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Parade to highlight 20 years of celebrating the sugar maple

Annual event set for March 22 at Sharpe Reservation in Fishkill



The annual Sugar Maple Celebration will be held at The Fresh Air Fund's Sharpe Reservation in Fishkill on March 22.

Left: Ranger J. Pries, Smokey Bear and the "Maple Fairy" (Jane Raush) during a previous Sugar Maple Celebration.

Above: Fire in the evaporator.

-Courtesy photos

By Kristine Coulter

The 20th annual Sugar Maple Celebration will be held at The Fresh Air Fund's Sharpe Reservation on Saturday, March 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Fishkill. The celebration features Sharpe's educational sugar maple operation. Admission is free. Lunch will be available for purchase. This is the one time the local community can come and experience the natural surroundings of the more than 2,000 acres at Sharpe, 436 Van

Wyck Lake Rd., in Fishkill.

Honoring the 2 decades of the Sugar Maple Celebration there will be a special parade this year.

"We will celebrate by adding a parade starting at the sugar shack and going up to the main camp to the annual maple syrup judging contest on the main stage. Kids and families will be able to join the parade with crowns and wands made in the nature center," said Tim Stanley, the director of

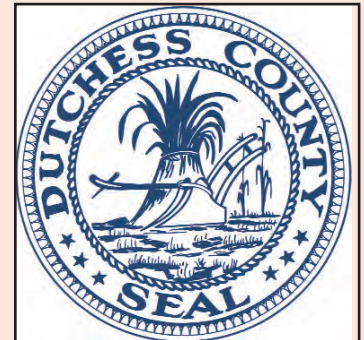
Sharpe Reservation.

Some of the activities during the day will be:

- Maple Sugaring Demos
- Nature Discovery Center
- Planetarium Show
- Live Animal Show
- Local Crafts and Food Market
- Annual Maple Syrup Judging Contest
- Food Trucks

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County officials monitoring reports on federal funds



Dutchess County officials are monitoring the situation regarding federal funding.

-Courtesy image DC Gov't

By Curtis Schmidt

Concern over proposed cuts in federal spending by the current presidential administration - and the uncertainty surrounding that issue - has many individuals worried about impacts on county governments and programs therein that receive federal funding.

With those thoughts in mind, we decided to take an educational look at the 2025 Dutchess County budget with the help of Budget Director Jessica White. She is quick to point out (as of 3-14-25) "To date, we have not been notified of any federal reductions that would impact our funding. We are monitoring reports and guidance from our State agencies, the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC), and the National Association of Counties about any possible funding changes."

White noted that federal funding supports just over \$51 million in programs, services and administration in the Dutchess County 2025 operating budget.

Shed added that "through conservative fiscal management and spending constraint, Dutchess County has a strong financial foundation, including a healthy fund balance. Should it be necessary, our fund balance will help us absorb any unexpected changes, while providing us time to carefully analyze the specific impacts and make necessary adjustments."

White did note that the County operating budget does also have significant state funding - and federal changes could lead to decisions at the State level that are costly to the County, such as Medicaid payments. She added, "But that is a much longer discussion."

County Executive Sue Serino said, "Despite recent uncertainty, we are confident Dutchess County's strong financial position will help us weather any unexpected changes. We are grateful to our County departments for their dedication to continuing to provide the programs and services that our residents rely on, and to our Budget Office team for closely monitoring this evolving situation."

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DC Health Commissioner advises residents to 'take seriously' measles virus

Measles cases are on the rise in the United States, including cases confirmed in New York State. While there have been no reported measles cases in Dutchess County, the Dutchess County Department of Health (DCDOH) urges all residents to have the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination, as it the best-known way to stop the spread of measles.

Dutchess County Health Commissioner Dr. Livia Santiago-Rosado said, "It is very important that all residents take this seriously as the measles virus is very contagious and spreads quickly. Already this year, the number of nationwide measles cases has surpassed the total for all of 2024. I encourage all residents to consider vaccination for measles and other respiratory viruses, as it is the most effective way to stop individuals from contracting and spreading these viruses. Together, we can help safeguard the well-being of our loved ones and local community members."

Measles is a very contagious respiratory virus. An individual can catch the disease by breathing in the virus or touching an infected surface and then touching the eyes, nose, or mouth; the virus can live on surfaces for up to two hours. Up to 90 percent of non-immunized people who are in close proximity to a person with measles will be infected. Among unvaccinated people who contract measles, 1 in 20 will develop pneumonia, 1 in 5 require hospitalization. Individuals who received measles vaccination between 1957 and 1967, and anyone born in 1968 or later who has not received a measles attenuated virus vaccine may be susceptible. Others who are vaccinated do not need to take further action at this time.

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County residents are advised by the County Health Department to take the measles virus seriously. There are no known cases in Dutchess County as of press time.

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Approximately 175 trees have been tapped this year, said Stanley.

"We have had a three-week run of sap starting in late February. Maple season has a short window of opportunity when the temperatures at night drop below freezing, and daytime temperatures rise above freezing. We currently have lots of sap, and are bottling syrup daily. This season looks to be better than last year," noted Stanley.

According to the Governor's Office, "New York State continues to rank second in the nation in maple production, and in 2024, maple production increased to 846,000 gallons, up nearly 100,000 gallons of maple syrup from the 2023 season."

"We tap 40 black walnut trees that we make black walnut syrup from. It is boiled in small batches like maple syrup and a truly unique specialty syrup. We typically only make 4-5 gallons of syrup in season. The oxen pull our buckets and equipment through the forest as we tap the trees in mid-February," explained Stanley.

"Maple Month is officially underway, offering New Yorkers from every corner of the State the chance to support the

hardworking producers of this sweet agricultural crop," Governor Kathy Hochul said in a statement on March 10. "New York State has a long history with this delicious crop, and continues to be home to a thriving community of maple producers making some of the most delicious and innovative maple products in the world. I encourage all New Yorkers to participate in Maple Weekends to sample some of the world-class items that New York's maple community has to offer."

What feedback was received after last year's Celebration? Stanley replied, "Last year it rained all day long. Everyone who attended enjoyed the day, but everyone wishes for better weather this year. It is March, so the weather on the day of the event is anybody's guess. People love the event and as we have seen, even come out in the worst weather."

The staff and educators "love teaching" people about how maple syrup is made, Stanley remarked. "They love having people enjoy the outdoors and this is celebration of the end of sugar season and the beginning of spring," he said.

Stanley said the organizers "hope to see old and new friends as we celebrate another maple season!"

A list of Maple Weekend events is available by visiting mapleweekend.nysmaple.com.

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Above: Oxen, Titan and Thyme, pull equipment through the forest. Pictured with the animals are Andrew and Aliyah Stanley and Pat Farrell, left, putting buckets on black walnut trees.

Left: Andrew Stanley taps a tree.

Center: Andrew Stanley stands with Titan and Thyme.

-Courtesy photos from Sharpe Reservation

NYS enacts Burn Ban until May 14

As dry, windy conditions continue, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has issued a Burn Ban for Dutchess County as well as the lower Hudson Valley region. This is an extension of the agency's annual statewide ban on burning that took effect on March 16th. The burn ban is in effect now through May 14.

Since Sunday, March 9th, more than 10 brush fires have been reported, and contained, in Dutchess County. This extension of the DEC's annual ban, which has been March 16-May 14 annually since 2009, will help prevent wildfires and protect communities as increased conditions for the rapid spread of fires continue across the county and region.

The burn ban prohibits the starting of outdoor fires for purposes of brush and debris disposal, as well as uncontained campfires, and open fires used for cooking. Backyard fire pits and contained campfires less than three feet in height and four feet in length, width, or diameter are allowed, as are small, contained cooking fires.

According to the DEC, open burning is the "single greatest cause" of wildfires in New York.



There is a Burn Ban for Dutchess County and lower Hudson Valley now through May 14. The ban was enacted by the NYS DEC and took effect March 16.

-Courtesy image

For more information about the annual ban and tips about fire safety and prevention, visit DEC's FIREWISE New York webpage.

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Symptoms of measles virus include:

- Fever;
 - Cough;
 - Runny nose;
 - Eye irritation; and
 - A rash that usually starts in the head or neck and then spreads to the rest of the body.
- If you have signs or symptoms of measles, isolate yourself and contact your healthcare provider right away. To get your measles and other respiratory

vaccines, contact your healthcare provider, local pharmacy or the DCDOH clinic at 845-486-2963. DCDOH offers MMR and other vaccines on its Mobile Health Unit. Please see the vehicle's upcoming schedule. Those interested should call the DCDOH clinic to confirm availability and services at each event.

To learn more about the Dutchess County Department of Health and its services visit: dutchessny.gov/health. For more information about measles, visit the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention measles webpage.



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Serino announces key initiatives in State of the County Address

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino delivered the 2025 State of the County Address on Tuesday, March 11th before hundreds of residents, business and non-profit leaders, and elected officials at John Jay High School in East Fishkill, reinforcing her commitment to ensuring County government makes a real difference in the lives of residents. Under the theme 'The Lives We Touch,' Serino reflected on the past year's achievements and announced multiple new initiatives aimed at improving the daily lives of seniors, veterans, children, first responders, farmers, business owners and families across Dutchess County.

"Everything we do in County government comes down to the people – the lives we touch through every decision, every dollar invested and every initiative launched," said Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino. "Whether we are helping seniors stay connected, ensuring families have access to childcare, or strengthening emergency response, our work is about real people. None of this would be possible without the dedicated County employees who work tirelessly to serve our residents and make Dutchess County a place where people feel supported and empowered."

- Among the key initiatives announced:
- Supporting Seniors**
New Office for the Aging Ambassador position to assist seniors in accessing services and staying independent
Training programs on hoarding to help families and caregivers address these challenging situations and connect seniors to services
Expanded Fraud Prevention Outreach efforts in partnership with the Dutchess County Comptroller, District Attorney and Sheriff

- Strengthening Emergency Medical Services and Public Safety**
The County's Supplemental EMS Coverage initiative, launched January 1st, is making an impact in reducing response

times and increasing regional coordination, with regional EMS meetings with municipal leaders planned this month to enhance collaboration and review progress

In partnership with Dutchess Community College, a new Paramedic Academy will work to eliminate barriers to help first responders advance in their careers with scholarships, stipends and specialized training

Tackling the Opioid Crisis with Narcan Leave Behind Kits for EMS first responders when responding to overdoses and continued support for the Dutchess County Drug Task Force

- Honoring and Connecting Veterans**
New Veterans outreach position to connect veterans with housing, benefits and employment resources
Launched the GoGo Veterans transportation program to ensure access to medical care and community events
Creation of the 'Honor-A-Veteran' Program to recognize the sacrifices of local heroes with the first ceremony to be held in April.

- Investing in Agriculture**
New Connecting Farmers initiative to match retiring farmers with young people and veterans interested in continuing their work
New Youth Gardening Grant program to introduce children to agriculture and food production
Purchase of a new refrigerated box truck to rescue and distribute 100,000 pounds of farm food to local food pantries annually

- Expanding Mental Health Services**
The Mobile Health Unit is establishing permanent locations across the county for monthly services, ensuring consistent access to mental health and physical health services
Expanding access to children's mental health services with recent opening of Access: Supports for Living Mental Health Urgent Care walk-in center in Poughkeepsie and supporting Family Services in opening new facility in Rhinebeck

The Empowerment Center served more than 200 individuals in its first official year in operation, connecting individuals to recovery, housing and employment resources

- Empowering Youth**
New YOU Drop-In Center grants to be awarded this year, supporting the creation of safe, supportive spaces for young people to come together.
The Youth and Police Initiative (YPI) will continue to grow and strengthen relationships between youth and law enforcement
New playground at Bowdoin Park, selected through resident feedback, will be installed this year, providing a safe, engag-



Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino offers her State of the County address on March 11 at John Jay High School in East Fishkill.

-Courtesy photo DC Gov't

ing and accessible space for children

- Expanding Childcare Access**
New Provider Incentive Grant to increase in-home childcare slots and ease start-up costs
Workforce training for small childcare providers, in partnership with the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum and the Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc.
Free babysitting certification program with the Dutchess County Workforce Investment Board, giving teens valuable skills and experience and encouraging childcare as a rewarding career path

- Investing in Economic Development**
Continuing the County's recently launched Small Business Forums to boost small businesses and provide opportunities to address challenges
Expanding workforce development with new locations for the popular Skilled Trades Fair events and hosting a new Older Adults Skills Fair

- Expanding Housing Opportunities**
Expanding the senior-owned/occupied rehab program to provide financial assistance to all income-qualified homeowners, helping them make critical health and safety repairs to stay in their homes and preserve housing stock for the future

Housing Trust Fund projects continue, with 30-32 Smith Street in Poughkeepsie set to open soon and Two Cross Street in Beacon currently under construction. New rounds of applications to open this year, prioritizing smaller housing projects particularly in more rural communities

Water and sewer infrastructure inventory to help guide responsible housing development and ensure that housing is developed in areas with the necessary resources to support it

The 2025 State of the County Address event opening program also highlighted County Executive Serino's emphasis on Dutchess County's young people, as well as the various educational opportunities available to them. Dr. Dwight D. Bonk, the Wappingers Central School District's Superintendent of Schools, welcomed those in attendance. John Jay High School senior Ava Dvorak sang the National Anthem; members of the Roy C. Ketcham High School Step Team shared their dance art with a performance, entitled "Formation;" and junior Sophia Puglia, a member Future Business Leaders of America, the Renaissance Club and student government at John Jay, introduced County Executive Serino.

A longtime champion of Dutchess County's older adults, County Executive Serino invited the Evergreen Chapter of Sweet Adeline's International, which performed "God Bless the U.S.A. (Proud to be an American)." The event also brought together those who protect and counsel the community, including County Sheriff Kirk Imperati, who led guests in the Pledge of Allegiance; and Rev. Dr. Edward L. Hunt, Pastor of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Wappingers Falls, who offered the invocation.

"County government is at its best when it's working for the people," concluded Serino. "From expanding mental health services to creating more childcare opportunities, our focus is always on the people we serve. The progress we've made is just the beginning, and I know we will accomplish even more in the year ahead."

The full text and video of County Executive Serino's State of the County Address is available on Dutchess County's website at dutchessny.gov and a photo gallery from the event will be available on the County's Facebook page, facebook.com/dutchessgov.

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'Support each other through these uncertain times'

To the Editor:

As a resident of the village of Wappingers Falls for 12 years and now a Town resident for 31 years, I know this community is one that respects and embraces equal treatment of our residents, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, country of origin or immigration status.

Our local law enforcement provides safety for our community, investigates dangerous and criminal activity, apprehending those responsible, as well as interacting with us, the people they serve. I have never been let down. The local patrol of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office saved my life and the life of my husband by getting us out of a fully involved house fire in 2003.

The Federal Government is required by law to enforce federal immigration laws. I believe the residents of Wappingers Falls support ICE in lawfully removing undocumented persons convicted of crimes, dealing with them at the federal level.

Hopefully our local law enforcement will not question, investigate or arrest anyone based on actual or suspected immigration or citizenship status, a civil immigration warrant, administrative warrant or an immigration detainer.

I am additionally hoping that Wappingers Falls will disseminate information to make all residents, undocumented and citizens alike, aware of their rights pertaining to possible situations involving ICE during these unsettling and unpredictable times.

We are a community and can support each other through these uncertain times.

Amy James-Oliveras
Wappinger

Get together and 'let our voices be heard'

To the Editor:

Are we really going to let Trump lie his way straight into an Oligarchy without any significant fight from our elected officials and those of us who are not consuming the daily Fox Entertainment propaganda? We sat through an election season with Republicans throughout the country lying about the Biden economy which was recovering nicely from the disaster left by the previous administration.

Number 47 was left two Democratic recovering economies which had to be rebuilt from disastrous Bush and Trump terms in office. When will we learn that Democrats are for giving a hand up to all Americans, while 47 and the Republicans are only for their Billionaire Buddies.

We absolutely must stand up to the hatred, bigotry, cheating and all the other despicable things that 47's White House stands for. We must get together and let our voices be heard through the noise. Please join your local groups that are working tirelessly to figure out ways to stop this madness.

As a retiree, I was hoping to spend my days reading, relaxing and ruminating. Unfortunately, now is not the time.

Jackie Przytula
Wappingers Falls

What happened to my country?

To the Editor:

When the US entered WW II, the man who eventually would become my father volunteered to serve his country and fight fascism. He and the tens of thousands of men and women who served, as well as their family members, would be appalled at the US switching political allegiances and now aligning with fascists.

In the last few weeks in a UN vote the US sided with Russia, Iran, China, and other "former enemies" refusing to agree that Russia started the war in Ukraine.

More recently, more than 30 countries had a meeting to discuss preserving and strengthening the "free world" and providing more assistance to Ukraine. The previously acknowledged leader of the free world, the United States, was not even invited to the meeting because of the current administration's policy decisions.

The "Five Eyes" intelligence community is reported to be fearful of sharing intelligence with the Trump administration because they don't think they can be trusted.

This is NOT the America that my father's generation fought to save. Please contact your representative and senators to let them know that you want the United States to be the respected leader of the free world again! We need to side with democracy over fascism.

Greg Daynes
Fishkill

Assemblyman Anil Beepan calls on Dutchess County to defy Hochul's 'vindictive ban' on hiring corrections officers

Assemblyman Anil Beepan urged Dutchess County to join the growing number of New York counties openly defying Governor Kathy Hochul's unjust directive barring former state corrections officers from being hired at county jails. Beepan condemned the order as a vindictive and petty retaliation against hard-working men and women who dedicated their lives to public safety, only to be discarded by the Governor's failed policies.

"Governor Hochul's decision to prevent highly trained corrections officers from continuing their careers at the county level is nothing short of political retribution," said Beepan. "This policy punishes these officers and their families while simultaneously exacerbating staffing shortages in our local jails. It's reckless, it's petty, and it will not stand."

In recent weeks, multiple counties—including Erie and Orleans—have openly defied Hochul's order, making it clear that they will continue hiring qualified corrections officers despite the Governor's restrictions. Assemblyman Beepan is calling on Dutchess County to do the same, ensuring that political games do not interfere with public safety and workforce stability.

"This Governor's overreach will be met with several lawsuits, and I fully expect the courts to strike down this unconstitutional abuse of power," Beepan contin-

ued. "In the meantime, Dutchess County must take a stand. Our local government should not be complicit in a policy designed to punish officers who have done nothing wrong except serve their state."

County Executive Sue Serino said, "First and foremost, I am deeply concerned about the reported conditions in state correctional facilities. The health and safety of all working within in state prisons should be a priority. The County is also concerned about the state's executive order affecting municipal law, particularly home rule authority established in the New York State Constitution. I've asked our County Attorney to review the matter and we understand that the executive order ends April 9th and will not be reissued. In this difficult labor market, where our jails are struggling to recruit and retain the workforce essential to ensuring safe conditions in these facilities, the current Executive Order unreasonably impacts the men and women who are capable and qualified to serve in county jails."

Beepan said he remains committed to advocating for law enforcement officers and ensuring that state policies prioritize public safety over political vendettas. He encourages county leaders, corrections professionals, and concerned citizens to reject this order and stand in solidarity with those affected.

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Tree removal at Breakneck Ridge to begin this week

Tree removal will begin to take place in the Breakneck Ridge corridor, on the west side of Route 9D, just north of the Breakneck tunnel in the Town of Fishkill this week, according to the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail (HHFT).

This work is in preparation for construction of the Breakneck Connector and Bridge, which is slated to begin later this spring, stated HHFT.

An Environmental Stewardship Biologist with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) conducted a field determination that there are no active rap-

tor nests in the area of work.

According to a comprehensive tree survey conducted by national environmental consulting firm Great Ecology in February of 2024, 38% of trees to be removed are invasive, and 69% of the trees are in poor condition or dead, noted HHFT.

Ultimately, these trees will be replaced with 2,080 shrubs, 430 trees, and thousands of additional native plants to foster more early successional forest, dense shrub, and grassland habitat, which will better serve native wildlife in the Breakneck corridor, stated HHFT.



