P. Paoloni, Superintendent of Highways Michael J. Sheehan, Town Justice Heather Kitchen, Town Justice Nicholas Maselli, and all the officials and employees of the Town of Wappinger offered their sincere condolences to Commissioner Macleod's family, read the statement.



Black History in the Gilded Age: Educated women used words for profound change

By Bill Jeffway

This is a second article in a series inspired by HBO’s “The Gilded Age.” We recognize Black History month by looking at the themes and storyline of Black life portrayed in the two seasons of a program set in New York City between 1882 and 1883. We ask if there were real characters in our local history who were similar, or if some of the themes explored in the performance played out locally.

The leading Black character, Peggy Smith (played by Denee Benton) is a well-educated, skilled writer of fiction and political journalism who sought to create political and social change through her written words and persistent courageous actions.

One woman with local ties stands out in particular.

Susan Elizabeth Frazier (1864–1924) was similar in age to Smith and is buried in Rhinebeck cemetery adjacent to the section created for persons of color in a four-generation family plot.

Frazier established herself in an 1892 talk to the Brooklyn Literary Union that was published in the national newspaper of the leading Black church, the AME Zion Church. In a talk titled, “Some Afro-American Women of Mark,” Frazier set a pattern she would repeat by constantly speaking to the untapped capacity of both Blacks and women in society due to arbitrary role limitations.

In her talk, she profiled the many successful Black women who were under-represented in history and national consciousness such as the 18th century poet, Phyllis Wheatley and the sculptor Edmonia Lewis.

What we see in the fictional character of Smith and the real-life Frazier are Black women who early in their lives wanted to create change through the words that they penned and deployed in public. They courageously and persistently pushed aside barriers put in front of them due to their race or gender.

White Fifth Avenue & Black communities in Brooklyn

Frazier’s father, Lewis, like her grandfather and great-grandfather, was from the northern Dutchess County Town of Milan. He worked in New York City as a coachman for a wealthy, White Fifth Avenue family,

just as the fictional Peggy Smith worked for a wealthy, White Fifth Avenue household.

Susan Elizabeth Frazier was born and raised on West 17th Street, in an apartment building housing servants that was not far from the Fifth Avenue home where her father worked. There she attended “Colored School No. 4” on the same street within the same block between 6th and 7th Avenues. This was fortuitous.

At school, Frazier found a role model to emulate in the principal, Sarah J. S. Tompkins Garnet, who was one of the first African American women to serve in such a role in New York City. There is no doubt that the talented young Frazier would have absorbed both practical learning and profound values in her education. In 2022 New York City Landmarks granted Landmark Status to the school building which still stands.

Later in life, Frazier moved to the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn where, as mentioned earlier, she established her high profile through the Brooklyn Literary Union.

Black education: Separate or integrated?

Locally, education for Blacks in the first half of the 19th century did not go beyond elementary school and was limited to separate schools.

The issue of education for Blacks emerges in the HBO series in one episode through an effort to stop the closure of three Black elementary public schools in Brooklyn. The Black community recruited the involvement of White students and teachers to get broader support for the specific schools, two of which they saved.

Inviting White teachers and students into schools with Black students was one thing. But the reverse, the idea that a Black teacher would teach White students was not practiced in New York City for some time.

It was 1895, when Susan Elizabeth Frazier (who had graduated from what is today Hunter College, a “normal” school dedicated to training teachers) was offered a job as a teacher in an integrated school – until she arrived and it was realized she was a woman of color. The offer was retracted. This is reminiscent of the fictional scene where Peggy Smith was invited to have her writings pub-



Susan Elizabeth Frazier in a photo ca. 1890 and 1919. A recent campaign to erect a memorial at the Frazier family plot at Rhinebeck cemetery resulted in this headstone at what had been her unmarked grave with the words, “Her voice endures.”

-Courtesy of DCHS image collections

lished in “The Christian Advocate,” until she arrived in person and the unconditional offer was retracted.

Although Frazier lost in court, she eventually won in the court of public opinion which involved nation-wide interest and news coverage. She was granted the position she sought in 1896 at “School No. 58” on West 52nd Street between 8th and 9th Avenue, becoming the first teacher of color to teach White students in New York City.

As if her many years as a public-school teacher in New York City were not testimony enough to her success (she taught until she died in 1924), she won a New York Tribune newspaper contest in 1919 as the “city’s favorite teacher.” The prize was a trip to the battlefields of Europe, given the recent successful conclusion of World War I. This was particularly apt because Frazier founded and led the Women’s Auxiliary of the Black combat troops, the highly decorated “Harlem Hellfighters.” She was the first Black woman to receive full military honors at her funeral at the Harlem Armory, before burial in Rhinebeck.

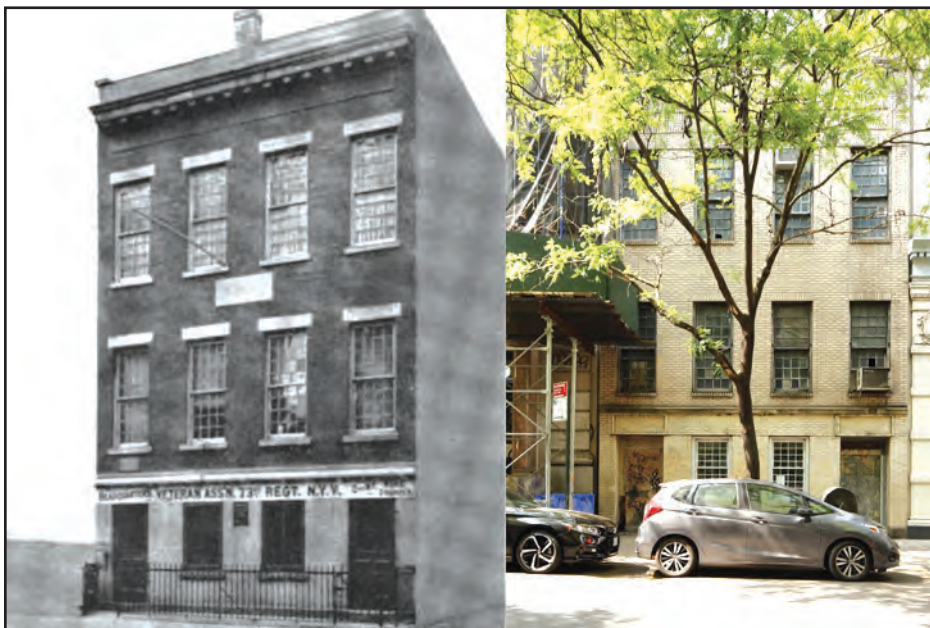
The HBO series does not (yet) go

beyond 1883, so we do not know what is in store in the later life of Peggy Smith. But the combination of being a skilled writer, and a courageous and persistent trailblazer, served the real-life Susan Elizabeth Frazier well in advancing the cause of both Blacks and women.

Let’s conclude with the words Frazier used to conclude her 1892 speech to the Brooklyn Literary Union, “We young women of the race have a great work to do. We have noble and brilliant examples of women who, under all trying circumstances, have labored earnestly for the elevation of their race, their sex. Let us strive with the advantages of a higher education to carry out the aim of our noble predecessors.”



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“Colored school No. 4” where Susan Elizabeth Frazier attended elementary school under the influential leadership of New York City’s first Black principal, Sarah J. S. Tompkins Garnet. The building was recently granted New York City Landmark Status.

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Local law enforcement, first responders attend Human Trafficking Awareness Forum

The Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Service (DCFS) hosted approximately 100 local law enforcement officials, first responders and service providers at the Human Trafficking Awareness Forum on Jan. 31, sharing insights into the dynamics of human trafficking, explaining how to recognize its signs, increasing the ability to respond effectively and discussing prevention strategies.

The event, held at Dutchess Community College's James & Betty Hall Theatre, was a platform to further collaboration among law enforcement, health-care professionals, social services and community organizations – all in an effort to combat the collective impact against human trafficking.

“While many may think of trafficking as a crime that only occurs in big cities, tragically it can take place in any community, including our own,” said County Executive Sue Serino, who welcomed attendees to today’s forum. “Dutchess County remains alert and takes proactive measures to promote awareness of the issue and safeguard victims of every age, including children – a crucial duty our county proudly embraces. Efforts like today’s forum raise awareness and can save lives. I thank everyone who attended today, and Dutchess County is eager to continue working with these partners.”

The Dutchess County Task Force Against Human Trafficking is a multi-disciplinary group of professionals, whose mission is to prevent human trafficking by working collaboratively to raise knowledge and awareness, identify potential victims and provide comprehensive trauma-informed services. Among its various

initiatives, the task force offers trafficking prevention education programs for young people and offers numerous resources for residents, including resource guides, hotline numbers, service directories and fact sheets differentiating trafficking myths from facts. While the task force directly assists young people up to age 21, cases involving potential victims older than 21 are referred to the Family Services’ Center for Victim Safety and Support, which accepts adult clients and is partially funded by the County.

Defined as the illegal trade of human beings through force, fraud or coercion for various exploitative purposes, human trafficking encompasses a range of crimes, including forced labor, sexual exploitation and involuntary servitude. According to the International Labour Organization, more than 40 million people worldwide are victims of human trafficking. In 2023, the Dutchess County Task Force Against Human Trafficking received 27 referrals of suspected trafficking locally, from probation officers, youth services providers and runaway and homeless youth shelter staff.

Not all referrals are indicative of a trafficking victim, but rather the youth engaging in risky behaviors that may lead to exploitation. Referrals of suspected trafficking may be based on a young person’s behaviors and what may be considered signs of exploitation, including having no access to their parents or guardians; living apart from other children and in substandard accommodations; being engaged in work that is not suitable for children; and seeming intimidated and behaving differently than other children their age.



Pictured are presenters and organizers during the recent Human Trafficking Forum. From left, Dutchess County Task Force Against Human Trafficking Coordinator David Garcia, Dutchess Community College President Dr. Peter Grant Jordan, County Executive Sue Serino, Department of Community and Family Services Commissioner Sabrina Jaar Marzouka, and Deputy Commissioner Tracy Connelly.

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Among the specific topics discussed today with attendees were:

how to identify and approach a suspected victim of human trafficking – both labor and sex trafficking;

actionable steps they can take to obtain local services for the victim; and

local prevention/education programs and services available to young people and how to access them.

Dutchess Community College Instructor of Criminal Justice Matthew Greenstein, a retired Connecticut State Police Detective and Academy Instructor, gave a presentation about the basics of human trafficking. Renán Salgado, Anti-Human Trafficking Director for the Kingston-based Worker Justice Center of New York, detailed the elements of labor trafficking. Attendees also heard a first-person account from a trafficking survivor, who answered their questions about his ordeal.

“Trafficking in every form is a violation of one’s human rights, and it must be

addressed and eliminated,” DCFS Commissioner Sabrina Jaar Marzouka said. “We thank those in our community who bravely defend the vulnerable from this mistreatment. The connections made at today’s forum will undoubtedly lead to a safer future for many in Dutchess County.”

Dutchess County is part of New York State’s Safe Harbour Program, which supports counties in developing their capacity to identify youth who have been trafficked, sexually exploited or are at risk of victimization, and to meet identified service needs of these youth.

Residents can report suspected cases of trafficking 24/7 to the County’s Human Trafficking Hotline at 845-452-7272. Additional information about Dutchess County’s efforts to prevent human trafficking, as well as a resource guide for services providers, law enforcement and attorneys to develop a collaborative, trauma-informed response to identifying and responding to cases of suspected human trafficking is available on DCFS’ webpage.

