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Festival of the Arts to highlight 'amazing ideas, talents and abilities' of WCSD students

Annual event in Mesier Park in Wappingers Falls on May 18

By Kristine Coulter

Festival of the Arts is a celebration of the Wappingers Central School District (WCSD) students' talent in art placed throughout Mesier Park in Wappingers Falls. The 74th annual event will take place on May 18, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Attendees will be able to peruse more than 10,000 works of art, using a variety of genres.

"Families can see the techniques students learn, from our Kindergarteners to our Advanced Placement Seniors. Art-making projects will be available in the park while live musical performances and demonstrations occur at the bandstand throughout the event," explained Bonnie King. King is the director of the WCSD's Fine & Performing Arts.

Why is this event so important to the WCSD and local community?

"This event allows us to celebrate the vast amount of student creativity and talent that WCSD develops every day. It is truly remarkable to see what our students can create and present. It is also an opportunity for the community at large to come together and experience the joy among many emotions that is conveyed through art and music," commented King.

Robyn Talbot-Howard teaches four different levels of Photo Media classes in the WCSD at John Jay High School.

Talbot-Howard explained, "My students have learned about artistic intent, composition, an array of editing techniques, art history, and most importantly how to create an original work of art based on a concept. We learn about how to communicate our message to a viewer, and also how to present our



The annual Festival of the Arts, which highlights thousands of Wappingers Central School District students' art, will be held on May 18 in Mesier Park in Wappingers Falls. Pictures is a photograph titled "Strong Stature, Delicate Movement" by Roy C. Ketcham High School student Kiera.

-Courtesy image

work professionally."

The Festival of the Arts, said Talbot-Howard, "is an incredibly important event for the community to share in the artistic and musical endeavors of our WCSD students. We have been working all year to sharpen skills, explore new techniques, and master crafts. I suggest newcomers start with the elementary schools and work their way up to secondary levels. They'll see an incredible

amount of growth and evolution of artistic intent. We are so proud of our students and want to share their success!"

Christine Bunt is a teacher at Roy C. Ketcham High School (RCK). Bunt teaches Photography 1, 2, and 3, which, she explained, are all different levels of Photography courses that include traditional darkroom printing and digital media.

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Dia opens new installation by artist, director Steve McQueen

By Kristine Coulter

Two concurrent exhibitions by Steve McQueen, at Dia Beacon and Dia Chelsea, will mark Dia's 50th year. Works by the renowned artist and film director have been commissioned by Dia Art Foundation and Schaulager, Laurenz Foundation. "Bass" will be presented beginning this month on the lower level of Dia Beacon, before traveling to Schaulager, Münchenstein, in June 2025. McQueen's "Sunshine State" (2022) will open in September at Dia Chelsea in New York City.

"I am thrilled that in 2024, as we celebrate Dia's 50th anniversary, we are able to bring McQueen's work in a multitude of forms to viewers in Beacon and Chelsea," said Jessica Morgan, Dia's Nathalie de Gunzburg

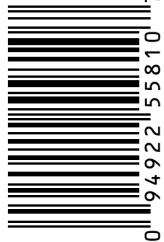
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Artist and Oscar winner Steve McQueen makes remarks regarding his installation of "Bass" at Dia Beacon on May 10. Donna De Salvo, Dia's senior adjunct curator, special projects, listens.

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5K set for Sunday to benefit ARF shelter

Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) will host its 9th annual "5K Run & Walk with the Dogs" on Sunday, May 19. The event will take place at Memorial Park, Robert Chall Dr., in Beacon. This event will raise funds that benefit ARF's mission of "providing haven and care for homeless cats and dogs until they're adopted." The no-kill animal shelter has been open in Beacon since 1986. This year there will be the introduction of a Kids 1K Fun Run.

According to organizers, the 5K "is a day filled with joy and camaraderie, bringing together families, fitness enthusiasts, and their furry companions for a memorable morning." In 2023, ARF placed 67 cats and 53 dogs in their forever homes.

The inaugural Kids 1K Fun Run will be open to children between the ages of 3 and 10. The event takes place at 10 a.m. There will also be a "Best Dog Costume Contest" before the 5K.

Organizers said in a release, "Participants can expect a chipped race, commemorative event shirts..., and a special prize for all participating dogs." Those who finish in the top of the 5K and 1K will receive medals.

Those who want to participate may sign up and pay the standard pricing fee. Race-day registration will be available on May 19. Children under the age of three participate for free.

There will also be numerous activities and local vendors taking part in the day. DJ Vybe will play music for entertainment. Face painting will be available for children. There will also be raffles to purchase.

To register, go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Beacon/ARF5K>.

Serino to appoint new Director for Office of Probation and Community Corrections

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino recently announced that Kathy McQuade will be appointed to serve as the Director for the Office of Probation and Community Corrections following the retirement of longtime Director Mary Ellen Still. McQuade, who currently serves as Probation Supervisor, will begin serving as Director following confirmation by the Dutchess County Legislature in May.

Serino said, "With more than 30 years of experience in criminal justice and being highly respected throughout our community, Kathy McQuade is passionate about the safety and well-being of our entire community. With her collaborative leadership style, she will guide the Dutchess County Office of Probation and Community Correction toward continued success, building on the legacy our great team has established, and expanding community engagement and victim outreach while deftly navigating the ever-evolving criminal justice system."

McQuade joined Dutchess County Government in 1997, beginning as a Probation Officer. She advanced through the department, serving in the Presentence Investigation unit, STOP DWI unit, as well as the Pretrial Service Unit where she served as the County Court liaison and was promoted to Senior Probation Officer for the Unit. In 2018, she was promoted to Probation Supervisor and in this role, McQuade has

been responsible for coordinating probation officers' daily coverage of county and local courts, as well as helping monitor the daily population census at the former Dutchess County Jail and the newly opened Justice and Transition Center.

Prior to her service with Dutchess County Government, she worked for Albany County Probation, where she began her career after receiving her Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from SUNY Albany in 1990.

As Dutchess County Probation and Community Corrections Director, McQuade will be responsible for promoting positive change in the lives of those under judicial supervision and helping ensure the safety and well-being of the community by improving the overall operation of the criminal justice system, reducing offender recidivism and serving victims of crime.

Dutchess County's Office of Probation and Community Corrections is a model for state and national criminal justice agencies. The department promotes public safety through effective supervision of approximately 3,000 defendants and probationers placed on community supervision by the courts, through evidence-based probation and diversion programs. Among others, those programs include the successful interagency collaborative in-jail transition program known as RESTART (Re-Entry Stabilization Transition and Reintegration Track) in partnership with Project M.O.R.E.



Kathy McQuade

and Family Services, as well as RECHARGE (Re-Entry Community Housing and Resource Guided Empowerment) to provide justice-involved people with supportive housing and services in partnership with Project M.O.R.E. to increase participants' success once they

return to their community.

McQuade serves as Regional IV Director on the Board of New York State Association of Pretrial Service Agencies (NYAPSA). She is a member of the Victims Services subcommittee of the Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council. She is nationally certified as a Pretrial Service Professional, federally trained in the Drug Court Model, and have been involved in several New York State Pretrial Standards Workgroups.

"It is an honor to be asked by County Executive Serino to lead the amazing team of women and men who serve in the Office of Probation and Community Corrections. I am truly humbled by this opportunity," said McQuade. "I look forward building on the innovative and evidence-based approaches championed by Mary Ellen Still that have made Dutchess County a recognized leader throughout the State of New York. We will continue the established legacy of quality service and support and we will work to expand our outreach and partnerships within our community."

McQuade and her family reside in the Town of Poughkeepsie, where she is an avid supporter of Spackenkill High School's Spartans athletic programs.

Serino will forward a resolution confirming McQuade's appointment as Probation and Community Corrections Director for approval at the Dutchess County Legislature's board meeting in May.

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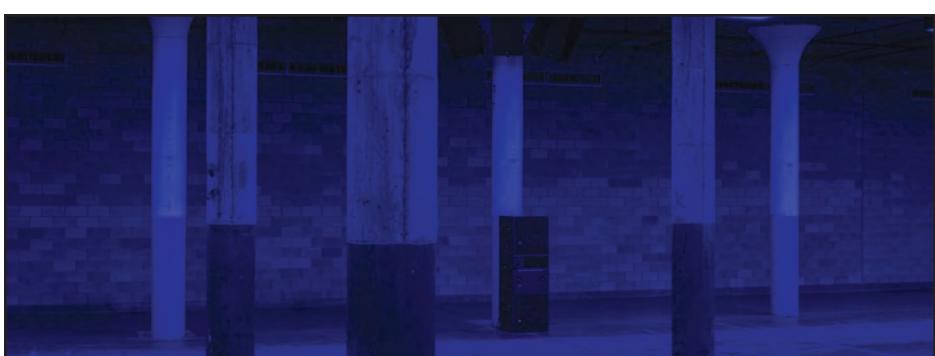
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Director. Since the 1990s, noted Morgan, McQueen's work "has witnessed and marked our time, bringing lasting insight" into our condition. "This expansive presentation is a powerful example of our programming across locations and of how these long-term encounters with artists

foster a unique engagement with audiences," added Morgan.

During a presentation to media on May 10, Morgan said, "We are grateful to Steve McQueen for the installation today."

Donna De Salvo, Dia's senior adjunct curator, special projects, called the commission "ambitious" stating the works "extend to all that McQueen is known."



Steve McQueen's "Bass." The installation can be viewed at Dia Beacon from May 12-April 14, 2025. © Steve McQueen.

Photo by Bill Jacobson Studio, Courtesy Dia Art Foundation

"This is truly a great moment for all of us here," said De Salvo, who mentioned she and McQueen worked once before at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City.

McQueen told of how the musicians for this installation, for the first time "met in this space and played together." It was remarked that the intergenerational group of musicians were led by bassist Marcus Miller. Other featured musicians were Meshell Ndegeocello, Aston Barrett Jr., Mamadou Kouyaté, and Laura-Simone Martin.

It was "a beautiful moment and the result was 3 hours and 10 minutes of music," McQueen said. A few edits were made at Abbey Road Studios in England, he explained to the media gathered. "What you hear, is what was played," he said.

McQueen, in 2002, was declared Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. Nine years later, he was declared Commander of the Order of the British Empire and in 2020 a Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. He was born in England in 1969 and has directed the films "Hunger" (2008), "Shame" (2011), and "Widows" (2018). McQueen, who lives in London and

Amsterdam, won an Oscar for Best Motion Picture in 2014 for "12 Years a Slave."

It was stated that McQueen's "work critically engages with themes such as history and race, through filmic imagery and nonlinear storytelling."

On the lower floor of Dia, at 3 Beekman St., after one walks down the staircase and sees the lights as the music plays. The lights change from green to yellow—red, pink, purple, blue—as one hears the sonic component "responding to the 30,000-square-foot gallery space," as it was described.

De Salvo said, "His gallery installations, as well as his feature films, tell stories based on investigations into histories, often repressed or forgotten. Using projected light, space, and sound, much like a sculptor or a painter, he creates immersive environments that resonate on multiple levels and go beyond the conventional frame of cinema. McQueen places us, individually and collectively, at the center of his scenarios, thus firmly embedding us, but also destabilizing us, in the inescapable present."

In McQueen's words, he "wants to put the public in a situation where everyone becomes acutely sensitive to themselves, to their body, and respiration."

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Michael McFarland



Virgil Capollari



Christopher Costabile



John S. Morgan

By Kristine Coulter

The registered voters of the Wappingers Central School District (WCSD) will choose Board of Education trustees on Tuesday, May 21. Polls are open from 7:30 a.m. – 9 p.m. They will also vote on the 2024-25 Budget and proposition on the ballot.

Candidates

The following are the four candidates running for the BOE in their own words, from the WCSD website. There are three seats open on the board.

