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Mount Gulian to host annual holiday tours

By Kristine Coulter

Looking to get into the holiday spirit? Want to learn about local history, too? Then visit Mount Gulian Historic Site, near the Fishkill and Beacon border, to see the Dutch Colonial home of the Verplanck family decorated for the holidays.

The Homestead will be open for Holiday Tours on Saturdays & Sundays, Dec. 11, 12, 18 and 19. Tours will also be offered during the week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 15, 16 and 17. Weekend and weekday tours are scheduled for 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Masks are required while in the homestead. Advance reservations are required. Call 845-831-8172 or email at info@mountgulian.org, or visit <https://mountgulian.org/holiday-tour/> to make a reservation for the tours. Prepayment is not required.

"This holiday season Mount Gulian will be beautifully decorated in different era's fashions: opulent Victorian style décor adorning the dining room; simple, rustic décor in the study; contemporary holiday displays embellishing the home's main room. Our staff and volunteers always go to great lengths to transport our guests back to an earlier time, when there was more

calm, more time with family and no social media," said Elaine Hayes, Executive Director of Mount Gulian.

Hayes remarked, "As in the past, we will be giving House Tours about the history of Mount Gulian, with a special emphasis this year on how the Verplancks celebrated the holidays here for over a century. The home was a central meeting place for many of the well-established families in the area, and the Verplancks had holiday parties here every year."

Admission is \$12 adult; \$10 senior; \$6 children 6-18. Admission is free for children under 6 and Mount Gulian members. Membership is open to the public. There will be complimentary refreshments offered to all guests. Antalek & Moore Insurance in Beacon has underwritten part of the cost of this event.

"Mount Gulian has been a fixture in Dutchess County since the 1730s. It has an amazing story to tell, about early American history, the founding of our nation, and family life in Dutchess County," Hayes said.

For further information, call 845-831-8172 or email info@mountgulian.org.



The Dining Room in Mount Gulian will be one of the rooms decorated for the Holiday Tours.

Courtesy photo by Frederick Villforth

Local employers wrestle with 'crazy' labor market

By Rich Thomaselli

Last week, New York Gov. Kathy Hochul announced a new state-wide initiative to help connect job seekers with employers.

It's a noble effort considering the world is still very much in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, especially with the news that, at press time, the state of New York had confirmed eight positive cases of the Omicron variant.

But as far as local business owners are concerned – particularly restaurateurs and manufacturers where employees can't work remotely and need to be on-site – Hochul's project is a moot point.

"We are severely understaffed," said Luigi Coppola, owner of the Coppola's Italian American Bistro that he and his brothers run in Hyde Park. "I've never seen anything like it in all my years in the business. We are basically hiring anyone with a pulse, and once people are hired, they don't last."

There has been a sea change, employers say, ever since the pandemic hit in early 2020. And "sea change" is a polite description. In actuality there has been a seismic shift in attitude due to a variety of reasons.

To wit:

- Some people have been content with simply taking unemployment benefits,

even though the extra benefits finally ran out in September.

- Some have decided to retire early.
- Some accepted buyouts.
- Some have shifted career perspectives and moved on to other fields.

- Still others have used the time to go back to school and/or learn a new trade.

Nationwide, unemployment figures continue to drop incrementally, but the number of workers is also less. In essence, the labor market is upside down.

"The numbers just don't add up," said Sandra Jackson, who owns the Poughkeepsie office of Express Employment Professionals, a staffing agency and career counseling service.

Jackson's business caters to both employers looking to fill positions, and potential employees looking for jobs.

Jackson called it a "talent war." Employers are having to re-think the packages they offer to prospective employees, including wages - and workers are holding out for the best deals. Where Jackson was once able to place people at jobs paying a \$14 or \$15 hourly wage, she now says people won't even talk to her unless a position has a starting pay of \$18 an hour.



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- Photo by Curtis Schmidt

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Employers wrestle with job market

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“The labor market is crazy,” she said. “In September after the unemployment benefits expired, we thought we were going to have an influx of people. We didn’t. There’s been a big uptick in early retirement. Then, we have another group who were re-assessing their jobs. Some went back to school, some took up another trade. Then we have the child-care issue. The uncertainty is big there. Someone has to be home to take of their kids. And then you have COVID, which is not over. A lot of people are looking to still work remotely and workers are waiting it out. And frankly, they can be a little selective.”

Coppola knows that all too well. Simply put, a restaurant offers no remote option. You can’t serve Tortellini Alfredo via a computer screen.

“We’ve tried everything we can think of,” Coppola said. “We are hiring full-time and part-time, and we’ve tried to become very flexible with schedules. We have found that people are filling out applications in order to fulfill their

unemployment requirements, but not wanting to work. People are either afraid, lazy or both.”

Coppola said he is one of the lucky ones, with brothers and other family members who have picked up the slack on a family-run business.

But not everybody can do that, hence Hochul’s plan.

The initiative will build upon extensive efforts already underway by the New York State Department of Labor to connect job seekers to the record 220,000-plus available jobs in the state through tools and training resources.

“After the hardship New York’s workforce has experienced as a result of COVID-19, it is crucial that we connect individuals looking for jobs with businesses looking to hire,” she said in a statement. “Streamlining the recruitment process benefits everyone involved, as well as the state as a whole. I look forward to seeing the good that will stem from this initiative as we build New York back better and stronger than it’s ever been before.”

The Department of Labor will expand

existing services to collaborate with additional community partners across the state to educate New Yorkers about no-cost resources available to connect them with jobs.

The Department of Labor will also partner with Community Based Organizations, including those who assisted New Yorkers through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) to connect those in need to jobs, training and other resources.

State Department of Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon said, “The COVID-19 pandemic has created a massive shift, not only in the type of jobs that are available, but also who is looking for work -- when, where, and how -- and the systems and programs needed to assist them. We have to reimagine how we connect job seekers to these jobs while also meeting the needs of our employers and we need all of our partners, from workforce development to our local community organizations, to help us educate New Yorkers about these critical resources.”

It sounds good in theory, but employers remain skeptical when it comes to putting in practice given what they’ve seen in the recent past.

“We have been trying to fill out our staff for over a year now. It is very, very difficult,” Coppola said. “I have friends who own restaurants who have had to close altogether or have closed two days a week because they can’t find staff.”

Count fellow restaurateur Paul Iannucci among them.

Iannucci owns two successful businesses – Nooch’s Pub and Grill in the village of Millbrook and the Fireside

BBQ & Grill in Salt Point. Both places are now closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, and Iannucci is desperately seeking two hostesses and a cook at Fireside.

“It’s a complete nightmare. It’s been 20 months of a nightmare,” he said. “I’ve never seen anything like it in the 20-plus years I’ve been in the business. Finding front-of-the-house staff used to be easy. Now it’s hard. And back of the house? Forget it.”

Iannucci agreed with Jackson as to the reasons why there is such a staffing shortage – flexibility, the ability to work remotely, wages.

