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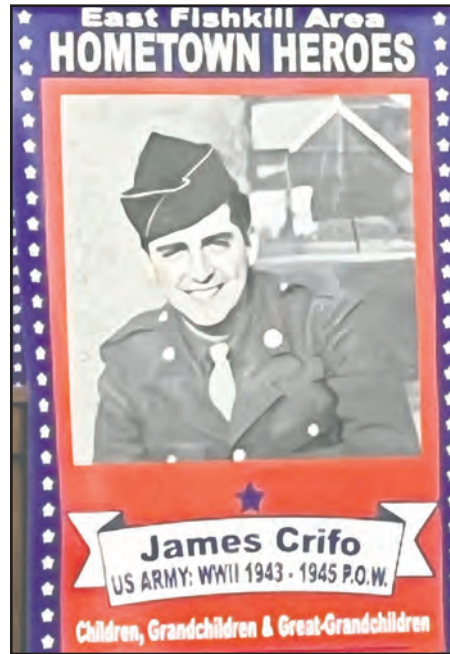
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East Fishkill board honors 100-year-old James Crifo - World War II veteran, POW



East Fishkill resident and World War II veteran James Crifo, who was a prisoner of war, was honored by the East Fishkill Town Board on March 26 at the East Fishkill Town Hall. Crifo is surrounded by board members, relatives and well-wishers.

-Photos by Kristine Coulter



The Hometown Heroes Banner of East Fishkill resident James Crifo who served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

By Kristine Coulter
James Crifo, a World War II veteran who was a POW (Prisoner of War), was honored by the East Fishkill Town Board on Thursday, March 26 at the East Fishkill Town Hall. Crifo, who will celebrate his 101st birthday on June 6, the 82nd anniversary of D-Day, was presented with a proclamation from the members of the East Fishkill Town Board.

Among those in attendance were friends and relatives of the night's honoree, including Crifo's daughters, Christine Crifo and Camille Vassari. "To start off tonight, we have a real,

real treat. Tonight we have Mr. James Crifo, who is a World War II veteran, prisoner of war, centenarian," said East Fishkill Supervisor Nick D'Alessandro.

A video that showed an interview with Crifo was played.

Crifo was born in NYC. Before the war, he was going to school and working. "I was going to become an electrician," he noted in the video. He worked at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York City.

D'Alessandro stated that Crifo, the eldest of three children, was drafted in September 1943.

"He served with the 101st Airborne

Singal Company, which provided the crucial communications infrastructure for the 101st Airborne Division, including the 506th Paratroop Infantry Regiment," said D'Alessandro.

After surviving the Normandy Invasion, he signed up with the Gliders. They were to fly from Belgium to Holland, said the supervisor.

Crifo and the six others on board crash-landed in enemy territory. Four escaped, two were killed by enemy fire and Crifo was captured, said D'Alessandro.

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Jackson's hot bat leads way as Renegades open with 2 wins



Core Jackson had three hits, including a home run, in the Renegades' 8-1 win over Brooklyn on Saturday.

-Archive photo by Dave Janosz

By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley Renegades opened their season in the home of the reigning South Atlantic League champions, the cross-city rivals on Coney Island, the Brooklyn Cyclones. The Renegades took two games in the introductory short series of stellar pitching and early scoring, courtesy of some veteran and fresh faces in the lineup.

Strong Core

Core Jackson is back with the Renegades and had little problem getting on base in Game 1, with a stolen base to boot. The big swipe was to come. Jackson stole Game 2 for the Renegades from the jump with a leadoff home run. He was 3-5, a triple shy of hitting for the cycle, with two RBI on the way to the Renegades' 8-1 win on April 4.

High-A introductions...

Kyle West came swinging to his High-A debut, a first pitch extra base hit to get the Renegades' first run of the season. Then in the ninth, another West whack scored Kaeden Kent on an error, and the massive insurance run. He showed more speed with a stolen base.

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April 12 dedication, legacy fund to honor 'Father of the Walkway' Fred Schaeffer

By Jim Donick

His business card reads "Father of the Walkway." Now, some years after the Walkway Over the Hudson was established as a premier tourist attraction in the Hudson Valley, the Friends of the Walkway have announced a major honor for long-time Pleasant Valley resident Fred Schaeffer and a fund to further support the Walkway Ambassador Program.

For most visitors to the site the ambassadors' friendly greetings is their first indication that Schaeffer's dream of making this the "friendliest park in the world" has become a reality.

To safeguard this legacy of Fred's dream, and to build upon it for the future, Friends of the Walkway has launched the Fred Schaeffer Ambassador Legacy Fund to support and grow the park's beloved volunteer Ambassador program. The fund will help ensure every guest is greeted by a smiling face with the same warmth, knowledge, and enthusiasm that has defined the Walkway experience since the park's opening in 2009.

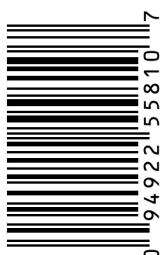
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"Father of the Walkway" Fred Schaeffer looks out over the railing on the Walkway Over the Hudson railway bridge.

-Courtesy photo

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April 12 dedication, legacy fund to honor 'Father of the Walkway' Fred Schaeffer



The inaugural members of the Friends of the Walkway volunteer ambassadors are featured in this archive photo. "Father of the Walkway" Fred Schaeffer is on the far right. -Courtesy photo

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An April 12 event will mark both the dedication of a plaque in Schaeffer's honor at the Walkway's Center Overlook and the public launch of the Ambassador Legacy Fund. The ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. and is open to the public. Friends of the Walkway Executive Director, Lori Robertson, notes that she is "excited that we can do this to honor Fred."

Before the Walkway took its shape, Fred's ideas for it were beginning to gel. Initially thought as maybe a simple bicycle trail, on what was then viewed as a "rickety old railroad bridge," it's potential began to take root in his imagination. Some years ago in an interview with the Hudson River Valley Institute, Schaeffer recalled his first walk onto the bridge. "It was just awesome, breathtaking." He also noted, "It was a little scary."

From there he began to think of it as a potential major tourist attraction for the area. Like many great dreams, there was a lot of effort and passion involved. He needed to convince people that the structure was sound

enough for completing the project. He had to convince the community and its leaders of its tourist potential and that "if we build it, they will come." Beyond all of this was a need for money, a great deal of it. He became, for a time, the chairman and later a board member of Friends of the Walkway.

To make this happen, Schaeffer was never far from the action. There were meetings with community leaders, advocacy sessions in Albany, and countless small group walks out onto the bridge to show people exactly what this experience could become. In the park's early years, he could often be found opening the gates in the morning for his traditional sunrise bike ride and to accommodate early morning joggers. He would often be seen stopping along the way to greet visitors with a smile, share stories, answer questions, and snap photos. That latter experience can be seen nearly every day, even now. People from all over the world have been greeted by Schaeffer as they wander along the Walkway.

Schaeffer never lost sight of his vision that the Walkway would be known as "the friendliest park in the world." To help make that vision a reality, he founded the Walkway

Ambassador volunteer program in 2011, creating a model of hospitality that continues to shape the visitor experience today.

Now, more than 150 Ambassadors, recognizable in their trademark red vests, carry forward the tradition he began. They greet visitors from around the world, lead tours, operate the ADA-accessible tram, assist with community events, and ensure that every crossing is more than just a walk, it's an experience.

"The Ambassador Legacy Fund is about building on what Fred started and ensuring it continues to grow," said Maureen Solero, Chair of Friends of the Walkway and an Ambassador herself. "Our volunteers are the heart of the Walkway. They create a sense of welcome and connection that visitors remember long after they leave."

The Ambassador Legacy Fund is designed not only to honor this tradition, but to expand it for the future. The fund will sustain and strengthen the volunteer program by recruiting and inspiring the next generation of Ambassadors; expanding training in accessibility, safety, and visitor engagement; providing uniforms and equipment; and investing in modern tools to support a hospitality

program that continues to grow in scope.

"The Walkway Ambassador program is a model for destinations across New York State and beyond," said Robertson. "But hospitality at this scale doesn't happen by accident. With more than 600,000 visitors each year, the Ambassador Legacy Fund ensures we have the resources to support the extraordinary volunteers who bring the Walkway to life today and for years to come."

To learn more about the Ambassador Legacy Fund or to make an inaugural donation, visit walkway.org/ambassador-legacyfund.

Robertson expects the April 12 ceremony will include tributes from many of the valley's leaders, most of whom have worked with Schaeffer or supported his many years of dedication. One can't predict how large of crowd of the public will join in but, if only 1% of the people he has welcomed to the walkway were to attend, the bridge would be packed. The unveiling ceremony and official kickoff of the Legacy Fund will take place in the center of the Walkway. It will be followed by a reception, open to the public, near the western gate to the park.



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“As soon as we crashed, we tried to get out of the glider,” Crifo said in the video. They were being fired upon and returned fire.

On the glider were Pvt. James Grifo, Pvt. Roy G. Millican KIA, Pvt. Teddy T. Johnson, KIA, Pfc. Gerald J. Hauswirth, 2nd Lt. Scott F. Stewart, Cpl. Harold Spence and Pvt. Allen L. Jewell.

“From what I understand there were four of them that escaped that were behind us, they tell us. They claim they were in back of us ...”

He was placed in Stalad VII camp and then moved to a work camp, it was noted. “James was liberated on May 4, 1945 by the Americans,” read D’Alessandro.

Christine went on to share with Southern Dutchess News, “We only found out about the details the last 10 years. Our Dad wouldn’t speak about it (his time as a POW).”

Asked about being liberated, Crifo said at that time, he was happy to have his freedom and “to be alive.”

Crifo came home and worked in construction.

Crifo and his wife and Elsie, who died a decade ago, were married for 67 years. They were married in 1949.

Assemblyman Anil Beephan Jr. presented a citation and stated Crifo’s fellow citizens owe him a “debt of gratitude.”

Dutchess County Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche and representatives from the offices of NYS Senator Rob Rolison and Congressman Mike Lawler, and New York State Police also recognized Crifo.

Lance Ashworth, Commander of the American Legion Post 1758, said, “We want to congratulate Mr. Crifo on his continued service to the nation.” He added, “This is honestly the Greatest Generation” and “we just want to soak up every drop of them that we can, because slowly that light is fading. Their service



Veteran James Crifo listens to remarks regarding his service in the U.S. Army on March 26 at the East Fishkill Town Hall.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

and their contribution to this country is not lost on us. So, thank you.”

Steve Conti, with the East Fishkill Fire Department, said, “My dad did serve in World War II. I understand why you don’t want to talk about your service.” He added, “We need to draw all that information from all you guys - that’s a history we can’t let go by, otherwise history repeats itself, unfortunately.”

“It’s a long time coming,” said Christine, who added her father is “very humble.” She remarked, “What he went through as a POW, and somehow created a life for himself, his wife and four kids.”

Crifo noted the only regret he had was making his mother go through all she had to when he was a POW.

Crifo remarked before the meeting, “I really appreciate it. There are plenty of other people that certainly deserve [this honor] too.”

After being honored, Crifo said emotionally, “All I can say is thank you all for doing this. I really appreciate this. I cannot say much more.”

Camille remarked that Secretary to the Supervisor Gina Grippo took organizing the recognition portion of the meeting “to the next level.”

“We’re very thankful for everything he’s accomplished,” said Christine of her father. Both Christine and Camille noted their dad “is a hero” and a wonderful father. Crifo has 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Asked about his plans for his 101st birthday, Crifo replied, “I leave it up to God.”

Jackson’s hot bat leads way as Renegades open with 2 wins



Core Jackson and his Hudson Valley Renegades teammates will play Wilmington during their home-opening series this week.

-Archive photo by Dave Janosz

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Pico Kohn retired eight Cyclones in the season opener before allowing a base-runner. Brooklyn’s John Bay knotted the game at 1 with a solo shot. Kohn started the game with a 3-pitch strikeout, working out of a bases-loaded jam in the fifth inning. Kohn’s final line in his first win: 5.2 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 8 SO. He left runners on the corners for Chris Veach, who ended the threat with a strikeout.

Oh, what a relief!

Veach and Tony Rossi combined for seven strikeouts in a familiar Renegades relief outing on April 3,

allowing just one base-runner apiece in a combined 2.1 innings of work. Ben Grable followed up to close out Kohn’s professional debut with his first own. With a 3-1 lead to protect and a save opportunity, Grable got the job done. The first batter grinded out a seven pitch at-bat, easily scooped by Jackson at second. The next struck out looking; save complete.

A rainout on the Sunday finale keep the Renegades in the hunt for their first sweep. They returned home to face the Wilmington Blue Rocks April 7-12. On deck for the first homestand is tickets free for all active-duty veterans, military and first responders on Wednesday night!

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ALBANY, NY – Sen. Michelle Hinchey last week released a letter co-signed by 14 of her State Senate colleagues, urging Gov. Kathy Hochul to implement a statewide gas and diesel tax holiday in response to sharp price increases at the pump stemming from the Trump administration's foreign policies.

Hinchey said, "Trump's war in Iran has closed the Strait of Hormuz and sent gas prices skyrocketing, hurting average Americans who just need to get to work. While the Federal Government forces New Yorkers to choose between filling up their tank or putting food on the table, we, the state, should do everything we can to save New Yorkers money, and suspending the fuel tax will provide immediate relief for working families and seniors across our state. Every penny we can save people matters, and we are calling on Governor Hochul to swiftly lower gas prices at the pump for New Yorkers."

The full text of the lawmakers' letter to Governor Hochul is included below.

