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IN MEMORIAM

'Visionary' Clara Lou Gould was NY's longest-serving female mayor

Former Beacon mayor dies at 97



Clara Lou Gould with some of the attendees during a dedication ceremony of a plaque and bench in Gould's honor outside of City Hall in August of 2019 in Beacon.

-Archive photo by Kristine Coulter



Clara Lou Gould

-Courtesy photo Beacon Historical Society

By Kristine Coulter

Former City of Beacon Mayor Clara Lou Gould, died on Dec. 2 at the age of 97.

It was stated on the Beacon Historical Society's Facebook page on Dec. 2: "We deeply mourn the loss of our former mayor (and friend!), Clara Lou Gould -- the longest-serving female mayor in the history of New York State."

Gould was a "visionary," it stated, "who shared our city's future like no other."

Gould, Beacon's first female mayor, was born on August 29, 1927.

On the City of Beacon's Facebook page, it was posted: "The City of Beacon joins in mourning the passing of Clara Lou Gould, who served as Mayor from 1990 to 2007. Mayor [Lee] Kyriacou has ordered City flags lowered in honor and remembrance of this outstanding public

servant whose longtime leadership, poise, and vision set Beacon on its path to revitalization. Condolences to her many friends and family."

Gould was a long-time member of the historical society and a generous supporter of the mission, it stated in the historical society's post. "We will miss her devotion, her smile and her kindness. May she rest in peace."

Former City of Beacon Mayor Randy Casale commented on social media: "Clara Lou was a true leader who had a vision for Beacon and made it happen. May she RIP and always shine down on us. My condolences and [prayers] to her family."

Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini commented on social media, "Our condolences go out to the City of Beacon and family of Mayor

Clara Lou Gould. Her actions and initiatives changed her city for the better and the impact will be felt for generations to come."

The Beacon Historical Society's post concluded: "Clara Lou was Beacon's biggest fan. Somehow, 97 years was still not quite enough of her!"

The Beacon Historical Society and the Tioronda Garden Club (TGC), along with city officials and members of the public, gathered for a dedication of a commemorative plaque and bench in honor of Gould in August 2019 on her 92nd birthday. The ceremony took place outside of Beacon City Hall.

The plaque and bench recognized Gould for her devotion to Beacon and celebrated her legacy as mayor from 1990-2007.

Festive holiday celebrations set in local municipalities



Santa Claus arrives by fire truck during the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in the village of Fishkill last year.

-Archive photo

By Kristine Coulter

Local municipalities will host numerous holiday events throughout the upcoming month. The towns of Wappinger, East Fishkill, Fishkill, Poughkeepsie and the village of Fishkill have festivities set for this weekend.

Celebration of Lights set in Wappinger

The "Celebration of Lights" will be set at Schlathaus Park in Wappinger from 5-7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7.

"As we reimagine our Town's legacy programs and events, our goal is to continue to grow a strong community connection with our residents of all ages and give them something to look forward to. In doing so our new "Celebration of Lights" will feature our annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Brexel-Schlathaus Park as well as a parade of lights featuring town residents and organizations, a Holiday village including local vendors and activities for kids, live music, and expanded interactive elements for the whole family to enjoy," explained Wappinger Town Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini.

The Parade of Lights and the tree lighting will be the highlights of the festivities. Santa of course will be will stopping by the event. Attendees can enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. There will also be some games.

This is a free event, and no registration is needed to attend. Register to participate in the Parade of Lights though. Visit wappinger recreation.com.

Cavaccini said, "As the second most densely populated town in the County, it is important to note that we continue to offer more than just one activity. These events combined with our Village, are all a part of what our Town of Wappinger community has to offer, and we hope that families will enjoy this holiday season."

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Record donation from car show benefits Locust Grove Appeal

By Jim Donick

Locust Grove Car Show organizers have kick started the 2024 Locust Grove Annual Appeal with the largest donation they have ever made. Representatives of the Hudson Valley Auto Enthusiasts met recently with the leadership of Locust Grove to hand over a check for \$15,000.

"This is very much the most we have ever raised for them at the show," said Hudson Valley Auto Enthusiasts Chairman Tom Weisman, one of the founders of the original event.

Emily Ellison, Director of Programs and Marketing at Locust Grove Estate, said "We love the car show, it's just awesome. Seeing all these beautiful cars on the lawns under the trees here is marvelous. Additionally, we get to immediately keep the

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The Hudson Valley Auto Enthusiasts recently donated \$15,000 to the Locust Grove Annual Appeal.

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Libby Funeral Home organizes annual Wreaths Across America ceremonies

By Kristine Coulter

Wreaths Across America ceremonies will be taking place across the country and at local locations. The laying of wreaths in honor of veterans of U.S. military service will take place on Saturday, Dec. 14.

Libby Funeral Home to hold annual ceremonies

Libby Funeral Home representatives and volunteers will be taking part in ceremonies in Fishkill and Poughkeepsie.

“It’s a wonderful holiday event for veterans, that bring the community together to honor those military men and women who passed away and are laid resting in the cemeteries, and sometimes because the years of death are so long ago and often these particular veterans their families are no-longer around to care for the graves around the holidays and it might seem like they’re forgotten, but they’re remembered in a special way on this day,” explained Joseph Schuka, funeral home director for Libby Funeral Home in Beacon. “Across the country on Saturday, December 14, 2024, there’s about 4,800 participating cemetery locations, hosting these events. Libby Funeral Home has taken up, caring for two of our local cemeteries, the Fishkill Rural Cemetery and the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery; each cemetery has over 600-graves within their veteran sections.”

Schuka explained during the past two years, the ceremonies at the two cemeteries have taken place on separate days, so that their manpower can efficiently cover each location. Saturday, Dec. 14 is devoted to the Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9, Fishkill, and Sunday, Dec. 15 is devoted to the Poughkeepsie Rural

Cemetery, 342 South Avenue, Poughkeepsie. Each day’s ceremony is held at 2 p.m.

Asked why people should attend, Schuka replied, “It’s truly an honor that you walk away with. Knowing that you came out and remembered a veteran, by name again, especially when it’s been over 20-30 years since their deaths. Often there’s no more family in the area, either by relocation or the family dies off; it’s just a surreal feeling of gratitude that one would get from the event.”

What would Schuka tell those who are participating and/or purchased a wreath?

“THANK YOU! Truly, thank you all. For acknowledging our efforts to carry out the message of National Wreaths Across America campaign of “Remember, Honor and Teach,” it’s that simple; not many words to describe. Thank you for financially sponsoring because without those donations we wouldn’t be able to have the wreaths to cover, and then thank you to those from the communities for coming out; both individuals and groups, local veterans’ organizations such as VFWs, American Legions, local Elk Lodges, local Boy & Girl Scouts of America clubs, and other civic organizations. The more hands we have the quicker the task, but the broader audience to ‘Remember & Teach.’”

To learn more about the ceremonies, and because of deadlines, call Libby Funeral Home at 845-831-0179, to process sponsorships and to confirm dates and times.

Wreaths to be placed in Wappingers Falls

Wreaths will be placed at the



Libby Funeral Home representatives have organized Wreaths Across America ceremonies. A ceremony will take place at Fishkill Rural Cemetery in Fishkill on Dec. 14 and at the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery in Poughkeepsie on Dec. 15. Pictured is from the 2023 ceremony at Fishkill Rural Cemetery. Wreaths Across America ceremonies take place throughout the United States of America every year.

-Archive photo

Wappingers Falls Rural Cemetery, 174-208 W. Main St., in Wappingers Falls. According to Wreaths Across America website, there are 565 Veteran graves. The Coverage Goal is 1,300. As of late last week, there were 1,224 wreaths. The Ceremony will take place on Dec. 14,

at noon. The Wreath Placement will immediately follow.

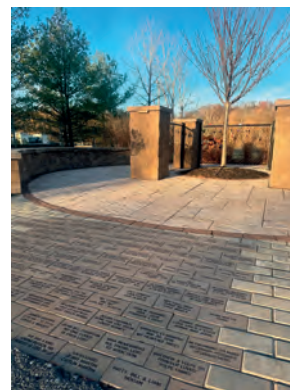
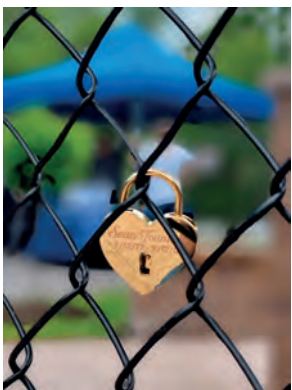
Dani Masterson is organizing this ceremony in Wappingers Falls.

For more information, to find a location, or to donate, visit <https://wreathsacrossamerica.org>.

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Drug Overdose Awareness Memorial



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Donations help support the work of the MARC Foundation. The mission of the nonprofit is to generate financial support to provide prevention and residential treatment for individuals with a substance use disorder. To learn more about the Overdose Awareness Memorial, or upcoming events, resources and news, head to www.marc-foundation.org or follow the MARC Foundation on Facebook.


The Overdose Awareness Memorial is free to visit anytime and everyone is invited to place a lock on the fence at the memorial to remember a loved one.




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Festive holiday celebrations set in local municipalities



The annual tree lighting ceremony will take place in East Fishkill on Dec. 7 at the East Fishkill Community Center. Pictured is the tree and menorah from 2023's lighting ceremony.



One of the floats during the annual 2023 holiday parade in the Town of Poughkeepsie. This year's event is set for Dec. 7.

-Archive photos

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Register for East Fishkill tree lighting

The East Fishkill Recreation Department and the East Fishkill Rotary will hold the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, for East Fishkill residents only, on Saturday, Dec. 7. The festivities will be held at the East Fishkill Community Center, 890 Route 82, in East Fishkill, from 4-7 p.m. There is a rain date of Dec. 8. Residents must register to attend.

Caroling will be from 4-5 p.m. Then Mr. & Mrs. Claus will come for a visit around 5 p.m. DJ Bob Martinson will entertain the crowd from 5-7 p.m.

Bill Green, the recreation director for East Fishkill, said, "All ages love the wide variety of holiday decorations, displays, visitors (Elf & Frosty) refreshments (from the East Fishkill Rotary), music (Bob Martinson) and the arrival of Mr. & Mrs. Claus."

More than 500 people usually attend the

yearly event, said Green.

Petting Zoo during annual holiday gathering in Village of Fishkill

The annual Village of Fishkill Tree Lighting will take place from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Van Wyck Village Hall, 1095 Main St.

Santa will make a visit to the annual event. There will also be a visit from animals. The Pied Piper Petting Zoo will be at the village hall.

There will be bunnies, chickens, ducks, sheep and goat at the event. "They're all very friendly and love attention," said Alani, who is with Pied Piper.

"We love being able to share the animals with all the people in our community. It's wonderful being able to help facilitate a connection between the animals and the kids or adults by allowing them to pet and spend time with our delightful critters. While we do like bringing the animals to events, we love when people visit the ani-

mals on our farm, where private visits take place and deeper connections to the animals can be made," said Alani.

There will also be the Parade of Lights at 6 p.m. Line up at 5:15 p.m. at Church St. The route ends at Jackson St.

Caravan and Santa's Workshop in Town of Poughkeepsie

The annual Arlington Holiday Festival & Eggnog Crawl is set for noon - 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7 at The Garden Arts Space, Lagrange Ave. Stop by to hear live music, visit vendors, a fire pot for roasting marshmallows and more.