Especially wages, he said, noting that chain restaurants owned by corporations have deeper resources and are offering far more money than he can.

As far as restaurants go, Iannucci also has another theory.

“The pandemic is uncharted territory. A lot of people just don’t want to deal with the public,” he said. “There are a lot of triggered and entitled people out there.”

Jackson said there needs to be a happy medium between what employers can offer and what employees will accept.

“People are demanding flexibility and work-life integration. So people are looking at time-off policies, vacation, career development, training, and wellness programs,” she said.

For some, that might be a lot to ask for.

But Jackson said she thinks it will resolve itself.

“This too will pass,” she said. “It’s cyclical. It’s not going to stay the way it is.”

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Arts Mid-Hudson event to highlight groundbreaking work of its first folklorist

As part of the 20th anniversary of the Folk Arts Program at Arts Mid-Hudson, the broad-reaching work of its first folklorist, Jean Crandall, will be the focus of a discussion. Join Arts Mid-Hudson on Wednesday, Dec. 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. as folklorists discuss the program that Crandall built from 1998 to 2004.

Register at <http://weblink.do.norperfect.com/Crandall>.

Under the umbrella of Dutchess County Arts Council (now Arts Mid-Hudson), Crandall became the first staff folklorist for the organization. Previously, Ellen McHale had done vital consulting work in the area laying the foundation for Crandall's work and that of subsequent folklorists Eileen Condon, Polly Adema and Elinor Levy.

Crandall built on that foundation, reaching out to the many ethnic communities in Dutchess County and beyond including but not limited to the Latino, Black, South Asian Indian and Ukrainian populations.

Join folklorist Elinor Levy along with folk artists Ray Watkins, Kantham Chatlapalli and others, as well as folklore colleagues as they remember and honor Crandall's legacy. This event will be recorded and uploaded to social media.

The Arts Mid-Hudson Folk Arts Program researches the arts and traditions of the region's rich cultural, ethnic, religious and occupational heritages. Through educational and public programs

like Kakizome, the Folk Arts Program shares these traditions. The program is open to ideas and suggestions about how to assist in celebrating your community's heritage.

Arts Mid-Hudson is the pre-eminent nonprofit arts service organization serving the Mid-Hudson region. Since 1964 its initiatives have engaged and promoted the arts benefiting the region's artists, arts organizations and communities. Arts Mid-Hudson provides vision and leadership to support thriving and diverse arts in the Mid-Hudson region.

For more information about Arts Mid-Hudson and future art events, sign up for the monthly E-newsletter at www.artsmidhudson.org.



Jean Crandall was the first folklorist for Art Mid-Hudson, which was known at the time as the Dutchess County Arts Council.

-Courtesy photo

BEACON RECREATION

By Heidi Harrison

Learn to Ski or Snowboard at Thunder Ridge with Beacon Recreation: Thunder Ridge has partnered with Beacon Recreation to offer Beacon residents six deeply discounted ski or snowboard classes.

Lessons are for skiers and snowboarders, ages 8 to 80 (third grade and up). Pricing includes all six classes!

To take advantage of this program, one must register through the Recreation Department.

To register, email: nsmith@beaconny.gov or call 845-765-2470.

ZUMBA GOLD: Every Wednesday 9 –

9:45 a.m., Registration is required for COVID protocols. Each class is \$5. Contact: Meg at kyogaspot@gmail.com.

CARDIO HIP HOP: Every Wednesday from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Drop ins are welcome. It is \$15 per class, \$5/seniors. One must be vaccinated.

TAI-CHI: Tai-Chi is Sunday at 8 a.m. Advanced class or 10:30 a.m. Beginner class.

For a full listing of Recreation Department activities & events, please visit the City Website at beaconny.gov, choose departments, then choose Parks & Recreation.

Some BOE committees cancel December meetings

The Beacon City School District Board of Education, according to Clerk Kelly Pologe, has canceled the December meetings of the following committees:

- Policy
- Public Relations, Advocacy, and Legislative
- Audit & Finance
- Facilities and Operations

January 2022 Dates:

- Thursday, January 6
6 p.m. Audit & Finance
- 7 p.m. Facilities & Operations
- Monday, January 24
6 p.m. Public Relations, Advocacy, and Legislative
- Monday, January 31
7 p.m. Policy.

Fiddle Tunes at Howland Cultural Center Dec. 12

Fiddle Tunes from Mississippi, commercial and informal recordings from 1920-2018, will take place at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., in Beacon on Dec. 12 at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. Proof of vaccination is required.

For more information, call 845-831-4988.

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BY STEPHEN MASSICOTTE

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County Legislature's Minority leader: Republican Majority 'rubber stamp' for County Exec

To the Editor:

At a recent meeting of the Dutchess County legislature I said, "This legislature is doing nothing." A letter to your newspapers last week questioning that statement provides a welcome opportunity to explain.

The work of a normal (County) legislature - such as Ulster County's - centers on standing committees, small bipartisan groups who research and develop policy in discussion with key staff. In the Dutchess County Legislature, standing committees don't do that. They just meet briefly to rubber-stamp whatever the (County) Executive sends over. In 2020, the Family and Human Services Committee deliberated for less than 30 minutes total, during the year, and the Environmental Committee for less than 18 minutes.

Our (Democratic) caucus has proposed three dozen bills on a range of topics, from extending line-of-duty benefits to probation officers, to setting fossil-fuel reduction targets. The Chair blocked almost all from being discussed. In response to the hardships brought by COVID-19, our caucus proposed funding for a Poughkeepsie non-profit that was expanding free WiFi access for schoolchildren. The Republican caucus asked for revisions to the bill, which we promptly provided, but at meeting time they hadn't read the revised bill, so they voted it down.

Many appointments on community task forces have lapsed. The Airport Committee, on which I serve, has met once in four years. Republican legislators appointed to the Criminal Justice Council and Police Reform Task Force, among other special committees, rarely attend. (The claim that no Democratic legislators attended a recent budget meeting, by the way, is false. At least two, and up to eight, lawmakers in our caucus attended each budget meeting. On several occasions recently, legislators who were in quarantine requested that a remote-participation option be restored, as permitted under New York emergency orders; the Chair denied those requests.)

In July 2020, when we discussed cost-effective community-based alternatives to incarceration, the Chair promised to appoint a bipartisan committee to research options. We are still waiting.

In 2021, the Chair never bothered to ask the legislature to adopt rules for the year. Republican legislators have raised no substantive questions about the 2022 budget, which sharply increases spending and engineers a "dip" in debt service for 2022, kicking repayment down the road until the current Executive is out of office. (Debt service—including on the exorbitant new jail, by far the county's largest current investment--will now peak at over \$37 million in 2027, more than triple the amount in 2010.)

All these things seem to indicate a legislature that is doing nothing.

It's possible that the Republican majority is having extensive policy debates. If that's the case, they are doing so behind closed doors, holed up in their caucus room with the Executive. That is worse than doing nothing. It's secret decision-making that is not accountable to voters. That's not how democracy should work.

