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Joseph Colletti of Wappingers Falls honored as 'Veteran of the Game' at Yankee Stadium



Joseph Colletti salutes while being honored as the "Veteran of the Game" at Yankee Stadium on May 3.

-Courtesy photos



Joseph Colletti served in the U.S. Army and rose to the rank of Corporal during the Korean War and was awarded two Bronze Stars.

By Curtis Schmidt

Joseph Colletti, a 93-year-old Korean War Veteran from Wappingers Falls, was honored as the "Veteran of the Day" at Yankee Stadium on Saturday, May 3.

The New York Yankees have a long tradition of honoring veterans, with many past and current programs dedicated to recognizing military service

members. The team regularly features a "Veteran of the Game" at home games. These programs aim to show appreciation for the sacrifices of those who have served our country.

Colletti, originally from the Bronx, NY, served in the U.S. Army and rose to the rank of Corporal. He was awarded two Bronze Stars for his service. He

was injured coming back from Korea and is a disabled Army Veteran. He is active with the VFW and served as chaplain for many years.

Joan and Joseph Colletti have been married for 69 years. They have seven children, 16 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

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WCSD to hold budget, trustee vote on May 20

By Kristine Coulter

Voters in the Wappingers Central School District (WCSD) will have the opportunity to vote regarding the proposed 2025-26 school budget, propositions and trustees. The propositions are regarding a capital improvement project and bus purchases. There are three vacancies on the board and four candidates running. Polls will be open on Tuesday, May 20, from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. The WCSD Board of Education unanimously approved the proposed budget on April 22.

Dr Dwight Bonk, Superintendent of Schools, stated to Southern Dutchess News, "I believe that this budget is fiscally responsible, as we will be coming in below the tax cap for the 4th consecutive year. For the 2025-2026 budget year, a 1.30% tax increase, which is one of the lowest in the region, provides ALL of our 10,500 students with the necessary programs and services to assist them in developing academically, socially and emotionally."

Bonk added, "It also continues to prioritize school safety by providing law enforcement personnel from our local police agencies as well as mental health professionals in our schools to foster a safe school environment that promotes teaching and learning for all!"

Bonk explained in a message to the community, "We are able to do this with careful and deliberate financial planning, which will include spending over \$12 million of our General Fund; this allows us to continue our services and programs without ANY reductions. These services include a continued emphasis on school safety, career and technical education, mental health services, and the expansion of Universal Pre-K. The proposed Bus Purchase Proposition will allow us to purchase 21 vehicles, continuing toward our goal of having all transportation provided by in-District buses."

According to the Superintendent's presentation on April 22, the goal is:

- Maintain the current educational program by providing academic supports, academic enrichment opportunities, and extracurricular activities, as well as professional development for staff

- Continued focus on safety, as well as the emotional and mental health of students and staff

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Verplanck Garden Club to hold annual Spring Plant Sale just in time for Mother's Day

By Kristine Coulter

One still has the opportunity to purchase plants, flowers, and to make Mother's Day special. The Verplanck Garden Club will hold its annual Spring Plant Sale on Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, on the lower level, in Fishkill.

"We will have a large assortment of hanging baskets, pots and flats of flowering annuals, thriller-filler-& spillers for your container garden, heirloom tomatoes, herbs, and a wide selection of native plants. A big draw is our homegrown perennials that our members dig up from their own gardens to share with the community at very fair prices," said Deb Cole, who is a co-organizer of the event with Deb McIvety.

She added, "We will also have house plants, garden accessories, gift baskets for Mother's Day and watercolor art by our member artist, Patricia Collins Broun."

What do members of the garden club hope people learn from attending the event?



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Joseph Colletti, right, is pictured with his son, Joe, at Yankee Stadium. -Courtesy photos



Family members hold up a sign to honor Joseph Colletti on May 3 at Yankee Stadium.

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Colletti worked as a typesetter for with linotype machines for over 20 years in

New York City. He then became a proof-reader when the typesetting industry died and had another almost 20-year career.

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"We hope that our attendees will develop a love for gardening and are inspired to develop a garden of their own and if they have questions, we will have Master Gardeners on hand to answer them. For those that do have gardens, this is an opportunity to add to their own garden. For example, maybe they would like to learn about native plants or pollinator plants, what they are and how to care for them and maybe add some of them to their own gardens. Some people like low maintenance gardens, other people like patio gardens or herb gardens and some people just want to purchase a plant for

Mother's Day. Whether it's a plant or garden you are interested in I am confident we will have something for you," said Cole.

What has been the response from attendees during previous years?

"The community has been so supportive and looks forward to this event every year. They line up early, before we even open, to ensure they get first pick as they know we often sell out. We see many of the same faces each year. It's like a home coming. This is one of our two main fundraisers each year, it helps support the 9 local community gardens that the club cares for," organizers said.



A variety of plants and flowers will be available during the Verplanck Garden Club's annual Spring Plant Sale on May 10 at the Fishkill Town Hall. -Courtesy photo Verplanck Garden Club

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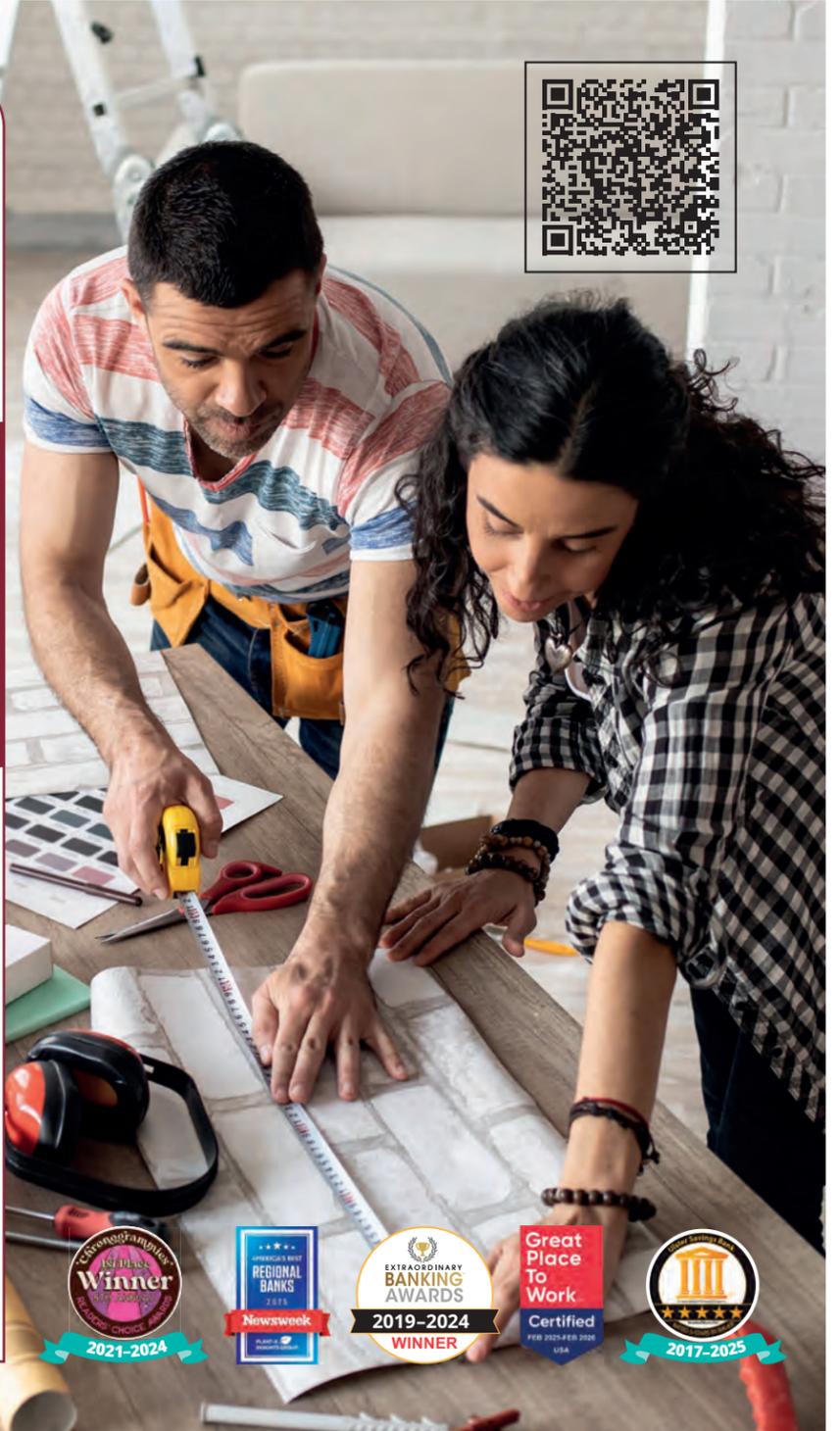
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Historical marker for the former Chelsea Grammar School unveiled



Arlington High School students Jeanna Pelletier, left, and Ava Eraca completed the process for a historical marker outside of the Chelsea Post Office in Wappinger. The marker is for the former Chelsea Grammar School.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

By Kristine Coulter

The Chelsea Grammar School historical marker in the hamlet of Chelsea in the town of Wappinger was unveiled on the afternoon of Friday, April 25.

Two Arlington Central School District students, Jeanna Pelletier and Ava Eraca, took the task of filling out the application and going through the process with the William G. Pomeroy Foundation.

Jeanna and Ava, received the assignment while in Robert McHugh's class. McHugh was there to see the marker unveiled at the former grammar school.

The marker reads: "GRAMMAR SCHOOL BUILT 1875 WHEN COMMUNITY WAS KNOWN AS LOW POINT, SCHOOL CLOSED CA. 1959 WHEN DISTRICT MERGED WITH BEACON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT."

The students asked for approval from the Chelsea Fire District to place the sign there, Ava said. McHugh explained this was a project that was assigned last May/June. The marker from the Pomeroy Foundation was received in November 2024, explained McHugh, but they "were waiting for nicer weather" to have the marker unveiling.

It was "a pretty cool thing to do,"



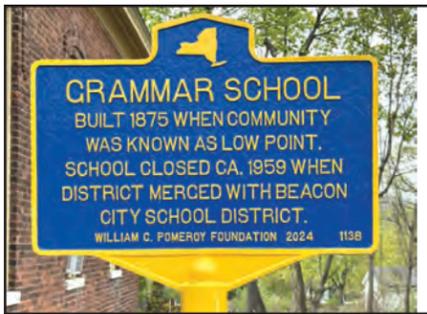
The current Chelsea Post Office was once a grammar school. A portion of the building is also used by the Chelsea Fire Commissioners.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

remarked Jeanna.

Ava's uncle attended the school, as well as his siblings.

Jeanna read a statement from the



A historical marker was placed outside of the former Chelsea Grammar School in Wappinger on April 25.

-Courtesy photo

Pomeroy Foundation. The statement in part said "all at the Foundation offer congratulations" and these markers are a way of celebrating community.

According to Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini, the structure was built in 1875 as the first public works project in the newly formed Town of Wappinger.

"We thank you," Cavaccini said to Ava and Jeanna, for "recognizing this [landmark]." Cavaccini noted that the building is now used by the Chelsea Fire District as a Commissioners office and meeting room and the other half is the Chelsea Post Office.

Local resident Paula Pietropolo was in attendance at the unveiling of the marker. Pietropolo brought with her a class picture from the 1950s - in which she posed with her classmates who attended the one-room schoolhouse.

"I think it's wonderful that the girls did this," Pietropolo remarked. "It was a



Paula Pietropolo holds a class picture from the 1950s. She attended the one-room schoolhouse in Chelsea. The school was for students in first to fifth grades.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

wonderful school." Children in first through fifth grades attended the school - all in one room.

Pietropolo reminisced about attending school in Chelsea.

"We learned so much. The teacher had full control," she noted. The teacher, Mrs. Wilson, "was wonderful," said Pietropolo.

When it was time to go to schools in the Beacon City School District, Pietropolo said, "It was very hard."

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Editor's note: Town of Fishkill Councilman John Forman wrote the following letter to the NYS Public Service Commission regarding the proposed rate increase by Central Hudson.

Opposition to Central Hudson proposed rate increase

Dear Chairman Christian and Members of the Commission:

I am writing to you today not only on behalf of the residents of Fishkill, but for all residents who are provided service by Central Hudson, to express my strong opposition to the proposed increase in electric delivery revenues under Case 24-E-0461.

Central Hudson is requesting an 8.8% increase in base delivery rates, which will generate revenues by approximately \$47.2M. For the average customer, this would result in a monthly bill increase of approximately \$9.19. Of course the people who will feel this the most are the people who can least afford to pay increase costs on their utilities. That group includes our Seniors on fixed incomes, lower-income households and the group that always seems to get smacked around the most - small businesses.

Please consider all alternatives and options before approving an increase that is surely going to cause financial harm to a large group of people.

John Forman
Member, Fishkill Town Board

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Beephan, Jacobson urge PSC to reject request from Central Hudson for rate increase

Assemblymembers Anil Beephan, Jr. (R,C-East Fishkill) and Jonathan Jacobson (D-104) are urging the Public Service Commission (PSC) to reject the latest rate increase request from Central Hudson.

Beephan recently sent a letter to the chair of the New York State Public Service Commission urging against the proposed increase of electricity rates by Central Hudson Gas & Electric on residents of Dutchess County.

"At a time when families and small businesses are already struggling with the cost of living and operating, an 8.6% increase in electric delivery charges is unacceptable," Beephan said. "I am respectfully urging the Public Service Commission to closely and carefully scrutinize Central Hudson's request and seek alternatives that prioritize affordability." Central Hudson's plan has drawn ire from the community, and Beephan is looking to ensure that customers aren't taken advantage of during a period of economic uncertainty.

Jacobson shared his concerns in a statement during a public hearing recently held

in Poughkeepsie.

"Central Hudson's request for a rate increase is both shocking and not surprising to its customers," said Jacobson, whose entire district is served by the utility. "Central Hudson customers have been hit with constant increases, and this request is yet another shock to their financial lives. But it's not a surprise because Central Hudson has a never-ending appetite for more money."

"This fight is about protecting our community and making sure New York's clean energy future doesn't come at the expense of economic stability," Beephan concluded.

According to Jacobson, last year, the utility requested a rate increase of more than 25%. But the PSC instead approved a 5% increase, which went into effect last July.

Now the utility is back for more, and Jacobson wants the PSC to protect customers from another rate hike.

"Central Hudson throws rate increase requests against the proverbial wall and hopes that something will stick," Jacobson said.

Sheriff's Office: Wappinger man accused of 'following,' trying to give 'inappropriate gifts' to school-aged child

The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office reported the arrest of Kurt R. Geisler, 36, of Wappinger, in connection with a recent investigation.

At approximately 7 p.m. on April 30, Deputies investigated a suspicious circumstances complaint in which it was reported that an adult male had allegedly approached a young child in the Town of Pleasant Valley. Further investigation resulted in the identification of Geisler in connection with the incident, and he was taken into custody later that evening, according to the Sheriff's office. At this time Geisler is accused of following the elementary school-aged child and attempting to give them inappropriate gifts and notes. In order to protect the victim's privacy, no further information about them or the case will be released.

According to the Sheriff's office, Geisler has been charged with Stalking in the 2nd degree (Felony) and Endangering the Welfare of a Child (Misd). After being processed he was arraigned before the Town of Pleasant Valley Court and remanded to the Dutchess County Justice and Transition Center in lieu of \$1,000 cash bail or \$10,000 bond.

The investigation is continuing by Sheriff's Office Detectives, and anyone



Kurt R. Geisler

-Courtesy photo D.C. Sheriff's Office

with information about this case or similar incidents involving Geisler is urged to contact Detective Aponte at 845-486-3867 or paponte@dutchessny.gov. Information can also be supplied through the Sheriff's Office tipline at 845-605-2583 or dcsotips@gmail.com, and all information will be kept confidential.

As with any criminal case the charges described above are merely accusations and Geisler is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

59-year-old sentenced to 20 years in prison for sexual abuse of minors

The Dutchess County District Attorney's Office announced that on April 25, 59-year-old Natalio Figueroa, was sentenced to 20 years in prison and 20 years of post-release supervision after previously pleading guilty to Attempted Rape in the First Degree, a Class C Violent Felony, in violation of Penal Law Section 110.00/130.35, subdivision(4) and Course of Sexual Conduct Against a Child in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony, in violation of Penal Law Section 130.80, Subdivision (1)(a).

District Attorney Anthony Parisi said, "This defendant committed acts of pure evil — calculated, predatory abuse that shattered the innocence of two defenseless children. The trauma these victims endured is unimaginable, and no sentence can truly measure the devastation left behind. But today's outcome ensures that this predator will not walk free for a very long time."