Photographer Margaret DeMott Brown: An Artful Documentarian



Above left: photo of Margaret DeMott Brown. Above right: photo of Franklin Roosevelt at his Hyde Park estate by (and signed by) Brown. The personal inscription reads, "For Miss Margaret Brown with the regards of Franklin D. Roosevelt." Both images are courtesy of Fred Schultz and the family of Margaret DeMott Brown.

By Bill Jeffway

In recognition of Women's History Month, we look through the lens of local photographer Margaret DeMott Brown (1880-1959) and her partnership with four women in particular. Brown had important collaborations with local historian Helen Wilkinson Reynolds and DCHS, Vassar College Botanist Edith Roberts, and two generations of consecutive local theater leaders who were Vassar Professors: first Gertrude Buck and then Hallie Flanagan.

Brown arrived in Poughkeepsie from the mid-West in 1917 to open a professional photographic studio near Vassar College. She was described in newspapers as having an interest in the style of "pictorialism" and would offer "home portraiture and art photographs." Pictorialism was, and remains, a form of photography that is highly artistic with strong moods and soft muted focus; sometimes described as counter to a literal documentary style. Before her local arrival she had studied with one of Pictorialism's great photographers, Clarence H. White. But much of the work done in the examples we explore have an important documentary role which reveals Brown's ability to navigate the two styles.

Helen Wilkinson Reynolds

Brown's most consistent collaborator was the local historian, researcher/writer Helen Wilkinson Reynolds (1875-1943) with whom she maintained a close personal relationship. When Reynolds died, Brown put her photographic business aside and relocated to Massachusetts to spend the rest of her life with family.

The Dutchess County Historical Society was formed in 1914 and differed from many organizations at the time by inviting the participation of women (unlike the Dutchess County Society in the City of New York, for example). This gave Brown and Reynolds a platform they put to good use for nearly three decades.

Two collaborations were published in

1924 where Brown's photographs had a supporting role: "Poughkeepsie: The Origin and Meaning of the Word and Old Gravestones of Dutchess County," which was a transcription of nineteen thousand entries. In two subsequent books, Brown's photographs were at least as important as the text: in 1929, "Dutch Houses in the Hudson Valley Before 1776" (with an introduction by FDR) in 1929; and "Dutchess County Doorways," in 1931, were published as books with a major focus on photography.

In 1938, Brown and Reynolds expanded their partnership to include Vassar College's head of the Department of Botany, Edith Roberts. They produced the landmark publication "The Role of Plant Life in the History of Dutchess County." Far ahead of its time, in what would today be called advocacy for the protection of native species and plants, the publication outlined the idea of a succession of plant associations, to help a broader general public understand the dynamic relationship of plant life over generations. Brown's other collaborations with Roberts involved just the two of them.

Edith Roberts

Edith Roberts (1881-1977) was a pioneering ecologist and eminent scientist who grew up in rural New Hampshire, graduated from Smith College in 1905, and then obtained a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. Roberts worked for three years as an associate professor at Mount Holyoke College. When World War One broke out in 1917, she became a field representative for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, traveling the county to advise women managing farms while their husbands were serving in the war in France.

In 1920, Roberts created the first ecological laboratory in the United States at Vassar, which remains in operation today. Brown documented the workings of the laboratory and farm, as well as individual plants and plantings. Prior to the major

Four photographs by Margaret DeMott Brown with an inset of Brown's collaborator in each instance. Top row, left to right: Fireplace in the Zacheus Newcombe home, Poughkeepsie with Helen Wilkinson Reynolds. A fern image, one of a great many in DCHS Collections with Edith Roberts. Bottom row left to right: Poughkeepsie Community Players performing "Helga and the White Peacock" with inset of Gertrude Buck. From the play, "Now I Know Love," with inset of Hallie Flanagan.

-DCHS Collections

work, "The Role of Plant Life in the History of Dutchess County," Brown and Roberts collaborated on "American Plants for American Gardens," in 1929, and "American Ferns: How to Know, Grow and Use Them," in 1935.

Several hundred photographs of ferns by Brown in "DCHS Collections" reflect both the documentary (where rulers mark sizes and date stamps mark time) as well as the most artistic (one of which for example was the cover of the Poughkeepsie Garden Club's 1933 annual booklet).

Gertrude Buck

The earliest innovator of local theater at Vassar College was Gertrude Buck (1871-1922), who was equally involved with the local Poughkeepsie Community Players. She first joined Vassar in 1897 and grew beyond the role of English professor to embrace local theater.

In part prompted by her early death, a campaign led by Vassar College President MacCracken resulted in the national publication by Macmillan of a play Buck had been working on locally. "Helga and the White Peacock" was written by Cornelia Meigs, who worked with Buck and the Poughkeepsie Community Players. The photos in the book by Brown are of the local production in her early pictorialist style (see image) which emerged as the premiere to what was a subsequent successful round of schools putting on the performance nationally.

Hallie Flanagan

Hallie Flanagan (1889-1969) was very specifically recruited to replace Gertrude Buck in the role of developing local theater. But the generational change could not have been more profound. Europe was emerging from the trauma of World

War One in the 1920s with a growing interest in a radical new approach to theater. Flanagan spent a year at Vassar in 1925 before touring Europe in 1926, where she met up with Poughkeepsie-born Lee Miller, who was just about to emerge as a "modern" photographic powerhouse. Miller came back with Flanagan and introduced people she had worked with in Paris like Ladislav Medgyès (who spoke at Vassar in 1927), and invited their participation locally.

An important part of this modern movement was clear, spare geometric stagecraft, which gave Brown an entirely different platform to capture (see image).

Home portraiture

The promotion of Brown's practice upon her local arrival in 1917 promised "home portraiture." At the time she was likely not aware that her home portraiture would come to include the family of a US President, Franklin Roosevelt; and US Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau of Fishkill. Although Brown never married or had children, descendants of her family through an aunt have generously shared many of the images in their private collections. Reports of Brown being close to the Roosevelt and Morgenthau families is preserved in handwritten notes to Brown from each of them, inscribed on family photos Brown had taken of each family.



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Wappingers CSD students in math enrichment program work on long multiplication records



The Wappingers Central School District (Wappingers CSD) community congratulates Oak Grove Elementary School students Kian Siddique, Darius Erema, and Giovanni Gesmundo: they have broken world records for timed long multiplication (pending confirmation of times)!

As part of the District's Math Enrichment program, the students have met with Dr. Irvin Miller, director of Math & Physics Exploration, a math museum in Poughkeepsie. Dr. Miller has taught at Vassar, SUNY New Paltz, and IBM

Dr. Miller's goal is to develop a curiosity and interest in mathematics: Wappingers CSD students have learned high-level problem solving, and how to evaluate what they are taught using area multiplication as an example. They will also be taught how to work with exponents beyond even college level.

The records for multiplication are: Darius Erema 12x12 in 1:09; Giovanni Gesmundo 24x24 in 2:44, 48x48 in 8:04, and 96x96 in 17:30, according to Dr. Irvin Miller. Kian Siddique has an unofficial record of 12:07 for 96x96.

"On Pi Day Giovanni did the 96 x96 in 17:30 being monitored by two high school math teachers. Besides being videoed, the work of these students was heavily scrutinized to check for possible intermediate errors. Since the world records for the others were done mentally, there was no way of checking their work," explained Dr. Miller.

"I am elated and excited about their accomplishments. Their ability was far greater than I realized. Statistically, it is extremely difficult to write 191 digits without making an error. Owen who did the problem in about 34 minutes made one error but smashed the record of world record holder of Pepe King who did 40x40 in 35:22. It was billed as a mental record, but King accomplished it using his fingers—still an extremely impressive accomplishment," said Dr. Miller. "Darius broke the 10x10 record and Giovanni broke the 20x20, 40x40 and set the record for the 96x96. Kian did set an unofficial record before the contest [last week], but [last week] he made an error that took hours to detect. Learning from these trials, he is anxious to go for it again. This is the kind of excitement I like to see."

According to Dr. Miller, "Giovanni was very proud of his accomplishments and showed great humility."

Dr. Miller remarked, "Isabella said the following: 'If one specific math program helped my brother make it into honors math classes, then of course I want to do

The Wappingers Central School District celebrated Pi Day by recognizing elementary school students who are participating in the math enrichment program with Dr. Irvin Miller.

Several students made attempts to break world records in long multiplication, with many succeeding! Their final results are still pending review, but at the March 14 event Giovanni Gesmundo was able to beat the current record for 96 x 96 multiplication. Several other Wappingers CSD students have shown impressive times, with their final results still being reviewed for submission.

Clockwise from top left, Dr. Irvin Miller with the student participants from the Wappingers CSD.

Students attempting to break world records in long multiplication: Darius Erema, Kishan Kalathur, Kesav Kalathur, and Giovanni Gesmundo working on the long multiplication challenge.

Darius Erema and Kishan Kalathur concentrate and while working on long multiplication problems.

Giovanni Gesmundo is the student whose time at the event beat the 96x96 multiplication record (although as of press time, results were still being confirmed and certified).

-Courtesy photos by Wappingers CSD



Pictured, from left, Darius Erema, Kian Siddique, Owen Bakke, and Giovanni Gesmundo last week.

-Courtesy photo

it too! I haven't finished my 96x96 multiplication, but I am pretty close!" It proved to me that anyone, with any level of skill, can achieve whatever they strive for, as long as they put their mind to it."

Aizen said, "It was hard for me to make a decision what to do as I noticed that others were dropping out. I still listened to the lessons. It made me feel like this was where I belonged. And the way Dr. Miller explained everything had made it clear

that math is something I'd stick with."

Charlotte said the following: "I gained confidence in my math skills, I learned to check my work as I go, I looked for patterns and brought these strategies to my other subjects. I have become a whole new student. This course taught me how to balance my assignments, develop commendable work ethic, and how to thoroughly analyze and take in the whole of a problem in order to find the solution."

Jacobson proposes legislation to prohibit utilities from passing along costs incurred by tariffs on Canadian gas, electricity

Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson (D-104) introduced legislation last week to prohibit utilities, including Central Hudson, from passing along the costs incurred by tariffs on gas or electricity from Canada. The law would apply to tariffs imposed by the United States, Canada or any Canadian provinces.

"The Trump Administration's reckless tariff policies have sparked a trade war with our closest ally, Canada. The Administration has imposed a 25% tariff on all goods and services — including electricity and gas — coming from

Canada," said Jacobson. "In turn, the province of Ontario has imposed a 25% tariff on electricity exported from Ontario."

Utilities in New York State distribute electricity from generating plants in New York, as well as other states and Canada.

"The utilities will attempt to pass the costs of these tariff taxes on to their customers. Ratepayers across the state are already experiencing financial stress from their utility bills and the additional cost of tariffs will only add to their difficulties," said Jacobson.

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Remember that Renegade?

By Morgan E. Maier
 For over 30 years, fond farewells have been the driving force in the Hudson Valley baseball. Hundreds of players have moved up Major League Baseball ranks while Dutchess County cheers them on. These days, Hudson Valley Renegades will go on to Somerset, Wilkes-Barre, the Bronx and beyond. Many paths await our Renegades once they leave High-A baseball. So let's check in on some of our backyard ballplayers and see where they are today.

Evan Longoria, 3B (2007)
 In the summer of 2007, the centerfield trees turned to watch an Evan Longoria home run sail overhead. Dutchess County legend says that ball still hasn't touched the ground. "Longo" was a Renegade for just a week, ripping through the Tampa Bay Rays organization on his way to being named the 2008 Rookie of the Year. In his 15-year career, he appeared in two World Series with Tampa Bay and the San Francisco Giants. Since Longoria left the Rays in 2018, nobody has worn #3 for Tampa Bay.

Stephen Vogt, C (2007)
 Before he was an unlikely fan favorite in Oakland, Stephen Vogt was the first Renegades catcher to reach the majors. A two-time All-Star with the A's, Vogt was essential in the team's seemingly-random playoff run of 2013. Following a short retirement in 2022, he joined the Seattle Mariners as a clubhouse and quality control coach. Known for a positive dugout presence in each of the six organizations he played for, Vogt was the Cleveland Guardians' top choice as Terry Francona's managerial replacement. After earning the top record in the American League Central (92-69), Vogt beat out his former Renegades skipper Matt Quattraro for the 2024 AL Manager of the Year crown.

Josh Smith, INF (2021)
 As a Hudson Valley Renegade, Josh Smith hit .324 with 9 home runs and 17 stolen bases. After his successful High-A stint, Smith was part of a package traded to the Texas Rangers for Joey Gallo in 2021. Smith became a mainstay in the 2023 World Series champion team. In 2024, he received a Silver Slugger award as the American League's best utility player, posting career highs in home runs, batting average, and RBIs. In Arlington this season, Smith eyes the Gold Glove in the same category.

Jasson Domínguez, OF (2022)
 Nicknamed "El Marciano" (the martian) by a scout at spring training, Jasson



Domínguez has been a highly-awaited prospect. After light years spent bouncing between AAA and the bigs, the outfield prospect will finally get phoned home. After a late call-up for the Bombers' World Series run, this top pinstriped prospect is likely to make the Opening Day roster. Hear it in these pages first, Renegades fans. Snatch some Number 12 merchandise from the Renegades team store. You may be sorry when they hit auctions later.

Jared Serna, SS (2022)
 Before shortstop Jared Serna was traded to the Miami Marlins last July, his 22 games with 2-plus hits led all Renegades. His multi-hit madness increased his stock, and the Marlins' affections. Down in the Sunshine State, Serna went 4-5 with four RBIs in his AA debut as a Pensacola Blue Wahoo, continuing his offensive tear after being promoted to AAA Jacksonville to close the season. In 2025, the 22-year-old leads all hitters in Marlins spring training camp, batting .571 in five games.

George Lombard Jr., INF (2024)
 When former first-round pick George Lombard Jr. arrived in the area last August, the Hudson Valley summer got a bit hotter. In the closing month of the 2024 season, Lombard's bat helped Hudson Valley reach the South Atlantic League championship series. At the Yankees 2025 Spring Training, Lombard showed a drastic improvement as a non-roster invitee. He put on weight, increased his power, and evened out his swing. Most of all, Lombard proved he can hit MLB pitches, sending a 96 mph sinker into the seats at George M. Steinbrenner Field in Tampa. Some are calling him the Yankee third baseman of the future. Could he make his pinstripes debut this season?

Marist, DCC basketball teams end seasons in tournaments

By Morgan E. Maier
 What's the opposite of trifecta? On March 13, next season began for each of Poughkeepsie's "Big Three" college basketball teams. The defining moments of each team's season, though, are not the final game outcomes. In the final day of their seasons, the Marist University Red Foxes were twice snared in the Mountaineers' trap, and the Dutchess Community College Falcons' historic run ended in fowl play against the Dallas College - Richmond Thunderducks.

Don't cry for me, A.C.
 This would be a different story but for Marist's ugly regular season finish. The spirit squad kept the crowd in the game on the boardwalk in Atlantic City. Even Frankie Fox took the pom poms for a spin. But Marist couldn't capitalize on their defensive stops and Mountaineer missteps, losing the first men's quarterfinal to eventual MAAC champions of Mount St. Mary's University. On the heels of John Dunne's best season to date, Marist can look back on this season with pride. Next year just means just a little more. Expect Josh Pascarelli to pop off for his senior season after a career year filled with honors and career highs. With the exit of senior center Jackson Price, keep an eye on the development of freshman center and Middletown, N.Y. native, Tarik Watson.

First-round exit cannot clip Falcons' wings
 One of two New York basketball teams to be ranked #1 nationally, the DCC Falcons had a lot to be proud of this season. With seven departing sophomores, we will be seeing a new-look Falcons

squad next year. The freshmen won't forget the feeling; it will fuel them next year. From team alumni to fans, family and friends, DCC will remember the nationally-recognized 2024-25 Region XV champs fondly.

2,460 seconds
 If only they had an extra minute. Marist women would have completed the comeback if basketball games were 41 minutes, not 40. In the final quarter, Marist's fire would have burned up the boardwalk. After Mount doubled up Marist 54-27, the MAAC Championship's first quarterfinal seemed decided. But Marist spent the final quarter erasing the deficit. And showing fans that the program is in great hands.

They nearly completed the third-largest comeback in the history of NCAA women's basketball history. Marist showed their fight, turning up the heat at Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall. It was ten straight minutes of forcing Mountaineer mistakes before the final buzzer bailed out St Mary's. Chasing down loose balls, forcing bad passes, and pulling one another from the hardwood, our girls were one point shy of a 64-64 tie. Marist lost the heartbreaker 68-65, but Erin Doughty and the Red Foxes showed us why they've stolen the hearts of fans from McCann to Maryland. If next season brings anything.

We have Falcons, Red Foxes, and student-athletes everywhere to thank for getting us through another Hudson Valley winter. From every HV hoops fan who tuned in to watch the MAAC and NJCAA, it's been a joy to watch our mid-major and junior college student-athletes. March Madness will tide us over for now. See you in October.

Renegades showcase Yankees' future in Spring Breakout Game

By Morgan E. Maier
 With 44-year-old Nick Swisher coaching New York Yankees rookies from the first base line, baseball's past and future collided in Sarasota, Fla. this weekend at Ed Smith Stadium. Top Yankees and Baltimore Orioles prospects faced off for the second annual Spring Breakout, a single-game showcase OF the league's finest farm talent. Seventeen Renegades alumni were selected to show their skills, and our boys did not disappoint this Spring Breakout. What better way to spend a long weekend than some rookie baseball in the sun?

Big, bad Spencer Jones looked like the 2023 Rising Star that the Hudson Valley remembers fondly. If you have his bobblehead from last season's giveaway, get the display case ready.

Jones put on a memorable display in the inaugural Spring Breakout, sending two pitches above the outfield fence. This time around, Jones was plunked in his first two at-bats, finishing 1-2 with an RBI, a double and a run scored on the day.

The defensive gem of the day came by 3B Jesús Rodríguez ('23, '24), who is more known for power hitting than fielding prowess. He robbed Jud Fabian of a 5th inning hit, sliding across the third-base line before making a strong one-hop throw to first. Rodríguez hit a bouncing single that split the middle infielders in the first inning, and Jones flew home from second base. Rodríguez finished with two RBIs and a hit in his five plate appearances.

With the average age just under 22, the Yankees held the AL East's second youngest Spring Breakout roster. Nineteen-year-old George Lombard Jr. picked up a couple bases as the leadoff hitter, setting up scoring opportunities for his prospect teammates.

The bases were loaded with 2024 Renegades in the 8th inning. Josh Moylan singled, Garrett Martin walked, then Lombard Jr.'s rallied a two-out infield single. Nowhere to go for fellow 2024 alum Jackson Castillo. The second pitch of Castillo's at-bat sailed over the catcher's shoulder, scoring Moylan easily.

The previous inning showed a familiar



Former Renegades' star Spencer Jones hit two homers during a Spring Breakout Game over the weekend.

-Archive photo by Dave Janosz

Eric Reyzelman ('24), who is arguably the Bombers' most slept-on pitching prospect. Reyzelman pitched a scoreless seventh frame to keep the game tied at 3 apiece. Reyzelman gave up two hits in six appearances for the Renegades, putting up a 0.00 ERA in 9 innings. If he stays healthy, Reyzelman will likely get called up to the Yankees' regular season roster.

Former Yankees prospects Agustin Ramirez ('23) and Jared Serna ('23, '24) also showcased some Spring Breakout talent. Serna and Ramirez appeared for the Miami Marlins down in Jupiter, FL. Ramirez was hitless in five innings, but impacted the game on the basepath, with a run scored and a walk.

The looming presence of 6'7" righty Carlos Lagrange got the start for the Yankees. After a shaky first frame, Lagrange responded by retiring 11 batters in a row. With a heater maxed at 101 mph according to the stadium reader, Lagrange clocked 100 consistently, to wagging tongues in the bullpen and cheers from the crowd. Righty Ben Hess fanned three batters over two relief innings in his professional debut. Dominican-born Lagrange and 2024 first-round pick Hess have yet to emerge from the rookie leagues, but we should see them at Heritage Financial Park sooner than later.

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Millbrook Winery revives popular 'Vine to Wine' for milestone 40th year



Returning by popular demand and in celebration of its 40-year anniversary, the "Vine to Wine" Boot Camp provides a behind-the-scenes experience like no other, allowing wine enthusiasts to become part of the winemaking journey.

