

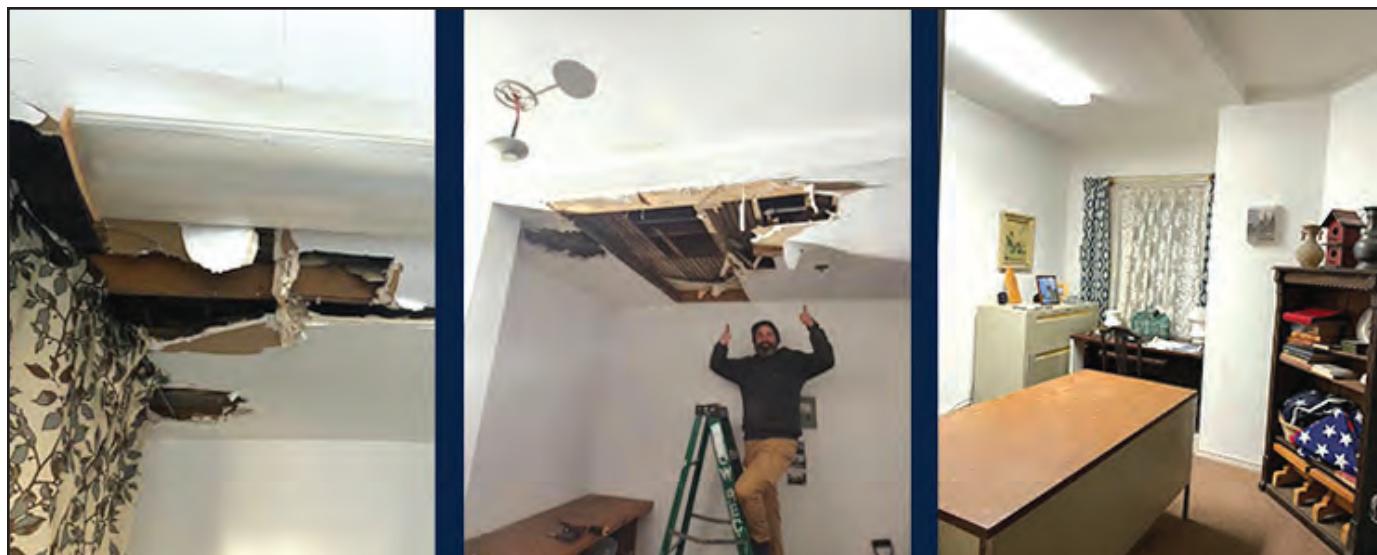
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## Administration Building at Carnwath Farms Historic Site receives upgrades Drywall, ceilings, lighting replaced



Employees of the Town of Wappinger Buildings & Grounds Department recently replaced lighting, ceilings and drywall in the Administration Building on Carnwath Farms Historic Site, off of Wheeler Hill Road in Wappinger.

-Courtesy images

By Kristine Coulter

The crumbling ceilings at Carnwath Farms Historic Site & Park, off Wheeler Hill Rd., in the Town of Wappinger, have been replaced. Members of the Wappinger Buildings and Grounds Department recently replaced the ceiling in the Administration Building on the site, which is known as a "diamond in the rough."

Wappinger Town Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini said, "Park improvements are one of our top priorities — Offering com-

munity meeting and gathering spaces are crucial to enhancing our parks and recreation facilities."

According to the Town's website, "A majestic Victorian era estate turned public park, Carnwath Farms Historic Site & Park is the center of arts, culture, history, and leisure for Wappinger. Sitting high above the Hudson River, Carnwath Farms HSP consists of 99.7 acres of protected parkland, the pre-restoration 1850 Italianate-style Carnwath Manor, an 1873 French-style Carriage House,

the Reese Cultural Center, the Sports Museum of Dutchess County, a 1927 colonial cottage, and a three-mile trail network with breathtaking views of the surrounding countryside."

According to the supervisor, the improvements that were made at the historic site "allow us to offer previously unused spaces to those in our community who can bring vibrancy to our Town."

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## RCK girls basketball team captures sectional crown -- again

By Rich Thomaselli

WHITE PLAINS — The Gold Ball will once again reside in Wappingers Falls.

The Roy C. Ketcham High School girls basketball team won its second sectional crown in three years when it captured the Section 1, Class AAA title with a 51-44 win over New Rochelle

on Sunday.

The game was played at the Westchester County Center in White Plains, Westchester County.

The Storm moved on to the state playoffs. They are now 21-2 overall. RCK's Mia Rencher was the tournament Most Valuable Player.

RCK was the top seed in the

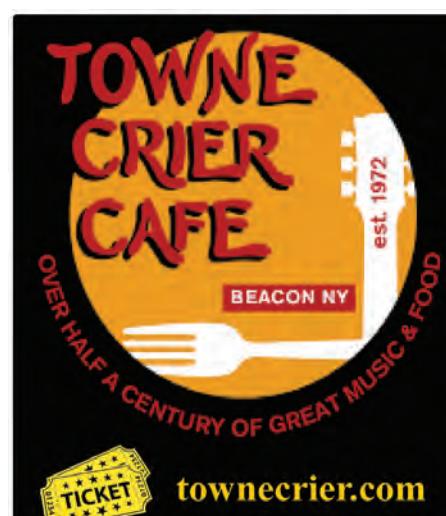
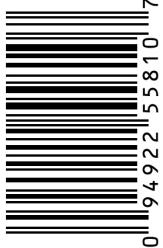
tournament and the Huguenots were seeded sixth. And for a while New Rochelle looked like it was ready to pull the upset and even led by one at halftime.

It was the last lead they would have. Ketcham went on a 16-10 run to start the third quarter and never trailed again. Rencher and teammate Jen Nardelli each had 15 points.

Northwell and Nuvance Health will combine the strengths of both organizations and advance the level of care for patients in New York and Connecticut. The new regional system will bring greater access to primary, specialty and hospital care through a diverse network of combined 14,500 providers and over 1,000 sites of care, including 28 hospitals. Northwell will make significant investments in Nuvance Health, helping it continue to evolve as a high-quality and comprehensive healthcare system serving communities throughout New York and Connecticut.

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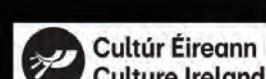


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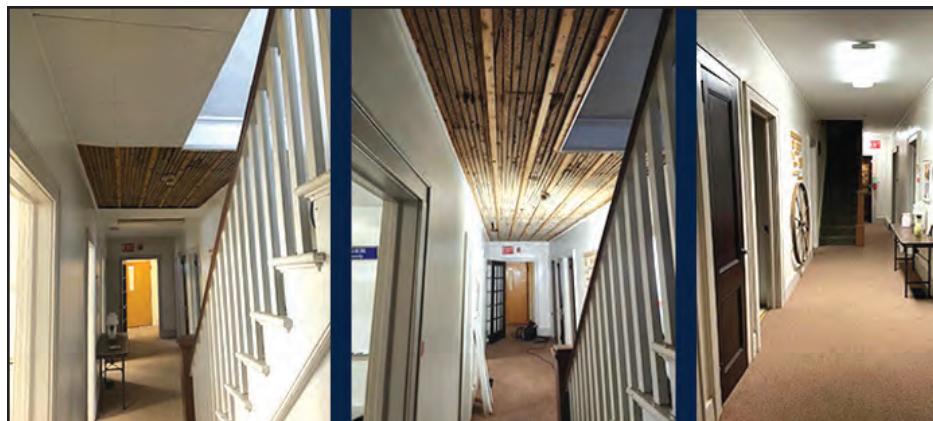
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## Administration Building at Carnwath Farms Historic Site receives upgrades



*Replacement of lighting, ceiling and drywall was recently done at Carnwath Farms Historic Site in Wappinger.*

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There is also energy-efficient lighting, according to Cavaccini. "That was a big undertaking for our Buildings and Grounds crew," noted the supervisor.

Besides the new lighting and ceiling renovations, there is also new drywall and paint. The crew also closed in "gaping holes in the plaster," said Cavaccini.

The community farming at Carnwath Farms has also been increased. It will now be on 10 acres, said Cavaccini.

"It's going to be more accessible to people that want plots," he said. The site will also be used for agricultural education.

Cavaccini remarked, "We will continue to utilize our skilled Town staff to complete projects in house, saving taxpayer dollars, and getting things accomplished." This comes following a restructuring of various Town departments, including Buildings and Grounds, to

increase productivity and efficiency, he said.

### Highway Department renovations

"I am a huge supporter of Highway Department," said Cavaccini. The previous administration, said Cavaccini, started the project to redo the highway garage. The work was now done in-house, said the supervisor, and saved taxpayers approximately \$100,000, he noted.

The highway workers have new doors for the building, a new recreation space.

"We now have a safe and tight facility," said Cavaccini.

Cavaccini noted town officials are making sure all in-house work is being done in compliance with Civil Service requirements.

Those who are interested in utilizing a town space, can inquiry at [WappingerRecreation.com](http://WappingerRecreation.com) or call the Town Supervisor's office at 845-297-2744.

## Stanford residents keep awareness alive for Ukraine

**By Rich Thomaselli**

Ed Zick is surprised.

"I am," said the head of the 9/11 Committee of the Town Stanford Fire Department. "I didn't think the war would last this long. But here we are."

He's talking about the war between Russia and Ukraine, which recently passed a milestone – having begun with the Russian invasion on Feb. 24, 2022.

Zick is one of a handful of local residents with ties to Ukraine. His association is one of generosity. Two years ago, he spearheaded an effort to ship much needed medical and emergency supplies to Ukraine. Along the way, he met some great colleagues and formed lasting friendships.

"You just feel really sorry for the people," he said. "Because it's just as bad now as it was two years ago. I feel really guilty. Should we have done more? Should we have stayed more active? Should we have been more involved? You ask yourself these questions every day."

Zick added that he is asked every day whether there will be another voluntary effort. There are no current plans to do so, but he wouldn't say no, either. The project is time-consuming. After all, think about it. Your shipping supplies almost 5,000 miles to a war-torn country in the eastern bloc of Europe.

Not to mention driving the supplies into Ukraine from Poland.

But the sincere thanks and gratitude and letter of citation was enough.

"In the end," Zick said, "you know you did a good thing, and you know it got to the right place. It's a good feeling."

For Estonia native Mark Lagus and his wife, also a native of Estonia, it is perhaps an even more critical time now than it was two

years ago. As the war enters its third year, they have to be careful to keep the awareness level raised for American citizens.

Supplies and arms for the nation of Ukraine is at a premium.

"We are very passionate about the need to defend Ukraine and the danger that Russia poses to the world," Mark said. "We started by raising awareness among our neighbors and friends, and we have to continue to do so."

That includes continuing to lobby local politicians who can vote for the passage of funds for Ukraine.

"Everyone knows that if Russia is not stopped in Ukraine, that it will continue to disrupt Europe and threaten their lives and threaten their countries," he said. "Putin is not in this for the short term. The fact that he hasn't given up makes it unsurprising that we're still here two years later. What the West hasn't realized is that a Ukrainian victory is in our best interest. And with a very modest investment in weapons and fractions of what we spend for our defense, we could make that happen."

Neither Zick nor Lagus is surprised at the resilience and fortitude of the Ukrainian people, saying that they are literally fighting for their lives. That's difficult to comprehend when in America we worry about simple things like a spot in the grocery line.

"There are polls that have been released that show there is strong support and an awareness of the war, but I don't want to say it's been forgotten. But it's certainly been on the back burner so to speak," Lagus said. "Most people in this country have their own issues and are getting on with their lives. But the war in Ukraine is important. We just don't see the same energy as we did two years ago, and that's understandable."



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# Nuvance, Northwell health systems to form partnership

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"This agreement marks an important milestone for both Nuvance Health and Northwell, mission-driven organizations with similar values and an optimistic vision for the future of health-care," said Margaret Crotty, chair of the Northwell Board of Trustees. "Together we can create something truly special – an integrated health system that is even better positioned to care for the communities we serve."

"Our collaboration with Northwell Health builds upon the strong foundation of our ongoing relationship," said Anne Roby, chair of the Nuvance Health Board of Directors. "Together, we will address the evolving needs of our communities more efficiently and effectively, ensuring the delivery of compassionate, high-quality care locally."

Both Northwell and Nuvance Health reaffirm their commitments to the goals and objectives defined in the initial letter of intent. The integrated health system has the following plans.

**Deliver Extraordinary Clinical Care Locally to Patients** - With increased capacity to invest in medical advancements and innovation, the integrated system would better serve patients in their respective markets and communities. When Nuvance Health joins Northwell, local communities would have access to coordinated care across western Connecticut, the Hudson Valley, New York City and Long Island. The care delivered in these sites would span the full range of ambulatory, hospital and post-acute services.

**Create Healthier Communities** - Combining Nuvance Health with the resources of Northwell would enable the organizations to meet the evolving, varied needs of local communities more quickly, more efficiently and more effectively. Together, both organizations would have the ability to make significant improvements to health outcomes and address health disparities across the communities they serve. As nonprofit organizations, Northwell and Nuvance Health would also continue to provide care to anyone, regardless of their ability to pay.

**Expedite Medical Innovation** - By joining Northwell, Nuvance Health would gain access to the clinical, operating and financial resources of one of the nation's largest integrated health systems. Combining purchasing power, clinical capabilities and expertise from both organizations would help drive even greater innovation, enhanced care and services offerings. Building on each organization's research, education and clinical care infrastructure, the combined entity would accelerate innovation in patient care and advance medical research that can help transform lives.

**Workforce Opportunities** - The agreement would increase the opportunity to attract and retain top talent, including physicians, nurses, surgical and research specialists as well as allied health and business professionals. By coming together, medical staff and employees would have greater professional growth opportunities, new career prospects and the chance to work with some of the best in the industry. This could include academic pathways for



*John M. Murphy, MD, President and CEO of Nuvance Health, left, and Michael Dowling, President and CEO of Northwell Health are pictured at the announcement last week.*

-Courtesy photo

health professionals to acquire additional degrees and for new graduates to fill high-demand positions.

Kaufman Hall served as exclusive

financial advisor for Nuvance Health, and Epstein Becker & Green acted as legal advisor.

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### Elks Lodge Dance set March 16

Get On Down at the Elks Lounge Dance Night on Saturday, Saturday March 16th at 7 p.m., at 900 Wolcott Avenue (Rt. 9D), Beacon.

Admission is \$15 and includes a variety of complimentary snacks, and a full cash bar is available. All are welcome – singles, couples, friends, newcomers.

For more information, call 845-765-0667 or email [rhodaja@optonline.net](mailto:rhodaja@optonline.net).

### Pancake breakfast set for March 9

Slater Chemical Fire Company is hosting a pancake breakfast on March 9, from 8-11 a.m. at the firehouse, 76 Old Glenham Road, Beacon.

# Viewpoints

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### **Family courts have to stop failing children**

**To the Editor:**

Enough is enough. The family court system in New York has persistently failed our children. We, the shared parenting leaders, the Domestic Violence advocates, Father's rights champions, single parent defenders, and the citizens of New York, are beyond exhaustion. We are banding together—domestic violence organizations, Father's rights groups, along with countless others fighting for our children's futures.

To the officials who have turned a blind eye and deepened the divide, hear this: We demand change. We are uniting, and if the Family Courts refuse to evolve, we will unseat those who stand in the way of justice. This isn't about politics; this is about our children's civil rights, their safety, their tomorrows.

This is a rallying cry from Rouses Point to Staten Island; our battle is with the courts. We must unite, redefine the narrative, and rise for the seismic reform that our family courts desperately need. Change is not just coming; it is here.

Andre' K. Rainey

Current Chair of New York, National Parents Organization  
Vice President of Fathers Are Important

### **Facts concerning Water Consolidation Grant in Fishkill**

**To the Editor:**

In my February 21, 2024, Letter to The Editor in Southern Dutchess News, I presented the facts concerning a Water Consolidation Grant. The information in my letter was taken from public documents from an engineering firm, Clark Patterson Lee, whom Mr. Albra and a previous board hired to complete the grant. I also quoted from a report that a Town of Fishkill employee provided, who has been working for FOUR YEARS to complete this grant along with CPL.

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The water district consolidation was a money saving effort, benefiting the Town of Fishkill residents using grant money. Mr. Albra continued to make this money-saving consolidation a political soccer ball. (Well, it IS an election year. There is a seat becoming available on the board and he is desperate to gain total control of the board.)

