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New format, sites set for Polar Plunge

All events benefit Special Olympics



The Polar Plunge will take place for three days in Dutchess County this year. The three locations this year are Marist University, in Poughkeepsie; Heritage Financial Park in Fishkill and Eastdale Village Town Center, in Poughkeepsie. Pictured is from a previous year's Polar Plunge at Sharpe Reservation.

-Archive photo

By Morgan E. Maier

The 28th annual Polar Plunge is coming to dunk Dutchess County for three days straight, thanks to one of New York's first mobile plunge units. Plunge pros and those less inclined to brave the brisk water can find other ways to support of Special Olympics programs with this full slate of festivities.

Sharpe Reservation was once Fishkill's beacon for the annual Polar Plunge. While interest and participant numbers increased, Special Olympics New York was faced with a good problem. The festivities had outgrown the space. So Dutchess County communities united for the solution, are unveiling three new sites and a plunge unit on wheels for 2026.

Inspired by programming in other states, Special Olympics New York is increasing visibility of the Plunge, while also increasing community access. Dutchess County is among the first in the Empire State to roll out the mobile plunge unit, tripling access to potential participants.

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Celebrate Purim on March 3 in Beacon

By Kristine Coulter

Celebrate Purim during the Grand Purim Party on Tuesday, March 3 at 5 p.m. at The Vinyl Room in Beacon. The event is being held by Chabad of Beacon.

"Purim is one of the most joyful and spirited days on the Jewish calendar. It celebrates the miraculous salvation of the Jewish people in ancient Persia, as told in the Megillah (Book of Esther)," stated Chabad of Beacon Rabbi Shaya Itkin. "On Purim we celebrate courage, unity, and faith in God's hidden hand guiding our story. It's a day filled with meaningful mitzvot hearing the Megillah, giving to those in need, sharing food with friends, and expressing joy in a way that brings people together."

Itkin remarked the party will take place at the Vinyl Room, which will create "the perfect setting" for an energetic and uplifting celebration.

"Guests can expect a lively Megillah reading, delicious food, festive music, plenty of l'chaim, and an atmosphere filled with warmth and friendship. It's upbeat, welcoming, and designed for everyone," said Itkin.

The rabbi noted, "Purim carries a powerful message for everyone. It reminds us to show up for what we believe in, to stand with courage and pride, and to strengthen the bonds of community and kindness. In a world that can feel heavy, Purim invites us to choose light, celebrate together, and uplift one another."

The Vinyl Room is at 396 Main St. in Beacon.

To RSVP, go to <https://www.chabadbeacon.com>.

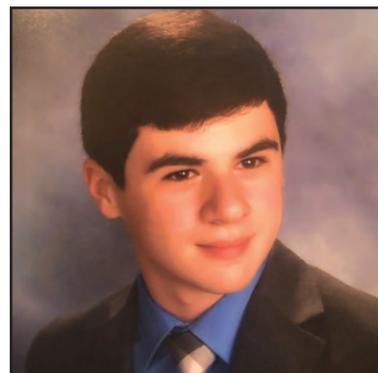
Firefighters can apply for memorial scholarship in honor of late Wicoppee volunteer

By Kristine Coulter

Local volunteer firefighters can now apply for the annual Steven D. Ziskind Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is sponsored by the family of late volunteer firefighter Steven Ziskind and members of the Wicoppee Fire Company in East Fishkill. This year's winner will be awarded \$2,000, an increase of \$500 from last year. "We are thankful to the leadership and members of the Wicoppee Firehouse, who continue to support and sponsor this annual scholarship," Polly Ziskind, mother of Steven, previously told Southern Dutchess News.

Steven, who was 22 years old, died from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident in May 2020.

The inaugural memorial scholarship in Steven's honor was awarded that year. He was a 2016 graduate of John Jay High School and was enrolled at SUNY New Paltz, studying mechanical engineering.

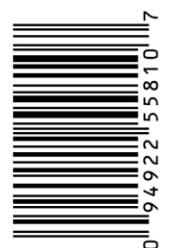


Steven D. Ziskind

-Courtesy photo Ziskind Family

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Polly once described Steven as “a selfless and caring individual who always put others before himself. He had a deep sense of duty and compassion, which drove him to make a positive impact on everyone around him.”

If one is interested in applying, one must meet the following requirements:

- Candidate must be a member in good standing with one of the following fire companies: Hopewell Hose Fire Company No.1, Stormville Fire Company No. 2, Hillside Lake Fire Company No. 3, Wiccopee Fire Company No. 4, Protection Engine Company #1, Rombout Fire Company, Beekman Fire Company and New Hackensack Fire Company

- Must maintain acceptable levels of volunteer activity

- Must submit a completed application

- Must submit a letter of recommendation from the Chief or President of the respective fire company

- Submit at a minimum 500-word essay that demonstrates the individual’s commitment to the fire service, contribution to the community and educational aspiration

The deadline is May 15. The scholarship will be awarded in July at the Wiccopee Firehouse.

The award is for eligible student-members and adult learners based on program’s criteria, focusing on strong volun-



Late volunteer firefighter Steven Ziskind, left, with his family, father Martin, mother Polly, and brother Adam.

-Courtesy photos Ziskind Family



Steven Ziskind, with Santa Claus, during a fire department Christmas celebration.

teer commitment, an established record of community service and proven dedication to others.

It is stated for one to contact one’s Company Chief or President for more information, including

eligibility requirements and application materials.

Central Hudson: Scammers posing as utility representatives

Central Hudson Gas & Electric is alerting customers to an increase in scam attempts across the region involving individuals posing as utility employees through phone calls, emails, text messages, and in-person visits.

The company has received reports of scammers threatening immediate service shutoffs, demanding payment, or requesting personal and financial information while falsely claiming to represent Central Hudson. These scams can appear highly convincing and may include spoofed phone numbers, official-looking emails, or individuals wearing branded clothing and identification.

“Scammers are becoming increasingly more sophisticated and aggressive in their attempts to pressure customers,” said Danielle Caruso, Director of Information Security & Corporate Security. “If you’re ever unsure whether a call, message, or interaction is legitimate, hang up the phone, delete the email, or shut the door,

and contact Central Hudson immediately.”

Warning signs

Central Hudson urges customers to be alert for the following red flags:

Requests for payment via prepaid debit cards, gift cards, cryptocurrency, wire transfers, or peertopeer apps

Unexpected visits from individuals claiming to be utility employees requesting payment or access to your home. All Central Hudson employees carry identification and will show it upon request.

Calls, texts, or emails asking customers to verify Social Security numbers, bank account details, passwords, or other sensitive information.

Additional scam tactics reported include:

Fake Bill Payment or Credit Con: Providing fraudulent routing or account numbers to collect payments, issue credit cards, or claim eligibility for assistance programs.

Bogus Equipment or Repair Fees: Demands for payment to replace or install meters or other utility-related equipment.

Overpayment Refund Scams: Claims that a customer has overpaid, followed by requests for bank or credit card information.

Smishing (SMS Phishing): Text messages designed to trick recipients into sharing personal information.

Fraudulent Bills: Emails that appear to be legitimate utility bills and may include Central Hudson branding—customers should never click on any links or open attachments unless the sender is verified.

What Central Hudson says it will – and will not – do

Central Hudson emphasizes that the company:

Will not request payment through gift cards, prepaid cards, cryptocurrency, or wire transfers

Will not threaten immediate service shutoff without prior written notice

Will always ensure employees carry proper identification

Will only direct customers to established payment channels or to contact the company directly

What customers should do

Customers who believe they are being targeted by a scam should:

Hang up, delete, or ignore suspicious calls, texts, or emails

Never provide personal or financial information

Contact Central Hudson directly using the phone number listed on their bill or at www.cenhud.com

Report suspected scams to local law enforcement and the New York State Department of Public Service

Central Hudson encourages customers to share this information with family members, friends, and neighbors; especially seniors and those who may be more vulnerable to fraud.

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The threefold Polar Plunge will take place Feb. 27 - Mar. 1, 2026, rain, sleet or shine. On Friday, Marist University kicks off the weekend at McCann Center (3399 North Road, Poughkeepsie). The plunge will take place in the parking lot, as further fun goes on inside. On Saturday, Heritage Financial Park (1500 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls) closes out February with a tailgate, music, campfires fit for s'mores, food trucks, and more. A slate of activities at Eastdale Village Town Center (10 Otto Way, Poughkeepsie) rounds out the fundraising frenzy, as select businesses will offer discounts for participating plungers, music, and more!

Proceeds from Polar Plunges support the training and inclusive opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities to compete in Special Olympics programs at no cost to families or caregivers.

Even if you plan to stay dry, why should you visit one — or all — of Dutchess County's Polar Plunges?

"The Polar Plunge is more than just a cold jump; it's a celebration of inclusion, community, and support for Hudson Valley Special Olympics athletes. When

you come out, whether you're plunging or cheering from the sidelines, you're directly impacting local athletes by helping fund year-round sports training and competitions. It's a fun, high-energy event that brings people together for a great cause, and every plunge site will have its own unique personality and excitement," said Susanne O'Neil, director of development at Special Olympics New York.

Pre-registration for all three days will take place from 10 - 11:30 a.m., with all Plunges to take place at noon. Participants must donate at least \$25 to participate, and will receive a 2026 Polar Plunge sweatshirt with a \$125 donation. Participants should bring a towel and a post-plunge change of clothes; heated changing areas will also be on site. Advance registration is encouraged, though same-day signups will be available.

For polar novices and repeat Plungers alike, the weekend offers an opportunity to engage. Not just with the teams of participants and local organizations and athletes, but also the first responders, and volunteers driven to raising money and awareness for their communities' Special Olympics athletes.



There will be Polar Plunge events in Poughkeepsie and Fishkill. The events will be Feb. 27-March 1.

-Archive photo

Writer-Director Noah Baumbach '91 to deliver Vassar's Commencement Address

Noah Baumbach '91, a four-time Academy Award-nominated filmmaker, will address the Class of 2026 at Vassar College's 162nd Commencement exercises, President Elizabeth H. Bradley announced.

Vassar College's 162nd Commencement Ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 24, 2026, at 10 a.m. on the Vassar College campus.