If one attends, there will be the opportunity to buy holiday gifts and visit "Santa's Workshop." Attendees can also take part in the "Eggnog Crawl," tickets are \$5, and carriage rides.

There will also be the annual tree lighting and holiday parade.

The step off time for the Holiday Caravan is 4:30 p.m. If one is interested in taking part, line up is at 4 p.m. Those participating in the caravan will gather next to the Town of Poughkeepsie Highway garage at the NYS Department of Transportation, on Burnett Blvd.

Winter Wonderland in Town of Fishkill on Dec. 6

The Town of Fishkill will be holding

its annual Winter Wonderland on Friday, Dec. 6 from 5-8 p.m. The event will take place at the Town of Fishkill Recreation Center, 793 Route 52. For children in grades K-6.

It is suggested those whose last names start with A-M come between 5-6:30 p.m. and anyone whose last name is N-Z come from 6:15-8 p.m.

There will be a collection for Toys for Tots.

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Village of Fishkill awarded Safe Streets and Roads for All grant

To the Editor:

I am pleased to share some exciting news for the Village of Fishkill. The U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded us a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning and Demonstration Grant – a prestigious recognition that will help our community take meaningful steps toward addressing traffic and safety concerns. Fishkill is one of only 13 municipalities in New York State to receive this grant, and it marks an important milestone in our efforts to make our streets safer for everyone.

Traffic and safety have long been priorities for the Village Board and me. We've heard the concerns of residents and business owners about growing traffic challenges, particularly along Rt. 52. This grant allows us to begin tackling these issues head-on, starting with a thorough understanding of the safety challenges we face and developing actionable solutions.

The SS4A grant will help us:

- Create comprehensive road safety action plans tailored to our community's unique needs.
- Identify and plan improvements along corridors with known safety concerns.
- Experiment with "quick-build" and other temporary strategies to test potential safety features before implementing permanent solutions.

-While this grant is a significant step forward, it is just the beginning. Addressing traffic issues requires collaboration, careful planning, and a commitment to ongoing improvement. We are dedicated to working with residents, businesses, and other stakeholders throughout this process to ensure our solutions reflect the needs and values of our community.

As Mayor, I am proud of the progress we've made, but I recognize there is still much to do. The SS4A grant sets the foundation for a safer and more connected Fishkill—one where everyone, whether walking, biking, or driving, can feel secure on our roads.

I invite all members of our community to stay involved and engaged as we move forward. Together, we can create a Village that is safer and more accessible for all.

Kathy Martin
Mayor, Village of Fishkill

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Holiday greetings to all Beacon Reads' donors

To the Editor:

Friends of the Howland Public Library (HPL) send holiday greetings to all the wonderful people who have donated books to Beacon Reads. Proceeds from sales go to the Howland Library which are used for much needed projects including both Adult and Children's programs.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our many fantastic volunteers!

Beacon Reads is located at 309 Main St - open Wednesday-Sunday - we are accepting books and records in good condition -11 a.m.-4 p.m.

And don't forget to visit the Howland Library-a treasure trove of books and memorable programs

Marcia Frahman
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Elks serve Veterans lunch through funds from grant



The Beacon Elks Lodge #1493 provided a free luncheon for all Veterans and their loved ones on Nov. 16. The luncheon was provided through the Elks National Foundation Freedom grant. Fifty-five veterans and their loved ones attended and heard the guest speaker from Hudson Valley VA Health Care Castle Point VA regarding Medical Foster Care.

The next luncheon will be held on Sunday, Dec. 8th, 1 p.m. at the Beacon Elks Lodge, 900 Wolcott Ave., Beacon.

-Courtesy photo

Drug Task Force: Alleged Poughkeepsie fentanyl dealer arrested

The Dutchess County District Attorney's Office Drug Task Force reports ongoing investigations into narcotic and dangerous drug dealers operating in the areas of Main Street between North Clinton Street and North Hamilton Streets.

Drug Task Force Agents identified another fentanyl dealer operating in the area of 455 Main Street and identified him as Jahking Z. Murphy, 19. Drug Task Force Agents then made fentanyl purchases from Murphy in this area.

On Nov. 25, Drug Task Force Agents with the assistance of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Unit executed a search warrant at Murphy's residence located inside 455 Main Street.

As a result of this search warrant Murphy was taken into custody without incident and charged with the following:

2 Counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 3rd Degree, a Class B Felony.

Murphy was arraigned in the City of Poughkeepsie Court and released on electronic monitoring as required by New York State law.

It was stated that fentanyl is deadly and those individuals who choose to sell this poison in Dutchess County will be aggressively targeted by the Drug Task Force.

If anyone has information regarding this case or about any other individuals selling drugs in Dutchess County, you are urged to contact the Drug Task Force confidential tip line at 845-463-6040 or by sending an email to the following email address: DrugTaskForceTips@gmail.com.

As with any criminal case, the charges described above are merely an accusation and those individuals named in this release are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

NYS Police seek public's assistance in hit-and-run accident in Wappinger

New York State Police seek the public's help in a hit-and-run accident that took place on November 26.

According to NYS Police, troopers responded to a fatal pedestrian hit-and-run crash on Old Hopewell Road and Route 9 in the town of Wappinger.

At approximately 8:35 p.m., a 43-year-old woman was struck by a vehicle traveling westbound on Old Hopewell

Road approaching the intersection with Route 9. Good Samaritans rendered aid, but the victim was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Anyone who may have information regarding this incident that has not yet spoken to Investigators is asked to please contact the New York State Police at 845-677-7300.

Please refer to case# NY2400938599.

Holiday Tours at Mount Gulian Historic Site

By Kristine Coulter

Enjoy a rest from the busyness of the holiday season at the Verplanck family home, Mount Gulian Historic Site, in Beacon. The rooms in the historic Dutch Colonial home will be decorated throughout for the holiday season.

“The holiday tour differs from the tours we offer during the regular season in a couple of ways. First, there will be an exhibit of items from the museum’s collection that are rarely on display. For example, Virginia Verplanck’s scrap book from the mid 1800’s, which includes antique Christmas cards, will be available for viewing. Also on display will be a woman’s beautiful navy blue, velvet dress, with an incredibly small waistline! In addition, the lush greens and holiday decorations will contribute to the home’s beauty, comfort and cheer,” said Mount Gulian Executive Director Elaine Hayes.

Holiday Tours are scheduled for noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Tours are scheduled to begin on Sunday, Dec. 8. Then, the tours will continue to be offered on Wednesday, Dec. 11 through Sunday, Dec. 15. The following week, tours will be held from Wednesday, Dec. 18 through Saturday, Dec. 21. Having a reservation is preferred, according to organizers, but walk-ins will be welcome if there are spots still available.

“Mount Gulian’s first floor rooms and basement colonial kitchen will be decorated in different styles. Fresh greens will be used throughout the home. The dining

room and fresh tree will be adorned with opulent Victorian style decorations. The study and colonial kitchen will be decorated in traditional holiday colors and rustic ornaments. Contemporary holiday displays will embellish the home’s main room and foyer. A kissing ball will be hung in the foyer,” said Hayes.

Hayes explained, “Christmas was a very special time of year for the Verplanck family. Miss Mary Anna Verplanck’s annual Christmas Dinner was a cherished family tradition. Oysters, venison, turkey, and the traditional boar’s head, with celery for tusks, appeared on her holiday tables. After dinner, the Verplanck women would mysteriously disappear to light the tree with little wax candles – the crowning event of the day.”

It was noted that “adding to the twinkle of holiday decorations, the museum’s collection of fine decorative pieces will contribute to the home’s comfort and cheer.”

What did the Christmas tree mean to the family?

Hayes replied, “In the 19th century, Christmas trees, unlike today, were not universal and commonplace. But Gulian Crommelin Verplanck always had a tree as a treat for the children. There were lady apples on the tree, as well as oranges, cornucopias, toys and sugar plums. It was always of laurel, reaching nearly to the drawing room’s ceiling.”

A great group of volunteers, including members of the Verplanck Garden Club, helped with the decorating.



Holiday Tours will be offered at Mount Gulian Historic Site beginning on December 8.

-Courtesy photo

Admission to the holiday tour is \$12 adult; \$10 senior; \$8 youngsters (6-18 years of age). Children under 6 and Mount Gulian members are free. Membership is open to the public. One

may find out more about membership at www.mountgulian.org.

For further information, and to make a reservation, call 845-831-8172 or email info@mountgulian.org.

Disability etiquette focus of 8th Annual ThinkDIFFERENTLY Conference in Hyde Park on Dec. 5

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino invites service providers, educators and families of those with disabilities to the County’s 8th Annual Think DIFFERENTLY Conference on Thursday, Dec. 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Henry A. Wallace Center at FDR Presidential Library and Home in Hyde Park. Registration is required for this free event and can be found at dutchessny.gov/tdconference and includes a complimentary lunch. This year’s conference focuses on disability etiquette.

County Executive Serino said, “Dutchess County is proud to once again bring together individuals and organizations who are committed to making a difference in the lives of those with disabilities. Disability etiquette encourages us to properly and respectfully interact with and speak to residents with disabilities, empowering them to contribute to their community. I encourage you to take part in this important conversation, to increase our respect and knowledge about and for people of every ability.”

Dutchess County’s Think DIFFERENTLY initiative fosters a more inclusive and supportive community by breaking down barriers and expanding opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Now in its eighth year, the ThinkDIFFERENTLY Conference has become an essential platform for advancing conversations on inclusivity and for sharing best practices that support people of all abilities in local schools, workplaces and communities.

The 2024 ThinkDIFFERENTLY Conference promises a robust agenda, which includes welcome remarks by

County Executive Serino, followed by a 9:30 a.m. panel discussion on “Lived Experience Disability Etiquette,” which will give attendees the opportunity to:

- Learn from local residents as they discuss their experiences with a disability;
- Understand preferences when a disability needs to be addressed; and
- Learn about appropriate language when discussing disabilities.

Following lunch from noon to 1 p.m., Emma Arnoff, LCSW, AutPlay Certified Therapist, owner of Sensory Space Poughkeepsie and parent, will lead a “Neurodivergent Etiquette & Ableism” discussion, offering attendees the opportunity to learn about ableism and neurodivergent symbols.

Question-and-answer sections will follow each session, and attendees will walk away with resources to continue learning about disability etiquette.

Dana Hopkins, Dutchess County’s All Abilities Programs Director said, “Dutchess County is committed to ensuring that every resident, regardless of ability, feels valued and included. The ThinkDIFFERENTLY Conference is a cornerstone of our mission to build a more inclusive community. Each year, we come together to exchange ideas, learn from one another and advocate for a world that embraces all abilities, and this year’s event promises to be another success that benefits many residents throughout Dutchess County.”

Additional information about the County’s ThinkDIFFERENTLY initiative is available on the award-winning website, thinkdifferently.net.

Sensory-friendly performance of ‘The Nutcracker’ at Bardavon on Dec. 13

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino invites residents of all abilities and their families to a free, sensory-friendly performance of the holiday classic ballet, “The Nutcracker,” presented by the New Paltz Ballet Theatre. The show will take place at the Bardavon 1869 Opera House in Poughkeepsie on Friday, Dec. 13, starting at 6 p.m.; doors open at 5 p.m., and outside food and drink are not permitted in the theater. Seating is limited, and reservations are required online at dutchessny.gov/nutcracker.

Serino said, “Every child of every ability deserves to enjoy the holiday season to the fullest, and ‘The Nutcracker’ is a beloved classic that appeals to all of us. Dutchess County is proud to again offer a

stress-free night at the theater for children with disabilities and their families while they enjoy this holiday tradition. I encourage individuals and families to join us in celebrating the season with this holiday standard.”