State Senate members urge gas tax holiday

March 31, 2026

Dear Governor Hochul:

We write today in strong support of a New York State gas and diesel tax holiday in response to the recent spike in prices caused by the war in Iran. This increase has disrupted daily life for New Yorkers statewide, from commuting to industrial production to tourism. A gas tax holiday, as was done in 2022, would be a vital step toward helping New Yorkers struggling with these increased costs.

On March 2, in response to President Trump's air strikes, Iran announced the closure of the Strait of Hormuz. According to the United States Energy Information Agency, around 20% of the world's crude oil and other petroleum products are shipped through the Strait.

At the time, AAA reported that the average price per gallon in New York was \$3.00 for regular gas and \$4.01 for diesel. Since the closure, gas has spiked to \$3.94, and diesel has risen even more sharply to \$5.77, used in much of our farm equipment, commercial trucking, and other key areas of our economy. This increase comes at a time when our farmers, manufacturers, and other industries already face damaging input cost increases from arbitrary and disruptive federal tariffs.

In response, several states are now considering the temporary suspension of State-level gas and diesel sales taxes. Democratic Senator Kelly and Representative Blumenthal have also proposed the Gas Prices Relief Act to temporarily suspend the federal gas tax. New York sus-

pending gasoline and diesel taxes in June 2022, through the end of that year, saving consumers an average of 16 cents per gallon, with some of our counties following the State's lead and partially suspending their own applicable local taxes.

According to the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, the gas price increase was costing New Yorkers approximately \$300M per month in additional expenses as of March 23. New Yorkers are already struggling as the Trump administration callously and irresponsibly raises the cost of daily life, from cutting health care subsidies to repealing residential green energy incentives to tariff policies that the conservative Tax Foundation estimates cost the average household \$1,000 in 2025.

Events of the past month have underscored the importance of renewable, domestically produced energy sources. As we must prioritize wind, solar, and other clean, safe energy production, we must also ensure that everyday New Yorkers are not harmed by reckless federal foreign policy that disrupts the oil supply many of us still rely on. A gas tax holiday, whether with triggers tied to price at the pump or a specific timeline, would be a tremendous help to people struggling to afford their daily commutes, visits to family, and business expenses.

We thank you for your consideration and urge swift and timely action on this matter.

- Senator Michelle Hinchey
- Senator Joseph P. Addabbo
- Senator Jamal Bailey
- Senator April Baskin
- Senator Siela Bynoe
- Senator Leroy Comrie
- Senator Nathalia Fernandez
- Senator Pete Harchham
- Senator Shelley Mayer
- Senator Monica Martinez
- Senator Chris Ryan
- Senator Jessica Scarcella Spanton
- Senator James Skoufis
- Senator Lea Webb
- Senator Jeremy Zellnor

Troop K gives back to MS Society



On March 25, current and retired members of Troop K presented a \$15,500 donation to Andy Yates, president of the Upstate New York chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

This contribution was made possible thanks to everyone who came out in February to support Skis, Boards & Badges at Catamount Mountain Resort. Next year's event will be held on February 5, 2027.

Pictured from left: Trooper Christopher J. Ryan, Technical Sergeant Jennifer L. Sennett, Senior Investigator Melissa D. McMorris, retired Investigator Robert S. Torre, retired Trooper Jeff L. Galm, President Andy Yates, Quartermaster James M. Talleur, and First Sergeant Mark A. Conway.

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Learn to sail at the Beacon Sloop Club

The Beacon Sloop Club offers Spring Sailing Class, starting Wednesday, April 15 through June 3, 7-9 p.m. (8 Wednesday classes) at the Beacon Sloop Club, 2 Red Flynn Drive, Beacon.

This is a sailing theory class for small boat sailors and people who want to crew on the Sloop Woody Guthrie. It is a classroom experience using the Beacon Sloop Club as the classroom.

This year's instructors feature captains and crew of the Sloop Woody Guthrie, including Andy Fairbanks, Tom LaBarr, Corinne Leloup, James Malchow, Ben Mazer, Metal Winters, and Steve Schwartz.

The course is \$50 per person for the entire series, and includes the Sailing textbook, "Learn Sailing Right -Beginning Sailing," plus other reference and support materials. The club is offering discounts for families sharing the text book and previous class participants who want to refresh their knowledge.

For more information, go to www.beaconsloopclub.org or contact facilitator Mary Arnold at marykonizarnold@gmail.com, call (text preferred) 845-891-4509.

To register please go to, <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/V7WM8BKT59PXA>.

Clarification

A quote from Town of Wappinger 4th Ward Councilman Al Casella was inadvertently left out of the story, Wappinger board unanimously approves historic land acquisition in the April 1 edition.

"On Monday Night, March 23rd, The Town Board make a great decision to preserve open space and protect the community from over development with the purchase of Cranberry Hills. The residents came out in full support of the purchase which was very much appreciated. The purchase will save the town significant infrastructure costs that would have been incurred if the property was developed. The visions for this property are many and we need to ensure we take the time to plan properly to ensure we maintain the same community lifestyle that the residents want. I want to thank Town Supervisor; Joey Cavaccini for his stewardship in bringing this project to completion with full support of the board," said Casella.

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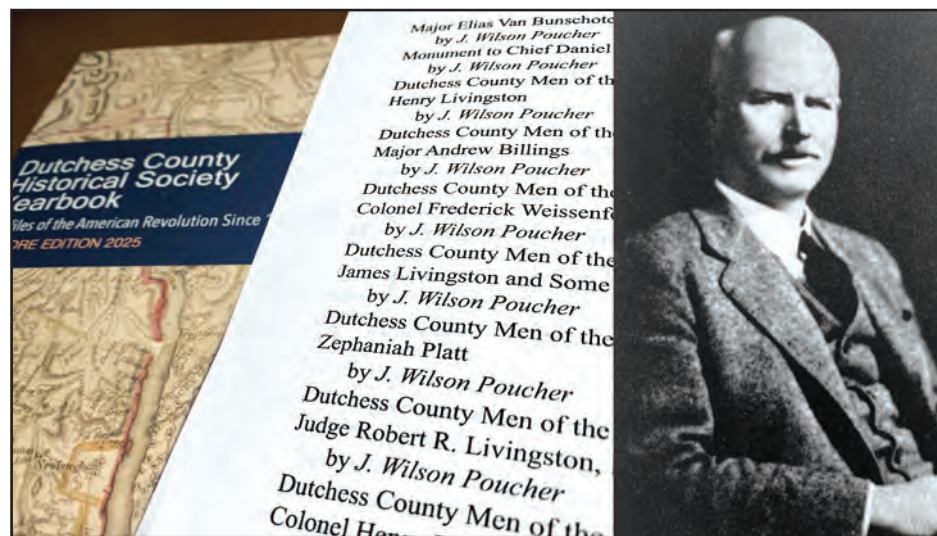
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Here's yet another way to remember Dr. J. Wilson Poucher



The profile of Dr. J. Wilson Poucher in the 1948 DCHS Yearbook acknowledging his passing, referenced his having authored over 50 articles for that publication. Referencing in particular his profiles of Dutchess County Men of the Revolutionary Period, the article suggested, "These taken together with the studies of local characters comprise a body of biographical silhouettes worthy of being framed in a separate volume." This is exactly what DCHS did in 2025 with the support of Dutchess County Government "Rev250" grants, marking the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. This Encore Edition is accessible at dchsn.org.

By Bill Jeffway

The Dutchess County Historical Society is less likely to find that large pieces of furniture meet its collections criteria of being historically significant locally, with a known provenance. The wonderful and recent exception is a handcrafted 1850s sofa, a gift of Rachel Garrison, the great-granddaughter of one of DCHS's most prolific and influential founders, Dr. J. Wilson Poucher (1859-1948), who long kept the piece in his Poughkeepsie home.

Made by Dr. Poucher's father, Peter Poucher, while living in Claverack in the 1850s, it appears to be made using Black Walnut. Beyond its association with Dr.

Poucher, the craftsmanship reminds us that an ordinary farmer and occasional mill worker of modest financial means, could possess notable woodworking skill, as rural life often required extensive "do-it-yourself" work. It also reminds us that a couple of modest means and limited education, Peter (1835-1919) and Maryetta (1836-1868) Poucher, could raise a son who was able to reach his extraordinary full potential in medicine and in life.

Dr. Poucher was widely recognized as a pioneer physician and a leader in his field. Yet the profile published in the DCHS 1948 Yearbook upon his passing portrays a man whose life bridged medicine, history, and



From left, Bill Jeffway, DCHS executive director; Rachel Garrison, donor and Peter Poucher, Garrison's great-great grandfather who made the sofa.

-Courtesy photo

civic leadership in Dutchess County and the Hudson Valley. Medical journals and professional organizations honored his achievements, as did the hospitals, banks, and civic institutions with which he was associated. Still, his distinction extended well beyond medicine.

From an early age, Poucher showed a strong inclination toward history. Family traditions encouraged his reading, and even as a schoolboy he demonstrated a remarkable aptitude. One oft-repeated anecdote recalls his passing a history examination without prior classroom preparation, to the astonishment of his teachers. This passion endured throughout his life. Even amid a demanding medical practice, historical study remained a constant avocation—one that became central after his retirement.

In April 1914, at a meeting in the Pleasant Valley Free Library, Poucher made a motion to establish the Dutchess County Historical Society. Alongside other early founders—including Franklin Roosevelt, John Mylod, and Helen Wilkinson Reynolds—he helped establish the principles and practices of well-sourced, well-documented historical narrative that continue to guide the organization.

That commitment found enduring expression in one of Poucher's major collaborative achievements, the 1924 volume "Old Gravestones of Dutchess County," produced with Helen Wilkinson Reynolds. The work cataloged approximately 19,000 inscriptions from cemeteries, family plots, and churchyards—many already deteriorating. Before the advent of systematic public vital records, these inscriptions preserved invaluable documentation of names, dates, and family relationships. A similar project followed in Ulster County, extending the reach of this work with an additional 22,000 inscriptions. The map of patent lines in Dutchess County published in the 1939 Yearbook remains

widely used today. His book, the "Story of the Wild Flowers," was published in 1931, and reflects his lifelong passion for gardening and the growing and protection of native species.

As City Historian of Poughkeepsie, Poucher worked to instill a sense of local heritage. One notable episode recalls his efforts to save the Glebe House, a colonial structure threatened with demolition. Carrying subscription lists through the city, he helped raise funds to preserve the building, transforming a vulnerable relic into a valued civic asset. His leadership was also evident in commemorative efforts during the 1930s, including the 250th anniversary of Dutchess County, when he guided educational programs and helped document historical boundaries and landmarks.

Poucher maintained affiliations with organizations such as the Columbia County Historical Society and the Ulster County Historical Society, and was active in lineage and patriotic groups including the Holland Society, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Sons of Colonial Wars, and the Order of the Cincinnati. His involvement reflected both personal ancestry and a broader commitment to preserving historical memory.

Ms. Garrison's gifts include generations of family photographs and genealogical information as additions to the already significant contributions of Dr. J. Wilson Poucher.



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Three Breakneck Ridge Trailheads remain closed

Breakneck Connector construction resumes

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), Metro-North Railroad (MNR), New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, Inc. (HHFT), and New York-New Jersey Trail Conference (NYNJTC) remind park-goers that the Breakneck Ridge, Wilkinson Memorial, and Lower Brook trailheads and the adjacent Breakneck Ridge Metro-North Station, which closed on April 21, 2025, will remain closed throughout 2026.

With the start of spring hiking season approaching and multiple road construction projects happening simultaneously, it is more important than ever to consider the impact of these closures when planning visits to the area.

The trailhead and station closures allow for the complete renovation of Metro-North Railroad's Breakneck Ridge station and construction of the Fjord Trail Breakneck Connector and Bridge. The new Breakneck Connector trail and pedestrian bridge will provide hikers with an alternative to walking along State Route 9D to access popular trailheads and will create cohesive access to and from the new Breakneck Ridge train station.

Construction will also address longstanding issues of safety, accessibility, and environmental health in the project area. The addition of sidewalks, organ-

ized and formalized parking, including small lots on the west side of Route 9D, enhanced crosswalks, and wayfinding signage will facilitate a safer experience for both motorists and trail users. Improved access points for first responders at Breakneck Ridge will also increase safety in the area.

The Breakneck Connector and Bridge will meet Accessibility Guidelines for Federal Outdoor Developed Areas (AGODA) standards; associated facilities, including restrooms, will be ADA-compliant, providing increased access to the river and views of Storm King Mountain via a new Lower Overlook at the foot of Breakneck Ridge. Environmental resilience investments will help combat erosion by removing invasive vegetation and replanting with native trees, shrubs, and pollinator-friendly flowering plants.

Site improvements will also include the addition of HHFT-managed restrooms, an information kiosk, a bike tune-up station, and new overlooks for visitors to enjoy the views of the Hudson Highlands and Hudson River.

During construction, there is no public access to the Breakneck Ridge, Wilkinson Memorial, or Lower Brook trailheads, which will remain closed until construction is completed. All other trailheads in the North and South Highlands including Washburn/Cornish trailheads, Notch

Trailhead, Little Stony Point and Mt. Beacon Trailhead will remain open and accessible to the public while construction is underway. Nearby Fahnestock State Park is a good alternate destination to avoid overcrowding and parking issues.

Parkgoers should note that there is limited parking for these trailheads, which

fills up early on busy spring weekends.

Beginning just prior to Memorial Day weekend, New York-New Jersey Trail Conference trail stewards and Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve staff will be stationed in the park to assist and orient hikers through the end of peak hiking season.

U.S. Olympian short-track speed skater Clayton DeClemente visits Dutchess County Legislature



U.S. Olympian short-track speed skater Clayton DeClemente recently stopped by the Dutchess County Legislature.