Any member of the public can watch the online meeting videos and decide for themselves: Is this legislature doing nothing? Or is the Republican majority pre-arranging everything secretly with the Executive, on a partisan basis, before voting in lockstep? Whichever it is, Dutchess residents deserve better.

Rebecca Edwards
Minority Leader
Dutchess County Legislature

Resident responds to Molinaro, Pulver

To the Editor:

I am responding to County Executive Marc Molinaro and Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver and their criticisms regarding the low attendance of the Democratic legislators. I was going to attend last Monday's meeting until I learned that the Republican legislators do not wear masks, in spite of a "masks required" sign on the county building. Perhaps those absent legislators are considering the health risks these maskless meetings pose. A good solution would be to make these meetings virtual during COVID times so that all can attend safely and participate in the democratic process.

I was curious about the Dutchess County jail project in Poughkeepsie. Incarcerations have declined and the State of New York is closing prisons, including the Downstate Correctional Facility in Fishkill. This new jail is the most expensive project in county history, with a debt lasting into the 2040's. I also question the increase in the County Executive's Office budget which has nearly doubled since he was elected in 2012. The main additions in cost have been for public relations staff and aides.

Mr. Molinaro is touting his "historic" one year \$5 million dollar tax break in 2022 (his office sent a mailer to Dutchess County households about this, to the tune of \$40,000 in taxpayers' money.) This is a "short term" dip in debt service that will leave a much higher debt service due in 2025, which will require additional revenue to be generated or county programs to be cut.

Molinaro has announced that he is running for Congressman Antonio Delgado's seat next November. A good public relations budget and the announcement of a big tax break are certainly beneficial for his campaign, but maybe not for the future of Dutchess County.

Diane Perean
Beacon

Wappinger Elks to collect toys for annual Toys for Tots drive

By Kristine Coulter

Wappinger Elks # 2609 will assist Toys for Tots this Christmas by hosting a drive-by drop off on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Those who are interested in supporting the effort this holiday season, may bring toys to The Italian Center, at 1195 Route 376, in Wappinger.

"Wappinger Elks Lodge #2609 has decided to participate in this worthwhile charitable cause once again," said Rita Delvalle, with the Wappinger Elks Lodge. She noted the Elks in Wappinger participant in the event with other Elk Lodges in the Hudson Valley.

"Since this collection is sponsored by a Marine unit out of the Armory in Newburgh, in Orange County, the distribution will benefit children of servicemen and the less fortunate in the Hudson Valley," remarked Delvalle.

Donated toys should be new and unwrapped. Toys should be ones that appeal to babies through 12 years old. The Elks noted that "one of Santa's Elves will be happy to take that gift off your hands! No need to even get out of your car! Maybe, Santa will be there to wish you a Merry Christmas."

According to the Toys for Tots website, <https://hudson-valley.toysfortots.org>, "Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) not-for-profit public charity is the fund raising, funding and support organization for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots



Elks in Wappinger will host a Toys for Tos drive on Dec. 11.
-Courtesy image

Program. The Foundation was created at the behest of the U. S. Marine Corps and provides support in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding with the Commander, Marine Forces Reserve, who directs the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. The Foundation has supported Toys for Tots since 1991."

During the 2020 campaign in the Hudson Valley, 75,784 toys were distributed and 21,339 children were supported.

This cause is beneficial in two ways, Delvalle said. The first is "by giving children a joyful holiday they might not have had" and second "by supporting a cause near and dear to the servicemen of America," she noted.

"So I say to families in Wappinger and the surrounding towns, give a child a holiday like the one you give your own children," Delvalle requested.

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

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

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

- ACROSS

1. Book of maps

6. Falana or Glaudini

10. Govt. agency that protects workers

14. Capital city

15. Dark __

16. Schoolmate

17. Dairy product

18. Betrayal

20. Plato's T

21. French region where cheese is made

23. Grad exams, perhaps

24. Unkind

25. 4840 square yards

27. Lido or Monte Carlo

30. Self-assurance

31. Young one

34. Spanish love

35. Set of fence steps

36. Raw mineral

37. Achieve a monopoly

41. Nice season

42. Radio navigation system

43. Pierre's pate

44. Start of Iowa's capital

45. Make arrangements

46. Sharper

48. Shiny on top

49. Haughtiness

50. Señor's change

53. Dog on "The Thin Man"

54. Mont Blanc, for one

57. Sailing ships

60. Cake ingredient

62. Brain passage

63. Ending for Nan or Ann

64. Habituate: var.

65. Layers of turf

66. Tobacco dryer

67. Tall and slender
- DOWN

1. IRA, for one: abbr.

2. Mr. O'Hara's place

3. In __ of; as a substitute for

4. Coach Parseghian

5. Melancholy

6. Caesar's tongue

7. Monster

8. __ Majors

9. As red __ beet

10. Yellow shade: var.

11. Old Mets stadium

12. Fling

13. Grant and Carter

19. Eye part

22. Long-tailed rodent

24. Time when poets arise

25. Foreigner

26. At peace

27. Ran

28. Shed crocodile tears

29. Tender spots

30. __ Allen

31. Symbol

32. Crest of a mountain

33. Prevent

35. Valuable violin, for short

38. City on the Rio Grande

39. Bread tray item

40. Mailmen's beats: abbr.

46. Caboodle's partner

47. Boo-boo eliminator

48. Impolite ones

49. Thing worth having

50. Fraternity letters

51. External: pref.

52. Storage building

53. Liberal __

54. Malarial fever

55. Cooking fat

56. Hunted animal

58. Modern: pref.

59. Greek letter

61. French article

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Thankful to the Mullaney family for donation

The holiday season is such a special time for so many folks here in the Hudson Valley. It's a time to celebrate family, of course, but it's also a time to be thankful for all the blessings we have experienced throughout the year by giving back to our communities and sharing our good will with others. Personally, that's my favorite part of the holidays: the chance to bring joy to our neighbors who might be struggling.

Thankfully, I'm not the only one who feels that way! Just last week, the Mullaney family at Hudson Cadillac Buick GMC stepped up with an amazing act of giving: They donated a beautiful vehicle to the VetZero Heroes ride program! Mike Mullaney had heard about how the veteran community really needs this service that gives free rides to Dutchess County veterans, and he decided to do something about it! If that's not the holiday spirit, I don't know what is!

It's no secret the VetZero Heroes ride program has been trying to add a second vehicle, to be able to give even more free rides to our local veterans to get to their doctor, pharmacy and other vital appointments. So far, the program has given an astounding 1,500 rides to veterans – and that's just with one car, and one driver!

The VetZero Heroes ride program began in November 2019 when Christa Hines, Executive Director of Hudson River Housing, and myself came up with the idea to offer free rides to veterans in Dutchess County. Back then, we really didn't fathom how vital this simple program would become to so many local veterans who struggled to make their doctors' appointments.