Hudson Valley Economic Development Corp. CEO Survey Breakfast set Feb. 13 at Wallace Center

Hudson Valley and New York State economic trends and forecasts – derived from the insights of more than 500 upstate business leaders – will be detailed at the Hudson Valley Economic Development Corp.’s second annual CEO Survey Breakfast, sponsored by UHY, on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center on the grounds of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, 114 Estates Lane, off Route 9 in Hyde Park. The CEO Survey event, which is free to attend, is the only Hudson Valley presentation of the 17th Annual Upstate New

York Business Leader Survey. The survey was conducted by the Siena College Research Institute (SCRI) in partnership with UHY, a prominent professional services firm, and the HVEDC. Research Institute Director Dr. Don Levy will provide analysis of the state of business in the Hudson Valley and across New York, and the vital issues influencing companies’ ability to compete in today’s economy. The program starts at 8 a.m. with registration and breakfast. Oates will then provide an introduction, followed by Dr. Levy’s presentation. A panel discussion follows.

Rolison to host Mobile Office services Feb. 15 in Beacon

State Senator Rob Rolison (39th District) announced on Feb. 2 that his District Office staff will provide Mobile Office services to City of Beacon residents on Thursday, February 15 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in the Veterans Memorial Building. Rolison hosted numerous Mobile Office events in 2023 for residents in various parts of the tri-county 39th Senate District.

Rolison said, “Our staff is here to help. Please remember to RSVP and bring all appropriate paperwork with you. Many thanks to our friends at the American Legion for hosting us. See you on February 15!”

The Veterans Memorial Building is located at 413 Main Street and limited off-street parking is available in the rear. Those wishing to receive assistance with veterans’ issues, utility billing, unemployment benefits, and more are encouraged to RSVP.

Please call 845-229-0106 or email rolison@nysenate.gov to reserve a spot.

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Hughsonville firefighters respond to car into building on Route 9



The Hughsonville Fire Department responded to a vehicle into a building at Tech Air, 1123 Route 9, at the intersection of Smithtown Road in the Town of Wappinger on Feb. 1. The accident is under investigation.

-Courtesy photos by Hughsonville Fire Department

Members of the Hughsonville Fire Department responded to a vehicle that crashed into a building at Tech Air, 1123 Route 9, at the intersection of Smithtown Road in the Town of Wappinger on Feb. 1 around 11:35 p.m.

The first units arrived on the scene within five minutes and found a four-door sedan that had impacted the corner of a commercial building and was partially inside the structure. The driver of the vehicle had self-extricated and appeared to have minor injuries, accord-

ing to a fire department official. The driver refused medical assessment by Town of Wappinger (Empress) EMS.

Due to damage to the electrical service, Central Hudson was called to the scene to secure the power to the building. A Town of Wappinger Building Inspector was also called to the scene to evaluate the structure, according to a press release from the HFD.

The accident remains under investigation by the New York State Police, the release stated.

DA Parisi applauds protection, recognition of all nonconsensual, forced sexual contact survivors

Governor Kathy Hochul signed legislation to modernize New York State rape statutes on January 30. The legislation expands and updates the definition of rape in the penal law to ensure that additional forms of nonconsensual, forced sexual conduct can be prosecuted as rape. Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi applauded the update to the antiquated law. Parisi said, "this week New York State took a huge leap forward in the protection and recognition of ALL survivors of nonconsensual, forced sexual contact."

The new legislation, which becomes effective September 1, is also being referred to as the "Rape is Rape Act." The law removes the penetration requirement as part of the definition from the rape statutes and expands the definition of rape to include not only vaginal sexual contact but oral and anal sexual contact as well. Meaning that under the new statute oral and anal sexual assaults can now be prosecuted as rape instead of sexual assault.

Parisi said "the modernization of our rape statutes was long overdue. Rape is one of the most heinous crimes and is the ultimate violation of a person's physical, emotional and mental being. This update in the law ensures that all forms of rape are treated as the deplorable and trauma-

tizing crimes that they are. This change will empower survivors, will support my office's continued efforts to hold perpetrators of this violence accountable and fight for justice for all survivors."

Angela Lopane, Chief of the Special Victims Unit, reiterated the importance of the new legislation to survivors and criminal prosecutions. Lopane explained that prior to the passage of the new law, New York defined penetration of the vagina or other bodily orifices with anything other than a penis as sexual abuse rather than rape. Chief Lopane noted the difficulty with the outdated law saying that "sexual abuse, in many people's minds, sounds like so much less than rape and that is difficult to explain to a survivor and a jury." The passage of the new legislation takes the necessary steps to finally remedy this difference in the law.

Lopane said, "to call these acts anything short of rape is an insult to anyone who suffers these traumatic events. Now, with this change, the plain language of the statute validates unwanted oral or anal sexual contact and calls it what it is, rape."

If you or anyone you know has experienced sexual violence, help is available through Family Services Rape Crisis hotline at 845-452-7272, available 24 hours a day or call 911.

Super Bowl weekend STOP-DWI crack down Feb. 9 - 11

Various law-enforcement agencies throughout Dutchess County will participate in a special enforcement effort to crack down on impaired driving during Super Bowl weekend, beginning Feb. 9 and concluding Feb. 11.

Municipal law enforcement agencies will join agencies across the state and will be out in force in this coordinated effort to aggressively target those who put lives in danger.

County Executive Sue Serino said, "Our roads must be safe for all Dutchess County residents, and we thank our dedicated men and women of law enforcement for working every day to get impaired drivers off the street. No matter who you root for in the Super Bowl, we all win when you designate a driver."

Research shows high-visibility commu-

nity engagement campaigns can reduce impaired driving fatalities by as much as 20 percent. Sobriety checkpoints play a key part in raising awareness about the problem. The Super Bowl crackdown is one of many statewide high visibility community engagement campaigns promoted by the New York State STOP-DWI Association. In addition to this crackdown, statewide STOP-DWI engagement campaigns also target Memorial Day Weekend, July 4th, Labor Day Weekend, Halloween, Thanksgiving and the holiday season in December.

Drivers can help to make a difference by having a sober plan. Motorists can download the mobile app, "Have a Plan," and be able to find a safe ride home at www.stopdwi.org/mobileapp.

Support Connection announces dates for February meetings

Support Connection, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization that provides free, confidential support services and programs for people affected by breast, ovarian, or other gynecological cancers. They offer monthly support groups which focus on topics pertaining to living with breast, ovarian, and all gynecological cancers through all stages of diagnosis, treatment, and post-treatment.

Support Groups are offered on virtual platforms (Zoom or toll-free teleconference), making them accessible to women from the comfort of their homes, regardless of where they live. The organization does have a nationwide reach. All groups are open to new members as well as past participants. Advance registration is required: call 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290 to register.

To view all of support groups in a com-

prehensive calendar: <https://supportconnection.org/calendar/>

Please also note: Support Connection's Peer Counselors are available for unlimited, one-on-one individual counseling and assistance via phone and email: call 800-532-4290 or submit an online request at supportconnection.org/contact-a-counselor

The following virtual support groups are scheduled:

Breast, Ovarian, & Gynecological Cancer Zoom Support Groups:

- February 7 at 7 p.m.
- February 13 at 10 a.m.
- February 21 at 7 p.m.
- February 28 at 7 p.m. (hybrid)
- Ovarian Cancer Toll-Free Telephone Support Group:

- February 14 at 7 p.m.
- Breast Cancer Zoom Support Group: February 12 at 7 p.m. (hybrid).

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New name, fresh vision: Top law firm rebrands as Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele, LLP

One of the most prominent law firms in the Hudson Valley announced that, effective January 1, it has begun operating under a new name: Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele, LLP.

Formerly Stenger, Diamond & Glass, LLP, this move reflects current leadership, new hires, and a diverse, well-rounded team. The firm has more than four decades of history serving the needs of the Hudson Valley community.

"This is the strongest group of partners we've had in my 40 years of being with the firm," stated Kenneth M. Stenger, partner at Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele. "We've added young, vibrant and talented attorneys with strong expertise across all practice areas of law and the ability to provide legal solutions and meet our client's needs, whatever they may be."

Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele has recognized the contributions of: Karen E. Hagstrom, from its litigation team; Ian C. Lindars, who specializes in personal injury, municipal, real estate, commercial litigation, and landlord-tenant law; and A.J. Iuele, from its family law and criminal law teams. All three have been named partners within the firm. Adding to its deep bench, it also brought on Kyle A. Steller, as of counsel, at the end of 2023, to help its clients with wills,

trusts, estates, elder law, long-term care and Medicaid planning.

Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele is currently one of the largest general practice firms in the region, with a roster of 10 attorneys who provide comprehensive representation to individuals, businesses, municipalities, and institutions. Practice areas include commercial litigation, land use and development, tax grievances, elder law, wills, trusts and estates, commercial and residential real estate, business law, hospitality and liquor licensing, matrimonial and family law, personal injury, criminal law, and more.

"The range of work that Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele does throughout the Hudson Valley is truly remarkable, as is the firm's commitment to giving back to the local community," said Frank Castella Jr., president and CEO of the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce. "They keep our region humming along. I never hesitate to recommend them for any legal issue and look forward to watching this respected business expand."

"We are excited about the future of our firm," added Stenger. "We will continue to grow our team of attorneys and support staff to meet the demands and needs of the individuals, municipalities, institutions and business we support and to build a culture we can be proud of."



The team of partners at Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele, LLP include, from left, Jessica J. Glass, A.J. Iuele, Kenneth M. Stenger, Ian C. Lindars and Karen E. Hagstrom.

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SPORTS REPORT

Renegades accepting applications to refurbish youth baseball fields

By Rich Thomaselli

If you want a youth baseball field refurbished, now is the time to ask.

The Hudson Valley Renegades, the High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees, said that applications for the Youth Field Betterment Program are now open. Applications will be accepted by the Renegades through March 8, with the recipient being announced during the week of March 25.

Last year, members of the Renegades and members of its main sponsor, Heritage Financial Credit Union, refurbished a field at Spratt Park in the city of Poughkeepsie.

"The Youth Field Betterment Program was one of our most popular new initiatives in 2023 as part of our community partnership with Heritage Financial Credit Union," said Marcella

Costello, Senior Director of Marketing and Fan Experience for the Renegades. "We are really excited to bring the program back this year and continue to make an impact in our community."

The program sees the Renegades and Heritage Financial Credit Union award one little league organization with a refurbishment of a field used within their community for youth baseball.

The Youth Field Betterment Program was created to help local organizations positively impact their local community by creating a safe place for their youth to further develop themselves and their baseball skills. The program's goal is to aid local youth organizations that provide players of all abilities with an environment that combines inclusiveness with fair play.

John Jay cheerleading team wins national, community honors

The John Jay High School cheerleading team recently placed fifth in Nationals, but perhaps even more impressive was winning the equivalent of a community service award known as the "Go Be Great Award," honoring their charitable work, including fundraising for those with debilitating illnesses.

The Patriots were surpassed by no other squad in the country.

The award was presented by the National Cheerleaders Association.

John Jay is coached by Alice Granger. It was the second consecutive year that the Patriots finished 5th nationally in the event. John Jay finished less than five points behind the champion.

Cheerleading is a varsity sport in New York at the high school level, but only since 2022.

RCK girls breeze past Tappan Zee

By Rich Thomaselli

The Roy C. Ketcham High School girl's basketball team appears headed to another Section 1 championship berth.

RCK blew out what was supposed to be another vaunted non-league foe when it breezed past Tappan Zee, 67-40.

The Storm, Ketcham's new nickname to replace the Indians, stormed to a 17-2 lead and TZ never came closer than 10 points.

How impressive was the victory? The Dutchman were state finalist two years ago and reached the sectional semifinals last year.

Nia Rencher had 19 points and 16 rebounds for Ketcham, which is state-ranked and won for the 14th time in 15 games this season. Ally Kaminski added 15 points and nine rebounds. Jenny Nardelli also had 15 points, all on three-point shots.

Earth science topic of Beacon Sloop Club discussion on Feb. 15

The Beacon Sloop Club's 2024 Lecture Series Presents, "How Earth Scientists Learn About Climate Change" with Kirsten Menking, Ph.D., on February 15 at 7 p.m. Menking will be discussing the use of sediment cores from Lakes Minnewaska and Mohonk to reconstruct the climate history of the Shawangunk Ridge.