Mr. Albra asserted that the consolidated district would be OUTSIDE CAPACITY is flatly untrue, as corroborated by the sources I cite above, along with the Village of Fishkill, who supplies this water. Albra's assertion that it is for the sole benefit of "developers" was absurd.

What is now a fact is that the democrats on the Board voted NO on this last consolidation. That means that some, (maybe all?), of the grant money used thus far in the process may have to be paid back by the Town of Fishkill. Or that the money NYS presently owes the town won't be paid. Mr. Albra's politically driven motives are unnecessarily costing Fishkill seniors and families that money, wasting it for a blatant political gain.

Mr. Albra's politically motivated charge to allow the grant to fail will surely be considered should our town wish to apply for a grant in the future.

Brian C. Wrye  
Councilman, Town of Fishkill

### **Electric school bus mandate is unrealistic**

**To the Editor:**

Gov Hochul is beyond unrealistic in her mandate that all school buses be electric by 2035. The mandate is impractical, very short-sighted, and will likely far exceed her estimated costs.

Consider these factors. Not every school bus route is 30 - 60 minutes long. Some after-school activities last more than 12 hours, can be more than 250+ miles round trip, require overnight stays, and can be out of state. These events attract students from local and out-of-state districts and can number in the dozens for just one event. How are these buses supposed to charge while on a long trip?

There are several bus manufacturers with different operational and panel controls. Additionally, there are different fueling systems from gas, diesel, and propane buses depending on the manufacturer. Will every bus company sacrifice proprietary designs and conform to one standard? Will drivers have access to recharge when driving out of district or out of state? Will Gov Hochul impose her mandate on border states, private bus companies, and independent districts?

How will drivers have access to other districts fueling stations? Our bus yard has locked security gates accessible after hours and on weekends with a security tag on each bus and our fueling stations require a personal security code and access key.

Yes, I favor protecting the environment and advocate for measures to halt global warming. But I also want to keep students safe while boarding and disembarking from the bus.

Gov. Hochul should first mandate that EVERY district, privately owned, and independent district school bus in NYS be outfitted with RED LIGHT CAMERAS. After all, thousands of drivers pass a stopped school bus with flashing lights EVERY SINGLE DAY IN NYS. Why not have the same commitment to safeguarding "the World's Most Precious Natural Resource (our children)"?

Then there is the question of what to do with the 50,000+- existing buses, fuel tanks, and fuel pumps that will become obsolete and overwhelm landfills. Garages will have to be rebuilt or restructured. Mechanics will have to purchase new tools. Gov Hochul approved a contract to Proterra to build electric buses. That company went out of business. Taxpayers are on the hook.

Too many unanswered questions in too short a time.

To borrow from Samuel L. Jackson in the John Wick movies franchise, "Will someone PLEASE get this Governor all the facts."

Joe Torres  
Wappingers Falls

### **State officials call for passage of 'Melanie's Law'**

Assemblyman Anil Beepan, Jr. (R, C-East Fishkill) held a press conference on Feb. 28 with legislative colleagues from the Assembly and state Senate as they once again push to pass "Melanie's Law" and send the measure to the governor.

"Melanie's Law" (A.6026) aims to remove a loophole limiting orders of protection that leaves certain immediate family members unprotected. The bill was proposed following the death of Melanie Chianese, an adult who died at the hand of her mother's ex-partner, in part, because her mother's order of protection

did not extend to Melanie, who was not a minor at the time the order was issued.

"I proudly stand with a bipartisan delegation in supporting Melanie's Law. I urge the state Assembly to swiftly pass this bill, echoing the Senate's support from last year. Let's enact this common-sense change, ensuring our domestic violence victims can access the protections they rightfully deserve. Thank you to Assemblymember (Brian) Cunningham, Sen. (Michelle) Hinchey and Sen. (Rob) Rolison for their leadership," Beepan said.

### **MRC to host Women's Safety Awareness Night March 19**

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) of Dutchess County and the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department will offer the popular Women's Safety Awareness Night seminar on Tuesday, March 19, starting at 7 p.m., at the Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response campus, located at 392 Creek Road, Poughkeepsie. The event is free to attend, but registration is required by emailing mrc@dutchessny.gov.

County Executive Sue Serino said, "This is an important opportunity to empower women and girls to take ownership of their safety and well-being. I am grateful to the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department and our own Medical Reserve Corps for continuing to offer such important trainings for Dutchess County residents, and for all they do to keep our community safe."

Designed to encourage and empower women while raising awareness of common safety measures that can be taken to minimize risk, Town of Poughkeepsie Police Detective Lindsay Chomicki and Officer Kristen Norbom will share tips for participants to better understand the important role their instincts and gut reactions play as well as how to identify and avoid potentially dangerous situations, how to make a safety plan and decrease the odds of becoming a victim of a crime.

Dutchess County MRC hosts various trainings for members and non-members alike throughout the year. For more information about the MRC, including how to sign-up to volunteer, visit dutchessny.gov/mrc.

Notes from the Town of Wappinger Supervisor

## Plenty of projects in the works

"The secret of making progress is to get started." I am proud to report that our administration and Town Board have hit the ground running on making progress. It is hard to believe we are starting our third month in office and with so many exciting projects in the works, I wanted to provide you with an update of what has been going on in your Town Government.

First, I'd like to welcome a few new faces to Team Wappinger. Our new Attorney to the Town, Michael Ligouri, has been working with his team to bring the Town into compliance with several issues, as well as efficiently streamlining issues between our Town and residents. We are currently restructuring our Comptroller's Office, under the direction of our new Town Comptroller Jessica Servidio, whose attention to detail and background in finance, policy implementation, audit and control, and personnel is certainly refreshing here in Town Hall. Many of our neighbors have already had the opportunity to meet Kaitlyn Aboshanab, our new assistant in the Supervisor's Office. I would like to note that we have an open-door policy for residents to stop in without an appointment and Kaitlyn will always be there to assist you with your concerns. These individuals join our dedicated employees, whose institutional knowledge allows us to move forward.

In working with this great team, we have made great strides to improve accountability in Town Hall by implementing the following: all town employees now clock in and out, we've cut back on excessive overtime on clerical work, started to generate \$60,000 per month in interest payments on Town funds by diversifying our portfolio of depositories, saved taxpayers \$20,000 by preparing Town Board meeting resolutions in house, putting professionals services in engineering out to bid, for the first time since 2021, and actually appointing professionals for the first time since 2020.

As a part of my proposed Wappinger Parkland Infrastructure Act, our Town's parks and facilities are getting much needed attention such as funding the completion of the Challenger Field at Robinson Lane and also by performing work in house, which is saving taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars by instituting work orders and project management policies in our Buildings and Grounds Department. Work has included renovating the interior of the Administration Building at Carnwath Farms, reconstruct the racquetball wall at Martz Field, reconstruct the Ambulance bunk rooms at the Emergency Services Building, training our personnel to do preventative maintenance work at Town Hall, and start to remodel the interior of



**Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini**

the community center at Brexel-Schlathaus Park. We've also saved taxpayers \$100,000, by putting an end to the excessive spending on the Highway Garage project, by having our own Highway Department staff do the necessary work in house to finish this project.

Furthermore, in our Code Enforcement / Planning Office we have increased the efficiency of this office to automatically grant Building Permits for all boilers, furnaces, ac units, etc., put an end to the additional fines and fees for 2024 under the last administration's "permit amnesty" period, appointed four new bipartisan members to the Planning Board, and authorized first training on Town planning and zoning laws for the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals since 2016.

We have also been very busy in ensuring that our community is safe. In working with the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office and the New York State Police, we have started to enact new targeted patrols to ensure our neighborhoods are safe, as well as start the implementation of our new safe streets initiative that also includes increased street lighting, digital speed signs, school zones and more.

This is just a snapshot of the many moving parts here in Town Hall and I hope you continue to follow along to the progress being made in the Town. I encourage you to sign up for Wappinger Delivery on our website for the most up to date news, alerts, and information as to what's happening here in Wappinger.

## New time for Legislature board meetings

All future Dutchess County Legislature Board meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. starting with the March regular board meeting on March 11. Committee meetings will continue to commence at 5:30 p.m.

For more information on the Dutchess

County Legislature and to view the agenda, visit: <https://DutchessNY.gov/CountyGov/Departments/Legislature/CLindex.htm> or consider liking and following the page on Facebook to stay up to date on the Legislature's work at <https://www.facebook.com/DCLegislature>.

## County seeks proposals for 2024-25 Youth Program Funding

### Grant workshops set for March 12, 14

The Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services' Division of Youth Services is requesting proposals for youth programming services from municipalities and nonprofit, community-based organizations for the program year on October 1, to September 30, 2025.

- Grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 will be awarded in the following categories:

- Youth Development Programs
- Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Funding
- Runaway and Homeless Youth

Eligible applicants should be either a Dutchess County municipality or a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, community-based organization with a federal identification number and charity registration number, operating in Dutchess County, and must meet the County's insurance requirements. Programs will be required to demonstrate knowledge of and have staff trained in Positive Youth Development. Agencies will also be expected to show how the program addresses one of Dutchess County's "Path to Promise" domains/value areas: Economic Security, Physical and Emotional Health, Education, Citizenship/Civic Engagement, Family, and Community.

The Division of Youth Services has scheduled two Grant Workshops for nonprofit agencies and municipalities interested in more information. The workshops are being held at the Dutchess County Emergency Response Center, 392 Creek Road, Poughkeepsie 9 to 11 a.m.:

Tuesday, March 12

Thursday, March 14

Contact Juliana Corbett at 845-486-3354 or [Juliana.Corbett@dfa.state.ny.us](mailto:Juliana.Corbett@dfa.state.ny.us) to register for a workshop. Youth Services will review the step-by-step process of applying online through the Dutchess County Grant Portal and address concerns or questions.

Specific funding eligibility requirements are as follows:

Youth Development Programs (YDP): Grants will be awarded to programs for youth up to age 21 that provide free, direct services designed to improve youth and community outcomes, as outlined in the OCFS-5003 Program Components-Coding Document, Rev. 3/2018. Programs must address one of the New York State Office of Children and Family Services' six life areas, which are: Economic Security, Physical and Emotional Health, Education, Citizenship/Civic Engagement, Family, and

Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Funding (YSEF): Grants will be awarded to programs that serve youth under age 18 and aim to foster educational connections and achievement; physical health and well-being; mental health and well-being; employment; and/or community cohesion.

Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY): RHY services are grounded in the Positive Youth Development framework and focus on supporting and developing healthy relationships to enhance youths' existing strengths and resiliency, while incorporating youth voice and leadership into programming. Residential RHY crisis services programs are certified by OCFS to provide temporary shelter to runaway and homeless youth under age 18. The goal of RHY crisis services programs is to support a safe reunification of youth with their guardians, where appropriate.

Additional information about the grant eligibility criteria is available on Youth Services' grant funding webpage.

All 2024-2025 grant applications are due to the Division of Youth Services on or before Thursday, April 11, by 5 p.m.

Funding is made available through the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. In 2023-2024, 25 programs were awarded more than \$294,000 in funding. The amount of funding will be subject to the availability.

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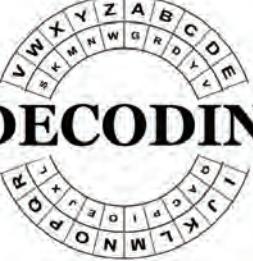
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## A Vassar professor's escape from the Spanish Civil War

*Note: We are grateful to Ken Bulkeley of Staatsburg for bringing this story to our attention in celebration of Women's History Month.*

By Will Tatum

It reads like a plotline from a popular film franchise, featuring all the typical devices: A professor, Nazis, English intervention, and a harried plane flight to safety, piloted by a French aristocrat. With the addition of a bullwhip and a fedora, you have the making of a potential blockbuster. But this story is less "Indiana Jones" than it is "Innocents Abroad," and it happens to be entirely true.

The Spanish Civil War is a relatively little-known conflict in American circles these days, even though it acted as a dress rehearsal for World War II. It featured National Socialists pitted against Communists, with a flowering cast of international volunteers. The Germans supplied arms and equipment to one side, Russia to the other, and both sat back to watch what would happen. Lessons learned would be applied a few years later further east in Europe. It's a conflict well worth reading about in these times of unsettled politics, if for no other reason than one of its worst episodes (the bombing of Guernica) inspired Pablo Picasso to paint one of his avowed masterpieces.

The action kicked off on July 17, 1936, when Generals Emilio Mola and Francisco Franco launched a coup designed to overthrow the democratically elected government of the Republic of Spain. Painting with a broad brush, Mola and Franco thought that the new government was too clearly aligned with Communist interests, a bit of a hot topic in Europe at the time.

Despite some early gains, the conflict would grind on until April 1939, spreading across Spain and into North Africa. The Socialists eventually prevailed, with Franco rising to dictator status that lasted for the rest of his life. Amidst the native and foreign national volunteers actively engaged in fighting and the inevitable civilians simply trying to survive the experience of finding themselves living in a war zone, were several pockets of foreign visitors. While "witnessing a civil war" had not been on their tour itinerary, they were nevertheless treated to an enforced extension of their stays wherever they happened to be when fighting broke out.

Enter our protagonist, Miss James Bruce Ross, a native of Chicago and an instructor of History at Vassar College, in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County. Miss Ross, along with four traveling companions, had arrived in Granada, Spain, on July 19, with the intention of visiting the Alhambra, the famous



*This contemporary photo shows Alhambra Palace in Spain and (inset) 1936 photo of Vassar Professor Miss James Bruce Ross.*

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Moorish palace and one-time capital of Spain. The architecture was stunning, the views were fabulous, and the seating could not have been better for viewing the uprising of Socialist forces that quickly seized the city that day.

As Miss Ross subsequently related to writers for the St. Louis Post Dispatch on August 20, 1936, she and her party quickly found themselves marooned within this rebel island situated within a wider countryside of loyal territory. Their initial plan to spend two days before continuing to British-held Gibraltar expanded into a 23-day stay. Socialist authorities confined all the foreign visitors to the area around the Alhambra as fighting raged on through various quarters of the city and the surrounding countryside.

### Witnessing warfare

While mostly safe, Miss Ross nevertheless witnessed the brutal realities of modern warfare. She could see the fighting in the workers quarter, a pocket of loyalist republican resistance to the Socialist rebels, which eventually ended in the loyalist surrender. She watched government airplanes bomb Socialist strong points, barracks, and airfields.

Frequently the bombs fell close enough for glass to be shattered in the windows of the foreign visitors' lodgings, and to make any trip out of the Alhambra quarter extremely dangerous. Still, Miss Ross's associates were not idle: Efforts were underway among the international group to arrange some form of evacuation, beginning with the single women in the group, who were viewed as exceptionally vulnerable by the standards of the period.

Departure day finally came on August 11, 1936. Miss Ross and three other single women began the long day that ended in their successful escape by leaving their possessions at their lodgings and traveling to the military commandant's office. There they waited while the commandant's boots were shined and a clerk laboriously typed out releases that each of the women had to sign indemnifying the Socialists for any losses the women might suffer, up to and including their own lives.

Afterward, the party of Americans made a harrowing car trip through the winding streets of Granada, at one point stopping while local farmers picked up potatoes that had spilled from the paniers of a mule. At last, Miss Ross's group arrived at the airfield, itself a legitimate military target, and awaited their hoped-for flight out of Spanish territory.

### The rescue

A plane appeared on the horizon—was it their salvation or another government craft bearing bombs for the airfield? After a few tense minutes, the speck resolved into a blue and silver bi-motor civilian airplane named Gipsy, with a total capacity of five (the pilot and four passengers). The man behind the stick was none other than Jacques, Vicomte de Sibour, a French aristocratic who was flying the plane for its owner, Gordon Selfridge, Jr., of London, son of the founder of the famous department store.

Miss Ross and three other women boarded the plane, which suffered a false takeoff on the first attempt - one engine died while the other idled. A few adjustments later, the party was airborne, flying a winding flight plan at 6,500 feet above ground level in an attempt to avoid gunfire from the ground. Instead of attempting a landing at Gibraltar, where Spanish government gunships might fire upon them, the Vicomte crossed the Mediterranean to Tangier, where the plane arrived safely, and the American tourists disembarked. Local authorities arranged a sea crossing to Gibraltar under British colors to avoid interference from Spanish authorities. From the British stronghold, Miss Ross and her compatriots made their way back to America.