On February 21, according to the DA's office, the defendant admitted that in the City of Poughkeepsie in October 2019, he attempted to engage in sexual intercourse with a child less than thirteen years old. He also admitted that in the City of



Natalio Figueroa

-Courtesy photo Dutchess County DA's Office

Poughkeepsie from March 2014 until March 2017, he engaged in more than two acts of sexual conduct with another child less than eleven years old.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Joseph Gruner. The Honorable Edward McLoughlin presided over the case and imposed a sentence of 20 years in prison and 20 years of post-release supervision. The defendant will be required to register as a sexual offender upon his release from prison.

Ryan joins local leaders at Sun River Health in Beacon to begin construction on facility expansions

Congressman Pat Ryan was joined by local leaders at Sun River Health in Beacon to begin construction on critical expansions to the facility, made possible by funding Ryan secured last Congress. The funding will allow Sun River Health to expand hours of operation, build a new 6-room urgent care center, add two primary care rooms, and increase space for behavioral health and patient navigation services.

“Everyone in our community deserves high-quality and affordable health care – the facility we’re so excited to be breaking ground on today will help Hudson Valley families get the care they need at a cost they can afford,” said Congressman Pat Ryan. “But the fight doesn’t stop here. Sun River Health, as well as all of our Community Health Centers, play a unique and irreplaceable role in keeping our community healthy.”

“Thanks to the leadership of Congressman Pat Ryan, this \$2 million investment will transform how we care for the Beacon community,” said Anne Kauffman Nolon, MPH, CEO of Sun River Health. “With a new six-room urgent care suite, more space for intake, and upgraded equipment throughout, we’re expanding our ability to meet patients where they are—with timely, high-quality care when it matters most. This renovation is about more than expanding square footage—it’s about expanding access, reducing wait times, and ensuring that every person who walks through our doors receives care with dignity.”

“This investment in Sun River Health Beacon is truly an investment in the health of the entire Beacon community,” said Dr. Leigh Rieper, Site Medical Director for Sun River Health Beacon. “By expanding urgent care and increasing access to primary care services, we can catch issues earlier, manage chronic conditions more effectively, and provide the kind of timely, compassionate care that keeps people healthier and out of the hospital. Every improvement we’re making supports better outcomes for our patients—and that’s the heart of what we do at Sun River Health.”

Perry Iannaconi, a Sun River Health Beacon patient, said, “I’m excited for what’s ahead—for Beacon, for Sun River Health, and for all the patients who count on this place.”

“Sun River Health is a cornerstone of the Beacon community and southern Dutchess County,” said Dutchess County Comptroller Dan Aymar-Blair. “Our region is grateful to Congressman Ryan for recognizing and investing in the quality, compassionate care our neighbors need and deserve, and have come to expect from Sun River.”

“Sun River Health provides high-quality health care for every person who walks into its door, no matter the patient’s insurance status or ability to pay,” said Assembly Member Jonathan Jacobson. “This new facility will provide needed health care for Beacon and the Hudson Valley Region. I have supported the State’s funding to Sun River in previous budgets. I applaud Congressman Ryan



Congressman Pat Ryan recently joined Sun River Health representatives in Beacon to highlight expansions that are occurring at the facility.

-Courtesy photo

for securing \$2 million in federal funding for the construction of this new facility.”

“We are grateful to our Congressman Pat Ryan for securing funding for Sun River Health’s Beacon Health Center,” said Dutchess County Legislature Minority Leader Yvette Valdes Smith. “The Congressman knows how important local health centers are to ensure access to care for our communities. And, this investment in our community is very much needed right now.”

Ryan is a strong supporter of

Community Health Centers, which provide low or no-cost medical care to vulnerable individuals regardless of ability to pay. In 2023, he secured \$2.8 million for Cornerstone Family Healthcare to renovate and modernize its primary care facility and construct a new urgent care center at its Middletown campus. In addition, he has consistently fought for robust federal funding for Community Health Centers to ensure that they remain providers of high-quality, cost-effective primary care.

Lawler, Ryan introduce bill to curb federal use of PFAS chemicals

Reps. Mike Lawler (NY-17), Haley Stevens (MI-11), Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-01), Chris Pappas (NH-01), and Pat Ryan (NY-18) introduced the PFAS-Free Procurement Act, a bill aimed at reducing harmful chemical exposure by prohibiting the procurement of products containing perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) or perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), commonly known as PFAS.

These chemicals are linked to a variety of health issues, including cancer, liver damage, and developmental harm. The bill prioritizes the procurement of safer, PFAS-free products. The bill prohibits federal agencies from renewing or entering into contracts for products containing PFOS or PFOA, including nonstick cookware, cooking utensils, furniture, carpets, and rugs treated with stain-resistant coatings. The legislation takes effect six months after enactment and will apply to all contracts entered into after that date.

“Across New York and the nation, communities grapple with the long-term con-

sequences of PFAS contamination, threats to public health, drinking water, and environmental safety. As stewards of taxpayer dollars, we have a responsibility to ensure the federal government is not perpetuating this crisis through its procurement practices. The PFAS-Free Procurement Act takes a measured, forward-looking approach that protects public health, encourages safer alternatives, and leverages the purchasing power of the federal government to drive meaningful change,” said Lawler.

“Our communities have suffered from exposure to PFAS for too long – I refuse to let your kids or mine be exposed to these toxins any longer,” said Ryan. “I’m proud to be leading the fight against PFAS exposures, and am excited to join my colleagues in supporting this vital legislation to ban the purchasing of PFAS-contaminated materials in federal buildings, protecting families, kids, and seniors from further exposure.”

Hydrant flushing in Village of Fishkill through May 9

The Village of Fishkill Water Department will be flushing hydrants throughout the Village System began Monday, May 5, through Friday May 9.

After this flushing you may experience

discoloration in your water.

Officials suggest not washing clothes until water runs clear, otherwise clothes might be stained.

Jacobson calls for investigation into Optum ‘for or detrimental health care’

Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson (D-104) is calling on Attorney General Letitia James and the State Health Department to investigate Optum Health for detrimental health care following its widespread acquisition of health care providers around the Hudson Valley.

Optum Health, a subsidiary of United Health Care, has taken over much of the region’s health care through mergers and acquisitions, including CareMount Medical in 2022 and Crystal Run Healthcare in 2023.

“These acquisitions and mergers were approved with the understanding that health care would improve for patients, based on representations made by Optum. But services have declined,” Jacobson said. “We need an inquiry into the lack of services due to the takeover of these health facilities by Optum.”

Patient complaints have pointed to deteriorating quality since the acquisitions. Patients are waiting up to three months for routine treatment such as an annual physical. Treatment for more specialized care takes months longer, even if the patient has been treated at the same facility for years.

Optum is owned by United Health Care - the largest health insurance company in the United States.

Optum also includes OptumRx, a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) and OptumInsight, a data analytics and technol-

ogy services provider.

“This vertical integration of various parts of the health care system by one large entity, together with the acquisition of or merger with competing health providers, stifles competition and leaves patients with few options,” Jacobson said.

Jacobson is asking the Attorney General to investigate whether these practices constitute monopolistic and anti-competitive practices.

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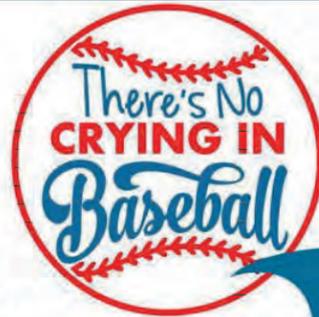
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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Dramatic wins rule as Renegades top BlueClaws

By Morgan E. Maier

Could an early-bird game time change cost the Hudson Valley Renegades their edge for a day? The Jersey Shore BlueClaws routed the Renegades 9-1 during a Wednesday matinee, as school buses lined the Heritage Financial parking lot for an 11 a.m. first pitch. Sunday rain called for a postponement, as fans await the Hudson Valley Renegades' first appearance as the Fenómenos Enmascarados. The Renegades won this week 3-2, bookending the series with two dramatic wins, and came out with a share of the South Atlantic League (SAL) lead.

They're Keen on Keane!

After 26 appearances and 11 starts last year, Sebastian Keane has found his way in the bullpen early this season. In six appearances, the right-hander Keane boasts a 2-0 record, a 2.35 earned run average (ERA), and one save in 7.2 innings. Keane picked up his second win on May 3, retiring both batters he faced to hold the 4-3 BlueClaws lead to the bottom of the ninth.

George Lombard led off the bottom with a double, then moved to third on a sacrifice by Parks Harber, and scored on a Coby Morales double. An intentional walk then set up Brenny Escanio for the walkoff single, as Keane captured a win in the 5-4

Renegades victory. Escanio finished the series with 4 hits and 3 RBI, including his second home run of the year.

First blood

In the April 29 opener, the Renegades scored 7 runs in the first inning, tying the mark set on April 19 against Wilmington. The eventual 14-2 victory marked the team's sixth time scoring 5+ runs in an inning. Hudson Valley is now 3-0 in games where scoring 10 or more runs.

Production on both ends

At the end of this week, the Renegades lead the South Atlantic League (SAL) in a plethora of stats, from bases on balls to batting average. Hudson Valley is not only tied for the best record in the league, but also the highest run differential (+57) and lowest cumulative earned ERA (2.97). Their offensive domination and pitching prowess is rivaled by few in the division. On this tear, Renegades pitching leads the SAL in opponent batting average (.195), while hitters lead in on-base percentage (.361).

The Renegades (18-8) are on the road this week, going down to Wilmington to face the Blue Rocks (9-17). Hudson Valley seeks to extend a 14-game winning streak against Wilmington dating back to July 2024.



Brenny Escanio received the traditional dousing after his walk-off single propelled the Renegades to a 5-4 win over Jersey Shore last week.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Greensboro PIT	19	8	.704	-	6-4	W4
Hudson Valley NYY	18	8	.692	0.5	7-3	W2
Brooklyn NYM	17	9	.654	1.5	7-3	W1
Aberdeen BAL	10	17	.370	9.0	3-7	L3
Jersey Shore PHI	9	16	.360	9.0	4-6	L2
Wilmington WSH	9	18	.333	10.0	4-6	L1
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Bowling Green TB	15	12	.556	-	7-3	W3
Hub City TEX	15	12	.556	-	5-5	L2
Rome ATL	15	12	.556	-	5-5	W2
Asheville HOU	12	15	.444	3.0	4-6	L1
Greenville BOS	12	15	.444	3.0	4-6	W1
Winston-Salem CWS	9	18	.333	6.0	4-6	L4



Home Schedule

May			
05/13/25	vs. Aberdeen	06:05 PM	Rascal's Reading Challenge Night Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
05/14/25	vs. Aberdeen	06:05 PM	Pirate Night Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
05/15/25	vs. Aberdeen	06:05 PM	Soccer Night Soccer Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
05/16/25	vs. Aberdeen	07:05 PM	Disco Night Fireworks Friday
05/17/25	vs. Aberdeen	05:05 PM	Open Mic Night Jace Avina Bobblehead Giveaway
05/18/25	vs. Aberdeen	02:05 PM	No Place Like Home Sunday Family Funday
05/27/25	vs. Wilmington	06:05 PM	Fast Food Night Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
05/28/25	vs. Wilmington	11:05 AM	Education Day Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
05/29/25	vs. Wilmington	06:05 PM	FRIENDS Night FRIENDS Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
05/30/25	vs. Wilmington	07:05 PM	Fireworks Friday Baseball (Rosie's Version)
05/31/25	vs. Wilmington	05:05 PM	The Malmö Oat Makers: Did Someone Say Dynasty? Faith And Family Night Presented By The Paramount at Somers
June			
06/01/25	vs. Wilmington	02:05 PM	Copa De La Diversión: National Puerto Rican Day Sunday Family Funday
06/10/25	vs. Greenville	06:35 PM	Everyone's Birthday Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
06/11/25	vs. Greenville	06:35 PM	Pride Night Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
06/12/25	vs. Greenville	06:35 PM	Rise Of The Cider Donuts Cider Donuts Replica Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
06/13/25	vs. Greenville	07:05 PM	Dino Night Fireworks Friday
06/14/25	vs. Greenville	05:05 PM	Renegades Dating Show Roc Riggio Bobblehead Giveaway Presented By S.M.A.R.T. Local 38
06/15/25	vs. Greenville	02:05 PM	Father's Day Sunday Family Funday





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Yankees farm system has storied history and plenty of champions

By Morgan E. Maier
Since the New York Yankees first began an organized farm system, there have been over 100 teams affiliated with the “Bronx Bombers.” Yet the Hudson Valley Renegades (2021-present) are just the 10th Yankees minor league team to be based in the Empire State.

The minor leagues’ fledgling days featured no Triple-A or Double-A, and the High-A level didn’t exist for 120 more years. Baseball teams of the early 20th century featured multiple levels below the professional parent teams. The Yankees’ earliest seasons featured four classifications: Class A, Class B, Class C, and Class D, with more introduced after World War II. With the minor leagues on the rise, these classifications made way for the modern MLB era. While New York’s current minor league teams line the East Coast, the organization once developed talent in Texas, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin Nebraska, and even Ontario, Canada.

Beginning with the 1931 Albany Senators, the Yankees have had storied minor league teams in New York state, along with their 27 World Series titles.

The Class A Binghamton Triplets (1932-1961, 1965-1968) were the first classified Yankees farm team in New York. After spending one season in Class B, the Triplets proved worthy of Class A distinction, and spent over 30 seasons as a Yankees affiliate over two stints. One day a season, the Yankees would head up to Broome County to play an exhibition game, where the likes of Mickey Mantle were sure to dazzle the

Triplets crowd. Yankees captain and catcher Thurman Munson was one of the last great Binghamton Triplets, playing his final minor league season in 1968 before the team’s closure in 1969.

The aptly named Rugmakers (1938-42, 1946-51) played their games in Dutch-settled Amsterdam, New York’s carpet capital of the time. This team came on the rise as the town economy and production began to dip, and the Rugmakers threaded their lone championship season in 1940, as a Class C Yankees affiliate.

Another championship arrived in Wellsville, N.Y., with the Pennsylvania-New York-Ontario League, as the Wellsville Yankees (1942-1945) captured the league title in 1943. Craving normalcy after World War II, a group of local businesspeople and veterans wanted Yankees baseball in town for another season. According to the Wellsville Sun, these crowd-funders footed over 80% of operating costs, and got one more season before the team changed hands in 1946.

The Oneonta Yankees (1967-1998), New York’s longest-standing in-state affiliation, dominated the New York-Penn League with 11 titles in 23 seasons. The Oneonta Yankees’ final game took place at Dutchess Stadium, a 10-3 victory over the Hudson Valley Renegades, then an affiliate of the Tampa Bay Rays. Following the 1998 season, the Yankees announced the move to Staten Island, as the Yankees’ first affiliate headquartered in the borough.

Hudson Valley’s own Yankees affiliate brings new life to the local baseball scene.



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-Courtesy photo

Now, former Renegades are just a train ride from the big leagues. In the history of the Yankees, some minor league teams had an on/off relationship as Yankees affiliates, or changed parent organizations entirely. Plenty

have faded into baseball lore, as leagues were dissolved or reclassified. But like Hudson Valley, all are an eternal piece of Yankee history, from Amarillo (Texas) to Olean (Cattaraugus County) NY.

Q&A with Renegades Assistant General Manager

Making the move from Minnesota to NY and learning all about the Hudson Valley

Editor’s note: This week, writer Morgan E. Maier speaks with Renegades Assistant General Manager Will Young.

By Morgan E. Maier
What drew you to the Hudson Valley Renegades four years ago?

I started my career in baseball working for the St. Paul Saints, now the AAA affiliate of the Minnesota Twins. At the time, both the Saints and the Renegades were owned by the same family. When I started looking for full-time positions, a former Saints employee had just started here as the Assistant GM, and I was able to speak with him about the opportunity to make a move to the East Coast. Immediately I was sold on the idea of what Renegades Baseball means to the Hudson Valley, and the opportunity to build and grow the team with its new affiliation. I started as a Ticket Sales Account Executive, where I learned how important every member of this community is to the team, and I carry that with me and how I work every single day.

To you, what is most fun about working in baseball? Or, what are your favorite parts of each role you’ve held in your career?

To me it is all about the people, and the connections you make both in the office and out in the stands. Every single day I get to walk outside and have a conversation with a Season Ticket Member, help a Little League team take the field with our players, or service one of our amazing corporate partners. Each of our fans has their unique story, and being able to talk to them, learn from them, and help them is incredibly rewarding. I would be remiss if I didn’t shout out the incredible staff as well, from the Front Office to our Gameday Employees, everyone is an absolute pleasure to work with and does everything they can to bring smiles to the Hudson Valley!

How does New York’s baseball season differ from that of Minnesota?

Not as much as you would think! People ask me all the time in the middle of June, “Oh, I bet if you were home it would be 50 degrees right now.” While yes, my first game working in baseball had a snow delay, it is not the tundra that everyone thinks. Wherever you go, Minnesota, New York, California, you are going to find a community of fans who care deeply about their home-

town team. I will say the melting pot of fandom here has been so fun to learn; you have Yankees, Mets, Red Sox, Blue Jays, Phillies, so many different teams all so close together. In Minnesota, the next closest team would be the Brewers, which was over 6 hours away, so it would be shocking to meet anyone who wasn’t a Twins fan.