-Photo courtesy Dutchess County Gov't

The Dutchess County Legislature recently welcomed U.S. Olympic short-track speed skater Clayton DeClemente to the Legislative offices.

DeClemente, 26, is a Town of Poughkeepsie native and 2017 graduate of Arlington High School. Considered among the top 20 skaters in the world at the fast-paced discipline of short-track racing, he represented the United States on the world stage at the Milan Cortina Olympics in February, reaching the quarterfinals of both the 1000-meter and 1500-meter events.

"It's great to be back in Dutchess County, and it's amazing to be recognized by the County Legislature," said DeClemente. "Being an Olympian is the honor of a lifetime, and I can only hope that my success encourages more Dutchess County youth to pursue their Olympic dreams."

DeClemente recently stopped by the

Legislature chambers to be recognized for his achievement. Legislature Chair Yvette Valdés Smith and Legislator Anna Shah presented DeClemente with a special commendation from the County Legislature, and he in turn presented the Legislature with a commemorative U.S. Speed Skating Olympic pin.

These days, DeClemente spends most of his time at the U.S. Speed Skating training facilities in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he hits the ice six days every week, honing his skills for national and World Cup competitions, with his eyes on another shot at Olympic glory in 2030.

"Dutchess County is so proud of our native son Clayton DeClemente for representing us in the Winter Olympics," said Chair Valdés Smith (D-Fishkill). "It was our privilege to welcome him home to our great County and officially congratulate him on being an Olympian!"

County, DCC connect local students with high-demand tech careers

The Dutchess County Division of Youth Services and Dutchess Community College (DCC) partnered to host a first-ever "Digital Dutchess" career exploration event, welcoming high school students from across the community for a full day of hands-on learning and career discovery on Friday, March 27.

Held on DCC's Poughkeepsie campus, the interactive event introduced some 50 local students to emerging fields, such as computer science, artificial intelligence, information technology, cybersecurity and quantum computing.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, who offered welcoming remarks, said, "'Digital Dutchess' is all about opening doors for Dutchess County students, giving them a hands-on look at high-tech careers to help them build the skills they need to succeed right here in our community. Introducing high-school students to careers in computer science equips them with the problem-solving and technical skills; broadens their future job opportunities and allows them to stay here locally to pursue their careers; and helps them become informed content creators, not just consumers of technology."

Through interactive sessions, panel discussions and experiential activities, students from Arlington and Pawling high schools, as well as Dutchess BOCES, gained valuable insight into career pathways and the skills needed to succeed in today's rapidly evolving technology landscape.

A featured panel of technology and education leaders – including Steve Oscarlece, Commissioner of the County's Office of Central and Information Services (OCIS); Matt Ganis, Professor of Computer Science Professor at Pace University; and Frank Whittle, DCC Professor of Computer Science – shared their perspectives on industry trends, educational pathways and real-world experiences in technology-focused careers.

Students also participated in a



Dutchess County OCIS Commissioner Steve Oscarlece explains how computer science has evolved from the punch cards of previous generations during the event held at DCC.

-Courtesy photo

cybersecurity workshop led by DCC's Associate Director of Cybersecurity, Joe Falcone, as well as an interactive session with DCC Esports Coach Jesse Navarra Jesse Navarra and DCC esports student-athletes, highlighting the growing intersection of technology and competitive gaming. The strong turnout and enthusiastic engagement from students and partners underscores the success of the inaugural "Digital Dutchess" event.

Serino said, "Dutchess County is proud to invest in our youth and prepare the next generation for the jobs of tomorrow. Today's collaboration with DCC, and our future 'Digital Dutchess' events, are just the latest examples of that commitment."

Additional information about Dutchess County Youth Services is available online at dutchessny.gov/youthservices.

County maintains AA+ bond rating

County reports

Dutchess County has once again received an exceptional AA+ bond rating from Standard & Poor's (S&P), reaffirming the County's strong financial position and responsible fiscal management and again placing Dutchess County among the highest-rated county governments in New York State. The County held its annual bond sale on Tuesday, borrowing funds for essential public safety and infrastructure investment at a low 3.57% interest rate, thanks to the County AA+ bond rating. The 2026A public improvement serial general obligation bonds will fund various capital projects, including repairs and replacement of multiple bridges, culverts and guide rails, highway paving, Sheriff vehicles and HVAC infrastructure in various County buildings.

"Dutchess County's AA+ rating is a powerful signal of our fiscal responsibility and long-term economic stability and gives our residents the assurance that our county is well-positioned to weather challenges while continuing to provide the essential services they depend on. It also gives the business community confidence to invest and grow," said Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino. "Our commitment to financial stewardship saves taxpayers money with lower costs for crit-

ical investments in public safety and reliable infrastructure. These are key factors businesses look for when choosing where to locate and expand."

Why does an AA+ bond rating matter for residents and businesses? The County's AA+ rating does the following:

- Reflects the County's conservative fiscal stewardship. S&P cited factors including careful budgeting practices and responsible long-term debt management in the County's rating.

- Signals lower credit risk. Higher ratings allow governments to borrow at lower interest rates to make important strategic investments in infrastructure and facilities, while helping reduce costs for taxpayers.

- Reflects the strong local economy, which is expected to continue to grow with new development, higher incomes and rising property values.

Serino said, "We value the trust our residents place in us and will continue to manage tax dollars carefully. Keeping a strong bond rating and solid savings helps Dutchess County stay stable, even during uncertain times and allows us to make the smart investments that improve services and quality of life for our neighbors for today and for the future."

The full S&P report is available online.

MRC to host training on April 14

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) of Dutchess County will offer a free Active Shooter & Stop the Bleed Preparedness training on Tuesday, April 14 at 6p.m. at the Dutchess County Emergency Response Center, located at 392 Creek Road in Poughkeepsie. The training is free and open to the public. As seating is limited, registration is required and is available online at dutchessny.gov/ActiveShooterTraining.


The trainings will be presented in partnership with the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office and will focus on how the average citizen should respond if an active shooter is in their vicinity, how to best protect themselves depending on the scenario, and what to expect once

law enforcement arrives.

The County's Stop the Bleed training, which is included in the evening's curriculum, will focus on how to identify and effectively control life-threatening bleeding in an emergency.

Comprised of both healthcare and non-healthcare volunteers, Dutchess MRC is part of a national network of more than 200,000 volunteers dedicated to supporting public health infrastructure as well as disaster preparedness and response in the community. Dutchess MRC hosts various trainings for members and non-members alike throughout the year.

For more information or to sign-up to volunteer, visit dutchessny.gov/mrc.



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Stitched for Success: Young designer's 4-H creation earns Gold Key in scholastic arts competition

Lily's dedication and creativity through the 4-H program has earned her impressive recognition this year, as her handcrafted garment continues to gain attention and accolades beyond the local level.

Lily is a member of the Crafty Quilters 4-H Club and the Clover Crew 4-H Club. She recently submitted her 4-H garment to a scholastic competition and was awarded a prestigious Gold Key, the highest honor in the fashion category for high school entrants. The Gold Key is equivalent to first place and signifies outstanding achievement in design, craftsmanship, and originality.

This accomplishment means Lily's work will advance to the national level of competition, where all Gold Key winners from across the country will be judged. In addition, her garment will be featured in a public display alongside other category winners at SUNY New Paltz. This display offers the community an opportunity to view the exceptional work of young artists and designers being recognized at the regional level.

What makes Lily's achievement especially meaningful is the journey behind the garment. Created through her involvement in the 4-H program, the piece has already been showcased at the Dutchess County Fair and the NY State Fair, demonstrating how skills learned through 4-H can lead to real-world success and recognition. From concept to completion, Lily applied the techniques, creativity and perseverance developed while in 4H, resulting in a garment that continues to stand out among its peers.

Lily's success highlights the impact of 4-H in nurturing talent, building confidence, and providing youth with opportunities to explore their interests at a high level. As her garment moves forward to national competition, it serves as a point of pride for her, the 4-H community, and all who support youth achievement in the arts.



Lily's success highlights the impact of 4-H in nurturing talent, building confidence and providing youth with opportunities to explore their interests at a high level. Courtesy photo

Retired police officer to be honored at Hudson Valley Heart Walk

By Kristine Coulter

The Hudson Valley Heart Walk for the American Heart Association is set for Saturday, April 25, at Mount Saint Mary College, 330 Powell Ave., Newburgh, in Orange County. Set to share his story this year is Paul Craft, a retired Ellenville police officer who survived sudden cardiac arrest.

The annual event begins at 8 a.m. Opening ceremonies will take place at 9 a.m., followed by the Walk.

Chairing the Walk this year is Ali Hammoud, M.D., a cardiologist at Nuvance Health, now part of Northwell Health.

Lunch break becomes an emergency

Sixty-year-old Paul Craft had collapsed. Stephanie Craft, Paul's wife, screamed. John Paulsen, fiancé of Paul's daughter Carly, heard her and came back in, as he was returning back to work from his future in-laws' house. That was almost a year ago, on May 29, 2025, according to the American Heart Association (AHA).

"I don't remember having symptoms however my family said I had Tums in my truck, so I must've felt something but didn't realize what I was feeling," Paul said via email. It was noted by AHA that GI issues are often a sign of heart disease.

"Paul is a retired police officer, and was home," Stephanie said. "He was walking across the house and into the kitchen, and he bumped into the kitchen island. I was sitting at the kitchen table, and I looked up and watched him crash into the wall. I froze for a second, then screamed for

John, and called 911."

John began CPR on Paul and Stephanie called 911.

It was explained by Stephanie in a press release, "They had heard the 911 call, and when people heard '60-year-old-male' and the name of our street, they knew who it was."

A portable AED was in the car. Paul's former colleagues were on their way from the police department.

"When he arrived at [the hospital], he had another heart attack," Carly, Paul's daughter, said. "They took him right up to the cath lab and put in five stents."

Paul was in ICU for about six days, according to AHA officials.

According to the AHA, "Doctors implanted an Impella device to keep his blood moving and let his heart rest. While he was in the ICU, doctors needed to change Impella pumps to get the correct size to prevent damage to his red blood cells. After two days with the second pump, his heart began working correctly."

Paul was not out of the woods yet, because after leaving the ICU for the cardiac step-down unit, fluid built up around Paul's heart, it was stated. This required a drain, which meant he stayed in the hospital for another week. From there, he went to the acute care unit at Garnet Health for six days, it was noted.

On June 24, 2025, Paul went home. The next month, he was able to ride in the lead car at Ellenville's Fourth of July parade. He also completed six weeks of cardiac rehab at Ellenville Regional



Paul Craft will take part in this year's Hudson Valley Heart Walk. Craft is pictured with his family (daughter Abbe, wife Stephanie and daughter Carly). He will share his story during the Walk.

-Photo courtesy of American Heart Association

Hospital after returning home, according to organizers.

How is Paul's health now?

"I feel happy and healthy now! I'm grateful that I was able to return to the people and things I love. I follow up with all of my doctors routinely!"

As for the Walk, Paul said, "I became

involved with the Walk as a result of my heart attacks. I want to raise awareness and let people know how very important it is to take care of yourself with exercise, diet, and regular doctor visits."

For more information, to register or donate, visit www.heart.org/hudsonvalleyheartwalk.

Guardian Revival appoints attorney Daniel Ravo as Board Secretary

Guardian Revival has announced that attorney Daniel Ravo has joined its Board of Directors and will serve as Board Secretary. In this role, Ravo will help guide governance, strategic planning, and organizational growth as Guardian Revival expands its programs for military, veterans, first responders and their families.

Ravo is an attorney with Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Luele LLP, one of the largest and most experienced law firms in the Hudson Valley. As a U.S. Navy veteran, he brings both legal expertise and lived experience of service to those that Guardian Revival supports. At the firm, he focuses on litigation and advocacy while remaining deeply engaged in the Hudson Valley community.

"I'm honored to join Guardian Revival's Board of Directors and to support an organization that stands beside those who serve long after the uniform comes off," said Ravo. "As a veteran, I know how critical connection, purpose, and trusted support are, and I'm proud to help strengthen the programs that deliver that for our guardians."

"We are thrilled to welcome Daniel to our board," said Alexander Othmer, co-founder and President of the Board of Directors at Guardian Revival. "His combination of military service, legal experience, and commitment to this community will be invaluable as we continue to grow our impact for military, veterans, first responders, and their families."

Founded in 2019, Guardian Revival is a New York State 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides culturally-informed, non-clinical programs to support the mental health and well-being of military, veterans, first responders, and their families.



Daniel Ravo

-Courtesy photo

Guardian Revival provides outdoor adventures, companion dogs, music experiences, physical fitness programs, and peer support initiatives that help reduce isolation, build connection, and strengthen resilience. Additionally, guardians can participate in peer-led gatherings and utilize a non-crisis talk line to connect with others who understand their unique challenges.



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Obituaries

Shawn W. Johnson



Shawn W. Johnson, a lifelong local area resident, passed away on Saturday, March 28, 2026 following a sudden illness. He was 43.

He was born in Beacon on July 25, 1982 and graduated from John Jay Senior High School. Shawn worked as a self-employed landscaper.

He always enjoyed spending time with family, friends, and neighbors. However, more than anything else, he truly cherished being a father and did everything for his kids. He loved taking them fishing and was always their #1 fan at their baseball & football games and dance recitals.

Shawn is survived by his son and daughter, Jabob Joseph Johnson (12) and Jessa Ryan Johnson (11), both of Fishkill;

his parents, Jerry and Linda (Hamilton) Johnson of Beacon; his brother, Jerry Johnson of Poughkeepsie; his longtime partner, Amanda Lewis; his aunts & uncles, Laurie Hamilton, Michael Healey, Glen Hamilton, Jim & Bonnie Johnson, John & Rhonda Johnson, Jeff Johnson, Joe Johnson, and Dave Silvestri; the mother of his children, Alicia Lucas Lucariello; as well as many cousins and close friends.