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Millbrook Vineyards & Winery, the Hudson Valley's flagship winery, is once again inviting wine lovers to roll up their sleeves and experience the winemaking process firsthand with its exclusive "Vine to Wine" Boot Camp. This immersive, eight-part series runs from April through October, offering participants a rare opportunity to work directly with the vineyard's renowned winemaking team.

Led by Ian Bearup, Millbrook's head winemaker and vice president of winemaking and vineyard operations, boot camp participants will be assigned grapevines on the winery's celebrated Lollipop Hill. Through hands-on expe-

riences—from pruning and harvesting to fermentation and bottling—participants will gain a deeper understanding of the craftsmanship behind Millbrook's award-winning wines.

Returning by popular demand and in celebration of its 40-year anniversary, this program provides a behind-the-scenes experience like no other, allowing wine enthusiasts to become part of the winemaking journey.

Registrations are accepted now through April 7. To secure a spot in the program or with questions visit <https://www.millbrookwine.com/boot-camp/>, email SHudson@millwine.com or call 845.677.8383 ext. 17.

D'Alessandro: East Fishkill Comprehensive Plan process will continue to 'engage the public'

By Kristine Coulter

The Comprehensive Plan Committee has been working on the Town of East Fishkill's future comprehensive plan.

"The Comprehensive Plan is almost done," said Town of East Fishkill Supervisor Nicholas D'Alessandro. The East Fishkill Town Board members will "accept [the plan] from the Comprehensive Plan Committee and then refer it to the [East Fishkill] Planning Board and the Dutchess County Planning Board for review. Then there will be public hearings," explained D'Alessandro.

This comprehensive plan has had "one of the best responses" from the residents, so far, said the supervisor. Town officials have held outreach events and surveys. The survey had thousands of responses, said D'Alessandro.

"In this whole process we've been engaged with the public," noted the supervisor.

According to D'Alessandro, "A lot of the responses were wanting to see more open space." There are a number of working farms in the town, and some day the owners might want to develop them, but residents would like to see them "forever green."

"It's great to see green, open spaces –

but property owners might want to have the Dutchess Land Conservancy buy their rights, so this way the owner gets a share and it stays green," said D'Alessandro.

One of the items that also had a large response was housing. Ninety percent of the housing in East Fishkill is single family homes, said D'Alessandro. Survey respondents said they would like to see more townhouses and condos.

"We're going slow and steady; we want to plan correctly," emphasized D'Alessandro. "In the 1990s, there was a housing boom and it wasn't done correctly. We're trying to find the ying and the yang."

The town board members will begin holding public hearings in June, said D'Alessandro. He added that if the public hearings cannot be scheduled for June, they would be held in September then and not over the summer when many residents would be traveling or otherwise busy.

"We want feedback from the public," said D'Alessandro, who noted for the survey, announcements were made via the Town website, email blasts and large road signs.

D'Alessandro said the town officials will keep trying to engage and involve the public throughout the process.

VETERANS NEWS WITH ADAM ROCHE

Veterans Affairs wants to hear from you

In last month's column, I highlighted two new initiatives that our Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs recently launched that have already received a positive response from our veteran community. The "Honor-a-Vet" program formally pays tribute to a deceased veteran in recognition of their service to their country. The "GoGo Veterans" program provides free rides to veterans in need of dependable and safe transportation for many of the essential services they need, including medical appointments and events.

This month, I'm excited to share with you another effort to connect with our veterans, one that we anticipate will generate new ideas and further innovative programs. We're introducing our "Veterans Questionnaire," which will help us gain a more comprehensive understanding of the needs of the vets that we serve here in Dutchess County. The feedback we receive from those in the veterans community will shape future veteran-focused initiatives Dutchess County and our Office of Veterans Affairs undertake.

We have designed a questionnaire with a short series of questions that will only take a few minutes to complete, in hopes of identifying additional ways we can assist you.

We hope respondents' answers will offer insight such as:

- identifying any of our programs that could be adjusted or administered in a more effective manner;
- how we can more effectively distribute resources to address the most pressing needs of our veteran community;
- identifying possible gaps in any of our services;
- how we can increase community engagement and future participation in the activities and events we sponsor; and identifying policy issues that we may need to meet with our county, state and federal representatives to discuss.

We want veterans in Dutchess County to feel they have a measure of ownership regarding the services we offer, and also know they part of the decision-making process. I believe working together to make this project a success can help us achieve that and further strengthen the strong relationship we have already developed over the years. You all have different life experiences and perspectives, and offering your unique insights will be invaluable.

I invite you to thoughtfully look over the questionnaire and answer the questions as honestly as possible. It is confidential and is designed to allow you to answer as candidly as possible. All answers will be kept anonymous and used only to discover new ideas and determine how to better serve you. The survey will be available online and we will also be following up with traditional paper surveys.

As you can imagine, with approximately 13,000 veterans in Dutchess County, with even modest participation from our veteran population, we expect to get a wide range of responses that will take a considerable amount of time to analyze. So we ask you to help us make this endeavor a success by supplying your answers and returning them to us as early as you can.

You can access the questionnaire on our website at www.dutchessny.gov/veterans and in the coming weeks, we will also be distributing the survey by email, mail and at various community events. Help us spread the word and share the survey with fellow veterans so we can get as much feedback as possible. We appreciate your help!

As always, if you have any questions, please contact our office at the Dutchess County Office of Veterans Services at 845-486-2060 or visit www.dutchessny.gov/veterans.

We're excited to hear from you.

American flag flies on 80-foot flagpole in East Fishkill



The American flag is flying high over the center of Hopewell Junction in East Fishkill. The East Fishkill Rotary Club, and East Fishkill officials, employees, and other elected officials were on hand to see the flag raised earlier this month. A groundbreaking ceremony for the 80-foot flagpole was held at Rotary Park in East Fishkill in November 2024. The park is located off Route 82, near Acme and Chase Bank in Hopewell.

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Students and their projects 'shine' during Wappingers CSD Science Fair



Aaron Patterson, left, and Leilani Purefoy-Garcia show their project, a balloon-powered car, at Fishkill Elementary School.

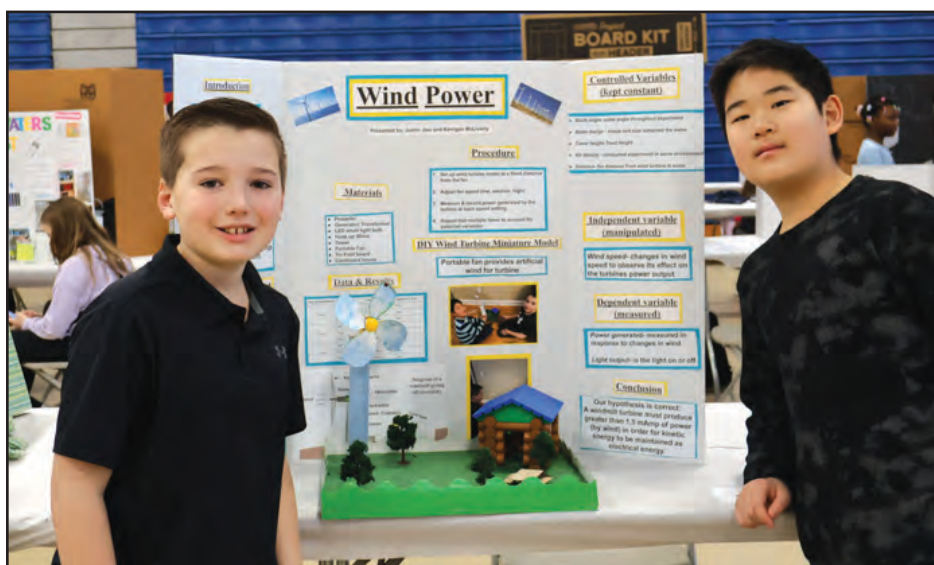
Students in grades 5-12 gathered at John Jay High School on Saturday, March 1, for the annual Science Fair, bringing their research and ideas to life for the judges and other guests. The students' work covered a wide range of disciplines including chemistry, physics, biology, health, environmental science, and mathematics.

A few highlights: Grace Shrestha, a student at Roy C. Ketcham High School (RCK), researched the impact of probiotics and fiber-rich foods on harmful bacteria; she explored the positive impact it might have on a healthy gut in humans. RCK's Alexis Bali-Spence shared her work extracting strawberry DNA. Ava Davis, from John Jay High School (JJHS), researched the psychological effects that childhood conditions can have on people, and fellow JJHS student Owen Brown shared his work on testing structures' ability to withstand earthquakes.

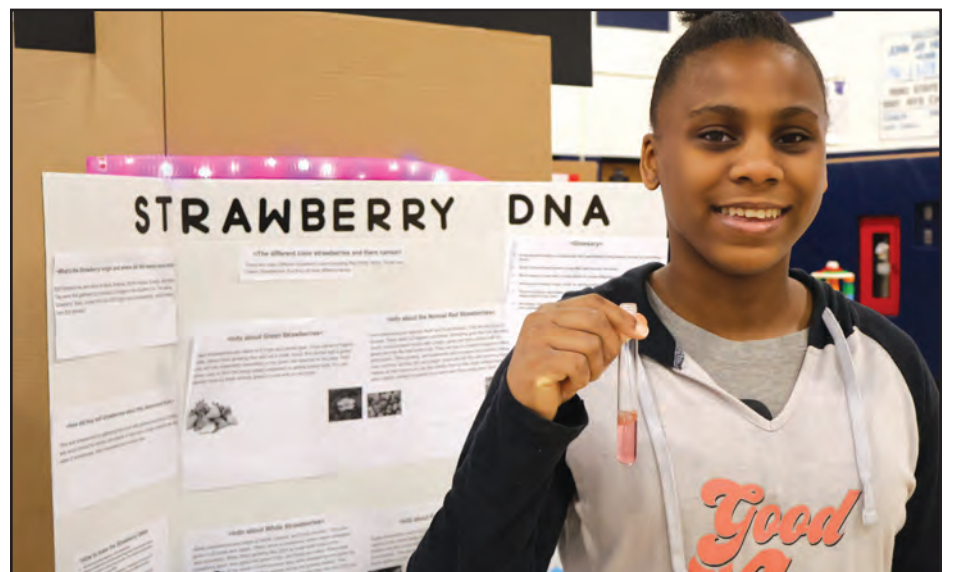
Wappingers CSD elementary school students had some great projects, too: Brinckerhoff Elementary School students Kerrigan McLiverty and Justin Jiao gave a real-time demonstration of wind-generated power, and Ava Gilsean and Valentina Cancellaro (Gayhead Elementary School) showed the potential benefits of bioplastics, sharing samples they created. Fishkill Elementary School students Aaron Patterson and Leilani Purefoy-Garcia showed off their balloon-powered car—and the physics behind it. Madelyn Hamilton (Oak Grove Elementary School) studied the impact of music on plant growth, and James S. Evans Elementary School student Leila Sen presented a solar-powered fan.

There were many more projects, each unique and well researched. The judges and administrators were impressed with the work!

Congratulations to all.



A real-time demonstration of wind-generated power was the project of Kerrigan McLiverty, left, and Justin Jiao.



Roy C. Ketcham High School student Alexis Bali-Spence with her project, "Strawberry DNA."

-Courtesy photos from Wappingers CSD

Uncertainty on federal funding: County officials monitoring reports



The cover of the 2025 Dutchess County Adopted Budget, which could be impacted by proposed federal cuts.

-Courtesy image DC Gov't

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From a historical perspective, County Comptroller Dan Aymar-Blair said in a report, "We found that federal programs represent a little over 10% of our expenditures, not including COVID-19 relief. In 2023, this amounted to \$65 million, including over \$25 million in direct aid such as food stamps and home energy assistance. Federal dollars also support core County functions: adoption and foster care supports, emergency and disaster preparedness, workforce investment, child support enforcement, buses, roads, sidewalks and more."

Looking at the situation from a statewide perspective, Dutchess County Legislature Chairman Will Truitt said, "During a recent trip up to Albany for the NYSAC Annual Conference, it was clear that the leadership of NYSAC is concerned by proposed federal cuts and the subsequent potential impacts on county governments across New York State. At this time, there is general sense of uncertainty as we have not yet lost any federal revenue. I am aware that NYSAC is lobbying New York's Congressional delegation to advocate on behalf of county governments to ensure we do not suffer a loss of federal dollars. This is precisely the reason we in Dutchess County have placed such a

high value on maintaining a solid fiscal fund balance of 1-2 months of operating funds in reserves in order to protect our taxpayers in the instance of challenging economic times or a sudden loss of revenue."

Here are Federal Operating Funds included in the Dutchess County 2025 Operating Budget. All of the dollars listed are projected funds – based on prior and continuing funding allocations and confirmed grant awards. Not included are "off budget funding, such as Community Development Block Grants, for which the allocation is not known from year to year.

- Public Transit - \$6,816,205
- Public Health Grants - \$573,909

- Early Intervention, Pre-school Special Education and Special Needs - \$1,097,535

- Mental Health Grants - \$448,750
- Office for the Aging - \$1,224,199

Amounts are not yet known for Public Safety and Homeland Security, Community & Family Services, Community & Family Services- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Community & Family Services- Foster Care, Community & Family Services- Title XX Eligible Clients, Community & Family Services – SNAP and Planning & Development - Planning Studies.

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Obituaries

Phillip Randazzo



Phillip Chris Randazzo, a resident of Beacon, NY, formerly of Peekskill and Mount Kisco, passed away on February 4, 2025 at Putnam Hospital at the age of 81.

He was born in Passaic, NJ on July 31, 1943 to the late Christopher and Pearle (Pizzulo) Randazzo.

His high school years began at Peekskill Military Academy and finished as a graduate of Clifton High School, Class of 1961. It is there where he met his high school sweetheart whom he married and together they had Christopher, David, Todd, and Tracy, before separating. He played clarinet for the Mustang band and marched in the Rose Parade in California in 1960 and played football in high school.

He started out working for his father as a senior project manager in the family

construction company, Randall Construction before becoming an independent contractor and starting P.C. Randazzo Construction Company. While working for his father at Randall Construction, his work took him all around the NY/NJ area for such companies as IBM, UniRoyal, and many libraries, public schools and government buildings at Picatinny Arsenal in Dover, NJ and the U.S. Post Office in Newark, NJ.

Phil had the opportunity to attend the New Jersey State Police Academy with extremely high marks on his entrance exam, but ultimately he enjoyed working with his dad and stayed on at Randall, running major construction projects. He was extremely talented at overseeing complicated projects and managing the many workers of varying trades required to get the job done. He was meticulous with numbers and calculations. Phil was incredibly proud of starting his own business, P.C. Randazzo Construction Company. He continued working in construction until a back injury made the strenuous physical work too difficult.

Later, Phil had another son, Joseph, and was especially passionate about coaching him in baseball and bowling. Phil was an avid golfer and bowler. He loved few things more than the NY Yankees. He loved cars and his midnight blue 1964 GTO drop top with white interior was a special point of pride.

In his later years, he was PopPop to his grandchildren, pursued passion projects, spent time with friends, and always had a story to tell. He left an indelible impression on all who knew him and will be very much missed.

Phil Randazzo was larger than life to all who knew him and passed peacefully after making an unforgettable mark on this world.

Survivors include his son, Joseph Randazzo & his wife Christina of Wappingers Falls; his son, Christopher Randazzo & his wife Pamela of Millville, NJ; his daughter, Tracy Shinabery & her husband Craig of Defiance, OH; his son, David Randazzo & his wife Maryann of Millville, NJ; his son, Todd Randazzo of Millville, NJ; his grandchildren: Kate, Rory, Stephanie, Christina, Lara, and Linnea; his great-grandchildren: Steven, Jonathan, Kayden, Kora, and Kooper; his siblings: Patrick Randazzo & his wife Patricia and Christine Donofrio; as well as several nieces & nephews and many other loving relatives & friends.

Phil was preceded in death by his parents as well as his brother, Paul Randazzo, and brother-in-law, Michael Donofrio.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. followed by a service at 3:00 p.m. at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY.

For online tributes, visit www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

William A. Cross



William "Bill" A. Cross, 93, passed away on March 3, 2025, in Redmond, WA.

Born December 23, 1931, in Beacon, NY, he was the son of the late William and Myrtle (Root) Cross.

He attended New York City College and graduated in 1951.

On November 22, 1954, he married Helen Veronica (Clee), who passed away on January 7, 1979. He married Lois (McAllister) on June 18, 1983, losing her on December 11, 2018.

In his younger days, Bill was an avid hunter and fisherman who enjoyed the mountains and streams of the Hudson Valley. Later he took up tennis, which he played regularly with his children. He also enjoyed the arts, growing bonsai, playing the

piano, and listening to classical music. He had a great sense of humor and loved telling stories, particularly of growing up in Beacon.

Bill was an accountant and general manager throughout his career, assisting multiple businesses, which necessitated moving back and forth across the country. He finally retired at the age of 83 from Corporate United Van Lines in Washington in 2014. He also sat on the board of directors for several charitable organizations.

He is survived by his seven children: William (Laurie) of McHenry, IL, Joe (Patty) of Buckeye, AZ, Tom (Anne Wehrly) of Carnation, WA, Veronica Ryan (Bruce Pyles) of Mill Creek, WA, Robert (Sally) of Fox Island, WA, Edward of Tucson, AZ, John (Rose Brant) of Junction City, OR, and two stepchildren, Ross McAllister of Redmond, WA, and Megan (Mike) Johnson of Clancy, MT. He also leaves behind 22 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Along with his two wives, Bill was preceded in death by his sister, Theresa Travis, and his brother, Francois Cross.

A brief graveside service will be held at the New St. Joachim's Cemetery, Beacon, NY, at 11:30am on April 4th. There will be a reception following at the Southern Dutchess Country Club.

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

Local funeral arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

Lilia P. Zani



Lilia P. Zani, a beloved resident of Wappingers Falls, peacefully passed away at her home on March 6, 2025, at the age of 92, leaving behind a rich legacy of love, family, and dedication. She was born on December 20, 1932, in Gropodalosio, Italy to the late Sovvenire Perini and Dusolina Della Bartolomea.

Lilia was educated in Italy, Switzerland and the United States. She was born and raised in Italy, where she grew up on a farm before meeting Sabino Zani. They left their home and traveled to the United States, married on February 24, 1957, and raised seven children until his passing on March 24, 2020.

Lilia hired a tutor to help her improve her English writing and speaking skills, and she excelled. She was a busy homemaker and entrepreneur,

working as a floral designer for Rosemary Flower Shop while also starting her own business, Flowers by Lilia. She enjoyed cooking and baking and was known for her homemade bread, ravioli, and special foods unique to her home in Italy as she treasured the moments spent teaching her grandchildren the joy of food.

Lilia, an outstanding gardener with a passion for vibrant flowers and thriving vegetable gardens, also mastered the art of mushroom foraging from her childhood in the hills of Tuscany. In her later years, she embraced a more relaxed lifestyle, spending time watching her favorite shows like Days of Our Lives, Mike and Molly, Last Man Standing, Lifetime, and Little House on the Prairie.

Lilia was a devoted wife and mother to her children: Mauro Zani (Sandra) from Raleigh, NC; Franco Zani (Elaine Rivera) from Highland, NY; John Carlo Zani (Diane) from Poughkeepsie, NY; Gina Zani-Palome (Michael) from Wappingers Falls, NY; Nancy Rini (John) from Beacon, NY; Angelo Zani from Saugerties, NY; and Sabino Zani (Magan) from Raleigh, NC. Lilia cherished her grandchildren including: Andrea, Kristina, Alexander, Arianna, Franco Jr., John Anthony, Francesca, Johncarlo, Parker, and Jane Frances. She leaves behind her sister, Adele (Perini) Tavaroni of Italy, her brother Pietro Perini, and countless nieces and nephews also in Italy.

A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, March 29, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. at St. Mary's Church, 11 Clinton Street, Wappingers Falls, NY. The mass of remembrance is devoted to Lilia's late husband, Sabino Zani, and her deceased parents, Sovvenire Perini and Dusolina Della Bartolomea.