Michael McFarland

"My desire to continue as a trustee is sparked by my last three years of service and my last year as an interim trustee on the DC BOCES board. I am a proud parent of five children, including one special needs child, three of which have successfully completed their education through WCSD and Dutchess BOCES CTI."

"I'm a successful member of Local Union 638, where I was an educator for more than four decades. Currently, I am a trainer and mentor at Daikin LLC, guiding technicians on job sites with typical issues and training.

"If re-elected, I am eager to support our staff as they shape our children to become well-rounded citizens and the future leaders of our country."

Virgil Capollari

Resident—Wappingers Central School District (WCSD). "I work as a security consultant, and additionally serve as the Director of Veterans Affairs for the NYS 105th Assembly District. I am a retired special agent, a graduate from the University of Maryland, and an Air Force veteran. I bring 25+ years of dedicated public service and leadership."

Community Involvement:

*Chair, Dutchess County Veterans Affairs

Committee.

*Active Member - WCSD Committees:
District-Wide Safety;
Legislative Action;
Capital Improvement.

"Our students, parents and staff need a high-quality education and dynamic learning environment. I will advocate for the resources, programs, services and expertise needed to achieve this objective. All WCSD stakeholders deserve a collaborative board that is accountable, fiscally responsible, listens and leads by example."

Christopher Costabile

"Christopher Costabile is a dedicated member of the community with 45 years of involvement and a proud graduate of the Wappingers Central School District (WCSD). His commitment to education is reflected in his personal life, with four children who have also attended WCSD. Christopher has contributed to the community through his service as a soccer coach for both recreational and travel leagues. As a self-employed entrepreneur, Christopher owns a construction company, showcasing his leadership and business acumen. His diverse professional background includes 24 years as a United States Postal Worker, Health and Wellness coach, demonstrating his dedication to public service. Christopher's varied experiences and long-standing commitment to the community make him a well-rounded candidate for the Board of Education."

John S. Morgan

"I ask for your vote to continue serving on our Board of Education. Since becoming a Trustee, I have actively and effectively advo-

cated for New York State Aid and promoted educational excellence balanced with responsible spending. Before my time on the WCSD Board, "responsible spending" meant budget spending increases exactly in line with the tax cap maximum. The last three proposed budgets have come in below that tax cap maximum; this year's proposed budget is approximately 1% below the tax cap.

"My wife, Elaine, and I have lived in East Fishkill since 1997. Our daughters attend John Jay and Manhattanville College. I am the President of Mountain View Strategic Wealth, having graduated from John Jay and Union College."

Current board member James Spencer is not seeking re-election.

Budget and bus proposition

WCSD Superintendent Dr. Dwight Bonk recently told Southern Dutchess News previously, "It is my belief that this budget is fiscally responsible: through thoughtful and intentional planning, we have been able to continuously provide quality programs and services while staying below the tax cap. The 2024-2025 school district budget is \$305,851,033. This is a 3.26% levy-to-levy increase, which is 1.39% below the maximum allowable tax cap. This is the third year in a row that the District has been able to offer a budget below the tax cap by utilizing grants, savings from fund balance, and State Aid to offset the cost to the taxpayer."

"The voters will also get to vote on a bus purchase proposition in the amount of \$2,668,863. The proposal would include a replacement of 8 large buses and the purchase of 15 vans. The District uses 5-year

revolving bond anticipation notes (BAN) to finance the purchase of school vehicles," said Bonk.

Adding a bus purchase proposition annually to the ballot allows for consistency in budgeting for the related bus BAN principle payments in the General Fund – as only the change in proposition amount is adjusted in the General Fund budget, it was stated.

The bus proposition expense is aidable annually.

The 2024-25 bus purchase proposition would result in a net cost of approximately \$74,365 starting in the 2025-2026 school year – which is approximately \$3,276 more than 2023-2024 for Bus BAN payments, according to school officials.

There are six poll sites in the WCSD:

- Vassar Road Elementary School
- Wappingers Junior High School
- Fishkill Elementary School
- Fishkill Plains Elementary School
- Gayhead Elementary School
- Myers Corners Elementary School

Find One's Polling Location:

Check the address label affixed to the back page of the *Wappingers Budget Newsletter*, which is mailed to homes during the first week of May.

Enter your home address in the Voter Information Portal to find your location.

A voter 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; and registered with the school district or the Dutchess/Putnam County Board of Elections (depending on county of residence).

For questions and comments, one may email: budget@wcsdny.org.

Go to www.wappingersschools.org for more information.

Town of Poughkeepsie sets first meeting of Citizens Committee on Housing Affordability on May 15

On Wednesday, May 15, the Citizens Committee on Housing Affordability (CCHA) will hold its first meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Main Meeting Room, 1 Overocker Road, Poughkeepsie. Residents are encouraged to attend and participate in public comment.

This committee will meet through January 2025 to study and recommend strategies for increasing housing affordability for town residents, with a particular focus on expanding home-ownership opportunities, programs that increase income for current residents, and housing

for senior citizens and young families. To find out more about the committee's

mission, visit www.townofpoughkeepsie.com.

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Lumia: Vote Morgan, McFarland, Capollari for WCSD board

To the Editor:

There are three individuals that are running for a seat in WCSD Board of Educations. Both John Morgan and Mike McFarland are running for reelection while Virgil Capollari is running for a position.

Both John and Mike have diligently worked on various committees. John Morgan is chairman on the Audit committee. His business experience makes him very knowledgeable and provides excellent leadership in the committee. As a member of the Policy committee, he provides excellent insight into what constitutes effective policies. Mike McFarland serves on different committees. However, his experience in different trades provides necessary insights in all the district Capital projects. His experience has enabled the committee members make informed decisions. His re-election is essential if the District taxpayers want Capital projects to be effectively implemented. His knowledge provides an education for all members of the committee and is able to effectively question the information provided by the architects.

Virgil Capollari is running for a position for the first time. He is a decorated Veteran who is volunteering his services free of charge to the Veterans organization. He is leader in the local VFW in the Village of Wappingers Falls. Virgil is presently a member of the Capital Committee as well as District Safety Committee. I have found Virgil to be extremely intelligent and an individual of great character. Virgil will always do what is best for our students and the community. Having worked with Virgil on different committees, I can say that he has the ability to see what is important but at the same time will listen to different points of views which may be different from his. Virgil will be an excellent addition to the board and I am looking forward to working with him.

As President of the BOE, I sincerely hope that the voters consider John Morgan, Mike McFarland and Virgil Capollari for a position on the BOE for the WCSD.

Thank you!

John Lumia
WCSD Board President

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Protest for Family Court reform

To the Editor:

On May 24th, concerned citizens and advocates will gather at 31 Collegeview Avenue in Poughkeepsie at 10:15 a.m. to protest for much-needed family court reform.

Led by community organizer and former Mayor of Peekskill, Andre Rainey, the protest seeks to address the current shortcomings and injustices in the family court system.

Family court is often criticized for prolonging conflict instead of promoting resolution, leaving children and families in limbo. Current practices can overlook the best interests of the child and lead to long-term emotional impacts.

The protest will highlight the urgent need for family court reform and push for legislative advocacy through bills S4797 and A4977. The coalition behind the protest is advocating for balanced representation in family court proceedings and the standardization of practices to ensure fairness in every case.

Andre Rainey
Beacon

NYS Police Officers Memorial Remembrance Ceremony in honor of fallen East Fishkill Police Officer Dan DiDato



The family of the late Sgt. Daniel DiDato and members of the East Fishkill Police Department traveled to the New York State Police Officers Memorial in Albany to pay tribute to his legacy at the annual Remembrance Ceremony. With Sgt. DiDato's name eternally memorialized on the wall of fallen heroes, Assemblyman Anil Beephan Jr. took a moment to reflect on the enduring significance of Sgt. DiDato's service and ultimate sacrifice.

"Sgt. DiDato's commitment to duty and unwavering dedication to the safety of his community exemplify the true spirit of heroism," said Beephan. "His name will forever be exalted among those who bravely served and selflessly gave their lives in the line of duty. May we never forget his sacrifice and his legacy."

DiDato died on December 18, 2023, in a one-car accident while traveling to a Westchester County Hospital to interview a victim that was in a separate car accident earlier that day.

-Courtesy photos

Melanie's Law passes NYS Senate for second year

State Senator Rob Rolison (39th District) announced on May 6 that Melanie's Law (S.6288), bipartisan public safety legislation on which he is a prime co-sponsor, unanimously passed the Senate for the second straight year. Melanie's Law is sponsored by Sens. Michelle Hinchey and Rolison and cleared the upper chamber with no dissenting votes in late 2023.

The measure is named for Melanie Chianese, who lost her life at the hands of her mother's ex-boyfriend, a man she was unprotected from due to a legal loophole in New York State's order of protection laws. Melanie's Law seeks to close a dangerous gap in the state's legal framework and criminal procedure law. The legislation enables courts to issue orders of protection for immediate family members or household members of victims of domestic violence, regardless of their age.

Rolison has been a vocal advocate for the bill's passage and closure for the Chianese family. He appeared at a press event in Albany on February 28 to raise awareness about the bill. The legislation subsequently passed the Children and Families Committee, where Rolison serves as Ranking Member, on March 26.

"Today is a great step forward for jus-



Senator Rob Rolison (39th District-Poughkeepsie) embraces Cheryl Chianese, mother of the late Melanie Chianese, after a press event at the Capitol on May 24, 2023.

-Courtesy photo

tice and the safety of all New Yorkers. But we have more work to do. I am therefore again calling on my colleagues in the Assembly to take up this urgent measure and pass it before the end of the legislative year. The safety and protection of our residents is at stake. Let's get it done," said Rolison.

Four seek seats on Beacon school board

Compiled by Kristine Coulter

Beacon City School District voters will head to the polls on May 21. Voters will choose 3 of 4 candidates for the Board of Education, vote on the 2024-25 Budget and 3 propositions. Polls are open from 6 a.m. – 9 p.m. Voters who live within the City of Beacon boundaries vote at Beacon High School, 101 Matteawan Rd., in Beacon. Registered voters who live within the towns of Fishkill and Wappinger boundaries will vote at Glenham Elementary School, 20 Chase Dr., in Fishkill.

The candidates, listed in alphabetical order, for the Board of Education are, Christopher Lewine, LaVonne McNair, Meg Phillips and Flora Stadler. Two of the terms commence July 1 and expire June 30, 2027. One term will begin right away, to finish the term of former board member John Galloway Jr.

The candidates were asked the following questions by Southern Dutchess News:

- Why are you running for BCSD BOE?
- What are your top 3 priorities?
- What experience will you bring if elected?

Christopher Lewine

1. Why are you running for the BCSD BOE?

I've been an educator for my entire 15-year career. I believe deeply in the power of public schools to educate our young people and bring communities together. My wife and I have made Beacon our home where we will raise our son, who starts kindergarten in the fall. Many people before me have worked so hard to make BCSD schools such amazing places to learn. I'm eager to contribute my own efforts to carry on that work while staying true to what makes Beacon, Beacon. I have a strong vision of effective schooling and I have the skills and experiences to help the district continue to improve.

2. What are your top 3 priorities?

1 - Student wellbeing. Our children are still experiencing a mental health crisis. Focusing on wellbeing means providing resources for the kids who are struggling most, but it also means making every decision based on what will support healthy whole-child development for everyone.

2 - Rich instruction. Beacon has done well to expand extracurriculars. We also need to ensure that curriculum and instruction inside the classroom serves the needs of our students, including increasing academic achievement. This starts with giving teachers the trust, time, and resources they need to do their best work.

3 - Effective governance. There are difficult years ahead for state and federal funding. We need to make strategic decisions about how to use and steward our resources. We also need to intentionally engage Beacon's wonderful, diverse community, including those of us with and without children currently attending the schools.