He was predeceased by his grandparents as well as his aunt, Lisa Silvestri.

Visitation was held on Saturday, April 4 at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. A memorial service was conducted.

In lieu of flowers, an education fund will be established for Shawn's children. Checks can be made payable to Linda Johnson.

For online tributes, visit www.mchoufuneralhome.com.

Bridget T. McGivney



Bridget Theresa McGivney passed away on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie after a short illness. She was 97. She was born in Ballinalee, County Longford, Ireland, on January 23, 1929, the daughter of Peter and Anne Maguire. She was the youngest of five children; her brothers James, Patrick, and Peter, and her sister Mary all predeceased her.

A resident of the Town of Wappinger for 57 years, Bridget emigrated to the United States in 1955, arriving in Brooklyn on Saint Patrick's Day after what she often declared would be the first and last sea voyage she would ever take. She first found work as a waitress at a

Schraft's restaurant in New York City and then as an elevator operator at the old Western Union building on Hudson Street, where she first met Bernard 'Barney' McGivney, whom she married in 1957. Barney McGivney passed away in 2004. Bridget worked for Sears, Roebuck at the South Hills Mall in Poughkeepsie for 21 years. After her retirement, she spent her time caring for her family and working in her garden, planting flowers and vegetables, and then ruthlessly killing any weed that sought to violate the verdant integrity of the green, green grass of her home.

Her five sons survive her: Peter, of Wappingers Falls, Thomas and his wife Janie, of Bayside, Queens, Patrick and his wife Valerie, of Hopewell Junction, John, of Chelsea, and Timothy, of Wappingers Falls, as well as her grand-daughter Bridget Phillips and Bridget's husband Joseph Phillips, and their son, Ezra, all of Slidell, Louisiana, and by many more nieces and nephews in both Ireland and the United States.

There will be no calling hours. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 11am at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill, NY 12524. Interment to follow at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9, Fishkill, NY 12524.

Thomas R. Perry



Thomas R. Perry, 59, a 30-year resident of Highland, NY died at home on Monday, March 23rd, tragically just two days after the loss of his soul mate and fiancée Kerry Trigalet who passed away at home as well.

Tom was born on September 21, 1966 in Mt. Kisco, N.Y. Tom graduated from John Jay High School in East Fishkill and worked at Jilco Window and Door Corporation in Granite Springs for the past 32 years.

He is survived by his beloved daughter Kathleen Perry and her boyfriend Rory Moon of Staatsburg, as well as brother Michael Perry of Wappingers Falls and sister Donna Perry and her husband Jonathan Amith of Gettysburg, PA. Also surviving are nephew Brandon Inkell and niece Alana Amith, as well as several aunts, uncles and cousins.

In addition to Kerry, Tom was predeceased by his parents Thomas and Marilyn Perry. Family & Friends will gather to celebrate Tom & Kerry's Life on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 from 6-9PM at DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, New York, where a time of remembrance will be shared at 8PM. Interment will be private at the discretion of their families. To offer a message of condolence or share fond memories, please visit: www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

Vincent Michael Richards



Vincent Michael Richards, 80, a resident of East Fishkill since 1978, died on March 26, 2026 at Putnam Hospital Center following a short illness. He passed into the arms of the Angel of the Bugler.

Born in the Bronx on November 30, 1945, he was the son of the late Vincent Michael and Ellen (McPartland) Richards. He graduated from Evander Childs High School in the Bronx, and then went on to Sherwood School of Music and Chicago University from 1967-1969 when he was drafted. Vincent graduated from Pace University in Manhattan in 1975 with his bachelor's degree in sociology and from the New School of Social Research in 1983 with

his master's degree in sociology. He was employed as a music and social studies teacher for the New York City Board of Education until his retirement in 2013. He had also worked as a route salesman for Frito Lay.

Vinny proudly served our country in the United States Army. His military career began with Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, SC and after graduation, he earned a Military Occupation Specialty 02B20 Musician at Fort Knox, KY. Following his separation from active duty, he joined the 319th Army Reserve Statue of Liberty Band at Fort Totten, NY where he spent the next 35 years as a Reservist and earning the rank of SFC, brass group leader and Assistant Bandmaster. He was also a honorary member of the New York 42nd Rainbow Division. Vinny's greatest honor was playing Taps for Veterans who answered their final call. "Be tho at peace soldier, your tour is over."

In 1989, Vincent founded the Hudson Valley Council Boy Scouts of America Community Band. After several years, the Girl Scouts also wanted to join so they became Explorer Post #2609. Throughout the years, they played in New York, Washington DC and even two international tours of Canada. They rehearsed and performed with the 319th Army Statue of Liberty Band at Fort Totten, and placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They have provided many musical performances in the Town of East Fishkill on Memorial Day and for the 9/11 Observance each year, as well as at the Hopewell Depot Museum and for the town summer concert series. In February, Vinny and Althea were honored with the Barbara Z Community Service Award by the East Fishkill Republican Committee.

A parishioner of St. Mary, Mother of the Church in Fishkill, Vinny was a life member of the Boy Scouts of America. He was also a member of Manny Bacon Post #1758 American Legion, Elks Lodge #1493, Beacon, the New York City Musicians Association and the Retired Army Musicians Association.

On June 19, 1971 at Holy Cross Church in the Bronx, Vinny married the love of his life, Althea Bernadette Corey who survives at home. He is also survived by his son Michael Bryan Richards and his wife Jill; his grandsons, Jason Vincent and Michael Charles; sister in law Marguerite Sullivan and her husband Patrick; his godchildren, Mark Lu and his wife Stephanie, Theresa Burke and her children, Ethan, Issac and Alivia; and Connie Lu and her partner Michael Chan; his brothers, Thomas Norman Richards, and Robert Raymond Richards; his brother-in-law, Kenneth Stoller; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his sister, Honor Marie Stoller and brothers John Thomas Richards and James Gilbert Richards.

Calling hours were held on Monday, April 6 at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. The Hudson Valley Community Band honored Vinny with a performance. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Tuesday, April 7 at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, 103 Jackson Street, Fishkill. Interment will be in St. Denis Cemetery with military honors.

Memorial donations may be made in Vinny's memory to the Hudson Valley Community Band. Please mail c/o McHoul Funeral Home, 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533.

For directions and online tributes, please visit www.mchoufuneralhome.com.

Kerry C. Trigalet



Kerry C. Trigalet, 54, of Highland, NY died at home on Saturday, March 21st.

Kerry was born on November 10, 1971 in Woodbury, NJ.

She attended Garden Spot High School in New Holland, PA.

She resided in Highland, NY for the past 20 years. and was engaged to be married to Thomas R. Perry who tragically passed away 2 days later on Monday, March 23rd.

She is survived by her father, Robert Trigalet of Lititz, PA., her brother Robert Trigalet II and his wife Lynelle of Lancaster, PA as well as her sister, Jenny R. Sensenig and her husband Neal Sensenig of New Holland, PA. Also surviving are a nephew, Rowan Sensenig, and two nieces, Aliana and Mia Sensenig and her stepfather, Michael Weidle of Middletown, PA.

Kerry was predeceased by her mother,

Judith Weidle.

Family & Friends will gather to celebrate Tom & Kerry's Life on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 from 6-9PM at DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, New York, where a time of remembrance will be shared at 8PM. Interment will be private at the discretion of their families.

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Arlington High students unveil historic marker at Old City Hall in Poughkeepsie



Arlington High School students include, from left, Rory Nowik, Ryan Stickers, Heba Touijar and Connor Riley. Not pictured is Noah Gillman.



The new marker, made possible through grants from the Pomeroy Foundation, is located at the Old City Hall in Poughkeepsie, now the Dutchess County Commissioner of Jurors Building.

-Courtesy photos

Students in the United States History class at Arlington High School are installing five new Pomeroy Foundation Historic Markers in Dutchess County. The most recent marker was placed at the Old City Hall in Poughkeepsie, now the

Dutchess County Commissioner of Jurors Building.

The next unveiling will be at the home of Gaius Bolin, 153 North Clinton Street in Poughkeepsie on April 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Instructor Robert McHugh said each marker is the result of a project undertaken

last year by students at Arlington High School. The students could pick anywhere in Dutchess County that they believed was deserving of a marker. They had to then find primary sources (government documents, newspaper articles, maps, photos, etc.) that could prove the importance of the site.

They had to come up with language that would go on the marker and secure permission from whoever owned the land on which the marker would be installed. Over the past 3 years, 11 markers have been installed around the county as a result of this effort.

'Easter Bonnets' shine despite damp weather at NYC parade



A wide variety of "Easter Bonnet" renditions were on display at this years Easter Parade on 5th Avenue in Midtown NYC.

-Photos by Jim Donick



By Jim Donick
"In your Easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it
You'll be the grandest lady in the Easter parade."
The song has come down through the ages, but not many folks know the tradition continues to this day. Part of 5th Avenue in Midtown NYC is closed down on Easter Sunday every year so people can parade up and down in their own renditions of an "Easter Bonnet."

The song doesn't say anything about umbrellas, but this year's weather was wet. Enthusiasm was hardly dampened though. Ladies and gentlemen, even children in strollers, donned their own ideas of what constitutes an Easter Bonnet and took to what the song reminds us is "the avenue, 5th Avenue."
No one complained of the weather and many optimistically predicted sunshine for next year's parade. Even if it rains, though, they'll be back.

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Premier Medical Group, Dr. Bertrand Norvilus to be recognized during annual Art & Soul Gala

By Kristine Coulter

The Haiti Project, a 501©3 nonprofit organization, will hold the 14th Annual Art & Soul Gala on Thursday, April 16 at Vassar College. During the events, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Vassar College's Alumnae House in Poughkeepsie, Premier Medical Group and Dr. Bertrand Norvilus, will be honored for "uncompromising support of and dedication to the Fiervil Clinic and the 47 villages it serves in northwest Haiti."

Members of the Haiti Project told Southern Dutchess News via email, "This year, the Art & Soul Gala will feature the Premier Medical Group as one of its honorees. Dr. Sunil Khurana will be representing the medical group; these are physicians who have exhibited a high degree of excellence in medical care for residents of the Hudson Valley for decades. Premier Medical Group has been with the Haiti Project from the very beginning supporting us year after year to ensure that medical care for the underserved populations of Haiti are being cared for."

They noted, "Dr. Bertrand Norvilus, who puts his life on the line week after week in getting to the clinic will be our second honoree. Because of the ban on travel from Haiti, he will be part of the event via videotape. Sometimes, Dr. Norvilus traverses gang roadblocks to get to the clinic. Ironically, he also must care for them when they come to the clinic for their own medical needs."

"Working with the Haiti Project is important to me because it provides an opportunity in which I can directly help people most in need while also highlight-

ing the beauty of Haitian culture," said planning team member and Vassar junior Logan Watts. Watts, who hopes to be a doctor one day according to organizers, added, "This opportunity also allows me to work within a motivating, intimate community of individuals who are dedicated to the mission of the organization."

Twisted Soul will cater the event. Entertainment will be provided by the band La Bonne Vie. The "singing surgeon," Dr. Elvis Francois, will join in the festivities. Dr. Francois is of Haitian origin and has recently completed his final year of Harvard's Spine Surgery Fellowship, it was stated. Music during cocktail hour will be provided by Vassar's Mahagonny Jazz Combo. Members remarked, "The Haiti Project is humbled by its sponsors and supporters whose belief in our work encourages us to keep going. The challenges are sometimes insurmountable but the tangible difference we make is profound. We are forever grateful to them."

What will the funds be going towards?

"The funds raised support the care of people from 47 villages in the remote mountains of Haiti who normally would not have any healthcare at all. Many of the local clinics have closed due to gang presence. Thousands of people come annually to the clinic for evaluation and free medication is offered to them as well. There is also a full-time nurse at the clinic who is also supported by the project," said Haiti Project members.

Sara Neequaye, a Vassar senior, said, "Being a part of the Haiti Project for the past four years has been a transformative



The Haiti Project clinic and solar lab in Haiti.

-Photo courtesy of The Haiti Project

experience. I've witnessed how collaboration between students, medical physicians, artists, and local churches can drive meaningful change to a community miles away in Haiti, despite the ongoing conflict." Sara has been working with The Haiti Project for four years. "As someone hoping to launch my career in public health, I'm grateful for the learning opportunity and hope to keep up this work past graduation," she said.

Members added, "We are so lucky here to be able to go to a doctor and get the best care - health care is not a privilege but something that should be afforded to everyone; we're happy to be a part of it."

Board of Director member David Schwartz stated, "The Clinic is in a very remote part of Haiti. And, as in so much of the country, the people lack adequate medical care. Before this clinic was built, many people would never be able to even see a doctor. Now they can, and it is life-changing."

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available through the Ticket/Sponsorship Link. Tickets for the event are \$125. Sponsorships that help underwrite the clinic's annual operational budget, including the physician's salary, nurses, and medications are welcomed, stated organizers.

Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation

By Nate Smith
Recreation Director

Townwide Yard Sale is set for April 25. Get all the details and how to register at poughkeepsieny.myrec.com.

Senior Center News
By Ruta Ronis

For the Poughkeepsie Senior Center
The robins and bees are back and our Senior Center at 14 Abe's Way is "buzzing" with activities of all kinds. Our Bocce court is open, and players are outside on Tuesdays at 10:45 a.m. Stop by Thursday, April 9 at 9:30 a.m. for "Coffee with a Cop" and stay to learn about "Transportation Options in Dutchess County" with a representative of the Dutchess County Dept. of Transportation at 12:30 p.m. They will share information about Dial-A-Ride, Flex Service, and ADA Transportation.