Diane D'Albro



Diane died peacefully on February 24, 2025, at home, surrounded by her family. She had just been enrolled in Hospice after several years battling two rare and aggressive cancers. Although she lost that battle, she has won the "imperishable crown" of Eternal Life in the arms of our loving Savior. Diane was born in Manhattan, NY, on May 8, 1949, and grew up in Brooklyn, NY. She attended her parish's (St. Edmund's) elementary and high school. After graduation she earned certification as a dietary and nutrition manager from New York University and used her training and skills to care for the nutritional needs of hospital and nursing

home patients in Connecticut. Her care, concern, and creativity brought comfort and joy to patients and staff alike.

In recent years, Diane spent many hours at The Lunch Box of Dutchess Outreach, Poughkeepsie, providing lunch and dinner to the poor and homeless of Poughkeepsie, and also offering best practices to the staff. Second only to her family was her love and devotion to her spiritual family at Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center, Wappingers Falls. She attended daily Mass there and donated many hours replacing candles in the chapel, helping with bingo and tag sales, and baking her scrumptious chocolate pumpkin bread and other goodies for many occasions. But the highlight of her association with Mt. Alvernia came with her decision to apply for admission as a Secular Franciscan. After a couple of years of study, she was formally enrolled in January 2024, as a member of the Stigmata Fraternity of the Franciscan Order. For her, this moment was a genuine peak experience in her spiritual life. Surrounded by her natural family and her new spiritual family, Diane experienced a peace and trust that helped her immeasurably to deal with the uncertainty and suffering that two rare cancers would inflict on her.

Diane is survived by her two sons, Brian Macfarlane of Providence, RI, and Thomas (Stacy) Macfarlane of South Windsor, CT, on whom she has showered unconditional love, as well as encouragement, advice (and occasional admonishment) throughout their lives. She is also survived by her brothers: James (D'Anne) of Los Osos, CA; and Thomas of Wappingers Falls. There are numerous cousins scattered throughout the country. She was predeceased by her parents, Vincent James and Rose Riccobono.

The Wake service was on Monday, March 3, 2025, at Delehanty Funeral Home, Wappingers Falls. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, March 4, at St. Martin de Porres Church, Poughkeepsie. Burial followed at the Wappingers Rural Cemetery, followed by a reception for family and friends at Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center. Memorial donations may be made to Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center, Habitat for Humanity (Poughkeepsie), or Dutchess Outreach, Poughkeepsie.

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Town of Wappinger Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the 25th day of March, 2025 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.: 25-7842 (Area Variance)

Heather Dubetsky: Seeking an area variance Section 240-37 of District Regulations in an R-20 Zoning District.

-Where 20 feet to the side yard (left) property line is required, the applicant can provide 10'7" for the construction of a 240 sf., deck, thus requesting a variance of 9'3".

The property is located at 38 Lake Oniad Drive on 1.1 acres and is identified as Tax Grid No.: 6257-01-497894 in the Town of Wappinger.

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

Signed: John Lorenzini, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals Town of Wappinger March 6, 2025

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

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Appeal No.: 25-7843 (Area Variance)

Elizabeth Tanner: Seeking an area variance Section 240-37 of District Regulations in an R-20 Zoning District.

-Where 20 feet to the side yard (right) property line is required, the applicant can provide 9 feet for the construction of an 11'x28' garage, thus requesting a variance of 11

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feet. The property is located at 132 Chelsea Road on 0.40 acres and is identified as Tax Grid No.: 6056-03-481460 in the Town of Wappinger.

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

Signed: John Lorenzini, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals Town of Wappinger March 4, 2025

LEGAL NOTICE

Please take notice that the Planning Board of the Village of Wappingers Falls will hold a public hearing on April 3, 2025, at 7:00 pm, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the American Legion Hall, 7 Spring Street, Wappingers Falls, NY on the application submitted by Joseph Potocki, applicant, for Greenacre Holdings LLC, owner, for property having an address of 2667 E. Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY (Grid #6158-14-302265), and located in the Village Commercial (VC) Zoning District. The applicant is seeking reapproval to install a new sign and repair/renovate the front facade of an existing building.

A copy of this application is on file in the Planning and Zoning Department and is available for inspection when the Department is open, Monday-Friday, 8:30AM to 3:00 PM. The telephone number is 845-297-5277. All interested persons may appear in person, by agent, or by attorney, and all will be heard. Date: March 12, 2025

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Please take notice that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Wappingers Falls will hold a public hearing on April 1, 2025, at 7:00pm, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the American Legion Hall, 7 Spring Street, Wappingers Falls, NY on the application submitted by First Presbyterian Church of Wappingers Falls, owner/applicant, for property having an address of 2568 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, NY (Grid #6158-18-321062), in connection with a lot line revision presently pending before the Planning Board, involving that lot and two other lots, 2574-2576 South Avenue (Grid #6158-18-325073) and 2578 South Av-

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enue (Grid #6158-18-329084), each located in the Village Residential (VR) Zoning District. Following the lot line revision, the lot coverage on 2568 South Avenue will be 70% where a maximum of 60% is permitted, requiring a variance of 10%.

A copy of this application is on file in the Planning and Zoning Department and is available for inspection when the Department is open, Monday-Friday, 8:30AM to 3:00 PM. The telephone number is 845-297-5277. All interested persons may appear in person, by agent, or by attorney, and all will be heard. Date: March 12, 2025

TOWN OF UNION VALE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law, notice is hereby given that assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review. This data will be used to establish the assessment of each parcel for the tentative assessment roll of the Town of Union Vale which will be filed on May 1, 2025. The assessor's office is open 9:00AM - 2:00 PM M - Th. The information may be reviewed with the Assessor. For an appointment, please call (845) 734-5600. Eric Axelsen, Assessor

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF WAPPINGER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Wappinger will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the 24th day of March, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Town of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, New York, at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard as to whether the Town Board of the Town of Wappinger shall adopt a proposed Local Law entitled "AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 50, RECORDS, AND CHAPTER 68". PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Town Board has determined that this action does not affect the environment and is not subject to SEQRA. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the proposed Local Law are available for review and inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Town Hall,

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20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, New York.

Dated: March 13, 2025 BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER JOSEPH P. PAOLONI, TOWN CLERK

NOTICE TO OWNERS OF VIABLE FARMLAND IN DUTCHESS COUNTY

Pursuant to Section 303-b of the NYS Agriculture and Markets Law Article 25AA, the Dutchess County Legislature has designated the period April 15 through May 14, 2025, during which Dutchess County landowners who own "predominately viable agricultural land" may request that their land be newly included in the County's Agricultural District 21. In order to be considered for such inclusion, an application must be made on or before May 14, 2025. Only parcels judged to be "predominately viable agricultural land" will be included. The application is to be completed online and is available at: https://gis.dutchessny.gov/ag-districts/. If you require assistance with submitting an application, please contact the Dutchess County Soil and Water Conservation District office at 845-677-8011 ext. 3 or apply in person at the Farm & Home Center 2715 Route 44, Suite 3, Millbrook, NY 12545. Landowners whose parcels are already included in an Agricultural District are not required to apply as part of the annual inclusion process.

Inclusion in an Agricultural District provides potential right-to-farm protections for qualifying farm businesses, including protection against laws that unreasonably regulate farm operations in agricultural districts, limited protection from private nuisance claims, and notification of property buyers about farming practices prior to purchase of property in agricultural districts.

The Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board will review applications and submit a report to the Dutchess County Legislature, which will hold a public hearing and forward any approved applications to the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for certification. Only parcels judged to be "predominately viable agricultural land," pur-

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suant to Section 303-b of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law will be in-

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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 303/2025 RESOLUTION COMMENCING THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION PROCESS FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW G OF 2025, "A LOCAL LAW CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 75 OF THE TOWN CODE TITLED 'SHORT-TERM RENTALS' AND AMENDING CHAPTER 98, 'ZONING'"

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that it is necessary to establish a system of licensure and regulation for short-term rentals; and WHEREAS, after considering multiple approaches to such regulation, the Town Board has determined that it is appropriate to allow and regulate hosted short-term rentals throughout the community and to classify transient rentals that are not hosted as lodging facilities; NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby withdraws Proposed Local Law D of the Year 2024, "A Local Law creating a new Chapter 75 of the Town Code titled 'Short-Term Rentals'" and cancels the public hearing scheduled for March 17, 2025; and be it further RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts Proposed Local Law G of the Year 2025, "A Local Law creating a new Chapter 75 of the Town Code titled 'Short-Term Rentals' and Amending Chapter 98, 'Zoning'" for the purposes of commencing the local law adoption process; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of SEQRA the Town Board hereby determines that the adoption of Proposed Local Law G is a Type I action (see, 6 NYCRR 617.4[b][2]), and the Town Board accepts the attached SEQRA EAF Part 1 for the proposed action; and be it further RESOLVED, that the Town Board determines that it will be the only agency with approval authority over the proposed action and therefore declares itself to be the Lead Agency for conduct of the environmental review under SEQRA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board directs the Town Clerk to forward Proposed Local Law G to the Dutchess County Planning Board for its review and advisory opinion pursuant to Section 239-m of the New York State General Municipal Law; and be it further RESOLVED, that the Town Board directs the Town Clerk to forward Proposed Local Law D to the Town of Pleasant Valley Planning Board for its review and advisory opinion pursuant to Section 98-101 of the Pleasant Valley Town Code; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a public hearing on said Local Law will be held on April 7, 2025 at the Town of Pleasant Valley Town Hall, located at 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard; and be it further RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to give, publish and post notice of said public hearing, as required by law; and be it further RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to give notice to the New York State Department of Transportation Region 8 and all towns adjacent Pleasant Valley pursuant to Section 98-101 of the Pleasant Valley Town Code.

Dated: March 3, 2025

MOTION BY: Councilman Rifenburgh SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Chapman

ROLL CALL:

Table with columns for AYE and NAY, listing Councilwoman Chapman, Councilman Cookinham, Councilman Degan, Councilman Rifenburgh, and Supervisor Albrecht.

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 301/2025 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. F OF THE YEAR 2025 TITLED: "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 86, TAXATION TO PROVIDE A NEW ARTICLE VII ENTITLED 'EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOME'"

WHEREAS, §459-c of the Real Property Tax Law provides authority to the Town to grant a partial exemption from Town taxation to certain property owners of the Town of Pleasant Valley with disabilities who have limited incomes; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney to the Town has drafted a proposed Local Law amending Chapter 86 to provide a new Article VII titled: "Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income"; and

WHEREAS, the said Local Law has been reviewed and approved by the Town Board and has been found to be acceptable in form and content; and

WHEREAS, the said action is a Type II action under SEQRA which does not require environmental review.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby schedules a public hearing on proposed Local Law No. F of the Year 2025 titled: "A Local Law Amending Chapter 86, Taxation to Provide a New Article VII entitled 'Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income'" for April 7, 2025 at 7:05 p.m. at the Town of Pleasant Valley Town Hall; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish such notice of said public hearing as required by law. The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call on March 3, 2025 which resulted as follows:

MOTION: Councilman Rifenburgh SECOND: Councilwoman Chapman

Table with columns for AYE and NAY, listing Supervisor Albrecht, Councilman Rifenburgh, Councilman Degan, Councilwoman Chapman, and Councilman Cookinham.

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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY LOCAL LAW NO. F OF THE YEAR 2025 A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, AMENDING CHAPTER 86, TAXATION TO PROVIDE A NEW ARTICLE VII THEREOF ENTITLED: "EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOME"

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This Local Law shall be known, and may be cited as, "A Local Law of the Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, New York, Amending Chapter 86, Taxation to Provide a New Article VII Thereof Entitled: 'Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income'"

SECTION 2. Chapter 86, Taxation, of the Town of Pleasant Valley Code is hereby amended to provide a new Article VII, which shall read as follows:

§86-19. Purpose, Statutory Authority.

This article is enacted pursuant to the provisions of §459-c of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York to grant a partial exemption from Town taxation to certain resident property owners of the Town of Pleasant Valley with disabilities who have limited incomes.

§86-20 Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated: INCOME TAX YEAR

The twelve-month period for which the owner or owners filed a federal personal income tax return, or if no such return is filed, the calendar year.

PERSON WITH A DISABILITY

A. One who has a physical or mental impairment, not due to current use of alcohol or illegal drugs, which substantially limits such person's ability to engage in one or more major life activities, such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and working, and who:

(1) Is certified to receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits under the Federal Social Security Act; or

(2) Is certified to receive Railroad Retirement Disability benefits under the Federal Railroad Retirement Act; or

(3) Has received a certificate from the State Commission for the Blind stating that such person is legally blind; or

(4) Is certified to receive a United States Postal Service disability pension; or

(5) Is certified to receive a United States Department of Veterans Affairs disability pension pursuant to 38 U.S.C. §1521.

B. An award letter from the Social Security Administration or the Railroad Retirement Board or a certificate from the State Commission or an award letter from the United States Postal Service, or an award letter from United States Department of Veterans Affairs shall be submitted as proof of disability.

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A brother or a sister, whether related through blood, whole blood or adoption.

§86-21 Exemption Granted; Amount; Limitations.

A. Real property situate within the Town of Pleasant Valley, owned by husband, wife or both, or by siblings, at least one of whom has a disability, or real property owned by one or more persons, some of whom qualify under Real Property Tax Law §459-c and the others of whom qualify under Real Property Tax Law §467, or real property owned by a cooperative apartment corporation in which a tenant-stockholder of such corporation resides, and which is represented by his share or shares of stock in such corporation as determined by its or their proportional relationship to the total outstanding stock of the corporation, including that owned by the corporation, which for purposes of this article shall be deemed vested in the tenant-stockholder, and whose income, as hereinafter defined, is limited by reason of such disability, shall be exempt from taxation for real estate taxes to be levied by the Town for the year 2025 and thereafter by the percentage of exemptions hereinafter specified for the annual income ranges listed below to the extent of 50% of the assessed valuation thereof. Such exemption shall be based upon and be computed after all other partial exemptions allowed by law have been subtracted from the total amount assessed:

Table with 2 columns: Annual Income Ranges, Exemption Percentage. Rows include \$35,000 or less (50%), \$45,000-35,999 (45%), \$36,000-36,999 (40%), \$37,000-37,999 (35%), \$38,000-38,899 (30%), \$38,900-39,799 (25%), \$39,800-40,699 (20%), \$40,700-41,599 (15%), \$41,600-42,499 (10%), \$42,500-43,399 (5%), \$43,400 or more (0%).

B. No exemption shall be granted:

(1) If the income of the owner or the combined income of the owners of the property for the income tax year immediately preceding the date of making application for exemption exceeds \$43,400. Where title is vested in either the husband or the wife, their combined income may not exceed such sum, except where the husband or wife, or ex-husband or ex-wife, is absent from the property due to divorce, legal separation or abandonment, then only the income of the spouse or ex-spouse residing on the property shall be considered and may not exceed such sum. Such income shall include social security and retirement benefits, interest, dividends, total gain from the sale or exchange of a capital asset, which may be offset by a loss from the sale or exchange of a capital asset in the same income tax year, net rental income, salary or earnings, and net income from self-employment, but shall not include a return of capital, gifts or inheritances or monies earned through employment in the federal foster grandparent program. In computing net rental income and net income from self-employment, no depreciation deduction shall be allowed for the exhaustion, wear and tear of real or personal property held for the production of income.

(2) Unless the property is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided, however, that in the event that any portion of such property is not so used exclusively for residential purposes but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this article.

(3) Unless the real property is the legal residence of and is occupied in whole or in part by the disabled person, except where the disabled person is absent from the residence while receiving heal-related care as an inpatient or a

residential health care facility, as defined in §2801 of the Public Health Law, and provided that any income accruing to that person shall be considered income for the purposes of this article only to the extent that it exceeds the amount paid by such person or spouse, or sibling or such person for care in the facility.

A. No parcel may receive an exemption for the same municipal tax purpose pursuant to both this article and Article I of this chapter, Senior Citizens Partial Exemption, as amended, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §467.

B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the provisions of this article shall apply to real property held in trust solely for the benefit of a person or persons who would otherwise be eligible for a real property tax exemption, pursuant to this article, were such person or persons the owner or owners of such real property.

§86-22 Application for Exemption.

A. Application for such exemption must be made annually by the owner or all of the owners of the property on forms to be provided by the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Office of Real Property Tax Services through the Assessor's office. Such applications shall furnish the information and the forms are to be executed in the manner required or prescribed in such forms and shall be filed in the Assessor's office on or before taxable status date; provided, however, that proof of a permanent disability need be submitted only in the year exemption pursuant to this article is first sought or the disability is first determined to be permanent.

B. At least 60 days prior to the appropriate taxable status date, the Assessor shall mail to each person who was granted exemption pursuant to this article on the latest completed assessment roll an application form and a notice that such application must be filed on or before the taxable status date and be approved in order for the exemption to be granted. Failure to mail any such application form or notices or the failure of such person to receive any of the same shall not prevent the levy, collection and enforcement of the payment of the taxes on property owned by such person.

§86-23 When Effective; Applicability.

This article shall take effect upon filing in the Secretary of State's office and shall apply to assessment rolls prepared on the basis of taxable status dates occurring on or after March 1, 2024.

Legal Notice NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the tentative budget for the Village of Wappingers Falls, Dutchess County, New York, for the fiscal year 2025-2026 has been completed and is filed with the Village Clerk of said Village, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, New York, where the same may be inspected by any interested person during the regular hours of the business day, from the date of publication of this notice to the date of Public Hearing on said budget.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls, New York, will conduct a Public Hearing at the Village Hall, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, New York on the 9th of April 2025 at 7:00 P.M. to review said budget and any person may be heard in favor or against any item therein contained.

In summary total appropriations for the fiscal year 2025-2026 are \$6,645,319.38 Pursuant to Village Law, Section 5-509, notice is further given that compensation is to be paid to the Mayor and each member of the Board of Trustees as follows: Mayor: \$32,000.00 Trustee: \$8,000.00 John M. Karge Village Clerk Dated 3/13/25 Village of Wappingers Falls, N.Y.

Legal Notice Notice of Public Hearings Village of Wappingers Falls

2025-2026 Final Budget Meeting Please be advised that the Village of Wappingers Falls

Mayor and Board of Trustees will hold a Final Hearing to adopt the 2025-2026 budget on April 23, 2025, 6:00 PM. The purpose is to have public participation. Public may view and or participate by following instructions on the village website.

https://www.wappingersfallsny.gov/village-board-meeting-page/ John M. Karge Village Clerk Date 3/13/25

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A LOCAL LAW CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 75 OF THE TOWN CODE TITLED "SHORT-TERM RENTALS"

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Pleasant Valley will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York on April 7, 2025 at 7 o'clock, p.m., on Local Law G of the Year 2025, to create a new Chapter 75 of the town code entitled "Short-Term Rentals".

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law will be available for examination at the office of the Clerk of the Town of Pleasant Valley, at the Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Friday between the date of this notice and the date of the public hearing.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all persons interested and citizens shall

have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid. Time limitations may be imposed for each oral statement, if necessary.

Dated: Pleasant Valley, New York March 5, 2025

Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. F OF THE YEAR 2025 TITLED: "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 86, TAXATION TO PROVIDE A NEW ARTICLE VII ENTITLED 'EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOME'"

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Pleasant Valley will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York on April 7, 2025 at 7:05 o'clock, p.m., on Local Law F of the Year 2025, to Amend Chapter 86, Taxation to provide a New Article VII entitled "Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income".

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LEGAL NOTICE

Please take notice that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Wappingers Falls will hold a public hearing on April 1, 2025, at 7:00pm, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the American Legion Hall, 7 Spring Street, Wappingers Falls, NY, on the application submitted by Ralph Marinaccio, owner/applicant, for property having an address of 59 South Remsen Avenue, Wappingers Falls, NY (Grid #6158-18-380062), located in the Residential (R) Zoning District, in connection with a subdivision application presently pending before the Planning Board. The owner/applicant is proposing to subdivide an existing residential lot into two lots, with one of the proposed lots having a width of 49.62 feet, where 50 feet is required, requiring a variance of .38 feet.

A copy of this application is on file in the Planning and Zoning Department and is available for inspection when the Department is open, Monday-Friday, 8:30AM to 3:00 PM. The telephone number is 845-297-5277. All interested parties may appear in person, by agent, or by attorney, and all will be heard. Date: March 13, 2025

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Creative Living

Woman of History! Tracy Wolf gains honor

By Kristine Coulter

The 2025 Martha Washington Woman of History Award will be given to Tracy Wolf, a trustee of the East Fishkill Historical Society. The award will be presented during The General's Lady event on March 23 at 2 p.m. at Washington's Headquarters State Historic Site in Newburgh, Orange County.