The show will be a “no-hush” performance meant to foster an informal, non-judgmental atmosphere where audience members can experience and respond to the performance in their own way. The Bardavon will adjust both the lighting and sound to make the experience more enjoyable for those on the autism spectrum or who experience sensory concerns.

For additional details, residents can view the event flyer online.

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Hochul signs 'Melanie's Law' named after late Wappingers Falls resident Melanie Chianese

Domestic violence law protects family members of victims, regardless of age

Governor Kathy Hochul on Nov. 25, International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, signed legislation expanding protections in domestic violence cases in criminal and family court.

According to the Governor's office, "This legislation recognizes that domestic violence does not just impact a person who is or was in an intimate relationship with an abuser — it impacts their family and household members as well." The law closed the loophole that limited protections to children under 18 and allows courts to issue orders of protection to immediate family members or household members of named victims, regardless of age.

The law is named after the late Wappingers Falls resident Melanie Chianese, who was killed by her mother's ex-boyfriend while he awaited sentencing after pleading guilty to a domestic violence felony in May 2022. According to the press release from the Hochul's office, "Melanie's mother, Cheryl Chianese-Cavalli, was able to get orders of protection for herself and Melanie's four-year-old son, but Melanie was ineligible because she was 29." Hochul was joined at the signing by Melanie's mother: "Melanie Chianese should be standing with us today, along with countless New Yorkers lost at the hands of senseless and preventable acts of domestic violence," Governor Hochul said. "By signing Melanie's law, we are committing New York State, our law enforcement and our legal system to the fundamental principle that every person deserves to be protected."

Chianese-Cavalli said, "Today is a big step forward for domestic violence. Melanie's Law will save lives and her legacy will live on forever in our hearts."

Senator Rob Rolison (39th District) released the following statement on the day of the passage of Melanie's Law, and after he participated in the official signing ceremony: "Today is the culmination of years of advocacy and effort on behalf of victims of abuse. Sunday (Nov. 24) [was] Melanie's birthday. This critical legislation will finally provide the Chianese family with some measure of closure to their tragedy, protect domestic violence victims, and strengthen New York's criminal laws by closing an unconscionable loophole. As prime co-sponsor of Melanie's Law, I am grateful for the opportunity to help deliver this bill and stand up for victims of abuse across our state."

Assemblyman Anil Beephan Jr. stated, "We have come such a long way from the moment I met Cheryl Chianese over a year ago, when I promised her that Melanie's Law would be my top priority for this legislative session. Today, I am proud to



Gov. Kathy Hochul recently signs Melanie's Law. The law closes the loophole that limits protections to children under 18. The law allows courts to issue orders of protection to immediate family members or household members of named victims, regardless of age.

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see that promise fulfilled."

Beephan said it was "an honor" to work with Assemblymember Brian Cunningham, who Beephan said spearheaded the legislation. He also thanked Assemblymember Didi Barrett, Rolison and Senator Michelle Hinchey "for their unwavering support throughout this process."

Hinchey said, "Domestic violence leaves a trail of trauma that impacts entire families, and when people come forward for help, they deserve a legal system that offers protection and compassion. I'm proud to sponsor Melanie's Law, which will help do that, allowing orders of protection to now extend to relatives of DV victims, providing a safeguard for those who often bear the ripple effects of abuse."

New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence Executive Director Kelli Owens said, "No one should feel helpless to protect their children, no matter how old they

might be, from their abuser. Thank you, Governor Hochul, and our legislators, for taking this step to offer peace of mind and save lives. OPDV is dedicated to raising awareness, working with law enforcement and domestic violence professionals to better assess lethality risk factors, and ensuring the needs of victims and survivors are met in a survivor-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive way."


Forty-year-old Paul Senecal, the ex-boyfriend, is serving a life sentence without the possibility of parole for the murder of Chianese. He was sentenced by Dutchess County Court Judge Edward McLoughlin in April 2023.

New York's Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline is available 24/7: 800-942-6906 (call), 844-997-2121 (text) or @opdv.ny.gov (chat). OVS Resource Connect also allows individuals to find state-funded victim assistance programs in their community by their specific need or concern.



Melanie's Law was named after Melanie Chianese, who was a resident of Wappingers Falls.

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Record donation from car show benefits Locust Grove Appeal

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income from the spectators. This year that was over 1,300 adults plus children, which meant we took in about \$13,000 on the day of the show.

"We've just kicked off our Annual Appeal and this donation goes a long way in helping us meet it. The Appeal this year is to begin raising funds for replacing the heating and air conditioning in our visitor's center," she said. The current system was installed when the building was erected and has met its original expected service life.

Sarah Ruvo, who is coordinating the Appeal this year, said "This will be a big boost to our effort. We've just started with a Christmas themed donation tree. There will be more to come."

"We love doing this," said Mike Butler, president of the Hudson Valley Auto Enthusiasts. "This year we had more cars than ever before and we are hoping for even more in 2025."

"We have plenty of room to park them," said Ellison with a smile.

Jim Brands has been helping with the event almost since its inception. "I often drive the cart that moves folks from the parking area to the show field," he said. "2024 was another fantastic year." Brands also often has his own show car on the field while he helps out with transporting visitors.

2024 saw nearly 550 show cars passing through Locust Grove's Gates. "We are hoping for even more next year," said Butler. "Six hundred fifty seem like an achievable goal."

Next year's event is scheduled for July 14. With the Locust Grove Annual Appeal off to a good start, their own goal is still some distance away. Anyone wanting to help support this treasure of the Hudson Valley can stop by Locust Grove or donate on line by going to LGNY.org/donate.



From left are Tom Weisman, Jim Brands and Mike Butler from the Hudson Valley Auto Enthusiasts and Emily Ellison and Sarah Ruvo of Locust Grove.

-Photo by Jim Donick

Dutchess County Commissioner of Emergency Response to step down Dec. 31

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino announced today that Commissioner of Emergency Response, Dana Smith, is stepping down after eighteen years of service with the County to pursue other opportunities. His resignation is effective Dec. 31.

County Executive Serino said, "We appreciate the many contributions Dana Smith has made during his service with Dutchess County. His commitment to emergency preparedness is unwavering and he has helped to see our community through many emergencies over his tenure. We wish him much success in all of his future endeavors."

During Smith's tenure, the Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response (DCER) has coordinated response to a multitude of emergency

events – from significant weather emergencies such as Hurricane Irene, Hurricane Sandy and several major winter weather events, many of which required disaster declarations where DCER coordinated with FEMA to provide assistance to residents.

Under his leadership, training has been a critical priority to ensure readiness for the more than 200,000 emergency calls handled annually by the Dutchess County 9-1-1 Communications Center, as well as prepare for events that are difficult to imagine. Thousands are trained annually at the Emergency Response campus in the Town of Hyde Park, including firefighters, EMS and law enforcement professionals and volunteers. Many exercises and simulations are coordinated each year ranging from Point of Distribution exercises to terrorism

response and Active Shooter Hostile Event Response simulations. Citizen Preparedness Training has also been at the forefront for residents to be prepared for emergency situations, including specialized training for families with disabilities as well as animal emergency preparedness.

Smith stated, "Emergency preparedness has always been and will always be a passion for me. It has been a privilege to serve the people of Dutchess County as Emergency Response Commissioner. I am proud of the work we have done, together with community partners, to ensure the safety and security of Dutchess County residents and I look forward to moving on to

new chapters."

Deputy Commissioner Shawn Castano will serve as Interim Commissioner as a search committee is launched. The search committee will include representation from the police, fire and EMS community to identify a qualified successor for the continued improvement of public safety and emergency preparedness of our community.

Serino continued, "Emergency response has been a top priority for my administration, and we remain committed to protecting public safety and enhancing emergency preparedness. I look forward to working with the search committee to identify the next leader for this important work."

Historian Shannon Butler to present 'Queen City in Flux' on December 12

Historian Shannon Butler will explore the history of Poughkeepsie in her upcoming program, "Queen City in Flux: Three Centuries of Growth and Loss in Poughkeepsie" on Thursday, Dec. 12, at 6:30 p.m., in the Lateef Islam Auditorium at the Family Partnership Center, 29 North Hamilton Street.

Butler will talk about the earliest Dutch and English settlers in Poughkeepsie, who built small stone houses to the modern construction of the One Dutchess apartments that were built in 2019, and all the change that occurred during that time period.

"Over the past three centuries, the area we know as Poughkeepsie has morphed from a tiny settlement to a bustling village, into an industrial center, and even a so-called "model city," Butler said. "No one can doubt that Poughkeepsie has seen a lot of change since the first houses were built at the turn of the 18th century. We have seen buildings and landscapes come and go, and we will see more as the Queen City on the Hudson continues to remain a city in flux. Join me as we venture back in time and discuss some of the major changes that have taken place here."

The Poughkeepsie Public Library has been serving the community since 1874, striving to provide resources and opportunities that enrich, inform, and empower individuals of all ages. Through innova-



Historian Shannon Butler will present "Queen City in Flux," on Dec. 12 at the Family Partnership Center in Poughkeepsie.

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tive programs, comprehensive collections, and a commitment to fostering a love for learning, Poughkeepsie Public Library aims to make a positive impact on the lives of the people it serves.

For more information, follow the Library District on Facebook, visit the web site at poklib.org or email the Local History Room, sbutler@poklib.org.

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BluePath Service Dogs receives \$5,000 grant from Anderson Foundation for Autism

The leadership team and trustees of Anderson Foundation for Autism, in Staatsburg, announced on Nov. 11 that BluePath Service Dogs, in Wappingers Falls, is among four recipients of the Foundation's first-ever grantmaking cycle.

BluePath Service Dogs, a nonprofit organization, matches service dogs with autistic individuals; the goal is to enhance safety, create companionship, and deliver opportunities for greater independence. According to BluePath's website, the dogs are all trained to prevent a child from bolting, either into the street or away from parents in a crowded area. They also provide children with increased social acknowledgement from peers and help cultivate feelings of self-confidence.

The grant award from Anderson Foundation for Autism is \$5,000.

Said BluePath's Co-Founder and CEO, Michelle Brier: "We are grateful to Anderson Center for Autism for their continued support of BluePath's mission. This grant will enable us to make an even bigger impact, furthering our shared goal of improving the lives of individuals on the autism spectrum. Our partnership with Anderson is invaluable, and together, we are creating a brighter future for those we serve."

Anderson Foundation for Autism's full list of 2024 grant recipients includes: Project Ready (grant award: \$6,500), Bring On The Spectrum (grant award: \$6,000); Flower Petals Adaptive Dance Studio (grant award: \$4,200), and, as noted, BluePath Service Dogs with its grant award of \$5,000.

Said Kevin Kollar, Chair of Anderson Foundation for Autism's Board of Trustees: "Anderson Foundation's Executive Committee reviewed many

grant applications which demonstrated a shared commitment to our cause, and we are thrilled to have selected the aforementioned organizations for our first-ever set of Anderson Foundation grant awards. All are very deserving 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations whose work closely aligns with Anderson Center for Autism's mission of 'optimizing the quality of life for individuals with autism.' Each group has already made meaningful contributions to our field, and we are confident that they will continue to do so for years to come."

Kollar noted that BluePath - and all recipients of grant awards - will be required to report outcomes to Anderson Foundation for Autism.