Aside from being an entertaining story, Miss James Bruce Ross's tales of misadventure and near-death experience in Spain serve as a reminder for one of my favorite expressions - it's only two degrees of separation here in Dutchess County. Our history reminds us that this rule is as true for our county's links to internationally significant events as it is for the people who live in Dutchess today.

While the Spanish Civil War was quickly overshadowed by World War II, it was an exceptionally important event in the late 1930s and still has lessons to teach us today.

If you found today's tale interesting, you will find plenty of sources to read on the war online and a variety of excellent books to peruse. When you find yourself examining major historical event, pause to consider who from Dutchess County may have been involved. It is not an ironclad certainty, but the odds are ever in our county's favor.

Will Tatum received his Ph.D. in History from Brown University in 2016. He has served as the Dutchess County Historian since October 2012.

*Headlines from the Poughkeepsie Eagle News tell of Miss James Bruce Ross's arrival in Spain.*

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# Expanding into Ulster County with new name -- Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley



Rebuilding Together Dutchess County, a leading nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of homeowners in need by providing critical home repairs at no cost, has announced its transformation into Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley. This strategic rebranding coincides with the organization's expansion into Ulster County, furthering its mission to serve homeowners and communities across the region in both Dutchess and Ulster Counties.

Previously limited to Dutchess County, Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley now extends its reach to include households throughout Ulster County. The organiza-

tion remains steadfast in its commitment to ensuring safe and healthy homes for all, as it continues to address the ever-growing need for support and services in our communities.

"We would like to emphasize, that we are not leaving Dutchess County, and our efforts within Dutchess County will continue, and are still as important as ever, to us, our partners, and those we serve," stated Wyeth Drummond, the Program Manager for RTHV.

Reflecting on over 32 years of service, Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley recognizes the role it plays in enhancing the



*Rebuilding Together is expanding into Ulster County with a new name -- Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley. Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley logo with group of volunteers lifting concrete together.*

*Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley logo with some volunteers at a National Rebuilding Day Project.*

-Courtesy images

well-being of residents across the region. Through the continued support of the community, with knowledge of its programs and services, they know their work will be embraced and broadcasted to all those qualifying households, families with school-aged children, veterans and members of the armed services, disabled persons, and seniors throughout our communities in both Dutchess and Ulster Counties.

Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley remains committed to its mission of improving lives and communities through critical home repairs and accessibility modifications for those in need.

"We extend our greatest appreciation to our community members, municipal and business leadership, families and friends,

for joining our efforts in ensuring a positive impact this upcoming year. Together, we will build a safer, healthier, and more resilient community for all," exclaimed Darcy McCourt, Executive Director of RTHV.

For more information about Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley, volunteering opportunities, or ways to support their work, visit RTDutchess.org.

To reach out or ask questions, call the RTHV office at 845-454-7310.

Since RTHV's founding in 1992, approximately 15,000 volunteers have been engaged assisting over 1,100 Dutchess County homeowners with critical home repairs and accessibility modifications valued at over \$8.15 million in market value.

## Jeffrey M. Feldman named chairperson of Hudson Valley Hospice Board of Directors



*Jeffrey M. Feldman*

Feldman, Kleidman, Collins & Sappe LLP (FKC&S) is excited to announce that its founding partner, Jeffrey M. Feldman, was recently named chairperson of the Hudson Valley Hospice Board of Directors. The nonprofit health-care agency provides a full spectrum of compassionate care and support services to individuals, and their loved ones, who are faced with life-limiting illnesses. Feldman, who began his one-year term on January 1, has been a dedicated supporter of the nonprofit for more than 16 years. He began volunteering after the death of his friend and law partner, Paul S. Kleidman, from pancreatic cancer in 2006.

"Witnessing the incredible care that hospice provided to Paul and his family so many years ago was lifechanging," said Feldman. "I became a volunteer to help ensure that more people know about, and have access to, this tremendous resource. Fast forward to 2024 and I've had three other family members benefit from the care of the angels at their local hospices. It's an honor to take on the role of chairperson and I feel so fortunate that, after 17 years of dedicated service, my predecessor, Helen Rinaudo, has agreed to remain on the executive committee and will continue to mentor me."

Feldman has served on both the Hudson Valley Hospice Board of Directors and Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation Board of Trustees for the organization, helping grow and expand its ability to support individuals needing end-of-life care. Prior to this year, he served as first vice chairperson from 2021 to 2023, during which time Rinaudo served as chairperson. According to Hudson Valley Hospice's president and CEO, Michael Kaminski, during her six years as chairperson and cumulative 17 years on the board of directors, the patient census increased six-fold, a palliative care physician group was formed and the Hudson Valley Hospice House was conceived, built and opened. Feldman will continue to work closely with Rinaudo, his fellow board members and Kaminski to deepen the organization's impact.

"We are exceedingly fortunate that Jeff has agreed to serve as our next chairperson," said Kaminski. "He brings extensive experience and knowledge of hospice, its culture, vision and philosophy, and his ability to quickly understand solutions to problems will assist Hudson Valley Hospice continue its success of providing high quality hospice care to more and more people in Dutchess and Ulster Counties."

With a rich history dating back to the 1970s, Hudson Valley Hospice has been a

cornerstone of compassionate end-of-life care, offering a comprehensive range of services including pain relief, emotional and spiritual support, end-of-life planning, medical care management and grief support services. On December 11, 2023, the nonprofit achieved a significant milestone by inaugurating the first freestanding hospice house in Dutchess and Ulster Counties. This state-of-the-art facility is dedicated to providing all levels of hospice care, including general inpatient care, respite care and home care.

To discuss the grand opening late last year, Feldman and Lisa A. Wilson, executive director of the Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation and vice president of marketing at Hudson Valley Hospice, sat down for an interview with Conor Walsh, host of "In Touch," the award-winning public affairs and issues program that runs across Townsquare Media of the Hudson Valley radio stations. During the interview, Feldman and Wilson shared about Hudson Valley Hospice's wide breadth of services and emphasized the comfort and expert care that the organization can provide, allowing people to focus on spending quality time with their loved ones instead of carrying the weight of decision-making, caregiving and grieving on their own. They also discussed the stigma that exists around hospice care.

"I find the misconceptions of hospice and end of life care to be in great need of correction," said Feldman. "We need to get the word out so that people understand and appreciate that obtaining hospice services is not throwing in the towel, but rather making the best of the time that is left."

To learn more about Hudson Valley Hospice, or to make a donation, you can visit [www.hvhospice.org](http://www.hvhospice.org) or follow them on Facebook, Instagram or LinkedIn.

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# County to offer new spring, summer programs

Dutchess County Parks continues its wide array of popular programming this spring and summer season. From weekend archery to adult park palette art sessions, eaglet nature programs, summer camps, pickleball and a new disc golf league, there are exciting and educational offerings for residents of all ages looking to explore the outdoors in fun and unique ways. Spring and summer program registration will open Tuesday, March 12 at [www.DutchessNY.gov/ParksEducation](http://www.DutchessNY.gov/ParksEducation).

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, "As the weather warms up, we are excited to look ahead to our Parks' popular programming! This year we have exciting new programs as well as the return of popular favorites. These programs, especially the summer sessions, fill up fast, so be sure to register quickly and don't miss these great opportunities to get outside and maybe even learn a new skill with our great Parks programs."

**Spring Naturalist Program Schedule**  
**Friday Night Pickleball Under the Lights** will return to the pickleball courts at Quiet Cove Riverfront Park in Poughkeepsie on April 5th and April 19th from 6-10:30pm. All courts will be temporarily illuminated for play, and firepits will be lit nearby for attendees to enjoy. Registration is required and is available at [playtimescheduler.com](http://playtimescheduler.com). Sessions will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.

In partnership with the Office for the Aging (OFA), Parks will host a free, three-week Learn to Pickleball Clinic for residents aged 60 and older. Sessions will be held from 9-11 a.m. at Quiet Cove Riverfront Park, Poughkeepsie on Thursdays, May 2nd, May 9th and May 16th. Each week will be led by a USA

Pickleball ambassador and local volunteers and will focus on a fundamental component of the game. Registration is limited and is required by calling OFA at (845) 486-2555 and includes all three sessions as each builds upon skills from the previous class.

May 2 - Introduction to the game  
 May 9 - Beginner skills  
 May 16 - Trial games

**Weekend Public Archery sessions** begin Saturday, April 13 at Bowdoin Park. The archery program consists of five classes, held on Saturdays, with various time slots offered. The sessions, each an hour long, are designed for children ages 8 and up, and adults with any level of archery experience. Basic hands-on archery skills will be taught, as well as bow and arrow safety. Cost is \$70 per person and includes all five classes and equipment. Each time slot is limited to 20 participants.

Saturday, April 13  
 Saturday, April 27  
 Saturday, May 4  
 Saturday, May 11  
 Saturday, June 8  
 Time Slots  
 8:30-9:30 a.m.  
 10-11 a.m.  
 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
 2-3 p.m.  
 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Park Palette Art Series for Adults** will be held at Quiet Cove Riverfront Park from 6-7:30pm outside on the lawn. These workshops are a step-by-step class to create nature-themed paintings. Cost is \$12 and includes all supplies. Sessions are limited to 12 participants each.

Wednesday, May 22

Wednesday, June 5

**Eaglet Nature Program** is for youth ages 5 to 7, along with their parents or caregivers, at Bowdoin Park's Nature Education Center. Through interactive exploration and play, children will have the opportunity to take a closer look at the unique natural habitats, with each week focusing on a different topic with a craft being made at the end of the class. All classes will be held 4-5 p.m. Registration is \$5 per child and is limited to 12 participants.

April 25 - Finding Footprints (Intro to Tracking)

May 9 - Identifying Skulls and Scat  
 May 23 - Pond Study

**The new Wilcox Disc Golf League** will host weekly meet ups to play at 10:30am on Sundays from April 21st through May 19th at Wilcox Memorial Park's Disc Golf course, which has been ranked among the top 100 courses in the world by UDisc, a popular disc golf app. All skill levels are welcome. This league is not directly affiliated with Dutchess County Parks; for more information and to register, email Savanna Burke at [burkesavanna@gmail.com](mailto:burkesavanna@gmail.com).

## Summer Program Schedule

Dutchess County Parks' popular Adventure and Survival summer programs for youth ages 9-17 at Bowdoin Park in the Town of Poughkeepsie and Wilcox Memorial Park in the Town of Milan, reconnect youth with nature and feature hands-on activities such as hiking, shelter making, fire building, tracking, and other survival skills, as well as building on role play and group problem-solving skills. Sessions are held Monday-Thursday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., with early drop-off and late-pick up options available.

The Adventure Program and Survival Program, for ages 9-11, will be held July 8-11 or July 22-25. The Adventure Program, for ages 12-15, will be held July 15-18 or August 5-8. The Survival Intensive Program, for ages 12-15, will be held July 15-18. These programs will be at Bowdoin Park.

Additional programs include Complete Survival at Wilcox Park for ages 12-15 on July 29-August 1 and Living Adventure at Bowdoin Park for ages 16-17 on August 12-15. These sessions will mimic a real survival situation framed in the context of a story that changes every year. Complete Survival requires students to have participated in Survival Intensive and ends with an optional overnight stay.

Sessions cost \$200 per student, per session. Due to the popularity of the programs, there is a limit of one session per student.

**Eaglet Adventures** returns this summer for ages 6-8 from August 5-8. These sessions will be from 10am-2pm and will give children a chance to become better explorers and scientists. Children will develop skills to identify animal tracks, discover pond life and begin to see the interconnection that keeps the natural world in balance. This session is limited to 12 children plus one caregiver and costs \$150 per student.

Other naturalist programming, including group weekday Archery, Junior Survival, Scout Programs and School Field Trips are available by appointment and reservations can be made by calling the Parks office at (845) 298-4602.

For registration and programming information, visit [DutchessNY.gov/Parks](http://DutchessNY.gov/Parks). or [www.dutchessNY.gov](http://www.dutchessNY.gov).

# SPORTS REPORT

## Beacon boys fall to Saugerties in Section 9 title contest

**By Rich Thomaselli**

The Beacon High School boys basketball team was playing at Mount St. Mary College in Newburgh, Orange County, for the Section 9, Class A championship. That's barely a 20-minute drive across the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge from its campus.

The prelude to the storyline was right there.

But the ending was not what the Bulldogs wanted.

Beacon, seated fifth in the tourna-

ment, had its dream of going to the state tournament denied by No.2 Saugerties, 54-38. The Bulldogs were gunning for their first sectional title since moving to Section 9. The Sawyers won their first crown in nine years.

They were scheduled to play the Section 1 champion in a state playoff game this week.

Nick Stinemire had a double-double with 11 points and 13 rebounds to lead Saugerties.

## OLL boys advance to state tournament

**By Rich Thomaselli**

The Our Lady of Lourdes High School boys basketball team is back on top.

The Warriors defeated Warwick, 42-40, in the Section 9, Class AA final at Monroe-Woodbury High School over the weekend.

It is the first sectional title for the boys basketball program at the school in seven years.

It's not like the team hasn't been close,

however. OLL finished as the runner up in both Section 1 and Section 9 the last two years. The boys team made the state tournament and will face the Section 1 or 4 champion Friday, 7 p.m. at Mount St. Mary College in Newburgh in the first round of play.

Zach Hart had 16 points and 15 rebounds to lead OLL. The Warriors are now 18-4 overall.



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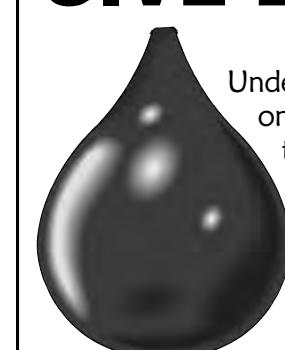
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# WJHS honor roll students named

The Wappingers Junior High School administration has announced the following students made the 2nd quarter honor roll for the 2023-24 school year.