As it turns out, the lack of transportation options is a huge obstacle for many of our veterans, especially those older vets who no longer drive, or those struck by financial hardship who don't have a reliable form of transportation themselves. We are so proud this program has been so helpful, and we are excited to expand the VetZero Heroes ride

program in the future.

Enter Mike Mullaney and his team at Hudson Cadillac Buick GMC. In the spirit of the holidays, Mike decided to help those less fortunate by donating a wonderful new vehicle, which allows us to double the number of free rides we can offer our heroes. Mike said to me, "It's just the right thing to do." We couldn't agree more, Mike!

As soon as we can get the second VetZero Heroes vehicle wrapped and ready to go, you will probably see us a lot more on the roads here in Dutchess County! When you see one of the green and black VetZero Heroes rides in traffic, give them a wave or a friendly honk and let the driver know you support this important program!

The Mullaney family embodied the spirit of giving with their amazing donation of a vehicle to our VetZero Heroes ride program. But you don't have to donate a car to truly make a difference in the lives of our veterans, this Christmas! There are plenty of things you can do to get into that holiday spirit. A great start is contacting Hudson River Housing at (845) 454-5176 or www.hudsonriverhousing.org and asking how you can support local veterans through the VetZero program. It's easy, and we could really use your help!

Thank you to the Mullaney family for their wonderful donation. And thank you, for listening! I wish everyone a Happy Hanukkah and a very Merry Christmas season. See you next time!

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



The Mullaney family, owners of Hudson Cadillac Buick GMC recently donated a vehicle to the VetZero Heroes ride program. Pictured are (from left) Ed Reid, Veterans Coordinator of Hudson River Housing (HRH); Matt Mullaney; Tommy Zurhellen; Mike Mullaney; and Christa Hines, Executive Director of HRH.

-Courtesy photo

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Lyceum Cinemas set annual Christmas movies on Dec. 11

Lyceum Cinemas, Rhinebeck Bank and Mid- Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union along with local merchants of Red Hook are once again sponsoring free Christmas movies for children and their families on Saturday Dec. 11 in conjunction with their food drive to aid needy families in the area.

“Prancer,” rated G, starring Sam Elliott and Cloris Leachman is a story about a wounded reindeer and a precocious eight-year-old girl.

“National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation,” rated PG13, stars Chevy Chase, Beverly D’Angelo and Randy Quaid. Clark Griswold wants to have a perfect family Christmas, so he pesters his wife and children, as he tries to make sure everything is in line.

Both films will be offered at 10:15 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11 and upon entry everyone may choose which film they prefer to see.

Admission is free, but tickets must be obtained in advance from any of the following local merchants: Rhinebeck Bank - Red hook branch, Minuteman Press, Subway, Mid- Hudson Valley Credit Union, Red Hook branch, Griff’s Southside Deli, Red Hook T’s, Village Pizze III, The Bagel Shoppe, Historic Village Diner, Ben & Gracies & Charlie O’s Restaurant.

Santa will be on hand at the Lyceum when the doors open at 9 a.m. to talk to the children.

Everyone who attends the movie is asked to please bring a non-perishable food item for collection by Dutchess County Community Action Agency office in Red Hook for distribution to needy families in the area.

Those who do not plan to attend a movie, but might wish to donate food items, may do so after 12:30 p.m. between now and Dec. 11.

HV Women in Business party, fundraiser slated Dec. 13

Hudson Valley Women in Business 7th anniversary Party and Fundraiser will be held on Dec. 13 at Seasoned Delicious Foods in Lake Katrine.

Tickets are \$50 or \$40 for Premium Members.

To receive the discounted price, become an “In It Together” or “Dedicated & Driven” member go to <https://hudsonvalleywomeninbusiness.com/membership>.

Garden club sponsors Children’s Holiday Craft Workshop event

The Verplanck Garden Club (VGC) will hold its Children’s Holiday Craft Workshop on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Fishkill Town Hall, in the lower-level meeting room. This annual event, canceled last year due to the pandemic, features free holiday craft-making, with all supplies and instruction provided by the Verplanck Garden Club members who come out in full force to staff the event.

“Children will be able to start at one end of the room and move from table to table making crafts,” said Bonnie Detweiler, event coordinator. “By the time they finish the circuit, they will have made 6 holiday-themed crafts.”

For the first time, Santa is going to visit the event and he will be giving the kids goody bags and, of course, asking them what is on their Christmas lists. VGC member Diana Ferrara will be entertaining the children with music. “We know that music always makes any event more festive,” said Detweiler.

The workshop event is one of the signature-service offerings of the Verplanck Garden Club, which was established in 1989. Said VGC President Katherine Gambino, “Cultivating a love of gardening, flowers, and the environment are just the tip of the iceberg for the club’s activities.” She continued, “The club also performs many service projects in the community, including workshops for seniors at the Fishkill Rec Center, maintenance of the raised garden beds for those with special needs at Stony Kill Farm, and this year, creating a Pollinator Garden just outside of the Fishkill Rec Center, establishing a feeding ground and sanctuary for butterflies, bees, and other beneficial insects. But I think the Children’s Workshop is the one event that is closest to our members’ hearts.”

The event will require children and their parents to wear masks, and appropriate ventilation in the space will be provided.



The Verplanck Garden Club will host its annual Children’s Holiday Craft Workshop, pictured from previous year’s event, on Dec. 11 in the Fishkill Town Hall. -Courtesy photo

The Fishkill Town Hall is located at the intersection of Millholland Drive and Route 52. The entrance to the lower-level meeting room is separately located at the left corner of the building.

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Obituaries

Anita Alos



Anita Alos passed away in Fishkill, NY on November 26, 2021, after a well-fought battle against Multiple Sclerosis. She was 57 years old. Anita was born on September 21st 1964 to Jan and Kirsten Wenggaard in Oslo, Norway. She went on

to marry Manuel Alos in 1988. She was a life-long jack-of-all trades from intricate stained glass to woodworking of any kind, and everything in between. Anita loved to keep her gardens looking like a magazine cover, and really enjoyed doing anything with her hands. Anita and Manuel raised their two children Steven and Karin Alos in Salt Point N.Y. Mom will be dearly missed by her children. Anita is predeceased by her husband Manuel. Anita will also be deeply missed by both her parents Jan and Kirsten as well as her sister Siri. Her absence will be felt year-round by her three grandchildren Kamryn, Karter, and Parker Spinney as well as her grandchildren in Florida Karmann, Karson, and Kohen Alos. Delehanty Funeral Home is honored to assist Anita's family with funeral arrangements.