Explained Patrick Paul, CEO and Executive Director of Anderson Center for Autism: "When we first launched the Foundation, our objective was simply to create a 'rainy day fund' for Anderson Center for Autism that could bridge gaps between financial needs and resources. Thanks to the generosity of families, community members, businesses, and philanthropists, this fund has grown to a level that now allows us to help support the good work of other organizations as well. Within weeks of kicking off our grant-making program, we received many impressive proposals, and the Executive Committee of Anderson Foundation's Board got to work evaluating those applications and making decisions."

Eliza Bozenski, Chief Development Officer at Anderson Foundation for Autism, added: "We are so proud to be positioned to help catapult others to success - and it is deeply rewarding to know that funds from Anderson Foundation for Autism can support BluePath's work to



BluePath Service Dogs recently received a \$5,000 grant from Anderson Foundation for Autism. Pictured are BluePath dogs from a class that was held earlier this year.

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optimize the quality of life for individuals with autism - just as our team at Anderson does every day."

Anderson Center for Autism (ACA), founded 100 years ago in 1924 - which also receives funds from Anderson Foundation for Autism - offers evidence-based educational, vocational, residential, and consulting/training programs, drawing students and residents from all over the United States to experience its school and residential offerings. Its affiliate, Anderson Center International (ACI), hosts scholars from countries throughout the world for a 12-18 month training program at Anderson's Staatsburg campus (today, that includes 26 scholars from 10 countries). During this experience at

Anderson, scholars gain the education needed to improve schooling, workplace environments, and overall therapy and care for people with autism upon returning to their home countries. Another Anderson Center for Autism affiliate, Anderson Center Consulting and Training (ACCT), has, among other activities, delivered training needed for over 150 businesses to gain designation as being "Autism Supportive."

Anderson runs Early Learning Academy programs (in Pine Plains and Latham) and The Anderson Center Clinic (Latham).

For further information about Anderson Center for Autism and Anderson Foundation for Autism, visit andersoncenterforautism.org.

Feldman, Kleidman, Collins & Sappe LLP recognized in 2025 edition of Best Law Firms®

Hudson Valley law firm Feldman, Kleidman, Collins & Sappe LLP (FKC&S) is has announced its designation as a Metropolitan Tier 1 firm in White Plains for Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, as well as a Metropolitan Tier 1 firm in White Plains for Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants in the 2025 edition of Best Law Firms. Successfully trying cases at all levels of state and federal courts throughout the Hudson Valley and Capital District for more than 38 years, the firm has been recognized by Best Law Firms since its First Edition in 2010.

"We are honored to receive this designation from our esteemed peers," said Founding Partner Jeffrey M. Feldman. "I am inspired daily by the talented and dedicated professionals on our team and I'm

proud to work alongside them to achieve the best possible results for our clients."

Earlier this year, Partners Jeffrey M. Feldman, Robert R. Sappe and Kathryn C. Collins were selected by their peers for inclusion in the 31st Edition of The Best Lawyers in America®. All three are being honored in the areas of Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants in Fishkill, NY, and Feldman is also being honored in the category of Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants in Fishkill. Additionally, Feldman has been named Best Lawyers® 2025 Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants "Lawyer of the Year" in White Plains, which marks the fourth time he has received a "Lawyer of the Year" distinction. Rankings are determined by rigorous, peer-to-peer, industry-driven evaluations.

Annual Christmas Fair set for Dec. 7-8

The Women's Parish Club of St. Joachim-St. John the Evangelist Church will be holding its annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event will be held in the St. Joachim's gymnasium, Leonard Street, in Beacon.

There will be "values galore!" Attendees can begin their Christmas shopping at the famous jewelry counter.

Check out the new and almost new Christmas items, tasty baked goods, hand-made gifts, and more! There will also be several different raffles: lottery tree, wine basket, money prizes, gift baskets and a "50/50" to name a few! Breakfast and lunch will also be available.

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Obituaries

Michael Stewart James



Michael Stewart James, 72, beloved father, brother, friend and community member, died peacefully at his home in Fishkill, NY, on November 19, 2024. Born in Baltimore, MD, Michael graduated from Fordham University, Bronx, NY in 1974, and lived in New York City and Brookfield, CT, prior to settling in Fishkill in 2003. An accomplished optician who thoroughly enjoyed his craft, Michael owned and operated VisionWorks ophthalmic dispensary in Briarcliff Manor, NY for 20 years, prior to working for Raymond Opticians for the last 10 years.

Michael is survived by his loving son Carl D. James (Cambridge MA); his longtime partner Rosemary Couzens; his brother Stephen James (Westport CT) and sister Melissa James (Baltimore MD); his former spouse Elizabeth Talian (James); and by many nieces, nephews, extended family,

friends and coworkers. Michael is predeceased by his parents, Frank H. James and Dorothy Lorenz James (Baltimore MD) and by his brother Frank H. James III.

Michael was a warm and loving father, brother, and friend. A lifelong fan of the Orioles baseball team, he was an enthusiast of superheroes, comic books, Star Trek and BigFoot, and athletically enjoyed sports including tennis and softball. Michael is best remembered for his quick wit, sense of humor, and telling - and retelling - wonderful and funny stories. Family and friends hold many happy memories of Michael throughout his rich life. He is dearly missed.

A Celebration of his life will be held at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY, on Saturday, December 7, 2024, from 2 to 5 p.m. Family and friends are invited to visit from 2 p.m.; speakers will begin at approximately 4 p.m. (<https://www.mchoulfuneralhome.com/fishkill.html>).

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a charitable organization of your choice.

Louise M. Carielli



FISHKILL - Louise M. Carielli, 94, passed away at the Taconic Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Fishkill, NY on Monday, November 25, 2024.

Daughter of the late John and Margaret Locasale, she was born in the Bronx on February 16, 1930. She graduated from Columbus High School.

On May 5, 1951, she married Paul Carielli at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in the Bronx. Paul predeceased her two years prior.

Louise spent her younger years caring for her husband Paul and her 3 children. Later in life, she worked for many years for Sears selling product warranties.

Louise enjoyed many hobbies such as gardening, landscaping, card games and casino outings. She was an avid bowler who loved to travel, especially taking trips to the beach where she could spend countless hours on the sunny beaches of Aruba and the Jersey shore. She especially loved

volunteering at St Mary's Church as she was a Eucharistic Minister and was the treasurer for the Marion Guild.

Survivors include her daughter, Paula Curran; her son, Tom Carielli & his partner Adriana Guzman; her son-in-law Roy Ribeiro; her grandchildren, Kim Colacicco, Danielle Perrotto & her husband Steven Tang, Paul Carielli, Keith Carielli & his wife Michelle, Christina Curran, and Ryan Curran; and seven great-grandchildren.

Calling hours will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, December 3rd at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 4th at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill, NY. Entombment will follow at Ferncliff Cemetery, 280 Secor Road, Hartsdale, NY.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 (www.stjude.org) or the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Avenue, Floor 17 Chicago, IL 60601 (www.alz.org).

For online tributes, you can visit Louise's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Ann Mulvey



EAST FISHKILL - Ann Marie Mulvey, 85, an area resident since 1971 and formerly of the Bronx, died on November 27, 2024 at her home.

Born in Manhattan on March 30, 1939, she was the daughter of Francis Joseph and Margaret Mary (Stack) Mulvey. Ann graduated from Fordham University with a bachelor's degree in psychology, and from New York University with her master's degree in Educational Psychology. Throughout her career, she had worked as a teacher for the New York City Board of Education, psychologist for St. Joseph's School for the Deaf and the Scarsdale Board of Education, principal for St. Simon Stock in the Bronx, and St. Augustine in Highland, and she also taught at Mercy College and Touro

University. She was a member of Phi Delta Kappa, the National Association of School Psychologists and the American psychologists.

Ann was a devoted parishioner of St. Columba Church, and previously of St. Helena's Church. She was a fully professed member of the Pontifical Institute - Handmaids of Divine Mercy. She was always interested in helping senior citizens by distributing Holy Communion to the homebound at nursing homes and residences.

Ann is survived by her brother, Francis Mulvey and his wife Patricia; her niece, Mary Potter and her husband Rob; her nephews, Francis Mulvey and his fiancé Dawn and Thomas Mulvey and his wife Elizabeth; and her grand nieces and nephews, Mary Elizabeth Potter, James Mulvey, Katie Mulvey, Grace Mulvey and Reed Mulvey. She was predeceased by her grand nephew, Owen Mulvey.

Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Columba Church, 835 Route 82, Hopewell Junction followed by interment in St. Denis Cemetery.

Owen Booth Cottle



FISHKILL - Owen Booth Cottle, 101, died on November 19, 2024, at home surrounded by his family. A resident of Brookfield, CT, he previously lived in Fishkill, NY, Stormville, NY, Hawthorne, NY, and Yonkers, NY. Born in St. Louis, MO on November 17, 1923, Owen was the son of the late Barnard and Evelyn (Davis) Cottle. He proudly served in the US Army Air Corps from 1943-1945, and was a member of the American Legion. Owen retired as Treasurer from Abex Corporation out of New York City and Stamford, CT in 1985 after 38 years of service. He then worked as an office manager for Berger Hardware in Hawthorne for over 19 years.

Owen was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Fishkill, NY, and a former member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Hawthorne, NY. He was a

member of the Free and Accepted Masons, Hiawatha Masonic Lodge #434 in Pleasantville, NY.

On October 22, 1960 at St. John's Tuckahoe Church in Yonkers, Owen married Elizabeth (Ahearn) Cottle who predeceased him in 2022 after 61 years of marriage. He is survived by his children and their spouses, Kathleen and William Stymacks of Poughquag, NY, Suzanne and Martin O'Rourke of Brewster, NY, Owen and Cathy Cottle of Shallotte, NC, Donald and Elaine Cottle of Stormville, and Christopher Cottle of Clemmons, NC; his 12 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, Owen was also predeceased by his first wife, Florence (Godfrey) Cottle in 1959; his daughter, Diane Geiss in 2024; his sister, Barbara Aldrich; and his brother, Roger Cottle.

Owen was a wonderful man and Father. He lived life to the fullest, and faced each heartbreak and challenge with strength and courage. He will forever be an inspiration to his family as well as a fond memory to all who knew him.

Calling hours will be held at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill on Friday, December 13th from 7 - 8pm with an American Legion service at 7:30 pm and a Masonic service at 8 pm. Burial will take place at Kensico Cemetery on Saturday, December 14th at 11 am with military honors. A memorial service will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Fishkill NY on January 18, beginning at 11:00 am.

Donations may be made in memory of Owen to a Hospice organization of your choice, the Lupus Research Alliance, or National MS Society. Please visit his Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Patricia Ann Fredericks



BEACON - Patricia Ann Fredericks, a local area resident for almost 60 years, passed away on Thursday, November 21, 2024 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie. She was 93.

Daughter of the late Charles and Ella (Sager) St. John, she was born in Oswego, NY on May 18, 1931. She and her family moved to Dutchess County in 1965. For many years, Patricia worked as a lab technician at the Texaco Research Facility in Glenham.

Patricia (Ann) was a longtime member of the Southern Dutchess Country Club in Beacon, NY and the Brunswick Golf Course in Calabash, NC. An avid golfer, she loved time spent on the course and enjoyed many trips to Calabash and Myrtle Beach. Patricia (Ann) was very proud of her hole-in-one achievement. Patricia's other hobbies included many

crafts such as sewing, knitting, and completing jigsaw puzzles.

More than anything else, she truly cherished spending time with her friends and family, most especially as a grandmother and great-grandmother.