Baumbach's films include Jay Kelly,

White Noise, Marriage Story, which received 6 Academy Award nominations including Best Picture, The Meyerowitz Stories (New and Selected), While We're Young, Mistress America, Frances Ha, Greenberg, Margot at the Wedding, The Squid and the Whale, for which Baumbach received an Oscar nomination for Best Original Screenplay, Kicking and Screaming, and the documentary De

Palma. He co-wrote Barbie with Greta Gerwig, which received eight Academy Award nominations including Best Adapted Screenplay, as well as Fantastic Mr. Fox and The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou with Wes Anderson.

Baumbach said, "Vassar was and continues to be an important part of my life. It has informed my movies in both subject matter (Kicking and Screaming),

location (Frances Ha and White Noise). But, most significantly, it's many of my life-long friends from Vassar who have acted in my films or worked behind the scenes with me throughout my career. I'm excited and honored to return for commencement."

More information on the commencement ceremonies can be found at vassar.edu/commencement/weekend.

Free Virtual Homebuyer Seminar on March 4

Ulster Savings Bank invites one to a free homebuyer seminar on Wednesday, March 4, starting at 5:30 p.m. They are hosting this event along with Ulster County Habitat for Humanity to help one understand the critical steps to owning one's own home. This seminar will be offered as an interactive live Zoom meeting. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions in real time.

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Lawler's 'chameleon' act

To the Editor:

In the wake of the recent brutality and, in my opinion, cold-blooded executions by ICE of two U.S. citizens, CD 17 Congressman Mike Lawler saw his popularity beginning to wane. No one can accuse this most transactional politician of not reading the tea leaves.

After his enthusiastic approval and vote for the 'Big Ugly Bill' diverting multi billions of dollars from those most in need to fund ICE, he chose to pivot to the practiced role he plays as a bipartisan moderate when addressing his constituency, hoping they do not follow his voting record too closely.

Hence his recent OpEd in the NY Times suddenly advocating for an embrace of a "new comprehensive national immigration policy." Really, Mike? Perhaps you might have considered that before once again demonstrating your fealty to Trump and voting to ensure this current campaign of ICE domestic terror. Now you concede the fact that "local police depts. are better suited to interact with the public." Who would have guessed? Certainly, not you.

But I must point out that his cloak of moderation is slipping and the real Lawler emerges with an immigration plan that provides "a path to legal status, but not citizenship, for long-term illegal immigrants without criminal records."

I think he is saying we need your low cost labor, your taxes, the entrepreneurial spirit that has made you a dominant force within the Fortune 500...and in return I will grant you squatters rights for the privilege of being here. How noble!

Which brings me to "Lawler's Latest" - his return to form as the willing handmaiden of Trump...the SAVE AMERICA ACT.

This week, congressman Lawler voted for legislation that would require us all to provide proof-of-citizenship as the midterm elections approach. It is now up to the Senate to pass the most restrictive voting bill ever before them, courtesy of Mike and his Republican House sycophants.

The Act would require voters to present a valid passport, military service papers or a birth certificate when registering to vote. It would also require a valid photo ID at

the polls.

But according to Brennan Center research, this law, as written, would disenfranchise as many as 21 million Americans from voting...including 2.6 million lacking any form of government issued photo ID and half of all Americans not having a passport, those with no easy access to a birth certificate, and married women who have changed their names and might need to jump through hoops to vote.

There is an alternative. Come June 23rd, cast your vote for a candidate that supports your interests and will bring the curtain down on Lawler.

Cait Conley - A different kind of Democrat.

Jay Forbes
Peekskill, Westchester County

Assemblyman Anil Beephan Jr. announces endorsements

To the Editor:

I am honored and deeply grateful to receive the endorsement of the Republican and Conservative Parties. Their support reflects our shared commitment to principled leadership, fiscal responsibility, and standing up for hardworking New Yorkers.

Over the past several years, we have delivered meaningful results for our community — including securing a record \$670,000 in state funding to support local priorities. That investment represents tangible progress for our district, and I look forward to building upon these accomplishments in the years ahead.

New Yorkers are facing serious challenges that demand practical, results-driven solutions. I remain fully committed to addressing the ongoing utility crisis by pursuing responsible reforms — including suspending costly renewable energy mandates and related payments that drive up rates, advancing clean nuclear energy as a reliable long-term solution, and demanding greater transparency and accountability from utility companies.

At the same time, we must confront the rising cost of living in our state. I will continue to oppose new taxes on hardworking families and small businesses while advocating for policies that make New York more affordable and competitive. We must also urgently address the growing EMS crisis to ensure our first responders have the resources and support necessary to protect our communities.

I also vow to run a clean and respectful campaign focused on the issues that matter most to our residents. Our community is not Washington, D.C. — we do not need the toxic rhetoric and personal attacks that have come to define national politics. I challenge my opponent to join me in keeping this race focused on ideas, solutions, and service to the people we seek to represent.

My responsibility is to the residents of this district — not to serve as a rubber stamp for any political party. I will continue to work independently, thoughtfully, and tirelessly to advance policies that strengthen our community and improve the lives of the people I am privileged to represent.

Together, we will continue building a stronger, more affordable, and more accountable future for New York.

Anil Beephan Jr.
Assemblyman, 105th District

Rhinebeck Bank promotes James McCardle to Executive Vice President, Chief Credit and Risk Officer

James McCardle has been promoted to executive vice president, chief credit and risk officer at Rhinebeck Bank.

Prior to his promotion, McCardle served as chief credit officer, a position he held since December 2018. In this expanded role, he leads all areas of risk management across the Bank, including credit risk, operational risk, compliance risk, Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) risk, cyber risk and physical security. In addition, McCardle will continue to develop and coordinate the implementation of credit policies and procedures, underwriting and lending approval guidelines, collection activities and management of loan portfolios. He is also an integral part of the Bank's strategic planning and budgeting process and is a member of the Bank's loan committee, loan pricing committee and asset/liability committee (ALCO).

"Jim has been an exceptional leader, and this expanded role strengthens our enterprise-wide approach to risk management while creating greater alignment across credit, operational, and strategic risk. This move positions the bank to proactively manage risk and support sustainable growth," said President and CEO at Rhinebeck Bank Matthew Smith.

A Hurley resident and Bank employee for 25 years, McCardle is a graduate of the State University of New York at Plattsburgh with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing



James McCardle

-Courtesy photo Rhinebeck Bank

and attained a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Finance from the State University of New York at Albany.

He is a past vice president/board member of Kingston Cal Ripken, board member of the Michael B. Finnegan Golf Tournament for Cancer Care and founding board member of the G. Warren Kias Scholarship Fund.

Elks sponsor Friday Night Lenten Dinners

Elks will hold Friday Night Lenten Dinners at the Beacon Elks Lodge #1493, 900 Wolcott Ave. in Beacon. On Friday, Feb. 27, the dinner will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Meal costs are \$13 for adults, \$10 for seniors and

\$7 for children 10 and younger. One can eat in or take out (\$1 more). Proceeds will benefit charities.

Vegetable/cheese quesadillas, rice and beans and dessert will be served on Feb. 27.

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DCHS Dutchess County Historical Society

The local Black community in 1776

By Bill Jeffway

In recognition of the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding and Black History Month, we profile a handful of the roughly 2,300 persons of color in Dutchess County at the time of the Revolution, then including what is today, Putnam County. The closest count comes from the 1790 Federal Census, which shows that 1,856 (about four out of five) were enslaved.

The July 4, 1776, Declaration of Independence's premise – that all men are created equal and have unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness – was not persuasive to many Black men. Roughly three times as many joined the British rather than the American Patriot side.

In November 1777, the royal governor of Virginia, Lord Dunmore, declared that all enslaved people owned by “rebels” who fought for the British would be freed. Although limited to Virginia, it was widely interpreted as applying colony wide. The immediate Patriot response in Virginia was defensive: promising to protect the “property” of “slave owners” and threatening to execute any enslaved people who went to the aid of the British. The American Patriots never made a comparable statewide promise.

Philip Field was born in what is today, Putnam County. His White “owners,” the Field family, were Quakers from Long Island and Connecticut who settled in Dutchess County near the Connecticut border. They arrived in 1733 as part of the earliest wave of New England Quakers relocating here.

Field enlisted in the 2nd New York Company at West Point on April 15, 1777. He may have seen action at Saratoga, though that is unconfirmed. We know he endured the brutal winter at Valley Forge from 1777 into 1778 but died in 1778 from its effects.

Philip's manumission was declared before the war but would not take effect until May 13, 1780 – ensuring the Field family, not Philip, received any wages or land-bounty rights from his service. The manumission document refers to him as “my man” and, more strikingly, as “my mulatto man bred by me” – language suggesting paternity that constitutes an unusually explicit admission. A December 18, 1794, document in the DCHS collections shows Stephen Field selling inherited land gained through Philip's service – Lot 88 in Marcellus – underscoring who ultimately benefited.

Prince George enlisted at age 13 as a drummer in the 3rd Connecticut Line of the Continentals. Musicians were paid more than privates for their specialized, risky front-line work. He took part in Meigs's Raid across Long Island Sound to Sag

Upcoming presentation: DCHS presents, “1776 to 1876: The Long Journey of African Americans & the Elusive Promise of Equality,” sponsored by Celebrating the African Spirit and Dutchess County Government on Thursday, February 26, at 7 p.m. For more information, visit www.dchsnny.org/2026-0226.

Harbor. This daring, highly visible operation plundered British stores and supplies, succeeded, and boosted Patriot morale. George served for six full years.

Prince George submitted discharge papers signed by George Washington with his pension application. He died impoverished in the free Black community of Freemanville (Beekman), where he lived with his wife, Martha, and their children.

Jacob Lyle served as a fifer and guard of stores in the New Jersey militia – guarding cattle, flour, and salt; “hunting Tories”; and standing guard with musket and bayonet. Lyle's pension was denied despite sworn testimony from General Jarrett Stillwell. In 1821 he and his wife bought an acre in Milan for \$50. After their deaths, they were buried at their homestead, as was common. The small burial ground, surrounded by a stone wall, became what was then called a “colored burial ground.”