Menking and her students at Vassar College took sediment cores from the bottom of Lakes Minnewaska and Mohonk and analyzed them to reconstruct the climate history of the Shawangunk Ridge over the past 15,000 or so years. Using pollen, plant fossils, charcoal content and

other indicators, they determined what the landscape must have looked like at the time of the mastodons and also uncovered a nearly two millennia drought that occurred several thousand years ago.

The Beacon Sloop Club is at 2 Red Flynn Dr. in Beacon.

For more information, www.beacon-sloopclub.org, 845-463-4660 or 914-879-1082.

Kristen Menking is a Professor of Earth Science and Director of Environmental Studies on the Althea Ward Clark Chair at Vassar College. Menking will conduct a free lecture on climate change in Beacon on February 15.

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Winners Circle racing team program involves students at RCK, John Jay



By Jim Donick

In an innovative effort, groups of students at Roy C. Ketcham High School, John Jay High School, both in the Wappingers Central School District, and Franklin D. Roosevelt High School (FDR) in Hyde Park, Hyde Park Central School District, are working with their hands and learning the satisfaction of building something truly exciting. They are building a racing style sports car from the ground up.

Beyond the building of the car, there are also teams of students learning that successful racing teams need more than simply a car. There is marketing of the team, communications programs, and all sorts of other pieces to field a racing team in the 21st century.

The program that facilitates this endeavor is called "Winners Circle." It's now a four-year-old project to bring this program to high schools. It's currently only in New York State, but continues to grow.

President and CEO of the Winners Circle Foundation, Pius Kayiira, himself an FDR High graduate, takes special pride in having the project at his alma mater. He notes that there are currently five high schools in the state taking part, the three in Dutchess plus Waverly and Owego on the Southern Tier. For next year, Kayiira expects a sixth school, also in Dutchess, when the program is introduced in Dover.

The Winners Circle Project (WCP) describes itself as "a nonprofit organization designed to inspire high-school students through STEAM programs embedded in the exciting world of car racing. Through our work science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) come alive for our students through, on, and beyond the race track!"

Kayiira said, "Our Mission is to inspire the next generation of innovators through project-based learning embedded into the world of racing. WCP students work collaboratively throughout the academic year building a cobra roadster, marketing the vehicle through visual communication and public relations. The culmination of the project comes together in a capstone event where the best overall team will be crowned at the Victory Lap championship in May."

The build program is based around a Factory Five Mk 4 Cobra Replica Kit. The manufacturer, Factory Five, provides a complete package, as well as technical assistance as needed, to assemble the kit into a finished car. Similar cars are eligible for NASA's Factory Five Challenge Series. The latter is a nationwide road racing series for amateur drivers.

The students don't expect to ever race the car. So, to give them some of the experience and the pleasure of driving it, the program includes a very high tech racing simulator, so the students can "race" with none of the physical or economic downsides to making a mistake. The program has now expanded to a virtual racing series for the students, making use of the simulator.

The Winners Circle Project at each school is made up of three teams – a build team, a marketing team and a communications team. Each team learns and practices the skills needed for that particular expertise, and they also learn the importance of integrating each skill set with the others into creating a successful team.

In addition to these race-related skills, they are also exposed to presentations and discussions on the broader skill sets necessary to a successful life and career. These include goal-setting, personal communications and working on a team.

The Winners Circle Foundation has also developed a partnership with Alfred University's race team program. When the student vehicle is completed, it is taken up to Alfred where members of the Mechanical Engineering Department check all of the construction and evaluate the finished car.

Local Dutchess County Motor Racing Celebrity and reigning TransAm series Champion, Chris Dyson, is a great enthusiast for the Winners Circle Program and has lent his expertise as well as providing inspiration for the students as they progress. He and a couple of other racing drivers will test the cars upon completion and give the students feedback on handling, braking and all the myriad elements that come together in vehicle dynamics to make a successful racing sports car.

Why do it? One might ask Bob Beckmann of Matt's Auto Body in Salt Point, who is also a crew coach at FDR.

With the engine installation nearly complete, activity around the "Winners Circle" project at Franklin D. Roosevelt High School has the entire team working on different details from front to rear in anticipation of firing the engine up and seeing the project's chassis move under its own power for the first time.

-Courtesy photos

He finds the program to be of enormous value.

"Cars are a part of our culture," he said. "Understanding how they work is actually important to being a safe driver, but also in just knowing what matters when thinking about taking care and maintaining them." He went on to say, "This project lets them build a car from A to Z. They see everything that goes into it and how the pieces come together." He takes his thoughts a step further, noting that "when they are working on cars and getting dirty, there's less time to get into other sorts of trouble. All of these skills will help later in life."

The final body preparation and painting of the FDR project car was donated by Matt's Auto Body, who finished the smoothing and sanding before painting the car in a deep shade that looks blue from some angles and green from others. It catches the eye.

Shawn Christensen, Technology Education Teacher at FDR, supervises and coaches the build team.

"This is just a super project," he said. "They are learning so much. We have a limited time during the day and so the team comes in and determines what new work to begin that day or what piece of

the project to continue. Our principal, Michael Ruella, has been extremely supportive of what we are doing and the project has been followed by the whole school."

Kayiira of Winners Circle has taken a special interest in the project in Hyde Park and can't say enough about the teams and particularly about the support from the Principal.

"Mike Ruella has been an inspiration," he said.

At the end of the school year, the cars from all five of the schools will be evaluated at Alfred University and a winning car will be named. Later, the cars will be auctioned off to provide funding for next year's project. The students will also be invited to Lime Rock Park Racing Circuit over the Memorial Day weekend to see and interact with professional racing teams up close.

Kayiira notes with pride that a graduate of this program's first year went on to study at Alfred University and has since gone on to a full time job with Dyson Racing.

The future for all of the students in the various sub teams of the Winners Circle Project appears very bright, indeed.

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Obituaries

Hon. Gerald V. Hayes



POUGHKEEPSIE - Hon. Gerald V. Hayes of Poughkeepsie, 82, passed away peacefully on Jan. 27, 2024 while holding the hand of Sheila, his beloved wife of 56 years. His passing followed a 3-year battle with lymphocytic leukemia.

Jerry was a man of deep faith, hard work, great sacrifice, profound wisdom, remarkable accomplishments, and the highest character. Above everything, family was his greatest source of passion and pride in life. He treasured his saintly wife and together they loved their large family above all else. He was our provider, advisor, protector, role model, coach, biggest fan and caretaker.

Jerry was born Nov. 24, 1941 in Yonkers, NY. The oldest of three children, he was the loving son of the late Helen and Vincent Hayes. In December of 1964, Jerry's cousin,

Frank Hayes, helped connect him with a beautiful nurse with a tender heart named Sheila Kenny. They were married on Sept. 2, 1967 in a beautiful ceremony at Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Yonkers.

In addition to his wife, Sheila, Jerry is survived by six children and their spouses including: Michael and Michele Hayes; Susan and Christopher Meyer; Matthew and Erin Hayes; Meghan and Christopher Farquharson; Christopher and Vanessa Hayes; and Patrick and Kayla Hayes. He is survived by 13 grandchildren: Maggie and Sally Hayes; Joseph and Madeline Meyer; Chloe, Olivia and Ella Hayes; Mackenzie, Hailey, Quinn and Colin Farquharson; and Noa and Xavier Hayes. Jerry is also survived by his brother William Hayes and his wife Debbie; and sister Sandra and her husband Ben Lakatos. He is predeceased by a son, Kevin Hayes, and grandson, Thomas Meyer, both of whom passed away in infancy.

Jerry received his BA from St. Anthony's, a Capuchin Franciscan friary and college in New Hampshire. He attended St. Anthony's with the intent of becoming a priest, but upon graduation opted to instead pursue a career in law.

He received his Juris Doctorate from Fordham Law School in 1968 and soon after was hired as an Assistant District Attorney in Manhattan under the legendary DA Frank Hogan. In 1971, Jerry was hired as a Dutchess County Assistant District Attorney by Hon. Albert M. Rosenblatt, a distinguished attorney and judge who Jerry counted as a dear friend and mentor. In 1980, Jerry went into private practice, primarily as a criminal defense attorney. He also accepted an opportunity to protect the rights of the less fortunate and served as a part-time assistant public defender. He distinguished himself in those roles for the next 20 years.

On countless occasions, family members have been approached by total strangers wanting to share emotional stories of their connection to Jerry. Times when these strangers were facing serious legal trouble. Times when many others had given up on them. Except Jerry. They recalled the respect he showed them. And they recalled how his legal acumen and exceptional effort, often as their public defender, earned them a life-saving opportunity for redemption.

Jerry was appointed Dutchess County Court Judge in March of 2000 by NYS Gov. George Pataki. That November, he was elected to a 10-year term by Dutchess County voters. The County Court presides over the most serious cases involving violent, life-changing crimes. Nearing mandatory retirement age, he retired at the completion of his term leaving behind the job he loved more than any other in his long and storied legal career.

Upon retirement, he continued to serve on the Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council, was an active member in the Dutchess County Bar Association, and embraced the opportunity to continue mentoring many attorneys who sought his counsel.

During his time as a prosecutor, defense attorney or County Court Judge, Jerry earned the respect and admiration of all parties involved. From clients to fellow attorneys to law enforcement and judicial allies, Jerry was viewed as a first-rate lawyer and judge.

Despite his busy career and family life, Jerry was also deeply involved in the community. He taught law classes at Marist College and Dutchess Community College. He coached several of his children's sports teams. He was the President of the Warrior Club at Our Lady of Lourdes High School and for many years was an enthusiastic member of the Marist Red Fox Club and season ticket holder. He was a founding member of the Knights of Columbus at St. Martin de Porres in Poughkeepsie. He organized blood drives and served as a eucharistic minister among other activities at St. Martin's. He also served on various nonprofit and municipal boards including the Mediation Center of Dutchess County, the Dutchess County Board of Ethics and Marist College Center for Lifetime Studies.

To many he was known as "Judge Hayes." To close friends, he was "Jerry," an honorable man and lover of a good game, a good joke or a decent round of golf. A favorite annual golf outing for him that lasted nearly 20 years was the annual "Adirondack Open" that he hosted each October at his and Sheila's second home near Brant Lake, NY. While he enjoyed the golf, it was the camaraderie on those trips he enjoyed most.

To family, he was "Pop," our bedrock and a beloved husband, father and grandfather.

Jerry's life was devoted to family and to ensuring justice in the world. In return, he was justly rewarded with a long life of rich memories and with a large family who gathered at his side in his final hours.

Calling hours were held on Friday, Feb. 2 at William G. Miller & Son Funeral Home, Inc., 371 Hooker Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY. A Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, Feb. 3 at St. Martin de Porres Church in Poughkeepsie with burial immediately at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, an organization Jerry deeply admired and supported for many years.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wm. G. Miller & Son FH, Inc. If you wish to send an online condolence, please visit our website at www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com.

Andrew Clark

HYDE PARK - Andrew Clark, 57, passed away at home with the love and care of his family on Sunday, January 28, 2024, after a long illness.

Born in Poughkeepsie, he was the son of the late John H. and Ave M. Downes Clark.

Andrew was a 1985 graduate of F. D. Roosevelt High School in Hyde Park where he rowed on the school's crew team and made many life-long friendships. He attended Siena College and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marketing Management. After working for a time on Wall Street with the firm Herzog Heine Geduld, he attended and graduated from the Turfgrass Management Program at SUNY Cobleskill and served as Assistant Superintendent at various golf clubs in New York and New Jersey including Pine Valley Golf Club in New Jersey; Meadow Brook Club in Jericho, NY; and Wykagyl Country Club in New Rochelle, NY.

On May 18, 2002, he married the former Susan Monteverdi at Immaculate Conception Church in Westhampton, NY. Mrs. Clark survives at home.

Andrew was a communicant of St. Martin de Porres Church in Poughkeepsie, and his Faith became a great comfort to him during his illness.