## High Honor Roll 7th Grade

Jacob Abel, Joshua Abel, Emily Adams, Raelyn Baje Alejandro, Iyanah Ali, Samantha Almanzar, Annalise Alvarez, Izabella Alvarez, Delilah Antonini, Skyla Balbuena, Emily Baller, Mariana Barros, Lianna Bastos, Khloe Battista, Cydney Beaubrun, Grace Belesaca, Brody Berg, Joshua Berrios, Emmitt Bohannon, Deon Bonner, Madison Boothe, Adam Boris, Jai Borress, Arden Bosman, Rockwell Bosman, Connor Bowman, Madelyn Brager, Farrah Brownell, Mary Buel-Brito, Cameron Butler, Charlotte Califano, Elisabeth Cano, Phoebe Cantele, Taryn Capurro, Emily Cardona-Moschiano, Maeve Cassidy, Anthony Castro, Christopher Cerone, Parker Christman, Victoria Cicero, Elizabeth Clark, Sakyr Clough, Claire Crossman, Cori Cservak, Aryanna Cuadrado, Jace Cuchelo, Sophia Dampf, Nailah Danmola, Kayla Dango, Mason Davis, Natalya DePace, Elizabeth DelRosso, Ella Delamater, Itzel Delgadillo Garcia, Logan DerBogossian, Chloe Detweiler, Marylin Dooley, Evan Douglas, Elijah Dunlow, Luke Edwards, Emani Ephram, Emmanuel Erema, Rylee Farrington, Jaxon Favale, Yerik Fernandez Rodriguez, Aiden Ferreras, Serafina Franco, Matthew Galea-Pellegrino, Aidaly Garcia, Wilfredo Garcia Hernandez, Addison Gault, Sophia Gauza, Rustem Gaxherri, Francesca Gesmundo, Aidan Goh, Valroy Grant, Jonathan Haskell, Isabella Hassett, Elijah Henson, Megan Hilton, Bridget Hollywood, Henry Horton, Grace Hotle, Andrew Hudson, Hanna Hughes, Cillian Hynes, Brayden Johaneman, Teigan Johnson, Alexis Jornov, Megan Klopotoski, Kayleigh Kozak, Kylie Kozma, Isabella La Serna, Morgan LaCasse, James Laughlin, Olivia Leonetti, Chloe Licata-Vallone, Cody Licata-Vallone, Olivia Licata-Vallone, Olivia Liptro, Carmita Llangari Galindo, Nicholas Lochard, Andrew Luente, Trevor Lynn, Sophia Macintyre, Brianna Madison, Sami Maghnouj, Isabelle Marshall, Jacob Martinez, Gracelyn Masek, Cole Masten, Ryan McCarthy, Madison McClelland, Janie Mendez, Tyler Metz, Michael Miliambro, Mason Miller, Amelia Mitchell, Jason Montross, Marshall Mosquera, Logan Mozingo, Saba Naji, Dezire Neely, Benjamin Newman, Daniel Newman, Oriani Nunez, Caitlyn O'Brien, Violet O'Hara, Landon Odums, Markel Ogada, Jonah Olmo, Samantha Orefice, Matthew Pacheco, Koi Pardon, Jahmir Paul, Matias Perez, Saniya Pesante, Briella Pisano, Josue Pizarro, Sebastian Potter, Natalia Praino, Julia Preiato, Arianna Quintiliani Cruz, Samantha Reed, Mason Renzo, Dominic Reyes, Derrick Rhoden, Lance Rhodes, Gia Ricciardi, Joshua Rodriguez-Allen, Sarah Rojas, Kyla Rosado, Deen Rosario, Alanii Rose, Ariel Rosenquest, Fionna Rowland, Justin Rubinos, Emilio Salgado

Cordova, Simon Salvati, Leah Santiago Hernandez, Lanie Saquicela, Maggie Satterlee, Mirabai Sen, Amaya Siddique, David Simons, Cameron Smith, Kylie Smith, Jacqueline Soi, William Sorell, Evan Staples, Zola Stevenson, Jenaya Stewart, Alysea Stumpf, Brendan Torsiello, Kyla Trainor, Madison Treybick, Caleb Turrell, Melany Tuza Dumagual, Mason Velez, Alyssa Venditto, Logan Washall, Dakota White, Kimora Williams, Maya Williams, Juliette Wise, Anatole Wong, Aleksander Woodward, Julia Yamamoto, Erin Zangerle, Sadie Zanin

## 8th Grade

Alyssa Abbatiello, Omar Alassali, MacKenzie Allen, Justin Alonso, Zeeshan Ashraf, Star Balbuena, A'Lyah Bassue, Lyndsey Beahan, Emily Belfiore, Jasmine Bennett, Hollyn Blackwood, Amelia Bobinski, Izabella Borsch, Noah Bozsik, Kaitlynn Caba, Sawyer Calderin, Kristina Calo, Antonio Cardoso, Annapia Celli, Sandy Coc Cabral, Reagan Colligan, Elizabeth Corbett, Messiah Corbett, Delilah Cordero, Nicole Corte Morales, Sofia Cruz, Jingqi Cui, Jack Curtis, Kenisha DeSerne, Janae Delahaye, Kallie Dewit, Keerat Dhaliwal, Abigail Di Martino, Maleah Diaz, Janessa Dickens, LeShan Dong, Rylin Dorsman, Maximus Dotoratos, Robert Eagan, Favour Erema, Emily Faust, Gavin Ferine, Nicholas Fesko, Rhys Fiore, Aidan Frost, Jordan Fuhrer, Robert Gargano, Nour Gazal, Ella Gollins, Sophia Gonzalez, Anneliese Greaves, Abigail Greeney, Carsen Griggs, Lexington Haag, Peyton Hansen, Nolan Harris, Kaitlyn Hart, Keira Hoff, Eleanor Huang, Nathan Huen, Jennifer Irving, Marvyn James, Madison Jensen, Joshua Jimenez, Emani Jones, Michaela Jutt, Sadie Kiernan, Samantha Kirsch, Cameron Koretsky, Sean Lai, Gabrielle Lenkowski, Anthony Lewis, Shadel Lewis, Connor Licari, Ivan Lin, ZiDa Lin, Serena Linan, Martin Lipinski, Maxwell Lipinski, Michaela Losee, Brendan Lotz, Bailey Magarelli, Lina Maghnouj, Emma Maltais, Emily Marij, Joseph Marucci, Emily Masten, Madeline Morris, Aesha Muhammad Al-Sheabani, Bashaer Muhammad Al-Sheabani, Qamar Naji, Charlotte Newman, Grace Nimri, Tamia Omboro, Colin Orlov, Liam Osekoski, William Pardonner, Zachary Paredes, Siya Patel, Christopher Peguero, Ramon Pineiro, Ashley Polichetti, Jeremy Pratt, Fernando Quezada, Alex Raszkiewicz, Gianna Rivera, Victoria Rivera, Trinity Rojas, Haylee Rosario-Cabreja, Emma Rosenblum, Kira Rosenblum, Christian Sardo, Nicholas Scelia, Emma Schultz, Liliana Semedo, Aanya Shah, Grace Shrestha, Peyton Stalter, Norah Stegall, Emma Stojkaj, Logan Stoltzfus, Julian Stripler, Lucas Stuart, Abigail Thid, Leyla Tonge, Madelyn Trainor, Carleigh Varella, Joseph Veeneman, Siena Vega, Aaliyah Victor, Nathaniel Waxman, Lorenzo Weinberg, Abigail Weisel, Layla Wilder, Ryan Wilson, Ivan Zhang

## Regular Honor Roll

### 7th Grade

Jack Afon, Gabriella Alfaro, Raul Arias, Madison Arriaga, Xavier Banks, Roy

Baraza, Nicolas Best, Evan Bihm, Hope Black, Jacob Brunner, Nicholas Califano, Liam Callahan, Evan Cohen, Michael Davino, Jayla Davis, Paul DeVivo, Noah Deacon, Hailie Derasmo, Jackson Devlin, Enoch DiGabriel, Jason Enson, Lily Epstein, Nicholas Fantone, James Fay, Joseph Ferreyra Gutierrez, Kaylin Finnigan, Patrick Fitzsimmons, Ella Gant, Henry Gates, Thomas Guaman Yanez, Heidi Guerrero, Jacob Haack, Noah Haas, Damien Hague, Dominick Hogan, Kyle Husted, Jonathan Jones, Sophie Kenyon, Enisa Kurtishi, Nathalie Largacha-Medina, Johana Lasko, Collin Laughlin, Keegan Leone, Dustin Licata-Vallone, Gabriela Loja Merchan, Sophia Lomedico, Lia Maccaronio, Jack Macina, Kadin Mahin, Maria Malito, Anthony Marquez, Daniel Marr, Joan Martinez Palacios, Hanley Mejia De los Santos, Jayden Monteiro, Jonas Morgan, Jack Morocho, Mackenzie Mulcahy, Jaylen Patterson, Salim Patterson, Thomas Pearson, Autumn Pelaccio, Robert Perez Alcantara, Aliyah Perry, Blake Phrance, Cecilia Piccone, Layla Potanovic, Aiden Rathbun, Aubrie Riccoboni, Aubrianna Rock, Andrew Scalia, Melina Schnick, Elijah Sierra, Titan Simmons, Ryan Tasch, Nurii Tisdale, Dante Trocino, Christian Tuza, Darryl Vasser, Jayden Velez, Ashlynn Vonburg, Ella Ward, William Willsey, Ariela Zhinin Alvarez

## 8th Grade

Emmanuel Aboagye, Nysira Bennett, Leah Buonato, Julia Caba, Andrew Cafaldo, Ty Carpenter, Devon Castillo-Ephram, Deona Chapman, Joseph Chavarria, Joseph Collura, Ja'Niyah Colon, Karly Cservak, Rianney David, Nathan Davis, Paytyn Dee, Ava DiSciorio, Payton Drago, Hayden Durbin, Alexis Fermin, Chloe Flores, Isabella Galarza, Lucas Glickman, Charlotte Greaves, Brogan Harkins, Nikolas Henry, Richard Herbert, Mara Hocutt, Ayden Hughes, Gentiana Ibrahim, Julia Imm, Matthew Iuele, Brennan Kelly, Kylee Koch, Nathaniel Koch, Olivia Kondzielski, Artan Kurtishi, Patrick Leguillow, Adrian Lopez, Kayla Loughran, Brandon Luciani, Stefanie Luciano, Juliet Luongo, Zaryab Malik, Eric Mann, Garrett Martin, Riley Masciola, Jia Medina, Leticia Neves, Mia Orrego, Daniela Pacheco Macancela, Kevin Perez-Nieto, Benjamin Perino, Frances Pomilla, Gianna Quitoni, Shane Riley, Esteban Rivera, Vienna Rivera, Richard Robinson, Olivia Rodriguez, Yaretzi Rodriguez, Olivia Rosati, Marilyn Rubinos, Giancarlo Santillan, Mia Serino, Nathaniel Smith, Mia Taylor, William Taylor, Maxximus Torres, Gianna Vinciguerra, Ekreet Virk, Matthew VonBurg, Aiden Watts, Keira Witchey.

## Louis J. Ingrassia Jr. named HV Honor Flight chairperson

After 10 years of service as chairman of the Board of Directors of Hudson Valley Honor Flight, Frank Kimler has stepped down and will begin to shift his focus to the national level. Taking over the chairmanship is Louis J. Ingrassia Jr., current Commissioner of Public Works and Co-Director of the Office of Emergency Management for Town of Wallkill in Orange County.

Under Kimler's guidance, HVHF significantly expanded its coverage area and added flights leaving from Westchester County Airport. HVHF subsequently has achieved milestones of serving more than 2,000 veterans and organizing more than 30 flights to Washington, D.C.

Ingrassia, recently added to the Board of Directors, has been volunteering for HVHF for more than 10 years. He brings a wealth of community knowledge and professional experience to the role of chairman. The Town of Wallkill resident has deep experience with local fire districts and additionally serves as Highway Superintendent.

HVHF provides a once-in-a-lifetime flight to Washington, D.C., where veterans are transported around the district by bus to visit war memorials, attend a dinner in their honor and then return home. Each veteran is escorted by a personal



**Louis J. Ingrassia Jr.**

guardian and the HVHF flight team for the day-long trip.

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## A special tribute

# David Baldauf: Environmental pioneer, inspirational leader

**By Curtis Schmidt**

To those who had the honor of knowing David Baldauf, he was a kind and gentle soul – and much more. A resident of Rhinebeck for many years, he was also a space program explorer, avid environmental pioneer and steward, community volunteer and teacher.

David Baldauf passed away on Feb. 20 at the age of 95.

From working extensively for IBM with the Gemini space missions in the 1960s to kayaking into his 90s and hiking to peaks in the Catskills and Adirondacks well into his 80s, to building a solar home in the 1970s and even ensuring that lands like Burger Hill Park continue to have public access, Baldauf was always at the forefront of innovation and natural preservation.

On the local level, Baldauf served the Town of Rhinebeck as a leader and member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for 30-plus years, worked with other volunteers on the Town Master Plan committee and was one of the most revered members of the Rhinebeck Reformed Church.

Rev. Luis Perez, pastor of the Rhinebeck Reformed Church, said “We stand in great debt to David for rekindling our awareness of nature – to feel wonder, awe and reverence at the mountains, the streams, the lakes, the oceans, the animals, all the beauty of our awesome world.”

He said Baldauf organized “nature walks in order to help us un-complicate the often frantic and dizzy pace of our lives.” One of Baldauf’s more memorable environmental educational programs was a church trip on the Clearwater Sloop on the Hudson River. “We developed a deeper appreciation of the river’s beauty and resources, and we learned how every aspect of created life is integrated,” said Rev. Perez.

Michael B. Trimble, past chair of Rhinebeck’s Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) and the Town’s Planning Board, said, “Our paths would cross as applications to the Planning Board frequently would lead to variance requests to the Zoning Board of Appeals and we would talk over issues that might ensue. David was a very patient and knowledgeable individual and a delight to talk to.”

He said when the CAC first found out that the land we now know as Burger Hill Park was being sold, Baldauf was one of the early supporters of ensuring the land would become and remain a public park.

Rhinebeck Town Supervisor Elizabeth Spinzia said Baldauf was always “gentle, kind and supportive. Just a gem of a person. He was very smart, intelligent – always with an eye on protecting the environment.”

Melodye Moore, Rhinebeck resident and fellow congregant of the Rhinebeck Reformed Church, said she knew Baldauf as “an elder statesman who emanated love and compassion for everyone he met. He was also the conscience of the church when it came to being a good steward of God’s creation and encouraged us to adopt more environmentally sensitive ways of caring for our church.”

In regard to his work with the Town Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, she said, “Behind his always quiet and courteous demeanor was a man with strong opinions about how best to protect the town he loved so much. Our community was enriched beyond measure by the service of this remarkable public servant.”

Current Zoning Board chairman Scott Bergin described Baldauf as a model for community-minded volunteers.

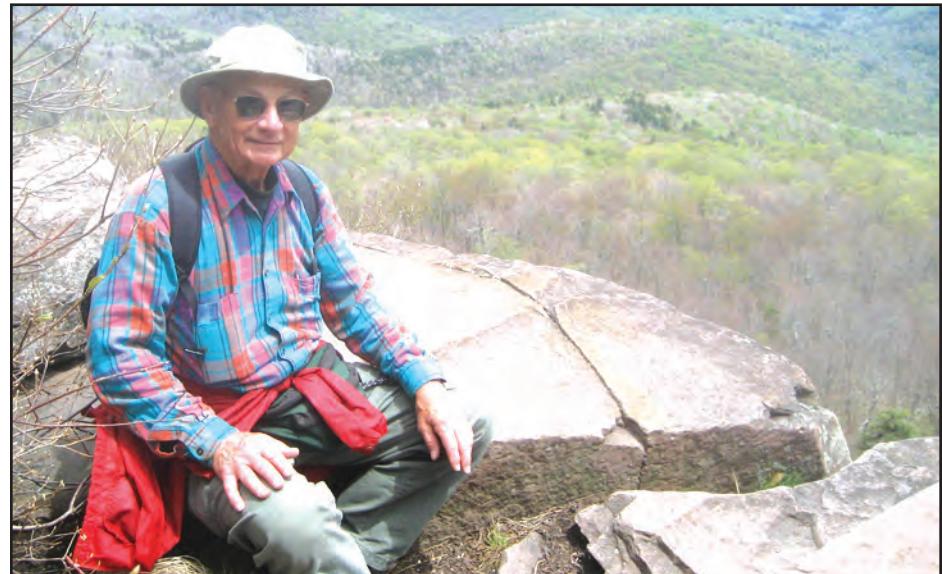
“I want to be (like) David Baldauf when I grow up,” said the 64-year-old attorney. “He was always very calm, patient and extremely knowledgeable on zoning law. He showed respect to everyone and was a great listener. He was firm, direct and honest, but certainly not weak,” said Bergin. “He was a true inspiration. I learned so much from him. Whenever I’m faced with difficult decisions, I ask ‘What would David do.’”

“He was very humble, but definitely passionate. He was an extremely positive influence on me and I feel blessed to have known him,” said Bergin.

Those traits were honed over many years in Baldauf’s life.

His early work with IBM provided the training ground for his appreciation of our planet and resources. His daughter, Susan Baldauf Wright shared parts of her father’s memoirs.

(At IBM in the ’60s) “I was manager of



*From an environmental standpoint, David Baldauf believed in experiencing nature first hand. He was kayaking and hiking well into his 90s. Here he sits atop Giant Ledge in the Catskill Mountains, one of the many peaks he climbed.*

-Courtesy photo

space navigation and system integration where we had a vehicle simulation facility set up on which the future astronauts came to train for their missions. We worked among others with Neil Armstrong (who later was the first man on the moon), Jim McDivitt, Gus Grissom and Ed White (who was the first person to walk in space). Gemini was the first space vehicle to perform on-board ascent guidance, re-entry guidance, orbital navigation and rendezvous maneuvering. Working with the government with multi-layered contracts required frequent travel to the prime aircraft contractors on the west coast, our subcontractors, NASA headquarters in Houston and the Air Force HQ in Dayton (Ohio).

“On one of these trips as I was flying from San Francisco to Minneapolis, I was seated beside a college professor who was deriding the onslaught of technology. He told me to read ‘Small is Beautiful’ by E.F. Schumacher when I got home. This started me on my concern for the environment as I coupled his writing with my experience in the space program to realize how fragile the world is and how everything interacts with everything else in nature.”

Such exploits led Baldauf to explore

nature first hand. His daughter Susan wrote, “His children grew up camping and sailing as family vacations. He was always gardening, trail-blazing and landscaping at home and birding with my Mom, and always - a lifestyle of composting, reusing, repurposing and repairing.”