What were some traditions and sports culture that surrounded you growing up and attending college?

It is always interesting how different sports carry different weights depending on where you are in the world. Growing up in Minnesota, we are the state of hockey, and one of the biggest events of the entire year was the Minnesota State High School Hockey Tournament. I personally can’t even stand up on a pair of skates, but I would be able to tell you who won each level of that tournament every single year. When I moved to Iowa for college, wrestling was above all else from elementary school to the time you left college. High School wrestling meets would have more attendees than football games, and again, for a sport I never participated in, I learned so much.



Why is the Hudson Valley a prime location for baseball?

The Hudson Valley is such a beautiful area of the country, and is a destination not just for New Yorkers but for people like me from the Midwest. I have learned over the past few years how much there is to see and do, especially during the summer, and baseball is a perfect example of that. We always joke that if we didn’t work here, we would probably spend the same amount of time here. You can spend your morning in south Beacon hiking Breakneck Ridge, grab lunch at any of the wonderful restaurants in Newburgh, take a stroll on the Walkway over the Hudson in Poughkeepsie, stop for a drink at Sloop Brewing in East Fishkill, and come to a Renegades game in Wappingers Falls. All of that in one day, and I don’t even think we covered half of the towns that make Hudson Valley so special.

Vassar-Warner Home to reopen as Social Day Program for Seniors



With daily and hourly rates, Vassar-Warner Home in Poughkeepsie will be a haven for Hudson Valley seniors and their loved ones, providing a safe and supportive environment for elders all day, while a caregiver is at work, or a few hours, so their spouse or child can have a short respite to go grocery shopping, run other errands or care for themselves.

-Courtesy photo

A trusted name in senior care for over a century, Vassar-Warner Home is turning the page following a months-long fight to keep its doors open. This spring, the 501(c)(3) nonprofit at 52 South Hamilton Street in the City of Poughkeepsie will open as Vassar-Warner Home for the Day (Vassar-Warner), Dutchess County's newest private-pay social model adult day care.

The program – which will operate Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. – will offer personalized care to each senior based on their interests, needs, dietary restrictions and health considerations.

With daily and hourly rates, Vassar-Warner will be a haven for Hudson Valley seniors and their loved ones, providing a safe and supportive environment for elders all day, while a caregiver is at work, or a few hours, so their spouse or child can have a short respite to go grocery shopping, run other errands or care for themselves. Though the program is intended to feel like home, not a hospital or other medical model, there will be a home health aide and personal care assistant on-site to aid those who need additional support.

In addition to a nutritious hot lunch and morning and afternoon snacks, attendees will enjoy various activities, including bingo, trivia, exercise and mobility classes such as chair yoga, painting, knitting and other crafts, educational lectures on a range of topics, book clubs, cooking classes, performances from local community groups and more. The facility will also host support groups for those navigating caregiving or bereavement and health-focused informational sessions on topics like diabetes and dementia.

"Vassar-Warner Home is meant to serve seniors," said Ericka Von Salews, executive director of Vassar-Warner. "Our adult day care program will enable our team to continue to care for people's loved ones, now in an extended capacity."

While Vassar-Warner intends to welcome senior residents back in the future, the pillar of the Poughkeepsie community recognized and then filled a need for supportive care programs in Dutchess County.

"We wouldn't be here without the support of the Vassar-Warner Home family and greater Hudson Valley community," said Richard Schuster, board president and leader of Save Vassar-Warner, a grassroots movement that worked to stop the home's permanent closure. "This new chapter gives us the opportunity to continue serving Dutchess County's most vulnerable population: seniors."

As a thank you to those who have continually supported its mission, Vassar-Warner is offering a complimentary one-day pass – which can be used on any weekday in June 2025 – to the program's first 25 applicants. Those interested can apply at www.tinyurl.com/VWHapplication. To stay updated on Vassar-Warner Home for the Day and its upcoming opening, visit www.vassar-warner.org and follow along on Facebook (@VassarWarnerHome). To support Vassar-Warner's work with Hudson Valley seniors and its continued legacy in the community, make a donation at vassarwarner.org/make-a-donation/.

For more information about the history of Vassar-Warner Home and its present services in the community, visit vassarwarner.org.

Fishkill residents, officials keep town clean



Local resident Athina L. contacted Town Supervisor Ozzy Albra about having a clean-up day for Beacon Hills, according to Town officials. Albra worked with Highway Superintendent Carmine Istvan and the date was set.

On Saturday April 19, Athina was joined by Highway Superintendent Carmine Istvan and Town Councilman John Forman along with other residents who volunteered to help assist in the task. The Fishkill Highway Department supplied reflective vests, cones and bags for the event. When the bags were full, they were left and then picked up by the Highway Department.

Town officials offered a big thank you to all involved.

-Courtesy photo Town of Fishkill

American Legion Post 1758 donates to Veterans Garden program at Castle Point

American Legion Post 1758 in Hopewell Junction recently made a donation to the Castle Point VA for their Veterans Garden Program which provides veterans with gardening supplies and instructs them how to grow and prepare healthy foods and improve their well-being.

John Call and Jim Reynolds presented a

check for \$500 to Deborah T. Loughran, Voluntary Service Specialist CDCE at Castle Point VA Hospital.

This Memorial Day, when one may come across Legionnaires handing out poppies, please remember that any money one can donate will go to programs like this.



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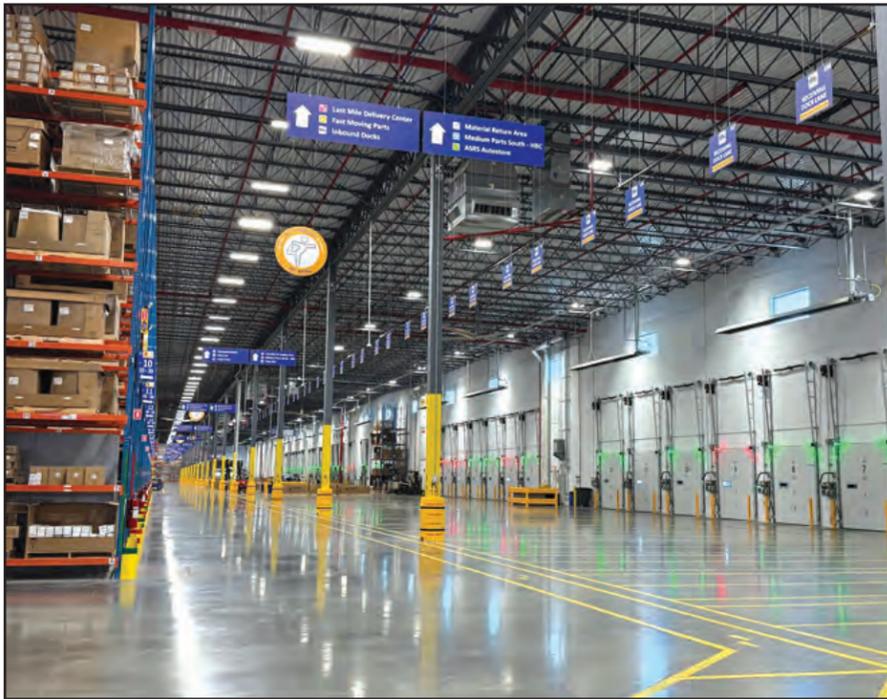
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Grand Opening of Stellantis North America's new Mopar Parts Distribution Center in East Fishkill



The grand opening of Stellantis North America's new Mopar Parts Distribution Center (PDC) on the former West Campus on the IBM property last month in East Fishkill.

-Courtesy photos by Dutchess County Gov't

Stellantis North America, one of the world's largest mobility companies, celebrated the Grand Opening of their new Mopar Parts Distribution Center (PDC) on the former West Campus on the IBM property in East Fishkill recently.

Dutchess County Executive Sue

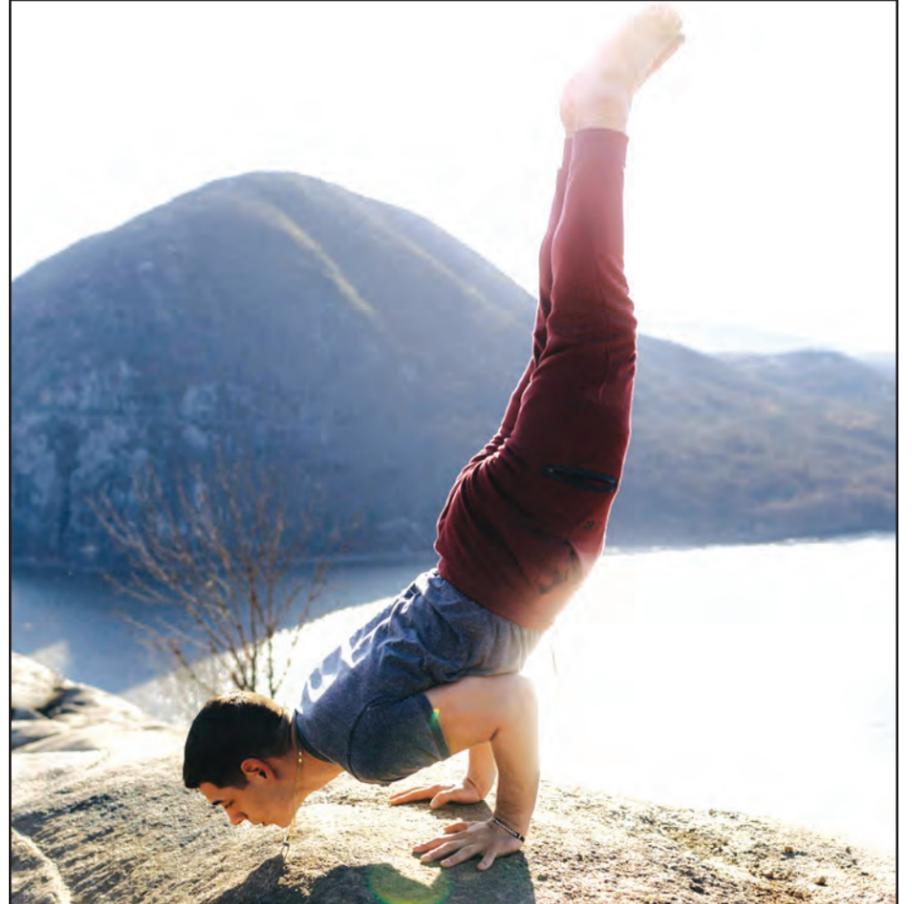
Serino said, "The investment in this property - over a quarter of a billion dollars by the Bluewater Group- has completely transformed this site. This kind of transformation doesn't happen by chance - it takes vision, partnership and persistence. We're proud to cele-

brate Stellantis and this incredible new Mopar Parts Distribution Center - another powerful investment in the future of Dutchess County."

The 534,000 square foot facility houses more than 46,000 unique parts with capacity to ship up to an estimated

3 million orders annually, includes a state-of-the-art Service Training facility and is the first Stellantis U.S. location to use the AutoStore fully automated storage and retrieval system, which streamlines and accelerates the parts delivery process.

Lifestyle Fitness & Yoga sets Grand Opening on May 10



Left: Members work out in the studio at Lifestyle Fitness & Yoga at 35 Violet Avenue in Poughkeepsie. Above: Instructor Seth Tasetano illustrates a yoga pose.

-Courtesy photos

Lifestyle Fitness and Yoga will be holding its Grand Opening celebration, bringing a fresh, inclusive approach to wellness, strength, and community to the Hudson Valley on Saturday, May 10 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The studio, located at 35 Violet Avenue in Poughkeepsie, is co-founded by Seth Tasetano and Sandy Sooknanan.

Lifestyle Fitness and Yoga is more than a place to work out — it's a sanctuary for personal growth, self-care, and community connection. The studio features a thoughtfully designed space with calming sage green and burnt orange tones, a minimalist logo that integrates a barbell, leaves, and yoga pose, and a philosophy that blends strength, mobility, and balance. The Grand Opening will include free trial classes, apparel giveaways, Meet-the-instructors Q&A and sneak peeks of weekly programming Tasetano brings deep-rooted experience and passion to every class he leads. A 2nd-degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do, he has trained in martial arts and kickboxing and began teaching at just 14 years old. With a degree in Exercise Science and Wellness, he's spent nearly a decade in the fitness industry as a personal trainer, group instructor and yoga teacher. His classes are known for their high energy and clarity — blending discipline, strength, and functional movement with an inclusive, encouraging spirit.

Sooknanan has been a vital presence in the local wellness community for over 20 years. As a well-known and respected yoga practitioner, she's touched countless lives with her warm, grounded teaching style. She brings deep experience in restorative practices, breathwork, and alignment-focused yoga,

always prioritizing personal connection and whole-body wellness. Her influence shapes the studio's heart-centered culture and focus on community support. Lifestyle Fitness and Yoga offers a variety of class formats designed to engage, energize, and restore. Key programs include:

- Piloxing – A powerful fusion of Pilates, boxing, and dance that improves cardiovascular fitness, builds core strength, and boosts endurance in a fun, high-energy setting.
- High-Intensity Interval Training (HIIT) – Fast-paced circuit classes that combine strength, agility, and cardio, perfect for maximizing results in minimal time.
- Warm Vinyasa Yoga – A breath-led, flowing practice held in a gently heated room to promote mobility, detoxification, and mental clarity.
- Chair Strength & Conditioning – Functional training that improves overall muscle tone, balance, and stability, with options for seated or supported participation to accommodate all levels. Special attention is given to older adults (55+), with programs tailored to enhance independence, longevity, and confidence. These include:
 - Chair Yoga & Stretch – Gentle movements done seated or with support, ideal for joint mobility, circulation, and relaxation.
 - Senior Strength Training – Light resistance and bodyweight exercises focused on daily function and balance.
 - Senior Yoga – A slower-paced class integrating breath, stretching, and mindfulness for physical and mental well-being. Whether you're a young adult looking to challenge yourself or a senior hoping to move with greater ease, Lifestyle Fitness and Yoga welcomes you to discover your strength, build community, and feel your best — inside and out.

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Honor roll students named for 3rd quarter at Wappingers JHS

The following students are on the honor roll for the 3rd quarter at Wappingers Junior High School for the 2024-25 school year.

The students on the honor roll are:

High Honor Roll 7th Grade

Abigail Agosto Martinez, Gianna Agosto, Isyss Alonso, Carlos Alvarez, Mayson Alvarez, Kenley Amendolia, Sofia Anemelos, Jeffrey Angelo, John Samuel Annabi, Alana Antonucci, Luca Arcuri, Owen Baller, Brooke Barrett, Kenley Barron, Joseph Battista, Troy Behnken, Angelica Bennett, Victoria Bergman, Daniel Boamah, David Boamah, Adam Boussalham, McKenna Brennan, Ashlenn Brenner, Jaylah Brown, Molly Brown, Ava Buchtman, Julia Buchtman, Marc Bustamante, Lucas Calabro, Angelina Camey, Marco Cardoso, Giovanni Celli, Anna Cerniglia, Gianna Cerone, Charles Ceru, Ryan Chatlos, Justin Cheung, Raesa Chhipa, Allie Cinquegrana, Peyton Cinquegrana, Reagan Coffman, Christopher Collura, Reynalda Corporan, Declan Coxen, Aiden D'Amico-Sullivan, Kaden Davenport, Kamrin Davenport, Lorelei De Luccia, Marea De Luccia, Brielle DeGroat, William DeLisle, Hunter Deputhod, Viviana Diamond, Sophia Dominguez, Winter Donaldson, Michael Drago, Marcy Dunlow, Noah Ferreras, Kyle Ficker, Charlene Figueroa, Carlos Flores, Bridgit Foley, Atziri Gomez, Saanvi Gor, Joshua Gordineer, Adam Guallpa, Sean Gunther, Kasidy Hamel, Bria Hamilton, Jacob Hartford, Gabriella Haun, Lyla Higgins, Carys Huen, Zion Hunt, Leanora Ibrahim, Ava Ignatz, Michael James, Adabell Jimenez, Zachary Jimenez, Hayden Johanson, Emily Johnson, Leah Johnson, Khaliya Jones, Amanda Jovel Alvarez, Bekim Kaba, Madelyn Kennedy, Gianna Ketchum, Olivia Kirsch, Jude Kolachik, Liam Konieczny, Nathan Koretsky, Brycen Korz, Ellie Kovalsky, Xavier Kowaliw, Alexander Krajewski, Ardit Kurtishi, Leah Leveque, Patrick Licari, Kristina Lopez, Allison Loughran, Yaretzi Macedonio Delacruz, Alexys Magarelli, Savannah Manning, Sophia Manning, Kyle Marquez, Brenden Marshall, Abigail Massey, Sophia May, Keegan McClay, Camryn McMaster, Angelica Medina, Jacob Mercedes, Sophia Milam, Ava Montaruli, Giorgia Montgomery, Penelopy Morris, Zoe Mortimer, Madison Mugnano, Gautham Murali, Griffin Murphy, Dilynn Nichols,