In addition to his wife, Andrew is survived by his two beloved children, Isabella and Nicholas Clark; a brother, Matthew Clark and his wife, Nina, of New Windsor; a sister, Maria Clark, of Rhinebeck; his wife's parents, John and Rae Monteverdi of Flushing, NY; sisters-in-law Ann Walsh and husband, Terry, of Lynbrook, NY, and Joan Edom and husband, Chris, of Merrick, NY; a niece, Olivia Clark; and nephews Myles Clark, Andre Thurston, Aiden Walsh, Terrence Walsh, James Edom and John Edom. He is also survived by three aunts: Ann Morris of Poughkeepsie, Mary Downes of Hyde Park, and Jane Monteverdi of Bayside, NY.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Alexandra "Lexie" Clark.

Among the things Andrew most loved was spending time at the ocean with his family, especially in Chatham, MA and East Quogue, NY. Known for his quick wit, Andrew was at heart a fun-loving person who cherished the memories made with family and friends. These friends were a great support to him and his family during his illness, especially in his final months, and his family will be forever grateful to them.

Calling hours were on Friday, February 2nd at Sweet's Funeral Home, Route 9, Hyde Park.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, February 3rd at Regina Coeli Church, Route 9, Hyde Park. In keeping with his wishes, cremation will follow.

Memorial donations may be made to the Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation, 80 Washington St., Suite 204, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (www.hvhospice.org), or the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10306 (www.t2t.org).

To send the family an online condolence or for directions, please visit Andrew's obituary page at www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

Cathy Lynne Meyer

LAGRANGEVILLE - Cathy Lynne Meyer, age 70, passed away on January 26, 2024 from her long term illness, Dementia at The Pines at Poughkeepsie. Formerly, she lived in Morrisville, Pennsylvania but has been a longtime resident of Union Vale, New York for 38 years where she lived happily with her family. Cathy loved living in Union Vale and could be seen walking down the road waving and talking with her neighbors along the way.

Born in Wichita, Kansas on March 3, 1953, she was the daughter of Curtis Wayne and Betty Virginia (Cook) Schoonover. Cathy was a devoted stay at home mother and took pride in being so. She loved her children to a fault and enjoyed being there for each of them and their friends. Her love for her children showed when she co-hosted teen dances at Tymor Park. Cathy was involved in league bowling both at Mardi Bob, now known as Spins Bowling in Poughkeepsie and Fishkill Bowl as well as being a member of the Red Hat Ladies Society. In her home, she would be seen in the kitchen baking cakes and pies as well as doing crossword puzzles. Cathy spent endless hours in her sitting room enjoying a good book. In her spare time, she enjoyed crafting projects such as sewing, needling, and creating Christmas ornaments.

On July 24, 1971 at McConnell Air Force Base Chapel in Wichita Kansas, Cathy married William M. Meyer Jr. who survives at home. She is also survived by her children and their spouses, Stacy (Meyer) Kowalski and her husband Rory Kowalski, and Curt Meyer and his wife Tammy (Aluisio) Meyer and their grandchild Ryann as well as several loved nieces and nephews. Cathy was predeceased by her siblings Richard, Michael, Debi, and Sandra Schoonover along with her sister-in-law Margo and husband Russell Seversen.

Calling hours were held on Friday February 2, 2024 at McHoul Funeral Home, inc., 895 Route 82 Hopewell Junction. A service was held on Saturday February 3, 2024 at McHoul Funeral Home followed by the burial at Clove Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter 2649 South Road Suite 101, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601 or The Pines at Poughkeepsie 100 Franklin Street, Poughkeepsie New York 12601.

Mary Dunne

EAST FISHKILL Mary Barrett Dunne, 90, a resident of Hopewell Junction since 2017, passed away at home on February 1, 2024.

Born in Brooklyn, NY on April 21, 1933, she was the daughter of Margaret (Casey) and Patrick Barrett.

On September 9, 1952 she married John J. Dunne who predeceased her on January 14, 1982.

Before moving to Hopewell Junction to be with her family, Mary lived in Ireland for 19 years. She was a devoted parishioner of The River of Life Church.

She is survived by her sister, Sr. Patricia Barrett of Rhode Island; her daughter, Mary Ellen Kurzius and her husband Charles of Hopewell Junction; her daughter, Patricia Dunne of Hailey, ID; her son John F. Dunne and his wife Catherine of Cortlandt Manor; her 11 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; her nieces in Idaho and Connecticut and many cousins and friends in Ireland.

In addition to her husband and parents, Mary was predeceased by her daughter, Colleen Marie (Dunne) McLean on November 9, 2016; her granddaughter, Erin Patricia Dunne on March 27, 2006 and her sister, Anne (Barrett) Hardie on March 30, 2020.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Hudson Valley Hospice for the excellent care and compassion they gave Mary.

Private services will be held. Please visit her Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

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Creative Living



'Art of the Garden' exhibition opens Feb. 10 at Bannerman Gallery in Beacon



The Bannerman Castle Trust's Bannerman Island Gallery, at 150 Main Street in Beacon, will present the Annual "Art of the Garden" exhibition - a floral-and-garden-themed show scheduled from February 10 - April 7. An opening reception for the artists and public will take place on February 10 from 4 -6 p.m.

Paintings, watercolors, drawings, photographs and mixed media works featuring flowers, still life and garden scenes will be featured in the gallery. Traditional and contemporary works by more than 20

artists will be included in this diverse show. All works will be available for purchase. Proceeds from art sales for this exhibition will help further restoration projects on Bannerman's Island.

Gallery Hours are Saturdays and Sundays from noon - 5 p.m. and most weekday afternoons and early evenings by chance or appointment by calling 845-416-8342. Group tours are also available.

Contact bannermangallery150@aol.com or visit www.bannermancastle.org for more information.

Clockwise from top left: "Daffodils," done in oil, by Gary Fifer.

"Grandma's Garden," done in pen & ink, by Andre Junget.

"Saunders Farm" by Amanda Epstein.

"Copper Pot and Daisies," done in oil, by Tarryl Gabel.

-Courtesy images

Dance at the Elks Lodge set for Feb. 10

Get On Down at the Elks Lounge Dance Night on February 10 at 7 p.m. at 900 Wolcott Avenue (Rt. 9D), in Beacon. Dance to a vibrant mix of musical styles; song requests welcome. There is a \$15 admission includes a

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by luigi coppola

The 'Filet of Sole' War

A well-heeled battle takes place in Luigi's bedroom.

I am 54 years old. Growing up we had three kids in my bedroom. Many of you who grew up in this generation know what I am talking about. It was tight, smelly, and full of fighting about everything from closet space to bodily noises. One fight in particular took place because of snoring.

Now, I have to tell you: I snore. My wife will tell you it sounds like an airport in our bedroom at night and my children will tell you that they can hear me snoring through the walls. The dogs will tell you; they can hear me snoring from downstairs and often howl to get me to stop. My neighbors will tell you they can hear me snore from next door. Deer will not come near our house at night because they are afraid of the snoring sounds that emanate from it. We have had the police come to our house and told me to keep it down because my snoring violates the noise ordinance. Well, it was pretty much the same when I was a kid.

As I said, there were three of us in our bedroom. My brother Vinny and I were in a bunk bed and Anthony was in a single bed across from us. I was on the bottom bunk and Vinny was on the top bunk. Vinny and I were younger, so we had to go to bed before Anthony did, so naturally, we were both asleep before he went to bed and naturally, I was in full snoring splendor upon his arrival.

The night always began with a slight nudge to get me to turn over, which I usually did. That would be a temporary fix. As the night went on, he would roll me over, kick me over, plug my nose, smother me with a pillow, stuff a blanket in my mouth, scare me awake, as well as a myriad amount of other techniques that would be classified as torture according to the Geneva Convention.

One practice in particular was very effective, and it involved shoes; and these shoes started what will forever be known as the "Filet of Sole War."

One night, Anthony came to bed and as usual I was in full nasal symphonic brilliance. I was playing Beethoven's fifth symphony through snores, and Anthony had reached his limit. The first shoe came flying over from his bed and missed the target completely (my head) and harmlessly hit the wall. There was nary a wobble in the noise level of my snoring. Fifteen seconds later, the next salvo found its mark and hit me right in the face. Naturally, I turned over and returned to my slumber.

The next morning, I awoke confused at the shoes in my bed, but didn't think too much of it. Anthony was in a great mood.

The next evening Anthony loaded up with ammo and prepared for his guerrilla warfare against his adenoidal enemy. Vinny and I went to bed like normal, and

Anthony followed a few hours later. This time, he aimed at the lower part of my body (in order to soften up the enemy). When his final round found its mark, there were a few pairs of shoes and sneakers in my bed. I again awoke the next morning confused at the shoes and sneakers, and once again Anthony was in a great mood.

Night Three found Anthony truly loading up with quite a few pairs of shoes, sneakers, sandals and other forms of bipedal comfort, stockpiled beside his bed. Again, Vinny and I went to bed and once again Anthony followed a few hours later.

This time, he was very meticulous with his targeting. Hitting various parts in order to extract the least amount of damage but the most amount of satisfaction. When he finally hit his targets, there were over 10 pairs of shoes, sneakers, sandals, boots, galoshes and flip flops in my bed. The next morning, when I woke up, I looked over at my brother across the way and finally figured out what happened. That night I waited him out and when the shoes started flying, I returned fire and thus the great "Filet of Sole War" began. Unfortunately, there were civilian casualties with my little brother Vinny being hit and considered collateral damage.

While thinking about the great shoe war, please enjoy the following recipe for Italian meatloaf, which has absolutely nothing to do with my shoes. Unless you overcook the meatloaf, that is.

Italian Meatloaf Ingredients

- 5 whole eggs
- 2 medium onions, diced
- 2 small peppers, diced
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh basil leaves

2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley leaves

- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 1/2 cups grated Parmesan
- 1 cup Coppola's marinara sauce
- 2 cups breadcrumbs
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 1/2 lbs. ground beef
- 6 cloves chopped garlic
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

Directions

Heat 1/4 cup of the olive oil in a medium sauté pan over medium heat and add the garlic, peppers, and onions. Let sauté for 2-3 minutes.

Mix together all the dry ingredients (bread crumbs, spices, cheese, and garlic). In a separate bowl, add meat and remaining ingredients and mix thoroughly by hand. Add in your dried mixture and thoroughly mix again. Pack the meat mixture into an oiled loaf pan. Top with the marinara, making sure to spread evenly over the top.

Bake for approximately 50 to 60 minutes in a preheated 350 degree oven or until your meat thermometer reads 160 degrees F in the middle of the meatloaf. Remove from the oven and let rest for 5 minutes. Slice in 1/2-inch slices and serve with either garlic mashed potatoes or polenta.

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



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Wappinger Recreation

By Donna Lenhart

Assistant for Recreation Dept.

After a quick rest over the holiday season, things are ramping up here at Town of Wappinger Recreation and the Senior Center. Signups are ongoing for our soccer clinics. We have an intermediate clinic for 5 to 8 years happening now as well as beginner and intermediate clinics for 9 to 12 years. There will be a new set of clinics starting in April for both beginner and intermediate-level students. All clinics take place at Evans Elementary on Wednesday or Thursday evenings. Please check wappingerrecreation.com to register and for more info.

The Senior Center is the place to be to beat the winter blues. Our Tuesday morning art class has been growing, thanks to our wonderful instructor and her class full of helpful students. Our group of Mahjongg players has been growing as well: they meet on Wednesdays at noon and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. and are always welcoming new players. You can shimmy and shake Mondays at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. in Zumba Gold. Strengthen and stretch on Thursdays at

Exercise class (9 a.m.) or Chair Yoga (10 a.m.). All classes have limited space, so if you are interested, don't delay in signing up. Chair Yoga is \$16/month; Zumba Gold and Exercise are free of charge.

We offer monthly 'lunch and a movie' series, a monthly craft, and of course, the monthly birthday party where we celebrate each month's "birthday babies." Folks come in to socialize, and play games like Rummikub, Penny Po-ke-no, Pinochle, Mexican Trains, etc. We have a knit & crochet group that is always looking to add members. We do Bingo on Mondays and Fridays at 12:30 p.m. Our Wappinger Seniors Association is busy planning trips and off-site lunches and breakfasts, so watch this space for more info. Currently, they have plans for a Valentines Lunch at Longobardi in Wappinger on Tuesday, Feb. 13. At the end of February, they will begin taking reservations for the trip to Resorts Casino in March.