Survivors include her daughter, Janine Atwell & her husband William of Champlin, MN; her son, John Anderson & his wife Ellen of Wappingers Falls; her daughter, Patricia (Trish) Anderson & her husband Charlie Strong of Calabash, NC; her grandchildren: Tabitha Fields & her husband Chris, Meghan Anderson & her husband Karl Meehan, Kathleen Anderson-Popek & husband Michael, John Anderson & his wife Sara, and her great-grandchildren: Edward, Alexis, Liam, Evie, Claire, and Ian; as well as many nieces, nephews, and many other loving relatives & friends.

Patricia was preceded in death by her husband Frank N. Fredericks in 2017 and her first husband, John P. Anderson, in 2001. She was also predeceased by her granddaughter, Stephanie Atwell; as well as her siblings and their spouses: Dorothy & Daniel Sommers, Mary & Jack Payne, Helen & James Hennessy, and Charles & Dolores St. John.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Monday, November 25 at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill, NY. Interment followed at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9, Fishkill, NY.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association, PO Box 756, Osceola, WI 54020-0756 (www.lung.org) or the National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33rd Street, New York, NY 10016 (www.kidney.org).

Arrangements are under the direction of McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY.

For online tributes, visit www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Veterans to hear from DAR representative during free luncheon on Dec. 8 at Elks Lodge

The Beacon Elks Lodge #1493 Free Luncheon to all Veterans and their loved ones will be held by the members of the Beacon Elks #1493 on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 1 p.m. The luncheon will be held at the lodge, 900 Wolcott Ave., in Beacon. Pam Barrack, from the Daughters of the

American Revolution (DAR), will be the guest speaker.

The free lunches have been provided by a grant from The Elks National Foundation Freedom Grant.

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The holiday season was welcomed in with festivities in the village of Wappingers Falls and the city of Beacon on Nov. 30. From top left, Mrs. Claus visited Mesier Park in Wappingers Falls. A tree-lighting ceremony took place in Wappingers Falls. The gazebo in Mesier Park is decorated for the holidays. Attendees gathered in Memorial Park in Beacon for the annual holiday event. Dancers from Yanarella School of Dance performed during the 7th Annual Tree Lighting in Beacon.

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Poutine

Shameless comfort food, courtesy of our friends up North

Today I feel the need to share one of my favorite things. After a few stressful weeks and in need of comfort food, the question of what to make to soothe my weary soul was easily answered with one word: poutine. The quintessential Canadian concoction of crisp fries with rich gravy and cheese curds is, to me, perfection and easily made at home, great news for times like this when life gets a little messy and I need its delicious comfort.

If the idea of French fries slathered with gravy doesn't appeal to you then a.) we can't be friends any more and b.) I haven't done enough to sufficiently sell you on it, so shame on me. I'm about to string together some adjectives that should get your mouth watering; but if I do my job and you're still not convinced, please refer back to a.) and know that I will be sad.

Other than being a magical combination of potatoes, gravy and cheese, what is poutine? An appetizer? A snack? A meal? Meant to be shared? Yes, yes, yes and yes! In Canada it's the go-to dish after hitting the pubs, the perfect bar food and beer's best friend. Going to a diner with your pals to share a platter of poutine after a fun night out is de rigueuer. More and more restaurants around us offer it as an appetizer; and you'll see entrees that are a spin on the classic, adding braised beef, pulled pork, mushrooms or bacon. For me it's a meal I want all to myself and I will polish it off every time with no regrets. It's so delicious I can't help myself! So it can be anything you need it to be, even your best friend!

So first, the fries. Since they are the canvas for the lovely mess that is poutine (the name comes from a Quebec slang word

for 'mess'), you could and probably should make your own. (Sorry - I have not included a recipe for homemade fries. It's been years since I made them and I would need time to revisit the recipe before sharing with confidence.) When the craving for it hits, I rarely have the time for all that anyway, so I just open the freezer and grab a bag. Ideally, they should be a thicker cut - skinny shoe-strings simply won't do - and should be fried for optimum crispness, although at the moment my deep fat fryer is on the blink, so oven baking and turning halfway through the cooking time works just fine and is certainly convenient. Bonus: no extra grease so I can justify using more gravy!

About that gravy. Here you have several options, like using a gravy mix, but I highly recommend making your own from scratch, and why wouldn't you when it's so easy and soooo much better?!? It's the most flavorful thing about the dish, after all, so make it with love and you'll reap delectable, eye roll-inducing rewards. I think a dark, beefy gravy is best, but I add a little chicken broth to lighten it up a tad. To make it really authentic you should add a little ketchup and cider vinegar, because the Canadians like their sauce tangy; but this recipe doesn't include them. Actually more of a smooth brown sauce than a proper gravy, it's rich and savory, silky and pure delight. Make it and let it simmer while the fries bake so you can assemble your platter o' poutine right away. (Unless you have some leftover Thanksgiving gravy - why not use that?!)

And just what the heck is a cheese curd? Just a little squeaky nugget of milky goodness is all! When rennet is added to the milk used in the cheese-making process, it



Poutine is a Canadian dish of crisp fries with rich gravy and cheese curds.

-Photo by Vicki Frank Day

curdles and separates into the milk's liquid, or whey, and the solids - curds. (Miss Muffet may have been on to something.) These fresh curds are usually pressed into blocks or rounds and aged to make shaped cheeses (like cheddar), but when left alone and unpressed they become the unaged - or fresh - squeaky, salty curds that melt just enough when slathered with hot gravy to crown the glory that is poutine. It's a texture thing, so you definitely need to find some. (Aldi seems always to have 'em.) Just melting any old cheese on top isn't the same. For best results, bring the curds to room temperature. Being the squeaky nuggets they are, they won't melt completely, just soften, which is perfectly wonderful, because it adds their special texture as well as flavor. This recipe says 2 cups, but add as many as you want. I recommend breaking any large curds in half.

Poutine

You may notice this recipe does not call for salt. That's because I think it's salty enough from the other ingredients, including the salt added to the fries. I recommend tasting before you add any extra. If you're using frozen fries as I have here, use the whole bag or half, depending on how many you're feeding. The gravy will keep in the fridge for several days if there's any left. You'll want to eat this beautiful hot mess with a fork.

Ingredients

- Frozen French fries
- approx. 2 cups white cheese curds

- Gravy (recipe follows)
- Fresh chopped parsley or scallions (optional)
- For the gravy:
 - 6 tablespoons butter (preferably unsalted)
 - 1/4 cup flour, sifted
 - 2 cups beef stock
 - 1 cup chicken stock
 - 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
 - Freshly cracked black pepper (about 1 teaspoon)
 - Garlic powder and onion powder to taste (start with 1/2 teaspoon of each)
 - 2 tablespoons cornstarch
 - 1 tablespoon warm water

Method

Bake or fry French fries according to package directions (or make your own). While they bake, make the gravy:

In a medium saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Sift in flour and whisk constantly until foaming. When it starts to bubble, pour in stock, whisking constantly, to mix through.

Add Worcestershire sauce, pepper and seasonings, mix well and bring to a boil.

In a small bowl, make a slurry by whisking together cornstarch and warm water until smooth and lump-free. Once the gravy boils, add slurry, whisk to combine then reduce heat to medium-low, stirring occasionally, until it thickens, 10-15 minutes. Taste and add more seasoning and salt, if needed.

Divide fries between 2-4 plates. Top with cheese curds and generously ladle on hot gravy. Sprinkle with parsley or scallions, if you like, and serve immediately to experience its glory.

O Canada! Thank you for the gift that is poutine! If I'm dining out and it's on the menu, I'm ordering it without hesitation every time. But I love knowing I can make it myself at home whenever I want. Be it a cold and drizzly afternoon, after a stressful day or while watching the (hockey!) game, it's always just the thing I crave. Sure, it's decadent, but that's what makes it so amazing and why you need it in your life. Turn to it when you need friendly food to comfort you and savor every last messy bite. Enjoy!

Vicki Frank Day's background includes over two decades in various aspects of the food service industry. In addition, she has over 27 years' experience in marketing, graphic design, copy writing, food styling and research. She believes cooking should be a fun adventure, that food should be an experience and that every day can be a special occasion. Email her at vickiloves2cook@gmail.com.

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- Beginner Soap Making, taught by Paul Austin, former Stony Kill Foundation Board Member and current volunteer, on Saturday, Dec. 7
- Beekeeping for Not-Yet Beekeepers, taught by Stony Kill Beekeepers Association member and seasoned beekeeper Reagan Upshaw, on Sunday, Jan. 12

These offerings will be announced regularly on a rolling basis and will take place once a month. Organizers are excited to leverage their expertise in farming, agriculture, and homesteading topics to provide further opportunities for the community to get involved with all Stony Kill Farm has to offer.

More information, links to register, and any future programs can all be found at stonykill.org/publicprograms.

The series launched on Saturday, November 23 with the Backyard Chickens 101, taught by 4-H Poultry Advisory Board Member and Stony Kill Foundation staff Kim Pennock.

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by mark adams

'The Educated Chef'

Mark witnesses the 'odyssey of sourdough preparation.'



Mark Doctoroff calls himself "The Educated Chef." The first question I had when I met for an interview was "What do you mean by 'educated'?"

O.K.: He told me he graduated from Harvard University where he majored in history and Russian literature, and earned an associates degree from the Culinary Institute of America. All that was 20 years ago. Since then, Mark has been baking sourdough bread in his N.Y. Ag and Markets certified home kitchen, selling at local farmers markets and making personal deliveries.

The final afternoon (November 21) of the Arlington Farmers Market was called off on account of rain, so I drove to the charming hilltop home Mark shares with his cat Apricot (who isn't allowed in the kitchen). There I witnessed the odyssey of sourdough preparation, which is almost a type of religion. In between hauling loaves in and out of the oven, Mark explained the process:

Before the recent development of Fleischman's active dry yeast, bread was leavened by naturally-occurring yeast that was cultured in a mixture of half flour and half water. This formed the "starter" essential for sourdough production. Mark has been feeding and tending his starter for 14 years.

The first step in the sourdough recipe calls for mixing some of the flour and water together with the starter. Let this "sponge" sit overnight. Then scrape the



One of Doctoroff's cookie platters.

sponge into the main flour and water combination. Hand mix and knead the resulting dough. After this rests for a spell, add a little salt and the "inclusions," which can be olives, rosemary, raisins or whatever flavors, if any, are going into the final loaves. Mix thoroughly - Mark has a 30-quart power mixer - and then knead for another minute or two. Then divide into individual two-pound loaves and refrigerate for at least six hours. After that, allow the loaves to bench rise. Bake at 500 degrees for 2 1/2 minutes, then 425 for 16 minutes. The internal temperature



"The Educated Chef" Mark Doctoroff with sourdough.

-Photos by Mark Adams

Each platter is lovingly created with 15 different cookies - biscotti, rugula, drop, roll & cut, sandwich, "meatball" cookies, bar cookies, iraqi, Italian and German - from recipes collected through the years, many from the Bake From Scratch magazine. No cookies are ever repeated, which makes every platter a collector's item, with several examples of each cookie, and a card describing ingredients, origin and history.

Mark wants me to share his email address to anyone interested in his cookie plates: mark@theeducatedchef.com. You can see pictures by googling the educated chef.

Mark Doctoroff has worked on Wall Street, cooked in local restaurants, and spent seven years selling tires in Uzbekistan. He traveled around the world, visiting 102 countries. I asked him about Armenia, where Sue and I will be vacationing in January (news to Sue).