Stephen Obligado, Skyla Orellana, Sydney Orlando, Nicholas Ortega, Anastasia Pardee, Sabrina Patino, Cassie Perez, Emma Perrone, Kayleigh Petrillo, Isabella Pickering, Hyde Pinto, Jake Ponzini, Lucas Potthast, Marina Pratt, Josue Quezada Auquilla, Anthony Quilter, Lucas Quitoni, Samiyah Rajcumar, Sebastian Ramirez, Naomi Ramirez Perez, Raymond Renzo, Eduardo Resendiz Vazquez, Michael Reyes, Aaron Ricketts, Jazmine Rolle, Elise Romero, Josue Rosales Garcia, Amy Rosario-Cabreja, Wesley Rote, Ryan Roy, Sarah Rubin, Delaney Rundle, Jordan Sahawneh, Erick Sari, Taylor Schoenberg, Tyler Schwartz, Mishti Shah, Zack Simmons, Ashley Skeahan, Cassandra Smith, Matthew Sperling, Conner Stuart, Evelyn Suarez, Matthew Sucharski, Lynda Suzuzhanay, Angelica Travis, Stephanie Uday, Miles Ulloa, Taylor Vaught, Luke Veeneman, Kylie Vega, Ria Vekaria, Della Velez, Jeremiah Velez, Kelli Venditto, Antonia Virgadamo, Magdalena Virgadamo, Charlotte Watson, Ilana Werner, Summer Whitcomb, Benjamin Whitted, Maria Williams, Sean Youngman, Karina Zhang, Erika Zhinin

8th Grade

Jacob Abel, Joshua Abel, Emily Adams, Samantha Almanzar, Delilah Antonini, Skyla Balbuena, Emily Baller, Hannah Barrett, Mariana Barros, Lianna Bastos, Grace Belesaca, Nicolas Best, Emmitt Bohannon, Adam Boris, Jai Borress, Arden Bosman, Rockwell Bosman, Connor Bowman, Madelyn Brager, Farrah Brownell, Cameron Butler, Elisabeth Cano, Phoebe Cantele, Taryn Capurro, Maeve Cassidy, Christopher Cerone, Parker Christman, Victoria Cicero, Elizabeth Clark, Sakyr Clough, Claire Crossman, Sophia Dampf, Nailah Danmola, Mason Davis, Paul DeVivo, Elizabeth DelRosso, Ella Delamater, Itzel Delgadillo Garcia, Logan DerBoghossian, Hailey Derasmo, Chloe Detweiler, Enoch DiGabriel, Marilyn Dooley, Maximus Dotoratos, Evan Douglas, Elijah Dunlow, Luke Edwards, Emmanuel Erema, Nicholas Fantone, Rylee Farrington, Jaxon Favale, Yerik Fernandez Rodriguez, Aiden Ferreras, Kaylin Finnigan, Serafina Franco, Matthew Galea-Pellegrino, Henry Gates, Addison Gault, Sophia Gauzza, Rustem Gaxherri, Francesca Gesmundo, Aidan Goh, Jacob Haack, Noah Haas, Jonathan Haskell, Elijah Henson, Megan

Hilton, Bridget Hollywood, Henry Horton, Grace Hotle, Cillian Hynes, Brayden Johaneman, Teigan Johnson, Alexis Jornov, Megan Klopotoski, Xander Konieczny, Kayleigh Kozak, Kylie Kozma, Morgan LaCasse, Keegan Leone, Olivia Leonetti, Chloe Licata-Vallone, Cody Licata-Vallone, Olivia Licata-Vallone, Olivia Lipiro, Carmita Llangari Galindo, Nicholas Lochard, Natali Lopez, Azul Lozada, Andrew Lucente, Trevor Lynn, Lia Maccaronio, Jack Macina, Sophia Macintyre, Bailey Magarelli, Kadin Mahin, Anthony Marquez, Daniel Marr, Isabelle Marshall, Joan Martinez Palacios, Cole Masten, Ryan McCarthy, Madison McClelland, Janie Mendez, Tyler Metz, Mason Miller, Amelia Mitchell, Jonas Morgan, Logan Mazingo, Mackenzie Mulcahy, Saba Naji, Dezire Neely, Benjamin Newman, Daniel Newman, Oriani Nunez, Caitlyn O'Brien, Markel Ogada, Jonah Olmo, Matthew Olsen, Samantha Orefice, Koi Pardon, Jaylen Patterson, Autumn Pelaccio, Saniya Pesante, Cecilia Piccone, Briella Pisano, Josue Pizarro, Natalia Praino, Julia Preiato, Arianna Quintiliani Cruz, Mason Renzo, Dominick Reyes, Derrick Rhoden, Lance Rhodes, Gia Ricciardi, Joshua Rodriguez-Allen, Sarah Rojas, Alanii Rose, Ariel Rosenquest, Emilio Salgado Cordova, Simon Salvati, Leah Santiago Hernandez, Lanie Saquicela, Maggie Satterlee, Mirabai Sen, Amaya Siddique, Elijah Sierra, David Sirmons, Cameron Smith, Kylie Smith, William Sorell, Jenaya Stewart, Alysea Stumpf, Brendan Torsiello, Kyla Trainor, Madison Treybick, Caleb Turrell, Mason Velez, Alyssa Venditto, Logan Washall, Lorenzo Weinberg, Dakota White, Maya Williams, Juliette Wise, Anatole Wong, Aleksander Woodward, Julia Yamamoto, Erin Zangerle, Ariela Zhinin Alvarez

Regular Honor Roll 7th Grade

Nylah AbouShanab, Joseph Allen, Shelton Alston, Nicholas Antalek, Montserrat Aquino-Martinez, Juliet Ayende, Kassidy Balaguel, Nicholas Barrett, Karina Baychoo, Nyasa Bennett, Elias Bermeo, Ryan Bianco, Floriana Bojkaj, Evan Brinkerhoff, Nicholas Brown, Jacob Buland, Mia Cabrera, Stephanie Cevallos-Perez, Elizabeth Cilley, Jayden Clark Vega, Amanda Colon, Chase Crookston, Dylan

Cruz, Aiden Curtis, Giancarlo DeVivo, Connor DerBoghossian, Landon Dhalla, Kylie Dreeland, Brithany Enriquez Sanchez, Justin Espinoza, Graeson Farrell, Anthony Fasce, Robert Ferris, Jayden Gonzalez, Sophia Gonzalez, Armani Green, Kolten Griggs, Edgar Guerra, Amy Jimenez, Makayla Jordan, Layna Kar-Longworth, Nicholas Kovalsky, Mia Lewis, Maria Liebler, Luke Lomas, Nicholas Lombardo, Melanie Lopez, Sophia Luz-Guzman, Jack Mahlmeister, Kaylee Mako, Zaynab Malik, Logan Manderville, Andrew Marji, Camila Matute, Messiah McCallop, Colin McKinney, Anthony Morocho, Hannah Nagy-Makai, Emanuel Ntone Edjabe, Kylie Osterhoudt, Dylan Paccha, Steven Pagano, Tate Patterson, Annabella Petrocelli, Shelsea Quiroz Felipe, Cameron Ramirez, Elyzabeth Reyes, Gabriel Robbins, Isabella Rodriguez-Martinez, Mandela Senayah, Mason Sheehan, Carmine Simms, Aurora Simone, Marley Strype, Thomas Varella, Cieralyn Vargas, Taylla Vasser, Abigail Watson, Isaac Zolotas

8th Grade

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ARF to host annual 5K Run & Walk with the Dogs on May 18

The Animal Rescue Foundation, known as ARF, has become such an integral part of the local community in Beacon. Now, one can give back by participating in the annual ARF 5K Run & Walk on Sunday, May 18 at Memorial Park, Robert Cahill Dr., in Beacon.

“This year marks the 10th anniversary of the 5K Run & Walk with the Dogs — a decade of coming together as a community to move with purpose and compassion,” Marjorie Vales, who is the event director, stated via email. “What began as a small fundraiser has



The 10th annual 5K Run & Walk with the Dogs to benefit the Animal Rescue Foundation will take place on May 18 in Memorial Park in Beacon. Pictured is from a previous year's event.

-Archive photo

grown into a beloved tradition that unites animal lovers in support of ARF's mission to rescue and rehome cats and dogs in need. Each year, every step taken has helped give pets a sec-

ond chance—a journey from rescue to rehoming, from uncertainty to unconditional love.”

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GENERAC

WCSD to hold budget, trustee vote on May 20

Continued from cover

- Continued support of career and technical education programs
- New York State (NYS) aid finalization: NYS budget deadline has been extended

The proposed budget is \$321,239,071. According to the presentation, Special Education Initiatives include:

- Expansion of the Language-Based Programs
- The student ratio is 15-1-1.
- Addition of two additional Special Education Teachers and two additional Teaching Assistants to support the program

-Additional Special Education Teachers added at elementary/secondary schools around the District based on need (up to 6)

-Professional Development Specialist for Special Education added to assist in the ongoing training and implementation of program for WCSD teachers

-Assistant Superintendent for Special Education position for the support of our students and their needs

Regarding instruction, according to the presentation:

-English as a New Language (ENL) Program Expansion

- Addition of two Reading Teachers are included at the elementary level to provide supplemental instruction to identified students.

-District will add three additional Teachers (Math, English, and Social Studies), Elementary Assistant Principal

- A shared position to meet the students and administrative needs of two of the larger elementary schools (Brinckerhoff and Fishkill Plains schools) has been created

Regarding Safety:

- Increase the presence of our local law enforcement agencies in all schools during the school day

- School Resource Officers (SROs) from the Dutchess County Sheriff's Department will continue to be assigned to Wappingers Jr. High School and Roy C. Ketcham High School, while officers from the East Fishkill Police Department will continue to be assigned to Van Wyck Jr. High School and John Jay High School throughout the school day. Additional School Safety Officers (SSOs) will be added at Roy C. Ketcham and John Jay High Schools. The two largest elementary (Gayhead and Myers Corners) schools also have School Safety Officers (SSOs) on their campuses starting in 2024-25.

- Continue to advocate for NYS and Federal funding for safety-related costs. It was noted, "We have yet to receive this funding, but our work will continue for this vital service."

Capital Project on the ballot

Bonk believes "that the time is right for the implementation of a Capital Improvement Project that will allow the District to meet the ever changing needs of our students and families, and to meet the demands and expectations for the future."

According to the superintendent, "The completion of the proposed Capital Project will allow the District to accommodate the current increase in elementary enrollment, and the need for more specialized programming, which we currently do not have the capacity at our elementary schools to offer, by shifting the 6th grade to our current Junior High Schools. By expanding those buildings and making additional necessary improvements, eventually the District will have the capacity to house those specialized programming, in addition to offering UPK (Universal Pre-K) at those elementary schools which currently



There are three seats for the Wappingers Central School District Board of Trustees on the ballot on May 20. The four candidates running, clockwise from top left in alphabetical order, are: Marie Johnson, Brittany Kochie, Cheryl Migatz, and Corinne Mondesando.



-Courtesy photos WCSD website



house kindergarten, as Kinry Road ES WILL REMAIN Grades 3-5. This will create a UPK-5, 6-8, 9-12 configuration. In addition to the expansions, many other necessary improvements, based upon the 5-year building condition survey, will be made at each of our 15 schools."

According to District officials, benefits of this proposition are:

- Add 37 total middle-school classrooms: Offer more exploratory classes and electives to 6th graders

- Free up 33 total elementary-school classrooms for services like AIS (Academic Intervention Services), as well as art classes, band lessons, and more

- Allow Special Education students to stay in their home school, by opening up more classes in the buildings

- Reduce the need to send students out of district for programs

- Offer support for English Language Learners

- Upgrade athletic facilities at secondary schools: new turf fields and more access for community teams

- Building improvements district-wide: repairs and upgrade

On the District's website, it is explained, "Currently we have to offer "Art on a Cart" in some classes; essential AIS in hallways; and have Special Education students change schools to go where a program is offered, to name just a few challenges. How will we find space? We'll add on to our junior high schools and move 6th grade there--opening up space in our elementary schools, while offering our 6th graders more access to tech classes, high-school level courses and more."

It is also noted, "Proposition 2 also includes so much more: essential improvements to our secondary-school athletic facilities, and many other structural upgrades and repairs district-wide."

Four seek 3 seats on WCSD Board of Education

There are four candidates seeking three seats on the Wappingers Central Board of

Safety Committee. Recently, I advocated for enhanced safety measures on school grounds and smaller ICT classroom sizes. I am confident that we can balance fiscal responsibility while ensuring our students have the tools they need to succeed. It would be an honor to serve as a trustee, continuing to prioritize student well-being, equity and academic excellence.

Cheryl Migatz

It has been an honor to serve the students, families, staff, and community of the WCSD for the past three years. As a board member, I have worked hard to ensure that every decision we make puts students first and supports the success of every learner.

I have championed initiatives to improve student achievement, expand access to mental health resources, and enhance our curriculum to reflect real world skills.

If re-elected, I will continue to advocate for equitable state funding, safe and inclusive learning environments, and strong support for our dedicated educators. I will also work to strengthen career and technical education pathways, support early literacy efforts, and ensure responsible budgeting that reflects our community's values.

Corinne Mondesando

My interest in serving on the board of education is first and foremost, having the student body and the WCSD families at heart. Having been a product of the district myself, as well as a proud parent of my two sons within the district, I can offer a "real time" voice to matters and concerns district wide. Protecting the integrity and future growth of the district, and as a result our community, is my personal goal. I will advocate for the safety, broadening of services/programs available to our students, all while being mindful of the budget concerns of our community members. I look forward to the opportunity to serve in an honest, thoughtful manner.

According to the District's website, to vote one must be:

- A permanent resident of the district for at least 30 days immediately prior to the vote

- 18 years of age or older

- A U.S. citizen

- Registered with the school district or the Dutchess/Putnam County Board of Elections (depending on county of residence)

Bonk stated, "I invite you to review the links ... to learn more about the proposed budget for the 2025-26 school year, the Capital Improvement Project, and the Bus Purchase proposition."

A forum will be held on Monday, May 12 at Roy C. Ketcham High School, 99 Myers Corners Road, in the library at 5 p.m.

Anyone who has questions or concerns, email budget@wcsdny.org.

To find out about absentee ballots, military ballots and more, visit <https://www.wappingersschools.org>.

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Obituaries

Robert J. Maurice



Robert J. Maurice, 67, an area resident for over 32 years, died on April 29, 2025 at home surrounded by his family.

Born in Cold Spring on October 26, 1957, Robert was the son of the late Ronald and Elizabeth (Edwards) Maurice. He retired in 2021 from Teamsters Local #456 in Elmsford after 37 years of service.

An avid fisherman, he also enjoyed working on cars and indulged in an occasional Mallomar cookie. He loved to travel, especially to Cape Cod and the Outer Banks, and often shared stories about their memorable trip to Alaska.

On May 18, 1985 in Garrison, Robert married Jane (Butler) Maurice who survives at home after almost 40 years of marriage. He is also survived by his sons, David Maurice, Derek Maurice, and Michael Kulers and his wife Michelle; his grandsons, Matthew and Justin Kulers; his brother, Thomas Maurice and his wife Joanne; his sister, Johnna Tefft; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Robert was also predeceased by his son, John Kulers.

At Robert's request, funeral services will be private. Donations may be made in his memory to Hudson Valley Hospice. Arrangements are under the direction of the McHoul Funeral Home. Please visit Robert's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Danica Kaužljjar



Danica Kaužljjar, 70, a resident of Ridgewood, Queens, died on May 3, 2025 at her daughter's home surrounded by her family.

Born in Ogulin, Croatia on October 19, 1954, Danica was the daughter of the late Ante and Maria Rendulic. She had been employed as a meadow operator in Maspeth, Queens until her retirement.

On January 5, 1976 in Queens, she married Milan Kaužljjar who predeceased her on November 1, 2024 after 49 years of marriage.

Danica is survived by her children, Marko Kaužljjar, Marina Reis and her husband Carlos, and Michele McDonough and her husband Willie; and her grandchildren, Mariella, Michael, Christina, Antonio, Priscilla, and Valentina.

Danica raised her family in Queens, and would often sit outside and visit with her neighbors. She was a people person, who was very sociable and enjoyed being in the company of others. Her family and friends will always remember her favorite quote, "Bouta time!" Danica was proud of the life she and Milan created. More than anything, she was obsessed with her grandchildren and loved spending time with them.

Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction on Tuesday, May 6th. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Tuesday at St. Columba Church, 835 Route 82, Hopewell Junction followed by burial at St. Denis Cemetery.

Please visit Danica's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Shannon Lynn Warren



Shannon Lynn Warren, 52, a resident of Jackson, NJ since 2022 and formerly of Hopewell Junction and Croton-on-Hudson, passed away peacefully on April 25, 2025 at the Monmouth Medical Center.

Born in Cold Spring on November 8, 1972, she was the daughter of the late Robert Delbert Warren Sr. and Deborah Marie (Downing) Warren. Shannon was a graduate of John Jay High School and Dutchess Community College.