William 'Shotgun' Blacknall

BEACON – William Henry Blacknall, 76, a longtime Beacon resident, passed away peacefully on November 24, 2021 at the Sapphire Nursing Center in Newburgh, NY. He was born in Raleigh, NC on July 11, 1945 son of the late Ruth Blacknall, and raised by his late grandparents; Hillard & Marjorie Blacknall. William attended schools in Vance County, Henderson, NC. After high school he relocated to the Mid-Hudson Valley where he became well known as the son of Cary Hicks and of his many talents as a biker, car racer, softball hitter, and worked and retired from the NYS Dept. of Transportation in Poughkeepsie, NY. Affectionately known by many as 'Mr. Duster' during his car days, or 'Shotgun' during his motorcycle days; whichever you knew or 'Hicks' to many of his friends, and 'Bill' many others. William was noted, acknowledged and inducted in 1999 to the City of Beacon Softball Hall of Fame for Accomplishments and Contributions To The Development, Continuation and Advancement of Fast Pitch Softball. (It was told that he hit the ball so hard and far that it landed in the adjoining little league baseball field.) He was an avid cook, he loved cooking for his family, (especially fried turkeys) friends, and even a stranger in need of food, William had a huge heart for everyone he came in touch with. William is survived by his beloved wife, Johnnie Mae Blacknall, and his 7-children: son Damon Blacknall at home; daughter Annette (Chris) Hendrickson of Killeen, TX; step-son Jessie (Kathleen) Williams of Beacon, NY; daughter Sherita (Jeff) Williams of Philadelphia, PA; daughter Chantely (John) Skipwith of Henderson, NC; daughter Crystal Morrison of Henderson, NC; son Fry (William) Blacknall, 2nd. Also a host of grandchildren & great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He was loved by all. He is also survived by his sisters: Carolyn (Leon) Jarvis of Boston, Ma; Phyllis Hicks of Henderson, NC; Mozelle Hicks of Kittrell, NC; his brothers: Armie Hillard (Lorraine) Hicks of Levittown, PA; Scottie and Clifford Hicks of Kittrell, NC. Besides being predeceased by his parents Cary and Ruth (Blacknall) Hicks and grandparents, he was predeceased by his brother Louis S. Hicks and by a step-son Jeroy Williams. His Family & Friends gathered on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at the LIBBY

FUNERAL HOME, 55 Teller Avenue, Beacon. A Private Interment at the discretion of the family. To offer a message of condolences or share a fond memory, please visit: www.LibbyFuneralHome.com.

James Francis (Frank) Bugg

James Francis (Frank) Bugg went to our Father in Heaven on 15 November 2021 at the age of 78 while rehabbing at Renaissance Rehabilitation and Nursing Care Center in Staatsburg, NY. Frank was born on 12 December 1942 in Montclair, NJ, to Agnes Walker Bugg and David Roosevelt Bugg, Sr. He was the fifth of six children from this union. Frank was graduated from Beacon High School, and enlisted in the US Army, where he achieved an honorable discharge. He then went on to study at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA. Frank left Philadelphia to work as Assistant Director of the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at the State University of New York at Morrisville. Frank later moved to Detroit, MI, to work at Focus Hope. While at Focus Hope he had a number of positions, including Assistant Director of Educational Programs, Assistant Director of the Machinist Program, Volunteer Coordinator and Event Coordinator. While in Detroit, Frank received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Wayne State University. Once he left, Detroit, he moved again to Philadelphia to take a position as Director of Educational Programs for the Pennsylvania State Park Rangers. Finding a better opportunity in New Jersey, he became the Director of Education for Atlantic City Youth Build. Finally, being recruited to become the Director of the internationally renowned Newark Boys' Choir, he moved to Newark, NJ. Upon retiring from the Newark Boys' Choir, Frank came back to his hometown, Beacon, to be closer to family and friends. Frank was a true lover of good food, people (especially children), golf and of life. He was well known wherever he went as a master storyteller, who could make any story or experience much more interesting and entertaining just by his telling. If you ever met Frank you would never forget him. Frank was predeceased by his parents, two sisters -- Alfreda (Freda) Price and Mary (Tiny) McKenzie, as well as two brothers -- David Roosevelt (Junie) Bugg, Jr. and William HL (Billy) Bugg. He is survived by his sister Rhonda (Rhoni) Bugg and a sister-in-law, Theresa Green Bugg. He is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, their children, family and a multitude of friends. Sleep on Frank, take your rest. We loved you, but God loved you best. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Mary McKenzie Memorial Scholarship Fund. All checks should be made out to Mary McKenzie Memorial Scholarship Fund (MMMSF) and sent to Rhonda A Bugg, 51 Clifton Avenue, #C1811, Newark, NJ 07104. There was a walkthrough for Mr. Bugg on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at St. Andrew Episcopal Church, Beacon, NY. Funeral service w/Military Honors was held. (Face Mask REQUIRED) Professional services entrusted to Rhodes Funeral Home, 43 Fairview Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY.

Kori Raishon Gallow

WAPPINGERS FALLS- Son. Brother. Cousin. Friend. Author. Digital Media Guru. Conceptualist. Love Advocate. Visionary. Kori embodied these elements and so much more. Kori Raishon Galloway entered this earthly world on the 20th day of August in 1966, as the second child of Josephus and Ruth Dawson Galloway of Wappingers Falls, NY. He transitioned to the eternal realm on the 11th day of November 2021. Kori was educated in the public schools of Wappingers Falls and was a 1984 graduate of John Jay High School. He pursued collegiate studies at Dutchess Community College and the New York Institute of Technology. He had a sharp eye for detail which was carried out through his professional work for many years as an architect for New York State Department of Parks and Recreation, and in his personal passion as a lifelong photographer and videographer. He was the founder

and conceptualist of Double EE Productions LLC, a digital media company that elevates brands through video and audio production. Through DPVN—Deep Vision Network—Kori allowed the aspirations and dreams of artists and businesses to rise, shine and thrive and was a fearless advocate for causes and interests important to the Black and LGBTQ communities. He was preceded in death by his mother Ruth, and leaves to cherish his eternal spirit his father Joe and his brother Keith Galloway; the love of his life, Mecshell Maria Wright; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, loved ones, close friends, and fellow creatives. A private Memorial Service was held on Sunday, November 28, 2021. Professional Service entrusted to Rhodes Funeral Homes, 43 Fairview Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY.

Ellen M. Griffin

WAPPINGERS FALLS – Ellen M. Griffin, a thirty-two year resident of Wappingers Falls and formerly of Richmond Hill, Queens, peacefully entered into rest surrounded by her family on Sunday, November 28, 2021 at her home. She was 61. Daughter of Arthur Tietz and the late Ann Corrigan Tietz, she was born July 17, 1960 in Huntington, New York. On February 14, 1986 in Rego Park, Queens she married Joseph F. Griffin. Mr. Griffin survives at home in Wappingers Falls. Ellen was a wonderful homemaker who also worked as a Lunch Monitor at Kinry Road Elementary School in the Wappingers Central School District system for over twenty-five years. She was a former Girl Scout Leader and a parishioner of St. Mary's Church in Wappingers Falls. She was known as an excellent baker and cook, a mother figure to many, and a huge Springsteen fan. Ellen will always be remembered as a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend. In addition to her father and husband, she is survived by her daughters, Taylor Griffin and Catherine "Cat" Griffin and future son-in-law, Edward Lent all of Wappingers Falls; her sisters, Karen Rice and Ann Ponce; her brothers, Jimmy, Donald, Larry and Arthur Tietz; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and chosen family. She was predeceased by her mother, Ann and sister, Martha Tietz. Family received friends on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 East Main Street in Wappingers Falls. Masks were required for all indoor services. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Friday, December 3 at St. Mary's Church, 11 Clinton Street in Wappingers Falls. Interment followed in Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery, South Avenue in Poughkeepsie. To send a personal condolence, please visit www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.