Many of the blue and yellow historic markers you see, like the one at his grave, were generated by the state program begun in 1925 to recognize the 150th anniversary of the Revolution. This is ironic because the sign erected in 1935 erased Lyle's war service. The sign read then, as it does today, “Resting Place of Chief Crow and other Shacomeco Indians, Last Burial around 1850.” Chief Crow appears to be fictitious. The lot was referred to as “Crow Lot” in reference to Black burials. The last known burial of a person of color there was in 1927. The town now properly memorializes Jacob Lyle as a Revolutionary War veteran at Milan Town Hall.

Anthony “Tone” Waring was a committed Patriot who fled British-occupied Smithtown, Long Island, and earned his freedom through military service. A resident of Southeast, he enlisted at Danbury, Connecticut, in 1780. He served three years in the Continental Army as a sapper and miner—brutal front-line work using axes and shovels to build and breach fortifications under fire. His discharge papers were signed by General Knox at West Point in 1783.

In his successful 1820 pension applica-



Frazier family, the start of many generations of service. Top row, left to right: Andrew Frazier, Revolutionary War, buried Rhinebeck. Edward Frazier, Civil War, buried Stanford. Jerome Frazier, Civil War, buried Union Vale. Middle row: Jerome Frazier, WWI, Beverly National Cemetery. Susan Elizabeth Frazier, WWI, buried Rhinebeck. Bottom photo: James Harris Frazier, WW2, buried Poughkeepsie.

tion, Waring described a life marked by hardship. Once a broom and basket maker, he said he survived on “a scanty subsistence,” disabled by age and a lame leg injured from carrying heavy burdens during the war. He and his wife, Hetta, then 76, were unable to support themselves. Though once honored locally through the naming of Tone's Pond in Southeast, it is today known as Tonetta Lake, derived from a combination of the couple's names.

Andrew Frazier was born ca. 1742 in the Manor of Morrisania, today the Bronx. His enslavers were generations of the well-known and wealthy Morris and Graham families. The family member most closely associated with Frazier was Morris Graham, whose name reflected the multi-generational union of the two families.

When Morris Graham inherited vast acreage in the Little Nine Partners Patent in the 1760s in what is now Pine Plains, Andrew Frazier went with him. When the war began, Morris Graham became colonel

of an important local unit and participated in major engagements such as the Battle of White Plains. Frazier served in his unit as waiter or footman to Graham, and also as driver of a wagon team to and from the Amenia furnace.

He became known locally as “the ancestor” because of the size of his descendant community. His great-great-granddaughter was Susan Elizabeth Frazier, the first Black woman allowed to teach White students in New York City in 1895 and leader of the women's auxiliary to the Harlem Hellfighters in World War I.

Rachel. Historian Michael Groth cites two 1781 newspaper ads (I am working to locate the originals). He writes that Ebenezer Husted's enslaved woman, Rachel – about age 35, from “Great Nine Partners” – fled to British-occupied New York City to gain her freedom. Census records show the Husted family farm was located in the part of the town of Washington that later became Stanford. In the ad, Husted declares that Rachel returned with an accomplice and burned his house to the ground. He described her as “tall, powerful, cunning and subtle,” and urged “all well-wishers to their country” to apprehend her. Courageous Rachel.

Eyep Shouten. A familiar local story concerns a woman named Eyep who was enslaved by Fishkill's Garret Storm. In 1781 Loyalists broke into the occupied house to take cash and valuables and decided to hang Storm in the attic. Published stories in the 1930s began describing Shouten as cutting the rope to save Storm's life. Newspaper accounts from 1781 describe a more likely scenario in which the old rope broke when they attempted to hang Storm. The Loyalists fled in confusion, and Shouten—or another enslaved person—ran to bring help to save the elder Storm. In any case, later accounts note that Storm was generous to Shouten in his last will and testament.



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Obituaries

Joan E. Laffin



Joan E. Laffin was Called Home on February 21, 2026 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie; at the age of 88. She was born and raised in the Village of Wappingers Falls on February 14, 1938, daughter of the late Antonio & Antoinette (Andretta) DiGregorio.

On May 7, 1960 at St. Mary's Church in Wappingers Falls, she married the love of her life John 'Jack' Laffin, who predeceased her after 51-years of marriage on February 21, 2012.

Joan was a former active member of the Catholic Daughters of the America (CDA). She enjoyed playing cards, bowling, golfing, and time at Cape Cod and the Jersey Shore. She treasured her incredible group of life-long friends and loved spending time with family. Her

grace, style, wit and unconditional love will be missed by all who knew her.

Joan is survived by her son, Patrick Laffin and his wife Lynn; her daughter, Dana Rebecca and her husband Craig; her daughter-in-law, Anita Laffin. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren: Nick (Charmaine), Melissa (Louis), Joshua, Whitney, Simon, Noah, Jacob and Jeffrey (Casey); she also had two great-grandchildren, Owen & Rylee.

Along with her parents and husband, Joan was predeceased by her son Gary Laffin and her twelve brothers & sisters.

Her Family will receive Friends on Wednesday, February 25th from 3-7 PM at the DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY. A Private Mass of Christian Burial will be offered for her family at St. Mary's Church, Clinton St., Wappingers Falls, New York.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Joan's name can be made to the Knights of Columbus Council 1646, 2660 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590.

To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

Francis Nicholas Danza



Francis Nicholas Danza, 87, passed away peacefully and entered eternal rest on February 14th in the presence of loved ones. Francis, better known as Frank, was born in Bronx, New York, and graduated from James Monroe High School, also in the Bronx. Later, he would move his family to Poughkeepsie, New York.

Frank's career was centered around printing. He became an advanced career printer during a span of 50 years. He was also an avid bowler, competed in leagues as well as taught others his knowledge of bowling. In his later years, he would move to North Carolina and called this his home until his death. He was a devout Catholic and was the sacristan of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Kinston,

North Carolina for many years.

Frank was pre-deceased by his parents, Frank and Annette Danza, as well as his wife, Margaret Hauser, and his second wife, Amy Murphy.

He is survived by his loving family: sister, Maryann Ryan of New York; sons, Frank Danza (Phyllis) of Tazewell, Tennessee, Joseph Danza (Anne) of Newburgh, New York, and Peter Danza (Melanie) of Pollocksville, North Carolina. He is also survived by one daughter, Annmarie Danza of Greenville, North Carolina. He also leaves behind several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Brookstone Living Center in Pollocksville for their care during the last months of Frank's life.

Services were held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, located at 400 Academy Heights Road Kinston, North Carolina 28504, on Friday, February 20. Flowers are welcome, donations can be made as well to the Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

Support Connection's lists support group dates for March

The following is a list of Support Connection's Support Groups March for those who have been impacted by breast, ovarian, and any gynecological cancer.

Monday, March 2: Metastatic Breast Cancer Support Group, 7-8 p.m., via Zoom

Wednesday, March 4: Breast, Ovarian and Gynecological Cancer Post Treatment Support Group, 7-8 p.m., via Zoom

Wednesday, March 11: Offered Via Zoom - Ovarian and Gynecological Cancer Support Group, 7-8 p.m., via Zoom

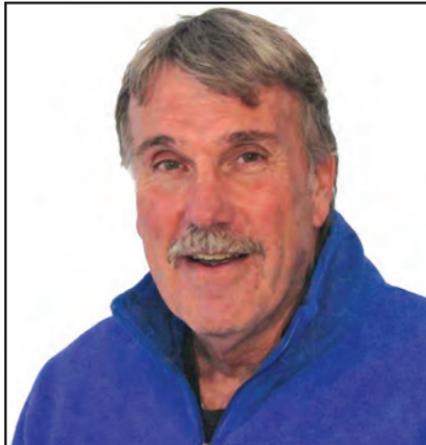
Monday, March 16: Breast Cancer Support Group (Hybrid Format, In-Person and ZOOM videoconference) 7-8 p.m. at NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital, 1980 Crompond Road, Cortlandt Manor, Westchester County

Wednesday, March 25: Breast and Ovarian Cancer Support Group (Hybrid Format, In-person and ZOOM videoconference option) Soul Ryders Office

Pre-registration is required for all groups. To register or to learn more, please call 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290. Support Group meeting location for in-person groups and/or Zoom login info will be provided to anyone who registers.

In addition to support groups, professional Peer Counselors are available to provide unlimited one-on-one, individual support. Anyone dealing with breast, ovarian, or any other gynecological cancer can learn more by visiting: www.supportconnection.org or by calling toll-free at 800-532-4290.

Robert Palisi



Robert Palisi, beloved husband and uncle, entered into eternal rest at NYU Langone Tisch Hospital, New York, surrounded by his family on Saturday, February 14, 2026. He was 70 years old.

Born on February 25, 1955, he was the son of Alfred "Wiz" and Mary Agnes Palisi. On November 4, 1995, he married the former Margaret Vitanza at St. John the Evangelist Church, Beacon. She survives at home. He is survived by his sister-in-law Jean Mignault (Jim), sister-in-law Renie DiNapoli (Bill), sister-in-law Chris DiMaio and her partner Bruce Duncan, numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. He is also survived by very dear friends whom he considered family, Tim Dexter and Donnie Knight (Little Brother).

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother Richard Palisi and sister-in-law Melinda Palisi.

Bobby was a parishioner of St. Joachim - St. John the Evangelist Church, Beacon. He attended St. Joachim school was a graduate of Beacon High School, Class of 1973. Bobby was employed by Ward's Auto Body and then Secor Auto Body until he started his family business Palisi Auto Body & Palisi Auto Glass Beacon, NY, which he proudly owned and operated for over 40 years. As a partner in Fulton Avenue Realty Restoration Company for almost 30 years he completed a multitude of building renovations as well as constructed new homes throughout Beacon and surrounding areas.

Bobby spent his earlier years as a drummer with the band "Spiral" which provided much fun and entertainment for over 30 years. He was a life member of W.H. Mase Hook and Ladder Company, Beacon. For over 35+ years he was a member of the Beacon Elks Club Lodge #1493, an over 30-year member of the Beacon Knights of Columbus Chapter#445. Bobby also was a volunteer member of Beacon's Board of Assessment Review for 10 years. For over 28 years Bobby actively took part in Beacon Girls Softball. He was pivotal in running both the Recreation League and the Travel League known as "Beacon Extreme". He worked endlessly on recruiting team members, raising funds (including an annual fundraising tournament whose proceeds are dedicated to a local family in need), running practices and organizing tournaments each season.