Susan said, “He believed that we are to be a blessing and we are to be stewards of God’s creation.”

More extensive adventures for Baldauf included “Kayaking and canoeing Hudson River inlets and wetlands like Roundout Creek and Esopus Meadows, Tivoli Bays, (as well as

the Berkshires, Adirondacks); Hiking the local trails and climbing many Catskill high peaks and sailing the Hudson River out of the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club.”

And then, Baldauf’s goal was to always impart his knowledge and help others to understand and appreciate the fragile beauty of our world.

Rev. Perez shared the comments of fellow congregant Bill Nieves of the Rhinebeck Reformed Church who described Baldauf as “A custodian of Mother Earth.”

Nieves added, “Thank God for David Baldauf. Good idea, God.”

## Obituaries

### Marianne Valente



**EAST FISHKILL** - Marianne Valente, a longtime resident of Hopewell Junction, passed away on February 24, 2024, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. She was 76.

On April 19, 1947, in the Bronx, Marianne was born to the late Anton and Elizabeth (Worche) Cernik.

Marianne graduated with her master’s degree from Western Connecticut College and went on to become a beloved second grade teacher in Putnam Valley. On May 29, 1971, in Putnam Valley, Marianne married the love of her life, Rocco. He survives at home. Marianne is also survived by her daughter, Francine Perez and her husband, Luis; her daughter, Dawn Pothast and her husband, Thomas; her son, Dominic Valente and his wife, Therese; her daughter, Angela Guerra and her husband, Carlos; her grandchildren, Preston, Dominic, Danica,

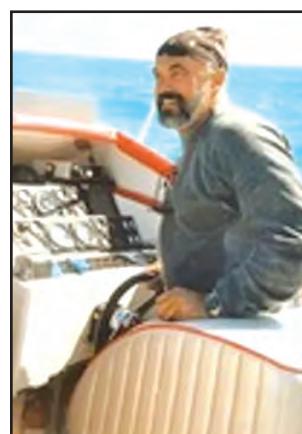
Donovan, Chase, Austin, Juliana, Karl, Nickolas, Lucas and Amelia.

Marianne was a dedicated parishioner at St. Mary Mother of the Church in Fishkill and for many years, was the Coordinator of Religious Education. In her free time, Marianne enjoyed reading a good book and carefully selecting and wrapping thoughtful gifts for all her loved ones. More than anything, Marianne loved being Gramma.

Calling hours were held on Friday, March 1, 2024, at the Mchoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill. A Mass of Christian burial was held on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at St. Mary Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill. Entombment immediately followed at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 US Route 9, Fishkill.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Marianne’s name to the American Cancer Society, [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) or to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

Please visit Marianne’s Book of Memories at [www.McHoulFuneralHome.com](http://www.McHoulFuneralHome.com).



### Ronald B. Prichard

**POUGHKEEPSIE** - Ronald B. Prichard, of Poughkeepsie NY, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday February 25th, 2024. Ron was born on April 10th, 1939 in Poughkeepsie NY to the late Benjamin and Eleanor Prichard. He is survived by his brother Robert Prichard (Terry) and Ron’s longtime companion, Linda Ciancio as well as Ron’s children and their spouses, Scott and Jessica Prichard, Andrea and Joseph Kirchhoff, his former wife Karen VanWagner Sheer and Linda’s sons Brandon and Kelly Ciancio and Judson Ciancio.

He also leaves behind several grandchildren: Kyle Kirchhoff (Kelly), Troy Kirchhoff (Jessica), Samantha Rathjen (Paul), Layla Kirchhoff, Scott B. Prichard, and Gabrielle E. Prichard as well as three great grandchildren William Kirchhoff, Elle and Emma Kirchhoff and one nephew Brian Prichard.

Ron was a 1957 graduate of Arlington High School and from there joined the US Army and served as an Honor Guard in Washington DC including duties as a guard to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. From there he went on to join the family garden center business before founding Dutchess Recreational Vehicles and a splinter affiliate in Newburgh NY. After Ron sold his businesses, he pursued his true talent and passions which were taking difficult restoration projects and turning them into true works of art. His focus was on turn of the century automobiles and engines which slowly evolved into custom vintage motorcycles. Ron’s love of speed often found him on the Hudson River enjoying one of the many offshore race boats he took a fancy to as well as motorcycle and snowmobile racetracks around the country.

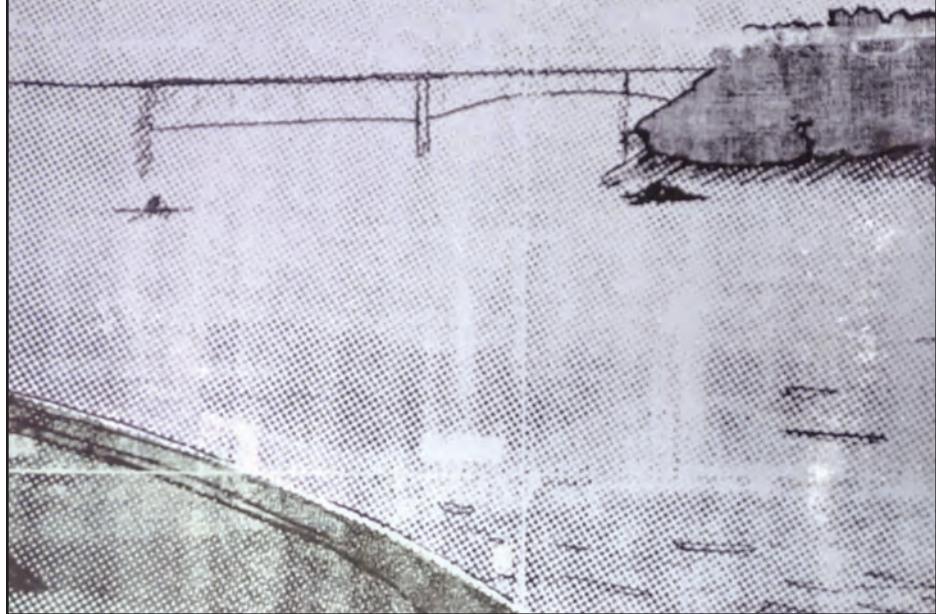
Anyone who had the pleasure of knowing our dad knew he was a man of many talents, skills and a wealth of information. He loved his children and family immensely and his persona radiated a feeling of safety and security for those he touched. He will be greatly missed by all.

A private burial will be held with a celebration of life to follow in the spring. Memorial donations can be made in Ronald’s name to Town of Poughkeepsie PBA, P.O. Box 3003, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home, Pleasant Valley. For condolences, please visit [www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com).

# Creative Living

## BAU Gallery opening reception March 9



BAU Gallery will hold an opening reception for new exhibits on March 9 in Beacon.

-Courtesy images

BAU Gallery presents in GALLERIES 1 + 2 Elemental, Member Artists Group Exhibition and in the BEACON ROOM Vessels, Joel Brown. The Opening Reception is set for Second Saturday, March 9th, from noon - 6 p.m., with an artist's reception from 6-8 p.m. The exhibit ends Sunday, April 7, at 506 Main Street, Beacon.

The exhibit is open on Saturdays and Sundays from noon - 6 p.m. or by appointment. The Elemental exhibition represents that range and depth of the gallery's roster, including painting, sculpture, ceramics, printmaking, photography, and textiles.

Gallery artists in this exhibition are: Daniel Berlin, Eileen Sackman, Ilse

Schreiber-Noll, Jebah Baum, Joan Harmon, Joel Brown, Karen Allen, Kelly M O'Brien, Linda Lauro-Lazin, Mary McFerran, Matthew Gilbert, Nataliya Hines, and Pamela Zaremba. BAU artists are all working professional artists who exhibit their work regionally, nationally, and internationally.

Joel Brown's ceramic forms are fired by teams for several days in wood burning kilns that are based on ancient Japanese models. Guest artist Anita Fina Kiewra's prints depict racing in shells on the Hudson. She rows in a crew of women and directs the community print studio at the Poughkeepsie Underwear Factory.

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## that's italian!



by luigi coppola

# 'Don't ever drink at the restaurant'

Luigi is glad he took Pop's advice.

I'll never forget when my father decided I was going to train to be a bartender. He told me that in order to be a well-rounded restaurateur you had to know every aspect of the business. Unbeknownst to me, it would lead to an evening of sickness.

You see, when we learned how to cook, Pop made us taste everything we made. His reasoning was that sometimes, a certain brand of supply was not available, and it had to be substituted for, but the taste of the dish had to be the same. Makes sense, right? When I learned how to tend bar, Pop made sure that the same rules applied.

Behind the bar, we had a little personal phone book that had the recipes of every drink. Manhattans were in the M section, Rob Roys were in the R section, etc. So when someone would order a drink the bartender would tell me to look up the drink. I would find the recipe and he would guide me through the process of making that particular drink. Once the drink was made I would grab a cocktail spoon and take a taste of the drink per Pop's orders. That particular night was busy so I had to make quite a few drinks. At the end of the night, I was feeling quite tipsy and a little dizzy.

As we were closing up, Pop came up to me and asked me how I was feeling. I told him not very good. He then yelled at me and told me that it was the first and last time I would ever be allowed to drink at

the restaurant. My head was spinning anyway, so I figured to just keep my mouth shut, otherwise I might've thrown up.

20 years later, I was running our restaurant in Red Hook. We had a very late banquet. It was 3 a.m. and I had to drive a 40-minute drive ahead. On my way home, I drove up to a DWI check point in the village of Rhinebeck. The officer looked into my eyes, which were naturally bloodshot. He asked why I was out so late. I told him I was working. Of course he didn't believe me, because my eyes were bloodshot. He asked me to get out of my car, which I did without any fuss. He asked me to walk the line, which I did, even though I am EXTREMELY clumsy. I didn't want any reason for a delay, because I was so tired and I just wanted to go to bed.

There was an officer across the street, covering traffic going the other way. He looked over at me and then my car, and walked over. Thank God he recognized me.

"Mr. Coppola? You can go home now. I know that you never drink at the restaurant. Sorry for the inconvenience."

I said no apology was necessary, he was doing his job; however, I told the officer that was testing me that in the future if you see me, you can be rest assured that I am not drunk because my father told me to never drink at the restaurant.

The next morning I called my father and told him about the DWI check point. Pop freaked out and said, 'Oh my God, what happened?' I said "Nothing hap-

pened, because you told me I am never allowed to drink at the restaurant." He said, "I can't believe that you actually listened to me."

What the heck! That night when I got home, I was lucky enough that my wife Lisa made some lemon cookies. At the kitchen table I was still shaking my head in disbelief. You gotta love Pop's teaching methods.

### Lemon Cookies Ingredients

#### COOKIES:

1/2 cup vegetable or canola oil  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 cup milk  
3 large eggs  
2 teaspoons lemon extract  
1 tablespoon baking powder  
3 cups flour

#### ICING:

1/4 cup butter, melted  
2 cups powdered sugar  
3 tablespoons heavy cream  
1 teaspoons lemon extract  
yellow food coloring (enough to achieve the shade of yellow you desire)  
zest from half a lemon, for garnish

### Method COOKIES

In the bowl of a stand mixer or hand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, cream together oil, sugar, milk, eggs, and extract until well combined.

Whisk together the baking powder and flour and add to wet ingredients; mix until just combined. The dough will be soft and sticky.

Using a cookie scoop, drop spoonfuls of dough onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper or a silicone mat.

Bake at 350 degrees F for 8-10 minutes. Let rest for two minutes and then remove from baking sheet to let cool completely.

#### ICING:

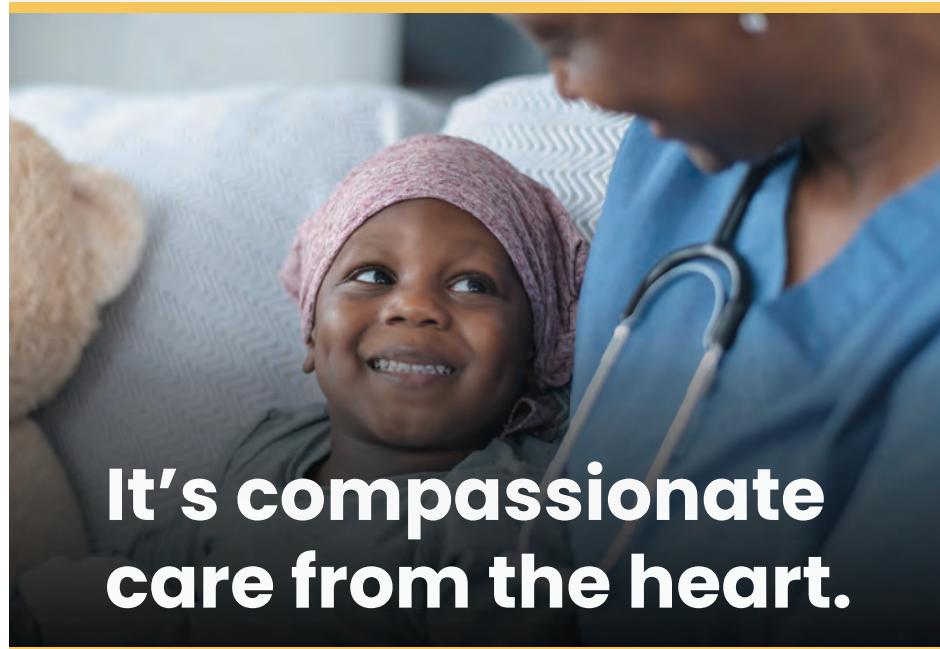
In a bowl, combine all ingredients and mix well. Add as much food coloring as needed to achieve desired yellow color (I use about 5 drops).

Frost the completely cooled cookies.

Let the icing dry and harden before storing if you're not serving them right away. Store in an airtight container between layers of wax paper. If freezing, freeze before frosting. Enjoy!

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

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# Wappinger Recreation

By Donna Lenhart

Assistant to Recreation Department

Information is now online for summer camp! Registration begins this Friday, March 8 for Town of Wappinger residents. Go to [www.wappingerrecreation.com](http://www.wappingerrecreation.com) to learn more. There is still some space in our soccer clinics. We have an intermediate clinic for 5 to 8 years happening now as well as beginner and intermediate clinics for 9 to 12 years.

There will be a new set of clinics starting in April for both beginner and intermediate-level students. All clinics take place at James Evans Elementary School, 747 Sergeant Palmateer Way, Wappingers Falls on Wednesday or Thursday evenings. Please check [www.wappingerrecreation.com](http://www.wappingerrecreation.com) to register and for more information.

It's 'hoppening'! The annual Egg Hunt at Martz Field, Pye Lane, that is. Bring your basket and join 'everybunny' on Saturday, March 23, 1 p.m.

Stop by our Senior Center for games and good company. With everything from

art class, brain games like Pinochle, Pock-no, Mexican Trains, Scrabble, Rummikub and MahJongg and a knit & crochet group, there is plenty to do. If you like to get up and move, then sign up for Zumba Gold, Chair Yoga or Exercise Class. All classes have limited space, so if you are interested, don't delay in signing up. New this week is Chair Volleyball! Thursday afternoons at 2 p.m. We also have craft day, Lunch & Movie Day, celebrate each month's 'birthday babies' with pizza, cake and Bingo. And, let's not forget Bingo on Mondays and Fridays!

Spring is known as the start of new beginnings, so add our Center to your list of new things to try. We'll have the coffee on. While you're here, make sure to join the Wappingers Seniors Association – our volunteer members who plan all the bus trips and off-site lunches and breakfasts.

Check out our monthly newsletter, which is now online at: [wappingerrecreation.com](http://wappingerrecreation.com) and also the Town's website: [townofwappingerny.gov](http://townofwappingerny.gov).

## Women's Writers Group to meet in East Fishkill on Wednesday mornings

The Women's Writers Group will meet at the East Fishkill Community Library on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - noon. This group is open to all women writers who want to connect with other writers on their own publishing journeys. The group reads their

projects and offers critiques, have open discussions on writing, share resources, and have occasional free writing sessions when time permits.

For more information, visit online at <http://www.EFLibrary.org> or call the library at 845-221-9943.