Michael J. Torhan

MYRTLE BEACH, SC & FORMERLY OF BEACON – Michael J. Torhan, 70, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and formerly of Beacon, entered into rest on December 2, 2021. Son of the late Michael S. Torhan and Mary and Cosmo DiNoia, he was born November 21, 1951 in Yonkers. His wife, JoAnn Torhan preceded him in death and his daughter, Nicole Rios and his granddaughter, Alexandria Rios and his sister, Debra Leis. He is survived by his children, Michelle Torhan-Gray of Newburgh and Michael Torhan of Newburgh; his 11 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. He is also survived by his sister, Lorraine Hannon of Poughkeepsie, his brother, John DiNoia of Yonkers and his sister, Catherine Chesney of Beacon; several nieces and nephews; and beloved friend, Melinda Crisp of South Carolina. Michael proudly served in the US Army during the Vietnam Era until he was honorably discharged. He was a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 137 based in Westchester County. He was a crane operator and mechanic and devoted himself for 30 plus years to AJ Cianciulli Company before his retirement in 2017. He was also a Board Member of IUOE Local 137. Family and friends will gather on Thursday, December 9 from 4 to 9 p.m. at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, December 10 at 10 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 Willow Street, Beacon. Burial will follow at St. Joachim Cemetery, Beacon. To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

Agnes E. Maleakas

FORMERLY OF WAPPINGERS FALLS – Agnes E. Maleakas (nee: Corradi), a devoted wife and mother, beloved sister, and dedicated educator, died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021 at her home in Providence, RI. She was 72. Agnes was born Aug. 22, 1949 in Rye, NY, to Aldo and Ellen Corradi. She graduated Academy of the Resurrection High School in 1967. Her love of learning led her

to Harriman Junior College where she studied early childhood education and went on to receive her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Pennsylvania's Seton Hill College in 1971. In the years that followed, Agnes went on to study administration and supervision at Manhattan College and counselor education at University of Scranton. She began her teaching career at Forest City Regional School District in Pennsylvania where she met the love her life, George Maleakas. They married Dec. 22, 1972 at St. Agnes Church in Forest City. Together, they raised two boys, Charles and Francis, and put down roots in Wappingers Falls, NY. It was in the Hudson Valley where Agnes pursued her passions of motherhood and educator. For 30 years, she worked in the Archdiocese of New York school system, first as a teacher at St. John's Elementary School in Beacon and as a principal at St. Thomas of Canterbury in Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY. She retired in 2010. Agnes is predeceased by her husband, George. She is survived by her sons Charles Maleakas and his wife, Courtney, of Auburn, MA, and Francis Maleakas, of Providence, RI; her brother Fr. Francis Corradi of Chippewa Falls, WI; her sister Elizabeth A. Wells and husband, Daniel, of Fishkill, NY; her sister Mary Pantzar and husband, Fran, of Vandling, PA; and many nieces, nephews and grand-nieces and grand-nephews. She also leaves behind her loyal companion and best friend, Porter the Shih Tzu, who will be cared for by family. The family received their friends and loved ones on Monday, December 6 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, December 7 at St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 Willow Street, Beacon. Burial followed at St. Joachim Cemetery, Beacon. Masks are required for those unvaccinated. To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

Lorraine E. Malone

FORMERLY OF BEACON - Lorraine E. Malone, a resident of Highland for the past five years and former longtime resident of Beacon, passed away on November 26, 2021 at Hudson Valley Rehab in Highland. She was 88 years old. Lorraine was born on June 14, 1933 in Beacon the daughter of the late Alfred and Elizabeth Lucas Meurant. She had worked as a secretary at both Texaco Research Center in Glenham and retired from Kaman Bearings in Wappingers Falls. Lorraine is survived by her children, Linda Thompson and her husband, Jeffrey, Michael Murray, Sharon Campbell, Daniel P. Murray and Kathryn Theobald and husband, Todd; her grandchildren, Michael Giammarco, Alexa Murray, Michael Murray, Krystal Gallagher, Amber Newman, Megan Plapp and Grant Theobald; her eight great grandchildren; her brothers, Paul Lucas (Lea) and John Meurant (Patricia); several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Lorraine was predeceased by her siblings, Fred Meurant, Lorraine Thayer and Robert Meurant. Family and friends will gather on Sunday, December 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A funeral service will be held on Monday, December 6 at 10:30 at the funeral home. Burial will follow in the family plot at St. Joachim Cemetery, Beacon. Memorial donations in memory of Lorraine may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

James W. 'Jay' Mosher

BEACON - James W. "Jay" Mosher, a longtime resident of Beacon, passed away on November 28, 2021 at MidHudson Regional Hospital, Poughkeepsie. He was 76 years old. Jay was born on February 9, 1945 in Beacon, the son of the late Doris Devoe Mosher and Benjamin Mosher. Jay proudly served in the US Army during the Vietnam Era from 1962 to 1965 until he was honorably discharged. He married his wife, the former Linda Selteneck, on October 21, 1989. Linda survives at home. Jay retired from New York Power Authority in Buchanan. Jay also worked several years at West Point doing security. Jay loved being on the Hudson River and his boat. He also enjoyed being active and riding his bike. He had a love for all of his pets over the years. In addition to his wife, Jay is survived by his sisters-in-law, several cousins, nieces and nephews. Jay was predeceased by his brothers, Ron and Richard. A private family visitation followed by cremation will be held and a memorial service is planned for the future. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in memory of Jay may be made to either Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) or to Mid Hudson Animal Aid. To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com.