When you hear the phrase "One of the Good Ones" that defines Bobby's identity, who he was, how he lived and the way he so willingly shared. A leader by nature, a listener, a knowledgeable businessman, a volunteer and "Coach." However, most importantly he was a devoted husband and family man. Though he had his own numerous nieces and nephews fair it is to say there were many who adopted him in as "Uncle Bob." He truly loved everyone!

As a family man he enjoyed every opportunity to host at his home. By doing so it created decades and decades of memories left to forever treasure filled with birthday celebrations, 4th of July, Labor Day, AFC/ NFC, Super Bowl Parties, Annual Williams Open and Pre Game Pub Crawl Events or it could have very well just have been a random Thursday visit to the house. It didn't matter, you'd always be greeted with a cold one and quite a selection of food to enjoy because if you were there you were treated as family.

Bob believed in working hard and was very well respected in the many areas of business in which he was affiliated. He believed in giving back to his community and volunteered in numerous organizations. To talk with him, it was clear to see his passion was the ballfield, where he spent countless years coaching Girls Softball. Bob though known to run on "Palisi Time" was always dependable. A genuine friend to all and one of the most humble men you would ever come across.

His great strength was tested as he courageously endured a bilateral lung transplant. The Lord gave him a miraculous speedy recovery and granted him a bit of extended time to experience more quality time with the love of his life Maggie. Along with more family time, allowing him to be a guest at weddings and birthday celebrations, a beach vacation with Maggie and dinner at the shore with his nieces. He walked strongly back into his second home "the body shop" and was absolutely thrilled to be back in action with the Girls Softball. Sadly, the Lord suddenly felt He needed to call Bobby "Home." His wife courageously stood alongside him throughout this journey and now alongside her we will all mourn the loss of our "Little Beacon Legend Bobby." We are all Blessed and honored to have had as much time as we did with Bobby as a part of our lives. Although, we will never feel it was enough. He will be indescribably missed.

Family and friends gathered on Thursday, February 19 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, February 20 at St. Joachim Church, 51 Leonard Street, Beacon. Burial followed at St. Joachim Cemetery, Beacon.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in memory of Bobby may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

Ann Patricia Falahee



Ann Patricia Falahee, a resident of Wappingers Falls New York, and formerly of Warwick NY passed from this life in the early morning hours of Saturday February 14th 2026. She went peacefully in her sleep under the care of her children.

Born September 23rd 1950 to Thomas and Betty Kilmurray in New York, NY; she was raised in Washington Heights, New York. After graduating from the Academy of the Sacred Heart of Mary in 1968, she took a job as a phone operator at Ma Bell Telephone Company.

Ann was predeceased by her son Michael, and leaves behind her daughter Kelli Rose; her son Daniel, his wife Victoria and their son Nathaniel age 12. As well as her ex husband John Falahee, and several of her cousins and their children.

After raising her children Ann worked

at Red Lobster in Middletown, The Goshen Diner, and ShopRite of Fishkill before retiring due to health. She will be remembered as a kind happy soul who will be missed by her family, friends, and coworkers.

Her Family gathered with Friends on Tuesday, February 17th at the DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, New York. Interment will be private at discretion of her family.

To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

Serino announces Commissioner of Finance Heidi Seelbach to retire in April

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino has announced the upcoming retirement of Heidi Seelbach, the County's Commissioner of Finance, following more than a decade of service in County Government. Seelbach will officially retire April 30.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, "In her tenure with Dutchess County, Heidi has been a tireless advocate for improved efficiency and modernizations that have saved millions over the years. The Department of Finance is vital to the operation of County government, and we are grateful for the legacy of professionalism and expertise Heidi has instilled in her team, ensuring the thousands of transactions completed each year are done efficiently and securely. I am especially thankful to Heidi for agreeing to delay her retirement to help me transition into my role as County Executive—her dedication and support speak volumes about her commitment to this County. We wish her all the best in her future!"

Seelbach began her tenure with Dutchess County Government in 2011 when she was appointed Director of Central Services by former County Executive William R. Steinhaus. In 2012, she became the Deputy

Commissioner of Finance before being appointed Commissioner in 2014 by former County Executive Marcus Molinaro. Prior to joining Dutchess County Government, she oversaw fiscal management at St. Cabrini Home in West Park, NY, serving in various roles including Comptroller and the Director of Finance.

As Dutchess County's Commissioner of Finance, Seelbach has served as the Chief Fiscal Officer of the County charged with the responsibility of receipt and disbursement of county funds. As Commissioner, she has been responsible for the enforcement of real property taxes levied for county, town, school district and village purposes; obtaining borrowing on behalf of the County to finance capital projects; issuing Official Statements as required; and ensuring all financial records comply with the rules established by the Comptroller of the State of New York as well as accounting standards set by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

Under her leadership, the County's bond rating was upgraded to AA+ by Standard & Poor's (S&P), among the highest ratings for counties in New York State. The County has maintained that impressive rating since 2014, thanks to



Heidi Seelbach
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Seelbach's strong financial policies and practices, which include employing a

range of strategies for cash management, such as taking advantage of market conditions to maximize interest earnings, refinancing bonds, paying down debt, and avoiding new debt by financing critical capital projects with cash.

Seelbach, a resident of Hyde Park, has recently become engaged and looks forward to retirement and her upcoming wedding, travelling, and spending time with her family and friends.

Seelbach said, "I am grateful to County Executive Serino for her support of the Finance department team and for taking the time to learn more about the intricate workings of this complex department. As I look forward to this next chapter of life, I leave with confidence knowing that the devoted team in the Finance Department will continue their dedicated work to be prudent and efficient fiscal stewards to ensure the County's strong financial future."

The County will begin a search for an individual with the necessary combination of management skills and financial knowledge to serve as Commissioner of Finance. Those interested in the position can read the full job description and apply online at dutchessny.gov/jobs.

'An Evening of 10-Minute Musicals' at Oakwood Friends



From left: Livy Johnson '29, Matty Canez '28, Ruby Pearce '26 and Parsley Ascione '27 at rehearsal.

"An Evening of 10-Minute Musicals" will take place at Oakwood Friends School, The Spencer Family Theater, 22 Spackenkill Road, in Poughkeepsie, on Feb. 27 and Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. No reservations, donations are welcome, are needed. No intermission.

An Evening of 10-Minute Musicals: "Time Travel Makes Complete Sense;" "Pellets, Cherries, and Lies;" "The Almost

In-Laws;" "Big Ass Secret;" "The Future Was Ours" (written by Oakwood's Arts Chair, Ted Messerschmidt).

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County Players presents CP2 Series Readers Theatre Mini-Festival #3 Shows run March 13 to 15

County Players will present Season 68 CP2 Readers Theatre Mini-Festival #3 from March 13 - 15 at County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main, Wappingers Falls.

Reading #1- "Dear Jack, Dear Louise" by Ken Ludwig will be presented Friday, March 13 at 8 p.m., and Saturday March 14 at 2 p.m., and directed by Cynthia Topps. When two strangers meet by letter during World War II, a love story begins. Tony Award-winning playwright Ken Ludwig tells the joyous, heartwarming story of his parents' courtship and the results are anything but expected. The talented cast features Kayla Collins, Aaron Heisler, and Henry Hernandez.

Reading #2- "Camping with Henry and Tom" by Mark St. Germain will be presented Saturday, March 14 at 8pm, and Sunday, March 15 at 2 p.m., and directed by Matt Andrews. In 1921, Henry Ford, Thomas Edison and President Warren G. Harding took a camping trip together into the Maryland woods to escape civilization. Inspired by an actual event, Camping with Henry and Tom is an exploration of friendship, politics, and leadership; a comedic and dramatic clash of two great minds and one great heart of the twentieth

century. Delightful, rollicking, quintessentially American this reading features local actors Champ Knecht, John Leinung, David J. Ringwood, and Robert Yarnall.

CP2 Readers Theatre is a series at County Players that offers an opportunity for actors, directors, and audience members to experience theater in a fresh way: selected plays with full dramatic readings, no costumes, no sets, no props, and the actors perform with scripts in hand.

Reserved Seating is \$15 per reading, and only \$25 for both readings on the same weekend. Visit countyplayers.org and at the top of the main page select BUY TICKETS. Tickets are also available at the Box Office one hour before any performance. The final Main Stage production of Season 68 in May is the musical comedy "Something Rotten."

County Players 68th Season Sponsor is Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union. CP2 Readers Theatre Series is supported by Silver Sponsors: Powerhouse Theatre at Vassar College, Stewart's Shops, and Stissing Center. "Dear Jack, Dear Louise", and "Camping With Henry & Tom" are presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals, on behalf of Samuel



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Fishkill Recreation

By Lauren McMenamin
Assistant Recreation Director

Minds In Motion Spring Break Camp:

The Fishkill Recreation Center is excited to offer its Minds in Motion Spring Break Camp for youth during spring recess. This fun and educational camp runs March 30-April 3 and is designed to engage children in hands-on, creative activities that blend learning with active play.

Campers will take part in exciting projects that promote problem-solving, creativity, and exploration. Sessions include building and designing engineering and robotics-themed projects geared toward young learners, with opportunities to delve into science and technology concepts while having fun in a supportive group setting.

The program is open to families in the Fishkill community and beyond, and registration details are available through the Fishkill Recreation Center website. Space is limited, so early sign-ups are encouraged.

First Aid & CPR: The Fishkill Recreation Center is pleased to announce its upcoming American Red Cross Basic First Aid & CPR course for community members aged 16 and older. The session will take place on Sunday, April 12, from 9-11 a.m., at the Fishkill Recreation Center.

Participants will receive essential life-saving skills in both first aid and CPR in a hands-on learning environment. The course is open to both Fishkill residents and nonresidents, with resident pricing at \$90 per participant and \$100 for nonresidents. Spots are limited and pre-registration is required; walk-ins will not be accepted.

For more information or to register, visit the Fishkill Recreation website or contact the Recreation Center directly.