"Each year Washington's Headquarters advertises for nominations. Then a committee, made up of the site's staff and past recipients of the Martha Washington Woman of History Award, meets to discuss and vote. Each nomination is independently assessed based on criteria aligning with the nomination form. And a winner is announced," explained Elyse Goldberg, with the New York State Parks Recreation & Historic Preservation.

Wolf said about her reaction to finding out she was going to be recognized, "I was shocked. I never win anything."

Asked why Wolf was chosen, Goldberg replied, via email, "Tracy's nomination highlighted her commitment to education and promoting her love of history throughout the Hudson Valley."

Wolf told of how her grandmother used to take her on trips. One trip, when she was in the third grade, specifically opened her eyes to history.

It was while on a trip to Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania, the site of the three-day battle during the Civil War which helped to turn the war to the Union's favor and where President Abraham Lincoln would offer his Gettysburg Address, she discovered her love for history.

"I knew I was going to do something with history when we went to Gettysburg," said Wolf. "It felt different. It felt like I was there."

Wolf has been continuing with her interest in history and spreading her knowledge of historical facts and locations.

Wolf is a member of the Rombout Precinct, which is helping to plan for the celebration of the country's 250th of birthday.

Wolf explains to 4th graders who visit the Brinckerhoff House Historic Site in East Fishkill local history. She also teaches them how to churn butter.

"They love it. We'll usually wear 18th century clothing. Then they will make the butter by hand. They shake jars and taste the butter at the end," she explained.

Wolf also helped to establish a clay



Tracy Wolf, an East Fishkill Historical Society trustee, has been named Martha Washington Woman of the Year.

-Courtesy photo submitted by Tracy Wolf

bread oven at the Van Wyck Homestead in Fishkill, with the help of a local Boy Scout.

Wolf has also been a member of the 5th NY Regiment of Revolutionary War re-enactors.

Wolf is a graduate of Suny New Paltz with a BA in history and is retired from a career in retail management.

Wolf was told during Christmastime by her stepfather that he nominated her for the award.

Wolf, who was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis in the 1990s and had two strokes in 2023, said her family and friends, are excited for her because she usually likes to stay in the background.

It was noted by NYSPRHP, "The honor was inspired by Martha Washington, an outstanding woman in history who resided in the Hudson Valley with her husband, General George Washington, during the last days of the Revolutionary War."

Why is it important for this honor to be handed out every year?

Goldberg replied, "Some people think that history is boring, and you can learn it from books. This award is important to show that individuals are committed to making a difference and connecting history to our lives today."

Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation

Nate Smith
Recreation Director

Camp! If you are looking for something for the kids to do while they're out of school, look no further! Check out our website www.poughkeepsietown-rec.com for more details on the Spring Break Art camp and our summer camp at Greenvale!

Spring cleaning! You might have seen the grounds crew out and about. We're getting the sports fields cleared up in anticipation of the spring season. We've also been spending time at Sunnyside park removing the fence that was damaged by falling trees and cutting back the brush. We've got a full list of things to do to get all of our parks ready for the warmer weather. Feel free to say 'HI' to the crew if you see them out there!

More spring cleaning! Save the Date, April 26th is the date for the first ever Town-wide yard sale. \$30 gets you a permit for the event, a yard sign and your sale on the master list. That list will be on various social media and emailed to the 10,000+ people on our mailing list. Not having a sale yourself? Save the date because it'll be a great day to find some great things for all your stuff needs! You can sign up and pay either in person at the Town Hall or on our website.

Spring sports! All of the leagues start play in April. It's not too late to get involved. Find out how to register on our website.

Senior Center News
Ruta Ronis

For the Poughkeepsie SC

Time marches on, and it's marched us right into the middle of the month of March. Let's keep our fingers crossed that Spring really arrives (and stays) by March 20. In the meantime, why not stop by our Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center (SC), at 14 Abe's Way (just off Route 9), to enjoy the company of others 55+ and our various activities and presentations.

Our first Coach Bus trip is heading to the Villa Roma for lunch and a Neil Diamond Tribute concert on May 6th.

Registration is now open for Town of Poughkeepsie residents 55+. Registration for non-residents opens on April 6th. The cost is \$65, and full payment is do at registration at our Senior Center, Monday - Friday between 9 a.m. and 2:30 pm. You may also want to sign up for a special presentation of the Murder Cafe's "1920 Mob Wedding" at our SC on April 20. Not only will you be a wedding guest, but you may also be able to help solve the murder!

New in March, our Stitching Circle is open to knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, and sew on. Bring your projects! We meet on Mondays from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Our Karaoke Happy Hour was a hit last month, with Billy Joel, Frank Sinatra, and even Roy Rogers being represented. Join us March 19 at 12:30 p.m. to sing or just enjoy the show. We'll have another karaoke session in April. Speaking of April, all April birthdays will be celebrated on April 3, with cake for everyone in attendance.

Our second Lunch & Learn of the month scheduled for March 20th is presented by Linda Edgar from the Office for the Aging. Linda will speak about the Office For the Aging's (OFA) Friendly Calls Program, a simple, rewarding volunteer opportunity that you can do from the comfort of your own home. Pizza lunch will be served, courtesy of the Town of Poughkeepsie.

On March 21st at 9:30 a.m., join us for our monthly Community Service Project. We'll be making superhero capes for children living in distress in our community. A special session of "Prize Bingo" will take place on March 25 at 11 a.m. Then come on in on March 27 to be awed and mesmerized with Professor Harry Hocus' Magic Show at 12:30 p.m.

Our complete Senior Center Activity Calendar can be viewed at www.poughkeepsietownrec.com, or give our staff a call at 845-462-0265 Monday - Friday between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing YOU soon!

FYI: Mark your calendar for a special event at our SC on April 10. Details to be announced soon.

Fishkill Recreation

By Lauren McMenamin
Recreation Assistant Director

First Aid & CPR: Come get certified at the Fishkill Rec Center. Red Cross Basic First Aid and CPR. March 30 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The course is open to ages 16+.

Cooking Classes for Kids:

Mommy & Me for ages 6-8

Jr. Chefs for ages 9-13

Teen Cooking Club for ages 14-18

What One Will Learn: Kitchen Safety & Sanitation, Cooking Equipment, Organization, How to read a recipe, How to measure ingredients

What One Will Gain: Healthy Food Habits, Confidence, Life Skills, Social/Emotional Skills, Communication Skills

Visit our website for a complete class description and schedule.

Little Explorers: Dive into a morning

filled with purposeful stations designed around a theme. Children will have the opportunity to explore at their own pace and learn through hands on exploration, for March 8th.

Little Rascals: We are excited to bring back our popular Little Rascals program! The gymnasium at the Recreation Center is turned into a giant play room for our little ones to run free. There are pedal cars, parachutes, slides, bouncy houses, tunnels, and much more! Little Rascals is open on Thursday mornings from 10-11:30 a.m. The fee is \$5 per child and parents get to play for free! Remember that everyone must wear sneakers. Must Pre-Register at www.fishkillrecreation.com. Contact Lauren for more information 845-831-3371.

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

East Fishkill Recreation

By Bill Green
Recreation Director

If you haven't already done so, please pick up one of our 2025 East Fishkill Rec Guides at Town Hall, the East Fishkill Community Library, the east Fishkill Community Center or the Rec. Office on Anne Avenue. Complete information on all of our activities, events, trips, concerts, facilities and contacts are in the "Guide!"

This summer we are again offering our Youth Golf Instruction for future PGA stars. There is a Toddler Class for 4- and 5-year-olds and classes for 6- to 14-year-olds. Lessons are held at McGrath Field in the morning. The first session is July 7-11. Registration starts May 5.

Register now for our very popular East Fishkill Co-Ed Sand Volleyball League. The fee is \$50 for a team or \$5 for an individual sign-up. Games are played on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

You may now sign up for the first of four Adult Golf lessons with Lisa

Monaco. Session 1 is May 6, 8, 13 & 15 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Beekman Golf. The fee is \$100 for residents and \$125 for non-residents. Checks should be made out to Lisa Monaco. There will also be sessions in June, July and August.

Our casino trip on Thursday, April 17 to Resorts Catskills Casino is now FILLED. Call to get on a waiting list.

Saturday, April 12 is Opening Day. Our annual Spring Fling/ Egg Hunt is scheduled for Sunday, April 6. Prizes, music, refreshments, a petting zoo, the Easter Bunny and fun entertainment will be included!

Season passes for Red Wing Park go on sale Monday, May 5. Red Wing opens Memorial Day weekend May 24-26.

Our Summer Camp is for youngsters 6-14 years of age. The child must be six by June 30 to attend. Camp registration is underway. You may apply online.

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

Martial Arts school to host blood drive on March 30

Anthony Quatrochi's Martial Arts Institute, 1299 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, Southside Plaza, will hold a blood drive

on March 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Walk-ins welcome, or one may register at nybc.org/1-800-933-2566.

that's italian!

by luigi coppola



The Impossible Dream

Luigi has 'miles to go' before his day off

I have written many stories about working with my father in the restaurant. My father still is tough. He still is relentless. He might have slowed down, but he still produces. At 92 years old, he still is an incredible chef and he still comes in every day. Every single day. Only for a couple of hours, but still, every single day.

The other day, my father came into the restaurant. It was a Sunday, and Sunday is my last day before my day off. Needless to say, Sundays are a little rough because I am usually on my last leg and I am not the most pleasant person to be around. On Sundays, Pop usually comes in later, after noon mass, to make dinner for himself. He's full of energy for his age and always ready for me.

So when Pop comes in I have already put in around 5 hours of work with only 8 more to go, and I've got my eye on the prize. I'm trying to stay focused and not lose my cool. So Pop comes in and he sees me, and right away he starts.

Pop: Quello che un viso brutto (What an ugly face) Hai mangiato limoni stamattina? (Did you eat lemons this morning?)

Me: Why do you say that?

Pop: Come on, it's a morning and you already in a bada mood?

Me: No, Pop, I'm not in a bad mood.

Pop: Whya you looka that way?

Me: I don't know. I'm busy and I'm trying to get all my work done.

Pop: Maka sure the bread crumbs are

done.

Me: What? Huh? (sigh) Yes, Pop.

Pop: Maka sure you no taka the sauce off the fire too soon.

Me: (sigh) Yes, Pop.

Pop: Youa sure youa ok?

Me: Yes, Pop. I'm fine.

Pop: OK. Do you still need me to maka the Tira mi Su?

Me: No, Pop. We ran out so I had to make it.

Pop: What?! Nowa you no needa me no more?

Me: No, Pop. We ran out. I had to make it.

Pop: Nowa youa the chef, right? Youa no need me to bea the chef?

Me: (sigh) No, Pop. That's not true. I just needed to make one for today. You can make it for tomorrow.

Pop: (pauses as he stares at me) Youa maka it the righta way?

Me: Yes, Pop. I followed your recipe.

Pop: Youa usa the brandy?

Me: Yes, Pop.

Pop: Anda the Kahlua?

Me: Yes, Pop.

Pop: Youa make the custard the righta way?

Me: Yes, Pop, just like you showed me.

Pop: Youa...

Me: Pop, please. Stop. I'm tired. I've got to finish the day, so I can take tomorrow off.

Pop: Oh youa tired?

Me: (sigh) Yes, Pop, I'm tired.

Pop: How many days youa work this week, huh?

Me: Oh no ... 6, Pop.

Pop: Six? You taka any nights off?

Me: No, Pop.

Pop: You gotta everything done?

Me: Almost, Pop. It'll be done by the end of the day.

Pop: Good. (pause) Youa worka too hard.

He kissed me on the cheek and slapped my other cheek. He turned away from me and went into the walk-in cooler to get his ingredients for dinner. At that moment I thought my head was about to explode. I could almost hear Frank Sinatra singing "The Impossible Dream." I wasn't sure, but I think he paid me a compliment.

Tira Mi Su Ingredients

6 egg yolks
3/4 cup white sugar
1 1/2 cup milk
1 1/4 cups heavy cream
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 pound mascarpone cheese
1 cup strong brewed coffee, room temperature
4 tablespoons brandy
4 tablespoons Kahlua
4 (3 ounce) packages ladyfinger cookies
1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder

Method

In a medium saucepan, whisk together egg yolks and 1 cup of sugar until well blended. Whisk in milk and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture boils. Boil gently for 1 minute, remove from heat and allow to cool slightly. Cover tightly and chill in refrigerator 1 hour.

In a medium bowl, beat cream with vanilla until stiff peaks form. Whisk mascarpone into yolk mixture until smooth. Add chilled custard and gently whisk until blended.

In a small bowl, combine coffee, 1/2 cup sugar, brandy and Kahlua. Dip lady fingers into the coffee mixture.

Arrange half of soaked ladyfingers in bottom of a 7x11 inch dish. Spread half of mascarpone mixture over ladyfingers. Sprinkle with cocoa. Repeat layers and again sprinkle with cocoa. Cover and refrigerate 4 to 6 hours, until set.

To serve, cut into a 3-inch square and garnish with whipped cream.

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.

Common Ground Farm sets Opening of Fields event March 23

Common Ground Farm invites visitors to join for a contemplative walk through the early spring fields on Sunday, March 23 at 3 p.m. The walk will be guided by Farm Manager Rhys Bethke and Common Ground Executive Director Sember Weinman, with reflection and commentary shared by food access partners and community leaders, including: Ilana Friedman, Luke Wygodny, and Deb Davidovitz of Beacon Hebrew Alliance; Lisa Pellegrino of the music group Soil and Soul; Stony Kill Foundation's Executive Director Stacey Adnams; Lindley Todd Finance Manager Shara

Wightman; musician Patrick Stanfield Jones; Beacon Farmers' Market Manager Amy Bandolik; Common Ground Board Member Jessica Shay; artist Julia Norton; and farmers Chris and Brenda of Finca Seremos.

Common Ground fosters engagement and connection among the full diversity of the community. The Opening of the Fields walk is an opportunity to appreciate the potential abundance of the fields as well as to reflect upon the changes and uncertainty inherent in nature and our current times. Common Ground is a community farm dedicated to fresh food access,

donating produce to local food access distribution sites each week during the growing season. This event is an opportunity for the farm's valued community partners to visit the place where our produce is grown, and to see the fields that will feed their communities from May until November. Leaders have been invited to share blessings and teachings about nature, food, and land from their various traditions and philosophies, as well as songs, wishes, and words of inspiration.

Common Ground Farm supports and engages the community by fostering access and connection to fresh food and local agriculture through farming, education, and farmers' markets. For more

information, visit our website <https://www.commongroundfarm.org/events-2> or contact Executive Director, Sember Weinman at seember@commongroundfarm.org.

Common Ground is located at Stony Kill Farm at 79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers, Falls. Visitors can park by the red barn and meet the group by the fire circle. Hot tea and snacks will be provided, and guests are welcome to stay and socialize by the fire pit afterwards if the weather is fine. We expect the fields to be muddy. Please wear appropriate footwear. The event is free and open to all, but advanced registration is encouraged at Common Ground's website.

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County to host annual Community Pancake Breakfast at Bowdoin Park on March 29

Dutchess County Parks will host its annual Community Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 29, starting at 9:30 a.m. in the Bowdoin Park auditorium, featuring Dutchess County Parks Pure Maple Syrup.

County Executive Sue Serino said, "Our beautiful parks have so much to offer and our annual pancake breakfast gives residents of all ages the chance to taste our delicious homemade maple syrup, learn the history of the syrup-making process, and explore Bowdoin Park! I am grateful to our Parks team for continuing to bring this annual tradition to our community."

Tickets for the event are \$5 per person

(cash only at the door) and children 6 and under are free. Tickets are on a first-come, first-served basis and while supplies last. Walk-up Maple Education workshops with Parks Naturalists will also be held (weather depending) and are included with pancake breakfast entry.

Event information, including registration and updates are available on the Dutchess County Parks Facebook page and at dutchessny.gov/parks.

Other group Maple Education experiences are available at Bowdoin and Wilcox Park by appointment. For more information on these or other Parks Naturalist programs, please call 845-298-4600.

HUDSON VALLEY NATURALIST

by Francine Wizner



Spring & Science: Two that are better together

Just like cocoa needs marshmallows and Kermit's wit is ever enhanced by his longtime love, Miss Piggy, spring and science make a super pairing. Is the coupling of an academic subject and a season comparable to the 1940s romance of Bogie and Bacall? Is the bond closer to the flavorful marriage of peas and carrots? The unwavering acceptance of Forrest Gump and Jenny? Read on to see why spring and science go hand-in-glove.

Late March through May are months when themes such as biological cycles, pollinators, diversity, and many others are particularly relevant due to weather patterns. Those topics all relate to ecology and Earth Day (April 22) as the academic year draws to a close. Classroom teachers and homeschoolers can try these science activities which are easily done in the spring. Try them out and you will agree that spring and science is better than peanut butter and jelly or a pen and paper.

Extract chlorophyll from plant leaves

Springtime leaves are bright green. Grind them up and soak them in alcohol to extract the green pigment. The process is a way to learn about plant molecules involved in photosynthesis. Chlorophyll can be used for a chromatography investigation, or teaching younger children about the seasons.

Examine stomata

Stomata are pores which allow the passage of CO2, O2, and H2O. Most stomata are on the bottom of plants' leaves. The number of stomata on the epidermal surface can tell you a lot about a plant. Plants that grow in different climates have stomata adapted to their location.

Observe lichens

Lichens are typically seen growing on rocks. They are considered pioneers because they have few ecological require-

ments for life. Over time, they prepare conditions for other organisms through the biodeterioration of rocks and the accumulation of nutrients. Colonization of an area by lichens is an important first step in the succession of barren locations and areas devastated by disasters. Meet the Lichens is a FREE sample "Do Now" activity which teaches about the symbiotic nature of lichens. "Do Nows" can be used at the beginning of classes or as a "fill-in" to help with the comprehension of science concepts. The activity is available at: <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/SAMPLE-DO-NOW-MEET-THE-LICHENS-ECOLOGY-6679549>.

Dissect a flower

Flower dissection is a hands-on way to teach flower structures, or as a part of a unit on reproduction. The best flower types to dissect include lilies, tulips, daffodils, alstroemerias and gladiolus. Avoid daisies, asters, calla lilies, roses, and iris since their floral structures are not as easy to view.

Read 'A Thief in Pollinator Paradise' or 'A Thief in the Meadow'

Both tales deal with the coevolution of flowers and their pollinators. The characters discuss symbiosis, photosynthesis and respiration. The mystery at the heart of both stories encourages the meadow-dwelling characters to make observations and collect evidence so they can identify the thief!

Spring blooms allow easy access to foliage for obtaining chlorophyll and examining stomata. Greater sunlight and warmer temperatures permit pleasant outings for observing lichens and gathering blossoms for dissection. And, for those of us familiar with Poets' Walk in Red Hook, you will notice that views of that location are part of the meadow setting in the two "Thief" books mentioned above. The

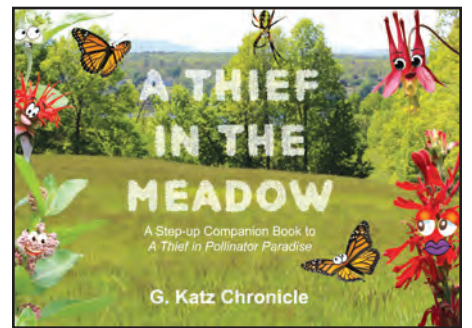


Above: A screen grab shows a flower dissection.

-Photo by Francine Wizner

Right: Cover for the book "A Thief in the Meadow."

-Courtesy image



meadow is in Dutchess County, overlooking the Hudson River.

Those are just some of the reasons why I think Spring and Science is a pairing that rivals that of Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall!

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://medium.com/@wiznerf>, <https://substack.com/@gkatzchronicle>, and <https://www.pleasantvalleymaplelodging.com/>.