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

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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 14th day of December, 2021 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: PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, the Zoning Board of Appeals has not made a determination of significance pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and hereby reserves its right to make such determination after the conclusion of the public hearing. Appeal No.: 21-7741 (Variance) Richard & Erika Garland: Seeking an area variance Section 240-37 of District Regulations in an R20 Zoning District. -Where 20 feet to the side yard (left) property line is required, the applicant can provide 17.5 feet for the installation of a 15x30 x 54 above ground pool, thus requesting a variance of 2.5 feet. The property is located at 110 Kent Road on 0.49 acres and is identified as Tax Grid No.: 6258-04-713096 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: Peter Galotti, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals Town of Wappinger November 4, 2021

Beacon Planning Board Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be continued by the Planning Board of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, in the Municipal Center courtroom, One Municipal Plaza, Beacon, New York, on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 immediately following the training session/workshop which begins at 7:00 PM, and prior to the Planning Board's SEQRA determination, to hear and consider comments related to any environmental impacts of the proposed Subdivision of property located off Conklin Street for construction of a townhouse development with 40-single family units "Beacon Views Townhouses", identified on the City Tax Maps as Section

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Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the 14th day of December, 2021 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: PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, the Zoning Board of Appeals has not made a determination of significance pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and hereby reserves its right to make such determination after the conclusion of the public hearing. Appeal No.: 21-7741 (Variance) Richard & Erika Garland: Seeking an area variance Section 240-37 of District Regulations in an R20 Zoning District. -Where 20 feet to the side yard (left) property line is required, the applicant can provide 17.5 feet for the installation of a 15x30 x 54 above ground pool, thus requesting a variance of 2.5 feet. The property is located at 110 Kent Road on 0.49 acres and is identified as Tax Grid No.: 6258-04-713096 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: Peter Galotti, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals Town of Wappinger November 4, 2021

Beacon Planning Board Notice of Public Hearing

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6055, Block 03, Lot 331123, submitted by Beacon Views, LLC. Said Planning Board will, at said time and place hear all persons in support of such matter or any objections thereto. Individuals may appear in person, by agent or by attorney.

E. Grogan Secretary Beacon Planning Board

Beacon Planning Board Notice of Public Hearing

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E. Grogan Secretary Beacon Planning Board

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF DUTCHESS SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Index No. 2020-50267

BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff, v. ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE LATE THOMAS PETTIT A/K/A THOMAS JOHN PETTIT, IF LIVING, AND IF ANY BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS WHO ARE SPOUSES, W I D O W S , GRANTEES, MORTGAGEES, LIENORS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF SUCH OF THE MARY MAY BE DEAD, AND THEIR

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SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE INTER-NAL REVENUE SERVICE, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, FIRST HORIZON HOME LOAN CORPORATION, JODI WHITE, DANTE SCHIAVO, KYLE PETTIT, CHRIS ERAMO, Defendants. To the above named Defendants: You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within thirty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of Honorable Maria G. Rosa, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed the 19th day of November, 2021 at Poughkeepsie, New York.

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The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage on the following property: Tax I.D. No. 6156-02-600977 ALL that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Town of Wappinger, County of Dutchess and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the middle of the Old Post Road, now Osborne Hill Road, and distant South 20 degrees 50 minutes West 128.23 feet and South 15 degrees 50 minutes West 147.60 feet from a new division line through lands of H. Osten forming the southeast corner of Secor and RUNNING THENCE along the middle of said Old Post Road South 15 degrees 50 minutes West 100.00 feet; THENCE leaving said Old Post Road and through lands of said H. Osten North 63 degrees 38 minutes West 623.22 feet to a point in the line of formerly Grosvenor, now Windheim; THENCE along said line North 66 degrees 38 minutes East 128.85 feet; THENCE through lands of said H. Osten South 63 degrees 38 minutes East 521.66 feet to the point of BEGINNING. Subject to easements, covenants, and restriction of record. These premises are also known as 38 Osborne Hill Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 500 Bausch & Lomb Place Rochester, NY 14604

NOTICE TO BIDDERS- RFB-DCB-22-21

NAME OF PROJECT: DUTCHESS STADIUM IMPROVEMENTS PH II & III, Prime Bids shall be received for the following classes of work: General Construction, Electrical, HVAC and Plumbing. The anticipated start of construction is February 9, 2022; the anticipated completion date is December 30, 2022, respectively. Beginning December 2, 2021 at 8:00AM: Bid Specifications and Drawings may be obtained in person Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm or by mail (provide your FedEx account number or SASE) at: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties

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may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. The bid documents will be distributed on a USB Flash Drive. You must give the following information to obtain the flash drive: Company Name, Address, Contact Name, Phone Number, E-mail Address. A refundable deposit of \$15.00 in the form of a check made payable to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance or cash will be required for each set of bid documents. The deposit is refundable in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 102 and will be made by the County upon receipt of a written request accompanied by said USB Flash Drive. Bids due on or before Tuesday, January 4, 2022, 11:00AM and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids for the above project will be received by: Diane McKenna, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Fl. Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Due to COVID-19, the bid opening for this solicitation will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below, in-person attendance at a bid opening will not be allowed. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting, +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 215 932 239#. All Addenda will be issued to Plan Holders via E-mail, but also posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has

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signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. A Walkthrough is scheduled for Tuesday December 7, 2021 at 11:00AM at Dutchess Stadium, Main gate, Wappingers Falls, NY. All parties interested in bidding must apprise themselves of the site conditions immediately prior to bidding; if you cannot attend the scheduled walkthrough, you can contact Diane McKenna at dmckenna@dutchessny.gov, to schedule one. Questions will be accepted by the close of business December 28, 2021 and emailed to Diane McKenna at dpwcontracts@dpwcontracts.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2021011503. APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM : Dutchess County requires that any contractor or subcontractor have, prior to entering into a Contract for the process of building, renovating or demolishing a public building, owned, operated and maintained by Dutchess County, with a value in excess of \$250,000., apprenticeship agreements appropriate for the type and scope of work to be performed and which have been registered with NYS Department of Labor in accordance with Article 23 of the Labor Law. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF FISHKILL Local Law No. E-v2 [Introductory] of 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Fishkill, New York, will conduct a continuation of the Public Hearing at the Town of Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill New York 12524 on December 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon after as the matter may be heard to consider Local Law No. E-

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v2 (Introductory) of 2021, Cell Town Ordinance. The Town of Fishkill will make every effort to assure that the public hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or accommodations should contact the Town Clerk. By Order of the Town Board
Town of Fishkill
Becki Tompkins – Town Clerk

NOTICE TO BIDDERS RFB-DCH-2021-16 Name of Project: CR 21 at Smith and Maloney Roads Intersection Improvement Project Description: This project is intended to improve traffic safety on County Route 21 (Noxon Road) at the intersection of Smith Rd and Maloney Rd by modifying the vertical alignment of Noxon Rd. The project is located in the Town of LaGrange, Dutchess County. The project generally involves asphalt milling, paving, excavation, grading and drainage work. Beginning: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 8:00 AM: Bid Documents may be obtained in person or by mail (provide your FedEx account number or SASE) at: Dutchess County DPW 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Business Office, 1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. The bid documents are available on a USB Flash Drive. You must give the following information to obtain the flash drive: Company Name, Contact Name, Address, Phone Number, E-mail Address. All Addendums will be issued to Plan Holders via E-mail, but also posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. A refundable deposit of \$15.00 will be required for each set of Bid Documents, in the form of a check made payable to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance. The deposit is refundable in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 102. (The refund must be requested in writing). Bids for the above project will be received by: Denise Spens-Gallagher, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike, 1st Floor, Pough-