Our monthly newsletter is now online at wappingerrecreation.com and also the Town's website: townofwappingerny.gov – make sure to check it out.

Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation

**By Janet McHugh
Recreation Director**

We still have tickets available to see “Beautiful” The Carole King Musical at the White Plains Performing Arts Center, April 18. Price includes roundtrip Coach Bus transportation, driver gratuity, ticket to the show, and lunch at Fogo De Chao a Brazilian Steakhouse. This trip is open to adults only 18+. All details including cost and registration can be found on our website www.PoughkeepsieTownRec.com.

The Spring S.T.E.A.M. camp for children in March is now full. You can waitlist on our website.

Tick-tock it’s camp o’clock! Summer Camp registration is now open for children ages 5 – 15. Our diverse and engaging program ensures a memorable summer experience for all. For budding leaders aged 14 & 15, our coveted C.I.T. (Counselor in Training) program awaits. Discover a world of excitement in our camp program, meticulously designed to provide quality and structure at an affordable price. From the challenge of Brain Games to the wonders of Science, the creativity of Performing Arts, and the camaraderie built through Sports and Games – our activities cater to a range of interests. Specialized programming awaits ages 12-15 with off-site trips and special programming, while the younger 5–11-year-olds will enjoy special guests and specially crafted on-site activities. What sets us apart is our flexible “weekly” format, allowing you to tailor your child’s summer experience to your schedule. By registering only for the weeks you need, you save on the cost. For the convenience of working parents, our extended camp hours run from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the flexibility to pick up your children at any point during that timeframe. For detailed information, program specifics, and registration, visit our website and don’t miss out on the chance to make this summer one to remember for your children!

Mark your calendar; our annual Spring Fest is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, taking place on the campus of Vassar College from 1 – 3 p.m. It’s going to be fun for the whole family with music, food, games, activities, and much more. Free admission.

CLUB CLASSIC SENIOR CENTER NEWS By Ruta Ronis

Brrr! Winter has marched into February without hesitation, and our cozy, warm Senior Center is a great place to spend some time enjoying the company of others. Our newly elected Town Supervisor, Rebecca Edwards, will be here at noon on (Th) Feb.15th to introduce herself and to share her plans and hopes for our town. Then, please join us for our (Th) February 22nd Lunch and Learn presentation at noon about “The History of Locust Grove.” Participants are invited to stay after for a complimentary light lunch.

Get ready! We’re gearing up for our Club Classic Penny Social on (Th) Feb. 29th. The selection is varied, plentiful, and fantastic! All adults (55+) are invited to what promises to be a fun event.

Rover the Bookmobile will be in our parking lot on (Tu) Feb. 13th, and please join us for “Brain Games and More” on (Tu) Feb. 20th. Both of these activities begin at 10:30 a.m. and end at noon. Thank you to the Poughkeepsie Library District for your continued support.

For more information about these and other Club Classic activities and events, please stop by our Senior Center at 14 Abes Way or give us a call at 845-462-0265 during our regular hours Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.. Monthly calendar is available at <http://www.PoughkeepsieTownRec.com>. You can also see more about our Center on facebook.com/PoughkeepsieTownRec.

Munich Philharmonic to perform in Newburgh



The Munich Philharmonic String Quartet will perform a Valentine’s Day-theme concert at St. George’s Church in Newburgh, Orange County, on Feb. 9.

-Courtesy photo

Join the Munich Philharmonic String Quartet for an evening of chamber music that spans seven centuries. The concert, with a Valentine’s Day theme, begins at 7:30 p.m. at St. George’s Church, Newburgh, Orange County on Feb. 9.

The program will feature music by St. Hildegard von Bingen, the 12th century German Catholic nun and mystic, plus works by Beethoven and Borodin.

One of Orange County’s leading high school ensembles, Monroe-Woodbury’s

Chamber Orchestra, will open the concert with a short work by Benjamin Britten, following an afternoon master class with the quartet.

Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors, and \$10 for students. They are available at the door (cash or check only) or at newburghchambermusic.org.

St. George’s is handicapped accessible with parking across the street. Audience members are invited to meet the artists at a post-concert reception.

EFCL Art Club to meet on Feb. 14 in East Fishkill Community Library

The monthly EFCL Art Club is back at the library! The EFCL Art Club will meet on February 14 and February 28, at 1:30 pm. This group meets two Wednesdays a month. Bring one’s own supplies and work on a still life provided

or work on one’s project.

This program is for adults ages 18 and up. No registration required, drop-in and open to artists of all levels of experience and mediums. Call the library at 845-221-9943 for more information.

Women Empowering Women event set at Locust Grove on Feb. 28

Women Empowering Women will host a discussion and celebrate the impact women have on the community. They will be joined by keynote speaker Marie Hickey, and emcee Anne Marie Leamy. All funds raised from this event will be invested back into our community to support

women’s programs.

There is still time to become a sponsor or purchase ad space in the program journal.

The program will take place at Locust Grove, 683 South Road, in Poughkeepsie on Feb. 28, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. It is \$100 per person. Ticket sales are limited.

EFCL Afternoon Book Group to discuss ‘Animal Dreams’ on Feb. 14

The EFCL Afternoon Book Group meets to discuss this month’s selection, “Animal Dreams” by Barbara Kingsolver at the East Fishkill Community Library (EFCL), 348 Route 376, in East

Fishkill on February 14 at 1 p.m. Copies of the book are available within the Library system.

All are welcome to come and join in the discussion of this work.

Chili, cornbread dinner on tap at St. Paul’s, Poughkeepsie Feb. 10

Take home chili and cornbread on February 10 from noon – 3 p.m. There will be beef chili, vegetarian chili, and no-bean chili available. A pint costs \$8 and a quart is \$12.

Order ahead or just drop in at St. Paul’s Church, 161 Mansion St., in Poughkeepsie.

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Alpha Home Solutions LLC. Filed with SSNY on 12/19/2023. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 139 N Brewster Rd Brewster NY 10509. Purpose: any lawful

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Kingston Land Co., LLC. Filed with SSNY on 12/20/2023. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 3 Garden Street Rhinebeck NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful

Miller Vacation Properties LLC. Filed with SSNY on 12/19/2023. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 270 Camby Rd Verbank NY 12585. Purpose: any lawful

Notice of formation of Quetzal Home Construction LLC (the "LLC"). Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on December 8, 2023. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy to: The LLC, 229 Myers Corners Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name of the LLC is: DeCarlo Entertainment LLC Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/16/2023. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 20424 Emilie Lane Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

CSS Hydro Excavation, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY)

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12/15/2023. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 13 Miron Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. General Purpose

4232 Albany Post LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 12/19/2023. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 207 Washington St, Ste. 101, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. General Purpose

DOGTOWN CONSTRUCTION, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/20/23. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 24 McKinley Ln., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LOLA'S EASTDALE LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/19/23. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 7 Broad St., Pawling, NY 12564, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

MAMASBOYZ LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/19/23. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 7 Broad St., Pawling, NY 12564, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

T47 TRANSPORTATION LLC. Filed 10/27/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Zamiel Howell, 5710 Cherry Hill Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: General.

Notice of Formation of 140 Sunset Trail LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/18/23. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 3 Intl Dr., Fl. 3, Rye Brook, NY 10573. The name

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and address of the Reg. Agent is Matthew Schimenti, 3 Intl Dr., Fl. 3, Rye Brook, NY 10573. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Wright Essentials by Ari LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/13/23. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1018 Main Street #26, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: any lawful.

BB PROPERTIES UNLIMITED LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/28/2023. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Gabrielle Feilen, 97 Broadway, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

173 KENNEL HOLDING LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/28/23. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to The LLC 173 Kennel Rd Amenia NY 12592. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Qualification of Pawling Engineered Products LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/15/23. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/22/11. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St. Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is C T Corporation System, 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful activity.

135 Mill LLC. Filed with SSNY on 12/27/2023. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 35 Main Street Ste 401 Poughkeepsie NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful

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D.E.Arpi's, LLC, hereinafter "LLC". Registration filing date with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) was December 19, 2023. Principal office location is Dutchess County, New York. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it or served upon it on behalf of the LLC to the registered agent, Gorky Oswaldo Arpi-Lema, 82 Dogwood Road, Apt. 1, Hopewell Junction, New York 12533. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

BUBBLY GIRLS PARTY RENTALS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/05/23. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 20 Summer Street, Dover Plains, NY 12522. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Mane to Tail Equine Wellness, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 11/29/2023. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 58 Hillcrest Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. General Purpose

Meme's Property, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 11/1/2023. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 847 Route 376, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. General Purpose

Special Cloth Alumni, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 10/20/2023. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 224 Church St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. General Purpose

Notice of Formation of AEV ENTERTAINMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/23/23. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 638 Hortontown Road, Hopewell Junction,

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tion, NY 12533. Purpose: any lawful activity.

D A N O L A R ENTERPRISES LLC. Filed 11/9/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 50-54 Charles Colman Blvd, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: General.

S E R E N E SURROUNDINGS L.L.C.. Filed 8/23/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Roberta McGinley, 59 Point St, New Hamburg, NY 12590. Purpose: General.

Notice of Qualification of WVD PROPERTIES, LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/27/23. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/29/23. Princ. office of LLC: 442 5th Ave., #1108, Manhattan, NY 10018. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: c/o CSC, 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808-1674. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., #4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Karen Gates Consulting, LLC. DBA Gates Consulting, LLC filed with SSNY on 12.09.2023 Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1 Salem Court, Poughkeepsie New York, 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

KRISTIN'S PET CARE LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/03/2024. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 41 Forest Drive, Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Notice of Formation of 350 China Cat LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/22/23. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may

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beserved. SSNY shall mail process to 6383 Mill St. unit 567, Rhinebeck, NY, 12572. purpose: any lawful act or activity.

PERPARA LLC. Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/28/23. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Elizabeth Vulaj 24 Cypher Lane, Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: Any lawful.

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of Benny's Nice Slice LLC (hereinafter the Company) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on December 20, 2023. The office of the Company is located in Dutchess County, New York. The Company has designated the Secretary of State of New York as its agent upon which process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company is 20 South Maple Avenue, Miller-ton, NY 12546. The purpose of the Company shall be to conduct any lawful business or activity whatsoever, as permitted by applicable law.

METSASERIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed w/ SSNY 12/13/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: PO Box 352, Staatsburg, NY 12580. Purpose: Any lawful.

Notice of Formation of Enchanting Balloons of the Hudson Valley LLC filed Articles of Organization with the New York Department of State on 12/22/2023. Office location: Dutchess County. The New York Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and is directed to forward service of process to United States Corporations Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228; The Post Office Address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon the Secretary of State by personal delivery is 7 Chiappardi Pl, #B, Beacon, NY 12508 Purpose: any lawful activity

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Soul Sanctuary By Sophia Lcsw, PLLC. Filed with SSNY on 12/29/2023. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process and shall mail to: 33 Henry Street Beacon NY 12508. Purpose: Licensed Clinical Social Work

68 Wms LLC. Filed with SSNY on 1/4/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 85 Charles Colman Blvd. Pawling NY 12564. Purpose: any lawful

AHUMADA GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/28/23. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 104 E Main Street, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Hudson Valley Remodeling Services, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/14/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Scott Hapeman, 202 Ridgeline Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity

Notice of Formation: The Iron Furnace, LLC Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY 10/4/23. Location: Dutchess County SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Caldwell M. Welles, PO Box 1179 Millbrook, NY 12545. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation: Sprout Creek Holdings, LLC Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY 10/4/23. Location: Dutchess County SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Caldwell M. Welles, PO Box 1179 Millbrook, NY 12545. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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30-32 Cobblestone Road, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed 10/26/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 30-32 Cobblestone Rd, Wappingers, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful

MVPP Properties LLC. Filed with SSNY on 01/09/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 1891 County Road 83, Pine Plains, NY 12567. Purpose: any lawful.