Mom & Me Self-Defense Class: Fishkill Recreation is hosting a Mom & Me Self-Defense Class on Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM for mothers and daughters ages 8-11. Participants will learn practical physical and non-physical strate-

gies to recognize and avoid danger, build confidence, and develop basic self-defense skills from certified instructors.

Yoga: Fishkill Recreation is pleased to announce its Gentle Yoga program, a weekly class that supports both physical and mental well-being through slow, mindful movement and breathing techniques.

Classes are held Tuesdays from 9-10 a.m., and participants can choose a monthly pass or pay per class. Students should bring a yoga mat, wear comfortable clothing, and bring a water bottle.

Fun! Camp: Fishkill Recreation is offering FUN! Camp, a summer day camp for children entering kindergarten through 6th grade. Running weekly June 29 through Aug. 14, this engaging program fills summer days with sports, arts-and-crafts, performing arts, water games, themed activities, scavenger hunts, STEM fun, and more — all in a safe, structured environment led by experienced counselors.

Campers also enjoy weekly trips to popular venues such as Splashdown Beach, Lake Compounce, Urban Air, and The Castle Fun Center, with a Talent Show and picnic during the final week. Tuition includes all trip costs.

FUN! Camp is licensed by the New York State Department of Health and offers optional before- and after-camp care. Registration for Fishkill residents began Jan. 27, and for nonresidents on Feb. 10.

Musical Yoga: The Fishkill Recreation Center is excited to present Singing Yogis, a unique enrichment program that blends creative movement, mindful play, and joyful music for young participants. This engaging activity, offered through the Recreation Center's recreation and enrichment lineup, encourages children to explore yoga-inspired movement accompanied by songs and musical expression in a fun, supportive environment.

Visit our website for more information and to register www.FishkillRecreation.com.

Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation

By Nate Smith
Recreation Director

Winter is still here and we're looking forward to "Town of Poughkeepsie Day" at Catamount on March 13 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Come enjoy the slopes with discounted lift tickets, rentals, and lessons.

Before you hit the slopes though, let's talk about Summer Camp sessions. No, it's not too early because Camp registration is available beginning on Tuesday, Feb. 24. Early bird discounts are available for those who register by May 15! Our camp sessions are quite popular and tend to fill quickly.

For more information, please go to poughkeepsieny.myrec.com.

Senior Center News

By Ruta Ronis

For the Poughkeepsie Senior Center

I know that February is a short month, but it really flew by! Our "leprechauns" are getting the shamrocks ready for our St. Patrick's party on Tuesday, March 17, and you need to sign up soon if you want to join in on the fun. We'll be serving a traditional corned beef lunch, with music by DJ Tommy Kat and Friends. The cost is \$15 and the party starts at 11 a.m.

In the meantime, come on over to 14 Abe's Way on Thursday, Feb.26 at 12:30 p.m. to listen to "Classics from the 1950s-1970s" with Vincent Rodriguez and his guitar. Our popular "Art History for Everyone" is scheduled Wednesdays in March at 11 a.m.

All March birthdays will be celebrated on Thursday, March 5, with cake for everyone. Scrabble enthusiasts are invited to sign up for our Scrabble Tournament taking place on March 31 at 9:30 a.m. We have two Lunch & Learn events in March. On Thursday, 19 at noon, it's "Do-It-Yourself Energy Saving with Climate Smart," and on Thursday, March 26 Supervisor Rebecca Edwards will share information about the Police/Courts and the Relocation of Town Hall. Just a reminder that our "Watercolor Open Studio" and the "Stitching Circle" meet on Mondays. The "Walking Club" hits the local pavement on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, weather permitting. You can view our complete SC activity calendar at poughkeepsieny.myrec.com.

We're open M - F from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. We hope to see you soon!

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It isn't at all unusual for our tastes to change as we get older, and I should know. I went from being a picky eater as a child to an adult who is passionate about all kinds of food. When we're younger, our tastes tend to run to the sweeter side. Your first-ever cup of coffee may well have been laden with sugar and cream, but now you (like me) may prefer dark roasts and espresso without all of that. I like to think we become more sophisticated with age, or at least our palates do.

I love a good beer, and Guinness – or any dark, rich, lovely stout for that matter – always tops the list for me in the colder months. Not only is it delicious, but it brings up fond memories for me. The first time I experienced it was in a pub after the Greenwich Village Halloween parade waaaaay back in the late 1980s. Favorite time of year + a perfect pour = unforgettable pure delight. Watching the milk chocolate colored stout separate into pure darkness on the bottom with a creamy white froth on top was magical, and the first sip was like nothing I'd ever had before. It's a love affair that hasn't lessened over time and is always just the thing when the weather turns cold. The first sip of each one transports me back to that time, place and feeling.

So, let's talk about stout. Before there was stout, there was porter, a dark, roasted malt beer consumed in vast quantities by the workmen of London during the Industrial Revolution (though I suspect there may have been a similar version dating back much further somewhere in human history). Its hearty nature makes me think it was a sort of meal replacement shake of its day. It was readily available and relatively cheap because it was one of

the first mass-produced beers (thanks to the very revolution that kept the workers in demand) and so widely consumed by the many working-class laborers who moved goods and materials to literally keep the Industrial Revolution gears turning. These workers were known as porters and the name carried over to their drink of choice.

As is the case with all beer, there were many styles of porter, which was derived from the brown ales so popular in Great Britain at the time. A key difference between lighter and darker beers is malt, dried cereal grains (often barley), steeped in water until sprouted, then kiln-dried or roasted, which converts the starch to the sugars essential for fermentation and contributes to the color, aroma and flavor of the finished beer. (I am way over-simplifying, so apologies to any brew masters out there.) When the malt is dried or roasted longer, or even smoked, it adds even more, creating notes of coffee, chocolate, toast, even molasses. When unmalted (or essentially raw) barley was roasted and used, the result was a darker, drier beer with a smooth, creamy texture that was also more robust, or stout, something Irish brewers, like Arthur Guinness, excelled at. Stout porter was shortened to its adjective when ordered, and a classic was thankfully brought to the world. That's the word in the back allies of industrial age London, anyway.

Of course, with its Irish roots, stout is perfect this time of year, and no Saint Patrick's Day celebration would be complete without it (if you're able to imbibe). So, absolutely I'll be knocking back a pint or two, but I'll also indulge in my other favorite way to enjoy it: as a float. First of all, don't judge me and second of all, if you do it's likely because you've never had a stout float, which has actually been a thing for a while. All the aforementioned descriptors associated with stout - rich, creamy, smooth, roasted coffee, chocolate – make the pairing of it



A stout float - in time for St. Patrick's Day.

- Photo by Vicki Frank Day

with vanilla ice cream kind of a natural, and I highly recommend you make one in the comfort of your own home so you can sit comfortably to savor it.

Stout floats are also a surprisingly refreshing and really simple way to end a meal. Just put 2-3 scoops of vanilla ice cream into a pint glass and slowly pour in your stout. You can top it with a drizzle of chocolate sauce or whiskey whipped cream (just add a teaspoon of the good stuff when you whip it), but I like mine straight up to let all the inherent goodness of the pairing shine. Starting with a classic Guinness is always a good idea, but you can use any one of the hundreds of stouts or other dark beers out there and can certainly find a few excellent ones locally with all the breweries we're lucky to have in the Hudson Valley.

If excellent beer, especially from the dark side, is your thing or just has you curious, make a luscious stout float as a treat and see what the fuss is all about. Is it a wee bit early to refer to St. Paddy's Day? Maybe, but remember, I fell in love with stout in October. Besides, this float may be the perfect bridge between being a kid and a grownup, and it might just become one of your fond memories, too. Slainte!

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.

A Night at the Opera at Blodgett Memorial Library

Complimenting classical and Broadway programs, "A Night at the Opera" with Alex Prizgintas takes his audience to the Metropolitan Opera House for a wide range of vocal classics. Many staples of the opera world are featured such as Donizetti's "Una Furtiva Lagrima," Verdi's "La Donna e Mobile," and Bizet's "Habanera." However, Alex also explores some related selections crossing into other genres such as Showboat's "Ol' Man River," The Threepenny Opera's "Mack the Knife," and the rock opera "Tommy."

This special program will be part of the Blodgett Library in Fishkill on Friday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. Classically trained, he employs non-classical tools like distortion, delay, and the iconic "wah-wah" guitar pedals symbolic of 1960s Rock n' Roll bands--all in conjunction with a looping station. Equally comfortable with intimate and stadium settings, Alex is able to craft his own wall-of-sound through his 1,000 watt amp. Accompanied by a narration that reveal

some of the back stories of baroque, jazz, folk, and Rock n' Roll classics, he immerses his audience in a journey through musical history.

"I tend to have two audiences; those who know me as a cellist and those who know me through my lectures on topics of regional history. My bifurcated interests certainly

keep me busy developing new stories to share about our Hudson River Valley as well as expanding my concert programs that strive to keep audiences engaged, enlightened and hopefully entertained," said Alex.

To learn more and see other video samples of his music and lectures, please visit alexprizgintas.com.



Musician Alex Prizgintas will take part in "A Night at the Opera" at Blodgett Memorial Library on March 6 in Fishkill.

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History and high gastronomy will converge as six Hudson Valley chefs join forces to recreate the legendary 11-course First Class Dinner of the RMS Titanic on historic Bannerman Island, in the Hudson River Highlands, from 5-10:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 23.

The event is limited to 40 guests; this exclusive fundraiser dinner offers a one-of-a-kind experience. Held on Bannerman (Pollepel) Island in the Hudson River between Cold Spring and Beacon, the evening is designed not only as a unique dining experience with music and festivities, but as a vital fundraiser for historic preservation of the structures and trails on historic Bannerman Island.

"This isn't just a meal; it's a meticulous historical reconstruction," said Bannerman Castle Trust Executive Director Neil Caplan. "From the authentic Wisteria pattern china - which every guest will take home - to the live performance of 'All Aboard Titanic,' we are inviting our guests to step back into 1912 for a cause that preserves our own Hudson Valley history."