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keepsie, NY 12603. On or before Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 11:00AM, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Due to COVID-19, the bid opening for this solicitation will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below, in-person attendance at a bid opening will not be allowed. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 795 643 517# Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check or official bank check) or a letter of credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. The successful bidder's security will be retained until he has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and furnished the required 100% Labor and Material Payment Bond, 100% Performance Bond and acceptable insurance documentation. Each bid shall be en-

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closed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening. Questions will be accepted until 3:00 PM on Thursday, December 23, 2021 and shall be emailed to dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov. The anticipated start of construction is March 7, 2022, the anticipated substantial completion date is September 2, 2022, and the anticipated completion date of construction including all punch list work is September 16, 2022. Failure to meet these dates will result in liquidated damages and engineering charges in accordance with the NYS-DOT Standard Specifications dated May 1, 2021. This project is subject to New York State Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC # 2021012118. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in Bids and in bidding and to reject any or all Bids. "Bidders shall promptly notify the County of any errors, omissions, conflicts, and/or ambiguity that they identify in the contract documents by emailing dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF FISHKILL ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Fishkill will hold a Public Hearing

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on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, commencing at 7:00 PM in the Francois R. Cross Meeting room located in the lobby of the Town of Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY to consider an area variance for Louis Ferreira who seeks the following avenue of relief for the purpose of constructing a 480 square foot uncovered deck to service an existing kitchen door. A 7 ft. 5 in. left side yard setback variance where 20 ft. is the minimum setback requirement. Said request would result in a 12 ft. 7 in. left yard setback. The land affected by this application is shown generally on the Tax Map as Section 6256, Block 15, Lot 277635, is located at 15 Westview Drive, and consists of 0.61 acres in the R-20 Zoning District in the Town of Fishkill. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Zoning Board of Appeals has not made a determination of significance pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and hereby reserves its right to make such determination after the conclusion of the public hearing. All interested persons will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Fishkill at the public hearing as stated above. By Order Of The Zoning Board of Appeals
Of the Town of Fishkill, New York

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Debbie Colonna, Secretary

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-74-21

Heavy Duty Buses for Dutchess County Public Transit

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 30th day of December 2021 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our web site <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call (845) 486-3613.

File No. 2021-170 SURROGATE'S COURT- MONTGOMERY COUNTY CITATION

The People of the State of New York, By the Grace of God Free and Independent, To: BRIAN WEAVER residing at 39 Regency Dr., Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

A petition having been duly filed by CHARLES PETERSON, who is domiciled at 103 Second Ave., Fonda, New York, 12068

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YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's court, Montgomery County, at the Village of Fonda, New York, on the 20th day of January, 2022, at 10:00 O'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of COLLEEN PETERSON, lately domiciled at 103 Second Ave., Fonda, New York, 12068, in the County of Montgomery, New York, admitting to probate a Will dated July 10, 1989, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of COLLEEN PETERSON, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: CHARLES PETERSON

Dated, Attested and Sealed, November 30, 2021
Hon. GUY P. TOMLINSON
Surrogate Judge
County of Montgomery

By
Alixon C. Thomas,
Chief Clerk
ATTORNEY

Name of attorney: Charles R. Schwartz, Esq., The Schwartz Law Firm Tel. Address of attorney: 236 State Highway 67, Amsterdam, NY 12010

NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.

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Millbrook resident Luke Kelly winner of Central Hudson’s Fall Foliage photo contest

The winner of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation’s ninth annual Fall Foliage Photo Contest’s \$750 prize is Luke Kelly of Millbrook, who submitted his photograph taken from the Ferncliff Forest Fire Tower in Rhinebeck. Kelly will also receive a framed print of his photograph.

Of the 20 finalists, Kelly’s photograph received more than 1,100 votes, the most cast by Central Hudson’s Facebook followers. In total, more than 8,100 votes were cast.

In addition, a second drawing will be held to award a framed print of the winning photo to one lucky voter. The winner will be announced soon.

“We congratulate Luke on his winning photograph, which beautifully showcases the fall colors and inspiring vistas we’re treated to here in the Mid-Hudson Valley,” said Charles A. Freni, President and CEO of Central Hudson. “We were once again appreciative of and amazed by all of the entries submitted this year, as they were truly inspiring examples of region’s spectacular fall season. We offer our sincere appreciation to the talented contestants who shared their work.”

“Thank you also to all who participated by voting,” said Freni. “We are proud to serve this beautiful and historic part of New York State, and this annual contest reminds us how fortunate we are to live here.”

The contest opened on Oct. 4, inviting Central Hudson customers to submit photographs of the region’s fall season taken within the energy company’s service area by Nov. 5. A selection of finalists was posted to Central Hudson’s Facebook page, and voters were asked to “like” their favorite of the finalists. The official voting ended at noon on Nov. 19.

Freni also reminded customers of the benefits of “liking” and “following” Central Hudson on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to receive important safety messages, energy efficiency tips, announcements on new programs and services, updates on severe weather and other helpful information.

To view the images of all the finalists, go to Central Hudson’s Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/CentralHudson.



Millbrook resident Luke Kelly is the winner of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation’s ninth annual Fall Foliage Photo Contest. He submitted a photo taken from Ferncliff Forest Fire Tower in Rhinebeck.

-Courtesy photo

Mount Gulian announces new virtual video tour, award from Dutchess Tourism

Mount Gulian Historic Site in Beacon has announced two recent important developments. The site, on both the NY State and National Registers of Historic Places for its key role as the headquarters of patriot Gen. Von Steuben during the Revolution, and for the formation of the Society of the Cincinnati at the site in 1783, is well-known for its special events, educational programming for students, and as a popular venue for weddings and meetings.

Despite the distractions of the past 20 months, Mount Gulian produced a virtual tour video, which offers a thumbnail introduction to the site’s history, including a brief tour of the museum house, garden and historic Dutch barn, complete with drone photography. Funded in part by a grant from the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, video production was done by J6 MediaWorks, a regional corporate messaging firm in Beacon. The video is now available to the public and

can be seen on Mount Gulian’s website at <https://mountgulian.org/virtual-tours/a-virtual-visit/>

Additionally, Mount Gulian recently received the prestigious Dutchess County Tourism History Award of Distinction. The award was announced at a ceremony held at Locust Grove and hosted by Dutchess Tourism President and CEO Melaine Rottkamp and Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro.

Elaine Hayes, executive director of Mount Gulian, said, “It’s an honor to receive the History Award from my peers at Dutchess Tourism. The Mount Gulian Board, staff and volunteers worked hard at moving forward during the pandemic and were able to complete the video and a number of other important programming and infrastructure projects at the site. We are now open again and looking forward to having a great 2022 season.”



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To help fight food insecurity in the Hudson Valley we are collecting donations for local charity Fareground. Please drop off non-perishable food items at our office during business hours (Mon-Fri 9-5, Sat-Sun 9-4) or donate online via the QR code.