Shannon loved animals of all kinds. She enjoyed going on long walks with her Dad and talking to her friends on a daily basis. She especially loved getting together with her family and friends. Shannon

had the biggest heart. She always reached out to her loved ones with cute text messages, saying she loved us and asking how we were doing. She always greeted everyone with a kiss on the cheek and a hug.

Shannon is survived by her brothers, Robert Warren, Timothy Warren and his wife Mary, and Raymond Warren and his wife Michelle; and her nieces and nephews, Haylie Warren, Christopher Warren, Aidan Warren, Christian Warren, Sebastian Warren and Lilyrose Warren.

Calling hours and a funeral service were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction.

Rosemarie Scarano



Rosemarie Scarano, passed away peacefully on April 28, 2025 on a picture-perfect, blue sky day surrounded by her family at Hudson Valley Hospice House. She was born on January 4, 1939, in Glendale, Queens to Emil and Rose Ruf Allgauer. Rosemarie moved with her family to Beacon as a teenager, where she built a life filled with family and friendship. She was predeceased by her brother, Emil Allgauer, and is survived by her beloved brother, Edward Allgauer.

On June 13, 1964, at St. Joachim's Church, Rosemarie married the love of her life; a man who made her laugh at a Knights of Columbus dance, Dominic J. Scarano. Together they shared over

60 wonderful years of marriage filled with cherished memories, including beach vacations, trips to casinos, and in their younger years summer get togethers at the Southern Dutchess Country Club.

A 1960 graduate of Benedictine Hospital School of Nursing in Kingston, NY, Rosemarie began her career as an operating room nurse at Highland Hospital. The majority of her career was spent as an operating room nurse at Butterfield Hospital, and later in life at Vassar Brothers Hospital. While her family was young, Rosemarie worked at Dr. Kaplan and Dr. Mond's office. She developed lifelong friendships and memories in all her workplaces. A highlight of her nursing career was a surgical mission trip with Healing the Children, which reflected her deep commitment to nursing and caring for others.

Rosemarie enjoyed her bridge club gatherings, reading profusely, and tackling the daily Jumble. Rosemarie continued her mother's legacy of being the consummate entertainer and cook. She enjoyed planning dinner parties, family dinners and celebrations. Every meal was planned to perfection. She also enjoyed being outdoors, and basking in the sun. An avid pet lover, later in life she enjoyed visiting Long Dock with her dog Bell.

In addition to her husband, Dominic Scarano, she is survived by her children Anne Machado (Jaime), Michael Scarano (Susan), Julie Greene (Fred), and James Scarano. Her greatest joy came from being "Mema" to Emily, Andrew, Elizabeth, Charlotte and Dominick. Rosemarie, affectionately known as "Aunt Sis" to many, was a loving aunt to countless nieces and nephews. Throughout her life, Rosemarie was blessed with a circle of close friends. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Per her wishes, there was no wake. A Funeral Mass was held on Friday, May 2, at St. Mary's Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill. A private burial will follow at a later date.

In honor of Rosemarie, donations may be made in her name to: Healing the Children Northeast, 219 Kent Road, Suite 20, Mailbox 11, New Milford, CT 06776 or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

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

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

Students celebrate the life of Pope Francis



Mount Saint Mary College and Bishop Dunn Memorial School celebrate the life of Pope Francis at a Mass celebrated by Fr. Gregoire Fluet, vice president for Mission and Ministry at the Mount. Pope Francis died on April 21 at the age of 88. Pope Francis was born Jorge Mario Bergoglio in Argentina.

According to the Vatican, the conclave to choose the next pope is set to begin on May 7.

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Creative Living

Antique autos thrill visitors during annual Rhinebeck show



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Despite the rainy weather, antique, hot rod and custom car enthusiasts turned out to view many types of vehicles at the 53rd annual Rhinebeck Car Show at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds on Saturday and Sunday. Clockwise from top left, Dick Schutt of the Northeast Classic Car Museum in Norwich displays a 1928 Packard 5-26 Phaeton. The hood ornament is the "Goddess of Speed" also known as the "Donut Chaser." Jimmy Russo of Rye sits inside his 1955 Pontiac Star Chief with an Indian Face hood ornament in the inset. The 1931 Ford Model A was shown by David Koehler of Hopewell Junction. The 1965 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud is courtesy of the Mirbeau Inn & Spa of Rhinebeck. A Sedan de Ville illustrates the famed back fins of the 1950s.

-Photos by Curtis Schmidt

love to cook

by vicki frank day



I love a picnic

The season of dining al fresco begins.

There will be no recipe this time, my friends, because it's a beautiful day and I already know that I don't feel like cooking today. It happens even to those of us who love to cook, and sometimes you just have to embrace it. It's perfectly OK and can even prevent burnout. So, when I'm not feeling it or when Nature is urging me outside to play, I listen and obey.

Sometimes, when we're caught up in what we're supposed to do, it's easy to forget to heed that calling. I'm a person who can get consumed by routine and just roll with what I've come to feel is my duty-bound obligation. I've found, though, that those are the times it's most important to cut myself some slack and remember to just be and find joy when and where I can. As with any creative process, that's an essential reminder that maybe it's time to reset or risk losing inspiration. If you want to keep creativity flowing, you need to take moments for yourself. It isn't selfish, but rather necessary. You just can't force art of any kind. Trust me.

But with the distraction of beautiful spring weather comes an opportunity. If you've read my column for any length of time, you probably know I love picnics. I've written about them many times before. They bring me profound

joy. It certainly helps that we live in one of the most beautiful places on earth, the Hudson Valley, where there are hundreds of places to take in a breathtaking view; and I believe that food just tastes better al fresco. So, while I may not feel like cooking, I can look forward to pushing aside the idea that I need to make something from scratch. I can simply put together a meal from what I already have on hand, or take a trip to the store intent on selecting cheeses, bread and produce to fill a basket that's already packed with everything else I'll need for some quality time in the sun, even if it's on the front porch with neighbors. No cooking required! That's creativity of a different kind and always a source of inspiration for me.

This is pretty much the perfect time of year for picnics: no mosquitoes yet; it isn't oppressively hot, and it's just a pleasure to be outside. I get that it isn't for everyone; but for those of us who appreciate it, it's heavenly. It isn't just what you eat on a picnic, but the very nature of how you eat it that's romantic. Laying out a spread, eaten without utensils on a linen tablecloth, soothes my soul. A little planning makes this easy, mess-free and fun.

Making sure you have a cutting board for slicing and serving bread and

cheese; pre-portioning things like fruit, olives and anything spreadable; and pre-packing knives and spreaders, plates, glasses and containers for any leftovers makes for a comfortable and stress-free meal al fresco. All that's left is pouring your beverage of choice and helping yourself to the movable feast you've assembled while you talk and take in the view.

I've already promised two such dates to friends in the coming weeks, and I cannot wait! Good company, good food and a perfect view, and I'm in my happy place. But as I've gotten older, I've discovered that I can treat myself to the freedom picnics afford even without someone special to share them with. I already know that by the time the magic and golden hour of twilight approaches tonight, I'll be by myself, and that's just fine. It will be a peaceful, stolen moment, nothing fancy or complicated, and no time in the kitchen prepping or cleaning up the inevitable mess after creating a recipe; just me, a glass of wine and Nature's show to take in while I nibble cheese and bread in the fresh spring air.

Sure, for those times I don't feel like

cooking, there's the option of takeout; but when the weather is this fine, I'd much rather put together a simple meal I didn't have to prepare. I have Gruyere and cheddar, spreadable herbed cheese, a baguette, peppery baby arugula and some lovely sweet, crisp grapes. There's bottle of buttery Chardonnay chilling in the fridge and a vintage basket already packed with everything I need to complete the feast. I don't need anything else and couldn't ask for more. I may take it to the river, but I think I'll just sit in the backyard among the flowers with my dogs for company and revel in how good life can be when there are such simple pleasures to enjoy. I can always cook tomorrow.

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.

BluePath Service Dogs annual Walkathon set for May 10

BluePath Service Dogs will host its ninth annual Walkathon at FDR State Park in Yorktown Heights on Saturday, May 10. The family-friendly fundraiser, held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., will raise funds in support of BluePath's mission to provide autism service dogs, offering safety, companionship, and opportunities for independence.

The walkathon is open to all ages and begins in Lot 4 of FDR State Park. Walkers can choose between a 1.7-mile or 3-mile loop and will have access to all-day activities, including bounce houses, a bubble bus, gaming with Esports, a photo booth, lawn games, food trucks, amazing sponsors and more. This is an inclusive event - a quiet tent with comfortable seating, books, and fidget toys is available throughout the day. Friendly dogs are welcome on leashes 6' or shorter. Attendees can also meet BluePath dogs and learn more about how the nonprofit is creating a better world for children with autism.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, one out of every 31 children born today will develop an autism spectrum disorder. It is the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States.

For the Freeman family in Somers, BluePath Knight has helped their son Jacob lead a safer, fuller life.

"When Jacob was younger, he loved toy cars and trucks. But rather than play with them, he would turn them upside down and spin the wheels. That would keep his focus for hours," said Kyle Freeman. "Since that time, his fascination with vehicles has grown. He takes every opportunity to study and examine all that he sees. This fascination becomes his priority, and he forgets everything else, including safety and awareness."

Each BluePath dog comes with thousands of hours of training from dedicated volunteers and professional staff. Reduced stress, improved sleeping routines, and more meaningful social interac-



The annual BluePath Service Dogs Walkathon at FDR State Park in Yorktown Heights will be held on May 10. Pictured is from a previous year's event.

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tions can allow families to feel a renewed sense of hope and empowerment.

"That first walk we took with Knight was something special. The way Jacob held onto her harness and wouldn't let go. He was grounded with Knight by his side," said Freeman. "Knight has become a light in the darkness. The light at the end of the tunnel that helps us know Jacob will be safer and with the help of BluePath, we can make the world safer for him."

Walkathon registration includes a BluePath event T-shirt. Adult walkers are \$30; children under 13 years old are \$20. Visit www.bluepathservicedogs.org to learn more or register. Those unable to participate in person may support walkers with an online donation or become a virtual walker with a personalized fundraising page. Sponsorship opportunities are still available; for more information, contact Erica Stanzione at 845-377-0477 or erica.stanzione@bluepathservicedogs.org.

BluePath Service Dogs, Inc. is located in Wappingers Falls. They can be reached at 845-377-0477 or by visiting www.bluepathservicedogs.org. For the latest news and updates, follow @BluePathServiceDogs on Facebook and @BluePathDogs on Instagram.

Pianist, saxophonist to perform in Beacon

Elysium Furnace Works returns to the chapel of St. Andrew & St. Luke Episcopal Church in Beacon when they present the artistry of pianist John Blum and saxophonist Michael Foster.

John Blum and Michael Foster will per-

form on Saturday, May 10 at 8 p.m. at St. Andrew & St. Luke Episcopal Church, 15 South Ave. in Beacon. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$30 at the door — advance tickets are on sale at <https://blumfoster.eventbrite.com>.

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DC Office for the Aging forum set May 14 at St. Paul's, Wurtemberg



St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Wurtemberg, site of an Office for the Aging forum, is located on Wurtemberg Road, off Route 9G between Hyde Park and Rhinebeck. It is often referred to as the "white church on the hill."

-Courtesy photo

St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Wurtemberg, and the Dutchess County Office for the Aging are co-sponsoring an event on May 14 at 1p.m. to highlight the extensive services and offerings available to local older adults and caregivers.

This program is open to everyone in Northern Dutchess communities.

"We are pleased to have our historic 1802 church co-sponsor this program," said the Rev. Dr. Mark D. Isaacs, Pastor of the Congregation. "Many people in the older adult population are not aware of the opportunities provided by the Office for the Aging. In addition to valuable resources and services, volunteer activities are open to interested individuals."

A listing of current and upcoming programs and events are a weekly feature of the Northern Dutchess News,

part of Southern Dutchess News Group, under the heading of "Golden Living." This community program is being presented to look beyond the highlights and provide additional information and offers a give-and-take dialog and a chance to ask questions. Light refreshments will be provided. And the church is handicapped accessible.

"Our congregation feels that community outreach is a vital part of its DNA. No matter what a person's religious beliefs, we feel that it is important to provide a place for worship as well as community service. For example, St. Paul's Wurtemberg has been designated a Veteran/Military Friendly Congregation," added Rev. Isaacs.

For additional information, please call the Parsonage at 845-876-7697.

Make reservations for Mount Gulian's annual Historic Dinner by May 16



General Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben, portrayed by actor Bob Gleason, will be the special guest at the 2025 Historic A Dinner held at Mount Gulian Historic Site on June 7.

-Courtesy photo Mount Gulian

Have dinner with General Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben, portrayed by actor Bob Gleason, during Mount Gulian Historical Society's Annual History Dinner on June 7, from 4:30 - 9 p.m. Prepaid reservations are required by May 16.

Von Steuben was the Inspector General and Drillmaster of the Continental Army.

According to the organizers, the catered affair will include a four-course

dinner in the 18th century Dutch barn. The inspiration of the meal will be von Steuben's Prussian origins. Attendees will be able to enjoy the scenic view of the Hudson River as the backdrop to enjoying cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

Gleason, who is with the American Historical Theatre in Philadelphia, will play von Steuben.

"After arriving at Valley Forge in February 1778, General von Steuben immediately noticed the disorganization and poor living conditions of the Continental Army. Following his appointment to Inspector General in May 1778, von Steuben restructured how the armies were organized and how they trained. In 1782, Gen. von Steuben was headquartered at Mount Gulian, the home of the Verplanck family. With the Battle of Yorktown won the year prior, von Steuben's crucial task was to make plans to disband the Continental Army and create a plan for our newly-born nation's military moving forward. In 1783, von Steuben was present at Mount Gulian for the founding meeting of the Society of the Cincinnati, our nation's oldest veterans' organization," according to organizers.

Catering will be by Bridgecreek Catering. Tickets are \$185 per person.

For more further information, contact Mount Gulian at 845-831-8172, email at info@mountgulian.org or visit www.mountgulian.org

Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation

Nate Smith
Recreation Director

Circle May 10 on your calendar and join us at Bowdoin Park for the Town of Poughkeepsie's Community Day from 2 - 6 p.m. This exciting free event will bring together community members of all ages for an afternoon of music, dance, entertainment, and creativity, as well as a Salute to Veterans. Food trucks will be selling lots of great food, with free treats for kids 12 and under, Vets and moms!

There will be tons of stuff to do for children of all ages including a Touch-A-Truck with race cars, firetrucks and police vehicles, two stages with live entertainment, and tons of community groups there to help you learn more about your community!

The Town Police will provide a free Finger Print Station so parents can have a copy of their children's fingerprints. They will also provide free child seat installation checks.

So, come one, come all for a fantastic fun time at our Town's Community Day.

We're also getting ready for summer! More details on that next time (though you can see details on our website!) <http://www.poughkeepsietownrec.com>.

Senior Center News
By Ruta Ronis

For the Poughkeepsie Senior Center

If you're 55+ and looking for something to do, then come on by to our Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center (SC) at 14 Abe's Way Monday - Friday between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

From Art to Bocce to gardening to Yoga and Zumba (and everything in between) you're sure to find something that catches your fancy. Our full Senior Center Activity Calendar can be viewed online at www.poughkeepsietownrec.com. This month's Community Service will take place on May 14 at 11:30 a.m. We'll be making PB&Js.

Please note that the "Elvis Tribute Show" has been rescheduled for May 20 at 12:30 p.m.

Ready for a great experience? Then put on your western clothes and foot stomping boots because "Grampa Joe's Washboard Band" will be performing at our SC on May 29 at 11 a.m. for a "Hootenanny!" We'll be serving a "Cowboy Lunch" (hot dogs, beans, and watermelon), so you need to sign up in advance. This entertaining afternoon promises to be a "real hoot" There is a \$10 charge per person, payable at registration.

Our Senior Center will be closed on May 26 for Memorial Day.

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get growing!

by mark adams



New flowers for a special day

Exciting new varieties to try out this season

Annual flowers are the ones that grow from seed in the spring, bloom all summer and cannot survive our Hudson Valley winters. They might be delicate, but they sure do have flower power. Especially the new varieties that have been bred for disease resistance, rain and drought tolerance, and gorgeous blossoms. I visited four local garden centers that produce their own flowers to check out some of the favorite new varieties:

- **Vinca Nirvana Cranberry Halo and Blackberry** – Vinca is the top choice for a flower that survives hot, dry summers. In fact, it won't grow well in cool weather. That is, until Nirvana was bred to resist phytophthora, a disease that attacks stems and roots in cool, damp soil (the disease that caused the Irish potato famine in 1847). Sean Giles, owner of Sunny Garden Greenhouses, started growing the new Nirvana Vinca colors after spotting them in the new variety display at the Dutchess County Fair last August. Now they're available at his retail store on Route 9D in Wappingers Falls. Vinca prefers full sun, grows to 12 inches high with a spread of 16 inches, and is deer resistant!