We're heading to Resorts World Casino Catskills on Tuesday, April 14. The cost is \$20. Check at our Senior Center if there's still a seat available for you on the bus. For those staying at our Senior Center, we'll be playing "Prize Bingo" at 12:30 p.m.

Eric Lipper will be back performing another great song selection on Thursday, April 16 at 12:30 p.m. Come on by and enjoy!

Get ready for another famous Senior Center Auction on Tuesday, April 21. The auction starts at 11 a.m., but our doors open at 9 a.m. for viewing (as well as other activities). This auction will benefit our Sunshine Club.

Like to solve mysteries? Then sign up now for "Midnight at the Masquerade" Murder Mystery happening at our Senior Center on Tuesday, April 28 at 11 a.m. There is a charge, payable when you sign up. We all had a fantastic time when they performed last year!

Mark your calendar on May 13 if you want to sail the river with us on The Pride of the Hudson. This trip heads south on the Hudson River toward West Point and back to Newburgh. More details will be available soon.

We're open Monday - Friday, from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Our full activity calendar is available on our website: poughkeepsieny.myrec.com. We can also be reached at 845-462-0265.

EFCL Book Group announces April's discussion title

The EFCL Evening Book Group meets to discuss this month's book, "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi, on Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376. Copies of the book are avail-

able within the Library system. All are welcome to come and join in the discussion of this work.

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love to cook

by vicki frank day

Puff the Magic Pastry



A side dish inspired by spanakopita is also substantial on its own.

The recent weather has me wondering just what season this is. Ordinarily my inner food radar keys me in with natural cravings for seasonal fare: cozy comfort when it's cold, fresh lightness when it warms up. But now? Well, that radar's on the fritz. Lucky for me there are plenty of recipes in my repertoire that work at just such times.

The other day when the temperature hit 70 degrees, I planned on salmon for dinner. I'd worked in the garden a bit and had worked up an appetite, so I knew I'd need more than a simple side salad to serve with it. Spinach is always a good go-to but, taking a cue from my radar, I wanted to keep it light while being substantial enough as the only side. I took inspiration from spanakopita and served it on a bed of puff pastry, which was perfect. I even served it for Easter!

Spanakopita-inspired Puff Pastry

This is one for the books. Not only does this come together pretty quickly and check all the notes for flavor any time of year, it's also good warm from the oven or at room temperature, making it a versatile new classic for your next party, brunch or as a weeknight dinner side. You can even cut it into small squares to serve as hors d'oeuvres. It was perfect with salmon, is great with ham, lamb or pork and can stand alone as a lighter, meatless meal or snack. If you aren't feeding a crowd or don't want leftovers, use just one sheet of puff pastry and half the spinach mixture. The rest will hold in the fridge for a few days or in the freezer for about a month. You can substitute biscuit dough for the puff pastry if you prefer, serve it in crepes or on toasted baguette.



Uncooked Spanakopita-inspired Puff Pastry, left, and the ready-to-serve dish.

-Photos by Vicki Frank Day

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 shallots, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 (10oz) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed
- 8 oz cream cheese, room temperature
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten (reserve some for the egg wash)
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon zest
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- Salt and freshly cracked pepper, to taste
- 1 teaspoon (dried) oregano
- A pinch of nutmeg
- A pinch of red pepper flakes (optional)
- 1 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1 cup grated mozzarella or Swiss cheese (I actually used Gruyere)
- 1 (17oz, 2-sheet) package frozen puff pastry, thawed

Freshly grated Parmesan for top (about 1/4 cup)

Method

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Set aside. Melt butter in a small skillet over medium heat. Add shallots and cook until just tender, 2-3 minutes. Stir in garlic and cook 2-3 minutes more. Cool a bit, then transfer to a large bowl. Squeeze water from the thawed spinach. The best way is by placing it in the center of a clean kitchen towel, gathering it in a ball and twisting the top to release as much excess water as possible. (Note: it may stain your towel green). Add to the bowl with the shallots. Add cream cheese and beaten eggs to

the bowl (reserve a little of the eggs in a small bowl for a wash later). Use a potato masher or fork to incorporate the cream cheese, then stir to combine. Stir in lemon zest and juice, salt and pepper, oregano, nutmeg, pepper flakes (if using), feta and mozzarella (or Swiss).

Lay one puff pastry sheet on each baking sheet, pressing to close any holes or cracks (from being folded or rolled). No need to roll it into a rectangle to fit the baking sheet, (the square is fine) though you can if you want to. Divide spinach mixture evenly between each sheet leaving about a 1-inch border. Fold the edges over and crimp with the back of a fork to make a pattern and seal the corners. Sprinkle tops with Parmesan.

Add a splash of water to the reserved beaten egg and whisk to combine. Brush on puff pastry edges. Bake until puffed and golden brown, 25-30 minutes. Cut into desired sized pieces and serve warm or at room temperature.

Because I love food, I'm always delighted when I hit on the perfect recipe for the occasion – or no occasion at all – that can hit all the right notes, make life a little more delicious and any meal feel celebratory. This is one of those recipes for me and I hope it is for you, too. 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.

Dutchess County will hold free Earth Day event on Saturday, April 18

The Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management and the Environmental Cooperative at the Vassar Barn will once again celebrate Earth Day with a free, family-friendly event on Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., designed to educate, engage and inspire residents of all ages to take part in protecting the environment. This celebration, held at 50 Vassar Farm Lane in Poughkeepsie, will feature interactive exhibits, hands-on activities, opportunities to connect with local organizations dedicated to sustainability and conservation, information about volunteer opportunities.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, "Earth Day is a chance for us to come together and learn how to preserve our planet, not only for right now, but for our children and grandchildren. This is a wonderful opportunity for friends and families of all ages to connect, learn and see how even small changes can make a real difference for our environment. By teaching our children the importance of protecting our natural resources today, we ensure a vibrant sustainable Dutchess County for years to come. I hope to see you there!"

The County's Earth Day celebration showcases the importance of sustainability and caring for the environment, encouraging residents of all ages to learn practical

ways to cut down on waste, use resources wisely and help preserve the planet for future generations.

Attendees can take part in a variety of activities and educational opportunities, including:

- Hands-on projects, such as nature journaling and seed ball creation;
 - Demonstrations on recycling, composting and reducing household waste;
 - Exhibits highlighting energy conservation and sustainable practices;
 - Information about local ecosystems, wildlife and pollinator protection;
 - Guided nature walks through the Preserve at Vassar; and
 - Engagement with local environmental groups, businesses and government agencies
- A full list of event participants is available online.

Deputy Commissioner of Solid Waste Management Kerry Russell said, "When people come together to learn about our environment and share ideas, it strengthens our community's ability to build a more sustainable future."

More information about recycling programs, composting and other environmental initiatives in Dutchess County is available on the Division of Solid Waste Management's webpage: dutchessny.gov/solidwaste.



The Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management and the Environmental Cooperative at the Vassar Barn will celebrate Earth Day with a family-friendly event on April 18 in Poughkeepsie.

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Hope to hear from you! Thanks!

get growing!

by mark adams



Sue's Hanging Basket

An inspiring horticultural journey

In the summer of 2009, hanging baskets with a combination of flowers were (and still are) all the rage. Sue had been designing baskets and growing many thousands of them in our greenhouses for a few years (and still does). So she decided to enter one of her baskets in a competition sponsored by Cornell University. The Kathy Pufahl hanging basket contest was named in honor of the founder of Beds and Borders plant nursery. Kathy, a Cornell graduate, was a pioneer in flower container design. She served on the Cornell Ornamental advisory council until she tragically died of melanoma at age 44.

Sue picked one of her own original container designs to enter in the competition, to be held on July 21 at the Cornell campus in Ithaca. The only problem – Sue and I had been invited to our friend's wedding on July 18 in Chicago. And we wanted to stop in Pittsburgh to visit the grandchildren on the way. To get back to Ithaca in time for the competition, we'd have to bring the hanging basket with us.

Combination hanging baskets are designed for visual impact, with lots of flower power. The different varieties, usual-



Sue Adams with hanging basket. -Courtesy photo from Cornell University

ly three, should "play well together," as we say in the horticulture trade. Blossom colors need to be complementary.

Since the competition took place in mid-summer, Sue chose flowers that would stand up to the heat:

- Euphorbia Breathless Blush – with pink bicolor flowers and red-flushed foliage, to plant in the center, where it will mound slightly.
- Vinca Cora Cascade Bright Rose – 3

plants around the edge, to trail down.

- Tradescantia – 2 plants with purple foliage to trail and provide contrast.

The 12-inch wide basket was planted in May, grown with care, fertilized with Miracle-Gro water soluble plant food, and hung up where it could trail down, making for a beautiful combination basket. Sue named it "meandering delight."

On July 14 we loaded it into the car and headed west. Since I had won a free night at Caesar's Cove Haven resort in the Poconos, singing karaoke (the Bee Gee's "To Love Somebody"), we decided to stop there on the first night. We set "meandering delight" out on the patio to get some fresh air, and a deer ate the tradescantia! That was the meandering part of the design. So we called back to our crew at the greenhouse and had them Fed-Ex two pots of tradescantia to Becky's house in Pittsburgh. We spent two days visiting the grandchildren, and replanted the basket as soon as the new plants arrived. In Chicago, we booked a room with a balcony so the tradescantia could grow a little bit and blend in.

After the wedding, we checked out of the hotel, and a few activities were planned for

the next day. The wedding party was going to a Cubs baseball game. We couldn't lock "meandering delight" in the hot car, so we had to bring her to the game. We had to buy an extra ticket so we could put her in her own seat where nobody would sit on her.

The Cubs won. Then we all headed north to Highland Park for a Tom Jones concert. I'm sure "meandering delight" enjoyed it, adding a couple of inches to the tradescantia as she heard "What's New Pussycat."

Finally, we headed back to Ithaca for the competition. Sue's hanging basket was a little worse for the wear, but "meandering delight" did take home a second-place silver medal.

Sue loves designing baskets and containers and always enjoys experimenting with the new flowers we receive from breeders. 2026 season has just begun, and Sue is already looking forward to creating new designs for 2027. Maybe we'll see Tradescantia Pistachio White, a new intro for next year in the hanging basket.

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

History of the Lenape at Mount Gulian Historic Site set for April 25



Learn about the Lenape Native Americans, the first inhabitants of the region, at Mount Gulian Historic Site on April 25 in Beacon. Pictured is a Lenape pouch.

-Courtesy photo Mount Gulian

By Kristine Coulter

Find out about the Lenape Native Americans during a talk at Mount Gulian Historic Site, 145 Sterling St., in Beacon. The talk will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 25. Harv Hilowitz, a contributing scholar for the Maritime Museum in Kingston, will lead the talk.

The Verplanck family's property, Mount Gulian, was identified as the site of temporary Lenape encampments, according to organizers. The now historic location was also the site of the Rombout Patent of 1683, the Indian deed selling much of Dutchess County to colonial settlers, it was noted.

"The Lenape are a large indigenous cultural group whose Lenapehoking territory stretched from the southern Catskills throughout the Hudson Valley, through New Jersey and into Maryland and Delaware, western Pennsylvania and into central Long Island. Before the colonial period, Lenape lived in hundreds of settlements throughout Lenapehoking and were honored as the "Grandfather People" by other nearby Tribes for their long history here, their prowess at warfare, as well as their negotiation and mediation skills," said Hilowitz.

Local tribes such as the Wappinger, Esopus and Tappan encountered Henry Hudson along the Mahicannituck in 1609, changing things dramatically forever, according to organizers.

"The Verplancks had many interactions

with the Lenape, starting from the Verplancks' arrival in New Amsterdam circa 1634. In 1683, Gulian Verplanck and partners bought 85,000 acres of land from the local Wappinger Indians (Lenape) under the Rombout Patent, for approximately \$1,200 worth of trade goods, forcing the migration of Lenape People from most of Dutchess County," said Mount Gulian Executive Director Elaine Hayes.

The Lenape fished, hunted and gathered nature's bounty here for centuries and were a farming people, with every settlement having rich gardens, noted Hilowitz. "They were a matriarchal society, with most leadership, family and big decisions made by women," he explained.

Hayes stated, "We hope visitors will leave the talk knowing that the Lenape are a federally recognized sovereign Tribal Nation, directly involved in the renaissance of Indian Country in this area. Lenape are reviving their language and material and cultural practices, even growing their unique varieties of corn here again. Lenape want their stolen sacred objects repatriated to their People, and to be part of the conversation as to how their history is told and their culture interpreted by non-Native institutions. Most importantly, visitors will learn about a local People's survival in the face of great adversity, an important lesson in today's world."

Hilowitz said, "All Americans need to

know about the Lenape, their lifeways in the pre-colonial period, their siding with the Americans during the Revolution, their forced migrations into Wisconsin, Oklahoma and Ontario, their survival strategies in the face of erasure, and the fact that they are thriving to this day with over 20,000 people self-identifying as Lenape, some in the Hudson Valley. Mount Gulian is a part of

that story and is proud to tell others about it."

Admission is \$18 for adults; \$15 for seniors and \$12 for children (5-15 years). Walk-ins are welcome, but spots might not be available. Mount Gulian members' admission to the talk is free. Membership is open to the public. To make a reservation, one may call 845-831-8172 or email info@mountgulian.org.