3. What experience will you bring if elected?

I started as a math teacher and later a principal at a diverse high school that ensured that over 95% of our graduates earned at least one four-year college acceptance. I then worked for nonprofits focused on supporting public schools to meet the needs of every child. With degrees in economics, education, and public administration, I've acquired skills that are directly applicable to board service. Leading schools and nonprof-

its has helped me develop the ability to listen to a wide range of people and then make good strategic decisions that move us towards our shared vision. Supporting dozens of districts across the country has given me a strong understanding of what works in education and how schools and communities can work together to provide the best experience for our young people.

LaVonne McNair

1. Why are you running for the BCSD BOE?

I am running for the BCSD BOE to advocate for the needs of the students/parents that feel unseen and underrepresented, improve school policies and wanting to contribute positively to the educational landscape within our community.

2. What are your top 3 priorities?

My top three priorities consist of: 1. Enhancing communication and collaboration between parents/students, teachers and administrators 2. Promoting equity and inclusivity in education 3. Effectively managing resources to maximize educational opportunities for all students.

3. What experience will you bring if elected?

My skills in legal work provide me with a strong foundation in research, organization, and understanding of legal matters, which are valuable for reviewing policies, contracts, and regulations as a board member. As a local community volunteer, it demonstrates my commitment to public service and my understanding of community needs, which is crucial for representing the diverse interests of students, parents, and educators. Lastly, being a graduate of the local school system I have firsthand knowledge of the education system's strengths and weaknesses, enabling me to advocate effectively for improvements. Combined, these experiences equip me with the skills and perspective necessary to contribute meaningfully to the BCSD BOE.

Meg Phillips

1. Why are you running for the BCSD BOE?

As a new Beaconite and single mom of two boys just entering the public school system, I have already seen the impact of our incredible educators. I am excited for the opportunity to serve my community as a member of the School Board where my focus will be on ensuring students and educators have equal access to the resources they need to thrive. Decisions about our children's education impact them for their entire lives. I am ready to partner with district and school leaders to tackle tough problems and shine a light on what makes Beacon students so great.

2. What are your top 3 priorities?

I would like to focus on supporting students with disabilities and ensuring BCSD can meet the needs of all students, expanding and standardizing mental health resources for all students across BCSD, and creating more transparency and opportunity for parent communication and engagement.

3. What experience will you bring if elected?

I grew up in a public school system in the Greater Boston area. I chose to study Competency Based Education in Quebec as an undergrad in response to NCLB and the push for standardized testing. I have studied at J. Krishnamurti's schools in England and Ojai. Before returning to graduate school, I



Four candidates are running for three open seats on the Beacon City School District Board of Education. From left: the candidates are Christopher Lewine, LaVonne McNair, Meg Phillips and Flora Stadler.

-Courtesy photos

focused on community outreach and fundraising on behalf of the ACLU, the DNC, Amnesty International, and Planned Parenthood. In graduate school at Simmons College, I studied Student Centered Problem Based Learning and received my licensure in Massachusetts while working in 7-12th grade classrooms.

Flora Stadler

1. Why are you running for the BCSD BOE?

This would be my 3rd term on the Beacon School Board. I first ran because I believed in public education and I wanted to support the district however I could. I still believe in public education (I have two children in the district) but now I'm also running because serving on the board has become an important part of my life. It feels like my second job at this point. As a board member, you spend a lot of your first term learning how things work and how to navigate different processes. I'm more informed and more focused now, and I want to put that experience to good use. There is so much work around advocacy and policy that I still want to contribute to — and of course, there's always more to learn.

2. What are your top 3 priorities?

It's hard to choose just 3, because it all feels very interconnected. One of BOE members' biggest responsibilities is to be good stewards of the budget. Based on this year's budget, state aid feels less certain and districts may be working with less than expected moving forward. I'm proud that the BCSD prioritizes budget planning so that students don't notice any difference. This is a big priority for me — that the academic and extracurricular programming we've worked to expand isn't lost to potential state budget cuts. I also want to make sure that we're addressing student mental health needs, because there isn't enough mental health crisis care in the region, especially for kids. We have a dedicated team of counselors, social workers and psychologists, and I want to ensure that support system stays strong. Another thing I've learned, both as a parent and a board member, is that the culture of a school is set by its staff. So attracting and keeping good teachers and staff is another big priority for me.

3. What experience will you bring if elected?

My experience as a BOE member and board officer is my biggest asset. I've served on several committees, including as Chair for the Public Relations, Advocacy and Legislative (PRAL) Committee. My focus has been legislative advocacy, including as the board representative of the Dutchess County School Boards Association (DCSBA) and the voting delegate for the NY State School Boards Association (NYSSBA). I understand how laws and policies can impact the district, and how we can collaborate across districts to advocate on important issues. For example, I've worked with PRAL, DCSBA and NYSSBA to advocate for better supports for special education pre-K programs. Right now, Beacon is the

only district in the county with a special education pre-K program. I also bring my experience as a communications professional, which often starts by asking a lot of questions and listening. This drives my advocacy and helps me understand the complex issues boards have to address.

Budget vote

"The proposed budget is \$83,855,000 and increase of 3.09%" from the 2023-24 budget, said Beacon City School District Superintendent Dr. Matthew Landahl recently stated to Southern Dutchess News. There are no new hires in this budget and no layoffs either, he noted.

What can an average household expect to increase or decrease if the vote is passed?

"If the budget passes, a homeowner with a median valued home will pay an average of \$100 more per year," according to the superintendent. If the budget fails, he said, "If the budget fails, the Board of Education can decide to have a revote in June or go to contingency."

Ballot propositions

Voters will also vote on propositions on the ballot.

Voters will vote on the following proposition, which reads as follows: "Shall the bond resolution authorizing the purchase of two zero-emission school buses at a maximum cost of \$990,000 (\$495,000 per bus), but only if the District receives subsidies of at least \$400,000 (\$200,000 per bus); authorizing the issuance of up to \$990,000 bonds (5 year maximum maturity) and, with respect to such bonds, providing for a tax levy therefor in annual installments; pledging the District's faith and credit for debt service; delegating powers with respect to bonds and notes; and providing for an estoppel procedure, be approved?"

There is another proposition to purchase three 72 passenger gas buses.

The proposition states the following: "Shall the bond resolution authorizing the purchase of school buses at a maximum cost of \$485,000; authorizing the issuance of up to \$485,000 bonds (5 year maximum maturity) and, with respect to such bonds, providing for a tax levy therefor in annual installments; pledging the District's faith and credit for debt service; delegating powers with respect to bonds and notes; and providing for an estoppel procedure, be approved?"

Voters will also decide on a \$49,950,000 Capital Project.

The following is what the proposition states: "Shall the bond resolution authorizing a School District Improvement Program at a maximum cost of \$49,950,000; authorizing the use of \$500,000 capital reserve funds, the issuance of up to \$49,450,000 bonds (30 year maximum maturity) and, with respect to such bonds, providing for a tax levy therefor in annual installments; pledging the District's faith and credit for debt service; delegating powers with respect to bonds and notes; and providing for an estoppel procedure, be approved?"

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	Jersey Shore PHI	20	13	.606	-	10-0	W11
	Greensboro PIT	18	14	.563	1.5	4-6	W2
	Aberdeen BAL	18	15	.545	2.0	6-4	L1
	Brooklyn NYM	18	15	.545	2.0	6-4	L1
	Hudson Valley NYY	15	15	.500	3.5	3-7	W1
	Wilmington WSH	15	16	.484	4.0	2-8	L6
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
	Rome ATL	17	14	.548	-	6-4	W1
	Bowling Green TB	17	16	.515	1.0	4-6	L2
	Greenville BOS	15	18	.455	3.0	7-3	W1
	Winston-Salem CWS	15	18	.455	3.0	6-4	W1
	Asheville HOU	13	19	.406	4.5	3-7	L1
	Hickory TEX	12	20	.375	5.5	3-7	L1



Too much rain, but plenty of hitting for Renegades

Here are some tidbits from the first six weeks of the season for the Hudson Valley Renegades.

- RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY:** After two games were postponed last week Saturday and Sunday at Wilmington, the Renegades have now had seven road games postponed due to rain already this season. During the first road trip of the season vs. Rome, there were four games rescheduled, and one game was canceled after a prolonged rain storm in Georgia.

- FAMILIAR FOES:** Not only have Hudson Valley and Aberdeen played 12 times already this year, but they are scheduled to meet 12 more times over the next three weeks.

- LONG GONE:** The Renegades have hit 25 dingers in their first 28 games.

- THE PEN IS MIGHTIER:** Keep an eye on the Hudson Valley bullpen this season. It currently sports an earned run average of below 3.00.

- FINISHING STRONG:** Over his last 14 games of the 2023 regular season, Jesus Rodríguez went 19-for-53 (.358) with two doubles, a triple, two home runs, nine RBI, and seven runs scored. Rodríguez has carried that success into the 2024 season by reaching base safely in 19 of his first 25 games.



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-Photo by Dave Janosz

- THREE TIMES TWO:** During May 1's 13-10 victory vs. Wilmington, Jared Serna hit three two-run homers, driving in six runs and scoring three runs. Serna is just the third Renegades player since 2005 to hit three home runs in a game, and first since Everson Pereira on Sept. 5, 2021 at Greensboro.

Players Statistics

PLAYER	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	Avg	OBP	SLG	OPS
1 Jesus Rodriguez C HV		28	111	16	36	6	1	5	18	10	17	3	3	.324	.382	.532	.914
1 Jared Serna SS HV		29	111	20	28	8	0	5	23	18	19	2	4	.252	.358	.459	.817
3 Omar Martinez DH HV		26	92	8	20	2	1	4	10	23	25	0	0	.217	.379	.391	.770
4 Kiko Romero 3B HV		20	59	9	13	2	0	3	8	14	28	3	1	.220	.395	.407	.802
5 Jace Avina CF HV		20	76	11	22	7	0	2	9	10	28	2	0	.289	.400	.461	.861
5 Rafael Flores 1B HV		21	73	7	17	7	0	2	10	10	21	1	1	.233	.333	.411	.744
5 Roc Riggio 2B HV		21	79	14	16	4	2	2	9	18	16	5	2	.203	.347	.380	.727
8 Kyle Battle LF HV		13	25	9	5	1	0	1	3	5	14	3	0	.200	.344	.360	.704
8 Josh Moylan 1B HV		24	78	10	16	2	1	1	5	16	23	0	0	.205	.344	.295	.639
10 Beau Brewer 2B HV		12	34	3	10	1	0	0	2	5	10	0	0	.294	.385	.324	.709
10 Juan Crisp P HV		2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000	.000
10 Cole Gabrielson RF HV		18	52	10	7	4	0	0	2	9	16	2	2	.135	.328	.212	.540
10 Anthony Hall RF HV		11	33	3	3	0	0	0	1	9	13	1	0	.091	.286	.091	.377
10 Garrett Martin LF HV		14	46	7	10	4	1	0	9	3	16	5	1	.217	.333	.348	.681
10 Nelson Medina CF HV		21	69	6	11	1	0	0	6	8	35	5	0	.159	.256	.174	.430
10 Alexander Vargas SS HV		5	15	1	3	1	1	0	5	3	1	1	1	.200	.316	.400	.716

Pitcher Statistics

PLAYER	TEAM	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WHIP	AVG
1 Cam Schlittler P HV		3	0	1.04	5	5	0	0	0	0	26.0	8	7	3	3	2	11	33	.73	.092
2 Sebastian Keane P HV		1	3	6.12	6	6	0	0	0	0	25.0	29	17	17	1	3	16	25	1.80	.302





Renegades Extra!



RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Renegades snap losing streak with Sunday win over Aberdeen

By Rich Thomaselli

The Hudson Valley Renegades and the Aberdeen IronBirds have been going at it for 30 years, dating all the way back to the old New York-Penn League.

And even though both franchises have graduated from the Rookie League to the Class A South Atlantic League, this has been a natural rivalry.

But this year, the Ironbirds seem to have the upper hand – at least in the beginning of the season.