8 Loudon Dr Unit 15 LLC. Filed with SSNY on 01/08/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 57 Barrett Hill Road, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: any lawful.

Westmont Farm LLC. Filed with SSNY on 12/11/2023. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: PO Box 108, Amenia, NY 12501. Purpose: any lawful.

Notice Of Formation of 1590 Route 9G LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/27/2023. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon her is 641 Traver Road, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose of LLC: To engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York.

Notice of Formation of FROST FAMILY PROPERTIES LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/26/23. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 9 Rte 82, Fishkill, NY 12524. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is Rachel Frost, 9 Rte 82, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Hudson River Payments LLC. Filed 1/6/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. for process & shall mail to: 11 Robinson

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Gdns, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purp: any lawful.

Notice of Qualification of 1946 Realty, LLC. The fictitious name is 1946 Realty Holdings, LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 1/8/24. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/4/23. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. List of names and addresses of all members available from SSNY. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is CT Corporation System, 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

MB 133 Holdings LLC. Filed 12/14/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 27 Windwood Rd, Brookfield, CT 06804. Purpose: Any lawful.

All Sport Real Estate LLC, App of Auth. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/9/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to 17 Old Main St, Fishkill, NY 12524. General Purpose.

All Sport Health & Fitness LLC, App of Auth. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/9/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to 17 Old Main St, Fishkill, NY 12524. General Purpose.

50 JUDSON STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/22/23. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 50 Mountain Lane, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Alexandra Linardakis, RN, PLLC. Arts of Org. filed with New York Secy of State (SSNY) on 1/4/24. Office

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location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. List of names and addresses of all original members available from SSNY. SSNY shall mail process to: 4232 Albany Post Rd, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: registered professional nursing.

WILLIAMS TOWING AND RECOVERY LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 1/12/24. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 10 Hamilton Rd., Hopewell Junction, NY 12533, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

AZAADI LLC is a fashion design business. Filed 11/10/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY designated agent for process & shall mail to 29 Skyview Dr. Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Zen82 LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/9/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to 12 Michael Dr, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. General Purpose

Atrani LLC. Filed with SSNY on 12/22/2023. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 1 Spackenkill Rd Poughkeepsie NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful

Dutchess Eri LLC. Filed with SSNY on 1/8/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 123 Butts Hollow Rd Millbrook NY 12545. Purpose: any lawful

Town Gourmet Market, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 1/10/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 10 Gay Street Po Box 1709 Sharon Ct 06069. Purpose: any lawful

North East Plaza, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 1/10/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 10 Gay Street Po Box 1709 Sharon Ct 06069. Purpose: any lawful

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M.M. Collective, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/14/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 3 Hubert St. Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

ABC A BIT OF COMMUNICATING, SLP PLLC, a Prof. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/01/2023. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The PLLC, 135 Clove Branch Road, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: To Practice Speech Language Therapy.

SOPHIA SIERRA BRIDAL STUDIO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/12/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 10 Briarcliff Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Mountain View Home Inspection LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/16/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 3294 Route 82 Verbank NY, 12585. Purpose: any lawful

East Fishkill Commons LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/15/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to 3 S. Ohioville Rd, New Paltz, NY 12561. General Purpose

The Best Hot Soup Ever LLC, filed Arts. of Org. with SSNY on 12/13/23. Date of Formation on 1/1/2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Mail process to: Sean Frawley, 157 Shamrock Hills Drive, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Any lawful purpose.

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LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/11/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to 70 Penny Rd, Pawling, NY 12564. General Purpose

Arlington Building Supply LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/18/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to Blake Fahy, 30 N Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. General Purpose

Notice of Formation of CLEAR TOUCH MGMT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/20/23. Off. Loc.: DUTCHESS. SSNY desig. agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 1849 South Road #1042, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful business 7159819.

OnDeck InfoTech LLC filed 01/01/2024. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to 28 Cathy Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Any lawful purpose.

Green Sleeves IP Holdings LLC. Filed 1/18/24. Dutchess County SSNY. desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 14 E Market St 2-5 Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: intellectual property holdings.

BIRCH & CLOVER, LLC. Art. of Org. with the SSNY on January 16, 2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 832 Wolcott Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508, Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Pinebrook Hopewell LLC, App of Auth. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/18/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to 17 Old Main St, Fishkill, NY 12524. General Purpose.

Pinebrook 1264 Hopewell LLC, App of Auth. filed with Sec. of

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State of NY (SSNY) 1/18/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to 17 Old Main St, Fishkill, NY 12524. General Purpose.

Pinebrook 1252 Hopewell LLC, App of Auth. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/18/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to 17 Old Main St, Fishkill, NY 12524. General Purpose.

FLIGHTLINE AVIATION PROPERTIES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/17/2024. Off. Loc.: DUTCHESS Co. SSNY desig. As agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 28 Brookview Drive, Carmel, NY 10512. General Purposes.

Notice of Formation of 321 EAST 84 L.P. Cert of Limited Partnership filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 1/12/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 15 W Bard Ave, Red Hook, NY 12571. List of names and addresses of all general partners available from SSNY. Purpose: any lawful activity. The latest date to dissolve is: 1/11/2123.

Notice of Formation of 321 East 84 GP LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 1/11/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 15 W Bard Ave, Red Hook, NY 12571. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is J. Spencer Hoffman, 15 W Bard Ave, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful activity.

A N A G N O S PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/05/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Jeffrey S. Anagnos, 4 Albie

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Road, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Millstone Vacation Properties LLC. Filed with SSNY on 12/18/2023. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 270 Camby Rd Verbank NY 12585. Purpose: any lawful

Minett Enterprise LLC. Filed with SSNY on 1/15/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 28 N Clover St Apt 2 Poughkeepsie NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful

M T V A L I N E S HOLDINGS LLC. Filed 1/7/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 163 Linden Ave, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: General.

Najera Studios LLC. Filed 3/20/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Flor Najera, 27 Flannery Ave, Apt. A, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: General.

NYC HYDRO FARM LLC. Filed 9/5/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Travis C Brown, 1289 Route 82, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: General.

Notice of Formation of Block and Breathe LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/23/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 500 Westover Dr. #32442, Sanford, NC 27330. Purpose: any lawful activity.

AJ Castle LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/3/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to Ain T. Gafur, 17 Susie Blvd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. General Purpose

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February 10, 3 p.m., Pound Ridge

Academy Wind Quintet Chamber Recital
Pound Ridge Library
271 Westchester Ave, Pound Ridge, Westchester County

February 17, 2 p.m.*, West Point
“The Long Gray Line”
Concert Band Multimedia Performance
Eisenhower Hall Theatre
655 Pitcher Rd, West Point
*Inclement date: February 18

February 27, 1:45 p.m., New York, NY
American Choral Conductors Association Performance
Featuring West Point Band chamber

group, West Point Cadet Glee Club, and the U.S. Army Field Band Soldier’s Chorus
St. Patrick’s Cathedral
5th Ave, New York, NY

March 9, 2 p.m.*, West Point
The West Point Band and Westchester Symphonic Winds
Eisenhower Hall Theatre
655 Pitcher Rd, West Point
*Inclement date: March 10

March 16, 2 p.m.*, White Plains, Westchester County
The West Point Band and Westchester Symphonic Winds
White Plains High School
550 North St, White Plains, NY 10605

*Inclement date: March 17

April 7, 2 p.m., West Point
West Point Concert Band
Eisenhower Hall Ballroom
655 Pitcher Rd, West Point

April 13, 3 p.m., North Salem, Westchester County
“The Long Gray Line”
Concert Band Multimedia Performance
North Salem High School
230 June Rd, North Salem

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KB Properties of the Hudson Valley, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/15/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 80 Washington St, Ste 305, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. General Purpose

Notice of formation of Impact Global Funds LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/24/24. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY mail process to 9 Lee Lane Lagrangeville NY 12540. Any lawful purpose.

DJK HOPEWELL PROPERTIES, LLC. Art of Org. filed with the SSNY on January 22, 2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1 Betty Lane, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

ABD VENTURES, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/24/2024. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 140 Hurds Corners Road, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Notice Of Formation of CJR RE Services LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on

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01/24/2024. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon her is 12 Spring Valley Street, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose of LLC: To engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York.

Notice of Formation of SARDINHA DEVELOPMENT, LLC, Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on January 17, 2024. The office location is in Dutchess County, SSNY is designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 2265 South Road, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Purpose for all lawful activities.

Obsidian Equine LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/23/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 1 Richmond Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. General Purpose

Notice of Formation of Lightning Moon LLC. Art. of Org. filed Sec’y of State (SSNY) on 1/16/24. Office location: Dutchess Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Wilkes St. Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: any

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lawful activities.
Notice of Formation of TAX AND BOOKKEEPING MANAGEMENT LLC, filed with SSNY on 12/06/2023. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as an agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail the process to TAX AND BOOKKEEPING MANAGEMENT LLC, 68 Rhone Ridge Dr, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Driviano, LLC (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 1/22/2024. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 655 Little Britain Road, New Windsor, NY 12553. Purpose: any lawful activity

Mcia Groupe LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/24/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 2600 South Road, Ste 44-282, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. General Purpose

Charmont Designs LLC - Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/29/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 60 Pommelay Farms Lane, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: Any

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JOHN BASSETT ARCHITECTURE PLLC, a Prof. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/29/2024. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The PLLC, 3500 Route 9G, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: To Practice The Profession Of Architecture.

COMPASSIONATE PET CARE LLC. Filed with SSNY on 12/20/23. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail copy to: 22 Violet Hill Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name of the LLC is: Millbrook Strategies LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: January 23, 2024. The County in which the Office is to be located: Dutchess. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: PO Box 446 Wassaic, NY 12592. Purpose: any lawful activity.

VRG GROUP HOLDINGS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/21/23. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process

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against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 132 Honeywell Lane, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Winnie Vita Photography, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/24/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 164 Ridge-line Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. General Purpose

RAYMOND AVENUE GYM, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/31/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & luele, LLP, 1136 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Tatu Travel LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/15/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to PO BOX 3063 Poughkeepsie NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful.

H O M E S P U N BEACON LLC. Filed 9/8/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 232 Main St, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: General.

EKT NY LLC. Filed 1/23/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail

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to: 76 Frost Hill Rd, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: General.

Purple Comet Courier LLC. Filed 10/31/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 228 Park Ave S #402735, NY, NY 10003. Registered Agent: Ann-marie Carrube, 12 Arbor Hill Dr Apt 5, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: General.

Mercury Jiu-Jitsu LLC. Filed 10/31/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 6 N Clover St # 1, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave., Ste 202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.

P a l u m b o ' s Landscaping LLC. Filed 1/22/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 926 Camby Rd, Millbrook, NY 12545. Purpose: General.