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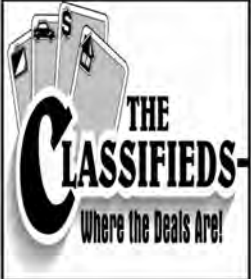
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Notice of Formation of H3 Venture LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/23/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 12 Creekside Road, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

PREMIER BIDEETS LLC. Filed 12/18/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 6565 Spring Brook Ave Ste 8, #147, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: General.

WEST SHORE LAKEHOUSE LLC. Filed 1/22/26. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 3 Stenger Ct, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: General.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name of the LLC is: Honey & Oliver Canine Care LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: 01/09/2026. The County in which the Office is to be located: Dutchess. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: 129 Linden Avenue, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Olmedos Lawn and Landscaping LLC Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/16/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to: 25 Longview Ave. Arlington NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Kessia G. Brands and Books LLC. Arts. of

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Org. filed SSNY 2/11/26. Office located in Dutchess Co. SSNY shall mail process to: United States Corporation Agents, Inc. 7014 13TH AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11228 designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity.

ARKET HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/17/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & luele, LLP, 1136 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Links & Manor LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on 2/24/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to 17 Wilkenson Hollow Rd. Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Eateries and Escapes Media, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY on 10/28/26. Office location: Dutchess County. LegalZoom designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. LegalZoom shall mail process to LegalZoom (UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC), 7014 13TH AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of PLEASANT FARMS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/01/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to PLEASANT FARMS LLC: 9119 86TH AVE, WOODHAVEN, NY, 11421, USA. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

673 EVERGREEN HOLDINGS, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 01/29/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as

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Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: Bosworth Development, LLC, hereinafter "LLC". Registration filing date with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) was November 6, 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, Robert Bosworth, 39 Pershing Avenue, Apt. 1, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

127-133 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/14/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 3 Carmine Drive, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Chameleon Refinishing, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/04/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Matthew Schaefer 25 Wasson Drive, Poughkeepsie NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Rockmount Group, LLC Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on February 27, 2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 5 Cliff Street, Beacon, New York 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Peaceful Passage Pet Services LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the New York Department of State on March 3, 2026. Office located in Dutchess County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. Mailing address for process: PO

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Box 135, Milton, New York 12547. Purpose: Pet grief coaching, end-of-life support services, and related services.

Notice of Formation of 1827 ROUTE 22 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/02/26. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 100 Dugway Dr., Pawling, NY 12564. 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 Formation of Lilith and The Wren, LLC, Art. of Org. filed w/Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 11/13/2025. Office location: Dutchess Co., NY.; SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process c/o the Company, 500 B Commons Way Fishkill NY 12524. Purpose: any lawful activity.

CHAOS GOBLIN LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/19/2025. 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, 100 Church St, Millbrook, NY 12545. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of C Doc Clinical Research Associates LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on 3/7/26. The office of the LLC is located in Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 7 Pine Woods Rd, Hyde Park NY 12538. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Name: Second Rise Baking LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/14/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 135 Fulton St. Poughkeepsie NY 12601. The purpose

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Notice of Form. of 255 KIDD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/5/2026. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 241 KIDD LN, TIVOLI, NY 12583. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of NORLAND SQUARE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/30/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 26 CHELSEA STREET, APT 1, BOSTON, MA 02128. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of VARINDER RATHORE MEDICINE PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/01/2024. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 70 MELANIE LANE, HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY 12533. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Stellen Practice Partners LLLC filed with SSNY on 02/23/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Stellen Practice Partners, 9 Vassar Street, Ste 32, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Options Universe LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/09/2026. Office in Dutchess County.

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SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 15 Nichris Ln, Staatsburg, NY 12580. Purpose: any lawful activity.

White Lake Retreats LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/5/2026. 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, 19 Karen Ct, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of Hudson Valley Precision Books, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/10/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 61 Sycamore Drive, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

B&E Media LLC filed w/SSNY 3/10/26. Off. in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agt. of LLC upon whom process may be served & shall mail copy to 130 Wilson St, Beacon, NY 12508. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Higgins Window & Door LLC Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/12/2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 5 Manor Rd Rhinebeck NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

HHL GLOBAL, LLC, filed App. for Auth. with the SSNY on 8/21/2017. Office: Dutchess County. LLC formed in FL on 10/5/2015. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 131 Allen Rd, Salt Point, NY 12578. Address required to be maintained in FL: 450 E Las Olas Blvd, 9th Fl, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301. Cert of Formation filed with FL Sec. of State, R.A. Gray Bldg, 500 S Bronough St, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250. Purpose: any lawful act.

M-M2RE HOLDINGS 7, LLC, filed App. for Auth. with the SSNY on 8/7/2018. Office:

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Dutchess County. LLC formed in FL on 5/25/2016. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 131 Allen Rd, Salt Point, NY 12578. Address required to be maintained in FL: 450 E Las Olas Blvd, 9th Fl, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301. Cert of Formation filed with FL Sec. of State, R.A. Gray Bldg, 500 S Bronough St, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250. Purpose: any lawful act.

M-M2RE HOLDINGS 23, LLC, filed App. for Auth. with the SSNY on 10/16/2020. Office: Dutchess County. LLC formed in FL on 9/17/2019. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 131 Allen Rd, Salt Point, NY 12578. Address required to be maintained in FL: 450 E Las Olas Blvd, 9th Fl, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301. Cert of Formation filed with FL Sec. of State, Florida Department of State, The Centre of Tallahassee, 2415 N. Monroe St, Ste 810, Tallahassee, FL 32303. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Form. Of Eli Sloves Photography LLC. Arts of Org. filed 03/04/2026. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 6 Drum Ct., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of MX Elite Cleaning & Services LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 2/5/2026. Office location: Dutchess County, New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2706 West Main Street, Apt #3, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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Notice of formation of JNG Designs, LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with SSNY on 1/22/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 2604 Mulberry Court, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity

Notice of Formation of 333 Hibernia Road LLC. Art of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/7/2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 333 Hibernia Road LLC 60 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any and all lawful business activities.

One Man Cold LLC. Filed with SSNY on 3/10/2026. Office: Dutchess, SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: PO Box 1117, Millbrook NY 12545. Purpose: any lawful

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company. Studio Elks LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: Jan 16th 2026. The County in which the Office is to be located: Dutchess. Studio Elks LLC is doing business in Dutchess County. Address is 29 Mason Cir, Beacon, NY 12508. Studio Elks LLC provides design services for textiles and soft goods for the home. Managed by Katherine Elks. www.studioelks.com

Notice of formation of Pawitive Care LLC filed with SSNY on 3/7/26 Office location: Dutchess County SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served SSNY shall mail process to 50521 Annie Ave, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569 Purpose: Any lawful act or activity

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Notice of Formation of Allisonia Properties, LLC. The LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on March 17, 2026. Office location: Allisonia Properties, LLC, P.O. Box 102 Pawling, NY 12564, Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Allisonia Properties, LLC, P.O. Box 102, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act.

RIDGE + RIVER HOSPITALITY LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/17/2026. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Amanda N. Miller, 6370 Mill Street, Suite 1, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

50 ALBANY ST. LLC. Filed 3/11/26. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Harjot Singh, 41 St Andrews Ln, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: General.

D U S I INTELLIFORGE CONSULTING LLC. Filed 1/19/26. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Jagannadharao V Dusi, 3 Marie Ct, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: General.

DEVELOPMENT BY 3JS LLC. Filed 3/2/26. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 59 Sherwood Heights, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: General.

OM LAKSHMI NARAYAN LLC. Filed 2/19/26. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 1206 Hudson Har-

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bour, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: General.

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Notice of Formation of Bayhorse Holdings LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/19/2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2 Academy Hill Rd., Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of INTUITIVELY WILD APOTHECARY LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/17/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

100 SOUTH AVENUE LLC Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on January 22, 2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 100 South Avenue, Beacon, New York 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of limited liability company. Name: Titan Property Care, LLC. Articles of organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/11/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to LLC, 45 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, 12590. Purpose: for any lawful purpose.

AA&C PAYROLL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/09/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process

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to the LLC, c/o Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & luele, LLP, 1136 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Suni Sands Curated Home LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/18/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Northwest Registered Agent LLC, 418 Broadway, Ste N, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Dajas Bloom Boutique, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/17/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to PO BOX 406, Miller-ton, New York 12546. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of Paul Seymour LLC. Art. of Orig. filed 3/19/2026. Office location: Dutchess Cty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 600 MARMARONECK AVENUE #400, HARRISON, NY 10528. Arts. of Org. filed with DE SOS. 401 Federal St., Suite 3 Dover, DE 19901. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Style & Go, LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with SSNY on 01/01/2026. Office location Dutchess SSNY desig as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 15 Legere Court, Wappingers Falls, New York 12590 Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Qual. of GRASMERE HOUSE, LLC. Auth. filed with SSNY on 3/24/2026. Office location: Dutchess. LLC formed in DE on 6/25/2018. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to: 600 MARMARONECK AVENUE #400, HARRISON, NY 10528. Arts. of Org. filed with DE SOS. 401 Federal St., Suite 3 Dover, DE 19901. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Everwell Group, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/16/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC

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upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 65 Dawson Ct. Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of BM Metal Fabrication LLC, Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on February 11, 2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: BM Metal Fabrication, 215 Freedom Rd, Pleasant Valley NY 12569. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Filing for Application of Authority in New York for Shani Event Rentals, LLC. Application for Authority filed with SSNY on 11/05/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 2522 South Road #1167, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Qual. of SH GRASMERE ACQUISITION, LLC. Auth. filed with SSNY on 3/27/2026. Office location: Dutchess. LLC formed in DE on 3/25/2026. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to: 600 MARMARONECK AVENUE #400, HARRISON, NY 10528. Arts. of Org. filed with DE SOS. 401 Federal St., Suite 3 Dover, DE 19901. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of S O U N D B O A R D STRATEGIES LLC . Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on March 18, 2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Soundboard Strategies LLC, 242 Main Street, #338, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation Of LORICK ENTERPRISE, LLC Articles Of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/09/2020. Office location :Dutchess County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 45 Pappas lane, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose : any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation Of GROOM HAVEN AND LOUNGE LLC Articles Of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/28/2025. Office location :Dutchess County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1177 US9, SUITE 5, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose : any lawful activity.

Queens Is The Future, LLC filed w/ SSNY 2/18/26. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 315 Old Rt. 22, Wassaic, NY 12592. Any lawful purpose.

16 WEST BEACON LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/30/26. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 46 Vassar Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

16 WEST HOLDINGS LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/30/26. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 46 Vassar Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Sandoya Tax Service LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/16/2024. Office location: Dutchess County, New York. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 16 Nicole Drive, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

POUGHKEEPSIE AUTO CENTER LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/10/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Sergio Jimenez Chavez & Hammad Abid Butt, 516 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of House Mom Vending

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LLC Articles of Org. Filed With SSNY on 02/09/2026. Office located in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 115 Verplank Ave, Beacon NY 12508. Purpose: General

Notice of formation of BEACON STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING LLC, a domestic LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 6th, 2026, Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 36 Crescent Drive, Beacon, NY, 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

22-6746TH STREET, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/31/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 100 Longview Drive, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Panoramic Vistas LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on April 1, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Getler Gomes & Sutton, PC, 2 Executive Boulevard, Suite 410, Suffern, New York 10901, also the Registered agent. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Professional Liability Company: THRIVE PSYCHOTHERAPY PRACTICE LCSW PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on September 3, 2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated agent of PLLC upon whom process against it can be served. SSNY should mail process to: Adah Lassalle, 27 Red Oaks Mill Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Vassar gifted landmark Harriet Beecher Stowe Collection by Alumna Mary Schlosser '51

Vassar College has become a preeminent source of books, manuscripts, and ephemera related to prominent 19th-century abolitionist and author Harriet Beecher Stowe, thanks to a gift from Mary C. Schlosser, Vassar Class of 1951. The Mary C. Schlosser-Harriet Beecher Stowe Collection centers around Stowe's seminal work, Uncle Tom's Cabin, the best-selling novel of the 19th century and second only to the Bible as the best-selling book.

Comprising more than 500 items, the collection features all 40 issues of the abolitionist weekly The National Era in which Uncle Tom's Cabin was first serialized in 1851, as well as the 1852 first edition of the printed book and Stowe's handwritten manuscripts. Advertisements, playbills from staged productions of Uncle Tom's Cabin, ceramic plates, and other memorabilia round out the collection.

"This is one of the greatest acquisitions for the Archives and Special Collections Library during my 25-year career here," noted Vassar's Head of Special Collections and College Historian Ronald Patkus. "We are extremely grateful for this wonderful gift, produced by an alum and member of the Beecher family. As the largest and most important collection of this kind in private hands, it will add considerably to Vassar's holdings and provide an outstanding resource for teaching and research."

Schlosser, a descendant of one of Stowe's 10 siblings (another sibling was a Vassar trustee), began collecting rare editions of Uncle Tom's Cabin in the 1960s. She said she chose Vassar to receive the collection because of her enduring fondness for the College, where she had an "absolutely splendid" experience as an art history major, and because of Vassar's unique approach to allowing undergraduates access to its Archives and Special Collections.

"The great thing about Vassar is, to this day, they don't lock all their rare books up so that nobody can touch them," Schlosser said. "There are limitations to the use of rare-book libraries in many bigger institu-

tions. I just think that it's too bad if you have to be a high-level graduate student in order to be able to handle the special books. One of the big draws was that the books I would give to Vassar would be available to the student body to handle and look at, and people wouldn't say, 'Oh, you can't touch that—that's a first edition.'"

Harriet Beecher Stowe intended Uncle Tom's Cabin as a rallying cry against slavery in the wake of the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850, which required ordinary citizens to help capture people fleeing enslavement. The book became a cultural phenomenon the likes of which had never been seen before, with printing presses running 24 hours a day to meet the demand.