Grinnell Library highlights the artwork of Fatima-Ezzahra in March

Fatima-Ezzahra is an artist who develops artwork that expresses her deepest thoughts and emotions in a very creative and unique way. Fatima-Ezzahra also known as "Tima" is originally from Morocco and came to America in 2014 after marrying her husband PJ. Although she has enjoyed art and painting since she was a child, she really started focusing on living her dream as an aspiring artist beginning in 2014. Since then, she has sold many pieces of artwork online and now, she has had the opportunity to have it displayed in Poughkeepsie. Her goal and objective is to gain recognition and one day have her artwork displayed around the world.

So much time, effort and emotion go into each canvas she paints. She wants to leave behind breathless representations of the emotions women go through in their efforts to stay ahead of the current times. When one looks at Tima's paintings...pause & then reflect. Only then will one see the true beauty that lies within each brush stroke of paint laid down on that canvas.

Fatima-Ezzahra's work will be on display throughout March. For more information, contact the library at 845-297-3428. Grinnell Library is at 2642 East Main Street in Wappingers Falls.



Artwork by artist Fatima-Ezzahra can be seen at Grinnell Library in Wappingers Falls throughout March.

-Courtesy image artist, Grinnell Library

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love to cook

by vicki frank day



Lovely leftovers

Pork tenderloin transforms into three delicious meals.

Leftovers. The very word evokes sadness, disappointment and even loathing for some. Sure, it's practical to not waste food but not everyone's a fan, and I get it. But what if I told you to actually plan to have leftovers so you can make several different meals this week, none of which seem left over at all? Could we still be friends?

For the last year or so I've been back in the cooking groove in a big way. I've been loving the challenge and discipline of coming up with weekly menus while stretching my grocery dollars and making the most of what I buy. It's especially satisfying when I can make several meals centered around one key ingredient, in this case, pork tenderloin, which is one of my favorites for many reasons. It's lean, delicious and cooks quickly. It also comes in a pack of two, which practically guarantees leftovers to play with, something I'm not only ready for that whenever I buy it, but that I actually look forward to. Read on and you'll see what I mean.

DAY 1: Basic-But-Delicious Pork Tenderloin Roasts- This is my new go-to way to cook pork tenderloin for moist, juicy, tender results. I used to always pan-sear them first to lock in juices, then finish in the oven. This method skips that step and still yields really moist, tender results. The high oven temp helps avoid

over cooking: you want to bring the internal temperature to 140-145 degrees. It will continue to cook as it rests, which should bring it up to 145-150. It may still be slightly pink in the center but cooking any longer could dry it out. This is also a plus for any that's leftover as it won't dry out with a second (or third!) use. And be sure to save the juice that collects in the baking dish. It makes a lovely gravy.

Ingredients

- Twin-pack pork tenderloins
Olive oil (about 2 tablespoons)
1 tablespoon salt
Freshly ground pepper
1 teaspoon each onion powder, smoked paprika, garlic powder and mustard powder
3/4 cup water or chicken broth
1-2 tablespoons cornstarch (start with 1)

Method

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Trim away any large areas of silver skin from the tenderloins. Pat dry with a paper towel.

In a small bowl, mix all the dry seasonings together.

Spread some olive oil in the bottom of a (9x13) baking dish, just enough to cover the bottom. Place tenderloins in the dish and drizzle with olive oil, rubbing it in to evenly coat. Sprinkle seasonings on to cover the tops, pressing some onto the



Clockwise from above, a pork tenderloin roast, pork & mash hash, and a quesadilla.

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sides as well.

Roast, uncovered, until internal temperature registers 140-145 degrees, 25-30 minutes (check after 25. Temperature will continue to rise while resting out of the oven). Remove from oven, transfer meat to a cutting board and allow to rest to reabsorb juices, at least 10 minutes, before slicing. Reserve pan juices for gravy.

While it rests, pour juices from the baking dish into a saucepan set over medium heat. Place water (or broth) and cornstarch in a jar with a lid and shake well to mix and get rid of any lumps. (Or whisk together well in a small bowl). Add this to the saucepan and whisk constantly, scraping up any browned bits, until smooth and thickened, adding more liquid or starch as needed. Spoon sauce over sliced pork and serve.

DAY 2: Pork & Mash Hash - This came together quickly and used up the leftover mashed potatoes and vegetables I had left from two nights before. Sort of like a shepherd's pie, it's as delicious as it is frugal - an all around win! It also works with leftover pot roast, turkey or chicken, even corned beef.

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons butter
1 small onion, chopped
1/4 cup flour
Salt, black pepper and dried thyme (or poultry seasoning), to taste
1/2 cup chicken broth or water
1-2 cups diced roast pork
1-2 cups mixed vegetables (peas, carrots, corn) (or 10oz package of frozen)
2 cups prepared (leftover!) mashed potatoes
1 cup shredded cheese (cheddar is great)

Method

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9x13 baking dish and set aside.

Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onion and cook until tender, 3-4 minutes. Whisk in flour. Add broth, stir and add seasonings. Cook until thickened and just starting to bubble, adding 1/4 cup water or more broth if needed.

Stir in pork and vegetables and cook to heat through, 3-4 minutes. Transfer to baking dish.

Spread mashed potatoes evenly over the top. Warming them up a bit first makes this easier. Top with cheese and bake until heated through and bubbly, 25-35 minutes.

DAY 3: Pork & Pepper Quesadillas - With the smallest amount of pork tenderloin leftover, I needed to add something to stretch

it for one last meal. Not a problem since I also had some roasted red peppers and flour tortillas to use up. Quesadillas are perfect for weeknight dinners because they come together super-quick using things probably already in your fridge. They're cravable, delicious and arguably better than the first night's meal. In other words, completely unrecognizable as leftovers.

NOTE: These need to come together quickly so they don't burn. They cook in the pan as you assemble them so have all your ingredients ready. Amounts here are vague because I was using up what I had which ended up being enough for 3 quesadillas.

Ingredients

- Butter for the skillet
2-4 large (10-inch) flour tortillas
1-2 cups shredded cheese (cheddar or jack or both)
1 cup diced cooked pork
1/2 a sweet onion, diced
Roasted red peppers (or 1-2 bell peppers, chopped)
1 cup diced tomatoes
Fresh chopped cilantro
Hot sauce (optional)
Sour cream

Method

Place a large skillet over medium heat. When hot, add 1 teaspoon of butter to melt. Place one tortilla flat on the skillet and sprinkle evenly with cheese.

On one half, layer pork, onion, peppers and tomatoes. Sprinkle with cilantro.

Fold tortilla over on itself and cook, 1-2 minutes per side, until cheese is melted. Transfer to plate. Repeat with remaining ingredients. Remove pan from heat if too hot and starting to burn. Serve with a dollop of sour cream and your favorite hot sauce.

Now that's how you do leftovers! Each meal was as good as the last and I used up a few things that otherwise would've been thrown out.

BONUS: when they taste this good, I doubt anyone will complain or even know you've snuck in those leftovers. It'll be our delicious secret! Enjoy!

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



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with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 2/4/2025. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of any such process served to 103 South Main Street, Sharon CT 06069. Purpose: to engage in any act or activity for which a LLC may be organized under the NY LLC Law.

NEXT LEVEL STRATEGIC PARTNERS LLC. Filed 10/29/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Jacqueline Harr, 61 Locust Grove Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: General.

Notice of Formation of Northern City Properties LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/28/2025. Office location: Dutchess County NY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Arolfo Delacruz 12 Richards Blvd Poughkeepsie Ny 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Worthex Pro Inspections LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/22/2021. Office location: Dutchess County NY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Arolfo Delacruz 12 Richards Blvd Poughkeepsie Ny 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

THE BARN AT ALPINE RANCH, LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/5/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 8 Sherman Dr, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: any lawful act.

Beekman Home Construction, LLC Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company, ("LLC"), Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on January 30, 2025. Office location: Care of LMD Companies, P.O. Box 1670, Wappingers Falls, New York 12590, Dutchess

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County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of any such process served to Care of LMD Companies, P.O. Box 1670, Wappingers Falls, New York 12590. Purpose: to engage in any act or activity for which a LLC may be organized under the NY LLC Law.

Lumina Learning LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/02/25. 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, 179 South Cherry St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

MJ HOME REPAIR AND PAINTING, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/19/2025. 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, 51 Long Meadow Drive, Staatsburg, NY 12580. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Narrow Flats LLC. Filed with SSNY on February 4, 2025. Office: Dutchess County, SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: PO Box 258, Millbrook, NY 12545. Purpose: any lawful

SMART CHOICE PROPERTY ONE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/22/25. 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, 794 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Jota's Food Truck LLC. Filed 2/6/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 29 Forbus St Apt 7, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: General.

Notice of Formation of Spark Coffees LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/20/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the

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LLC, 13 Ryan Ct. Clinton Cors, NY 12514. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of a NY Limited Liability Company. Name: WhiteOak.IO, LLC. Articles of Organization filing date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was 10/28/2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail copy of process to 104 S Quaker Hill Road, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws.

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: ONEJOHNSTREET, LLC, hereinafter "LLC". Registration filing date with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) was January 30, 2025. 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, Elaine Suderio and David Miller, 23 Marshall Drive, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LUX FITNESS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/5/25 Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2 Stirrup Trail, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: any lawful act.

DM DELHALL THERAPY ASSOCIATES LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 1/31/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Denice Mateo-Delhall 2 Kent Rd Hopewell Junction NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Sepideh Hakimzadeh LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/22/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY desig-

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nated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to 107 Kansas Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

HAWK AMP, LLC Filed with SSNY on 02/03/25. Office 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, 21 Pine Echo Dr. Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Hudson Co, LLC, filed App. for Auth. with the SSNY on 11/8/2024, using the fictitious name Hudson Co of DE, LLC. Office: Dutchess County. LLC formed in DE on 8/3/2010. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 2290 Rte 199, Pine Plains, NY 12567. Address required to be maintained in DE: Corporation Service Company, 2711 Centreville Rd, Ste 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert of Formation filed with DE Sec'y of State, John G. Townsend Bldg, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of Native Minds, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/14/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 16 Pasture Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Early Interventions Licensed Behavior Analyst NY PLLC, Arts of Org filed with SSNY 09/30/2015 Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: The PLLC, PO Box 136, Salt Point, NY 12578 Purpose: any lawful

Notice of Formation of Hudson Valley Custom Tours LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/01/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to PO Box 2631, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose:

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Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of SaltLine Solutions LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/8/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to United States Corporation Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Christine Pettit NP in Psychiatry PLLC. Filed 1/29/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process and shall mail to: 349 Liberty Street, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: NP in Psychiatry.

ROBERT C. DILLULLO ACCOUNTANT, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 09/06/2024. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 72 Spy Glass Hill, Hopewell Junction, NY, 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Moove In Partners - Pawling LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 1/22/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 80 State St, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Phoenix Muses LLC filed Articles of Organization with the New York Department of State on February 10, 2025. The office of the LLC is located in Dutchess County, NY. The New York Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 221 Pitcher Lane, Red Hook, NY 12571. The LLC is managed by its members. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Notice of Form. of SNGNY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/13/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 4001 S DECATUR BLVD STE 37445, LAS VEGAS, NV 37445. Any lawful purpose.

MONITOPAUH O M E I M P R O V E M E N T LLC. Filed 12/23/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Paul Jhonny, 3485 Route 9 Trlr 8, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: General.

183 N HAMILTON REALTY LLC. Filed 10/29/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 183 N Hamilton St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: General.

489 FREEDOM REALTY LLC. Filed 10/29/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 183 N Hamilton St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: General.

Brightpath Hospitality LLC. Filed 2/10/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 45 Pitcher Rd, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: General.

Notice of Formation of Capital Fleet Solutions LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/8/2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Capital Fleet Solutions LLC, P.O. Box 155, Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

EFTIALEX REALTY LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/20/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 31-35 Eastdale Avenue North, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Tende Personal Care LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/19/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process

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against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 8 W Main St., Beacon NY 12508. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Upstate Bodywork, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 1/6/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 12 Crescent Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful.

Notice of Formation of 1-2 Tree Top LLC, a domestic limited liability company (LLC). Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/04/2023. The LLC is located in Dutchess County. The SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the office location: 35 Orchard Place, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity.

Halcyon Hudson International LLC, filed App. for Auth. with the SSNY on 1/14/2025. Office: Dutchess County. LLC formed in DE on 1/8/2025. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served and shall mail process to: Jacqueline Preziosi, 2515 South Rd, 5th Fl, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Address required to be maintained in DE: 251 Little Falls Dr, Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert of Formation filed with DE Sect'y of State, PO Box 898, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of formation of HUDSON VALLEY SHORT RENTAL LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/19/22. Office in Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 94 MAPLE ST BEACON, NY, 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Tanya Murray Creative, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with New York Secy of State (SSNY) on 1/23/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC

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upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 22 E. Market St, Ste 203, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: 241 Fairview LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 11, 2025. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 203 Cardinal Road Hyde Park, NY 12538: Any lawful purpose.

SHREENATHJI TRADING LLC. Filed 1/23/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Chandni Shah, 128 Stony Brook Rd, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: General.

Incladon Chiropractic Office PLLC. Filed 2/19/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 997 Main St, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: Chiropractic.

Notice of formation of L & MG74, LLC filed with SSNY on 2/18/2025. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as the LLC's agent upon whom the process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to L & MG74, 21 Morris Drive, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

283 20TH LLC. Filed 12/30/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Ghioni Tax & Accounting Solutions LLC, Po Box 786, Gresham, OR 97030. Registered Agent: Peter Barrett, 58 Sherow Rd, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: General.

Notice of Qualification of VIGILANTE HEATING, COOLING, PLUMBING & ELECTRICAL, LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 2/12/25. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/4/25. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 80 State St, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 251 Lit-

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tle Falls Dr, Wilmington, DE 19808. 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 Corporation Service Company, 80 State St, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Qualification of VIGILANTE PLUMBING & DRAINS, LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 2/12/25. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/10/25. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 80 State St, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 251 Little Falls Dr, Wilmington, DE 19808. 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 Corporation Service Company, 80 State St, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice is hereby given that a Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) has been formed under the laws of the State of New York. Darlene Carole Klosen P.T. PLLC Articles of Organization filed with State of New York, Department of State Date of Formation 2/11/2025 The company is formed to provide physical therapy services. Darlene Klosen 80 Watch Hill Drive, Fishkill NY 12524 This notice is published in accordance with the requirements of the State of New York.

Notice of Formation of LONGHORN VEHICLES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/25/25. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 273 Old Camby Rd., Verbank, NY 12585. 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. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of BLACKBIRD HOSPITALITY LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/25/25. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 445 Main St., Ste. 210, Beacon, NY 12508.

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SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Qualification of 3302 FRANKLIN AVENUE LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/25/25. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 02/17/25. 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. DE addr. 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: Any lawful activity.

DON'T MUST LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/07/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Amanda N. Miller, 6370 Mill Street, Suite 1, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

CH R CONSTRUCTION CONSULTANTS LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/27/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Amanda N. Miller, 6370 Mill Street, Suite 1, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

C O R C O L I REFERRAL GROUP LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/27/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Amanda N. Miller, 6370 Mill Street, Suite 1, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Notice of Formation of Bloom and Beam Artistry LLC, a domestic limited liability company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on

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02/15/2025. Office location: County of Dutchess. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 1022 NY-376 #8 Wappingers Falls, New York 12590 Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of a limited liability Company (LLC): Name: 205 Columbia Turnpike LLC, Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 11, 2025. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 203 Cardinal road Hyde Park, NY 12538: Any lawful purpose.

Darlene Carole Klosen P.T. PLLC, filed w/ NYDOS 2/11/25 NYDOS is designated registered agent In Dutchess Co., 80 Watch Hill Dr, Fishkill NY 12524 Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Streamline Services LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 2/17/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 187 Wolf Rd, Ste 101, Albany, NY 12205. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is Business Filings Incorporated, 187 Wolf Rd, Ste 101, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of KIE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/27/25. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 886 Noxon Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Kimberly Tanami at the princ. office of the LLC. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LOCUST GROVE APARTMENTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/13/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 103 SANDY PINES BOULEVARD, HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY 12533. Any lawful purpose.

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Hagstrom, Lindars & luele, LLP, 1136 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

GOOSABALLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/18/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2403 Fox Ln, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

New York 82 Realty LLC. Filed with SSNY on March 4, 2025. Office: Dutchess, SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 37 Last Road, Middletown, New York 10941. Purpose: any lawful

65 DIDDELL ROAD LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/5/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 6 Corbin Ln., Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 65 Diddell Rd., Wappingers Falls, NY 12590.

ALIEL GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/04/25. 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, 119 Stringham Road, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of AJ EMERGENCY MEDICINE PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/21/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to P.O. BOX 34, LAGRANGEVILLE, NY 12540. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of KEVIN LEE ANESTHESIA, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/26/2024. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 103 SANDY PINES BOULEVARD, HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY 12533. Any lawful purpose.

Fishkill Highway Dept., Keep Fishkill Beautiful to host Backyard Gardening on April 6

A backyard gardening workshop will be held at 10 a.m. on April 6 at the Fishkill Highway Department, 2 Geering Way in Fishkill. The workshop is free, but one must register to attend at [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tailgate-talk-with-barbara-hobens-tickets-](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tailgate-talk-with-barbara-hobens-tickets-1276547029529?aff=oddtcreator)

1276547029529?aff=oddtcreator. The Fishkill Highway Dept. and Keep Fishkill Beautiful will be joined by master gardener Barbara Hobens who will discuss:

- Best tips to create a beautiful, functional, and healthy backyard.
- Want to enjoy your outdoors to grow

flowers. Vegetables, herbs, welcome birds, other wildlife and/or add more native plants for pollinators?

- Bring your plant, design, and how-to questions for expert answers! Photos/sketches welcome.

Hobens is a garden consultant, designer,

author, lecturer, National Wildlife Federation Steward, Historic Landscape Institute at Monticello Fellow, and a Founding Member of Manitoga/ The Russel Wright Design Center's Woodland Landscape Council. <https://barbara-hobens.blog/>.

Latin Dancing at Towne Crier on March 20

A Night of Latin Dancing will be presented by Beacon Dance Beat on Thursday, March 20 at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m. for dining and music), located at the Towne Crier Café, 379 Main Street in Beacon. Full menu and bar service are available before and during the dance. Admission is \$10, which can be paid at the door. For reservations (not required), please call the Towne Crier at 845-831-5500.

For further information about the music, or for a special song request, please contact Rhoda at: 845-765-0667 or rhodaja@optonline.net.

this week's puzzle solutions

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This week's answer
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Sudoku solution

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Notice of Form. of SAM AND THE CONTRACTOR LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/20/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 77 HOAG CORNERS RD, WINGDALE, NY 12594. Any lawful purpose.

RUSS YORK & ASSOCIATES LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/06/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 34 Nathan Pierce Ct, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Notice of Formation of FloraMore Horticulture LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/23/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Cassandra Barr, 154 Bog Hollow Rd, Wassaic, NY 12592. Purpose: any lawful actor activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PURSUANT TO SECTION 206 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW Name: JIVAN & SON LLC, filed articles of organization with the NY Secretary of State on 2/8/2024. Office: Dutchess County. Secretary of State of

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New York is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. New York Secretary of State shall mail copy of process to J Ivan & Son LLC at 15 Bobrick Road, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PURSUANT TO SECTION 206 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW Name: POK LANDLORD LLC, filed articles of organization with the NY Secretary of State on 5/24/2023. Office: Dutchess County. Secretary of State of New York is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. New York Secretary of State shall mail copy of process to POK Landlord LLC at 70 Whittier Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Secure Foundation III, LLC filed with the SSNY on 2/6/2025. Office location in Dutchess County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: Secure Foundation III, LLC, 418 Broadway Ste R, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful actor activity.

ELLERSLIE FARM HOUSE LLC filed

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Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/5/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 38 Ellerslie Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The Articles of Organization of BSAE CENTER LLC were filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 11, 2025. Office location: Poughkeepsie Galleria Mall, Bounce Sports and Entertainment Center 2001 South Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 Dutchess County, New York. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to Poughkeepsie Galleria Mall 2001 South Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose is: all lawful acts or activities.

Notice of Qualification of T-REX LOT 7 PARTNERS LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/07/25. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 02/26/25. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State

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St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: CSC, 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: Any lawful activity.