- **Cuphea Totally Tempted "Frosted Violets"** – Marcella Santini, co-owner (with her father Doug) of Northern Dutchess Botanical Gardens in Rhinebeck showed me this new cuphea from Proven Winners. Because of its tubular blossoms, cuphea is a hummingbird magnet. Bees can't reach the nectar inside, and hummingbirds figured this out. But I've seen bumblebees poking holes at the base of the cuphea flowers to get at the nectar, especially on the popular variety "Vermillionaire." Totally Tempted has a slightly tougher skin, so we'll see if the bumblebees can bust through it. Cuphea Totally Tempted will grow 16 inches tall in full sun.

- **Salvia "Bodacious Hummingbird Falls"** – Doug Santini showed me this new salvia, which is similar to the Proven Winner variety "Rockin' the Blues," but more compact and earlier to bloom. These hybrid annual salvias are a cross between the old fashioned farinacea (victoria) and longispicata, an unruly shrub. Even though it's compact for a salvia, Hummingbird Falls grows more than two feet tall with incredible indigo flower spires that attract butterflies and hummingbirds. Prefers full sun and is deer resistant.

- **Vinca "Double Orchid"** – The Japanese breeding company Suntory specializes in new vinca varieties, including the miniature "soiree" and "kawaii." At Sabellico Greenhouse and Florist in Hopewell Junction, head grower Tina Thooft (pronounced "Tuft") showed me the vinca "Double Orchid Improved," a new member of the soiree series. The blossoms are indeed stunning, but I couldn't figure out what was "improved."

- **Angelonia Angelface Black** – Sue Adams grows tons of new varieties, but I limited her to her four favorites, so I'd have room for the other local growers (see above). Sue's been waiting for years for a black angelonia, to go with the black petunias and black vinca. Angelonia is known as the "summer snapdragon," since it blooms in the heat of summer. Angelface produces spires up to three feet tall. Great for cut flower arrangements. From Ball Horticulture.

- **Calibrachoa MinFamous "Evo Magenta"** – A new double million bells. Covered with blossoms all summer, made for containers and hanging baskets. Voted number one, by far, in Sue's online survey.

- **Petunia Painted Love Purple** –



Above: Marcella Santini with cuphea. Right: Sean Giles with new vinca.

-Photos by Mark Adams

Modern petunia varieties withstand heavy rain, and Painted Love is especially hardy. You've got to see it to believe how vibrant this petunia can be. Too bad deer love it as much as I do.

shapes. Glory Days is a real stunner.

Check out the new varieties at the local garden centers that grow their own favorites.

- **Geranium Glory Days Red/Orange Bi-color** – Just when you thought of geraniums as "grandma's flower," (well, Sue is a grandma, after all), along came a whole array of new geranium colors and flower

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

RCK to host car show May 10

Percentage of proceeds go to Sparrow's Nest

Ketcham Racing will host its first ever Car & Motorcycle Show on Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Roy C. Ketcham High School in Wappingers Falls. This free event will showcase a diverse selection of classic and custom vehicles from across the Hudson Valley, along with food vendors, local businesses, and family-friendly activities.

Ketcham Racing is one of six teams participating in the Winners Circle Project, who are aiming to help students prepare for dynamic careers in the workforce through project-based learning. The reigning champions of the 2023-2024 academic year, Ketcham Racing strives to be a trendsetter within both their organization and their community. After another year of dedicated work on building their brand and assembling a new kit car, this group of young professionals is excited to invite the community to this showcase event to celebrate a season of remarkable progress.

The Winners Circle Project is a non-profit organization designed to inspire

fresh, young, and innovative minds through STEAM programs embedded in the exciting world of car racing. Over the course of one academic year, high school students will build a Factory Five vehicle from the ground up. Teams from six high schools will compete in various categories, including car build, social media, marketing deliverables, and a racing simulator E-series. One winner, based on overall points in these categories, will be selected at Lime Rock Park in May 2025.

This event is free to the public. For those wishing to enter a car into the show, there is a \$30 suggested donation. Ten percent of the registration donations will go to Sparrow's Nest of the Hudson Valley, with the remaining going directly to the Ketcham Racing program to help enhance the students' learning experience. Gift cards will be awarded to top finishers in the car show categories of Best Custom, Best Classic, Best Motorcycle and more! Registration is recommended but not required at www.ketchamracing.com/carshow.

Spring Garage and Rummage Sale set

The Women's Parish Club of St. Joachim-St. John the Evangelist Church will be holding its Annual Spring Garage and Rummage Sale on Thursday, May 15th

from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday, May 16th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, May 17th from 9 a.m. to noon. in St. Joachim's gymnasium, Leonard Street, in Beacon.

Fishkill Recreation

By Lauren McMenamin
Assistant Recreation Director

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Notice of Qualification of 30 BANGALL ROAD LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/24/25. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 01/02/25. Princ. office of LLC: 30 Bangall Rd., Millbrook, NY 12545. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful

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FAMILY HEALTH PLLC. Filed 2/28/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 99 Wall St Ste 2244, NY, NY 10005. Purpose: NP in Family Health.

Notice of Formation B i r d s o n g P s y c h o t h e r a p y LCSW PLLC filed with SSNY on 02/05/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Birdsong Psychotherapy LCSW PLLC, 9 VASSAR STREET, STE 32, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY, UNITED STATES, 12601. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Form. of HELEN AND EVERETT COOK LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 03/17/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 420 LEXINGTON AVE, STE 2803, NEW YORK, NY 10170. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Hudson Valley Natural Landscapes LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/24/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to P.O. Box 1258 Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

3088 CHURCH STREET LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/5/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 2290 Rte 199, Pine Plains, NY 12567. Purpose: any lawful act.

THIRD FACE LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/03/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 4 Eleanor Dr, Holmes, NY 12564. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Notice of Formation of Rooted Yoga Poughkeepsie LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the state of NY on March 22, 2025 Office

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location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 126 Ivy Hill Road, Fishkill NY 12524. Purpose: Yoga Studio.

Premortem LLC. Filed 1/17/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for process and shall mail to: 45 Wennington Dr Poughkeepsie NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act

HAYIBACO LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/24/2025. 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, 53 Old Post Rd #2, Millerton, NY 12546. Purpose: any lawful act.

THE CABO PROJECT, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/06/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Richie Cabo, 497 Route 9D, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Primrose Property Ventures LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/18/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, PO Box 785, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

JML PROPERTIES WILBUR LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/18/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 94 Shagbark Ln., Hopewell Junction, NY 12533, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

U L S T E R ONCOLOGY PLLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 4/8/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY

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shall mail process to 106 Keith Dr., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: To practice Medicine.

Notice of Formation of VG4TJ, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/10/25. 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.

BIG IRON WELDING, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 4/1/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 36 Patricia Ln., Hyde Park, NY 12538, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Qualification of C2G INSURANCE SOLUTIONS, LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/04/25. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Florida (FL) on 03/12/24. Princ. office and FL addr. of LLC: 2301 NW 87th Ave., Ste. 403, Doral, FL 33172. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, RA Gray Bldg., 500 S. Bronough St., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250. Purpose: Sell health insurance.

Notice of formation of PHILOZOI LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/04/25. Office in Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 10 W HUNNS LAKE RD STANFORDVILLE, NY, 12581. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Kitty Pilgrim Media LLC. Filed with SSNY on April 15, 2025. Office: Dutchess, SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: PO Box 144 Rhinecliff, NY 12574. Purpose: any lawful

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Humidor on 82, LLC Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/1/25. Office located in Dutchess Co. SSNY designated agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: United States Corporation Agents Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Ste.202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

WRBA Properties LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 2/13/25. Office: Dutchess County. Registered Agent Inc. designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Registered Agents Inc. at 105 Hurley Rd, Salt Point, NY 12578. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Ward's Tree Farm LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/9/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 462 Traver Rd, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Qualification of INTERLAKE RV PARK, LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/15/25. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 04/19/21. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 5005 Holly St., Bellaire, TX 77401. DE addr. of LLC: 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of PasMar LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/15/25. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 92-96 S. Hampton St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Pasquale J. Conte, Jr., 92 McCouns Ln., Glen Head, NY 11545. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Lisa A. Maffucci, D.C., PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 3-22-

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2002. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Lisa A. Maffucci, D.C., PLLC 102 W Market St., Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Beauty for the Homebound, LLC, Arts of Org. Filed with the NY Dept of State on 12/16/24. Office location Dutchess Cty NY. Designated agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served, and shall mail process to 6112 Cherry Hill Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 - Purpose: any lawful activity

NOSELF LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/08/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Mae Ryan, 111 Fraleigh Lane, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Notice of Qualification of OAKT MANAGEMENT LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/16/25. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 09/30/16. 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. NJ addr. of LLC: Princeton South Corporate Ctr., Ste. 160, 100 Charles Ewing Blvd., Ewing, NJ 08628. Cert. of Form. filed with State Treasurer, 33 W. State St., Fifth Fl., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Nuvatech Innovations, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 4/7/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is CT Corporation System, 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Howland Public Library presents 'Between the Lines': Annual Exhibition of Student Artwork



Pictured is artwork by Emma Merola, a student at Beacon High School. -Courtesy photo HPL

The Howland Public Library is proud to present Between the Lines, our annual exhibition celebrating student artwork from the Beacon City School District. A public reception honoring the students and their teachers will be held on Saturday, May 10, from 2-4 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

This annual showcase features a vibrant selection of artwork created by students from across the district, including Beacon High School, Rombout Middle School, and Glenham, J.V. Forrestal, Sargent, and South Avenue Elementary Schools. The

pieces on display represent just a glimpse of the imagination and creative talent nurtured in Beacon's classrooms every day.

Between the Lines will be on view in the library's Community Room through Sunday, June 1 during regular library hours. Please note that access to the gallery may be limited during certain library programs. Visitors are encouraged to call the library at 845-831-1134 or check the calendar at beaconlibrary.org before their visit.

The Howland Public Library is located at 313 Main Street, Beacon.

Women Writers Group meets in East Fishkill

The Women's Writers Group meets at the East Fishkill Community Library, 438 Route 376, every Wednesday from 10 a.m.-noon. This group is open to all women writers who want to connect with other writers on their own publishing journeys. The group reads their proj-

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

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

Photography Group to meet on May 22

The East Fishkill Community Library on Thursday, May 22, at 7 p.m. when The Photography Group, comprised of local photographers - both professional and amateur who come together each month, will meet on May 22 at 7 p.m. at

the East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376, in East Fishkill.

Call the library at 845-221-9943 or visit online at eflibrary.org for more information.

Afternoon Book Club set for May 14 in East Fishkill

The EFCL Afternoon Book Group will meet to discuss this month's selection "The Color of Air" by Gail Tsukiyama on Wednesday, May 14 at 1 p.m. at the East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route

376. Copies of the book are available within the Library system. All are welcome to come and join in the discussion of this work.

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ProCal ADAS LLC. Filed with SSNY on 04/07/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 300 Ketchamtown Rd Apt C12 Wappingers Falls NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful

Notice of Form. of ILLUMINATED FOODSTUFFS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 04/16/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 29 HUDSON HARBOUR DR, APT E, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12601. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Retroject LLC, Art. of Org. filed w/Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 01/08/2024. 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, 778 MARCY AVE, 4A, BROOKLYN, NY, 11216. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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ASSOCIATES, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/26/24. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to The LLC 43 Fallkill Rd Hyde Park NY 12538. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

BORYK HOLDINGS LLC. Filed 3/20/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Ryan J. Boryk, 29 E Meadowbrook Ln, Staatsburg, NY 12580. Purpose: General.

FIBER SAUCER, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/23/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Jason McEwan, 21 Patricia Dr., Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Clinton Vines and Branches, LLC. Filed with SSNY on February 5, 2025. Office: Dutchess. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail

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to: 173 Fiddlers Bridge Road, Staatsburg, NY 12580. Purpose: any lawful.

Notice of Formation of 2BearArms, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/18/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 2BearArms, 42 Martin Drive, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

200 PELLIS LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/29/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 200 Pells Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

J.M. KELVIN ARCHITECT, PLLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/18/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it

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may be served and shall mail process to: The PLLC, 48 Nathan Pierce Ct, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: Architecture.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Analyze Home Inspection LLC. Filed with SSNY on 04/17/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 20 W Main Street, Suite 4, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of The Creative Zu, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/19/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The Creative Zu, LLC, 146 Guski Road, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

SEM SERVICE & REPAIR LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/25/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY

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shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 67 Scout Road, Salt Point, NY 12578. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

JFK SECURITY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/24/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 18 Dutchess Terrace, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

2008 CHERRY HILL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/23/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 11 Stayman Ct, Manalapan, NJ 07726. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of 3974 Route 9G LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/7/2025. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process

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may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 418 Broadway, STE R, Albany, NY, 12207, USA. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of R&D Projects LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/17/2025. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 418 Broadway, STE R, Albany, NY, 12207, USA. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of 7265 S. Broadway LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/17/2025. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 418 Broadway, STE R, Albany, NY, 12207, USA. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

CEDAR CREST RE HOLDINGS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/28/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process

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against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 32 Kimlin Court, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Spectrum Seasonings, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/29/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to B. Hartzell, 115 Roosevelt Dr., Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY PROPOSED LOCAL LAW H OF THE YEAR 2025 A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY BY ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 72 ENTITLED "RESIDENTIAL RENTALS"

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley as follows: SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Local Law is to promote the public health, safety and welfare by opting in to the New York State Good Cause Eviction Law (RPL Article 6-a), as permitted by Real Property Law § 213, and amending the Town Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley to enact a new Chapter 72 entitled "Residential Rentals," with Article I entitled "Prohibition on Eviction Without Good Cause," to implement the provisions of the New York State Good Cause Eviction Law in the Town of Pleasant Valley.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY AND SUPERSESSION

This law is adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law 10(1)(ii)(a)(12) which grants local governments the authority to enact local laws regarding the public health, safety and welfare, and pursuant to the provisions of Real Property Law Article 6-a. To the extent the provisions of this Local Law conflict State law, the Town Board hereby asserts its intention to supersede same pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT OF TOWN CODE

The Town Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley is hereby amended to add a new Chapter 72 entitled "Residential Rentals," which shall read as follows:

CHAPTER 72 Residential Rentals Article I: Prohibition on Eviction Without Good Cause § 162-1 Purpose. The purpose of this article is to make the provisions of Article 6-a of the New York State Real Property Law regarding rental property and prohibiting certain evictions without good cause effective and binding law in the Town of Pleasant Valley. § 162-2 Opt-into New York State Real Property Law Article 6-a. As authorized by New York State Real Prop-

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erty Law Section 213, the Town of Pleasant Valley does hereby opt-in to the provisions of New York State Real Property Law Article 6-a. § 162-3 Prohibition of evictions without good cause.

A. All applicable provisions set forth in Article 6-a of the New York State Real Property Law, and any amendments thereto, are hereby adopted by the Town of Pleasant Valley and incorporated herein by reference.

B. Pursuant to § 213(2)(a) of Article 6-a of the New York State Real Property Law, for the purposes of this chapter, any unit within a housing accommodation shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter if such unit has a monthly rent above three hundred forty-five percent (345%) of fair market rent, as published by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and as shall be published for the County of Dutchess by the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal.

C. Pursuant to § 213(2)(b) of Article 6-a of the New York State Real Property Law, for the purposes of this chapter, a "small landlord" is defined as a landlord of no more than one (1) housing accommodation anywhere in the State of New York, provided that owner-occupied housing accommodations or otherwise exempt housing accommodations shall not be considered in calculating the number of housing accommodations owned by a landlord. § 162-4 Automatic Sunset of this Chapter.

Pursuant to § 7(b) of Chapter 56, Part HH, of the Laws of the State of New York of 2024, this chapter shall automatically expire and be repealed on June 15, 2034, unless Article 6-a of the New York State Real Property Law is extended or otherwise amended to remain in force and effect by the State of New York prior to such automatic repeal date.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, word, section or part of this local law shall be judged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence,

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paragraph, word, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which judgment shall have been rendered.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law will take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State in Albany.

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. H OF THE YEAR 2025 TITLED: "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY BY ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 72 ENTITLED 'RESIDENTIAL RENTALS,' WHICH IMPLEMENTS GOOD CAUSE EVICTION IN PLEASANT VALLEY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Pleasant Valley will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York on May 19, 2025 at 7:00 o'clock, p.m., on Local Law H of 2025, "A Local Law Amending the Town Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley by Enacting a New Chapter 72 Entitled 'Residential Rentals,'" which implements Good Cause Eviction in Pleasant Valley.