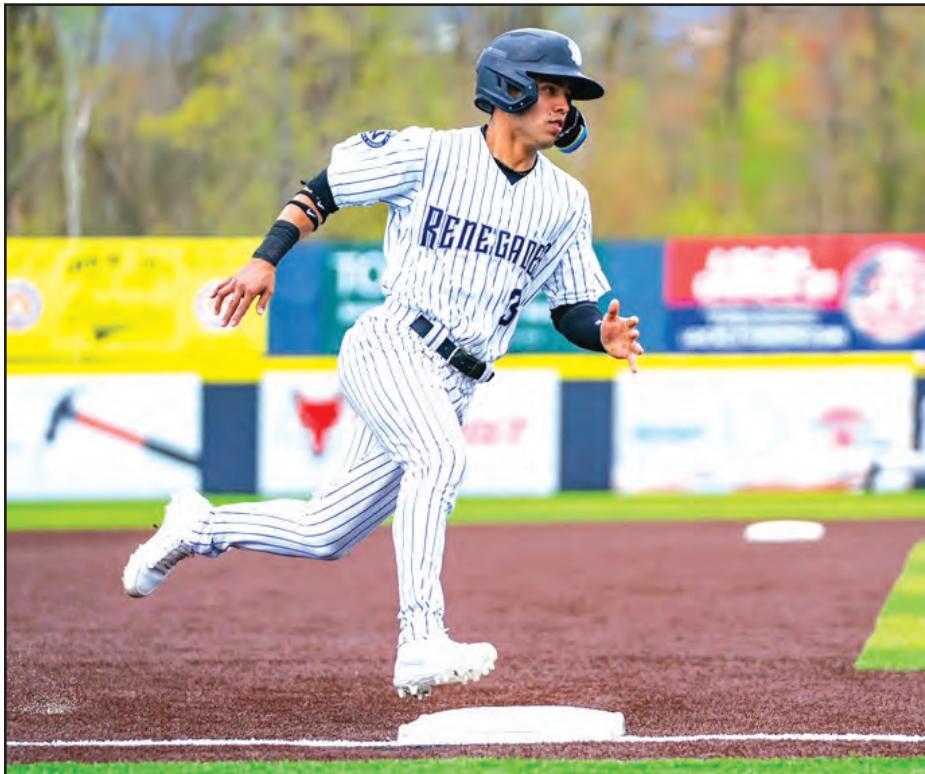
The Renegades hit a road block in Aberdeen last week, losing five straight games to open the series and ultimately losing the six-game series itself.

On Sunday afternoon the Renegades snapped their seven-game losing streak with a 4-3 victory over the IronBirds, after a go-ahead RBI double in the ninth inning from Jared Serna.

The Renegades are now 14-15 on the season and are home to face the Jersey Shore BlueClaws for a six game series at Heritage Financial Park.

In Sunday's victory, Kyle Battle led off with a walk in the ninth inning. He then stole second and with one out, Jared Serna launched a double off the centerfield wall to bring him home and give the Renegades a 4-3 advantage. Serna finished 3-for-4 on Sunday, and now has a team-leading 23 RBIs in the season.

On Saturday, after a two-hour, 41-minute rain delay before the start, the IronBirds outlasted the Hudson Valley



Jared Serna launched a double off the centerfield wall to bring home Kyle Battle with the winning run on Sunday as the Renegades topped Aberdeen, 4-3.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

6-5 in a walk-off victory in eight innings. Kyle Carr was a bright spot for Hudson Valley as he struck out seven in four innings.

The Renegades held behind 4-0 before rallying and sending the game into extras.

On a rainy Friday night, the

IronBirds used a pair of solo home runs in the late innings to win 5-3 over the Renegades.

The Renegades jumped in front twice in the first two innings, but the IronBirds were able to match them on both occasions. Roc Riggio led off the game with a double, and Jace Avina knocked him with a two-bagger of his own later in the frame. With his double, Avina extended his on-base streak to 17 games, the second-longest streak in the South Atlantic League. After Avina stole third, Jesus Rodriguez hit a sacrifice fly to bring home Avina and put the Renegades ahead 2-0.

In the first, Aberdeen rallied with two outs through singles from Max Wagner and Mac Horvath. Both moved into scoring position with stolen bases, and Matthew Etzel knocked in both runners with a two-run single.

Nelson Medina led off the second inning with a walk. After a Beau Brewer base on balls, Riggio reached on a fielder's choice, Jared Serna walked to load the bases. With Rodriguez at the plate, Medina scored from third on a wild pitch to put Hudson Valley back in front 3-2.

Tied at 3-3, Aberdeen took its first lead of the game in the seventh with an Elio Prado solo home run down the left-field line. The IronBirds got an insurance run in the eighth with a Horvath home run to right with two outs.

General Manager Q&A

Preparing for larger crowds and honored to be affiliated with Yanks

Editor's note: The Hudson Valley Renegades have a new general manager in Zach Betkowski. He sits down with reporter Rich Thomaselli every week to express his thoughts on the Renegades and on minor league baseball in general.

With school ending soon and summer approaching, do you expect crowds to increase?

Yeah, well, you know, I think in a lot of ways it's the previous two months before school ends is kind of a tune up, if you will. And I think we're always looking to put on an A+ performance, but we'd be remiss to not, you know, admit that obviously we'll try to work

out some of the kinks with newer staff and newer procedures and policy. So we'll be ready for the bigger crowds

You mentioned last week that it was good to have people like former general manager Steve Gliner around. How often do you rely on them to enter questions while building your own identity?

Steve has 35 years of experience working in this industry. So it would be foolish of me to not take him up on that. I don't take myself as somebody who pretends to have all the answers, who needs to have an ego that I'm the one making all the decisions. You know,

certainly I am making decisions, but it's always with influence from mentors and also colleagues too. Just because I may be someone's supervisor doesn't mean that an employee can't make their own decision in the best interest of the team. So Steve and I talk, I'd say almost every day, at least during the work week and I bounce ideas off of him. He always provides some extremely helpful feedback on how he would handle certain situations. And there's definitely been somebody I can rely on heavily throughout

You've been in baseball for many years. So what is it like being affiliat-

ed with the Yankees?

One of the greatest honors of my life. You know, I think for me to be affiliated with one of the most prestigious, if not the most prestigious sports organization in the world, and 27-time champions, is a great honor, I think, for us. We take a lot of pride in donning the pinstripes on the field and representing the pinstripes. And even though the Yankees are a separate entity from the Renegades, which I do think is a common misconception, there are a lot of fans out there that think the Yankees are our owners, and they run the business, whereas it's quite honestly the opposite. But we take a lot of pride in being affiliated with them.

Annual Festival of the Arts on May 18 in Wappingers Falls

Continued from cover

The festival "is especially important for our students to see their beautiful work celebrated on such a large scale. As teachers we take immense pride in recognizing these students for their hard work, creativity, and dedication to our art program," remarked Bunt.

As for what the students have learned from working on their projects, Bunt said, "During the school year, our students focus on the creative process while experimenting with various techniques and art mediums. It's not just about the final product; it's about the journey they undertake to get there. At the Festival of the Arts students celebrate their growth as artists, have a deeper appreciation for art history and enjoy seeing the unique differences in their finished projects."

Lucy, a junior at RCK, is in one of Bunt's classes. "We were given the prompt for a film project, "Power in Photography" and we were able to interpret it however we wanted to. I saw my stepfather's motorcycle as a form of "power." I love working with film and in the darkroom and being able to watch my photos come to life," Lucy commented.

Kiera is a senior at RCK. A photograph titled "Strong Stature, Delicate Movement" "was part of a "Power in Photography" film shoot assignment," Kiera explained. "I took the photos of a dancer in my ballet class and used traditional darkroom techniques to create this double exposure. I wanted to showcase the beauty and grace of a dancer as well



Thousands of pieces of art created by students in the Wappingers Central School District will be on display in Mesier Park in Wappingers Falls on May 18 as part of the annual Festival of the Arts. Pictured in a photograph by Roy C. Ketcham student Lucy of her stepfather's motorcycle for the project "Power in Photography."

-Courtesy image

as the strength and resilience it takes to be a dancer."

"The Festival of the Arts," said Kiera, "is an annual community event that shows-

cases the creative minds of students throughout Wappingers Central School District. It's always interesting to see different interpretations of the same prompt

or theme by different students, and the day is scheduled with periodic performances from various music groups in the district, so there's multiple different mediums of art to experience!"

Lucy said, "I enjoy looking at everyone's art and creations at the Festival of the Arts. It is nice to see what everyone else is making in the community. I find the Festival of the Arts to be inspiring, in invoking my own creativity when seeing various pieces of art."

According to Kiera, "The Festival of the Arts is an event that brings a lot of people together, to celebrate the beauty and creativity of students. I love walking through the park enjoying the weather and all the work students in the district have put their hearts into. The atmosphere is just lovely and joyful."

"We hope that anyone who attends the event enjoys the beauty in the WCSD community! The students have amazing ideas, talents and abilities. More than that, the Festival allows for all attendees to experience the enduring impact developed through the Arts. When combined, the ideas and works of our students create a whole that is so much greater than the sum of all of its parts. We love sharing and celebrating our students and their beautiful work!" King exclaimed.

Added Talbot-Howard, "...share in the joy and witness the dedication all of our student artists and musicians put into honing their craft. We are so grateful to work in a district that promotes the creativity of its students to such a large extent."

The rain date is May 19, from Noon-4 p.m.

Residents asked to share input about services at mental health public forums

To better reach residents and families living with mental health and substance use issues and hear their feedback on the local services and programs available to them, the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health (DBCH) will host this year's mental health public forums at various locations across Dutchess County. Four forums will be held throughout the year and will feature simultaneous Spanish interpretation.

The first two forums are scheduled for:

- Thursday, May 16; 5:30 p.m.
Poughkeepsie High School Auditorium
70 Forbus Street, Poughkeepsie

- Wednesday, June 5th; 5:30 p.m.
Stissing Mountain High School Cafeteria
2829 Church Street, Pine Plains

Each of the forums will offer residents the opportunity to share their experiences and give input to DBCH about the services available and needed for:

- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities;
- Alcohol Substance Use Addiction and

Recovery;

- Mental Health Needs for Youth and Mental Health Needs for Adults.

These forums are free and open to the public; families, caregivers and local stakeholders are encouraged to attend. All input received will help DBCH shape the 2025 Local Services Plan, which establish long-term goals and objectives consistent with statewide goals and objectives. Community partners will also have representatives and informational tables at each forum to connect directly with residents.

Residents planning to attend who may need to request accommodations, including sign language interpreters, are asked to provide at least seven days' notice, by emailing edentrone@dutchessny.gov or calling 845-486-2885.

For those unable to attend, DBCH welcomes written comments to be read aloud by the forum moderator. Individuals may submit comments online at dutchessny.gov/forumcomments, fax comments to 845-486-2829, or mail them to: DBCH Forum Comments; 230 North Road; Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

EARLY DEADLINE NOTICE

Due to a holiday press schedule for Memorial Day, we will have an early deadline for our May 29 paper. All editorial submissions are due by noon on Thursday, May 23; and all advertising is due by 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 23.

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Five students honored at DCC



From left, DCC HGE award winners are Yassmine Chanaoui, Ashley K. Carson, Nicole Ciardullo, Michael A. Gattine-Suarez and Ryan J. Scott.

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Dutchess Community College held its annual Eugene Sheridan Awards ceremony on April 25, which honors student achievement in the social sciences.

Two History, Government and Economics (HGE) Departmental Awards for Outstanding Achievement in the Social Sciences were presented. Awardees were Yassmine Chanaoui (Wappingers Falls) and Michael A. Gattine-Suarez (Kingston).

Ashley K. Carson (Highland) was award-

ed the Ann and Dan Zodikoff Memorial Scholarship.

Ryan J. Scott (Hyde Park) was presented with the Xavier H. Verbeck Memorial Award in honor of Xavier H. Verbeck who taught in the HGE Department from 1963-1992 and who also served as department chair.