"It was nice," Mark replied, in his low key manner. "But it was part of the Soviet Union when I was there. Brush up on your Russian."

Then he handed me one of his newest loaves of sourdough made with bacon and native Jerusalem artichokes from Joe Baldwin. It sounded bizarre, and tasted - well, let's just say it's an acquired taste.

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

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1083 ALLERTON AVE, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 10/16/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 61 CHAMPLAIN WAY, WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY, 12590. Purpose: Any Lawful

Notice of Formation of Gray 60 LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 10/10/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 187 E Market St, Ste 202, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is Tim Hoolihan, 187 E Market St, Ste 202, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Health Coach Practice Test LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/18/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 91 Depuyster Avenue, Apt B, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

1243 HUNNS LAKE ROAD LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/15/24. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1243 Hunns Lake Rd., Pine Plains, NY 12567, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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mail process to 46 Vassar Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

98 SAINT CANVINETTE LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/10/24. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Co-ratti Professional Services, Inc., 126 East Market St., Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 1 Aspen Ct., Fishkill, NY 12524.

Forevha Farms LLC filed w/ SSNY 10/24/24. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desg. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 19 Alfred Rd. W, Merrick, NY 11566. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Beth Alson LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York ("SSNY") on October 10, 2024. N.Y. office location: Dutchess County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to Beth Alson, 28 Peacock Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose of LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity.

RUTSEN ESTATES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/25/24. 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, 32 Mt. Rutsen Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of FAR AFIELD, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/25/24. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 1070 Park Ave., NY, NY 10128. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, c/o Joseph Diamond at the princ. office of the LLC. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of 1166 North Ave LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/22/2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Lendita Mavraj, 1166 North Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of VERSADRONE AERIAL SOLUTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/10/2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 10 Trow Blvd, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY HUDSON MOTORCARS LLC. Arts of Org filed with (SSNY) on 08/30/2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of (LLC) upon whom process against it

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 956 Main LLC. Arts of Org filed with (SSNY) on 01/26/21. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to ETNIK BERISHA: 14 Carmel Heights Wappingers Falls NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Rebecca Hathaway Designs LLC. Filed with SSNY on 10/29/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 667 Shunpike, Millbrook, NY 12545. Purpose: any lawful.

Quattro-Potenza Properties, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 10/24/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 833 Salt Point Tnpk, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful.

Fiddlers Fruit LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/21/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 674 Fiddlers Bridge Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of PVM LODGE LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/29/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 41 Traver Rd, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of IMNF ED PRESS LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/26/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 45 Traver Rd, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Notice of Qual. of PLAZA 44 2024, LLC Auth. filed with SSNY on 10/29/2024. Office location: Dutchess. LLC formed in NJ on 10/24/2024. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to: C/O HEIN DENBERG PROPERTIES, LLC, 234 CLOSTER DOCK ROAD, CLOSTER, NJ, 07624. Arts. of Org. filed with NJSOS. P.O BOX 45 TRENTON, NJ 08646-0303. Any lawful purpose.

Avid Day Dreamer Production, LLC. Arts. Of Orig., filed with the SSNY on 10/31/2024, Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is desg. as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC c/o Anthony Gholson, 33 Tamarack Hill Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful.

Notice of Formation of HYPERFRAME RESEARCH LLC. Art of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/1/2024. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to HYPERFRAME RESEARCH LLC, 1 Clay Court, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any and all lawful business activities

Notice of formation of Villarreal Lawns and Landscaping LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/8/24. Dutchess County SSNY Desg. As agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail to: 8 Maple Rd., Poughkeepsie NY 12601 any lawful purpose.

MARY ANNE FIELDING, LCSW, PLLC Art. of Org. Filed with the SSNY on 10/21/24 Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process

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to the LLC, 2345 Route 52, Suite F, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

BEECOFARMNY LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/4/24. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to The LLC 201 Sunset Hill Rd Pleasant Valley NY 12569. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

CELAYA PEST SOLUTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/30/24. 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.

Notice of Formation of A Horse's Heart, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 10/23/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 651 Schultsville Rd, Clinton Corners, NY 12154. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is Fiona Eltz, 651 Schultsville Rd, Clinton Corners, NY 12154. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of BIRDY'S FINE FOODS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/18/2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 66 Verplanck Ave., Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Loal LLC. Filed 10/31/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. as agent for process & shall mail to: 35 Lake Walton Rd, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: General.

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MD, PLLC. Filed 10/30/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. as agent for process & shall mail to: 18 Trinity Way, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: Medicine.

Braig Services, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 11/06/2024. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 11 Saddle Ridge Drive Hopewell Junction NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name of the LLC is: Bird Invests LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: October 22, 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: 221 Rushmore Road, Stormville, NY 12582. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Tompkins Coaching & Consulting LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/05/24. Office located in Dutchess Co. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: United States Corporation Agents Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY, 11228. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Form. of ROCCO FARM, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/08/2024. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 600 MARMARONECK AVENUE #400, HARRISON, NY, 10528. Any lawful purpose.

BEACON BBQ LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/24/24 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, 446 Main Street, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Recreation Director

Would you like to enter our "Name A Snowplow" contest? Submit your suggestions online! You can find out more about that, and all our winter programming, on our website at <http://www.poughkeepsietownrec.com>.

Just a Reminder: The annual Arlington Holiday Festival is this Saturday, Dec. 7. The fun includes carriage rides, the "Eggnog Crawl," plenty of great shopping, and "Santa's Workshop." Our Town of Poughkeepsie Holiday Caravan is also

this Saturday. Line-up begins at 4 p.m. at the NYS DOT next to the Town of Poughkeepsie Highway garage. Step off time is 4:30 p.m. We'll travel along Raymond Ave., Rt. 376, Pleasant Ln., Alda Dr., Spackenkill Rd., Millbank Rd., Hagan Dr., Spackenkill Rd., IBM Rd., W. Dogwood Dr., Briarwood Dr., Marwood Dr., Nassau Rd., S. Gate Dr., Sheafe Rd. to the Galleria Mall.

Senior Center News
By Ruta Ronis, for the Poughkeepsie Senior Center
December can be a busy month but

hopefully you'll find some time to relax and have some fun at our Senior Center at 14 Abe's Way. We have all sorts of activities throughout the week, including line dancing, chair and mat yoga (separate sessions), Exercise with George, Zumba Gold, a walking club, and Tai Chi. Weather permitting, you can join with our Bocce players. Of course we have bingo, cards, games, and even billiards. For you creative folks we offer crafts and watercolor painting sessions.

We also have some specials: coming up:
Dec. 10 - "Brain Games and More" and "Rover the Bookmobile" - both 10:30 a.m. - noon. This is also "Bingo Wednesday!"
Dec. 12 - December Birthday celebration with cake for everyone. Tai Chi meets from 10 - 11 a.m. and Line Dancing meets from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Dec. 13 - Come shop our "Holiday Market" from 11a.m. - 6 p.m. Shop for presents and shop for yourself from a wide selection of various items.

Dec. 17 - Free concert - The Spackenkill High School Orchestra will be performing at our Senior Center at 11:15 a.m.

Dec. 19 - "Holiday Sweater Party" - Put on your holiday sweater and come join in on the fun!

Dec. 20 - 10 a.m. - Presentation: "The Treatment of Women in Early Hollywood"
For more information please either drop by or give us a call at 845-462-0265 during our regular hours Monday - Friday between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. PLEASE NOTE, we will be closed on Dec. 5th, 25th, 26th and have adjusted hours (9 a.m. - 1 p.m.) on December 24th and 31st.

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Notice of Formation of OAKWOOD CONSTRUCTION LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/01/2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Kevin Washall 116 Autumn Drive Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 Purpose: Any lawful activity.

BIZARREHEARTS LLC. Filed 5/27/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Kyle Broner, 936 N Quaker Ln, Statatsburg, NY 12580. Purpose: General.

MADDYCAKES CUPCAKE BAKERY LLC. Filed 8/12/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 1225 Dutchess Tpke, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Ste 202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.

Notice of Form. of CHANCE OF CHOICE PROPERTIES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/12/2024. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 62 HOOSE BLVD., FISHKILL, NY 12524. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of UWS SLAM LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/01/2024. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 527 IN-

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DIANLAKE RD., MILLERTON, NY 12546. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of SLAM HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/01/2024. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 527 INDIAN LAKE RD, MILLERTON, NY 12546. Any lawful purpose.

CHERRIES & CREAM CO.- LUXURY LASHES AND SUITES, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/12/24. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 181 Schlueter Dr., Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 942 Route 376, Ste. 209, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590.

Notice of Formation of a NY Limited Liability Company. Name: R-DesignPhoto, LLC. Articles of Organization filing date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was October 25th. Office Location: Dutchess County. Rachael Curtin has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail copy of process to 9 Wickes Lane, Wappingers Falls, NY, 12590. Purpose is to engage Professional Fine Art Photography Services.

AAH Repairs, LLC filed 11/14/2024. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: PO Box 334 Dover Plains, NY

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12522. Purpose: Repairs

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name of the LLC is: Ocampo Stallions Farm LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: 11/07/2024. 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: 25 Bedell Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful activity.

MCPINOY LLC. Filed 10/2/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 3 Dawson Ct, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: General.

SKYE BLEU FARM LLC. Filed 10/15/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 39 Overlook Dr, Pawling, NY 12564. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave Ste 202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.

Rubio Masonry & Construction LLC. Filed 09/05/24 office: Dutchess co. SSNY design. as agent for process & shall mail to 1884 Route 82 Lagrangeville NY 12540. Purpose Any Lawfull

Seeley Creek Farm LLC Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company, ("LLC"), Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of

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NY ("SSNY") on 11/13/2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to 151 Seeley Rd, Lagrangeville NY 12540. Purpose: to engage in any act or activity for which a LLC may be organized under the NY LLC Law.

Notice of Formation of Mike's Marshals LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/13/2024. Office location: 12 Blueberry Hill Road, Hopewell Junction NY 12533, Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Mike's Marshals, 2501 Bear Creek Blvd. Wilkes-Barre PA 18702. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of a NY Limited Liability Company. Name: Blue Zone Integrative Pediatric Medicine, PLLC. Articles of Organization filing date with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) was 10/21/24. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY has been designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail copy of process to 212 Eagles Nest Rd. Hurley, NY 12443. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws.

Notice of Formation of ISABELA MIA LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/15/2024. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon

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whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 245 8th Ave., STE 195, New York, NY, 10011, USA. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of 38 TOBIN DRIVE LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/14/2024. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 418 Broadway, STE R Albany, NY, 12207, USA. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of 19 DONOVAN HOLDINGS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/07/2024. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 18 BLACK WATCH DRIVE, WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY 12590. Any lawful purpose.

22 Route 22 LLC. Filed with SSNY on 10/01/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 366 Overlook Road, Millbrook, NY 12545. Purpose: any lawful.

2251 Route 44 LLC. Filed with SSNY on 11/20/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 89 Tinkertown Road, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: any lawful.

Notice of Formation of Goofy Socks Games, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/20/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process

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may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Goofy Socks Games, LLC Timothy Smajda 1820 Route 376 Ste 5 #777 Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

FULL SPECTRUM RENTAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/24/2024. 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, 108 Brandy Lane, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LITTLE SURE SHOT CANINE TRAINING LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York on OCTOBER 17, 2024. Office location is Dutchess County. The Secretary of State has been designated at agent for service of process upon the LLC. The Secretary shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at 21 Merry Hill Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose of LLC: engage in any lawful act or activity.