"Few would argue with the claim that the novel is one of the most significant in American history," said Patkus. "In offering a portrait of slavery, it touched a nerve in public life, and millions of copies were sold both in the United States and in other countries around the world."

Meanwhile, in the decades following the original publication, stage adaptations were performed throughout the country—some of which, particularly in the South, complicated the book's legacy by changing the story and attributes of the book's title character in order to thwart Stowe's abolitionist message.

"To think about 19th century American culture, you have to be able to contend with Uncle Tom's Cabin in all of its messiness," said Vassar Assistant Professor of English Blevin Shelnett, who teaches Stowe's novel at Vassar as an example of the sentimental literary tradition shaped by 19th century women authors. Shelnett added that she looks forward to using the Mary C. Schlosser-Harriet Beecher Stowe Collection as a teaching tool. "The texts that we're reading aren't just linguistic arrangements; they actually have these material lives that affect the way that they're received and carry meaning," she said. "I feel really lucky to have this kind of proximity to a collection of this magnitude and importance for 19th century American culture."

S-P-E-L-L-E-R-S welcomed by Wappingers CSD board



The Wappingers Central School District Board of Education welcomed the regional spelling bee winners from the elementary and middle schools at the board's March 23 meeting.

"We celebrate the dedication and achievement of these students," said Jenny Schinella, Director of ELA and Social Studies. "These young champions have shown a love of words, a commitment to learning, and remarkable perseverance. We congratulate them and their families!"

-Courtesy photo Wappingers CSD

County Players to hold tour, ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 11

County Players, a local all-volunteer community theater company, will announce the shows for the 69th Season by opening the doors to community members on Saturday, April 11 from 1 to 4 p.m. This annual tour is at the County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main, in the Village of Wappingers Falls. County Players has been producing theatrical productions since 1958. Open to all, the Board of Governors invite the local community to go behind-the-scenes to see how our productions come together by offering visitors a rare glimpse behind the backstage theatre magic.

This year's event will kick off with a ribbon cutting to officially unveil the newly renovated front doors, generously supported by long-time volunteers, Bill and Jayne Peckham, who have both previously been recognized for their continued years of dedicated service and commitment to County Players by being named Honorary Lifetime Members. Afterwards, attendees will be able to meet and chat with current actors, volunteers, and board members, and receive an informal tour of the facilities of the County Players Falls Theatre.

Attendees may also get an exclusive

first look at their upcoming May production of the musical comedy "Something Rotten!" There will be an exclusive ticket offer for those who come out to the open house. Tickets for the musical "Something Rotten!" will be available at the box office at a 15% reduced rate. A selection of food and drinks will also be provided.

According to County Players Board President Michael Boden, "County Players has been honored to be a part of the Wappingers community for over 68 years, and it is such a pleasure to share this opportunity for our neighbors to see 'behind the curtain' here at the theater, and to thank the community for their continued support of County Players!"

For complete information about the Annual Theatre Tour, please visit: <https://countyplayers.org/season-68-cp-theatre-tour-april-4/>, or call the County Players Falls Theatre Box Office at 845-298-1491, or email info@countyplayers.org.

County Players Season 69 is sponsored by Hudson Valley Credit Union. The County Players Falls Theatre is located at 2681 W. Main Street in Wappingers Falls.

Fishkill Recreation

By Lauren McMenamin
Assistant Recreation Director

Flag Football for Boys & Girls: The Fishkill Recreation Department is excited to announce the spring youth flag football program — the Pigskin PRINCESS and PRINCE Project — for girls ages 3-11 and boys ages 3-6. This dynamic 6-week clinic introduces young athletes to the fundamentals of flag football through fun agility exercises, drills, and character-building activities.

Designed as an inclusive skill-building program (not a formal league), the Pigskin Project focuses on confidence, coordination, independence, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Each practice also includes a brief character education segment that highlights inspiring role models and encourages positive life values. The program is offered on Sundays this spring at Geering Park starting April 26.

Mom & Me Self-Defense Class: Fishkill Recreation is hosting a Mom & Me Self-Defense Class on Saturday, April 25, from 1-3 p.m., for mothers and daughters ages 8-11. Participants will learn practical physical and non-physical strategies to recognize and avoid danger, build confidence, and develop basic self-defense skills from certified instructors.

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

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

Gentle Yoga improves flexibility, balance, and strength while promoting stress reduction and focus in a non-competitive environment.

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

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

East Fishkill Recreation

By Bill Green
Recreation Director

You can sign up now for our 2026 Adult Golf Program at Beekman Golf. There will be three sessions (Tuesday & Thursday nights, 6-7:30 p.m.) on May 5, 7, 12 & 14; June 2, 4, 9 & 11 and July 7, 9, 14 & 16. The fee is \$100 residents and \$125 non-residents. You may join one or all three sessions. Register now. This fills quickly. Call 845-226-8395.

There are still some openings for our fun musical trip on April 25 to the Paramount Theatre in Peekskill for the Doo Wop Project. The fee is \$85 for residents and \$100 for non-residents and includes round trip Coach Tours transportation and tip for driver and orchestra seats.

You may now sign up for our trip on Wednesday, June 17 to Resorts World Catskill Casino for an afternoon of gam-

bling fun, food and a great show Summer Nights -a tribute to Grease. In addition to the show you'll get a big buffet lunch and \$25 free slots play. The fee is \$100 and includes round trip Coach Tours transportation. If you plan to attend please give us your Resorts Card number.

There are still a few openings for our Resorts World Casino trip on Sunday, May 17. The fee is \$50 and includes round trip Coach Tours Transportation, \$15 food voucher and \$25 free slots play.

Mark down Saturday, April 25 (11 a.m. - 1 p.m.) on your calendar. It will be our combined Egg Hunt, Spring Fling and Arbor Day celebration at the East Fishkill Community Center. There will be music with Bob Martinson, a tree planting, snacks and treats.

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

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BAGALA GROUP LLC.Arts.ofOrg. filed with the SSNY on 02/09/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 19 Hiview Road, Wappingers

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Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Notice of Formation of LNS UNLIMITED SERVICES LLC Arts.ofOrg. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/02/26. Office location: Dutchess County.Princ.officeof LLC: 9 Jordyn Lane,

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Dover Plains, NY 12522. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Luciana Bennett at the princ. office of the LLC. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS SELENE FINANCE, LP,

-against- THOMAS P. HYNES, ETAL.

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Dutchess on February 03, 2026, wherein SELENE FINANCE, LP is the Plaintiff and THOMAS P. HYNES, ETAL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the D U T C H E S S COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, REAR LOBBY, 10 MARKET STREET, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12601, on April 16, 2026 at 2:30PM, premises known as 26 MORGAN LANE, POUGHQUAG, NY 12570; and the following tax map identification, 6757-00-480915.

LAND SITUATED IN THE TOWN OF BEEKMAN IN THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 2024-54537. Steven A. Neil, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF Dutchess, U.S. Bank Trust National Association not in its Individual Capacity but Solely as Owner Trustee for RCAF Acquisition Trust, Plaintiff, vs. James Cartwright, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee's Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on January 20, 2026, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the rear vestibule of the Dutchess County Courthouse, 10 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 on

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April 23, 2026 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 6 Rainbow Crescent, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of East Fishkill, County of Dutchess and State of New York, Section 132800, Block 6355 and Lot 784824. Approximate amount of judgment is \$163,963.88 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 2023-54191. Cash will not be accepted. Michael Treybich, Esq., Referee Knuckles & Manfro, LLP, 120 White Plains Road, Suite 215, Tarrytown, New York 10591, Attorneys for Plaintiff

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST,

-against- C H A R M A I N E CARTER, ETAL.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Dutchess on March 2, 2026, wherein U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST is the Plaintiff and CHARMAINE CARTER, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction in the REAR LOBBY OF THE DUTCHESS COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, 10 MARKET STREET, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12601, on April 27, 2026 at 3:30PM, premises known as 1519 EAST NOXON ROAD, LA GRANGE, NY 12540; and the following tax map identification: 6560-04-969228.

ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWN OF LA GRANGE, COUNTY OF DUTCHESS AND STATE OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 2022-53972. Bruce Bozeman, Esq. - Referee.

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Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

WINTTRUST MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF BARRINGTON BANK & TRUST COMPANY, N.A., Plaintiff, v. ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTUTES OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF ROBERT J. SOFKA A/K/A ROBERT SOFKA, IF LIVING, AND IF ANY BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS WHO ARE SPOUSES, W I D O W S , GRANTEES, MORTGAGEES, LIENORS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTUTES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF SUCH OF THE MASMAYBE DEAD, AND THEIR SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTUTES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF; SYNCRHONY BANK; RYAN J. SOFKA, JR.; KIMBERLY D. SOFKA; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; HUDSON VALLEY CREDIT UNION; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; JANE DOERE FUSED NAME AS JOHN DOE #1, JOHN DOE REFUSED NAME AS JOHN DOE #2 Defendants. Index No.: 2025-55697 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Property Address: 61 HENMOND BOULEVARD POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12603 134689-6261-04-516423-0000 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a

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notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. 25-001182 - VA - F Dutchess County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the mortgaged premises. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of Honorable Christi J. Acker, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed the 21st day of February, 2026 at Dutchess County Supreme Court located in Dutchess County, New York. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage on the following property: Tax I.D. No. 134689-6261-04-516423-0000 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Poughkeepsie, County of Dutchess and State of New York, known as Lot No. 27 on Henmond Boulevard, on a 25-001182-VA-F map of Siegel Development filed in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office on January 17, 1949 and known as Map No. 2196, and further described as follows: Beginning at a point in the easterly line of Henmond Boulevard which point of beginning is 340.0 feet southerly from the intersection of the east-

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erly line of Henmond Boulevard and the southerly line of Manchester Road; Thence southerly along the easterly line of Henmond Boulevard South 22 degrees 46 minutes West 80.0 feet; Thence South 67 degrees 14 minutes East 149.34 feet to a point; Thence North 21 degrees 14 minutes East 15.05 feet to a point; Thence North 48 degrees 45 minutes West 18.28 feet to a point; Thence North 24 degrees 00 minutes East 59.17 feet to a point; Thence North 67 degrees 14 minutes West 132.87 feet to the easterly line of Henmond Boulevard, the point or place of beginning. These premises are also known as 61 Henmond Boulevard, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Dated: March 17, 2026 Brittany J. Marks, Esq. Tromberg, Miller, Morris & Partners, PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 39 Broadway, Suite 1840 New York, NY 10006 Tel.: (800) 280-6205

Notice is hereby given that a license, number NA-0370-25-205451 for liquor, wine, beer and cider has been applied for by the undersigned to sell liquor, wine, beer and cider at retail in a theater under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 139 Main Street, Beacon, NY 12508 in Dutchess County for on premises consumption. The Thomas Poole and Charles Scott Griesa Center Foundation d/b/a Savage Wonder Arts Center

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING BUDGET VOTE & 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 2026-2027 fiscal year to be held at the Howland Public Library, 313 Main Street, Beacon, New York, on April 30, 2026, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m.: Proposition #1 "Shall the sum of \$1,558,399.75 be appropriated for the annual support of the Howland Public Library for the fiscal year 2026-2027 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

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same time and place, a vote to elect one (1) member to the Board of Trustees for a term of one (1) year, elect one (1) member to the Board of Trustees for a term of three (3) years, and a one (1) member to the Board of Trustees for a term of five (5) years. 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, March 30, 2026. 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 14, 2026, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of preparing a register of the qualified 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 general elections under Article 5 of the Election Law are eligible to vote at the April 30, 2026, 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 2026 are eligible to vote at the April 30, 2026, 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 of

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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 personally 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 Thomas Cunningham, Independent Board Treasurer

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-48-26

Pre-Cast and Fabricated Catch Basins, Frames, and Grates Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 23rd day of April 2026 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website http://www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW OF THE YEAR 2026 "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY BY ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 72 ENTITLED 'RESIDENTIAL RENTALS FOR THE PURPOSES OF ADOPTING GOOD CAUSE EVICTION'"

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Pleasant Valley will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 1903 Route 44, Pleasant Valley, New York on April 20, 2026 at 7:00 o'clock, p.m., on Local Law A of 2026, "A Local Law Amending the Town Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley By Enacting a New Chapter 72 Entitled 'Residential Rentals for the Purposes of Adopting Good Cause Eviction'".