Tickets are all inclusive and event highlights include; a collaborative feast of eleven courses and beverage pairings prepared by six local chefs showcasing the region's culinary depth. Passage to Bannerman Island on the RV Estuary Steward tour boat, leaving from the Dock in Beacon at 5 p.m. for a 20-minute cruise to the iconic island, where guests will also enjoy live theatrical and music performances, and receive a commemorative souvenir Titanic Wisteria pattern plate. This is a Historical Immersion experience, as guests are encouraged (but not required) to wear period-accurate dress. Tickets are

\$450 each and are available now at: bannermancastle.org.

This incredible event is the Bannerman Castle Trust's (BCT) most important fundraiser event of the year. All guests will be helping the BCT's Philanthropic Mission, as 100% of ticket proceeds will be allocated to contribute to the stabilization and restoration of Bannerman Castle, a world-famous landmark of Hudson Valley heritage. With only 40 tickets available, the event is expected to sell out rapidly, as it did in 2025.

The Bannerman Castle Trust, Inc. is a not-for-profit "Friends" organization of volunteers working with the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. The BCT is dedicated to bringing together resources and funding to stabilize the structures on Pollepel Island while raising awareness and educating the public on the value and history of the island. The BCT works to raise funds for repairing the island and creating a master plan to permanently stabilize the structures keeping the island safe for everyone to enjoy as an educational, cultural, historical and recreational facility promoting heritage tourism in the Hudson Valley.

About the Arsenal - Castle Stabilization Project: The Arsenal Stabilization Project is a non-profit initiative dedicated to the structural preservation and historical restoration of the iconic Bannerman Castle ruins and other structures on Pollepel Island, which were first erected between 1900-1918. Through community events and educational programming, the project ensures that the Hudson Valley's unique architectural legacy remains intact for future generations.



"All Aboard Titanic!" actors Connor Bond and Kelly Ellenwood enjoying the Punch Romaine.



Bannerman Castle Trust Executive Director Neil Caplan addressed guests on Bannerman Island in 2025.

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Notice of Formation of Hudson Valley Life Coaching LLC. filed with SSNY on 1/14/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to PO box 140 Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

A M P E D ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING LLC. Filed 12/18/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Business Filings Incorporated, 187 Wolf Rd, Ste 101, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: General.

RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL IMAGING LLC. Filed 11/10/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Nicholas K. Golembiewski, 36 Tree Line Ct, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: General.

Notice of Formation of GXB Precision Tree. LLC. Care Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/06/2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: pobox 42 Billings, NY 12510. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 60 Florence NY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/19/2025. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him is 60 Florence Avenue, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose of LLC: To engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York.

228 MANSION STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/14/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it

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may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 72 Old Mamaroneck Road, White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of CMME LOGISTICS LLC. Art/Org filed 1/11/24. Ofc loc Dutchess Cty. SSNY desig. agent for svc/proc & shall mail to 136 N ELM ST, BEACON, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Spaccarelli Prophecy Hall Holdings, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/15/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 320 River Rd S, Wappingers, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful

Notice of Qualification of REVSTAC CONSULTING LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/07/26. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Massachusetts (MA) on 05/18/21. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. MA addr. of LLC: 2B Cragmore Rd., Newton, MA 02464. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of the Commonwealth, One Ashburton Pl., Boston, MA 02108. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

ADK Mountain View Properties, LLC filed w/SSNY 1/12/26. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 111 Barkit Kenel Rd, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Any lawful purpose.

"Notice of Formation of Tom White Dog Training And Behavior LLC" Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State on 1/6/2026. 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: 29 Friendly Way Stormville, NY 12582 Purpose: Dog Training

NOTICE OF FORMATION BREV SW LLC has filed Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State on January 16, 2026. Its office is located in Dutchess County. The Secretary of State

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has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served and a copy of any process will be mailed to 89 Kensington Lane, Poughkeepsie, New York 12603. The purpose of the LLC is any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of Mahaffey Cattle Company LLC (hereinafter the Company) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on January 15, 2026. The office of the Company is located in Dutchess County, New York. The Company has designated the Secretary of State of New York as its agent upon which process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company is 484 Old Route 22, Amenia, NY 12501. The purpose of the Company shall be to conduct any lawful business or activity whatsoever, as permitted by applicable law.

Notice of Formation of ELBOW CREEK TWO, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/16/26. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 241 Hudson St., Hackensack, NJ 07601. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

VALDINA TELLER ENTERPRISES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/13/26. 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, 42 Teller Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Distillery Stay LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on January 8, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC at c/o 284 State Route 23, Claverack, NY 12513. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Formation of 356 VERBK, LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/14/2026. Office loc.: Dutchess County. The principal business address is 356-358 Verbank Rd., Millbrook, NY 12545. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Jessica Ariel Pesco, 395 Leonard St., Apt. 522, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Aura Flooring LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/30/2025. 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, 79 W Dorsey Ln, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: any lawful act.

JPB CONSULTAS, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 01/09/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, PO Box 833, Beacon, NY 12508. General Purposes.

KLZ GROUP, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/14/26. 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, 40 Galle Lane, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of VALLEY TECHNOLOGIES GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/6/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. Principal business location: 1 HOLLYBERRY DR, HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY 12533. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1 HOLLYBERRY DR, HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY 12533. Any lawful purpose.

LF8 LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/15/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The

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LLC, 1 Jordan St, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Reg Agent: U.S. Corp. Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Ave., Ste 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

TEMPLE BUILT LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/08/2026. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1 Jordan St, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Reg Agent: U.S. Corp. Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Ave., Ste 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Notice of Form. of JKMR PROPERTY GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/19/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to PO BOX 585, AMENIA, NY 12501. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Small Batch Sisters LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/18/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Meghan Dolan, 3 Fowlerhouse Rd, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of D&K AUTO PERFORMANCE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 24, 2026. 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 process to 75 Honeywell Ln Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws

Nuvantura LLC filed w/SSNY 1/21/26. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 83 Stream Ln, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Any lawful purpose.

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100 SOUTH AVENUE LLC Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on January 22, 2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 20330 Passagio Drive, Venice, Florida 34293. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LF Bossier Haynesville, LLC filed Art. of Org. with the Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/23/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 139 West 82nd Street, Apt. 6C, New York, NY 10024 Purpose: any lawful act.

FIRESIDE WOOD PRODUCTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/27/26. 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 Jake Demasi, 43 Raceway Drive, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of HVEC NEWCO, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/28/2026. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 600 MAMARONECK AVENUE #400, HARRISON, NY, 10528. Any lawful purpose.

HOWLING HOLLOW FARM LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/14/2025. 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: The LLC, 2006 Clove Rd, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: any lawful act.

5926 RT 9 LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/30/2025. 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: The LLC, PO Box 785, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

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Notice of Formation of Willowoods, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/13/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 50 Carol Lane, Poughquag, New York 12570. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Avanti 21, LLC Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on January 22, 2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the proces to the LLC, 72 Dutchess Terrace, Beacon, New York 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Cat Cuts Creative LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/04/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 26 Relyea Terrace, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

SJW PROPERTIES LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 2/3/26. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Cappillino, Rothschild & Egan LLP, 7 Broad St., Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 1C Margherita Ln., Pawling, NY 12564.

Notice of Form. of LOCAL COUPLE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/26/2026. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 133 LONGVIEW RD, CLINTON CORNERS, NY 12514. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of G R A M E R C Y PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/06/2009. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 600 MAMARONECK AVENUE, #400, HARRISON, NY 10528. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of JONATHAN S.

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BERCK, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/01/2005. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 600 MAMARONECK AVENUE #400, HARRISON, NY 10528. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Apex Bookkeeping and Solutions, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on January 15, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Apex Bookkeeping and Solutions, LLC at 14 White Birch Ct, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation Of A Limited Liability Company (LLC) Name: Cut the Chaos LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/27/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. ZENBUSINESS INC. has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: ZENBUSINESS INC. 41 STATE STREET, SUITE 112, ALBANY, NY, 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

A L P I N E HYDROELECTRIC LLC. Filed 1/8/26. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. as agent for process & shall mail to: 22 Old Myers Corners Rd, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: General.

CROCCO FAMILY FARM LLC. Filed 12/22/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Jd Cpa Pc, 3 Nancy Ct, Ste 5, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: General.

AB PILATES LLC. Filed 12/17/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. as agent for process & shall mail to: 2419 Route 82 Ste 103, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: General.

ROASTED & TOASTED BY ALVIN & AUDIE LLC. Filed 12/15/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. as agent for process & shall mail to: 5 Juniper Way, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: General.

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Notice of Formation of Baird Property Group, LLC, Art. of Org. filed w/Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/14/26. Office location: Dutchess Co., NY.; SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process c/o the Company, 330 Haven Ave, Apt 3K, New York, NY 10033. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Northern Dutchess Botanical Gardens, LLC, Art. of Org. filed w/Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/14/26. Office location: Dutchess Co., NY.; SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process c/o the Company, 389 Salisbury Tpk, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Robs Rides LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/25/25 Office Location : Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Robert E Essigman 22 Slate Hill dr Poughkeepsie NY 12603 Purpose: any lawful purpose

RASUL REAL ESTATE LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 2/5/26. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 56 Sutton Park Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

RED NY HOLDINGS, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 2/6/26. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 471 White House Pike, Atco, NJ 08004. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 440 Milan Hollow Rd., Rhinebeck, NY 12572.

Notice of Formation of SLATER LANDSCAPING LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/06/26. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 111 Rudd Pond Rd., Millerton, NY 12546. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon

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whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: To provide landscaping, lawn care, and related outdoor maintenance services.

INKY AFTERCARE LLC, a domestic LLC filed with the SSNY on 10/20/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as an agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to U.S. Corporation Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Ave. Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any Lawful

Notice of Formation of 19 HEINCHON LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/08/2025. Office location: DUTCHESS County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 19 HEINCHON LLC, P.O. BOX 372, PAWLING, NY, UNITED STATES, 12564. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Bosco Electric LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 1/12/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is 8 Griffin Lane, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Electrical Contracting

Notice of Formation of Klutch Motors LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 01/28/2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 48 East Main Street, Apt 5, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Pine Ridge Cabin Voorheis, LLC, a domestic LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/16/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process to the LLC or Douglas

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Coccaro at 213 Pleasant Ridge Rd., Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of JNE Ventures, L.P. art. of org filed with SSNY on 02/07/25 office location Dutchess County SSNY designated as agent for service of process SSNY shall mail process to 89 Rymph Road, Staatsburg, NY 12580. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

The Knotty Bobbin, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/11/2026. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 81 Hurley Road Salt Point New York, 12578. Purpose: Handmade Goods.