Nicole Ciardullo (Poughkeepsie) received the Eugene Sheridan Award in honor of Eugene A. Sheridan, Jr. who taught in the HGE department from 1966-1973.

Serino seeks to recognize local teachers

In honor of 'Teacher Appreciation Week' (May 6-10), Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino is looking to celebrate local teachers who go above and beyond both inside and outside of the classroom. Students who attend school within Dutchess County are encouraged to nominate a teacher who they feel has

made a difference in their life and has created a welcoming and positive learning environment.

Completed nomination forms are due back on Friday, May 17, and are available online at dutchessny.gov/Teacher. For more information, call 845-486-2000 or email CountyExec@dutchessny.gov.

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UDig NY to host 2024 Damage Prevention Conference & Expo at MJN Convention Center in Oct.

UDig NY, the nonprofit that provides the 811 contact center and underground utility safety education for 55 counties in New York State, will host its fourth annual Damage Prevention Conference & Expo in Poughkeepsie.

The Damage Prevention Conference & Expo brings together stakeholders from the industries involved in the underground utility damage prevention process in New York State. The conference will take place October 15 & 16, at the MJN Convention Center. Excavators, facility operators, government officials, and students pursuing careers in construction or engineering are encouraged to save the date. The event is free, and professionals and students are welcome to attend one or both days.

"We are excited to bring experts from so many industries together in the beautiful Hudson Valley to share knowledge and improve damage prevention outcomes," said UDig NY Executive Director Kevin Hopper. "I encourage anyone in the construction, excavation, or utility industries to mark their calendars for October 15 and 16."

The 2024 Damage Prevention Conference & Expo will feature educational offerings for excavators and contractors, locating professionals, admin and HR professionals, as well as other specializations. The event will include the opportunity to earn Certified Excavator in Safe Digging Best Practices (CEP) certification or renew-



The UDig NY conference and expo will be held at the MJN Convention Center in Poughkeepsie on October 15 October 16.

-Courtesy photo

al. Select sessions will also include opportunities to earn Continuing Education (CEU) credits in a variety of fields.

In addition to educational sessions, the conference will feature exhibitors, equipment displays, and opportunities to network with professionals in the utility, excavation, and damage prevention industries.

Additional information about sessions, credits, and free registration will be posted on UDigNY.org/Conference in the coming weeks.

Babies R Us store to reopen inside Kohl's

By Rich Thomaselli

First it was Toys R Us. The iconic toy store closed its doors several years ago, followed by its sister stores, Babies R Us.

But the former made its comeback. And now, apparently, so is the latter.

Babies R Us is coming back and will have a dedicated space in Kohl's department stores across the country, including seven in the Hudson Valley.

Wappingers Falls and Newburgh are slated to be among them.

The stores sell baby clothing and appar-

el. Both brands shut down after filing for bankruptcy nearly six years ago.

More than 200 Kohl's locations are expected to have the Babies R Us store within a store by the end of the year. Previously, there was a Toys R Us store in Poughkeepsie and Babies R Us in Wappingers Falls.

In addition to Wappingers and Newburgh, Babies R Us stores in the Hudson Valley are expected to open in Yonkers, Nanuet, Cortlandt Manor, Port Chester and Brewster.

John Jay surprises RCK, 1-0

By Rich Thomaselli

The Roy C. Ketcham High School baseball team might be the king of New York after last year's state championship, but rival John Jay made sure they aren't even the king of their own school district.

John Jay got brilliant pitching and knocked off the Storm, 1-0, in a league game last week.

Landon Stichbury homered for the game's only run and Landon Seipp pitched six shutout innings. The home run, a shot down the left field line, came in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Seipp worked out of several jam but never relinquished the slim lead.

Spencer Natoli earned the save.

It was only the second loss in the first 15 games for RCK.

First Climate Smart Communities Progress Report details Dutchess County's momentum toward Elite Certification

Residents can learn about Dutchess County's environmental work in a new report issued by Dutchess County's Climate Smart Communities Task Force – the first-ever Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Progress Report. This new report was produced in partnership by the County's Department of Planning and Development and the County's CSC Task Force, and provides a comprehensive overview of Dutchess County's strides to create a greener, more resilient future, including current initiatives as well as longstanding efforts to preserve the environment.

Dutchess County Environmental Program Director and Climate Smart Coordinator Devin Rigolino said, "Dutchess County's longstanding commitment to environmental preservation has evolved into a robust strategy encompassing both climate adaptation and mitigation. Through the dedication of our Task Force volunteers, employees and County leaders, we've made significant progress in advancing our sustainability goals, and this inaugural progress report is a testament of our collective efforts."

Dutchess County is currently in the process of applying for Silver Certification through New York State's CSC program, which helps local governments take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate through myriad sustainability initiatives. Based on its long legacy of environmental preservation and protection initiatives, Dutchess County is already certified as a Bronze Climate Smart Community, one of just 11 New York counties to reach this certification level.

Silver certification is currently the highest CSC certification level in New York State and Dutchess County is on track to become just the fifth county to achieve this milestone certification. To qualify for Silver certification, a minimum of six "priority actions" must be completed and a minimum of 300 points are required. When the County's final Silver certification application is submitted this summer, the County expects to have up to 10 priority actions completed (five are currently complete) and up to 350 points earned (263 are currently complete). Actual points can vary

Drug Task Force announces arrest of individual for sale, possession

The Dutchess County District Attorney's Office Drug Task Force announced the arrest of Raequan Keemer, 29, for two counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance third degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance third degree with Intent to Sell, both Class B Felonies. This arrest was related to an unsealed Dutchess County Grand Jury Indictment for those charges.

In June of 2023, it was stated in the release, Keemer pled guilty to Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance third degree related to a Drug Task Force investigation where he sold cocaine to Drug Task Force Agents in the City of Beacon. As a result of Keemer pleading guilty he also agreed to receive up to 12 years in NYS prison if he did not successfully complete a NYS Judicial Diversion program in Dutchess County. Shortly after Keemer entered the Diversion program Keemer, according to Task Force officials, began selling cocaine again and Drug Task

pending DEC review and approval.

Recent actions completed include the release of the County's new Natural Resources Inventory website and Environmental Mapper application, highlighting the County's proactive approach to land-use planning and natural resource conservation, as well as the publication of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) Inventory for County Government Operations: Baseline 2019, which provides a detailed profile of emissions sources within County Government, based on an array of stringent, best-practices criteria.

Other work under way includes a Community-wide GHG emissions inventory, a fleet electrification study for Dutchess County Public Transit, and a climate vulnerability assessment of the County's transportation system, "Resilient Ways Forward," along with several other initiatives. These projects build off the County's established efforts including the triannual Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling events, Earth Day education events, backyard composter sales and recycling education, ongoing energy efficiency modifications, and much more.

A presentation about the County's new progress report and recent environmental initiatives was made at the Dutchess County Legislature's Environmental Committee meeting earlier this month. The presentation can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=51cfkC54ek>.

Dutchess County Legislator and CSC Task Force Member Lisa Kaul said, "I highly recommend you take the time to read the Climate Smart Communities Progress Report. It has helpful, informative links where you can learn so much about Dutchess County and you will be incredibly proud of all of the people who are doing amazing work."

The County's planning department is involved in many continuous programs and projects related to preparing for and lessening the impacts of climate change. Additional information on Dutchess County's environmental initiatives, including ongoing projects, is available on the County's Environment webpage.

Force Agents made multiple purchases of this drug from him in the City of Beacon.

According to law enforcement officials, Keemer was remanded to DCJ without bail and is now facing prison time on his original charges as well as the current alleged sale and possession charges he was indicted for.

It was stated that the Drug Task Force will hold those accountable who choose to sell dangerous drugs, especially those who choose to not take advantage of Judicial Diversion and continue to sell narcotics.

Anyone with information regarding this case or any other individuals selling drugs in Dutchess County, please call the Drug Task Force confidential tip line at 845-463-6040 or by emailing DrugTaskForceTips@gmail.com.

As with any criminal case, the charges described above are merely an accusation and those individuals named in this release are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Two incarcerated individuals arrested, charged with violating orders of protection

The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office announced the arrests of the below individuals in connection with separate incidents at the Dutchess County Justice and Transition Center. Both were incarcerated at the time of the incidents and arrests, and remain there at the time of this writing.

- William Green Jr., 30, of Poughkeepsie.

- Craig Albrecht, age 41 of East Fishkill.

According to the Sheriff's Office, Green and Albrecht have both been

charged with aggravated family offense (felony) and criminal contempt 2nd (misdemeanor), and are accused of violating orders of protection by calling protected parties. Both were arrested on May 1, and are due to appear before the City of Poughkeepsie Court for arraignment.

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

Mental Hygiene Board to meet on May 20

The Dutchess County Mental Hygiene Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 20, at noon at the Community Mental Health Center, 230 North Road, Poughkeepsie or one may participate via Microsoft Teams Meeting. One

may also phone in by dialing 1-516-268-4602 and enter Conference ID number 261 140 008#.

The public is welcome to attend.

For more information, contact 845-486-2754.

Local FFA chapters attend 99th annual convention in Buffalo



Members of the FFA from John Jay High School.

-Courtesy photos

BUFFALO, NY- On May 1 through May 4 The New York FFA Association (Future Farmers of America) hosted its 99th annual convention. Hudson Valley Chapters from the following schools were in attendance: Stissing Mountain (Pine Plains), Taconic Hills (Craryville), John Jay (Hopewell Junction), Ulster County BOCES (Port Ewen), Dutchess County BOCES (Poughkeepsie), Rondout Valley (Accord) and Mount Academy (Esopus). Over 2000 students from across New York State gathered to learn more about the food and agriculture industry of the state. A number of informational and inspirational speakers addressed the gathering, including Richard Ball, NYS Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets. Highlights of the trip included competitions in various agricultural disciplines (ranging from veterinary science and floriculture to forestry and public speaking), tours of farms and related agribusinesses (such as Niagara Falls Culinary Institute, Lakeside Sod Supply, Hoover's Dairy, Lactalis American Group - Sargento Cheese, and the New York Power Authority), and participation in local public service projects (preparing flower arrangements for local hospitals and nursing homes, working in local parks or the Erie County Fairgrounds). In addition, students were able to visit an extensive vendor expo which enabled conversations with businesses and institutions of higher education from around the state. Depending on their individual choices, each school had a somewhat different experience:

Pine Plains: The Pine Plains FFA had a very successful State Convention in Buffalo, NY. On Wednesday, May 1st we headed to Buffalo with other chapters from our area - John Jay, Rondout, Taconic Hills and Ulster BOCES. We made a stop on the way at Niagara Falls, where we made a lasting memory getting completely soaked!

Day 1 - Addison Staph competed in "Junior Extemporaneous Speaking," while other members went on a tour to H.H. Dobbins. At H.H. Dobbins members experienced commercial apple processing and packing for stores like Sam's Club. Following tours and competitions, we attended the first general sessions. At this session Hope Miller was recognized as a State Finalist for the "Dairy Breed Award" in the Holstein category! Results were also in for "Junior Extemporaneous Speaking" and Addison Staph won first place! Congratulations to Hope and Addison! Addison also received a Jacket Award!

Day 2 - Our "Junior Quiz Bowl" team of Addison Staph, Coghlan Mullen, Aerianna Sommerville, and Liam Bathrick competed, making it past the first two rounds of competition. Hope Miller, Coghlan Mullen, and Addison Staph attended important delegate meetings and voted on state-level FFA decisions. We ended the day at "Fun Night" at Sahlen Field.

Day 3 - After the final awards session, we had a good lunch and made the long drive home. A great convention was had by all. Congratulations to all FFA members who participated and thank you to those who made our trip possible!