4 OLD BULLS HEAD FARM LLC. Filed 11/12/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: John Paul Avital, 2117 Route 82, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: General.

AF7 CONCEPTS LLC. Filed 10/28/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Andrea Beth Freeman, 5 Kennedy Blvd, Hopewell Junc-

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tion, NY 12533. Purpose: General.

B&BILLINGS PLAZA LLC. Filed 10/16/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Entity Protect Registered Agent Services Llc, 447 Broadway 2nd Fl. - #3000, NY, NY 10013. Purpose: General.

RWH & GL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/25/24. 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, 31 Mansion Dr, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of LDL cleaning services LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/12/24. Office location: Dutchess county. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 43 Fallkill rd #2, Hyde park, New York, 12538. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of GOLDEN RAHA PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/19/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to H A R I T H A D E V I KOONAPAREDDY, 37 HOFFMAN RD, HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY, 12533, USA Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS INDEX # 2023-54706 Filed Date: 10/29/24 Supplemental Summons Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the Place of Trial Designation of Venue is based upon the situs of the Subject Property Subject Property: 29 Alpine Drive Apt B a/k/a 29B Alpine Drive, Wappingers Falls, New York 12590 DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS AS TRUSTEE FOR RALI 2006QS14, Plaintiff, against JUANITA D. KIRBY if living, and if dead, the respective heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignors, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and their respective husbands, wives or widow, if any, and each and every person not specifically named who may be entitled to or claim to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the verified complaint; all of whom and whose names and places of residence unknown, and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained by the Plaintiff; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS MORTGAGEE, AS NOMINEE FOR EQUITY ONE INC.; BOARD OF MANAGERS OF MONTCLAIR TOWNHOUSE C O N D O - MINIU M; HEALTH M A N A G E M E N T SYSTEMS INC.; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; "JOHN DOE #1" to "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve 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 Subject Property 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,

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or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until sixty (60) days after service of the Summons; 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 (DEUTSCHE BANK T R U S T COMPANY AMERICAS AS TRUSTEE FOR RALI 2006QS14) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. This action was commenced to foreclose a mortgage against real property located at 29 Alpine Drive Apt B a/k/a 29B Alpine Drive, Wappingers, New York 12590. McCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, LLC By: Caren Bailey, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff One Huntington Quadrangle, Suite 4N25 Melville, NY 11747 631-812-4084 855-845-2584 facsimile File # 20-303079 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

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YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE 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 YOURSEL F. 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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY P L E A S E TAKE NOTICE that the Pleasant Valley Town Board shall hold a public hearing on the adoption of Local Law E of 2024, titled "A Local Law of the Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, New York Amending Chapter 9 of the Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley Entitled, "Code of Ethics" on December 16, 2024 at 7:20 p.m. at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall located at 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York. A copy of said Local Law is available for inspection on the Town's website, official board and at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours. Any person desiring to speak at said public hearing on said Local Law shall be permitted to do so. By order of the Town Board dated November 18, 2024. MARY BETH MUIR Town Clerk for the Town of Pleasant Valley INDEX NO.: 2024-50437 Date Filed: 01/31/2024 **SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE MORTGAGED PREMISES:** 20 Mews Aly, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 SBL #: 6162-19-744058 Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the place of trial; venue is based upon the county in which the mortgaged premises is situate. STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF DUTCHESS U.S. Bank National Association, Plaintiff, vs. Nilda Bello, as Limited Administratrix of the Estate of Alexis A. Rey a/k/a Alexis Antonio Rey a/k/a Alexis Rey; Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Alexis A. Rey a/k/a Alexis Antonio Rey a/k/a Alexis Rey, and all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be

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dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated; Board of Directors of Arlington Heights; Midland Credit Management Inc.; New York State Department of Taxation and Finance; United States of America o/b/o Internal Revenue Service; John Doe #1 through #6, and Jane Doe #1 through #6, the last twelve names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein, **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 attorneys for the Plaintiff within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Amended 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 PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERV-**

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ING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$190,976.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Dutchess on May 16, 2017, as Instrument No. 01-2017-3306, covering premises known as 20 Mews Aly, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, SBL #: 6162-19-744058. 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. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendants and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises. **TO** the Defendants Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Alexis A. Rey a/k/a Alexis Antonio Rey a/k/a Alexis Rey, and all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated, the foregoing Supplemental Summons with Notice is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Thomas R. Davis, J.S.C. of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Dutchess, dated and filed October 17, 2024. Dated: November 21, 2024 /s/ Deborah M. Gallo Deborah M. Gallo, Esq. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840 New York, New York 10170 Phone: 347.286.7409 Fax: 347-286-7414 Attorneys for Plaintiff, U.S. Bank National Association **HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE**

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY PLEASANT VALLEY, NEW YORK CADY FIELD BASKETBALL COURT General Notice

The Town of Pleasant Valley (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project: CADY FIELD BASKETBALL COURT CONTRACT NUMBER 2170.01

Sealed bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall located at 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York 12569 until Friday, December 20, 2024 at 12:00 PM local time.

At that time the sealed bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project includes the following Work: The Town has developed final designs and construction drawings for the removal of an existing tennis court and the installation of a new basketball court at Cady Field, located at 1554 Main Street in Pleasant Valley.

* Remove existing asphalt surfacing, chain link fencing, and associated tennis court equipment. The tennis court subbase will be re-used. * Install new basketball court surface and associated equipment, erosion control, sidewalk, a segmental retaining wall, chain link fencing and gates, and site restoration with lawn. * An existing water well will be decommissioned in accordance with Dutchess County Department of Health (DOH) requirements.

Lump Sum Bids are requested for the following Contract: Contract 1 - General Construction

Work shall be substantially completed on or before May 5, 2025, and ready for final payment by May 30, 2025. Obtaining the Bidding Documents To become a Registered Plan Holder and to obtain electronic copies of the Contract Documents, please visit the MJ Engineering, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Land Surveying, P.C. Plan Room located at http://www.mjteam.com/bids.

Bids received from non-registered plan holders may be subject to disqualification. Addenda, if any, will be issued only to Registered Plan Holders whose name and address are on record. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including ad-

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denda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

MJ Engineering, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Land Surveying, P.C.

21 Corporate Drive, Clifton Park, NY 12065

Douglas Gerber, RLA, 518-371-0799 EXT 357, dgerber@mjteam.com

Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 am to 4 pm.

Deadline for questions is 4:00 pm on Thursday, December 12, 2024.

Pre-bid Conference A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2024, at 12:00pm at Cady Field located behind the Town of Pleasant Valley Town Hall at 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York 12569.

Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required. Instructions to Bidders For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

Prevailing Wages The Bidders must comply with New York State Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rate Schedule. Bid security in the amount of 5% of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. The successful Bidders will be required to furnish a performance bond and a payment bond, each in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price.

Attention of Bidders is particularly called to the requirements for ensuring that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in the Bid received, or to reject any or all Bids without explanation. The Owner is an exempt organization under the Tax Law and is exempt from payment

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of Sales and Compensating Use Taxes on materials which are to be incorporated into the project and which are to be separately sold by the Contractor to the Owner prior to incorporation into the project, pursuant to the provisions of the Contract. These taxes are not to be included in the bid.

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: Town of Pleasant Valley By: Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk Date: November 21, 2024

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-71-24

General Cleaning, Preventative Maintenance, Emergency and Non-Emergency Repair Services for Traffic Signals, Devices and Miscellaneous Electric Facilities on County Highways

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 10th day of December 2024 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website http://www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TOWN OF WAPPINGER DUTCHESS COUNTY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Town of Wappinger Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the 10th day of December, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger Falls, NY pursuant to Section 240-37 of the Zoning Law of the Town of Wappinger to consider the following area variance: Appeal No.: 24-7835 (Area Variance) Patricia M. Cubas: Seeking an area variance Sections 240-37

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of District Regulations in an R-40 Zoning District.

-Where 25 feet to the side yard (left) property line is required, the applicant can provide 12.3 feet for the relocation of a 12'x20' shed, thus requesting a variance of 12.7 feet.

The property is located at 9 Brothers Road on .75 acres and is identified as Tax Grid No.: 6258-04-766479 in the Town of Wappinger.

All interested persons will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Wappinger at the public hearing as stated above.

Signed: John Lorenzini, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals Town of Wappinger November 14, 2024

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-79-24

Grant Consulting Services Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 18th day of December 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 OF TOWN BOARD MEETING FOR DECEMBER 12, 2024

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill will conduct its public voting meeting on December 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the East Fishkill Historical Society Site located at the Brinkerhoff House, 68 Kensington Drive, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD PETER J. CASSIDY TOWN CLERK November 27, 2024 East Fishkill, New York

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State Environmental Quality Review Notice of Completion of a Draft GEIS Notice of Public Hearing

Date of Notice: December 4, 2024 Lead Agency: New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (OPRHP) Title of Action: Development of the core elements of the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail

SEQR Classification: Type I This Notice is issued pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617, the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, found at Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law.

A Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement has been completed and accepted for the proposed action described below.

Location of Action: A 7.5-mile long non-motorized shared-use (pedestrian and bicycle), publicly accessible linear park along the eastern shore of the Hudson River, connecting the Village of Cold Spring (Putnam County, New York) with the City of Beacon (Dutchess County, New York) and partially running within or adjacent to Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve.

Description of Action: Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, Inc. (HHFT, Inc.), (the "Applicant"), proposes to construct the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail ("Fjord Trail"), a non-motorized, shared-use (pedestrian and bicycle), publicly accessible linear park along the eastern shore of the Hudson River, bookended by the City of Beacon on the north and the Village of Cold Spring on the south. The Fjord Trail would be partially within the Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve (HHSP), which is owned and managed by OPRHP, and would extend through other public and private lands. The action under review solely includes the development of 7.5 miles of Main Trail, 2.8 miles of Trail Meanders, Trail Banks, Water Trail Connections, 2.2 miles of Regional Trail connections, two new parking areas (The Notch and Wade's Hill), expansion of the Washburn lot parking area, restroom buildings at five locations, and a maintenance facility in Beacon. The component parts of this action described above were part of the Applicant's 2020 Draft Master Plan for the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail.

Potential Environmental Impacts: The development of the core elements of the Fjord Trail is an action which may have significant impacts on the environment. The trail corridor is adjacent to the Hudson River and wetland complexes and crosses Fishkill Creek. The corridor contains significant natural and scenic resources. There are multiple significant ecological communities noted in the trail corridor as identified by the New York Natural Heritage Program. There are also several endangered, threatened, or special concern species known to occur in or near the trail corridor. The project area is located in the Hudson River National Heritage Area and a Scenic Area of Statewide Significance. There are many sites in the vicinity of the project area listed on the National Register for Historic Places, and there are documented archaeological resources. The DGEIS addresses the potential impacts of the proposed Fjord Trail and mitigation measures, as needed.

Public Hearing and Comments: Public hearings will be held virtually on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Registration information is below.

Afternoon Session (2:00 pm): Date and time: Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 2:00 PM Eastern Time Register link: https://meetny-gov.webex.com/weblink/register/rbfeea7a65433599546e0c2bec2d4ce92

Join by phone: +1-415-527-5035 United States Toll Access code: 2831 020 5910

Evening Session (6:00 pm): Date and time: Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 6:00 PM Eastern Time Register link: https://meetny-gov.webex.com/weblink/register/r5d3bf55361c95affccf766b51b2412ce

Join by phone: +1-415-527-5035 United States Toll Access code: 2828 052 7848

Persons may provide verbal comments at a public hearing. Comments may also be provided by email or in writing no later than the end of the public comment period - Sunday, February 2, 2025. Comments can be emailed to: hhft.plan@parks.ny.gov or mailed to the Agency Contact: Nancy Stoner, Environmental Analyst

NYS OPRHP, DESP 625 Broadway, 2nd Floor Albany, NY 12238 Phone # 518-486-2699.