LT & ST Transportation LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/11/2024. 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, 132 Franklin St, Apt 2, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful act.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Pspops LLC was filed with the SSNY on 3/11/25. Office Location: Dutchess County. The Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 25 Creek Drive Unit 303, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of PT CR PROPERTIES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/06/25. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 274 Hooker Ave., Unit H3, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY

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shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LIGHT SPEED LASER TATTOO REMOVAL, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 1/27/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 516 Haight Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: 141 DAVIS RD LLC, hereinafter "LLC". Registration filing date with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) was July 28, 2023. Principal office location is Dutchess County, New York. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it or served upon it on behalf of the LLC to the registered agent, Cristian G. Sanchez, 141 Davis Road, Salt Point, New York 12578. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

MILLS SOCIAL LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 1/24/24. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to The LLC 88 Stowe Dr Poughquag NY 12570. Purpose: Any

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lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of a New York Limited Liability Company (LLC) Name: A d d o r - a t i o n Innovation Services LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 11, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County, NY. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: THE LASH BAR POUGHKEEPSIE, LLC, hereinafter "LLC". Registration filing date with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) was March 11, 2025. 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, Alexis Moustakas, 22 Lyons Drive, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of a NY Limited Liability Company. Name: Green Owl Farm, LLC. Articles of Or-

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ganization filing date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was 02/05/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail a copy of process to Green Owl Farm LLC, 206 Mill Road, Rhinebeck, NY, 12572, USA. Purpose: any lawful purpose

BISON STRONG, LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/13/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 21 Fairmont Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is Sagrah Holdings LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on March 14, 2025. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Orange County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 5266 Route 9W, NY 12550.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS INDEX #2020-50965 Filed Date: 2/11/2025 Supplemental Summons Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the Place of Trial Designation of Venue is based upon the situs of the Subject Property Subject Property: 2 Grubb Street, Poughkeepsie, New York 12603 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL FUNDING MORTGAGE SECURITIES I, INC., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-SA2, Plaintiff, against MAGAN RUPARELIA A/K/A MAGAM RUPARELIA AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO PRITAM RUPARELIA; DEVENDRA RUPARELIA AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO PRITAM RUPARELIA; RASHMI RUPARELIA AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO PRITAM RUPARELIA; NARESH RUPARELIA AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO PRITAM RUPARELIA; RAJNA RUPARELIA AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO PRITAM RUPARELIA; GEORGIA RUPARELIA, AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO PRITAM RUPARELIA, IF LIVING, OR IF DEAD, HER HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DISTRIBUTUTES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ASSIGNORS, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING UNDER, BY OR THROUGH SAID DEFENDANT WHO MAY BE DECEASED, BY PURCHASE, INHERITANCE, LIEN OR OTHERWISE OF ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE HUSBANDS, WIVES OR WIDOW, IF ANY, AND EACH AND EVERY PERSON NOT SPECIFICALLY NAMED WHO MAY BE ENTITLED TO OR CLAIM TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE VERIFIED COMPLAINT, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN, AND CANNOT AFTER DILIGENT INQUIRY BE ASCERTAINED BY THE PLAINTIFF; RAJEN RUPARELIA, AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO PRITAM RUPARELIA, IF LIVING, OR IF DEAD, HER HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DISTRIBUTUTES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ASSIGNORS, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING UNDER, BY OR THROUGH SAID DEFENDANT WHO MAY BE DECEASED, BY PURCHASE, INHERITANCE, LIEN OR OTHERWISE OF ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE HUSBANDS, WIVES OR WIDOW, IF ANY, AND EACH AND EVERY PERSON NOT SPECIFICALLY

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ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until sixty (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. This action was commenced to foreclose a mortgage against real property located at 2 Grubb Street Poughkeepsie, New York 12603. McCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, LLC By: Glenn W. Caulfield, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot Street, Suite 210, New Rochelle, NY 10801 914-636-8900 914-636-8901 facsimile File #20-302546 HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

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

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ices. § 1303 NOTICE 16-12-20* NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT DUTCHESS COUNTY FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED CREDIT RISK TRANSFER TRUST, SERIES 2022-2, Plaintiff against CYNTHIA JENKINS, et al Defendant(s) Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered January 28, 2025, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Dutchess County Courthouse, Rear Lobby, 10 Market Street, Poughkeepsie NY 12601 on April 9, 2025 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 67 Cross Street, Beacon, NY 12508. Sec 5955 Block 83 Lot 872124. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Beacon, County of Dutchess and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$103,237.68 plus interest, fees, and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 2024-50325. The foreclosure sale will be conducted in accordance with 9th Judicial District's Covid-19 Policies and foreclosure auction rules. The Referee shall enforce any rules in place regarding facial coverings and social distancing. Joseph Frank Buono, Esq., Referee File # SPSNY815 NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS -----X M-M2 RE HOLDINGS 13, LLC, Plaintiff, -against- Index No: 53854/2018 BARBARA GIORDANO - LEONAGGIO a/k/a/ BARBARA

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G I O R D A N O , ROGER LEONAGGIO, a/k/a ROGER F. LEONAGGIO a/k/a ROBERT LEONAGGIO, ASSET ACCEPTANCE, LLC, CATANIA, MAHON, MILLIGRAM & RIDER, PLLC, PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC, and RAZOR CAPITAL II, LLC A/P/O CREDIT ONE BANK, N.A., Defendants. -----X In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated January 28, 2025, duly granted by the Court and entered in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office on January 31, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee, duly appointed in this action for such purpose, will offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the Dutchess County Courthouse, 1st Floor, rear vestibule, 10 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601 on the 7th day of April, 2025 at 2:30 in the afternoon of that day, the mortgaged premises directed in and by said judgment to be sold and in said Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, described as follows: ALL that certain plot, piece, or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Stanford, County of Dutchess and State of New York, at 151 Homan Road, bearing tax grid number, Section 135200, Block 6669-00 and Lot 573194-0000, and more particularly described in the "Schedule A" attached to the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, on file in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Dutchess. Anthony J. Centone, Esq., Referee Anthony J. Centone, P.C. 1950 E. Main Street, Suite 205 Mohegan Lake, NY 10547-1288 (914) 528-4529 Location of Property to be foreclosed: Town of Stanford, County of Dutchess, State of New York, as more fully described above. DATED: February 20, 2025

No Kidding Free Wooden Pallets at Southern Dutchess News - 84 East Main St., Wappingers Falls 297-3723 - Ask For Andy

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NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA

(Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law) Notice is Hereby Given that Assessment Inventory and Valuation Data is available

for examination 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, 2025.

This information may be reviewed, by appointment, at the Assessor's Office at East Fishkill Town Hall 330 Route 376, anytime after March 1, 2025, 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, 2025 Kathleen A. Martin, Assessor

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY PROPOSED LOCAL LAW G OF 2025 A LOCAL LAW CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 75 OF THE TOWN CODE TITLED "SHORT-TERM RENTALS" AND AMENDING CHAPTER 98, "ZONING"

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley as follows:

Section 1 Title This Local Law shall be known as "A Local Law creating a new Chapter 75 of the Town Code titled 'Short-Term Rentals' and Amending Chapter 98, 'Zoning'."

Section 2 Authority

This Local Law is enacted pursuant to the authority of the Municipal Home Rule Section 10.

Section 3 Findings; Purpose

The Town Board finds that residential homes are being rented out for short terms, that short-term rentals have the potential to be incompatible with surrounding residential uses, and that special regulation is necessary to ensure that short-term rentals will be safe and compatible with surrounding uses and will not harm the neighborhoods in which they are located.

The Town Board finds that in the Town of Pleasant Valley, short-term rentals hosted by an on-site

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property owner provide valuable tourist accommodations and tend not to cause conflicts if properly managed. The Town Board finds that, in contrast, when a house is rented to transient visitors with no owner present, there is less oversight and more potential for conflict with neighbors. This type of use also removes housing from the market for long-term tenancy.

The purpose of this law is to establish a set of regulations for hosted short-term rentals of residential property. Transient accommodations where a host is not present shall be deemed lodging facilities and regulated accordingly. These regulations are in addition to all other provisions of the Town Code.

Section 4 Enactment of Chapter 75

A new Chapter 75 of the Town Code shall be enacted as follows:

CHAPTER 75 SHORT-TERM RENTALS

§ 75-1. Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meaning indicated:

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER — Includes the Building Inspector, the Zoning Administrator, the Code Enforcement Officer and any other person charged with enforcing the Code or local laws of the Town and any applicable Building, Fire and Residential Codes of New York State.

OWNER or OWNERS — Includes the person or people actually owning real property, a person or people holding membership interests in a limited-liability company, a person or people holding a partnership interest in a partnership or limited liability partnership, the trustee or trustees of a trust, or a person or people owning shares in a corporation, when any such an entity owns the real property.

SHORT-TERM RENTAL — Any portion of a dwelling unit or housing unit (as defined in any applicable NYS Fire, Building or Residential Code) rented for compensation in exchange for lodging for a period of fewer than 30 consecutive days, while the Owner is present on the property. Short-Term Rentals accommodations may be located in a primary structure or a permanent accessory structure but may not be located in campsites, tent platforms, or other temporary structures on the parcel. For the purpose of

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this chapter, the term "Short-Term Rental" shall not include a bed-and-breakfast, boardinghouse/lodging house, hotel, motel, or ongoing month-to-month tenancies.

§ 75-2. Required permit; limitations on Short-Term Rental permits.

A. Short-Term Rentals are allowed anywhere in the Town, regardless of the zoning district, if they meet all the requirements of this section and obtain a permit.

B. Short-Term Rentals require the Owner of the property to be on site overnight throughout the Short-Term Rental period. Any rental for fewer than 30 days in which the Owner is not on site shall not be deemed a Short-Term Rental but may seek approval as a lodging facility or other appropriate use in accordance with the Zoning Code.

C. Owners shall not advertise or use their property as a Short-Term Rental without obtaining a revocable Short-Term Rental permit in advance. Short-Term Rental permits shall be limited to one permit for any Owner(s) for each one-year cycle. Only an Owner or Owners of the property can obtain a Short-Term Rental permit.

D. A Short-Term Rental permit shall be valid for one year and must be renewed 60 days prior to expiration of current permit if the premises are to continue to operate as a Short-Term Rental.

E. The Short-Term Rental permit is not transferable to a new owner. The new owner of the premises subject to a Short-Term Rental permit must file a new permit application.

F. The Town Board may establish by resolution the number of short-term rental permits that may be issued at any time. The initial number of such permits shall be 50. As permits expire they will become available to others if the maximum has been reached.

G. Permits for Short-Term Rentals are a privilege that can be revoked pursuant to these regulations. H. Notwithstanding the foregoing, those properties with short-term rental commitments existing on the date this chapter takes effect shall be permitted to honor such existing commitments and continue to make commitments for short-term rentals, but owners must submit a complete permit application within 90 days of this chapter's effective date if they

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wish to make future short-term rental commitments. In the event such application is denied, all commitments shall be cancelled.

§ 75-3. Short-Term Rental permit application requirements.

A. Applications and application forms for a Short-Term Rental permit may be obtained at the Town of Pleasant Valley Town Hall or Town website, and fully completed applications shall be submitted to the Code Enforcement Officer, accompanied by payment of a nonrefundable application fee to be determined from time to time by resolution of the Town Board. The application shall include the following:

(1) The signatures of all property owners or their designated agents.

(2) A statement authorizing the Code Enforcement Officer or his designee to inspect the property to ensure compliance with all requirements and standards contained within this chapter.

(3) An acknowledgment of present and ongoing compliance with the Short-Term Rental standards as defined in this chapter.

(4) A list of each property owner and the name of any manager, management agency managing the property, or other party responsible for maintaining the property in the owner's absence, including names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of each individual.

(5) The name, address, telephone number and email address of a local contact person, who shall be responsible for and authorized to act on the owner's behalf to promptly remedy any violation of the standards outlined in this chapter. The contact person may be an owner, or an agent designated by the owner(s) to serve as a contact person, and shall respond to any correspondence or concern from the Town Code Enforcement Officer within 24 hours.

(6) An accurate, suitable floor plan for each level of the dwelling that can be occupied measuring at least 8.5 inches by 11 inches, and a plot plan, both drawn to scale and certified by the applicant. The floor plan and plot plan do not need to be prepared by a professional, but must include the following:

(a) The location of buildings, septic systems, wells, required parking spaces, any

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swimming pools, hot tubs and spas.

(b) For each floor (including basement and/or attic): all rooms, including bedrooms, windows, exits and any heating/cooling units, as well as location of house utilities.

(c) All rooms that are not included in the Short-Term Rental must also be shown.

(7) A statement that none of the owners of the subject property have had a Short-Term Rental permit revoked within the previous year for any rental properties owned individually or together with others.

(8) If access to the property is by way of a private road or shared driveway, proof that the owner has the legal right to use the road or driveway for access to a Short-Term Rental.

(9) Current Dutchess County Hotel Occupancy Tax Certificate. B. All completed applications are subject to a floor plan review and plot plan review and approval by the Code Enforcement Officer.

§ 75-4. Short-Term Rental standards.

A. Property requirements. (1) Property must comply and meet all applicable NYS Uniform Building Codes and the Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley, including all Zoning requirements.

(2) A Short-Term Rental must be located within a legal dwelling unit, and there may be no more than one Short-Term Rental per property. (3) There shall be one working smoke detector in each sleeping room and one additional smoke detector on each floor. Carbon monoxide detectors shall be installed as required by the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code.

(4) Evacuation procedures must be posted in each sleeping room to be followed in the event of a fire or smoke condition or upon activation of a fire or smoke-detecting or other alarm device.

(5) There shall be an ABC fire extinguisher on each floor and in the kitchen. Fire extinguishers shall be inspected prior to a renter occupying the property and no less than monthly by the permit holder(s) to ensure each contains a full charge. A record of the date inspected initiated by the permit holder shall be maintained and made available to the Code Enforcement Officer upon request.

(6) The house number shall be located both at the road and on the dwelling unit so that

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the house number is clearly visible from both the road and the driveway.

(7) Exterior doors shall be operational and all passageways to exterior doors shall be clear and unobstructed.

(8) Electrical systems shall be in good operating condition, labeled, unobstructed and shall be visible for the Code Enforcement Officer during the permitting process. Any defects found shall be corrected prior to permit issuance.

(9) All fireplaces, woodstoves, pellet stoves and similar heating devices shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

(10) The property must have a minimum of one off-road parking space for every bedroom shown on the floor plan.

(11) Vehicle access to the Short-Term Rental must meet current New York State Fire Code requirements.

(12) Maximum occupancy for each Short-Term Rental unit shall not exceed two people per bedroom shown on the floor plan. The maximum occupancy of a short-term rental unit shall not exceed sixteen people.

(13) In the event that the property has a septic system, the maximum occupancy shall be limited by the maximum and verified capabilities of the septic system, but in no event shall overnight occupancy for any short-term rental unit exceed sixteen people total.

(14) A septic system at the property must meet all state and county requirements with supporting documentation. (15) The septic system must have a satisfactory inspection by a qualified septic disposal firm within 90 days prior to the initial application. Once a Short-Term Rental permit is issued, the septic system must be pumped and inspected every two years.

(16) The water supply to the property must meet all state and county requirements. (17) For properties which include a swimming pool, there must be water safety equipment on the property including a long-handled hook or a buoy or flotation device with an attached line, in plain view and within 10 feet of the edges of the swimming pool, and must meet all relevant codes.

B. An informational posting within the rental area shall be required, including:

(1) Maximum occupancy limit

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(2) Location of parking spaces

(3) Any conditions imposed by the Zoning Board of Appeals and/or Code Enforcement Officer

(4) The phone numbers for local emergency services (e.g., fire, police, EMT)

(5) Quiet hours

C. Insurance standards. All applicants and permit holders must provide evidence of property insurance and a certificate of liability insurance indicating the premises are rated as a Short-Term Rental and maintain such insurance throughout the term of the Short-Term Rental permit.

D. Waste removal provisions shall be made for weekly garbage removal during rental periods. Garbage containers shall be secured with tight fitting covers at all times to prevent leakage, spilling, or odors, and placed where they are not clearly visible from the road except at approximate pickup time.

E. It shall be unlawful for a Short-Term Rental to be used for any gathering involving more people than the maximum occupancy of the rental.

F. Short-Term Rental applicants and permit holders must have a rental contract, which includes the following:

(1) Maximum property occupancy;

(2) Maximum on-site parking provided; and

(3) Good neighbor statement, stating:

(a) The Short-Term Rental renters should be considerate of the residents in neighboring homes;

(b) Guests are requested to observe quiet hours from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.;

(c) All renters will be subject to New York Penal Law § 240.20 or any successor statute regarding disorderly conduct;

(d) Littering is illegal;

(e) Recreational campfires must be attended at all times, and the property Owner must advise renters when burn bans are active;

(f) Hunting, the discharge of firearms, pyrotechnics, motorcycles, motocross and off-road vehicles shall not be permitted or operated on the property which is subject to a Short-Term Rental.

§ 75-5. Procedure upon filing application.

A. Short-Term Rental permit applications shall be filed with the Town of Pleasant Valley Planning, Building and Zoning Office with all supporting documentation.

B. An informational posting within the rental area shall be required, including:

(1) Maximum occupancy limit

(2) Location of parking spaces

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mentation and the nonrefundable permit fee. Only completed applications will be accepted by the Town's Code Enforcement Officer. The Code Enforcement Officer may decline to accept an application for consideration for any of the following reasons: (1) The application documentation required by this chapter was not included or the full permit fee was not paid. (2) A previously issued Short-Term Rental permit was revoked within the past year and defects and/or violations have not been corrected and inspected by the Code Enforcement Officer. B. Upon the Code Enforcement Officer's acceptance of the completed permit application, including all documents and information required by this chapter and the permit fee, the Code Enforcement Officer shall have 30 days to conduct a property inspection to certify and approve that all Short-Term Rental requirements have been met. C. Upon approval of the Short-Term Rental application by the Code Enforcement Officer, a Short-Term Rental permit will be issued for a period of one year. § 75-6. Permit compliance required. Short-Term Rental permits are subject to continued compliance with the requirements of this chapter. A. If the Code Enforcement Officer has probable cause to believe that the homeowner is not in compliance with the provisions of this chapter, the Code Enforcement Officer may request permission from the Short-Term Rental permit holder to enter the premises and to conduct an inspection of the Short-Term Rental property for purposes of ensuring compliance with this section. If the permit holder refuses to permit the Code Enforcement Officer to inspect the property, the permit will be revoked. If an inspection authorized herein is conducted, the Code Enforcement Officer shall use the results of such inspection in determining whether to revoke the permit. B. The Short-Term Rental permit holder shall ensure that current and accurate information is provided to the Code Enforcement Officer and that the Code Enforcement Officer is notified immediately of any change in the information displayed on the permit. If, based on such changes, the Code Enforcement

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Officer issues an amended Short-Term Rental permit, the owner(s) must immediately post the amended permit inside and near the front entrance of the Short-Term Rental. § 75-7. Application for renewal of permit. Renewal permits will be granted for an additional one-year term if the following conditions are met: A. Application for renewal of the Short-Term Rental permit shall be made 60 days prior to expiration of current permit and requires payment of renewal fee. B. At the time of application for renewal, the owner or designated agent must present the previous permit for Short-Term Rental. C. The property must undergo re-inspection performed by the Code Enforcement Officer. D. Any violations, whether previously issued or observed during the reinspection, must be remedied prior to renewal of a permit for Short-Term Rental. § 75-8. Grounds for suspension or revocation of permit. The Code Enforcement Officer may immediately suspend a Short-Term Rental permit based on any of the following grounds: A. Applicant has falsified or failed to provide information in the application for a permit or the application for permit renewal. B. Applicant failed to meet or comply with any of the requirements of this chapter. C. Owner is in violation of any provision of the Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley or the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. D. Any violation of the Penal Code of the State of New York has occurred at, or related to the occupancy of, the Short-Term Rental. E. Any conduct on the premises, which disturbs the health, safety, peace or comfort of the neighborhood or which otherwise creates a public nuisance. F. Removal or disrepair of any safety devices, such as, but not limited to, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers, and egresses. § 75-9. Penalties for offenses. A. If the Code Enforcement Officer either witnesses or receives a written complaint (unless the suspected violation is of life, health or safety matters, in which case the Code Enforcement Officer is authorized to act on an oral complaint) of an alleged vi-