### Nominations open for Talent United

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region is presenting Talent United, a competition dedicated to celebrating the diverse talents of local individuals while helping the community. Whether you have a passion for singing, dancing, painting or any other remarkable skill, Talent United is your chance to shine. Nominate yourself or someone else whose talent deserves recognition.

Nomination submissions are open; the deadline to apply is March 13. Visit [www.uwdor.org](http://www.uwdor.org) for more information.

## hudson valley naturalist

# From sap to syrup: Confessions of a maple newbie

Since moving to Pleasant Valley, I have been immersing myself in the ecology of the surrounding woodland, which contains plenty of Maple Trees. Discoveries abound!

Did you know that the layer inside Maple Tree bark can be a survival food? Their leaves, as well as seeds are edible. Also surprising is that the sugar-containing Maple sap that is harvested for syrup comes from xylem, rather than phloem tissues.

Maple syrup production is a sustainable agricultural activity, free from pesticides and fertilizers. Tapping trees for sap does not negatively affect their overall health. In fact, syrup producers tap trees for decades without adversely affecting tree health.

Anyone who has read "The Lorax" knows that trees are important. They help combat erosion and pollution, reduce flooding, and provide wildlife habitat, in addition to other environmental benefits. So, once I realized that I could enjoy the outdoors, as well as learn a bit more Maple Tree Science, I didn't need much more convincing about becoming a Maple Syrup Producer.

What sealed the deal was learning about Cornell University's Maple Program in Lake Placid. I don't shy away from a novel experiences involving food, so, I grabbed my husband's arm and dragged him to the Adirondacks. There, we spent several days learning all things maple-related. Of course, we've also read many articles and seen countless YouTube videos on the subject.

### Sappy Science

Maple Sap runs in late winter to early spring in the Hudson Valley, when the night-to-day temperatures change from freezing to thawing. We have tapped our trees, collected sap, boiled, and bottled Maple Syrup several times so far this season, each time improving our methods. We don't have fancy equipment that large producers have, but completing the process has helped me better understand some science phenomena better than I ever have.



Above, Adam Wild, specialist with the Cornell Maple Program, instructs a group during a maple camp. Below, restaurant steam table pans are used as evaporating pans. They have a large surface area for maximum contact with the heat source. The two stockpots are "warming pans" for sap that has been previously frozen/refrigerated. We do that so that we can maintain the boil as new sap is added to evaporating pans.

-Courtesy photos

Prior to (and during) boiling we use a refractometer to check the sugar concentration (of sap and syrup). There is variability in the amount of sap each tree produces, as well as its sugar content. Maple Tree sap sugar content varies from one to five percent, and that impacts how much sap it takes to produce a gallon of syrup. At best, forty gallons of sap with a 2% sugar concentration yields only one gallon of syrup. (Maple syrup has a 66% sugar concentration.)

The teachable moments involved with this enterprise are unending. Sap production

most obviously relates to the processes of respiration and photosynthesis. There is physics involved with making the sap run. Chemical reactions happen as the sap boils with the water evaporating and the sucrose concentrating. It's a neat way to demonstrate concepts taught in a classroom playing out in a natural environment.

The most surprising lesson I've re-learned has been about diffusion. I taught my classes: Molecules move from where there are more to where there are less. Diffusion is the reason a drop of food coloring spreads out in

a glass of water. Yet, I was astonished that Maple Syrup heated to 219° F will very quickly lose half of its heat as it is being bottled. You don't want that to happen.

Maple Syrup that is properly bottled is shelf stable; it can be stored at room temperature until it is opened. This means that the syrup going into the bottle needs to be at least 180° F to sterilize the container and destroy foodborne microorganisms. Participating in this process is illuminating because it really helps you understand what is involved in making and packaging foods typically bought at the grocery store.

*Francine Wizner is a native of the Hudson Valley. She grew up in the Catskills of Greene County and spent over 3 decades teaching in Ulster County. She creates science-themed instructional materials and books, as well as being a Citizen Scientist in the management of her current home in an enchanted woodland of Dutchess County. Find her at <https://www.gertrudekatzchronicles.com/> and <https://www.pleasantvalleymaplelodging.com/>.*



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

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

**ANAGNOS PROPERTIES LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/05/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Jeffrey S. Anagnos, 4 Albie Road, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

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

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

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**KB Properties of the Hudson Valley, LLC,** Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/15/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to: 2265 South Road, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Purpose for all lawful activities.

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

Notice Of Formation of CJR RE Services LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/24/2024. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 655 Little Britain Road, New Windsor, NY 12553. Purpose: any lawful activity

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**Obsidian Equine LLC,** Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/23/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to: 80 Washington St, Ste 305, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. General Purpose

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

**Lightning Moon LLC.** Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 1/16/24. Office location: Dutchess Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 22 Violet Hill Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: To Practice The Profession Of Architecture.

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

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

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

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Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name of the LLC is: Millbrook Strategies LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 1/23/2024. The County in which the Office is to be located: Dutchess. The SSNY is designated as an agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail the process to TAX AND BOOKKEEPING MANAGEMENT LLC, 68 Rhone Ridge Dr, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Driviano, LLC (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 1/22/2024.

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**VRG GROUP HOLDINGS, LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/21/23. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 655 Little Britain Road, New Windsor, NY 12553. Purpose: General

**Winnie Vita Photography, LLC,** Arts. of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/24/2024.

Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to: 2600 South Road, Ste 44-282, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. General Purpose

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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: 164 Ridgeline Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. General Purpose

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Notice of Formation of Hudson Valley Ketamine Lounge LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/14/2023. 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: The LLC, c/o Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele, LLP, 1136 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful

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**Paragon International LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 1/30/2024. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Kentucky (KY) on 10/4/00. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. KY address of LLC: 3110 Finchville Rd, Shelbyville, KY 40065. Cert. of Formation filed with KY Secy of State, POB 718, Frankfort, KY 40602. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is C T Corporation System, 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful

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10/02/2023. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 271 Devon Farms Rd, Stormville, NY 12582. Purpose: any lawful act or activity

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

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**Kizan Technologies, LLC.** Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 1/30/24. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Kentucky (KY) on 10/4/00. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. KY address of LLC: 3110 Finchville Rd, Shelbyville, KY 40065. Cert. of Formation filed with KY Secy of State, POB 718, Frankfort, KY 40602. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is C T Corporation System, 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful

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56 TAYLOR REALTY LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 2/6/24. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 175 Cardinal Rd., Hyde Park, NY 12538, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

M E R E D I T H MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/12/23. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 46 Pond Gut Road, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Mental Health Counseling.

Notice of Formation of 30 SENGSTACK LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/02/24. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 30 Sengstack Ln., Tivoli, NY 12583. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Engel & Davis LLP, 620 Fifth Ave., 2nd Fl., NY, NY 10020. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

S T A N F O R D ARMORY LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/08/2024. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 6099 Ny-82, Stanfordville, NY 12581. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

LEMONS WILD 34, LLC Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed New York Sec. of State ("NYSS") 09/26/2022. Office loc. Dutchess County. NYSS designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. NYSS shall mail a copy of any process to c/o The LLC, 39 Hook Road, Rhinebeck, New York 12572. There is nospecificdate setfor dissolution. Purpose: to engage in any lawful activity or act. Name and Business Address of Organizer is Adeline P. Malone, Esq., 7537 North

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Broadway, Red Hook, NY 12571.

WILD LEMONS 14, LLC Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed New York Sec. of State ("NYSS") 09/26/2022. Office loc. Dutchess County. NYSS designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. NYSS shall mail a copy of any process to c/o The LLC, 39 Hook Road, Rhinebeck, New York 12572. There is nospecificdate setfor dissolution. Purpose: to engage in any lawful activity or act. Name and Business Address of Organizer is Adeline P. Malone, Esq., 7537 North Broadway, Red Hook, NY 12571.

APS Consultancy LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 12/25/2023 Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served and shall mail process to 503 Hicks Hill Rd. Stanforville, NY 12581. General Purpose.

Moon's Gold Apiary LLC. Filed with SSNY on 2/6/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 393 Clinton Hollow Rd Salt Point NY 12578. Purpose: any lawful

53 Low Land Loop LLC. Filed with SSNY on 2/7/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 22 WarrenFarmRd Hopewell Junction NY 12533. Purpose: any lawful

MUSTANG BOOTS P U B L I S H I N G COMPANY LLC filed with SSNY on 02/12/2024. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Managing Member, 30 Toms Way, Staatsburg NY 12580. Purpose: Any lawful purposes

845 Cronomer Lake LLC. filed with the SSNY on 2/13/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to POBox 2009, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: Any lawful

Notice of Qualification of SR CLUB MEADOWS 28, LLC.

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Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 1/8/24. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/12/22. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is C T Corporation System, 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Kaizen Property Management LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/05/2023. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process maybe served. SSNY shall mail process to 221 Woodmont Rd Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of ROOM TONE SELECTS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/13/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Bianca Grimshaw, 210 Hobbs Ln., Clinton Corners, NY 12514. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Sherpa Bliss LLC. Articles of Org. filed with SSNY 01/24/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 10 crescent drive, Fishkill, 12524. Purpose: Any lawful

Bluebonnet LLC. Filed with SSNY on 2/13/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 30 Louise Terrace, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful

4 CLAY HILL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/17/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o The LLC, 39 Hook Road, Rhinebeck, New York 12572.

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the LLC, c/o Michael Stickle, 5178 Route 96, Tivoli, NY 12583. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Professor Scott, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/24/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom processagainstitmay be served. SSNY mail process to the LLC, 96 Fairview Ave. Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 Purpose: Any lawful.

Lil Thief LLC. Filed 2/3/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 211 Cottage St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Dapson-chestney Funeral Home, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 2/12/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 51 West Market St Rhinebeck NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful

Legacy Shores LLC. Filed with SSNY on 2/15/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 1208 Route 9g Hyde Park NY 12538. Purpose: any lawful

Notice of Form. of FINGERBANG ISLAND LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/05/2024. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 43 AUTUMN CHASE DRIVE, HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY 12533. Any lawful purpose.

Mountain View Events, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 02/12/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 1891 County Road 83, Pine Plains, NY 12567. Purpose: any lawful.

1 Route 8 LLC. Filed with SSNY on 02/20/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 57 Conklin Hill Road, Stanfordville, NY 12581. Purpose: any lawful.

Mid-Hudson Vision Therapy, LLC. Filed 2/13/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. As agent for process & shall mail to: 80 Washington St., Suite L03, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Law.

Notice of Formation: Sewer Scope & Drain Cleaning, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 02/09/24 Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be

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Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: TWO CROSS STREET LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 15, 2024. Office location: Dutchess County, NY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom processagainstitmay be served. The LLC address to which SSNY shall mail process is 4 Cross Street, Beacon, New York 12508. Purpose: any lawful.

Lil Thief LLC. Filed 2/3/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 211 Cottage St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful.

MOD BURGER LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 2/22/24. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY design. as agent for process & shall mail to 29 Thunder rd Hopewell Jct Ny 12533. Purpose: any lawful

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: Beechwood Rental Property LLC, hereinafter "LLC". Registration filing date with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) was February 14, 2024. 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 agents, Trang Le and Mai Ho, 33 Styvestadt Drive, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Purpose: Any lawful

WEDLUXE BRIDAL LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/7/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 20 Spruce Ct, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: any lawful act.

W A L K E R ARCHITECTURE PLLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/22/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 43 AUTUMN CHASE DRIVE, HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY 12533. Any lawful purpose.

Mountain View Events, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 02/12/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 1891 County Road 83, Pine Plains, NY 12567. Purpose: Architecture.

SULTZER AND LIPARI, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/22/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom processagainstitmay be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 85 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 200, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

ANGELA G. CARR Phd LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/21/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be

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whom process against may be served. SSNY should mail process to, United States Corp Agent, 7014 13th Ave, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228 Any lawful purpose.

The Gyst with Carrie, LLC filed on 11/30/23 office Dutchess County SSNY design. as agent for process & shall mail to: 73 Roundhill Rd Hopewell Jct NY 12533 Purpose: any lawful

Forest Glen Construction & Consulting , LLC filed on 1/28/24 . Office Dutchess Co SSNY design. as agent for process & shall mail to 29 Thunder rd Hopewell Jct Ny 12533. Purpose: any lawful

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: Beechwood Rental Property LLC, hereinafter "LLC". Registration filing date with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) was February 14, 2024. Principal office location is Dutchess County, New York. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 363 Secor Ln Hopewell Junction NY 12533. Purpose: any lawful

Ribeiro's Constructions LLC. Filed with SSNY on 2/20/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 363 Secor Ln Hopewell Junction NY 12533. Purpose: any lawful

Notice ofFormation of Empire State \$teals LLC. Art. of Org. filed with NY Sec. State (SSNY) 01/14/2024. Office located in Dutchess County. SSNY is agent for process service and is to mail process to Jack Young, 827 NY-82, Suite 10-108, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: any lawful actor activity.

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: Styvestadt Property LLC, hereinafter "LLC". Registration filing date with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) was February 14, 2024. Principal office location is Dutchess County, New York. SSNY designated as agent of the 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 agents, Trang Le and Mai Ho, 33 Styvestadt Drive, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Purpose: any lawful

1189 Holdings LLC. Filed with SSNY on 2/19/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 23 South Creek Rd Staatsburg NY 12580. Purpose: any lawful

JAIME FLOORING AND REMODELING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/28/21. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the 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 agents, Trang Le and Mai Ho, 33 Styvestadt Drive, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Purpose: any lawful

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## New exhibition highlights career of American photographer Rosalie Thorne McKenna

Vassar College's Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center presents "Making A Life In Photography: Rollie McKenna," the first survey of the prolific career of American photographer Rosalie (Rollie) Thorne McKenna, on view through June 2.

McKenna, Vassar Class of 1940, worked independently as a sought-after architectural and portrait photographer, making unique yet underrecognized contributions to American modernism and documentary photography. McKenna's work was published in numerous books and magazines. The Museum of Modern Art's 1955 landmark exhibition Latin American Modernism Since 1945 featured her architectural photographs. She made iconic portraits of artists and writers, including W. H. Auden, Elizabeth Bishop, Alexander Calder, Truman Capote, T. S. Eliot, Laura Gilpin, Henry Moore, Sylvia Plath, Ezra Pound, Anne Sexton, Dylan Thomas, and Eudora Welty. Using her camera, McKenna forged an unusual path for a woman in mid-twentieth-century America toward personal and creative freedom. She embraced photography to explore the complexities of human experience—including her own queer and feminist life.

"Making a Life in Photography" offers a new thematic frame to consider the significance of McKenna's contributions to photography: Her career as an independent, working photographer enabled her to make an independent life; and in turn, her self-

determination motivated her to pursue photography. In reference to the framework of the exhibition, Mary-Kay Lombino, Deputy Director and Emily Hargroves Fisher '57 and Richard B. Fisher Curator at the Loeb, says, "We emphasize McKenna's entrepreneurship and work outside of the darkroom to demonstrate, especially to an audience of undergraduate students thinking about making their own way in the world, that artists are not simply born into creativity, but rather, they make careers as creative professionals."

McKenna's rich history of self-determination and spirit goes beyond her photography: As the US entered World War II, she enlisted in Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service (WAVES), becoming the first woman to attain the rank of sharpshooter in the U.S. Navy and receiving the Navy Expert Pistol Shot Medal in 1943. During her brief and only marriage, McKenna returned to Vassar in 1948 and 1949 to pursue a master's degree in the history of art, with special dispensation secured by professor of art history Agnes Rindge Claflin under the GI Bill.

The exhibition, presented thematically in four galleries, features over 100 gelatin silver prints made during the artist's lifetime, drawn primarily from the Loeb's collection with the addition of several key loans. Exhibition themes include People & Places, McKenna's Modernism, Life & Photography, and McKenna at Work, while other issues such as artistic legacy, the complexities of privilege, and accepted conven-

tions of both womanhood and photographic genre are addressed. "This career retrospective of McKenna, who is the most represented individual photographer in the Loeb's collection, highlights her work as emblematic not only of the Loeb, but as part of her history with Vassar College," said T. Barton Thurber, the Anne Hendricks Bass Director of the Loeb Art Center.