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

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid. Time limitations may be imposed for each oral statement, if necessary. Dated: Pleasant Valley, New York April 16, 2025

Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk

Notice is hereby given that a license, number NA-0340-24-230609, for beer, cider, liquor and wine,

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has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer, cider, liquor and wine at retail in a restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 1004 Main St., Unit 1, Fishkill, NY in Dutchess County for on-premises consumption. Latin House Fusion Restaurant Corp.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill will conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 6:00 pm at 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction to Consider Extending and Modifying Local Law 3 of 2024. Any person wishing to be heard by the Town Board on this matter should be present at the above date and time.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD PETER J. CASSIDY, TOWN CLERK Dated: May 7, 2025 East Fishkill, New York

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-22-25

Parenting Skills Training Services for Individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities or Mental Health Diagnosis Proposals must be submitted electronically through the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System (BidNet Direct) Portal on or before 2:00 p.m., May 23, 2025. Specifications, proposal forms and submittal instructions 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.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-24-25

On-Call Services for Asbestos, Lead, and Microbiological Abatement/Remediation (Re-Issue) Proposals must be submitted electronically through the Em-

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pire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System (BidNet Direct) Portal on or before 2:00 p.m., May 27, 2025. Specifications, proposal forms and submittal instructions 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.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, that on Thursday, May 15, 2025 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 Tradicionez Latin Cuisine, 1004 Main Street, Site plan approval, identified as tax parcel Number

6155-07-696843. 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 4:00pm 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

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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

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Village of Fishkill Dated: 5/2/2025

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-23-25

Heavy-Duty Transit Buses for Dutchess County Public Transit Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 10th day of June 2025 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 TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 323/2025 RESOLUTION COMMENCING THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION PROCESS FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW H OF 2025, "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY BY ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 72 ENTITLED 'RESIDENTIAL RENTALS'"

WHEREAS, the New York State Good Cause Eviction Law (RPL Article 6-a) authorized municipalities to opt in to certain regulations regarding eviction from residential rentals; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that it is in the best interest of the community to adopt such provisions prohibiting certain evictions without good cause in the Town of Pleasant Valley;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts Proposed Local Law H of the Year 2025, "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 commencing the local law adoption process; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of SEQRA the Town Board hereby determines that the adoption of Proposed Local Law H is an unlisted action, and the Town Board accepts the attached SEQRA EAF Part 1 for the proposed action; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board determines that it will be the only agency with approval authority over the proposed action and the refore declares itself to be the Lead Agency for conduct of the environmental review under SEQRA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a public hearing on said Local Law will be held on April 21, 2025 at the Town of Pleasant Valley Town Hall, located at 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to give, publish and post notice of said public hearing, as required by law. Dated: March 17, 2025

MOTION BY: Councilman Rifenburgh SECONDED BY: Councilman Degan

ROLL CALL: Councilwoman Chapman, Councilman Cookinham, Councilman Degan, Councilman Rifenburgh, Supervisor Albrecht. Columns for AYE, *ABSENT, NAY.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING, ANNUAL ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS, BUDGET VOTE AND REGISTRATION OF VOTERS WAPPINGERS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the annual budget hearing will be held for the residents of the Wappingers Central School District on Monday, May 12, 2025 at Roy C. Ketcham High School, 99 Myers Corners Road, Wappingers Falls, New York at 5:00 p.m. for the 2025-2026 school district budget.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that applications for early mail ballots and absentee ballots for the School District Election and Vote may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk, 25 Corporate Park Drive, P.O. Box 396, Hopewell Junction, New York or on the district's website (www.wappingersschools.org), and must be submitted to the Office of the District Clerk no earlier than April 21, 2025, and at least seven (7) days prior to the election, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or the day before the election, if the ballot will be picked up personally by the voter or their designated agent. Qualified military voters may request a military absentee ballot application from the District Clerk between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., and may indicate their preference to receive a military absentee ballot application via mail, facsimile, or electronic mail. Absentee ballots for military voters shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of Section 2018-d of the Education Law and Part 122 of the Commissioner's Regulations. Early mail ballots and absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. prevailing time, on May 20, 2025. A list of all persons to whom early mail ballots and absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection in the Office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the day set for the School District Election and Vote, weekdays, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 17, 2025, by appointment.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a vote upon the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public monies, a vote upon any other proposition legally proposed, and the vote for candidates for members of the Board of Education will be held at the polling places hereinafter set forth on the 20th day of May 2025, on which day the polls will be kept open between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the following terms are to be filled on the Board of Education:

TERM	NAME OF PRESENT INCUMBENT
Three (3) years	Cheryl Migatz
Three (3) years	Marie Johnson
Three (3) years	Eddy Slosower

Pursuant to proposition previously adopted by the voters of this District, the vacancies are not considered separate specific offices; however, a petition is required to nominate a candidate for election. The petition must be directed to the Clerk of the District, must be signed by at least fifty-six (56) qualified voters of the District, must state the residence of each signer, and must state the name and residence of the candidate.

Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed not later than the 21st day of April 2025 with the Clerk of the District between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., except that petitions will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on April 21, 2025.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the polling places for qualified voters of the six (6) School Election Districts are as follows:

- School Election District No. 1 - Vassar Road Elementary School
- School Election District No. 2 - Wappinger Junior High School
- School Election District No. 3 - Fishkill Elementary School
- School Election District No. 4 - Fishkill Plains Elementary School
- School Election District No. 5 - Gayhead Elementary School
- School Election District No. 6 - Myers Corners Elementary School

The boundaries of the Election Districts are as follows:

DISTRICT NO. 1

BEGINNING at a point being the intersection of the northerly boundary of the school district and the center line of Route 9 (Albany Post Road), thence in a general southerly direction along the center line of Route 9 to the intersection of such center line with the center line of Spring Road, thence in a general easterly direction along the center line of Spring Road to the center line of Vassar Road, thence in a general northerly direction along the center line of Vassar Road to the center line of Jackson Road, thence in a general easterly direction along the center line of Jackson Road to the center line of the Wappingers Falls - New Hackensack Road, thence still easterly along the center line of the Wappingers Falls - New Hackensack Road to the center line of Route 376, thence in a general easterly direction along the center line of Route 376 to the center line of Diddell Road, thence along the center line of Diddell Road in a line of Diddell Road, thence along the center line of Diddell Road in a general northeasterly direction to the center line of New York, New Haven and Hartford R.R. tracks, thence generally southeasterly along the center line of said tracks to the westerly line of the Town of East Fishkill, thence northeasterly with the Town line of the Town of East Fishkill to the northerly line of the Central School District, thence with the northerly line of the Central School District as it winds and turns in a northerly and westerly direction to the point or place of BEGINNING.

The territory lying within the above described boundary lines shall constitute and comprise election District #1.

DISTRICT #2

BEGINNING at a point being the intersection of the northerly boundary of the school district and the center line of Route 9 (Albany Post Road as it now exits), said point being also the southwesterly corner of Election District No. 1, thence with the southerly boundary of Election District No. 1, thence with the southerly boundary of Election District No. 1 in a general southerly direction along the center line of existing Route 9 to the intersection of such center line with the center line of Spring Road thence leaving the southerly line of District No. 1 and continuing in a general southerly direction along the center line of now existing Route 9 to the northerly line of the Town of Fishkill, thence westerly along the northerly line of the Town of Fishkill to the westerly boundary of the Central School District, thence with the westerly and northerly boundaries of the Central School District as the same winds and turns to the point or place of BEGINNING.

The territory lying within the above described boundary lines shall constitute and comprise Election District #2.

DISTRICT #3

BEGINNING at a point, said point being the intersection of the

northerly line of the Town of Fishkill and the southerly line of the Election District #2 above described, said point lying in the westerly line of the present Central School District, thence in a general easterly direction along the northerly line of the Town of Fishkill and the southerly line of the Election Districts #2 and #6 to the westerly line of the Town of East Fishkill, thence with the westerly line of the Town of East Fishkill in a general southerly direction to the southerly line of the Town of East Fishkill and the northerly line of the County of Putnam with point is also the southeast-erly corner of the Town of Fishkill, thence westerly with the southerly line of the Town of Fishkill to the westerly line of the present district, thence in a general northerly direction along the westerly line of said district at the same winds and turns to the point or place of BEGINNING.

The territory lying within the above described boundary lines shall constitute and comprise Election District #3.

DISTRICT #4

BEGINNING at a point in the westerly line of the Town of East Fishkill, said point being the intersection thereof with the center line of the Fishkill Creek, thence in a general northerly direction along the easterly line of the Town of East Fishkill to the northerly boundary of the present Central School District, thence along the northerly boundary of the present School District and generally in an easterly and southerly direction to the center line of the Fishkill Creek, thence southwesterly along the center line of the Fishkill Creek as it winds and turns to the point or place of BEGINNING.

The territory lying within the above described boundary lines shall constitute and comprise Election District #4.

DISTRICT #5

BEGINNING at the point in the westerly line of the Town of East Fishkill, said point being at the intersection thereof with the center line of the Fishkill Creek, thence in a general northerly direction with the center line of the Fishkill Creek as it winds and turns to the easterly boundary of the present School District, thence with the easterly boundary of said present School District, thence with the southerly line of said District and extending into the County of Putnam in a general westerly direction to the westerly line of said School District, thence northerly with the westerly line of said School District to the southerly line of the Town of Fishkill again in Dutchess County, thence easterly along the southerly line of the Town of Fishkill to the easterly line of the Town of East Fishkill, thence northerly along the southerly line of the Town of East Fishkill to the point or place of BEGINNING.

The territory lying within the above described boundary lines shall constitute and comprise Election District #5.

DISTRICT #6

BEGINNING at a point being the intersection of the center line of Spring Road and Route 9 (Albany Post Road as it now exits), said point being also in the easterly line of District #2, and the southerly line of Election District #1, thence in a general easterly direction along the center line of Spring Road to the center line of Vassar Road thence in a general northerly direction along the center line of Vassar Road to the center line of Jackson Road, thence in a general easterly direction along the center line of Jackson Road to the centerline of the Wappingers Falls - New Hackensack Road, thence still easterly and with the southerly line of District #1 along the center line of the Wappingers Falls - New Hackensack Road to the center line of Route 376, thence in a general easterly direction along the center line of Route 376 to the center line of Diddell Road, thence along the center line of Diddell Road in a general northeasterly direction to the center line of the New York, New Haven and Hartford R.R. tracks, thence generally southeasterly along the center line of District #1 and proceeding in a general southerly direction along the westerly line of the Town of East Fishkill to the northerly line of the Town of Fishkill, thence westerly along the northerly line of the Town of Fishkill to the intersection thereof with the center line of the existing Albany Post Road, said point being the southeasterly corner of District #2, thence with the easterly line of District #2 in a general northerly direction along the center line of existing Route 9 to the point or place of BEGINNING.

The territory lying within the above described boundary lines shall constitute and comprise Election District #6.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law, of the State of New York, as amended, and resolutions of the Board of Education duly adopted, registration of voters is required, and no person shall be entitled to vote at said Special Meeting whose name does not appear on the register of said School District, or who does not register. Registration pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law, as amended, shall not apply to any person registered to vote pursuant to the provisions of Article 5 of the Election Law of the State of New York.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that qualified voters of the Wappingers Central School District may register at the office of the District Clerk of the Wappingers Central School District at 25 Corporate Park Drive, Hopewell Junction, New York, on any school day between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. prevailing time up until Thursday, May 15, 2025. At this time any person shall have their name placed on the election register, provided that at such time the person has proven to the satisfaction of the Clerk that he/she shall be entitled to vote. A qualified military voter who is not currently registered can request a military personal registration form during the same times and at the same locations as listed above. Additionally, qualified military voters can contact the District Clerk to indicate their preference to receive a personal registration application via mail, facsimile or electronic mail. The list of registered voters will be available for inspection in the Office of the District Clerk on each of the five days prior to the day set for the School District Election and Vote, weekdays, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 17, 2025, by appointment.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a statement of the amount of money which will be required for school district purposes during the 2025-2026 school year exclusive of public money (the school district budget) will be complete, as well as the Exemption Report, listing every type of exemption granted, as provided in Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law, and a copy available upon request to each resident of the District and at each school building in the District in which school is maintained and at the District Office during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. beginning on May 6, 2025.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at said annual

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REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-19-25

Towing and Recovery Services for Dutchess County Public Transit Vehicles

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 20th day of May 2025 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.

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL

Pursuant to Section 506 & Section 526 of the Real Property Tax Law:

NOTICE is hereby given that the Assessor of the Town of Pleasant Valley, County of Dutchess, has completed his tentative assessment roll for the current year, a copy of which is filed with the Town Clerk.

The Assessor or designee will be in attendance with such tentative roll at 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, N.Y. on the following days:

May 8, 2025
BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.

May 9, 2025
BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M.

May 19, 2025
BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.

May 24, 2025
BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.

Written complaints with respect to the assessments may be filed with the Assessor any time prior to or on Grievance Day and shall be transmitted by the Assessor to the Board of Assessment Review on or before Grievance Day.

A publication containing procedures for contesting an assessment is available at the Assessor's office or online at:

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Neil Caplan, Phil Ciganer to be honored during Howland Cultural Center Gala on May 15



Neil Caplan, above, and Phil Ciganer, right, will be honored during the Howland Cultural Center Gala on May 15.

-Courtesy photos Michael Isabell

The Howland Cultural Center Gala will be held on Thursday, May 15, at 5:30 p.m. at the Roundhouse Waterfall Room in Beacon.

During the Gala, two remarkable local visionaries will be honored: Neil Caplan, Executive Director of the Bannerman Castle Trust and Phil Ciganer, owner of the Towne Crier Café

With an evening full of great entertainment featuring the legendary Tom Chapin and Friends, Zohar and Adam Cabo, and Jessica Welch. Emceed by Eli Walker.

Like Bannerman Castle Trust, and the Towne Crier Cafe the Howland Cultural Center's mission is to preserve a historic legacy in the Hudson Valley while supporting and empowering

artists, musicians, performers, and community members, making the Center a truly special place.

Howland Cultural Center is a fully volunteer-run 501c non-profit organization, managed solely by its board of directors and dedicated volunteers.

Architect Richard Morris Hunt's contribution to our community was one of his earlier works; he would later go on to design a wing of the famous Louvre Museum in Paris, the base of the Statue of Liberty, the 1902 entrance façade, and the Great Hall of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and more.

For more information, tickets, visit <http://www.howlandculturalcenter.org>.

Club Green Teen visits Bannerman Island



Members of the Green Teen recently visited Bannerman Island. Pictured, from left, are: Janyia Burch, Jo King, Zion Segarra, Crew Leader Prince Jones, Aiden Claudio, BCT Director of Development Kelly Ellenwood, Deputy Crew Leader Anibal Soto III, BCT Executive Director Neil Caplan, Jude Williams, Samiria Ferrer, and BCT Volunteer Coordinator Chi Chen. Not pictured: Green Teen Program Manager Emily Murnane, Program Coordinator Matthew Shayly, and Program Leader Carolyn McGraw.

-Courtesy photo Green Teen

Green Teen, a program of Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County, was invited for a visit to Bannerman Island on April 16th. Participants included eight youth, led by crew leaders Prince Jones and Anibal Soto III. The youth were brought over on the Island's work boat and given a tour of the Island, which features the ruins of a castle arsenal built by Francis Bannerman, a munitions dealer, in 1901. The youth also participated in

several work projects while on the Island, including painting new structures, clearing hiking trails, and helping to carry materials up from the dock.

This visit is Green Teen's second to Bannerman Island, who hosted the program for a similar visit last fall. For more information, pictures of the visit, and updates about future activities, follow Green Teen Beacon on Facebook and Instagram.

Beacon Rising Spring Concert at BHS on May 18

Beacon Rising Choir 2025 Spring Concert and Community Event will take place on Sunday, May 18 at 2 p.m. The doors open at 1 p.m. for event. The concert will take place at the Pete and Toshi Seeger Theater at Beacon High School, 101 Matteawan Road, Beacon.

The Beacon Rising choir will per-

form both new songs, including "Water Fountain" by Tune-Yards and "Umbrella" by Rihanna, as well as fan favorites like Patti Smith's "The People Have the Power" and "Quiet" by MILCK. They will be accompanied by a live band, including Andy Reinhardt on keyboards and percussion; Mark Marshall on drums and percussion;

Michael Chambers on guitar and percussion; Alex Rivers on bass; Emily Pullen on guitar; Betsy Mulyan and Amelia Gilmer on flute; and Laura Volpacchio on tap percussion.

The concert will feature a special appearance by the South Avenue Elementary Drama Club, one of the free after school arts programs that Compass

Arts piloted in Beacon schools this past year. These third through fifth graders will perform a song from their spring musical, "Space Pirates!"

This event is generously sponsored by Beahive, Dr. Margaret Ready, FulBeing Collective, Gold Standard Tax & Accounting, Inc., and Vails Gate Cleaners / TRS.

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election to be held on May 20, 2025, the following propositions will be submitted:

Shall the Board of Education of the Wappingers Central School District, Dutchess and Putnam Counties, New York, is hereby authorized to construct improvements and additions to and reconstruct School District buildings and facilities, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, and appurtenances, together with site and athletic field improvements, and other incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$153,768,000, and that said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued?