Notice of Formation of Feral Sprinkles LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/15/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 6129 Route 82 Apt 5 Stan-fordville NY 12581. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name of the LLC is: 15 Buckingham Holding LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: 2/18/2026. 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: 127 Chelsea Rd, Wappingers Falls, NY, 12590, USA. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company HV Moonlight Events LLC filed with SSNY on 2/17/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 103 Horseshoe Road Millbrook NY 12545 Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name of the LLC is: Dufresne Building Group LLC. Articles of

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Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: 2/18/2026. 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: 127 Chelsea rd. Wappingers Falls, NY, 12590, USA.

Notice of formation of Sunshine Roots Doula Care LLC. Filed with SSNY on 01/30/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 119 Noxon Road, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12603. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) Name: L E A N G Y MATOS - SMITH, LCSW, PPL. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 30, 2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 43 Roundtree Court Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: to engage in any and all business for which LLCs may be formed under the New York LLC law.

Notice of Formation of BDE Realty Red Hook, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/11/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to BDE Realty Red Hook, LLC, PO Box 239, Redding, CT 06896. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of BDE Red Hook, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/02/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to BDE Red Hook, LLC, PO Box 239, Redding, CT 06896. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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SAJ Properties 2025 LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/27/2025. 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: The LLC, 22 Tannen Dr, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: JVRB Properties, LLC, hereinafter "LLC". Registration filing date with the Secretary of State of New

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York (SSNY) was February 17, 2026. Principal office location is Dutchess County, New York. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it or served upon it on behalf of the LLC to the registered agent, Robert Bosworth, 39 Pershing Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Skyline Road LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY

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(SSNY) on 02/01/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent on whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Toren J. Murphy, 500 E 85th St Apt 8A, New York, NY 10028. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

DSG Exterior Cleaning LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 26, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County, New York. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom

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process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: DSG Exterior Cleaning LLC, 6 Country Ln, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful actor activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York.

Ardencle Property Management, LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/18/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom

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process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 3 Main St, Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of TANGLEWOOD 3 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/10/26. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 19 Will Tremper Dr., Rhinebeck, NY 12572. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St.,

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Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Property redevelopment.

Notice of Formation of MONSTER FRIES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on February 20, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as the agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1485 NY-9D b1, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name of the LLC

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is: Bargain Babes, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on 2/10/26. 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: 4 Nassau Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Lunar New Year celebration



The lion dance was a favorite of all ages during the East Asian Culture Club's Lunar New Year celebration in Beacon.



Taiko drummers from Northern Taiko perform during the celebration.



Traditional string instruments, erhu (pictured) and pipa highlighted a full slate of live performances.



An interactive tai chi demonstration encouraged all guests to try the meditative properties

-Photos by Morgan E. Maier



East Asian Culture Club members and performers gather together at the end of the Spring Festival.

East Fishkill Recreation

By Bill Green
Recreation Director

Red Wing Park lifeguards and East Fishkill Summer Counselors can download application forms online. Get them in now!

You can sign up in March for our "Summer Nights - Grease" concert, buffet and gambling trip to Resorts World HV Casino. In the summer we'll have sign-ups for September's "Teenage Dreams - '50s - '60s" show.

If you didn't attend two years ago, make plans now for a great night of "doo wop" fun on our trip to the Paramount Theater in Peekskill to see the very entertaining Doo Wop Project on Saturday, April 25. The fee is \$85 for residents and \$100 for non-residents. You may sign up online.

Another Resorts Casino trip has been scheduled for Sunday, May 17. Sign-ups will be March.

If you have any recreation questions or concerns please call 845-226-8395 or go to Recreation1@eastfishkillny.gov.

this week's puzzle solutions

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This week's answer
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**TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD
TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 101A/2026
RE: AMENDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TOWN BOARD
MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2026**

BE IT RESOLVED, that subject to the schedule set forth below the regular meetings of the Pleasant Valley Town Board will take place on the third (3rd) Monday of each month for the year 2026 at 7:00 PM in the main meeting room of the Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, New York; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that subject to the schedule set forth below the Town Board Workshops will take place on the first (1st) Monday of each month for the year 2026, at 7:00 PM in main meeting room, and that special meetings will be scheduled and advertised by posting the announcement on the front door entrance of the Town Hall, with notification to the press (time permitting); and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the 2026 meeting dates are as listed below:

January 5	Re-Organizational Meeting
January 21 (Wed)	Regular Meeting
February 2	Workshop Meeting
EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 3, 2026, THE MEETINGS LISTED BELOW SHALL BE HELD AT TOWN HALL, 1903 ROUTE 44, PLEASANT VALLEY, NEW YORK, AS AMENDED	
February 18 (Wed)	Regular Meeting
March 2	Workshop Meeting
March 16	Regular Meeting
April 6	Workshop Meeting
April 20	Regular Meeting
May 4	Workshop Meeting
May 18	Regular Meeting
June 1	Workshop Meeting
June 15	Regular Meeting
July 6	Workshop Meeting
July 20	Regular Meeting
August 3	Workshop Meeting
August 17	Regular Meeting
September 9 (Wed)	Workshop Meeting
September 21	Regular Meeting
October 5	Workshop Meeting
October 19	Regular Meeting
November 2	Workshop Meeting
November 16	Regular Meeting
December 7	Workshop Meeting
December 21	Regular Meeting

And; **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any changes to the above-mentioned schedules will be posted at the Town Hall entrance as necessary, with notification to the press.

MOTION: Councilman Rifenburg
SECOND: Councilwoman Chapman
DATED: February 3, 2026

ROLL CALL:

Councilwoman Borland	AYE	NAY
Council woman Chapman	X	---
Councilman Degan	X	---
Councilman Rifenburg	X	---
Supervisor Albrecht	X	---

Carried.

**NOTICE OF SALE
OF COOPERATIVE
APARTMENT
SECURITY BY
VIRTUE OF A DE-
FAULT**

In a Loan Security Agreement dated **May 20, 2005** executed by **Shawn Cullen**, debtor to **DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY** as Trustee for **INDY-MAC INDX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-AR11, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES Series 2005-AR11, secured party via assign-**

ment, will cause a public sale of these security consisting of **142** shares of stock plus Parking Space and/or Garage, if applicable, of **Hudson Terrace Owners Corp.** all right title and interest in and to a Proprietary Lease between said Corporation and debtor for Unit **C** in the building known as **164 RINALDI BOULEVARD, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12601** together with all fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter affixed to or used in connection with said

apartment on **March 6, 2026 at 12:30PM outside the front entrance of Dutchess County Courthouse, 10 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY**, in satisfaction of an indebtedness. Apartment is sold "AS IS" AND POSSESSION TO BE OBTAINED BY THE PURCHASER. Said sale is subject to: payment of all sums due, if any, to **Hudson Terrace Owners Corp.** and the consent if necessary, of said corporation; any existing tenancy; payment of all expenses and fees

of the secured party with respect thereto; terms of sale and auctioneers fees; flip tax; State, City and County transfer tax. The secured party reserves the right to bid. Terms: an official bank or certified check made payable to Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC., for ten (10%) percent of the price bid. No cash accepted. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC. 900 MERCHANTS CONCOURSE WESTBURY, NEW YORK 11590 (516) 280-7675

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF DUTCHESS
Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of CSMC 2021-RPL11 Trust Plaintiff,
Against Gerald P. Bayne aka Gerald Bayne; Julie L. Bayne aka Julie Bayne Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 12/19/2025, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in the rear lobby of the Dutchess County Courthouse, 10 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, on 3/16/2026 at 3:30PM, premises known as 50 Harrigan Road, Hopewell Junction, New York 12533 and described as follows:

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of East Fishkill, County of Dutchess, State of New York. Section 6456 Block 01 Lot 244876 The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$366,864.74 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions

of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 2024-52474 Roland Bloomer, Esq., Referee. SHELTON MAY & ASSOCIATES Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 Dated: 1/29/2026 File Number: 39732 CA

NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA

(Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law) **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Assessment Inventory and Valuation Data is Available for Examination of Review. The Data is the information that will be used to establish the Assessment of Each Parcel which will appear on the Tentative Assessment Roll of the Town of Milan which will be filed on or Before May 1st, 2026. The information may be Reviewed, by Appointment, in the Assessor's Office at Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan, New York 12571.

To set up an Appointment to Review the Assessment Information, Please call the Assessor's Office at 845-758-5133 ext. 4. Dated 1st day of MARCH 2026 **ELIZABETH BURNS ASSESSOR**

The Rombout Rural Cemetery Association's annual meeting is on Tues, March 10, 2026, 6:30-8:00pm at the I-84 Diner in Fishkill, NY, 12524. Assoc. members & interested parties are welcome to attend.

ADDENDUM NO. 1 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TOWN OF FISHKILL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT GARAGE PAINTING RFP 2026-01

1. Added a Photo of BUILDING 2— Side 2 that was not originally

included in the RFP. Only one (1) side, the front and rear were provided in the RFP. Photo is attached. 2. The OPTIONAL SCOPE for BUILDING 2 - "REPLACE TRIM / CASING ON ALL 4 GARAGE DOORS AND BUILDING CORNERS", is removed from the RFP. This work will be performed by others. 3. For BUILDING 1 only, the trim around windows and gratings is included in the painting scope. 4. For BUILDING 2 the Doors are NOT to be painted.