Complementing the exhibition in the Loeb, a satellite exhibition, "Rollie McKenna's Photography: In Print and at Vassar," featuring McKenna's photographs published in books and magazines and photos taken for and of Vassar, will be shown in the Thompson Library. The Library's Archives and Special Collections houses archival documents and work prints that relate to McKenna's time on campus as a student and later as a frequent visiting photographer covering student life, campus architecture, special events, and faculty personalities. Among the work is a 1955 story from Seventeen magazine, "Anne Goes to Vassar," written and photographed by McKenna, which chronicles the story of Anne Breukelman, class of 1958, during her first days at Vassar. The Library exhibition is located on the first floor, just beyond the main entrance and circulation desk, on view through June 2.

The Loeb exhibition is also accompanied by a fully illustrated catalog, co-published by Vassar College and Scala Arts Publishers, including contributions by Jessica D. Brier, Mary-Kay Lombino, Rebecca Senf, T.

Barton Thurber, and Luisa Valle.

"Making a Life in Photography: Rollie McKenna" is generously supported by the Rosalie Thorne McKenna Foundation and the Hoene Hoy Photography Fund.

### Thursday, March 21

5:30 p.m.  
Cyberfeminist Performance + Praxis  
Taylor Hall, Room 203

In this two-part lecture by Mindy Seu and Celine Wong Katzman,

Seu will do a performative reading of the "Cyberfeminism Index" followed by Wong Katzman's introduction to building intersectional feminist, archival, and curatorial frameworks in the contemporary art world.

Co-sponsored by the Vassar Art Department and the Loeb Art Center.

### Thursday, April 4

5 p.m.  
Gallery talk on "Making a Life in Photography: Rollie McKenna"  
Loeb Art Center Galleries

Exhibition curators Jessica D. Brier and Mary-Kay Lombino, joined by Loeb Director T. Barton Thurber and Visiting Assistant Professor of Art Luisa Valle, will lead an exhibition tour focusing on highlights from McKenna's prolific career.

The Art Center is also accessible via the Dutchess County Public Transit, Bus Route L. For additional information, the public may call 845-437-5632 or visit <https://www.vassar.edu/thelob>.

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Notice of Formation of Black Oak Stables LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 2/19/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is CT Corporation System, 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Qualification of Wireless Edge Towers III, LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 2/22/24. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/2/24. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St. Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is CT Corporation System, 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful activity.

POLYMER FOCUSED MANUFACTURING & TECHNOLOGY LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/24/2024. 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: The LLC, 135 Deer Run Rd, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful act.

KENNY PROPERTY SOLUTIONS, LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/26/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 72 Glen Ridge Rd, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful act.

DION PROPERTIES 2 LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/12/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 80 Vineyard Ave, Highland, NY 12528. Purpose: any lawful act.

GRIME TIME COMMERCIAL CLEANERS LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 02/20/2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 12 Hillside Ave, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Janitorial.

Notice of Formation of S K and Son Jewelry, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/20/2024. Office location: 135 13th Avenue, Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY, 11228. Purpose: any

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2/26/2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Shameen Khan, 7 Kimlin Ct, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

NEW ORIGINS DEVELOPMENTS LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 2/19/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 13 Spy Glass Hill, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. General Purpose

Formation of CAPTAIN ANDREW R. BEAIRD, LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/26/2024. Office loc.: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Andrew Beaird, 25 Thomas Rd., Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Open Road Tutoring and Advocacy LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/09/24. Office location:

Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process maybe served. SSNY shall mail process to United States Corporation Agents, Inc. at 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY, 11228. Purpose: Janitorial.

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Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: JF Dutches Properties, LLC, hereinafter "LLC". Registration filing date with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) was February 16, 2024. 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, Joseph Fuscaldo, 155 Davis Road, Salt Point, New York 12578. Purpose: any lawful actor activity.

Notice of Formation of SPRUCE RIDGE 49, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 2/29/2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy to 10 Monell Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful activity.

I AM CREATED, LLC, filed articles of organization with the NY Secretary of State on 12/29/2023. Office:

Dutchess County. NY Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Joy Hampson at 503 Popula Boulevard, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of Notary Prince, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/18/2022. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Spiegel & Utrera, P.A., P.C. 1 Maiden Lane, 5th Floor, New York, New York 10038. Purpose: any lawful actor activity.

Notice of formation of SWEATEQUITY LLC (the "LLC"). Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on February 29, 2024. Office Location:

Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy to Scott Ricci, 9 Knoll Court, Fishkill, NY 12524.

Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Notice of Formation of Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on . Office Location: . SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: . Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 01/26/24. Princ. office of LLC: 30 Bangall Rd, Millbrook, NY 12545. 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. DEaddr.of LLC: 251 Little Falls Dr, Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Investment real estate.

Notice of Formation of O and E Ricci, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/29/2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy to Scott Ricci, 9 Knoll Court, Fishkill, NY 12524.

Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Notice of Formation of Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on . Office Location: . SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: . Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of 4608 RT 199 LLC (hereinafter the Company) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on February 23, 2024. 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 10 Clark Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. The purpose of the Company shall be to conduct any lawful business or activity whatsoever, as permitted by applicable law.

Notice of Formation of Raines & Eckert, LLC Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/18/2023. Office location: Dutchess County. Julie Raines is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served at 9 Edna Drive, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: program evaluation.

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Who needs blood?

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Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court Of The State Of New York County Of Dutchess Action to Foreclose a Mortgage Index #: 2017-50207 CIT Bank, N.A. Plaintiff, vs Walter Biscardi, Jr., United States Of America Acting Through The Secretary Of Housing And Urban Development, Teri Jo Fullmer As Heir To The Estate Of John Natoli, Who Was Surviving Spouse Of Josephine Natoli, Pamela J Byleckie As Heir To The Estate Of John Natoli, Who Was Surviving Spouse Of Josephine Natoli, Kelli A Natoli As Heir To The Estate Of John Natoli, Who Was Surviving Spouse Of Josephine Natoli, David John Natoli As Heir To The Estate Of John Natoli, Who Was Surviving Spouse Of Josephine Natoli, Unknown Heirs Of John Natoli If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America On Behalf Of The IRS "John Doe #1" through "John Doe #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the Subject Property described in the Complaint, Defendant(s). Mortgaged Premises: 16 BETHLEHEM PLACE POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12603

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To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Dutchess. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Unknown Heirs of John Natoli Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Maria G. Rosa of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Seventh day of February, 2024 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Dutchess, in the City of Poughkeepsie. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, dated December 15, 2005, executed by John Natoli and Josephine Natoli (who died on March 5, 2014, a resident of the county of Dutchess, State of New York) to secure the sum of \$406,125.00. The Mortgage was recorded at Instrument Number 012006 324 in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk on January 7, 2006. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed December 15, 2005 and recorded on January 7, 2006, in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk at Instrument Number 012006 57A. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed January 20, 2010 and recorded on February 5, 2010, in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk at Instrument Number 01 2010 286A. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed November 12, 2015 and

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recorded on January 11, 2016, in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk at Instrument Number 012016 45A. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed October 29, 2020 and recorded on November 6, 2020, in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk at Instrument Number 01-2020-51449A; The property in question is described as follows: 16 BETHLEHEM PLACE, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12603 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: February 12, 2024 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 79679

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHES INDEX NO. 2021-8006 Plaintiff designates DUTCHES as the place of trial situs of the real property  
**SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS**  
**Mortgaged Premises:**  
 27 NATHAN HALE DR, STORMVILLE, NY 12582  
**Section:** 6655,  
**Block:** 1,  
**Lot:** 339544  
 WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2005

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SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC 2005-HE1, Plaintiff, vs. JONATHAN BAKMEZIAN, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE TO THE ESTATE OF GLORIA BAKMEZIAN; JEANNETTE MARTINEZ, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE TO THE ESTATE OF GLORIA BAKMEZIAN; JACK R. BAKMEZIAN, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE TO THE ESTATE OF GLORIA BAKMEZIAN; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES TO THE ESTATE OF GLORIA BAKMEZIAN, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; CAPITAL ONE BANK; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR WMC MORTGAGE CORPORATION; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, "JOHN DOES" AND "JANE DOES", SAID NAMES BEING FICTITIOUS, PARTIES INTENDED BEING POSSIBLE TENANTS OR OCCUPANTS OF PREMISES, AND CORPORATIONS, OTHER ENTITIES OR PERSONS WHO CLAIM, OR MAY CLAIM, A LIEN AGAINST THE PREMISES, Defendants.  
 To the above named Defendants  
 YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the

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Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

**NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT**  
**THE OBJECT** of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$290,000.00 and interest, recorded on April 07, 2010, in Document Number 01-2010-3076, of the Public Records of DUTCHES County, New York, covering premises known as 27 NATHAN HALE DR, STORMVILLE, NY 12582.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

**DUTCHES** County is designated as the place of trial because the real

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**property affected by this action is located in said county.**  
**NOTICE**  
**YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME**  
 If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action.

**YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.**

Dated:  
 February 9th, 2024  
 R O B E R T S O N ,  
 A N S C H U T Z ,  
 SCHNEID, CRANE &  
 PARTNERS, PLLC  
 Attorney for Plaintiff  
 Orit Avraham, Esq.  
 900 Merchants  
 Concourse, Suite 310  
 Westbury, NY 11590  
 516-280-7675

**BID NOTICE**  
 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THE Milan Town Board seeks sealed bids for a single story addition to the Milan Town Hall. Said bids shall be returnable to the Milan Town Clerk no later than 11:00am,

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Monday, March 25, 2024 at 11:00am. Bids shall be opened at a special town board meeting on Monday, March 25, 2024 at 11:00 am. Bids must be submitted on the bid forms provided (Section 00300). The Town Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. By order of the Milan Town Board Catherine Gill, Town Clerk

**NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA**  
 (Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law)  
**Notice is Given** that Assessment Inventory and Valuation Data is available for examination and review. This Data is the information which will be used to establish the assessment of each parcel which will appear on the tentative assessment role of the Town of East Fishkill which will be filed on or before May 1, 2024. This information may be reviewed, by appointment, at the Assessor's Office at the East Fishkill Town Hall 330 Route 376, anytime after March 1, 2024, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. To set up an appointment to review the assessment information, please call Kathleen Martin, Assessor, at 845-226-6353. Date: March 1, 2024 Kathleen A. Martin, Assessor

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**Town of Pleasant Valley, NY**

Subject  
 Date RFP released  
 Services required  
 Location of service  
 How to submit a proposal  
 Contact for questions  
 NOTES:  
 \* The Town will select a contractor in accordance with applicable law and policies. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.  
 \* Before work proceeds, a contract will be negotiated. Contract terms may include, but are not limited to, insurance requirements, limitation on subcontracting, compliance with Labor Law and other applicable statutes, non-discrimination, indemnity, and conflict of interest provisions. Please inquire with any questions.  
 \* Proposals are considered firm offers that may be accepted within 60 days of receipt.

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The information May be Reviewed, by Appointment, in the Assessor's Office at Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan, New York.

To Set up an Appointment to Review the Assessment Information, please call the office at 845-758-5133 ext. 4.

Dated 1st day of March, 2024  
 Elizabeth Burns,  
 Assessor Chair

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE**

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-18-24 Part 820 OASAS Stabilization and Rehabilitation Beds

Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 1st day of April 2024 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

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

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, the Town of Wappinger Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the **12th day of March, 2024** at 7:00

p.m. at the Town Hall of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger Falls, NY pursuant to Section 240-37 of the Zoning Law of the Town of Wappinger to consider the following area variance:  
**Appeal No.: 24-7814**

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**Dominick Quiton:** Seeking an area variance Section 240-37 of District Regulations in an R-40 Zoning District.

-Where **25 feet** to the side yard property line is required, the applicant can provide **15'8"** for a new addition, thus requesting a variance of **9'4"**. The property is located at **39 Vandewater Drive** on .88 acres and is identified as **Tax Grid No.: 6259-04-796275** in the Town of Wappinger

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

Signed:  
 Peter Galotti,  
 Chairman  
 Zoning Board of Appeals  
 Town of Wappinger  
 February 20, 2024

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**Appeal No.: 24-7815**

**(Area Variance)**  
**Dara Gray (Estate):** Seeking an area variance Section 240-37 of District Regulations in an R-20 Zoning District.

-Where **40 feet** to the rear yard property line is required, the applicant can provide **22.6 feet** for the legalization of a 9.1' x 22.2' shed, thus requesting a variance of **17.4 feet**.

The property is located at **811 Wheeler Hill Road** on .80 acre and is identified as **Tax Grid No.: 6057-04-681095** in the Town of Wappinger.

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

Signed:  
 Peter Galotti,  
 Chairman  
 Zoning Board of Appeals  
 Town of Wappinger  
 February 20, 2024

Rombout Rural Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, March 12th at 7:30 pm at the Trinity Church Parish House

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at 5 Elm St, Fishkill, NY 12524. Association members and interested parties are welcome to attend.

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**TOWN OF WAPPINGER NOTICE OF HEARING**

A LOCAL LAW REGULATING FOR AN INTERIM PERIOD, THE RECEIPT, PROCESSING, AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR SUBDIVISIONS GREATER THAN THREE LOTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

WITHIN THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that there has been introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Wappinger, New York, on February 29, 2024 a local law entitled, "A Local Law Regulating For An Interim Period, The Receipt, Processing And Approval Of Applications For Subdivisions Greater Than Three Lots And Applications For Multi-Family Residential Development Within The Town Of Wappinger" ("Interim Development Law") which will, for a period of eighteen (18) months, prohibit the receipt, processing and approval of applications for residential subdivisions greater than three lots and applications for multi-family housing for an interim period while the Town Board reviews its existing comprehensive plan for amendments, updates, and revisions, and potential revisions to the zoning code related thereto.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, the Town

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Board of the Town of Wappinger, New York will hold a public hearing on the aforesaid Interim Development Law at Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger, New York, on March 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the evening of that day at which time all persons interested therein shall be heard. The Town Board will make every effort to assure that the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Town Clerk.

Dated:  
 February 29, 2024  
 BY ORDER OF THE  
 TOWN BOARD OF  
 THE TOWN OF  
 WAPPINGER  
 JOSEPH P.  
 PAOLONI, TOWN  
 CLERK

**SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS**

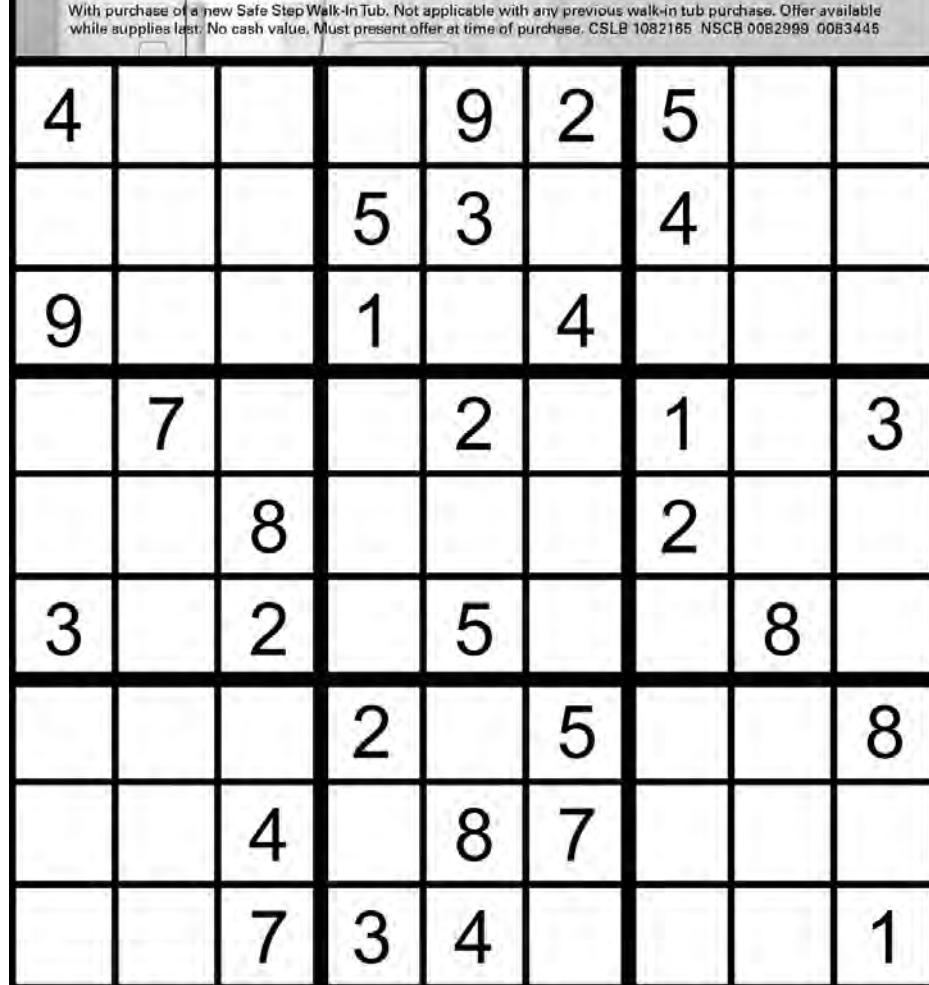
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK-COUNTY OF DUTCHESS WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR CASCADE FUNDING MORTGAGE TRUST AB2, Plaintiff, -against- MARK E. CHURTON AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF SUSANNA M. 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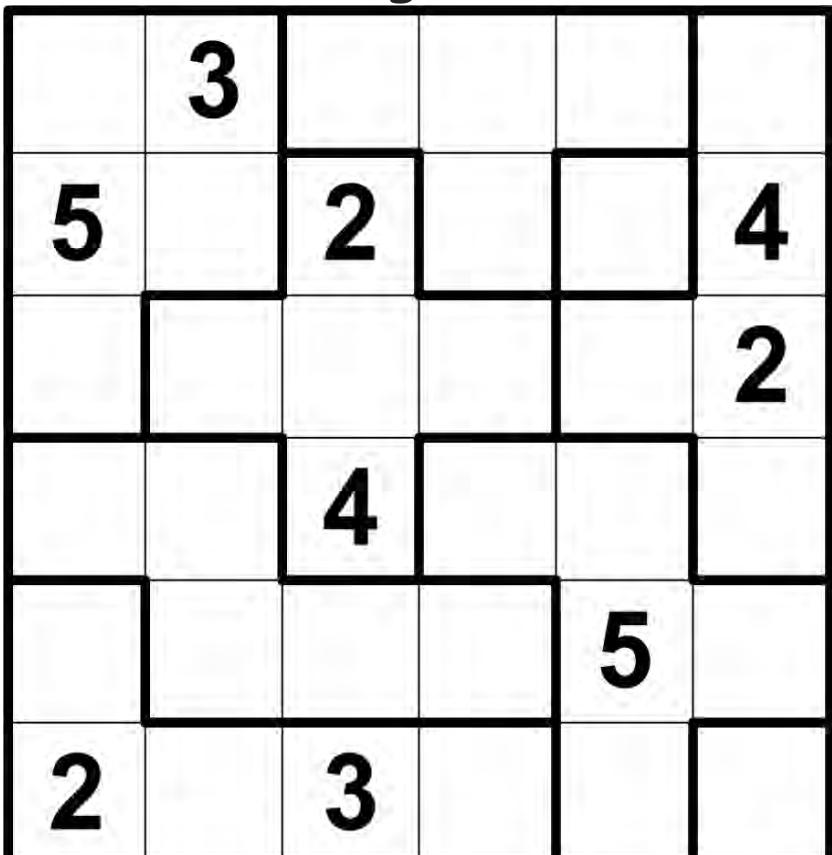
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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

## Suguru



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

## THEME: THE OSCARS

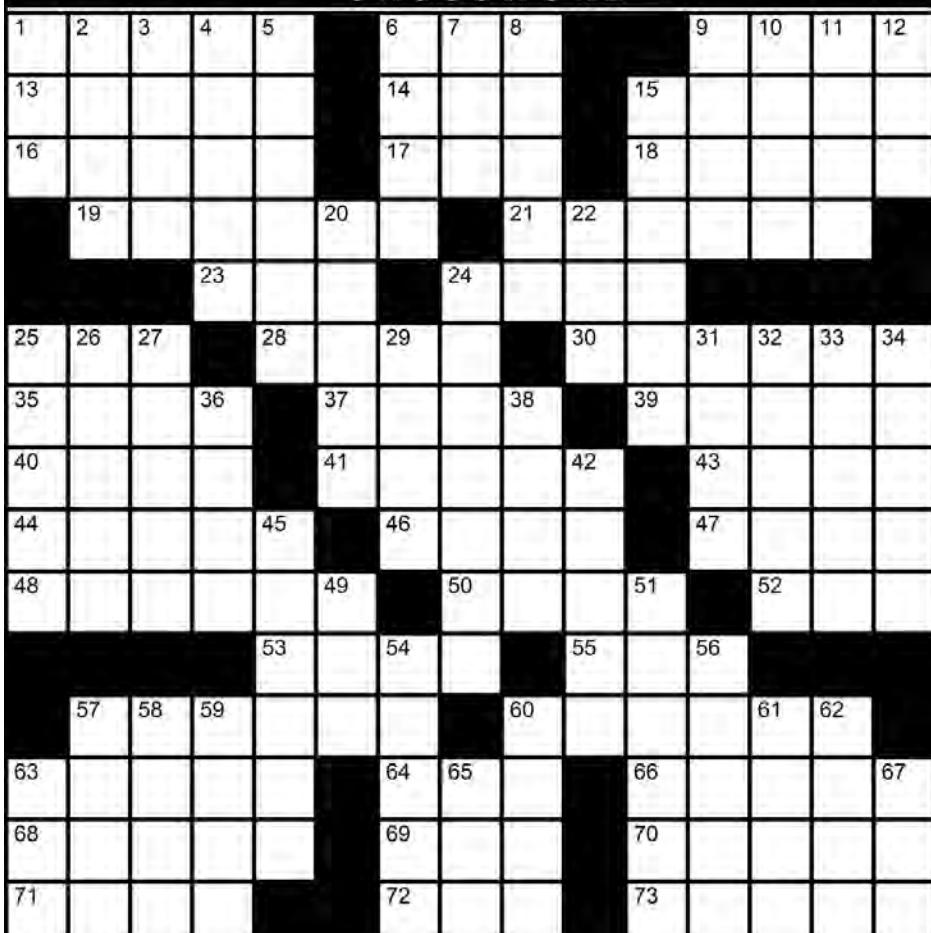
### ACROSS

- Anti-seniors sentiment
- \_\_\_\_ Pérignon, Champagne
- Big Bang's original matter
- Prefix for earliest
- Call to Maria
- Bob and \_\_\_\_
- "Peter, Peter Pumpkin \_\_\_\_"
- "Le \_\_\_\_ des cygnes"
- Like yesteryear
- \*Greta Gerwig's Oscar nominated movie
- \*He's nominated for playing Leonard Bernstein
- Nothing
- White \_\_\_\_ shopping event
- Federal food safety agency, acr.
- It ran away with the spoon
- ROTC happenings
- Figure skating jump
- Grad
- Arrogant one
- Archaic preposition
- Passé
- Scrubbed
- Sugarcoating
- Money in Mexico City
- What DJs do
- Trickery
- Swerves
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- \*Typical number of nominations in one Oscar category
- Emergency responder, acr.
- \*\*Nyad" nominee
- \*What kind of moon?
- "Finnegan's Wake" author
- Mother load offering
- Java cotton tree
- Artemis' companion
- Fat of olives
- \*What actors do
- Spinner's product
- Wisecrack
- Like Phoenix

### DOWN

- Cornelius of the movies
- Snap up
- 'I' in Greek alphabet
- Howard of radio fame
- Death-related
- One of the Earnhardts
- Spermatozoa counterparts
- Muhammad's birthplace
- Review service, with .com
- Use a ladle
- At any time
- \*\*No Country for Old \_\_\_\_" multi-Oscar winner
- Suitors
- Trojan War story
- "Just an \_\_\_\_-fashioned love song"
- Slumber
- Fl., as in fl. oz.
- "A Confederacy of \_\_\_\_," sing.
- Place above a ceiling
- Dueler's strike
- Overnight lodgings
- Shoelace bunny ears
- Divine saying
- \*Producer and star of "Poor Things"
- \*\*The \_\_\_\_ of Interest"
- Table hill
- Wooden pin
- \*Like nominated ones
- Love-love, e.g.
- Meat-cooking contraption
- Roaring of an engine
- Hindu religious teacher
- Forum, pl.
- Deed hearing
- Medical diagnostic test
- Abe Lincoln's hat material
- #20 Down, e.g.
- Traditional learning method
- \*Da'Vine \_\_\_\_ Randolph
- Orinoco or Grande
- \*Ryan Gosling's character

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The solutions to the Sudoku, Crossword puzzle and Suguru can be found on the next page 15.

## West Point Band, Westchester Symphonic Winds concerts on March 9, 16

The West Point Band will join the Westchester Symphonic Winds (WSW) for a milestone event as they join forces for a collaborative concert featuring both groups performing individually and in a combined ensemble. To better serve communities on both sides of the Hudson River, the groups are performing the program twice during the month of March. The West Point Band hosts the first performance on March 9 at 2 p.m. at Eisenhower Hall Theatre at West Point. Westchester Symphonic Winds hosts the second performance on March 16 at 2 p.m. at White Plains High School.

With past WSW performances showcasing individual members of the West Point Band as soloists, the collaborative concerts this March are a greatly anticipated first for WSW. Curt Ebersole, WSW's Music Director and Conductor, shared, "This unique opportunity, to play alongside the esteemed and storied West Point Band on the stage at Eisenhower Hall Theatre, is truly a treasure for our members. We're looking forward to sharing this special musical celebration!"

The concert program includes works spanning three centuries by nine American composers and one Australian composer, Percy Grainger, who resided in White Plains for forty years and gained American citizenship as a bandsman in the United States Army. As part of the West Point Band's 2024 Winter Concert Series the collaborative concerts are free and open to all. Tickets are not required.

Now in its 36th season, WSW is an adult community-based wind and percussion ensemble of 60 musicians from



**The West Point Band and Westchester Symphonic Winds will perform in concert on March 9, 16 at West Point and White Plains, Westchester County.**

-Courtesy photo

Westchester County and the tri-state metropolitan area. The ensemble is in residence at Tarrytown Music Hall in Tarrytown, New York and marks its tenth annual Independence Day performance at the Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts in Katonah, New York this July.

For additional information on the collaborative concerts and a full schedule of the West Point Band's 2024 Winter Concert series, visit <https://westpoint-band.com/winterconcertseries.html>. To learn more about WSW and view the 2023-2024 season brochure, visit [www.westchestersymphonicwinds.org](http://www.westchestersymphonicwinds.org).

## NDSO presents Children's Concert 'Use Your Imagination' on March 12

Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra (NDSO) will present its' children's concert, "Use Your Imagination," scheduled for March 12. This event will take place at the Marriott Pavilion, hosted by the Culinary Institute of America, offering an immersive multimedia experience for students from the Hyde Park, Spackenkill, Red Hook, and Rhinebeck school districts.

Students will have the opportunity to hear the orchestra perform Britten's "Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra," familiar favorites from "Star Wars" and enjoy their art work projected over the orchestra while listening to "Night on Bald Mountain." The concert will be a multimedia presentation including video and narration in addition to the orchestra performance. The program is made possible through the collaboration and donations of the Culinary Institute of America and the Marriott Pavilion.

Performing a movement from a Mozart concerto, the soloist for this concert is oboist Ella Xu. Originally from Poughkeepsie, 12-year-old Ella now resides in New York City. Her recent awards include the Grand Prize in the Philadelphia International Music Festival Virtual Concerto Competition, the Grand Prize in the North International Music Competition (Sweden), alongside 1st Prizes in the Music International Grand Prix Competition, the Grand Prize Virtuoso International Music Competition (Paris), the AAMS Woodwind Competition, and the Silver



**Oboist Ella Xu, originally from Poughkeepsie, will perform a movement from a Mozart concerto during the Northern Dutchess Symphony Children's Concert on March 12.**

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Medal in the Vienna International Music Competition.

Note that tickets for this performance are limited to participating school districts and are not available to the general public.

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## Fishkill seniors can sign up for Jersey Dreamers trip

Town of Fishkill has a great trip for seniors to Hanover Manor to see the Jersey Dreamers perform. The trip includes a complete luncheon and entertainment.

Call the Fishkill Rec Center at 845-

831-3371 and ask for Maryann. There are a limited number of seats available.

The Fishkill Senior Center is a very active group with exercise classes, pickleball, walking club, book club, luncheons and trips to name a few.

## Free meditation program at the East Fishkill library on March 12

A free program on Meditation with Rev. Susan Olin-Dabrowski, BS, CHt Certified Consulting Hypnotist & Reiki Master Teacher, will be held on Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m. First timers and experienced meditators are welcome! The free meditation workshop is offered each month on the second Tuesday of the

month at the East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376, in East Fishkill. This program is also offered online through Zoom.

Spots are limited to 20 participants. Register online through the web calendar at <http://www.EFLibrary.org> or call the library at 845-221-9943.

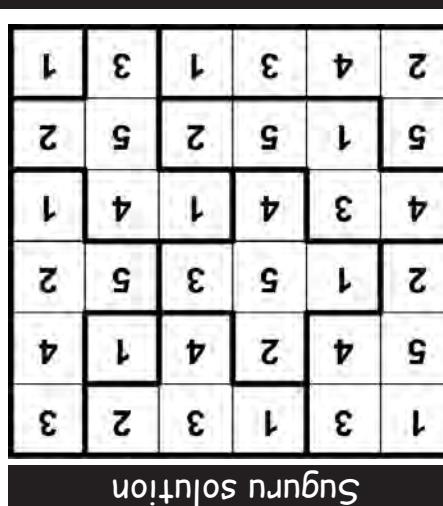
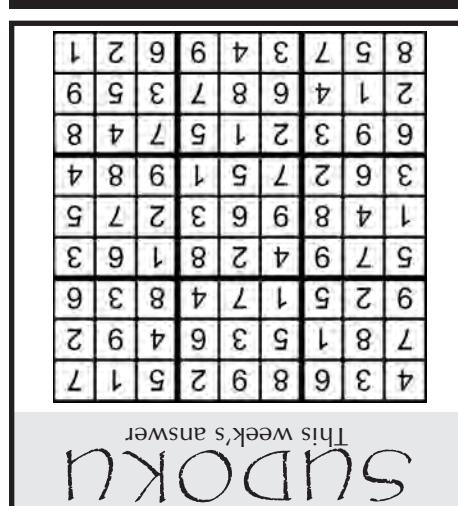
### Opening reception for Scott Garrity Art Exhibit

At the age of 20, a month after starting his second year of college, Scott Garrity suffered a disabling brain hemorrhage and then a stroke. His parents were told he would probably never walk and talk again. After a month in the hospital, Scott was sent to live at a rehabilitation center in upstate New York. At the center Scott started using his non-dominant hand to create art. The process of art making woke up the left side of his body. In the years since his stroke, Scott has taken classes in drawing, watercolor, acrylic, oil and photography. Garrity stated, "Art has given me a purpose in life. The completely unexpected challenge of the need to recover from a disabling stroke was the means to discover my passion in life."

The exhibit will run through March 31 at Grinnell Library, 2642 East Main St., in Wappingers Falls. There will be an opening reception on March 9 at 1 p.m.

For more information, go to <https://grinnell-library.org>.

## this week's puzzle solutions



# Dreary weather fails to dampen festive atmosphere of 29th annual Dutchess County St. Patrick's Day Parade



The 29th Annual Dutchess County St. Patrick's Day Parade took place on Saturday, March 2. The 1 p.m. step off took place on a rainy day in the Village of Wappingers Falls.

Clockwise from top left: Attendees line the route holding umbrellas and wearing rain gear on the dreary day.

A drummer from the Hudson Valley Regional Police Pipes and Drums brings the sounds of Irish music to the parade.

Members of the Kevin Barry Irish Club in Poughkeepsie walk the parade route. The parade was started by a member of the Wappingers Falls Police Department. 2024 Grand Marshal Andrew O'Grady, CEO of Mental Health America of Dutchess County smiles and waves to paradegoers.

The American flag was carried by the Honor Guard from the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office.

-Photos by Kristine Coulter



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## Easter Bake Sale set for March 23

St. Gregory's Orthodox Church (corner of 1500 Rte. 376 and Vandewater Dr.), Wappingers Falls, will hold its annual Easter bake sale Saturday, March 23, 9

a.m. - 1 p.m. The sale will feature home-made pirogi, poppy seed rolls, nut rolls, Easter babka, as well as an assortment of other baked goods and desserts.