Shall the Board of Education of the Wappingers Central School District, Putnam and Dutchess Counties, New York ("District"), be authorized to purchase student transportation vehicles, including incidental expenses incurred therewith, at a maximum estimated sum of \$2,660,038; and said amount or so much thereof as shall be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the District and collected in annual installments as provided by law, and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District shall be issued?

Dated: March 24, 2025

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF WAPPINGERS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Alberta Pedro - District Clerk

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www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/publications/orpts/grievancebooklet.pdf

Pleasant Valley Assessor GRIEVANCE DAY Fourth Tuesday in May ---

(Section 508 RPTL) (Section 525 RPTL)

Notice is hereby given that the BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW for the Town of Pleasant Valley, County of Dutchess, shall hear and determine complaints in relation to assessments at 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, N.Y. Telephone #845-635-1111 Ext. 208.

The BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW will be in atten-

dance on the following day:

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

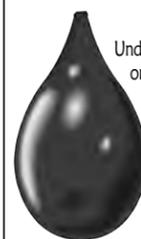
The BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW will then file a copy of the determination with Town Clerk to become a matter of public record.

Board Chairman

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14. *Common ____ or ____ of Good Feelings
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25. What, in Oaxaca
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41. Famous fabulist
43. Brain wave
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46. "Will be," to Doris Day
47. *Kitchen ____ or ____ or swim
48. *Willie ____ or ____ Mandela
50. To, archaic
52. Had a meal
53. Voyeur's glance
55. Anger management issue
57. *Passenger ____ or ____ post
60. *Grammatically ____ or ____ answer
64. Past participle of bear
65. Go wrong
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68. Assumed name
69. Barn sound
70. Fair attractions
71. Catch one's breath
72. Coniferous tree
73. Baker's raiser

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1. Bursas
2. *Rowing ____ or ____ cut
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4. Relating to mole
5. Temporarily, Latin (2 words)
6. *Rightful ____ or ____ apparent
7. Dot-com address
8. Craft wood
9. Native Egyptian, in Roman times
10. Related to ear
11. Hyperbolic tangent
12. Opposite of WSW
15. Suitors
20. Possible allergic reaction
22. Tax person's designation, acr.
24. Shut down (2 words)
25. *Dancing ____ or ____ bee
26. Cell phone bill item
27. Art class support
29. Things to lament
31. Singer-songwriter Redding
32. The press, e.g.
33. Are not
34. *Garter ____ or ____ eyes
36. Come clean, with up
38. *Tattered and ____ or ____ apart
42. Outdoor entertainment area
45. Pith helmets
49. Not paleo
51. Solar system model
54. Japan to U.S., in WW2
56. "Sesame Street" regular
57. *The North ____ or ____ dancer
58. Van Gogh's famous botanical subject
59. Flying biter
60. *Eat ____ or ____ to pick
61. Cocoyam
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Honor roll students named for 3rd quarter at Van Wyck JHS

The following students are on the honor roll for the 3rd quarter at Van Wyck Junior High School for the 2024-25 school year.

The students on the honor roll are:

High Academic Excellence

7th Grade

Adam Adler, Carlos Allen Sotomayor, Sela Alrihani, Gavin Andriello, Valentina Arana, Hudson Asp, Luca Aversano, Antonella Bagnarol, Christopher Barkovich, Matthew Barrett, Grady Barton, Gia Bashir, Dylan Basulto, Delilah Berisha, Caroline Berko, Jack Boumis, Skylar Bowman, Emily Brady, Abigail Brown, Quinn Brown, Jack Campbell, Sofia Campbell, Anthony Carlone, Hunter Cervini, Jake Cervini, Benjamin Collins, Evan Colon, Mia Conkling, Aiden Cooke, Liana Corsano, Savannah Cotto, Vivienne Cummings, Justin Curro, Brady D'Alessandro, Madina Daramy, Annell Davis, Adriana DeGelormo, Jason DeGiacomo, Juliella DeHond, Giuliana DeLuca, Addison DeRosario, Salvatore DelGiudice, Layla Desai, Nala Desai, Julia Devico, Eeshan Dholakia, Daniela DiGenova, Dean DiGenova, Elena DiGeso, Bradley Dixon, Charlotte Drew, Emma Espinoza, Aliyah Fabozzi, Andria Faghi, Danny Fakhoury, Alex Falciano, Lia Fallone, Denzel Fenton, Nikki Fernandez Zhungo, Evan Ferrieri, Luke Freifeld, Maddox Fulton, Benjamin Fury, Torre Gallo, Grace Garcia, Lilianna Garibaldi, Liam Garver, Kaelen Gee, Amor Ghabae-Patterson, Sofia Gialouris, Brayden Giammichele, Nicholas Giannuzzi, Noelle Gonzalez, Violet Greenan-Stoduto, Kayla Guilbault, Samuel Gutierrez Macias, Duobuan Guzman, Carter Hamboussi, Mazen Hamed, Paris Hamilton, Gianna Hancock, Christian Hay, Penelope Hershfield, Jahsiah Hines, Ethan Ineson, Violet Iovino, Joseph Izzo, Saira Jagga, Grace Johnson, Isabella Johnson, Laine Johnson, Lilah Joslin, Ava Kalbfus, Anastasia Karamintzas, Katherine Karlsson, Kourtney Karlsson, Ryan Kasten, Harleen Kaur, James Keating, Sawyer Knee, Kayden Koenig, Colette Kohlmaier, Kordian Koscik, Hannah Kui, Jasmine Lema, Ella Leonardo, Robert Leone, Keegan Lepore, Kate Lindner, Ethan Lorenzo, Ella Lynch, Alexandria Lyons, Vittoria Madeira, Jacob Mancilla, Emma Mandler, Brianna Marchioni, Zoe Marcus, Brady Martin, Olivia Mason, Sienna Mathew, Elizabeth McAlpine, Emily McGimpsey, Grace McGimpsey, Morgan McKenna, Aiden McKeon, Daniel McNulty, Marleigh McPherson, Brianna Midgley, Arya Mills, Chase Mitchell, Renad Mohamed, Corinne Muehlbauer, Aiden Murphy, Jack Nansen,

Yousuf Nasser, Kenley Nittoli, Sophia Nittoli, Alexandra Norman, Lucy O'Halloran, Paige O'Leary, Nathaniel Ordonez, Michael Osso, Hannah Pagano, Alyssa Palladino, Ariana Pandya, Devin Pandya, Emma Park, Fiona Parke, Karl Pek, Benjamin Perry, Gabrielle Pierre, Matthew Pierson, Charlie Powers, Shea Prendergast, Ryan Price, Richard Procida, Emily Purcell, Piper Purpura, John Pynch, Kevin Qu, Abigail Ratajczak, Raina Rennhack, Amy Resendiz, Olivia Rivera, Gianna Rizzo, Julia Rose, Alexandra Rossano, Lucy Rubino, Kylie Russini, Stella Rutledge, Alaina Sabatelli, Rickey Sands, Jayden Santiago, Aiden Santos, Matthew Schafranski, Gianina Schinella, Juan-Angel Sepulveda, Justina Sherri, Maxton Shour, Michael Sisia, Lillian Smetana, Cameron Sniffen, Erika Stempel, Ethan Stroud, Paige Stroud, Noah Sucato, Hailey Sullivan, Keira Tangen, Kelly-Hannah Thomas, Sophia Torres, Mathias Trinidad, John Tropea, Emma Tsang, Zareen Unwalla, Natalie Urciuoli, Ian VanStee, Nathan Vaughan, Christian Velasquez, Ryan Vena, Teagan Verrechia, Leo Vicinanza, Lillian Vidal, Norah Wang, Owen Whyte, Jasmin Wiley, Victoria Wilson, Ari Woodrow, Leia Yamauchi, Vincenzo Yannuzzi, Mason Yap, Noah Yerks, Jasmine Younas, Deegan Zimmermann

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Gerhardt, Vincenzo Giandolfo, Gianni Giuliano, Shawn Glasser, Ethan Goldberg, Aubrey Gomez, Vincent Gonzalez, Aidaly Gonzalez Castaneda, Evan Greenfeld, Morgan Gregory, Karen Guevara, Aiden Guinn, Matthew Habib, Ava Hamdi, Bashiri Heckstall, Chloe Henry, Andres Henson, Logan Hernandez, Timothy Hill, Julian Hist, Sean Hogan, Michael Holze, Victoria Hoyt, Angela Jo, Lennox Johnson, Nate Joseph, Neveah Joy, Noah Kaplan, Rayaan Karamat, Mariella Kastanis, Christina Kelch, Jennifer Kelly, Riley Kennedy, Liam Kilduff, Christopher King, Vivikth Kondoju, Malon Kroog, John Kroohs, Tessa Kruse, Josephine Kutter, Logan Kwon, Kieran Lalor, Devin Legon, Emily Lin, Armend Lokaj, Amis Lokaj, Daniella Lopez, Gianna Lupi, Elizabeth Manzi, Liana Marinaccio, Julien Marroquin, Jacob Martinez, Alyssa Mason, Raghav Mathur, Thomas McAlpine, Christopher McArthur, Liam McGinnis, Chloe McKeivitt, Allison McNamara, Maxwell Meehan, Lorena Melendez, Joseph Merkhofer, Glenn Metzger, Daniel Moors, Abigail Morsey, Matteo Muratore, Derek Murphy, Elissa Murtagh, Caroline Murti, Kyle Napolitano, Jenna Nelson, Alexander Neuman, James Newbery, Adison Nunez, Brady O'Sullivan, Lion Ogino, Carlos Ortega, Alina Ovsyuk, Emma Owens, Nidhi Pandya, Akash Panghaal, Dyan Paredes Santos, Benaiah Paulin, Olivia Pek, Alexa Pena, Elyjah Petit-Frere, Jaxon Pikor, Rocco Pochick, Amelia Podhaiski, Daphne Pouani, Margaret Prendergast, Collin Price, Johnny Price, Elijah Prine, Charlee Quimby, Olive Quinn, Emmy Quosig, Patrick Reznicek, Mikaila Rice, Colin Rizzo, Aaron Rochester, Charlotte Rockett, Daniel Rodriguez, Gisela Rondini, Noryanna Rukaj, Anthony Russo, Violet Ava Sabarre, Julian Saez, Yuika Sakuma, Kevin Sanchez, Cassidy Rose Sarracino, Joseph Scalice, Miles Schwarz, Joseph Scott, Scarlett Secord, Lyla Sekhri, Christopher Servay, Jayden Singh, Emmy Slater, Alexander Sloth, Viviana Smith, Emma Smythe, Isaac Sowah, Dakota Staten, John Steriti, Emma Sweeney-Shrinsky, Andre Talampas, Austin Tarpey, Madison Tarpey, Ryan Taveras, Bryce Thomas, Chase Thomas, Gabriel Toth, Luca Tricarico, Nathaniel Tsang, Sophie Villavicencio, Ethan Wong, Madison Wood, Giuliana Woods, Eleanor Xu, Stanley Zhang, Tina Zhang

Academic Excellence

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Omar Abujaber, Xavier Aiello, Kayla Anastasio, Leah Bardani, Kayden Beltran, Evan Blusnavage, Amelia Boshart, Owen Brady, Sofia Capra, Kellie Cilento, Isaac Clarke, Ava Cortes, Aaron Costales, Christopher Costello, Isaac Criollo, Brycen Cummins, Isabella Cunningham, Debra DiCaprio, Milania Dickel, Michael Dunn,

Nicholas Durocher, Joseph Elswick, Ibrahim Eshrawy, Aaron Foshay, Caden Frost, Liam Garland, Ah'zeriah Garner, Levi Garrett, Benjamin Gil, Gianna Gonzalez, Nevoth Gordon, Joseph Guglielmo, Carter Harris, Kaelan Hicks, Emmanuel Holmes, Simal Hussain, Kaden Hyatt, Kaylib Jendras, Marco Kazan, Eila Kenney, Collin Kulaga, Michael Kundrat, Anthony Kurshan, Saad Laaraichi, Mikayla Lemp, Calleigh Limer, Luciano Livulpi, Cristian Lobato, Gregory Lown, Gianna Mangone, Alisa Martini, Ja'kai Mccall, Alyson Meister, Gabrielle Mensah, Lexi Menton, Ryan Molinelli, Anthony Nicholson, Lorenzo Nigrelli, Philip Oliva, Jackson Otero, Giovanni Palladino, Thea Patchoros, Gino Pedatella, Caitlyn Pereira, Achilles Perez-Hernandez, Luke Perricone, Amaya Polstein, Maisy Quintana, Shawn Rayford Pavon, Austin Raymond, Charles Redahan, Liam Richardson, Gabriel Rivera, Alessandro Rivera Perez, Dante Rizzi, Gary Roberts, Mason Robinson, Cole Rodrigues, Abigail Rodriguez, Brycen Samuel, Antonio Scuderi, Saanvi Sehwat, Evan Setaro, Jackson Shaw, Jonathan Smith, Makayla Smith, Ethan Taveras, Carolina Timothy-Tozer, Jacob Tinter, Daniel Touw, Jennifer Urena, Angie Uyaguari Naula, Julian Velez, Kristina Viera, Jaydon Zhang, Alexia Zibrin

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Upcoming May events in the Poughkeepsie Public Library District

The following events will be held in the Poughkeepsie Public Library District in May.

Strategy Board Game Night

Thursday, May 8, 5 - 7:30 p.m.
Boardman Road Branch Library
No registration required.

Becoming Janet: Finding Myself in the Holocaust

Thursday, May 8, 6:30 p.m.
Temple Beth-El Social Hall
118 S. Grand Avenue in Poughkeepsie
Registration required.

Balance and Bone Building Using Yoga and Tai Chi

Wednesday, May 14, 3:30 p.m.
Boardman Road Branch Library
No registration required.

Save Energy, Save Dollars

Thursday, May 15, 6:30 p.m.
Adriance Memorial Library
Registration required.

Meet the Author: Shirley Freitas

Saturday, May 17, 2:30 p.m.
Adriance Memorial Library
No registration required.

The Miracle Mets of 1969

Tuesday, May 20, 6:30 p.m.
Adriance Memorial Library
Registration required.

Indoor Plant Swap

Wednesday, May 21, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Adriance Memorial Library
No registration required.

How WWII Changed Fashion

Wednesday, May 28, 6 p.m.
Boardman Road Branch Library
Registration required.

The Boardman Road Branch Library is at 141 Boardman Road in Poughkeepsie. The Adriance Memorial Library is at 93 Market St. in Poughkeepsie.



this week's puzzle solutions

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4	3	4	3	2	5
2	5	1	5	4	3
1	3	4	2	1	2

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Gayhead Elementary School students raise \$42,473 for American Heart Association



Students and staff at Gayhead Elementary School recently raised money for the American Heart Association. This year the group raised \$42,473, the highest total ever for the school community.

-Courtesy photo Gayhead Elementary

Gayhead Elementary School has participated in fundraising for the American Heart Association (AHA) for 34 years, previously through Jump Rope for Heart, currently with the Kids Heart Challenge (KHC) campaign. This year Gayhead raised \$42,473, their highest total ever! Since 1991, the Gayhead community has raised over \$826,000 to support the AHA research and education that all heart patients benefit from, possibly even our own family member. More than 400 students and staff contributed to this year's KHC efforts. As a reward for this outstanding community service effort, Grizzly staff "Got Slimed" on April 25th.

Physical Education teachers Bridget Boccini, Anthony Russo, and Jason

Segarra, along with Principal Jim Daley, Assistant Principal Jennifer Moyles, 4th grade teacher Brian Hyland, and Melissa Seibert, an Art teacher took one for the team with a bucket of slime dumped over their heads! Along with this amazing fundraising effort our Grizzlies learned how to keep their own hearts healthy. Reluctant Kindergartners go from learning to spin the rope and jump over it and progress to 6th graders who attempt and/or master up to 25 different jump rope tricks. Additionally, 3rd through 6th graders learn Hands-only CPR.

The enthusiasm and support of this life saving fundraiser by the Gayhead school community is always phenomenal!

Grinnell artist: Sharing 'the love of art is a blessing'



Grinnell Library in Wappingers Falls will highlight the work of local resident Nancy Woogen.

The following statement is from the artist:

"Nothing excites me more than to paint God's creation. I love observing landscapes dance with light, shadows and color. Through various painting mediums, such as watercolor, pastels, oil and acrylic I try to capture what I see and experience. My love for the out of doors and art create a wonderful combination for plein air painting.

I hold a bachelor's in art studio from SUNY Geneseo and a master's in art education from SUNY New Paltz. My joy was to share the world of art with my elementary school students. Now, as a retired public school art teacher, I spend as much of my time painting out of doors and in the studio as possible. I also continue to teach seniors at a local center in town and a group of home-schooled children at my local church.

I am a member of the New York Plein air Painters Lower Hudson Valley Plein air Painters, and the Howland art center. Painting with fellow artists and sharing the love of art is a blessing I hold dear"

Woogen's work will be on display throughout May and June. Grinnell Library is at 2642 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls.

-Courtesy image Grinnell Library, artist