Taconic Hills: On Wednesday, May 1st, Taconic Hills embarked on a journey to

Buffalo alongside four other FFA chapters: John Jay, Rondout, Pine Plains, and Ulster BOCES. Upon arriving in western New York, the students had a remarkable tour of the majestic Niagara Falls aboard the Maid of the Mist. This proved to be an exhilarating experience, with the term "mist" barely encapsulating how thoroughly soaked the students were by the ride's end.

Thursday, May 2nd - convention started with students receiving their name tags, shirts, and pins. Subsequently, an engaging expo unfolded, allowing students to interact with various vendors, potential employers, and college representatives. Meanwhile, Gabriela Coons and Kaleb Hoyt delved into the "Junior Tool ID" competition, where students were tasked with identifying various agricultural tools. Carly Busch, Ava Hodges, and Gracie Sheak embarked on the Dobbins, Inc. Apple Processing Tour, gaining insights into apple processing and packaging. Kaiden Klein, Zach Somers, and Natalie O'Reilly participated in a day of service at the Erie County fair by sweeping and cleaning the barns. In the evening, Taconic Hills FFA attended Session 1, during which Carly Busch and Gracie Sheak received the state jacket award.

Friday, May 3rd - They had an early start with a variety of competitions. Zach Somers showcased his expertise in the "Jr. People in Agriculture" contest, having progressed from the district level with his agricultural career poster. Ava Hodges competed in "Agriculture Education," earning a commendable placement in the top 10 out of 26 contestants with her flower-focused lesson plan. Taconic Hills fielded two teams for the "Floriculture" contest, engaging in tasks such as soil calculation, boutonniere crafting, and plant propagation. The "Senior Quiz Bowl" team, composed of Gracie Sheak, Carly Busch, Kaiden Klein, and Gabriella Coons, demonstrated their knowledge admirably. The day concluded with Friday Fun Night at Sahlen Baseball field, offering a plethora of activities and entertainment, including mini-golf, football, bouncy houses, and the renowned Sahlen hot dogs.

Although Saturday, May 4th primarily involved the journey back home, students attended the final session of the state FFA convention. Here, one of Taconic Hills' own students, Julia Thomas, was awarded with the State FFA Empire degree, a testament to her dedication and contributions to FFA during her tenure at Taconic Hills.

John Jay: 16 students from the John Jay FFA Chapter attended the 99th Convention in Buffalo, NY. High points included a stop at Niagara Falls on the way out. At Convention, Francesca Oliva made us proud with a second place finish statewide for her Chapter Secretary Portfolio. In addition, the team competing in "Veterinary Science", consisting of Amaya Jones, Matthew Mulligan, Fiona Kennealy and Jenna Lawrence, placed in the top 20 out of 60 entries. Like other chapters, numerous workshops were attended, tours of farms and agribusinesses were taken and time was given to public service projects. This is the biggest group John Jay has taken to Convention and we thank our supporters for making the trip possible.

Dutchess County BOCES: The Dutchess



Top 20 of 60 in Vet Science, from left, Amaya Jones, Matthew Mulligan, Fiona Kennealy and Jenna Lawrence.

BOCES FFA had the pleasure of bringing almost all of their members to the New York State Convention this year. All students participated in a competing event including "Aquaculture", "Floriculture", "Veterinary Science" and the "Agriscience Fair". Senior, Maleah Bishop, took first place in the state for the Plant Science category Division 5 with her year-long research project during the "Agriscience Fair". She plans on submitting and participating at the National level.

When they were not competing, students and advisors joined workshops, contributed to community service at state parks, took a tour of Niagara Falls, explored the Expo of colleges and business, and of course, the raucous sessions that seat the entire New York congregation.

Through the whole convention there was constant laughter, bonding, support, pride and growth amongst the group. The chapter boasts of being made up of risk-takers,

never-fakers and record breakers!

FFA is a national youth organization with chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. With over 900,000 members, FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Students are engaged in a wide range of activities leading to more than 250 unique career opportunities in the agricultural science, food, fiber and natural resources industries. Agriculture and its related industries (processing, distribution, retail, etc) remains the largest source of employment in New York State.

For most FFA students in New York, the State FFA Convention is a highlight of their year and the culmination of much fundraising and effort. They are looking forward to the 100th Convention next year, to be held in Syracuse.

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Obituaries

Michael P. Burke


Michael P. Burke, a lifelong local area resident, passed away on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 in Fishkill. He was 62.

He was born in Beacon on September 27, 1961 and graduated from John Jay Senior High School. For more than 30 years, Michael worked as a Motor Equipment Operator for the Town of Fishkill Highway Department. He retired in 2018, and then went on to work as a delivery driver for Devitt's Nursery & Supply in New Windsor until 2023.

Michael was a dedicated Life Member of Slater Chemical Fire Company in Glenham, where he served as Chief from 1995 – 2001. He also volunteered for Fishkill Protection Engine Company.

He was an avid fan of Dirt-Modified Racing and enjoyed hunting. More than anything else, Michael cherished being

a grandfather and spending time with his grandson.

On June 8, 1985, he married Florence "Flossie" Burke in East Fishkill. Flossie predeceased him on June 16, 2020.

He is survived by his son, Daniel Burke & his wife Christina of Fishkill; his daughter, Courtney Burke of Florida; his grandson, Jackson Burke; his mother, Patricia Way of Florida; his sister, Pame Keil; as well as several nieces & nephews and many other loving relatives & friends.

Calling hours will be held from 12pm to 2pm on Sunday, May 19 at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. A firematic memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m., followed by a procession to Slater Chemical Fire Co. in Glenham

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Slater Chemical Fire Co., PO Box 391, Glenham, NY 12527.

For online tributes, you can visit Michael's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Nicholas M. Capizola


EAST FISHKILL - Nicholas M. Capizola, a longtime resident of Hopewell Junction, and previously of Mahopac, passed suddenly on the afternoon of May 3, 2024, while surrounded by his loved ones. He was 55.

Nicholas was born on July 25, 1968, in Carmel, New York, to Nicholas and Christina (Tomasulo) Capizola. On October 10, 1993, Nicholas married the love of his life, Tina Marie, at St John's Church in Mahopac, New York. She survives at home. Nicholas is also survived by his daughter, Angela Capizola; his son, Nicholas Capizola; his daughter, Alyssa Capizola; his mother, Christina Capizola; his sister, Christine Capizola; his brother, Joseph Capizola and his wife, Jean; his sister, Theresa; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Nicholas was predeceased by his father, Nicholas A. Capizola, in 1998.

In his leisure time, Nick enjoyed baseball,

coaching youth sports, fixing things, helping people, hunting, but most of all, spending time with people he loved. Nick was the first person to offer help and the last person to ask for it. He has touched the lives of many with his generosity and compassion. We would like him to be remembered for his selfless nature and love for all that surrounded him.

Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Columba Church, 835 Route 82, Hopewell Junction followed by interment in Wappingers Rural Cemetery.

Please visit the Book of Memories for Nicholas at www.McHoulFuneralHome.com.

Medical Reserve Corps to host Pet First Aid Training in June

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) of Dutchess County will again offer its popular Pet First Aid Training on Wednesday, June 5, at 7 p.m., at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 State Route 22. The training is free, however seating is limited and registration is required and is available online or by emailing mrc@dutchessny.gov.

Training participants will learn possible life-saving skills for pets, including CPR; recognizing signs of heat stroke and hypothermia; identifying gastrointestinal issues, allergies, and poisonings; and treating injuries such as burns, eye issues, wound care and more. The training will be presented by Paul S. McNamara, DVM, Chief of Surgery at the Hudson Highlands Veterinary Medical Group.

Top Dog 4-H Club members will also be in attendance, collecting cat and dog food donations to benefit local animal rescues.

The Dutchess County Animal Response Team (DCART) will also be on hand with

information on how to include pets in emergency preparedness planning. DCART is a specialized team of the Department of Emergency Response, comprised of veterinary professionals and trained volunteers from the community. They respond to assist Emergency Management at the scene of a disaster or emergencies that involve animals such as pets or livestock. Their mission is to ensure the humane care and treatment of animals in an emergency.

Dutchess MRC is comprised of both healthcare and non-healthcare volunteers as part of a national network of more than 200,000 volunteers dedicated to supporting public health infrastructure as well as disaster preparedness and response in the community. Dutchess MRC hosts various trainings for members and non-members alike throughout the year. For more information or to sign up to volunteer, visit dutchessny.gov/mrc.

Janet (Jan) Wells


FORMERLY OF BEACON - Janet Wells, 85, of Manlius, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family on May 7, 2024 after a short illness.

She and her identical twin sister, Jeanette, were born on August 11, 1938 to Margaret and Joseph Izzo in Beacon, NY. Jan graduated from Beacon High School in 1956 and then from Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing in 1959 with her RN. She later received a BS in Nursing from SUNY College of Technology. She worked as a nurse at various central NY hospitals, finishing her nursing career at University Hospital as a clinical nurse educator. After her career in nursing, she worked as a Realtor for many years.

She was a loving mother of two children and is remembered as a gracious hostess with elegant style.

She was predeceased by her parents and siblings, Elaine Myers and Jeanette Maurer.

She is survived by her children, Andrea Wells of Ocala, FL and Todd (Margaret) Wells of Fayetteville. She leaves a legacy of grandchildren, Remy Wells of Raleigh, NC, Matthew (Natalie) Wells of Charlottesville, VA, Sarah (Christopher) Souza of Fayetteville, NY and Timothy Wells of Fayetteville, NY.

A private burial will be in Fishkill Rural Cemetery, NY.

For guest book, please visit: www.SCHEPPFAMILY.com.

Marilyn A. Comer


FISHKILL - Marilyn A. Comer, a Fishkill resident since 1998 and formerly of Peekskill, peacefully passed away surrounded by family on Monday, May 6, 2024 at the Montgomery Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. She was 91.

Daughter of the late John and Mary Ellen (Fitzsimmons) McGimpsey, she was born in Manhattan on December 9, 1932. In 1954, she graduated from the Grasslands School of Practical Nursing in Valhalla, NY.

On January 31, 1955, she married the love of her life, Bill Comer (George W.) and enjoyed a long and happy marriage of 62 years before the death of her husband on July 21, 2017.

Marilyn dedicated her professional career to health care. For many years, she worked as a registered nurse in the Labor & Delivery Unit and later in the Medical/Surgical Unit at Peekskill Community Hospital. She later worked in the medical records office for Westchester County Medical Center in Valhalla which she retired from in 1994.

Marilyn was a faithful parishioner of St. Mary, Mother of the Church in Fishkill. She enjoyed attending the Town of Fishkill Senior Center where she was an enthusiastic card player, especially pinochle. She also loved their weekly Friday Bingo games. She enjoyed many other hobbies such as reading, solving crossword puzzles, and mostly, watching Jeopardy every night. You knew never to call her between 7 and 7:30 as she was focused on getting the final answers before the actual contestants.

Survivors include her daughter, Patricia Drivano of Middletown, NY; her son, Michael W. Comer of Worcester, MA; her daughter, Mel Comer & her wife Tracey Miller of Lexington, KY; her son, William J. Comer of Portland, OR; her grandchildren, Brett Comer, Toby Comer & his wife Casey, Elyse Comer, and Maggie Comer; her great-grandson, Cole H. Comer; her sister-in-law, Lorraine McGimpsey; as well as several nieces and nephews along with their families; and many other loving relatives & friends.

In addition to her husband and parents, Marilyn was also predeceased by her daughter, Kathleen Comer; her son-in-law, Strat Drivano; her siblings, Patricia Miller & her husband James, John McGimpsey, Ann Brygider, Thomas McGimpsey, and James McGimpsey.

Calling hours were held on Thursday, May 9 at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Friday, May 10 at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill, NY. Interment followed at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9, Fishkill, NY.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Blodgett Memorial Library, 37 Broad Street, Fishkill, NY 12524 or the St. Mary School Angel Fund, P.O. Box 780, Fishkill, NY 12524.