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, 1903 Route 44, 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: March 23, 2026

Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS INDEX NO. 2025-51087 Date Filed: 03/12/2026 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: 2440 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners, NY 12514. DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE

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REGISTERED HOLDERS OF SAXON ASSET SECURITIES TRUST 2006-1 MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2006-1, Plaintiff, against BEVERLY BROWN A/K/A BEVERLY L. BROWN, AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ERNESTINE BROWN; MICHELLE BROWN PAUL A/K/A MICHELLE BROWN, AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ERNESTINE BROWN; REGINALD BROWN A/K/A REGGIE BROWN, AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ERNESTINE BROWN; MARGARET WILLIAM BROWN A/K/A MARGARET W. BROWN A/K/A MARGARET BROWN, AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ANTHONY BROWNA/K/ATONY BROWN, WHO WAS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ERNESTINE BROWN; CHELSAY BROWN, AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ANTHONY BROWNA/K/ATONY BROWN, WHO WAS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ERNESTINE BROWN; UNKNOW HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF ERNESTINE BROWN and UNKNOW HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF ANTHONY BROWN A/K/A TONY BROWN, if they be living and if they be dead, the respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant(s) who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or inheritance, any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the Complaint; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; DUTCHESS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; and "JOHN DOE" and "JANE DOE," the last two names being fictitious, said parties in-

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tended being tenants or occupants, if any, having or claiming an interest in, or lien upon the premises described in the complaint, Defendant(s). TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's 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. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Maria G. Rosa, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Dutchess County, granted on the 10th day of March, 2026, and filed with the Complaint and other papers in the office of the County Clerk of Dutchess County. The object of this action is to foreclose a consolidated mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by ERNE-

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TINE BROWN to SMI HOME MORTGAGE, bearing date January 26, 2006 and recorded in Document Number: 01 2006 2950 in the County of Dutchess on February 23, 2006, which was modified a loan modification agreement dated January 27, 2017, which was assigned to DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF SAXON ASSET SECURITIES TRUST 2006-1 MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2006-1 by instrument executed February 7, 2020 and recorded March 13, 2020, in Document Number: 01-2020-50421A. Said premises being known as and by 2440 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners, NY 12514, bearing tax map designation Section: 6566, Block: 02, Lot: 627814, which is more fully described in the Schedule "A" attached to the Complaint. Aldridge Pite, LLP, Attorneys for the Plaintiff, 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747 File 1221-4175B

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF FISHKILL ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILLOW LAKE PARTNERS GROUP, LLC

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Fishkill will continue the Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, commencing at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible in the Francois R. Cross Meeting room located in the lobby of the Town of Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY to consider the following area variances for the adaptive reuse of several existing structures and amenities and for the construction of new improvements to include overnight motel accommodations for guests comprised of 32 semi-attached motel structures (64 units each approximately 600 SF in size) and 16 fully detached motel structures (each approximately 950 SF in size), accessory facilities including a restaurant with outdoor seating areas, a large event space designed for group dining and special occasions, a welcome building, a small building serving as a trail head for on-site hiking, a spa building, a

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fitness building, an accessory flex building, hiking trails, parking and all other necessary site improvements: 1. A 21.3' front yard setback variance from the front road centerline for the proposed Valet Check Out Building Connection, where 75' is the minimum required front yard setback from the road centerline in the R-40 Zoning District. Said variance will result in a 53.7' front yard setback. 2. A 22.2' front yard setback variance from the front lot line for the proposed Valet Check Out Building Connection, where 50' is the minimum required front yard setback from the front lot line in the R-40 Zoning District. Said variance will result in a 27.8' front yard setback. 3. A front yard setback to allow parking to be located in the front yard for the proposed Valet parking lots, where parking is not permitted in the front yard. 4. A 15' wall height variance, where 6' is the maximum wall height permitted. Said variance will result in a 21' wall height at its highest point; the retaining wall height varies. 5. A construction on steep slopes variance to allow disturbance of approximately 0.11 acres of 55.87 acres of existing steep slopes, where new construction shall avoid areas of steep slopes (slopes greater than 20% over a horizontal distance of 100 or more feet). The lands affected by this application is shown generally on the Tax Map Parcel No. 6255 00-432320, located at 4-16 Willow Lake Drive, consisting of 92.82 acres in the R-40 & R-4A Zoning Districts; Tax Map Parcel No. 6255-00-472382, located at 138 Van Wyck Lake Road, consisting of 10.98 acres in the R-40 & R-4A Zoning Districts; and Tax Map Parcel No. 6255-00-359445, located on Van Wyck Lake Road, consisting of 1.74 acres in the R-40 Zoning District. Willow Lake is the subject of a Site Development Plan Approval and a Special Use Permit Approval by the Town of Fishkill Planning Board, identified as Planning Board Application No. PB25-001 and a Freshwater Wetlands/Watercourse/Water Body Permit, identified as Application No. PB25-006. All interested persons will be

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heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Fishkill at the public hearing as stated above. By Order Of The Zoning Board of Appeals Of the Town of Fishkill, New York Debbie Colonna, Secretary REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-37-26 Parts Washer Rental, Service, and Waste Disposal Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 21st day of April 2026 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website http://www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613. SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST, -against- CHARMAINE CARTER, ETAL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Dutchess on March 2, 2026, wherein U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST is the Plaintiff and CHARMAINE CARTER, ETAL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the DUTCHESS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, REAR LOBBY, 10 MARKET STREET, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12601, on May 06, 2026 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1519 EAST NOXON ROAD, LAGRANGE, NY 12540; and the following tax map identification, 6560-04-969228. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR

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PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWN OF LAGRANGE, COUNTY OF DUTCHESS AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 2022-53972. Bruce Bozeman, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLERK DIRECTIVES. PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, that on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 6:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter is reached on the agenda, the Planning Board of the Village of Fishkill will hold a public hearing at the Village Hall, 1095 Main Street, Fishkill NY, for 42 Jackson Street, for a site plan approval and certificate of appropriateness for 42 Jackson Street, identified as tax parcel nos. 6155-07-735871 A copy of the application is on file at the Village Hall and available for inspection during business hours. At the public hearing the Planning Board will hear all persons in support of such matter or any objections thereto. Persons may appear in person or by agent. Comments submitted in writing must be received before 4:00 pm on the date of the above hearing and be addressed to: Gini Ferrucci, Planning Board Secretary 1095 Main Street Fishkill, NY 12524 Or sent via email to: gini@vofishkill.com. All reasonable accommodation will be made for persons with disabilities. In such case, please notify the Planning Board Secretary in advance so that arrangements can be made. Hans Klingzahn Chairman, Planning Board Village of Fishkill Dated: March 31, 2026

HV History Reading Festival set April 18 at Wallace Center

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum and the Friends of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District will present the annual Hudson Valley History Reading Festival on Saturday, April 18.

This is a free public event, but registration is required for in-person attendance via www.fdrlibrary.org.

Schedule:

10 a.m. Joseph E. Diamond, "The Archaeology of Kingston, New York"

11 a.m. Anthony P. Musso, "Mafia Burial Ground: The Mob and St. John's Cemetery"

Noon Lunch Break (on your own)

1 p.m. Elizabeth Werlau, "Legacies on the Land: Historic Houses, Hamlets, and Landscapes of Southern Ulster County"

2 p.m. Moira Fitzgibbons, "Drawn by the River: The Hudson River Valley as a Comics Ecosystem"

Contact Cliff Laube at 845-486-7745 with questions about the event.

this week's puzzle solutions

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS INDEX NO. 2025-53557 Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS as the place of trial situs of the real property SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgage d Premises: 11 ROOSEVELT ROAD, HYDE PARK, NY 12538 Section: 6164, Block: 4, Lot: 752458

NEWREZ LLC DBA SHELL POINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff, vs. NANCY HOOPER A/K/A NANCY E. REED, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON MCCUE; R A N D A L L WISHART, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF TERESA L. HAASE; JACOB WISHART, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF TERESA L. HAASE; SHANDY SECOR, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF TERESA L. HAASE; ROBERT A. METCALF, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON MCCUE; EMILY LOUMCNEIL, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON MCCUE; DANIEL METCALF, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON MCCUE; D.M., MINOR CHILD BY AND THROUGH HIS NATURAL GUARDIAN, CYNTHIA MCNEIL-METCALF, AS HEIR AND

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DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON MCCUE; C.M., MINOR CHILD BY AND THROUGH HIS NATURAL GUARDIAN, MEGAN NEIDERKORN, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON MCCUE; UNKNWON HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON MCCUE any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE - DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants. To the above named Defendants YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30)

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sons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE - DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants. To the above named Defendants YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30)

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days after service of the same is complete whereserviceismade in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty(60)days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you. NOTICE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$153,038.00 and interest, recorded on September 10, 2013, in Document Number 01 2013 9380, of the Public Records of DUTCHESS County, New York., covering premises known as 11 ROOSEVELT ROAD, HYDE PARK, NY 12538. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. DUTCHESS County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you

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and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: March 30th, 2026 ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Attorney for Plaintiff Matthew Rothstein, Esq. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310 Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING BOARD TOWN OF WAPPINGER DUTCHESS COUNTY, NY Project Name: 7 Brew Coffee - Amended Site Plan Location: 1506 Route 9 Application: No.: 25-3531 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Town of Wappinger Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing on the 20th day of April, 2026, 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 25-3531 - 7 Brew Coffee - Amended Site Plan: The Town of Wappinger Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing

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on an amended Site Plan application. The applicant is proposing the installation / construction of a 510 sf. prefabricated building, 338 sf. cooler / storage, canopies for a coffee stand and drivethru only in an SC Zoning District 0.74 acres. The property is located at 1506 Route 9 and is identified as Tax Grid No.: 6157-02-653974 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 25, 2026 The Annual Meeting of the Clove Cemetery Assn. will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 10:00AM at the Valley Bible Fellowship Church, 1857 Clove Valley Rd., Lagrangeville, NY. All plot owners are invited to attend. Further information, contact Elfriede Tillman (845)724-5840. Public Notice Notice to Bidders Notice is hereby given that the Town of East Fishkill will receive and publicly open and read sealed bids for: Town of East Fishkill TOWN WIDE PAVING 2026 Contract ED2026.01 at the Town Clerk's Office (845-221-9191) located at Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533, at:

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10:00 am (prevailing time), April 30, 2026 The Contract Documents may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office noted above on April 8, 2026, during regular business hours. Alternately the Contract Documents may be viewed on BIDNETDIRECT.COM. If BIDNETDIRECT.COM is used to obtain Contract Documents, the bid must still be submitted as a hard copy in the manner described below. Bids must be submitted in the form prescribed by the Contract Documents within a sealed envelope showing the Bidder's name and clearly marked: "TOWN WIDE PAVING 2026" Contract ED2026.01 Each Bidder must furnish, with his Bid, Bid Security in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the amount bid. This security may be in the form of a certified check payable to the "Town of East Fishkill", a bid bond, or cash. In addition, each Bid must be accompanied by a properly executed non-collusion affidavit. No Bidder may withdraw his Bid within forty-five (45) days of the bid opening. This Contract is subject to the prevailing wage determination made by the New York State Department of Labor. The Town of East Fishkill reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities therein, or to award the Contract to any Bidder if deemed to be in the best interest of the Town to do so. Peter Cassidy Town Clerk Town of East Fishkill

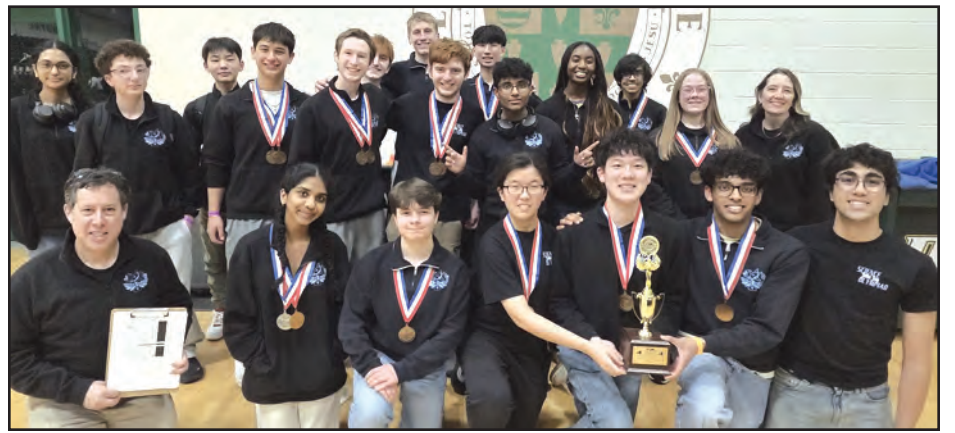
STEAM Day in Wappingers CSD



STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) Day took place at James S. Evans Elementary School on March 27. The event brought together 56 juniors and seniors from seven clubs at the District's high schools, as well as the Roy C. Ketcham High School Winners Circle Project team, IBM, Onsemi, Bard College, and Central Hudson. The students were treated to a day of learning, experimentation, and fun.

-Photos courtesy Wappingers CSD

John Jay Science Olympiad team places in Top 10 in NYS



Science Olympiad State Tournament results are in: Wappingers Central School District's team from John Jay High School is among the top 10 in New York. In addition to placing 8th overall, team members won medals in 8 of the 23 events. Only 60 New York high schools (out of about 470) were invited to the state tournament.

-Photo courtesy Wappingers CSD

HEADS UP, HIKERS!

THREE BREAKNECK RIDGE AREA TRAILHEADS REMAIN CLOSED FOR IMPROVEMENTS

SOMETHING EXCITING IS HAPPENING...

If you've spent any time in the area, you know that Breakneck corridor of Route 9D has historically been hazardous for both hikers and motorists, especially on busy hiking weekends.

But, coming in 2027, the Fjord Trail's Breakneck Connector will make the area safer, improve accessibility, add public restrooms, organize parking, include renovation of the Metro-North Breakneck Ridge train station, and much more!

Construction began in April 2025 and is expected to continue for approximately two years. Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, Inc. is working with the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; Metro-North Railroad; and the NY-NJ Trail Conference to bring you these critical improvements.

CLOSURE IMPACTS

- ⊗ **BREAKNECK RIDGE TRAIL** closed from trailhead to Nimham Trail
- WILKINSON MEMORIAL TRAIL** closed from trailhead to Nimham Trail
- BROOK TRAIL** closed from trailhead to Cornish Connector
- ⊗ **METRO-NORTH RAILROAD BREAKNECK RIDGE TRAIN STATION** closed — no train service at Breakneck
- ⊗ **NO PARKING ON ROUTE 9D** in the area north of Breakneck Tunnel



ALTERNATIVE HIKES + MORE INFO
WWW.BREAKNECK.INFO



Learn more about the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail at hhft.org

Photo by Michael Grandeau