LEGAL NOTICE

Please take notice that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Wappingers Falls will hold a public hearing on March 3, 2026, at 7:00pm, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at Village Hall Courthouse, 2582 South Road, Wappingers Falls, NY, on the application submitted by Saff Holdings Inc., Tariq Mahmood, (Owner and Applicant), for property having an address of 67 South Remsen Avenue (Grid # 6158-18-378043). This property is located in the Residential (R) Zoning District. This applicant is seeking an area variance from \$151 of the Village Code attachment 3, table 5, which requires 100 feet, where 97 feet is being provided to permit the subdivision of the parcel to allow for the construction of a new home on the new parcel. A copy of this application is on file in the Planning and Zoning Department and is available for inspection when the Department is open, Monday-Friday, 8:30am to 3:00 pm. The telephone number is 845-297-5277. All interested persons may appear in person, by agent, or by attorney, and all will be heard. Date: February 19, 2026

TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL ADVERTISEMENT AND NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Town Clerk of the Town of East Fishkill until **12:00 Noon** at the Town Hall, 330 Rt 376, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533 for the proposed **APRIL 2026 -> APRIL 2029 SIDEWALK MOWING & SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL AND TREATMENT BID on MARCH 10, 2026**, at which time they will be opened. The Town of East Fishkill is seeking bids for snow and ice removal services on certain sidewalks and other properties in the Town. The envelope containing the bid must be sealed, addressed to the Town Clerk at the above address and shall be designated as **"TB2026.01 - Sidewalk and Parking Lot Maintenance Bid"**. Please provide one (1) original and one (1) copy of your bid. The original bid may be clipped but should not be stapled or bound. Copies of the Contract Documents are on file and may be obtained at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 330 Rt 376, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533.

The Town of East Fishkill reserves the right to waive what it deems to be informalities relating to a specific bid, to waive what it deems to be technical defects, irregularities and omissions relating to a specific bid, to reject any or all bids, to request additional information from any, to re-advertise for new bids or to accept the whole or part of any bid which in the opinion of the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill is in the best interest of the Town of East Fishkill.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF ESAT FISHKILL **FEBRUARY 25, 2026**

The deadline for Legals is every Monday @ 12 noon for a Wednesday Publication* *When a public holiday falls on a Monday the deadline becomes Friday at noon.

Poughkeepsie students get a taste of the world

What do Pink, Jay-Z, and Kanye West have in common with students at Poughkeepsie Middle School? They have all experienced the culinary genius of celebrity private chef and wellness expert Maureen Brice, and now, thanks to a groundbreaking ongoing partnership between Charlia Frank Incorporated and the Poughkeepsie City School District Community Schools Initiative, local students will too.

Charlia Frank Inc. is thrilled to continue bringing an exciting culinary program series to Poughkeepsie Middle School, featuring special hands-on cooking experiences led by Chef Brice herself. Joining this dynamic initiative is Mama La's Food

for the Soul, a beloved local restaurant that has collaborated with Charlia Frank and the Poughkeepsie City School District Community Schools Initiative to bring the Culinary Cultures and Class with Mama La's cooking program to life. Together, these partners represent a bold investment in the futures of Poughkeepsie's youth, using food as a vehicle for learning, self-discovery, and community connection.

A chef who has cooked for the world's biggest stars

Chef Maureen Brice is no stranger to high expectations. She traveled the globe as private chef for Pink during the Beautiful Trauma World Tour, fueling one of music's

most demanding performers with daily meals crafted to support peak wellness. Her elite touring résumé includes private chef engagements for Kanye West on the Saint Pablo Tour, Jay-Z on the Watch the Throne Tour, Robbie Williams, Jimmy Buffett, and Aerosmith on their world tour. When she's not on the road, Chef Brice serves an exclusive clientele in the Hamptons, delivering farm-to-table cuisine and personalized wellness experiences. Now, she's bringing that same world-class expertise to the students of Poughkeepsie.

From the Kitchen to the Community

The program is designed to do more than teach cooking ... it aims to transform how stu-

dents see themselves and their futures. Through the Culinary Cultures and Class with Mama La's cooking program, students work alongside Chef Brice, the team at Mama La's Food for the Soul, the Mo Flames team, Genevas House of Blues team and other local culinary partners to develop essential kitchen skills, explore cultural cuisines, learn the fundamentals of nutrition and food science, and discover real-world pathways into culinary arts, hospitality, and entrepreneurship.

The program will conclude with a truly special milestone: the creation of a community cookbook featuring student-inspired menus that celebrate the diverse cultures, creativity, and flavors of Poughkeepsie's youth.

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THEME: THE 1990s

ACROSS

1. *First cloned mammal
6. Fuel economy acronym
9. Land measure
13. Pascal of "The Mandalorian" fame
14. Second O in EVOO
15. a.k.a. sergeant fish or robalo
16. Plant fungus
17. *"Titanic" star
18. *"The _____ Whisperer" (1998)
19. *PepsiCo offering
21. *One of the Walsh twins, 90210
23. Long reef dweller
24. Reach a high
25. Color of passion
28. Agitate
30. Like Matryoshka inside Matryoshka
35. Gave the boot
37. Arab League member
39. One of Florida Keys
40. Summer month
41. Polished diamond surface
43. Safecracker
44. Lazybones
46. Before "saw" and "conquered"
47. Glitch
48. Watercraft
50. Remains repository
52. Like some martinis
53. Comfort
55. One in a pod
57. * _____ bubble
60. *The 1990s, a.k.a. post- _____ decade
64. Biblical patriarch
65. Sensitive subject?
67. "Bad news travels fast," e.g.
68. _____ shopping cart
69. Father's progeny
70. Trojan War epic
71. Difficult situation
72. Like jalapeño
73. So out it's in

DOWN

1. Design detail
2. München mister
3. Jittery
4. Irregularly notched
5. *Harry of Privet Drive
6. Gangster's gal
7. *"American _____" (1999)
8. Geography class prop
9. Any minute, arch.
10. Cut at birth
11. Parks on a bus
12. _____ out a living
15. Israeli monetary unit
20. Remote in manner
22. Did a marathon, e.g.
24. Mollify
25. *Assassinated Gandhi
26. Radiate
27. Small wooded hollows
29. *Apple offering
31. Simon does what?
32. Influencer's creation
33. Daytime moth
34. *Snoop _____ Dogg
36. Coloring substances
38. Nautilus' captain
42. Allegro or lento
45. Repeat an echo
49. Pathet _____
51. *Fresh Prince's town
54. * _____ Mouth of "All Star" fame
56. Discombobulate
57. *Jeff Bridges in "The Big Lebowski," with The
58. Made in Vegas
59. Makes lace
60. One-tenth of a dime
61. *" _____ Wait... Don't Tell Me!" on NPR
62. Petri dish gel
63. Do over
64. Fruit spread
66. * _____ Goo Dolls of "Name" fame

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by mark adams



Gardening Calendar

A welcome reminder that spring is not far away.

Based on 50 years of garden diaries, I am presenting a garden calendar created especially for Dutchess County. Sure, there are micro-climates, from the top of Stissing Mountain (at 1,403 feet, the county's highest point) to Dennings Point on the Hudson River estuary. My experience centers on latitude 41.70 degrees north, 73.52 degrees west – Poughkeepsie, NY:

• February 25 – Order new varieties of flowers and vegetables from Johnny's Selected Seeds. I'd have to admit that this is when my garden looks its best. A new early potato – "Envol," Zinnia "Linen," and the cherry tomato "Sunpeach" (from Ball Seed) are at the top of my list.

• March 1 – Sow seed indoors to have transplants ready in May. Tomatoes, peppers, celosia and marigolds are popular choices. The key is to give the young seedlings plenty of light so they don't stretch.

• March 17 – Believe it or not, the soil always thaws out by March 17, just three weeks from now. Whether it's dry enough to plant, who knows? The old saying "plant the peas by Saint Patrick's Day" refers to gardens in Ireland, not here. Although it's therapeutic to get out and work in the garden on the first warm days of spring, I've found no real advantage to planting so early. Peas, beets, spinach and carrots, all sown from seed directly into cold soil, will just sit there 'til it warms up in April.

• April 20 – The weather should be

warm enough now to set out transplants of cold-tolerant flowers and vegetables. Pansies and lettuce will survive a hard freeze, which is still possible until May 20. Parsley, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, snapdragons and perennial flowers like daisies or delphiniums can tolerate cold nights. Also you can direct seed the peas, beets, onions, carrots and Swiss chard that will sprout more quickly in warmer soil.

• May 1 – I buy "seed potatoes" from Johnny's or Hudson Valley Seed Co. The larger tubers can be cut in pieces and planted now. Any earlier and they risk being burned by a late frost just as the new growth is emerging, Friends of mine grow potatoes in bags or bushel baskets filled with fluffy soil. It's amazing how good fresh potatoes can taste.

• May 20 – Now the garden is in full swing. My records going back to 1974 show a last killing frost on May 16 (2023), May 1 (1975) and May 21 (2002, my notes say "apple farmers wiped out"). Transplants of tomatoes, peppers, and annual flowers – petunias, begonias, marigolds, salvia – can be set out. I keep some old blankets in the garden shed to cover tender plants if we get an unusually late frost. You can also direct-seed beans and corn at this time.

• June 5 – Now the soil should be warm enough to sow the seeds of squash family veggies. These include zucchini, yellow squash, cucumbers and pumpkins. They need very warm weather to germinate. Also at this time, get rid of



Basil transplant ready to go. -Photo by Mark Adams

any weeds around the plants while they're still small. A first application of fertilizer is critical, if you didn't work compost or manure into the soil at planting time, or even if you did. Fertilizer makes plants grow.

• July 4 – You've harvested your earliest veggies – spinach, radishes, maybe lettuce and broccoli. Now you can plant a succession crop in the same space. Beans are a good choice. Or a second round of zucchini, which will mature just as the first zucchini is falling victim to the

dreaded vine borer. Even a late crop of tomatoes ripen in September for canning. This is also a good time to cut back hardy chrysanthemums and trim overgrown flowers in hanging baskets, adding extra fertilizer to boost new growth. If your early tomato plants are showing signs of blight (brown lower leaves), treat them with a copper based fungicide.

• August – Gardens should get at least a weekly inch of rain. If you must irrigate, apply one thorough soaking rather than a few sprinklings. Water must get down to the roots. And keep adding fertilizer, especially if you're growing in containers.

• September – Harvest herbs for drying. Protect tender flowers and vegetables from a late frost. It's been a few years since I've seen a heavy freeze in September. The last time was September 20, 2020. Last year it wasn't until October 10.

• October – Plant garlic, daffodils and tulips. Don't bother with tulips if you have any deer. Also, put a heavy layer of mulch – straw or dried leaves on top of your remaining carrots and beets, and they'll last in the ground until Thanksgiving. And don't forget to clean all garden tools and store them in their proper place. (I never do. They're probably buried under the snow).

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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