For online tributes, you can visit Marilyn's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Kevin John Keon


WAPPINGERS FALLS - Kevin John Keon, a resident of Wappingers Falls, NY, passed away on May 3, 2024, at the age of 70. He was born on May 10, 1953, in Verplanck, NY, to John and Margaret Keon.

Kevin is survived by his two daughters, Jennifer and Meghan Keon, and his three grandchildren, Aidan Freda, Luke Kilcran, and Jackson Haviland. He is also survived by his brother, Charles Keon, and his wife, Penny.

Kevin will be deeply missed by his loved ones for his kind heart and warm smile. He was a devoted father and grandfather who always put the needs of others before his own.

There is currently no scheduled celebration of Kevin's life planned. Rest in peace Kevin; your love and legacy will be cherished by all who knew you. You were loved and you will be missed, but you will never be forgotten.

Arrangements are under the direction of Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 East Main Street in Wappingers Falls. To send the family a personal condolence, please visit our website at www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.

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Unique home & special talents are focus of DCHS Awards



By Bill Jeffway

For the second year in a row, Dutchess County Historical Society (DCHS) is expanding its longstanding annual awards to include the stewardship of a historic home. This year's event takes place in Rhinebeck, not far from DCHS's new headquarters. We are thrilled each year to celebrate individuals and organizations who are the best in class in local history, with a view to inspiring others to do so as well.

The 2024 DCHS Historic Preservation Award goes to the Hill Family, for stewardship of The Grove, Rhinebeck.

The Grove is a distinguished, private Rhinebeck residence inspired by the octagonal house movement of the 1850s. The wooded lot was bought by the prominent Wager family in 1842. It became home to Walter T. Livingston when he married into the family after the Civil War. Experience the extraordinary effect of what was originally four octagonal rooms around an octagonal hallway, making it more complex and nuanced than a traditional octagonal home. The historically sensitive enlargement by the Hill family in the 1930s makes it both a his-

toric jewel and a commanding, functioning home. Because ownership has involved just two families across 182 years, we find period furniture and well-preserved wall decoration. Rarely open to the public, we thank the Hill family for their generous opening of their home just for this event.

The 2024 DCHS Dutchess Award recognizes exceptional contributions to the Dutchess County Community and is awarded to FDR Presidential Library & Museum, Bill Harris, President, accepting.

The award honors exceptional contributions to the Dutchess County community and beyond in the areas of preservation, history, and/or education. The stewardship of President Franklin Roosevelt's archives and legacy are of importance on both a national and local level. FDR was a founder, active member, and author for the Dutchess County Historical Society. In this spirit, in addition to being an international tourist destination, the FDR Library & Museum uses its entire property as a platform for local programs and performances.

WCSD students receive recognition, certificates from Wappingers Falls Rotarians



The Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls recognized Students of the Month for April in the Wappingers Central School District. Students of the Month were Keira Witchey from Wappingers Junior High School, Bryce Howard from Evans Elementary School, Seif Abujaber from Myers Corners Elementary School and Carolina Timothy-Tozer from Sheafe Road Elementary. Each student received a certificate of recognition and a gift certificate to Barnes & Noble from the Rotary Club, a gift certificate from Longobardi's and a certificate from Town of Wappinger and Village of Wappingers Falls. Congratulations to all!

-Courtesy photo

Above: Contemporary photos of The Grove in Rhinebeck. Since the 1842 purchase of an empty lot only two families have owned the grove. A daughter in the prominent Wager family came to live in the home when she married Walter T. Livingston. In 1896 the home was purchased by the ancestors of the Hill family who will be recognized for the stewardship of the home of June 1. Photos by Bill Jeffway

Left: left to right: Recognized on June 1 will be Bill Harris, President, and Jeff Urbin, Education Director, FDR Presidential Library & Museum; historian and author Jack Conklin; Mike Arnoff, Arnoff Moving & Storage.

-Courtesy photos

The 2024 DCHS Helen Wilkinson Reynolds Award recognizes excellence in local research and publishing and is awarded to Jack Conklin.

The award honors local historians who are an "exemplar of the necessary and accurate search for historical truth as practiced by Helen Wilkinson Reynolds." Jack Conklin is a retired businessman who has written two books, most recently Rhinebeck and the History of the Landsman Kill Mills. Following a career in the US Army and roles as board member or owner of several Hudson Valley companies, Jack has written a history-focused column for local newspapers and published articles for the Dutchess County Historical Society and Rhinebeck Historical Society.

The 2024 DCHS Eileen Mylod Hayden Award for Excellence in Education is awarded to Jeff Urbin, Education Director, FDR Presidential Library & Museum.

The award honors a Dutchess County teacher who, through innovation and creativity, imparts a love and appreciation of local history to students. Few people have had as much of an impact on as wide a range of students (from second grade to adult education) than Jeff Urbin. Whether that is through face to face, or remote, or archived on-demand learning.

The 2024 DCHS Business of Historic Distinction Award goes to Arnoff Moving

& Storage, Mike Arnoff, President & CEO accepting.

The awards is given to a business with a longstanding tradition of service & commitment to Dutchess County residents. This year, Arnoff Moving & Storage celebrates its centennial year, having been founded in the northeast part of Dutchess County in 1924. Originally catering to higher end moves that required special attention and expertise in moving and storage, today, Arnoff has expanded to a broader business while maintaining its original specialist services. These skills were brought to bear when DCHS moved its entire collection from Poughkeepsie to a new space of 5,000 square feet in Rhinebeck.

The event takes place as an open house from 4 to 6 p.m. at The Grove, 6484 Montgomery Street (Route 9), Rhinebeck on Saturday, June 1. The Awards will be presented at 5 p.m. in a brief ceremony. Tickets for \$100 can be purchased at www.dchsn.org/june1 or mailed to DCHS, 6282 Route 9, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. RSVP requested by May 25.



Bill Jeffway is the Executive Director of the Dutchess County Historical Society and can be reached at bill.jeffway@dchsn.org or 845-293-7711.

Donate food and receive a Comic Relief Red Nose

In recognition of the global Comic Relief Red Nose Day, the Wappinger Town Senior Center is hosting its 2nd annual food drive to benefit the Zion Episcopal food pantry. This is a worldwide endeavor to bring awareness to children living in poverty and to raise funds to combat hunger here and around the world.

This year, Red Nose Day is Thursday, May 23. As last year, they gave red noses to those who donated unexpired, non-perishable foods. On Red Nose Day, they posed - with the red noses on - behind the food that was collected. Join them this year, leave food donations in the Senior Center at the Wappinger Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, by May 23. Noses on!

2024 Senior Living In Wappinger EXPO at Wappinger Town Hall set for May 17

A one-stop shop for Wappinger senior resident. This event will feature more than 20 vendors and offices within the community.

This event is open to Town of Wappinger residents only.

The town hall is at 20 Middlebush Rd. in Wappinger.

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by luigi coppola

Home for the summer

During his summer break from college, Luigi undergoes a Coppola rite of passage.

As the days get longer and the last vestiges of winter get raked up and put on the leaf pile in the backyard woods, attention turns to our gardens and flower beds. In addition to this, our college students return home different people from the ones we dropped off 9 months earlier.

I know I am curious to see how my son has changed. I remember when I came home and the adjustment that had to be made in order to peacefully coexist with my parents. That is, the adjustment I had to make in order to not get killed by my father.

I remember the day I came home from Roger Williams College. It was a beautiful May Day and I was tired from staying up most of the night before enjoying the company of my friends one last time. Pop came to pick me up in the white Plymouth Reliant Station wagon. After loading up all of my belongings, Pop told me that he was going to take the short cut that I knew and to let him know where to turn off. I said, no problem and I promptly fell asleep. When we got home, Pop was not in a good mood because a four-hour trip turned into five because of the missed short cut.

After unloading and storing all of my dorm life supplies, I hit the phones to see who was home. I found most of my friends already home and planned to meet up with them later that evening.

I went out and visited with my friends until 3 a.m. When I got home I went to sleep not thinking anything unusual. My father

woke me up at 9 a.m. and told me to get up, he needed help in the garden.

I took a quick shower. While taking my shower I found myself energized realizing that I was out until 3 a.m. and had not been reprimanded. I felt grown up because my parents respected me enough that they allowed me to stay out until 3 a.m. I knew my older brothers had never had Mom and Pop's respect to be out until 3 a.m.

As the minutes under the shower passed, I grew more and more cocky because I had stayed out until 3 a.m.! I was a man! I already started thinking about that evening's get together and started looking forward to my newfound freedom and a fun-filled summer.

I was legitimately an adult now and I felt awesome. I bounded out to the garden ready to do whatever Pop wanted me to do. I felt strong and virile. I walked with my chest puffed out and a confident spring in my step.

I opened the gate to the garden and went over to the tool shed and pulled out the pitchfork that I was sure was needed to do whatever assignment Pop had for me. My mind was already imagining that I was a man now and maybe Pop and I would have a beer together after the garden work and talk about things.

I went over to where Pop was standing in the asparagus patch, took the pitchfork and pressed it into the soft ground. I knew that the soil needed to be loosened in order for the asparagus to grow properly and started

my work. I heard Pop say my name and turned around.

Now, my father is around 5 foot 2 inches tall, and as far as I can remember has always seemed old to me, as every kid believes. He had always had glasses and to me he always looked of age. When he called my name and I turned around, I was startled to see he had grown to 8 feet tall and had fire coming out of his eyes, smoke coming out of his ears and lightning coming out of his mouth.

It was at that moment that I realized that I would not become the cocksure man with the swagger in his gait and the spring in his step. I was officially dead. I started to see my life flash before my eyes and knew that I had really screwed up.

As I looked up to my father who had become the Angel of Death, my knees started to knock. The voice that came from my father's mouth was half Darth Vader, half the devil from the Exorcist and half Don Corleone. I know I put in an extra half, but that is because I had already soiled my pants and was about to soil a lot of other things.

My father looked down at me and very calmly explained that Mom had been up all night worrying about me and that I should never come home that late again. He also said that if I wished to keep them happy I would do exactly as he said. He also explained that if I wished to die that could be arranged, also.

As I said, he explained it very calmly, albeit with fire coming out of his eyes, smoke out of his ears and lightning out of his mouth. And for added emphasis, he had the big shovel in his hands.

As I quickly assessed the circumstances and realized I was in a no-win situation and that I had only one chance to survive this predicament, I happily agreed to do whatever Pop said. I also promised that would always be home no later than 11 p.m.

Pop was pleased with my answer. He then shrunk back down to his normal size and proceeded to tell me that a real man would be able to turn over all the soil in the garden in half an hour. If I was able to do that, I could stay out as late as I wanted.

Now, as I have written before, the size of our garden is roughly the size of a football field. I realized that I had no chance whatsoever of ever realizing that goal. I also realized that once again, my father was teaching me a lesson through his parables. He was telling me that I may be a real man someday, but I could always be a real son and not

worry his parents.

Later that afternoon, my brothers asked me what happened. After I told them, they started to laugh because they had all gone through the same thing. I asked them why they didn't warn me.

Their answer was that I needed to learn my lessons.

So as your children come home from college and as you wonder if you will ever be able to peacefully coexist with them in your house, remember, they can always be respectful children to their parents. Bring them out to the garden, pick some garden vegetables and over a nice early summer dish, explain to them what they need to do to survive their summer away from college.