Notice of Formation of NETTICKS GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/23/2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Joy Gumpel, 6 Scarborough Lane, Suite C, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Hudson Valley Ketamine Lounge LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on

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8/14/2023. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: ELAINE SUDERIO, 249 MAIN STREET, SUITE 103, BEACON, NY, 12508, USA. Registered Agent: SAMANTHA ORTIZ, 249 MAIN STREET, SUITE 103, BEACON, NY, 12508, USA, upon whom process against LLC may be served. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Paragon International LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/02/2023. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 271 Devon Farms Rd, Stormville, NY 12582. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of JQTD Security LLC. Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/30/2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Republic Registered Agent Services Inc., 54 State Street, Ste 804, Albany, NY, 12207. Principal business address: 12 E. Saw Mill Run, Poughquag, NY, 12570. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS—SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF DUTCHESS – BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES I TRUST, Plaintiff, - against- CRYSTAL GONZALEZ, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF NORMA JONESAKA NORMA H. JONES; SCOTT CLARK, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF NORMA JONESAKA NORMA H. JONES ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN OR UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF NORMA JONESAKA NORMA H. JONES, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; SHORE HAVEN CIVIC ASSOC., INC.; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; DUTCHESS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, Defendants - Index No. 2022-80035 Plaintiff Designates Dutchess County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject action is situated in Dutchess County. 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(s) within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); 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. That this Supplemental Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated January 2, 2024. NOTICE—YOU ARE IN DAN-

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GER 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 the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES I TRUST) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Christi J. Acker, J.S.C. Dated: January 2, 2024 Filed: January 3, 2024. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 5 Birch Drive, Holmes, NY 12531. Dated: September 27, 2023 Greenspoon Marder LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Raspreet Bhatia, Esq., 590 Madison Avenue, Suite 1800, New York, NY 10022 P: (212) 524-5000 F: (212) 524-5050 No Service by fax) Service purposes only: Trade Centre South 100 W. Cypress Creek Road, Suite 700, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 P: (888) 491-1120 F: (954) 343-6982 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS INDEX NO. 2022-53833 Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS as the place of trial situs of the real property SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 361 SINPATCH ROAD, WASSAIC, NY 12592 Section: 7164, Block: 00, Lot: 615900 WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTION ONE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-2, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFI-

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CATES, SERIES 2006-2 Plaintiff, vs. JOY COLE-JOHNSON, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE TO THE ESTATE OF FINEASERAPHAEL; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEEES OF THE ESTATE OF FINEASE RAPHAEL, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or whom may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; ADVANTA NATIONAL BANK; JOHN DOE S/H/A JOHN DOE #1 "JOHN DOE #2" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last eleven names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants. To the above named Defendants YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of

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America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$548,250.00 and interest, recorded on January 30, 2006, in Document Number 01 2006 1735, of the Public Records of DUTCHESS County, New York., covering premises known as 361 SINPATCH ROAD, WASSAIC, NY 12592. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. DUTCHESS County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county. 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 the mortgage company will not stop the 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. Dated: December 22nd, 2023 ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Attorney for Plaintiff Eric Sheidlower, Esq. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310

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Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS INDEX # 2022-53908 FILED: 12/07/2022 SUMMONS Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the place of trial based on the location of the mortgaged premises in this action. Plaintiff's principal place of business is 6131 Orangethorpe Avenue, Suite 500, Buena Park, California 90620. SUN WEST MORTGAGE COMPANY INC., Plaintiff, against JACOB HERBERAS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO FRANKLIN P. HERBER A/K/A FRANKLIN PHILIP HERBER; NATHAN HERBERAS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO FRANKLIN P. HERBER A/K/A FRANKLIN PHILIP HERBER; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE 1 THROUGH 50, INTENDING TO BE THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DISTRIBUTEEES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, TRUSTEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF THE ESTATE OF FRANKLIN P. HERBER A/K/A FRANKLIN PHILIP HERBER, WHO WAS BORN IN 1936 AND DIED ON JUNE 11, 2022, A RESIDENT OF DUTCHESS COUNTY, WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WAS 63 BEACON STREET, BEACON, NEW YORK 12508, THEIR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST IF ANY OF THE AFORESAID DEFENDANTS BE DECEASED, THEIR RESPECTIVE HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE AFORESAID CLASSES OF PERSON, IF THEY OR ANY OF THEM BE DEAD, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE HUSBANDS, WIVES OR WIDOWS, IF ANY, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; CLERK OF DUTCHESS COUNTY; "JOHN DOE #1" to "JOHN DOE #10," the last 10 names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties

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intended being the persons or parties, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the mortgaged 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 attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); 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 the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (SUN WEST MORTGAGE COMPANY INC.) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. MCCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, LLC, Attorneys for Plaintiff, One Huntington Quadrangle, Suite 4N25, Melville, NY 11747. (631) 812-4084 (855) 845-2584 facsimile. File # 22-301606. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE

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ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or visit the Department's website at www.dfs.ny.gov RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. You have the right to stay in your home during the foreclosure process. You are not required to leave your home unless and until your property is sold at auction pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale. Regardless of whether you choose to remain in your home, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY and pay property taxes in accordance with state and local law. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. § 1303 NOTICE

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The annual meeting of the Pleasant Valley Cemetery Association will be held in the parlor of the First Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Pleasant Valley, NY on February 20, 2024 at 7:00 in the evening for the election of three (3) Trustees and for the transaction of any additional business that may be brought before the Board.

Town of Fishkill Brinkerhoff - Merritt Water Main Interconnect ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Brinkerhoff - Merritt Water Main Interconnect will be received by the Town of Fishkill, at Town Hall, until 11:00 a.m. local time on February 29, 2024, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. This Project generally consists of furnishing and installing an emergency interconnection between the existing Brinkerhoff and Merritt Park water systems, including trenched and horizontally directionally drilled water main, along with a meter/control vault. Bids shall be on a unit price basis, as indicated in the Bid Form. Official bid documents are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification system at www.bidnetdirect.com new- or count - of dutchess. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. Any and all addenda pertaining to the bid will be posted at the same website as noted above. It is incumbent upon all bidders to view posted addenda prior to the bid close date. If a bidder is not registered, they may register at the website noted above. The bidder can call BidNet at 1-800-835-4603 with questions regarding registration. The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: CPL, 26 IBM Road, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents starting on February 1, 2024 at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by appointment only. A pre-bid conference will be held on February 15, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Fishkill Town Hall. Only written Requests For Information (RFI) will be accepted. RFIs will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. (Local Time)

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on February 20, 2024, at the office of the Engineer to the attention of John Lazarony, PE via email: jlazaony@cpsteam.com. Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified bank check or bid bond from a domestic carrier licensed to do business in the State of New York in the amount of not less than five (5%) of the amount of the bid submitted. Bidders are required to execute the Non-Collusive Bidding Certificate pursuant to Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law. Notice of Public Hearing Town of East Fishkill Planning Board Legal Notice NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Town of East Fishkill Planning Board on February 20, 2024, at 6:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. This meeting will include an application, submitted by BDC Holdings Inc (Applicant and Contract Vendee for property) seeking a special use permit for parking and use and excavation and fill of >375 cubic yards and site plan approval to build an 82,538 SF climate-controlled self-storage building and associated parking. The application involves tax lot numbers 6458-04-702115, 6458-04-720105, 6458-04-714134, and 6458-04-701142, located at 1088, 1090, 1094, and 1096 Route 82, Hopewell Junction, NY, all located in the B-1 (Business) Zoning District and tax lot number 6458-04-723129, located at 1092 Route 82, Hopewell Junction, NY, located in the R-1 (Residential) Zoning District. During the public hearing, all who wish to speak will be heard. A copy of this application is on file in the Planning Department and is available for inspection. The Planning Department is open Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. January 16, 2024 By order of the Town of East Fishkill Planning Board.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-08-24 Dutchess County Transportation Safety Action Plan Proposals will be re-

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ceived until 2:00 p.m. on the 11th day of March 2024 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained by visiting our website http://www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCB-05-24 NAME OF PROJECT: COOLING TOWER MAIN SHAFT & MAIN SHAFT BEARING REPLACEMENT. Single Prime Bids shall be received for the following classes of work: Mechanical. The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities." For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public Works at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. All Addenda will be posted on Bid-Net Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids for the above project will be received by: Diane McKenna, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Bids due on or before 11:00am February 29, 2024, and at that time

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opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be attended through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 740 294 354#. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. A Walk-through is scheduled for Wednesday February 14, 2024, at 10:00am at Front Entrance of Probation & Family Court Building, 50 Market Street. All parties interested in bidding must apprise themselves of the site conditions immediately prior to bidding. Questions will be accepted by the close of business February 22, 2024 and emailed to Diane McKenna at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2024001152. View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals. PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, that on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 6:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as

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the matter is reached on the agenda, the Planning Board of the Village of Fishkill will hold a public hearing at the Village Hall, 1095 Main Street, Fishkill NY, on 1252 & 1264 Hopewell Avenue; Sub-division Plan approval, identified as tax parcel Numbers 979977, 995991 & 001995. A copy of the application is on file at the Village Hall and available for inspection during business hours. At the public hearing the Planning Board will hear all persons in support of such matter or any objections thereto. Persons may appear in person or by agent. Comments submitted in writing must be received before 4:00pm on the date of the above hearing and be addressed to: Gini Ferrucci, Planning Board Secretary 1095 Main Street Fishkill NY 12524 Or sent via email to gini@vofishkill.com

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All reasonable accommodation will be made for persons with disabilities. In such case, please notify the Planning Board Secretary in advance so that arrangements can be made. Hans Klingzahn Chairman, Planning Board Village of Fishkill Dated: October 20, 2023 PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, that on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 6:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter is reached on the agenda, the Planning Board of the Village of Fishkill will hold a public hearing at the Village Hall, 1095 Main Street, Fishkill NY, on 1010 Main Street Spa Site Plan, change of use to the existing house on the property to a Spa identified as tax parcel Number 6155-07-706870. A copy of the application is on file at the Vil-

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lage Hall and available for inspection during business hours. At the public hearing the Planning Board will hear all persons in support of such matter or any objections thereto. Persons may appear in person or by agent. Comments submitted in writing must be received before 4:00pm on the date of the above hearing and be addressed to: Gini Ferrucci, Planning Board Secretary 1095 Main Street Fishkill NY 12524 Or sent via email to gini@vofishkill.com All reasonable accommodation will be made for persons with disabilities. In such case, please notify the Planning Board Secretary in advance so that arrangements can be made. Hans Klingzahn Chairman, Planning Board Village of Fishkill Dated: October 20, 2023

GIVE BLOOD GIVE LIFE Who needs blood? Under normal circumstances, every two seconds someone in America will need a blood transfusion. Blood transfusions are used for trauma victims - due to accidents and burns - heart surgery, organ transplants, women with complications during childbirth, newborns and premature babies, and patients receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or other diseases, such as sickle cell disease and thalassemia.

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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 154/2024 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS AT BOWER PARK WHEREAS, the Town owns recreational lands known as Bower Park at 3 Ravine Road in Pleasant Valley, having tax parcel number 6363-02-995970; and WHEREAS, the Town accepted as a gift an adjacent parcel of approximately 5.7 acres, tax parcel number 6363-02-940987, which borders the park and provides access off North Avenue; and WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to integrate parcel 6363-02-940987 into Bower Park and to use the additional land to improve access to the park; and WHEREAS, the Town Engineer has drawn up plans to add a new gravel driveway leading in to the park from North Avenue, to expand the parking area for park users, and to improve the existing driveway as an exit drive; and WHEREAS, the total estimated cost of the project is \$255,000; and WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of SEQRA the Town Board determined that the proposed improvements to Bower Park constitute an unlisted action and declared itself to be the Lead Agency for conduct of the environmental review under SEQRA, and there has been no objection to the Lead Agency designation; Now therefore be it RESOLVED, that pursuant to SEQRA, the Town Board has determined that the project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and hereby issues a negative declaration for the project; and be it further RESOLVED, that parcel 6363-02-940987 is hereby designated part of Bower Park; and be it further RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the establishment of a capital fund in the amount of \$306,000 for the improvements to Bower Park, to be funded from the General Fund balance; and be it further RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the construction of a new driveway, parking lot expansion, and associated improvements as designed, at a total cost not to exceed \$306,000; and be it further RESOLVED, that this resolution to the extent that incorporates the subject parcel into Bower Park for use as parkland is subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to the provisions of Section 220 (3) of the Town Law. DATED: January 22, 2024 MOTION BY: Councilman Rifenburgh SECONDED BY: Councilman Degan ROLL CALL: Councilwoman Adams Councilman Degan Councilman Rifenburgh Supervisor Albrecht Carried.

NDSO brings movie magic to life with Feb. 10 concert

Get ready for a magical night as Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra (NDSO) transports audiences to mesmerizing realms with a captivating performance featuring music from beloved fantasy movies. This family-friendly event will take place on Saturday, February 10, at 8 p.m., at the Marriott Pavilion at The Culinary Institute of America, located at 1946 Campus Drive, Hyde Park. A tentative snow date is set for Sunday, February 11, at 3 p.m.