Availability of the DGEIS: * The online version of the DGEIS is available at the following publicly accessible website: https://parks.ny.gov/inside-our-agency/public-documents.aspx.

* Also available on the website are the 2020 Draft Master Plan, 2015 Preliminary Draft Master Plan, and Final Scoping Document.

* The 2020 Draft Master Plan and DGEIS are also available here: https://hhft.org/

A hard copy of the DGEIS will be available for review at the following locations:

Table with 2 columns: Location and Address. Lists various locations including Philipstown Town Hall, Beacon City Hall, Fishkill Town Hall, Cold Spring Village Hall, Nelsonville Village Hall, Blodgett Library, Howland Library, Desmond Fish Library, Butterfield Library, OPRHP Taconic Regional Office, Office of HHFT, Inc., c/o Scenic Hudson, Inc., and HHFT, Inc office.

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December 7 performance will 'leave a light on' for Sinterklaas



Even though Sinterklaas has been canceled this year, there will be a special performance on Saturday, Dec. 7, to keep the beloved festival front of mind and close to the heart – or, as organizers say, they are “leaving a light on” with the hope of its eventual return.

“Into the Light” is an all-ages, family-friendly performance that weaves the magic of Arm-of-the-Sea Theater’s giant puppets into The Vanaver Caravan’s global dance repertoire.

The show tells the story of Lucia, a young girl who embarks on a journey around the world to find light during the

darkest time of the year. Featuring giant puppets, holiday songs, dances, and music, the performance celebrates the world’s traditions of bringing hope, joy, and beauty into the season. Through dance and music, “Into the Light” honors holidays such as Christmas, Chanukah, Diwali, Kwanzaa, Sankta Lucia, Yule, and Winter Solstice.

There will be performances at 1:30, 2:45 and 4 p.m., at Rhinebeck Reformed Church (6368 Mill St., Rhinebeck). Admission is free with advance reservations. Visit <https://sinterklaashudsonvalley.com/> for reservations and more information.

Left: The Sinterklaas festival has been canceled this year, but Arm-of-the-Sea Theater and The Vanaver Caravan will present a Sinterklaas special performance on Saturday, Dec. 7 to “leave a light on.”

-Courtesy photo

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REFeree's NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF DUTCHESS QUORUM FEDERAL CREDIT UNION F/K/A KRAFT FOODS CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff - against - RICHARD J. IULA, JR., et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on September 27, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in the rear lobby of the Dutchess County Courthouse, 10 Market Street, City of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York on the 11th day of December, 2024 at 2:30 PM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, together with any improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the Town of LaGrange, County of Dutchess, New York. Premises known as 40 Alley Road, Lagrange, (Town of LaGrange) NY 12540. (SBL#: 6560-01-353662) Approximate amount of lien \$337,195.44 plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 2023-50545. Dana L. Rudikoff, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 400 Meridian Centre Blvd, Ste 200 Rochester, NY 14618 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated:

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October 8, 2024 During the COVID-19 health emergency, bidders are required to comply with all governmental health requirements in effect at the time of sale including but not limited to, wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing (at

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least 6-feet apart) during the auction, while tendering deposit and at any subsequent closing. Bidders are also required to comply with the Foreclosure Auction Rules and COVID-19 Health Emergency Rules issued by the Supreme Court of this County in

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addition to the conditions set forth in the Terms of Sale.

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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 1118/2024 RE: COMMENCING THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION PROCESS FOR LOCAL LAW NO. E OF THE YEAR 2024
WHEREAS, the Town of Pleasant Valley Ethics Board had determined that the present Chapter 9 of the Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley entitled: "Code of Ethics" was in need of revision; and
WHEREAS, the Ethics Board has met with the Co-Attorney to the Town to review the existing law and discuss recommendations for changes in that law; and
WHEREAS, the Co-Attorney to the Town drafted a proposed revised Ethics Law incorporating all of the concerns and requested changes to the law, as suggested by the Ethics Board; and
WHEREAS, the Attorney to the Town has met with the Ethics Board to review the proposed revised law and, as a result of said meetings, the Attorney to the Town has drafted a revised Chapter 9 of the Town of Pleasant Valley Code which is intended to replace the existing Chapter 9 of the Town of Pleasant Valley Code; and
WHEREAS, the Ethics Law, as revised, has been submitted to the Town Board for review, and the Town Board members have determined that the proposed Local Law is acceptable in form and content for purposes of commencing the local law adoption process; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that this is a Type II action under SEQRA which does not require environmental review.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby schedules a public hearing on the adoption of Local Law No. E of the Year 2024 entitled: "A Local Law amending Chapter 9 of the Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley entitled 'Code of Ethics' on December 16, 2024 at 7:20 p.m. at the Town of Pleasant Valley Town Hall; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish and give notice of said public hearing, as may be required by law, and to post a copy of said Local Law on the Town's website and to further make a copy of said Local Law available at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call on November 18, 2024 which resulted as follows:

MOVED: Councilman Rifenburgh
SECOND: Councilwoman Chapman
DATE: November 18, 2024

ROLL CALL:
Councilwoman Chapman **AYE** X **NAY** _____
Councilman Degan X _____
Councilman Iapichino X _____
Councilman Rifenburgh X _____
Supervisor Albrecht X _____
CARRIED.

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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Notice of Complete Application Date: 11/07/2024

Applicant: PECKHAM MATERIALS CORP. 172 Prospect Hill Rd Brewster, NY 10509 Facility: PLEASANT VALLEY QUARRY 410 North Ave Pleasant Vly, NY 12569 Application ID: 3-1344-00008/02001 Permits(s) Applied for: 1 - Article 19 Air State Facility Project is located: in PLEASANT VALLEY in DUTCHESS COUNTY Project Description:

The Department has prepared a draft permit and has made a tentative determination to issue an Air State Facility permit for Peckham Materials Corp. The permit renewal includes a cap on emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen, Sulfur Dioxide, and Carbon Monoxide to keep emissions below major source thresholds. Changes to the permit includes the addition of 6 NYCRR Part 220-3 conditions, which involves additional emissions testing. Major components of this facility include crushers, conveyors, and screens as part of a processing plant. Also, onsite is a hot mix batch asphalt plant with a rotary dryer and baghouse. By acceptance of this permit, the permittee agrees that the permit is contingent upon strict compliance with the ECL, all applicable regulations, the General Conditions specified and any Special Conditions included as part of this permit.

Persons wishing to inspect the subject files, including the application with all relevant supporting materials, the draft permit, and all other materials available to the DEC (the "permitting authority") that are relevant to this permitting decision should contact the DEC representative listed below. The Draft Permit may be viewed and printed from the Department web site at: <https://dec.ny.gov/regulatory/permits-licenses/air> DEC will evaluate the application and the comments received on it to determine whether to hold a public hearing. Comments and requests for a legislative public hearing should be in writing and addressed to the Department representative listed below. A copy of the Department's permit hearing procedures is available upon request of on the Department website at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6234.html> Availability of Application Documents:

Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person via email to mike.grosso@dec.ny.gov State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination Project is an Unlisted Action and will not have a significant impact on the environment. A Negative Declaration is on file. A coordinated review was not performed.

SEQR Lead Agency None Designated State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination The proposed activity is not subject to review in accordance with SHPA. The application type is exempt and/or the project involves the continuation of an existing operational activity. DEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29)

It has been determined that the proposed action is not subject to CP-29. Availability For Public Comment Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 12/13/2024 or 30 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later. Contact Person MICHAEL V GROSSO NYSDEC 21 S Putt Corners Rd New Paltz, NY 12561 (845) 256-3165 mike.grosso@dec.ny.gov

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ACROSS

1. Figaro's solo, e.g.
5. Not sin, as in math
8. Designer Laroche
11. Pi-meson
12. Cut, like a log
13. *Telephobia, or fear of this device
15. "He's Just Not That ____ You", movie
16. 2D measurement
17. Gives a helping hand
18. *Ludomania, obsession with ____
20. Therefore
21. Poetic feet
22. Accident
23. *____mania, obsession with wealth and power
26. Type of throw, in baseball
30. Miner's load
31. Member of Round Table
34. Quartet minus one
35. Spacious
37. Last word of "America the Beautiful"
38. Young chicken
39. Cocoyam
40. Largest Asian antelope
42. Haute couture gala location, with The
43. Slimy phlebotomists
45. *____phobia, fear of public speaking
47. Took the bait
48. Tempter
50. Dumbstruck
52. *Gamophobia, fear of ____
55. September stone
56. Cantina cooker
57. Apple leftover
59. Lakes, in Scotland
60. ____ gin
61. "On a ____," or carefree
62. *____mania, obsession with one-self
63. Cough syrup amt.
64. Additional

DOWN

1. *____phobia, fear of bees
2. Bananaphone preceder
3. Itty bit
4. Language disfunction
5. Indigenous person of Lesser Antilles
6. Track and field star, 1936 Olympics
7. Tear in pantyhose
8. Struck with a mallet
9. Back arrow key
10. Indeed
12. Against the stream swimmer
13. Say "pretty please"
14. *____phobia, fear of snakes and crocodiles
19. Uncooperative, like a mule
22. "Battleship" success
23. Kind of mushroom
24. Grind down
25. Glittery stone
26. Carpet style
27. Lily genus, pl.
28. Angers
29. "All for one and one for all," to Musketeers
32. Egyptian goddess of fertility
33. Hair raiser
36. *____effect, or compulsive hand-washing
38. Pileus, pl.
40. Entomologist's catcher, sometimes
41. Agora, plural
44. Tannery supply, pl.
46. Delphi talker
48. Room partitions
49. Lowest deck on a ship
50. Full of excitement
51. Home to Baylor University
52. Lion's share
53. Hockey score
54. Commits a faux pas
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Muralist tells Brinckerhoff students: 'Never give up on dreaming'



Muralist Joe Pimentel recently visited fifth and sixth grade students at Brinckerhoff Elementary School. Wappingers Central School District Superintendent Dr. Dwight Bonk and Pimentel attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony that was held.

-Courtesy photos by Joe Pimentel and Deb See

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Fifth and sixth graders at Brinckerhoff Elementary School collaborated with muralist Joe Pimentel (a John Jay High School graduate) to create a stunning, large-scale wall mural, brightening their hallway while illustrating six key concepts: Leadership, Equality, Teamwork, Respect, Opportunity, and Success.

Pimentel invited the students to create symbolic drawings based on those words. With the school logo as the anchor, he then incorporated several of their drawings into the mural. Once his tracing was completed, students did the actual painting, bringing the colors and concepts to life.

Pimentel has worked with many schools, and said the process is very

rewarding. "One of my favorite moments was seeing their excitement as they told each other which shapes they painted," he said. "They were so focused and patient throughout the process. A couple of students also showed me their sketchbooks, sharing their own creations and passion for creativity."

At the ribbon-cutting ceremony, students were congratulated by building and District staff, including Brinckerhoff Principal Domonique Cooper and Superintendent Dr. Dwight Bonk. Pimentel encouraged students to pursue their passions, art included. "Never give up on dreaming," Pimentel told students. "That's where everything starts."