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olation of this chapter or of any Short-Term Rental permit issued pursuant to this chapter, the Code Enforcement Officer shall properly record such complaint and immediately investigate the report thereon. If the Code Enforcement Officer determines there is a violation of this Code or this chapter, the owners shall be notified in writing by certified or registered mail, or personal service, of said violations, and the Code Enforcement Officer may take any or all of the following actions: (1) Attach conditions to the existing Short-Term Rental permit. (2) Suspend the Short-Term Rental permit. The notice of suspension shall be provided to a property owner and a copy filed with the Town Clerk. (3) Require corrective action that remedies the violation(s). The corrective action must be completed and approved within 30 days of notice from the Code Enforcement Officer or the owner (or permit holder) risks revocation of the Short-Term Rental permit. (4) Issue a court appearance ticket for violation of law. (5) Revoke the Short-Term Rental permit. Should a permit be revoked, all owners of the Short-Term Rental are prohibited from obtaining a Short-Term Rental permit on the property for three years after the date of revocation. The Code Enforcement Officer shall send a notice of revocation to property owner(s) and shall file a copy with the Town Clerk. B. The Town may initiate an action in Supreme Court for injunctive relief whenever such injunctive relief may be necessary to prevent any further violation of this chapter or any threatened and imminent violation of this chapter. C. The Town may initiate an action in Justice Court for violation of this chapter. Conviction of such violation shall be deemed a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000. Each week's continued violation shall constitute a separate additional violation. For subsequent violations, the fines shall be doubled. § 75-10. Presumption of use as Short-Term Rental property. A. The presence of the following shall create a presumption that all or part of the property is being used as a Short-Term Rental: (1) All or a part of the property is offered for rent on a short-term rental website, includ-

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ing but not limited to Airbnb, HomeAway and VRBO™, for a rental period of less than 30 days; and/or (2) All or a part of the property is offered for rent for a period of less than 30 days through any form of advertising. B. The foregoing presumptions may be rebutted by evidence presented to the Code Enforcement Officer that the premises are not operated as a Short-Term Rental. C. Permitted Short-Term Rentals shall make clear in their advertising that the Owner will be present on the property during the rental period. Advertising indicating that an entire dwelling unit is for rent without an owner on the property shall create a presumption that the accommodation is not functioning as a Short-Term Rental in conformance with this chapter. § 75-11. Appeals and hearings. The property owner is entitled to appeal the Code Enforcement Officer's determination to the Zoning Board of Appeals when a property owner's application for a Short-Term Rental permit or a Short-Term Rental permit renewal is denied or a Short-Term Rental permit is revoked. A notice of appeal shall be filed with the Town Clerk and the Zoning Board of Appeals within 60 days of the Code Enforcement Officer's filing of the denial or revocation with the Town Clerk. A hearing shall be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals not more than 45 days after the filing of the notice of appeal. Section 5 Changes to Chapter 98, Zoning Chapter 98 of the Town Code, titled "Zoning," shall be amended as follows: In Section 98-103, the definition of the following terms shall be replaced as follows: DWELLING: A building designed or used exclusively as living quarters for one or more families on a long-term basis. A dwelling shall not include a motel, hotel, boardinghouse, or tourist accommodation. A residential unit rented for transient occupancy of less than 30 days shall not be considered a dwelling unless the rental activity is permitted as a Short-Term Rental pursuant to Chapter 75. LODGING FACILITY: Any hotel, motel, inn, or other establishment providing sleeping accommodations for transient guests staying for periods of

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less than 30 days, other than a Bed-and-Breakfast as defined herein or a Short-Term Rental permitted pursuant to Chapter 75. A Lodging Facility may or may not include a dining room or restaurant. Rental of a residential unit for less than 30 days, if not permitted as a Short-Term Rental pursuant to Chapter 75 or other permitted use, shall be deemed a Lodging Facility. Section 5 S u - persession To the extent that any provision of this Chapter is inconsistent with Town Law or any other provision of New York State law, the provisions of this Chapter are expressly intended to and do hereby supersede any such inconsistent provision under the Town's municipal home rule powers. Section 6 Severability If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, article or part of this Local Law shall be adjudicated in any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgement shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the Clause, sentence, paragraph, section, article or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered, and such invalidity shall not be deemed to affect the remaining portions thereof. Section 7 E f - fective Date This Local Law shall be effective as provided by law, immediately upon filing and acceptance by the New York Secretary of State. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING BOARD TOWN OF WAPPINGER DUTCHESS COUNTY, NY Project Name: Wappinger Airport Drive, LLC (Bottini Fuel) Location: 26 Don Bosco Boulevard Application: No.: 25-3504 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Town of Wappinger Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing on the 7th day of April, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger Falls, NY pursuant to Article IX, Section 240-87 of the Town Law, on the application of 25-3504 - Wappinger Airport Drive, LLC (Bottini Fuel) - Amended Site Plan: To discuss an amended site plan ap-

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lication. The applicant is proposing to install an asphalt storage pad and associated site improvements on a 33.44 +/- acre parcel in an AI Zoning District. The property is located at 26 Don Bosco Boulevard and is identified as Tax Grid No.: 6259-04-647405 in the Town of Wappinger. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Planning Board has not made a determination of significance pursuant to State Environmental Quality Review Act and hereby reserves its right to make such determination after the conclusion of the public hearing. All interested persons will be heard by the Planning Board of the Town of Wappinger at the public hearing as stated above. Signed: Bruce Flower, Chairman Town of Wappinger Planning Board Date: March 11, 2025 PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, NY Please take note that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Pleasant Valley, NY, will hold a public hearing on the following proposition: 107 Ward Road, Salt Point Appeal #1078 Grid# 6365-01-499864 Area Variance Requests: The applicant would like to erect a new terrace and expand the existing deck. In RA zoning, a 70' front yard setback is required, but since they wish to expand the nonconforming deck, a variance of 54' is required as it will be 16' from the front property line. SAID Meeting will take place on March 26, 2025 at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, N.Y, and begins at 7:00 p.m. PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, NY Please take note that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Pleasant Valley, NY, will hold a public hearing on the following proposition: 1040 Freedom Road, Pleasant Valley Appeal #1077 Grid# 6363-04-850387 Area Variance Re-

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quests: The applicant would like to erect a 34'x24' garage in front of the residence, which is against Pleasant Valley Zoning Code. SAID Meeting will take place on March 26, 2025 at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, N.Y, and begins at 7:00 p.m. NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF SALE UNDER SECTION 182 OF THE NY STATE LIEN LAW NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS CONSENTED OF STORAGE UNIT, WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE OR AUCTION AT: A SPACE TO PLACE STORAGE - OWNED BY DBVAN PROPERTIES NORTH, LLC 4 MARSHALL ROAD - WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY 12590 DATE: Monday March 31, 2025 - TIME: 11:00 AM THE SALE OF SUCH PROPERTY IS TO SATISFY THE LIEN OF A SPACE TO PLACE STORAGE ON PROPERTY FOR THE ACCOUNT OF: UNITS 2130, 2191, 2185, 1247, 2288, 2229, 1318, 1249, 1012, 2089, 2006, 1277 PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, NY Please take note that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Pleasant Valley, NY, will hold a public hearing on the following proposition: 2153 Route 44, Pleasant Valley Appeal #1076 Grid# 6564-03-036354 Area Variance Requests: The applicant would like to erect a 60'x30' garage in front of the residence, which is against Pleasant Valley Zoning Code. SAID Meeting will take place on March 26, 2025 at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, N.Y, and begins at 7:00 p.m.

Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center at Vassar launches 'Great Green Hope for the Urban Blues'

The launch of a new exhibition, "Great Green Hope for the Urban Blues," can be seen at The Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center at Vassar until August 17. The exhibition is part of a legacy that began two hundred years ago as landscape painter Thomas Cole traveled up the Hudson River to paint the Catskill Mountains—a voyage that marked the mythical origin of the so-called Hudson River School of American landscape painting.

Across two centuries, artists have portrayed the Hudson Valley as an earthly paradise remote from the modern world. Though close to New York City, the region came to represent its idyllic opposite: a promised land of pristine beauty, pre-industrial lifeways, and utopian enclaves. In the wry words of one New York journalist, the Hudson Valley became a "great green hope" for the "urban blues." At the same time, this enduring pastoral myth cloaks the region's active ties to urban tourism and trade while obscuring histories of violent settlement, enslaved labor, and resource extraction. Gathering historic and contemporary art in various media, the exhibition invites viewers to explore how the Hudson Valley has been pictured as a place both proximate to the city and its opposite—a "great green hope" as much

myth as reality.

"Great Green Hope for the Urban Blues" kickstarts a Loeb initiative, generously supported by the Terra Foundation for American Art, to reinterpret and reinstall the museum's significant collection of art from the Hudson River School. "The exhibition is helping us to develop new strategies for displaying and interpreting this core collection," said Bart Thurber, the Anne Hendricks Bass Director of the Loeb, "in ways that serve the Loeb's teaching mission and commitment to a positive impact in our communities."

Themes and Artworks

The works included in "Great Green Hope for the Urban Blues" span more than 200 years and encompass a variety of media: print, painting, photography, and sculpture. Starting with "The Hudson River Port-Folio," dating to the 1820s, the show moves through the centuries to explore the development of landscape traditions in the Hudson Valley. This rough chronology aims to reveal how the rise of arts and artist communities in the region relied on (and encouraged) a simultaneous growth in suburbanization, industrialization, and romantic myth-making.

To better understand this narrative, historic paintings by artists of the Hudson River School are placed alongside contemporary

works like Lisa Sanditz's "Kaaterskill Falls," which depicts the famous Catskills landmark inundated by selfie-taking tourists. Works from the Loeb's collection are supplemented by loans from nearby institutions, such as the Woodstock Byrdcliffe Guild and Woodstock Artists Association and Museum. These additions offer a more complete vision of artistic migrations to the Hudson Valley in the early twentieth century. In the fascinating 1926 "Map of Woodstock," for example, visitors will see the constellation of artists' studios and homes that had come to dot the upstate hamlet.

Bringing the exhibition's narrative to the present, the curators have included works by contemporary artists living in or inspired by the Hudson Valley. A relatively recent arrival in the region, Qiana Mestrich created her zine (up)rooted in collaboration with her children, illustrating how they explore the outdoors in their new environment. Meanwhile, the Chinese artist Yan Shanchun made his Hudson Valley-inspired series, "Memory and Fantasy," without ever stepping foot in it—transforming the region from a physical geography into a mythic ideal.

In conjunction with "Great Green Hope for the Urban Blues," the Loeb has commissioned Tamara Aupaumut, an artist of Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican, Oneida, and Brothertown descent, to create two papier-

mâché sculptures responding to the exhibition's themes. "Dispelling the myth of the so-called Hudson River School paintings in this region is important in recognizing the truth and the destruction that comes along with lies, greed, and genocide," writes Aupaumut. "I hope my work will inspire viewers to engage with the world as a relationship. A relationship that is reciprocal, nurturing, and loving. One that needs to be reconciled through honesty, accountability, and action in order to restore harmony and balance for all life."

Two complementary exhibitions are also being showcased at the Loeb. The first is an installation related to "Great Green Hope" by Vassar student Harrison Brisbon-McKinnon '26, titled *Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Black Space-Making from Harlem to the Hudson Valley* (Feb. 8–Aug. 17); and the second, *Water/Bodies: Sa'dia Rehman* (Feb. 8–Aug. 17).

"On view concurrently in adjacent galleries, Great Green Hope for the Urban Blues and Water/Bodies differ in format and approach, yet they complement each other in concept and theme," said Lombino. "Each exhibition presents artist responses to the relationship between the urban and the rural, industrialization and environmental preservation, and the effects of that exchange across time and space."

Children's Book Festival set for March 29 at DCC's Falcon Hall

The Poughkeepsie Children's Book Festival is set for Saturday, March 29, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Dutchess Community College, Falcon Hall. It is free to attend. No registration required.

Meet and greet authors and illustrators (covering reading ages from preschool to Young Adult), take one's picture with favorite costumed book characters, and have fun with hands-on activities. Books will be available to purchase, and to have signed by the authors and illustrators who made them.

Free parking in Lot A (30 Mascot Dr.) or Lot D (95 Cottage Rd.).

Free crafts and hands-on activities will be provided by The Art Effect and Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum.

—Courtesy photo



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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION OF TRUSTEES HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a vote will be taken upon the following proposition to appropriate the funds necessary to meet the estimated expenditures of the Howland Public Library for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to be held at the Howland Public Library, 313 Main Street, Beacon, New York, on May 1, 2025, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m.: Proposition #1 "Shall the sum of \$1,484,190.24 be appropriated for the an-

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nual support of the Howland Public Library for the fiscal year 2025-2026 and shall the Beacon City School District be authorized to levy the taxes necessary to raise such amount?" NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that at the same time and place, a vote to elect three (3) members to the Board of Trustees for a term of five (5) years each will also occur. NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of trustee of the Howland Public Library must be filed with the Library Election Clerk not later than 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 1, 2025.

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Each petition must be directed to the Library Election Clerk, must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the Howland Public Library District or as amended by any executive order, must state the residence of each signer, and must state the name and residence of the candidate. Petition forms may be obtained from the Library weekdays between 10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Board of Registration will meet on April 16, 2025, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of preparing a register of the quali-

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fied voters of such Library District at the offices of the Howland Public Library, 313 Main Street, Beacon, New York. Anyone not presently registered will be registered in accordance with Section 2014 of the Education Law. Any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration, he/she is known or proven to the satisfaction of such Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school meeting or election for which such register is prepared. Voters registered for

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general elections under Article 5 of the Election Law are eligible to vote at the May 1, 2025, budget vote and election without further registration. Voters who have been previously registered for any annual or special meeting or election and who have voted at any such annual or special meeting or election held or conducted during the last four calendar years preceding 2024 are eligible to vote at the May 1, 2025, budget vote and election without further registration. The register prepared will be filed in the office of the Library and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter

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of the Library District between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. one of the five days prior to the election. The register will also be available for inspection on the day of the election at the polling place. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the Library office. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed application must be received by the Library Election Clerk no later than 4:00 p.m., prevailing time, seven (7) days before the annual library budget vote and election. If the ballot is to be delivered person-

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ally to the voter, the completed application must be received by the Library Election Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, one day before the annual library budget vote and election. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection weekdays between 10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., prevailing time, at the Library office on each of the five (5) days before the annual district vote and election. By order of the Board of Trustees of the Howland Public Library Julie Beyer Library Election Clerk

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 50. South American monkey
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 57. "To ___ and to hold"
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Beacon student completes Eagle Scout composting project at Stony Kill

By Kristine Coulter

Fifteen-year-old Victoria Lee McKay has completed her Eagle Scout Project, the highest rank in Scouting.

"I first thought about what entity I could do something nice for and quickly realized that Stony Kill Farm (SKF) would be a great entity to serve as the benefactor of my Eagle Project," explained Victoria, a town of Fishkill resident, in an email. "I then consulted with the people there as to what I could do to assist them in their educational mission and also be of use to them. Because one of the purposes that the volunteers undertake there is to educate the public about how to protect the environment and because SKF had only one old, small compost bin, I thought that I could construct a much larger one for my Eagle project. Having a newer and larger compost bin would enable SKF to compost on a much greater scale than they had undertaken previously and which would allow them to encourage others to compost their disposables to reduce waste and build healthy soil."

Victoria, who attends Beacon High School, explained how she broke her project down into three stages.

"I first needed to decide what I was going to do and then decide how to go about achieving it, including securing the materials and volunteers. Secondly, I needed to round up the appropriate volunteers whom I could lead on the project to construct the 9 foot long, three section compost bin that I had decided upon. Thirdly, I then needed to direct my volunteers on the construction and then delivery of the compost bin. With each step I marveled at how I was getting closer to becoming an Eagle Scout while enjoying

how I was going to be able to give something back to SKF, a place that I have visited numerous times since I was a very young child."

Allen McKay, Victoria's father, shared, "My wife and I are very proud of our daughter for being able to give back to SKF, a place that she holds near and dear to her heart because of her great childhood experiences there - visiting the animals in the barn, hiking its trails, and going to its festivals over the years. We knew that she already possessed the leadership qualities to be able to direct her adult and child friends as well as some fellow scouts in constructing and delivering to SKF the sizable compost bin, but this clearly demonstrated that she could execute upon her plan."

McKay noted, "Completing her Eagle project was all the more exciting for us because we knew that she was then well underway to becoming the first girl in her (Boy) Scout troop to become an Eagle Scout and that she was also about to become one of only a very small number of girls to attain the rank of Eagle Scout in Dutchess County as girls have only recently been allowed to join what was previously called the Boy Scouts."

While in Scouts, Victoria has served in various leadership positions including as a Den Chief for a Den in Cub Scouts Pack 3001, and as Senior Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader for the girls in Scouts Troop 86. Victoria's brother, Allen, also was an Eagle Scout.

Victoria stated that completing her Eagle Scout project, she learned "I can lead a group of people to achieve a com-



Victoria Lee McKay, a Beacon High School student, recently completed her Eagle Scout project. The project is about composting and was done at Stony Kill Farm in Wappinger.

-Courtesy photo McKay family

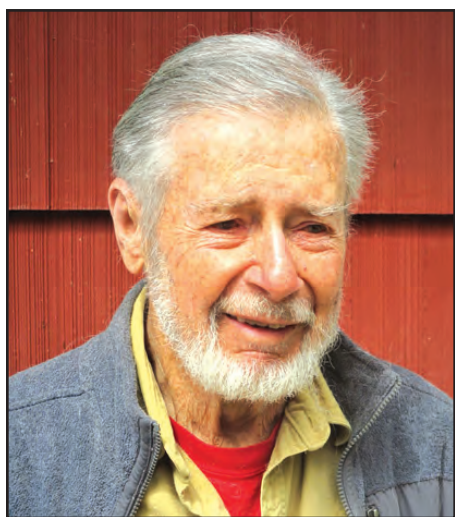
mon goal no matter how much older or younger they are than me."

"For my Eagle project, I needed to have at least one person who could safely cut pieces of wood to their appropriate sizes and other people who could fasten together all of the pieces of wood and screening. I also learned how to break down the overall project into smaller pieces so that completing the entire project was not as daunting when all I needed to do was complete each component part. This

process of breaking down the overall project into component parts is very much like becoming an Eagle Scout - where one needs to achieve the various ranks - the smaller steps - to complete the overall goal - becoming an Eagle Scout," remarked Victoria.

McKay said, "She has now been awarded her Eagle Scout rank, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts, and her next plan is to complete her Gold Award, the Girl Scouts' highest rank."

Celebration of life event set for Dave Kaplan March 23 at Catamount



Rhinebeck resident Dave Kaplan, who passed away at age 97 on Nov. 8, 2024, will be honored with a celebration of life at Catamount Ski Resort on Sunday, March 23.

-Courtesy photos

By Kate Goldsmith

Those who knew Dave Kaplan of Rhinebeck are invited to a celebration of his life on Sunday, March 23, at Catamount Ski Resort in Hillsdale, where Dave was a longtime instructor. The celebration will take place from 1 to 3 p.m., followed by a "Run for Dave," a ski run in Dave's honor. (Lift ticket required. According to organizers, Catamount has offered to provide a lift ticket for this event at no charge. Go to the snowsports desk on Sunday upon arrival.)

According to his obituary, Dave died peacefully in his home on Nov. 8, 2024 at the age of 97.

The event at Catamount will include a potluck-style meet-and-greet at 1 p.m. in the Berkshire Room. Please bring an

appetizer or drinks and snacks. If you would like to bring a crock pot with chili or soup, feel free to do so, but organizers request you also bring paper plates and/or bowls.

There will be some bottled water and flavored seltzers provided. If you would like to bring a cooler for yourselves with some adult beverages, feel free to do so.

The meet-and-greet will be followed by a celebration of life ceremony at 2 p.m., where there will be a few speakers and some time set aside for anyone who would like to say a few words about Dave or share a story.

The "Run for Dave" will follow at 3 p.m. from the top of the mountain, where participants will take one of Dave's favorite trails for teaching, Ridge Run.



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