The orchestra will perform iconic soundtracks from cinematic classics such as "Star Wars," "Lord of the Rings," "The Wizard of Oz," and more. During "Jurassic Park" you might spot a previously believed to be extinct dinosaur.

Adding to the excitement, the concert encourages young music enthusiasts to come dressed as their favorite fantasy movie characters. The orchestra has planned a special surprise for those who participate, offering a small prize for the most creative and imaginative costumes.

"We are delighted to bring this unique

concert experience to the community," said Music Director Kathleen Beckmann. "The music from these iconic fantasy films has the power to transport us to other worlds, and we can't wait to share that magic with our audience."

Tickets for this event are priced at \$38 for adults with special discounts available for seniors and students. A Family Package is available for this concert: \$40 for one adult and two children. For further details about the concert and to purchase tickets, visit www.ndsorchestra.org or call 845-635-0877.

Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra was formed in 2006 to bring live orchestral music to northern Dutchess County and the surrounding Hudson Valley area. Now in its 18th season, the orchestra offers the best possible live performances of classical music at family-affordable prices. Since the beginning, the orchestra has been under the dedicated leadership of Kathleen Beckmann, who serves as both conductor and artistic director.



Kathleen Beckmann and Players.

-Photo Credit Guy Peifer

Inaugural Eleanor Roosevelt Banned Book Awards Ceremony set Feb. 17

As more books are being banned than ever before in U.S. history, the Eleanor Roosevelt Center and the Fisher Center at Bard will present the inaugural Eleanor Roosevelt Banned Book Awards ceremony on Saturday, Feb. 17, at 7:30 p.m., in the Sosnoff Theater at the Fisher Center. The ceremony will launch the Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Bravery in Literature, whose first-ever winners will be celebrated for championing intellectual freedom and the fight against censorship.

Each author receiving the honor—seven in total for the inaugural award—has created a vital work of literature that has experienced challenges and been banned by local municipalities, governments, or school boards. The awards for 2024 are given to authors whose works focus on racial justice, LGBTQ+ rights, and gender equality. Awardees include Laurie Halse Anderson for "SHOUT," Mike Curato for "Flamer," Alex Gino for "Melissa" (previously published as George), George M. Johnson for "All

Boys Aren't Blue," Jelani Memory for "A Kids Book About Racism," and Maia Kobabe for "Gender Queer." (Maia Kobabe will receive the award virtually.)

The Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Bravery in Literature follows on from three decades of the Eleanor Roosevelt Center honoring individuals who embrace her call to build a better world through humanitarian efforts in education, advocacy, social justice, and civil and human rights. Eleanor Roosevelt was a prolific writer, authoring hundreds of articles and essays and 28 books in her lifetime. She was passionate about supporting the role of libraries and the importance of access to information as an essential element of democracy. She tirelessly championed the creation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which has become the foundation of international human rights law. The rights in Article 19 on intellectual freedom are at the very heart of this award.

The Fisher Center at Bard has a long history of developing and supporting performance and cultural events at the inter-

section of the arts and social justice, producing innovative programming in the Hudson Valley, and supporting artists at critical career junctures. For Bard, this partnership builds on a multi-pronged approach to addressing the erosion of free expression across the globe and uplifting those who combat these disturbing trends.

Along with the recipients, legendary author Judy Blume will receive the first Eleanor Roosevelt Lifetime Achievement Award for Bravery in Literature, and will join for a virtual conversation. At the ceremony, the authors will be joined on stage by leaders in the field—Emily Drabinski, President of the American Library Association, and Matt Nosanchuck, Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, often referred to as the Biden Administration's Banned Book Czar—providing insights from the front lines of the fight against banning books.

Numerous national and local Hudson Valley organizations are collaborating to present the Awards with the Eleanor Roosevelt Center and the Fisher Center,

including, National Coalition Against Censorship, Freedom To Read Foundation, Penguin Random House, Mid-Hudson Library System, Oblong Books and The Hudson Valley LGBTQ+ Community Center. Additionally, Bard College's Center for Civic Engagement, Center for Ethics and Writing, Community Arts Collective, Community Partner Gender Equity Initiative, and Office of the Dean of Inclusive Excellence, as well as the Stevenson Library, are joining in the collaboration.

Tickets range from \$25 to \$65 and are \$5 for students with a valid ID. Tickets can be purchased at <https://fisher-center.bard.edu/events/banned-book-awards-24/>. Copies of all featured titles will be available for purchase in the lobby courtesy of Oblong Books. All proceeds will support the Eleanor Roosevelt Center's future programming including the 2025 Award for Bravery in Literature.

The Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts at Bard College is on Manor Avenue in Annandale-On-Hudson.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCH-2024-03 NAME OF PROJECT: Heritage Financial Park Drainage, 1500 Rt. 9D, Wappingers Falls, NY. Project Description: Installation of a closed drainage system, retention pond and ancillary work including timber railing and concrete sidewalks. The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from

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any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities." For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public

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Works at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. All Addenda will be posted on Bid-Net Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids due on or before **11:00am Wednesday, February 28, 2024**, and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be

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accepted. Bids for the above project will be received by: Diane McKenna, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. The bid opening for this solicitation will be in person and conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below or in-person attendance at a bid opening. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins

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will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 101 235 907#. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County

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has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Questions will be accepted by the close of business February 21, 2024 and emailed to Diane McKenna dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov and cc'd_dmckenna@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. The anticipated start of construction is April 1,

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2024; the anticipated substantial and final completion date is May 10, 2024, respectively. Failure to meet these dates may result in liquidated damages. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2023001015. View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

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THEME: CLASSIC TOYS

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1. Sri Lankan language
6. Something to chew on, especially for cows
9. Mascara holder
13. Muscat resident
14. "____ Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"
15. Father, colloquially
16. Jewish folklore creature
17. Debtor's letters
18. Art class prop
19. *Barbie's little sister
21. *____ 4 game
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24. *____ Frog educational toy
25. Nutcracker's distinguishing feature
28. Taboo, alt. sp.
30. Cooking fat
35. Deserter's acronym
37. President's David
39. Shower accessory
40. Pro ____
41. Conical dwellings
43. Prep flour
44. *Thomas or Henry, e.g.
46. Law school test acronym
47. Genealogist's creation
48. Maurice of "Where the Wild Things Are"
50. Flying saucers
52. Make mistakes
53. Chemically-induced curls
55. Harry Potter's Hedwig
57. *Certain Patch
61. *Not real dough
65. Normal
66. Clingy seed container
68. ____-____-la
69. Theater curtain fabric
70. Put into service
71. Female deer, pl.
72. Pub offering
73. Goo on a trunk
74. What's in your e-wallet?

DOWN

1. Duds or threads
2. Wildly
3. French Sudan after 1960
4. All thumbs
5. Marine gastropod
6. Coconut fiber
7. *Shedding-type card game
8. Tie in tennis
9. Shark's provision
10. Part of cathedral
11. Work detail
12. "Stop!" to marchers
15. Correspondence friend (2 words)
20. Make, as in a law
22. Edible type of grass
24. Complete payment (2 words)
25. *Banned lawn darts
26. Fully informed
27. Supreme Teutonic god
29. Get-out-of-jail money
31. Like Neverland boys
32. France's longest river
33. Bid on a house, e.g.
34. *Certain gun ammo
36. "Best ____ schemes o'Mice an' Men"
38. "La Vie en rose" singer
42. Counter seat
45. Flamethrower fuel
49. Party barrel
51. Swaddle
54. Type of puzzle
56. Words in song, sing.
57. Intersection of two arcs
58. Ascus, pl.
59. "____ after reading"
60. Switch's partner
61. Get ready, for short
62. Comedian Carvey
63. Ford contemporary
64. Jumble
67. North American country

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The solutions to the Sudoku, Crossword puzzle and Suguru can be found on page 5B.

Cookie Walk set for February 10 in Poughkeepsie



The Annual Mid-Hudson Love INC Cookie Walk promises sweet treats and positive vibes. On February 10, cookie-lovers can select their favorites from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (or as long as supplies last) at Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church, 2381 New Hackensack Road (Route 376) in Poughkeepsie. Based on last year's offering of more than 800 dozen cookies, a wide variety of gourmet homemade cookies are expected, including gluten free.

This is the 16th year for the Mid-Hudson Love In the Name of Christ (INC) Cookie Walk, which is held the Saturday before Valentine's Day, and this year falls the day before the Big Game. The event showcases the recipes and decorating skills of over 100 volunteer bakers who donate their best baked goods. Shoppers receive gloves and a bakery box and walk

through the cookie display selecting the items they want. The filled bakery boxes are weighed, and shoppers take their treats home for a suggested donation of \$9 per pound.

Proceeds benefit the ministry work of local churches through Mid-Hudson Love In the Name of Christ. Mid-Hudson Love INC is a partnership of churches that helps local families experiencing poverty by providing personal attention, skill-building classes, mentoring, and tangible goods such as personal care items, linens, and furniture.

Pick up some treats for one's sweetheart, family, Super Bowl party, a neighbor, or a friend, and know that one's donation offers a helping hand to someone in need. For further information about Mid-Hudson Love INC, visit www.mid-hudsonloveinc.org or call 845-471-0102.



The annual Cookie Walk by Mid-Hudson Love INC will take place on February 10 in Poughkeepsie. Pictured are cookies from last year's Cookie Walk.

-Courtesy photos by Jewel Ratzlaff

East Fishkill Recreation

By Bill Green
Recreation Director

This year the East Fishkill Cleanup Day and annual East Fishkill Easter Egg Hunt are both scheduled for April 6, with the cleanup at 8 a.m. and the egg hunt from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. April 7 will be the rain date for the egg hunt. April 13 will be Opening Day for sports programs.

We will start signing up residents on February 12 for the Casino trip to Castskills Resort on April 14 and to NYC to see the new musical "A Sign of the Times" on April 28.

The East Fishkill Children's Summer Camp registration begins on March 4 for East Fishkill residents. One may register online or at the Davis House, 4 Anne Ave., in East Fishkill.

This summer we will be visiting Yankee

Stadium in August for a Los Angeles Angels vs. Yankees game. We go to Citi Field for a contest between the Mets and the Boston Red Sox in September. Look for complete details in May.

One may sign up for trips or activities at the new East Fishkill Recreation Office at 4 Anne Ave.

We have a full schedule of concerts planned for this summer at the Rec Park and Red Wing Park, 11 Old Farm Rd. They will be listed in the East Fishkill Rec Guides.

All recreation programs that use the Wappingers Central School District schools are cancelled when schools have an early dismissal or when after-school activities are cancelled.

If one has any recreation questions or concerns, please call 845-226-8395 or email Recreation1@eastfishkillny.gov.

Fishkill Recreation

By Sparrow Smith
Recreation Assistant

Spring Hoops: Registration for our Spring Hoops program is now open for Fishkill residents. The program is open to boys and girls in Pre-K-12th grade. We offer two options: Instructional clinics and an Intramural league. Athletes may sign up for one or both options.

Visit FishkillRecreation.com for details and to register!

Adult Art Class: We are offering 2 art classes this spring: Realistic Faces and Spring Flowers. No art experience needed. The classes will be held on Wednesdays from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at the Fishkill Recreation Center, 793 Route 52, in Fishkill. Register today to secure one's seat at FishkillRecreation.com.

Volleyball Camp: We will be hosting a 2 Day Volleyball Camp on Tuesday and

Wednesday February 20, 21. The camp will be held at the Fishkill Rec Center, during Presidents Day break. The camp is open to ages 10-14 and will be held from 1 - 4 p.m. Sign up today before the camp fills up! Visit FishkillRecreation.com.

Little Rascals: We are excited to bring back our popular Little Rascals program! The gymnasium at the Recreation Center is turned into a giant playroom for our little ones to run free. There are pedal cars, parachutes, slides, bouncy houses, tunnels, and much more! Little Rascals is open on Thursday mornings from 10 - 11:30 a.m. The fee is \$5 per child and parents get to play for free. Remember that everyone must wear sneakers. Must pre-register at www.FishkillRecreation.com.

Contact Fishkill Recreation for more information at 845-831-3371.

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