Summer Spaghetti Salad

Ingredients

- 1 lb. spaghetti
- 1 green pepper (diced)
- 1 red pepper (diced)
- 1/2 red onion (thinly sliced)
- 1 small cucumber (sliced)
- 1 cup grape tomatoes (sliced in half)
- 2 oz. black olives, sliced
- 1/2 cup Cheddar cheese (cut into cubes)
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese (grated)
- 1 teaspoon garlic, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tbsp. balsamic vinegar
- 1 pinch salt
- 1 pinch pepper
- 1 pinch sugar

Preparation

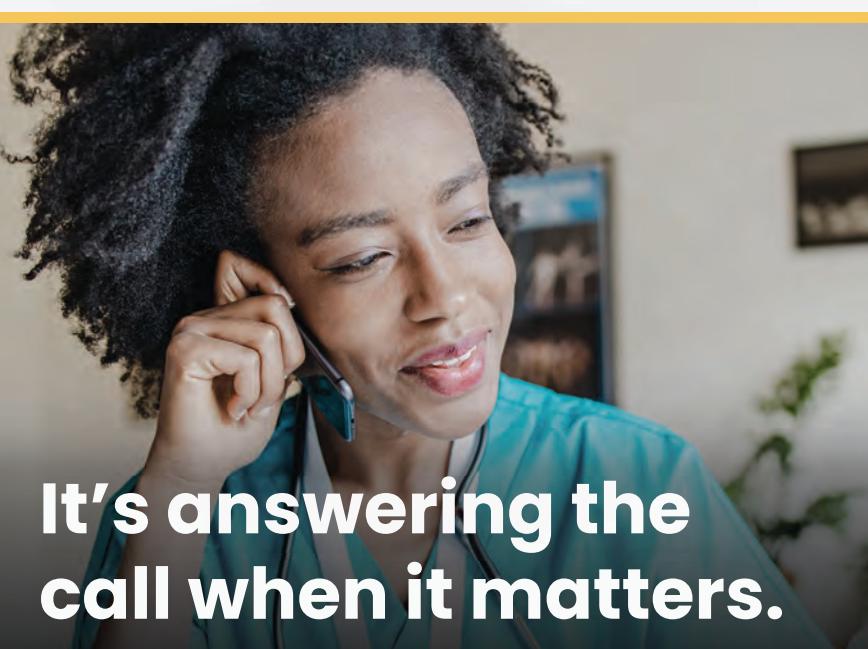
Bring a large pot of well-salted water to a boil. Cook the spaghetti until al dente or until firm (about 7 minutes). Drain and let cool.

While the pasta cooks, cut up your veggies and place in a large bowl.

Add the remainder of the ingredients to your cut veggies and mix thoroughly. Add your pasta and mix it all together. Put it in the fridge and let cool for 1-2 hours.

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

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Experience inner peace and relaxation with an hour-long meditation with Lama Aria Drolma at the East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376, on Thursday, May 30 at 10:30 a.m. Meditation enables one to cultivate a more positive attitude and an overall sense of well-being and contentment.

This session is suitable for beginners and advanced meditators. Patrons may bring a mat or cushion, chairs will be provided.

Class is limited to 15 participants. Register online through the web calendar at <http://www.EFLibrary.org> or call the library at 845-221-9943.

Discuss 'Devil in a Blue Dress' at the East Fishkill Library on May 23

The EFCL Evening Book Group meets to discuss this month's book "Devil in a Blue Dress" by Walter Mosley at the East Fishkill Community Library on Thursday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. Copies of

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

For more information, call the library at 845-221-9943.

Latin Dance Jam at Towne Crier on May 23

Feel the Heat - A Night of Latin Dancing will be held by Beacon Dance Beat on Thursday, May 23 at 7 p.m. at the Towne Crier Café, 379 Main Street, in

Beacon. Song requests are welcome. Admission is \$10.

For more information, call 845-765-0667 or email rhodaja@optonline.net

hudson valley naturalist



by francine wizner

What's the difference between soil and dirt?

This is the time of year for playing in the dirt. Besides adding to the compost pile, there is transplanting flowers, digging holes, filling wheelbarrows with debris, and all kinds of other landscaping. There are lots of decisions about what kind of dirt to use for different jobs. Is it really necessary to spend all that money on potting soil? How about topsoil? Can I use some of the dirt from out in the field or the woods? Do I need "clean fill" for leveling out the yard? What kind of "dirt" is in dirty fill? These are the questions I've pondered and this is what I've found...

Topsoil

True topsoil is the uppermost portion of the ground beneath our feet. It contains organic matter that gives it the typical darker color. Its structure makes it easier to cultivate and better able to absorb water. The higher level of biological activity, insects, and microorganisms reduces compaction and increases soil health.

The earth below the topsoil contains more sand, clay, and lime. This subsoil tends to be compacted, fast draining, and difficult to till. This makes it less ideal for gardening, although it can be amended to improve plant growth.

Potting Soil and Potting Mix

Potting soil and potting mix are expensive compared to topsoil. That's because topsoil is naturally occurring. It has no added nutritive ingredients that plants need to thrive.

Potting soil is usually composed of bark, compost, moss, perlite (a volcanic glass used as a soil amendment to help prevent soil compaction), and vermiculite (a mineral which retains water and is used as a soil amendment). Potting mix is sterile, which makes it safer for plants because it doesn't contain pathogens such as fungus or other diseases.

When a plant is in a pot, its root systems can't branch out and seek the nutrients they need. A potted plant's growth may be disappointing if only topsoil is

used in the pot.

Dirt

Dirt is an ill-defined term. You can buy different kinds of soil, compost, and mulch, but you can only buy one kind of dirt: fill dirt. Fill dirt is unscreened subsoil that is extremely low in organic matter, may contain rocks and boulders, and is typically extracted from hillsides during construction or mining. Petunias, squash, and tomatoes may not grow very well in dirt.

I recently purchased topsoil for \$40 a yard. For comparison, fill dirt costs \$10 a yard. (Rocks cost a lot more!)

Soil Analysis

To achieve improved gardening results, the best practice is to find out your soil's pH and fertility. This will help determine how much (if any) lime and fertilizer to apply for optimum plant growth. Cornell Cooperative Extension provides options for soil testing for nominal fees. Go to <https://cce-dutchess.org/> and search for Soil Testing. They can help you interpret test results and choose an appropriate course of action, if necessary.

Work with Nature

Besides adding chemical fertilizers, you can opt for a more natural route to soil health. Soil quality can be improved by growing a diverse number of plants, introducing organic matter, and compost. Assist natural processes rather than trying to stop them. Opting for natural weed management also has less impact on the entire ecosystem.

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

Maifest set May 17-19 at Germania

Germania of Poughkeepsie presents Maifest 2024, a fun, festive and authentic event to be held at Germania Festival Grounds, 51 Old DeGarmo Road, Poughkeepsie. Hours are from 5 to 10 p.m. on Friday, May 17; 1 to 10 p.m. on Saturday May 18; and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 19.

Maifest features live German bands, German food, home baked German desserts, traditional German Bier, children's entertainment, Bavarian folk dancers, and singers. Adult entry ticket \$5 daily, \$4 Veterans and Active Military with valid ID, children under 16 with parent, no charge.

Only service animals with valid ID will be allowed.

The event will be held rain or shine under tents. Free parking.

Germania of Poughkeepsie, founded 1850, is a benevolent, 501c3 nonprofit organization committed to the education of German heritage and culture. Germania hosts various authentic cultural events throughout the year including an annual Maifest, Oktoberfest, Christkindlmarkt, Heritage Day Bake Sale, Biergartens, authentic German Take Out dinners, along with other events.

Over the past 174 years, Germania has hosted educational programs in music, sport, dance, and citizenship. Germania sponsors numerous "Sister Clubs" who also promote many educational and authentic cultural events. These include the Germania Singers, Germania Almrausch Schuhplattler Verein, Steuben Society of America Dr. Charles Gilbert Spross Unit #167, and the Germania Blue & White Soccer Club. Germania also sponsors German Language Classes, Ballroom Dancing Classes, and a Volkssport Club. Throughout the year Germania holds clothing, food, toy drives, as well as grants annual scholarships to BOCES CTI Culinary program graduates. Since the pandemic, Germania has donated over six hundred German Take Out Dinners to area First Responders.

Germania supports the community by procuring goods and services through locally owned Hudson Valley businesses. The organization remains a 100% volunteer, private club, and is actively looking to increase membership, along with Club Sponsorship and Event Vendors. Membership is open to individuals of all faiths and backgrounds.

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Topsoil being spread on the yard.

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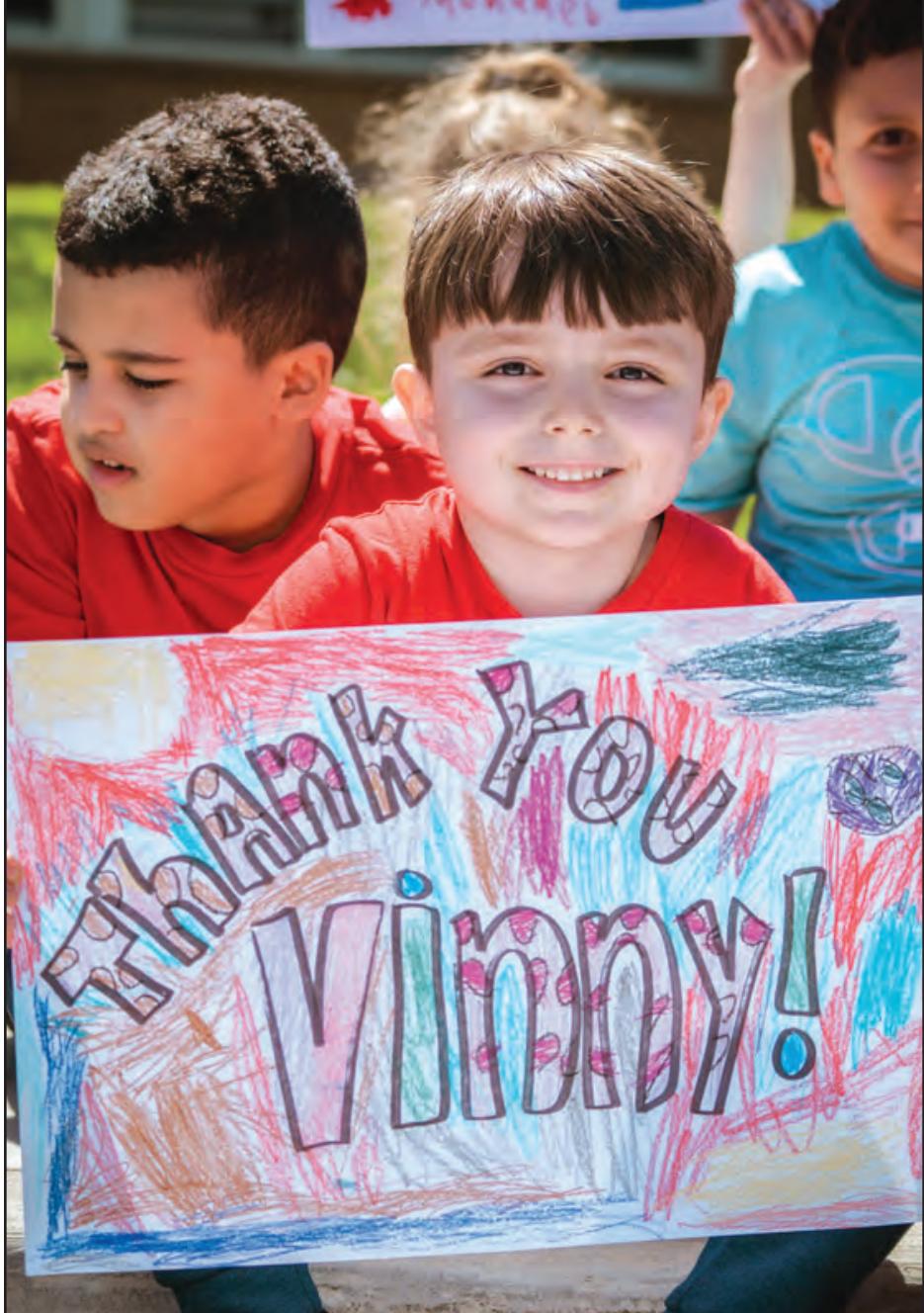
WCSD student raises more than \$500 to benefit Sheafe school



Vinny Colantuono completed the 50-mile Rock the Ridge Ultra Marathon in the Mohonk Preserve on May 4. He raised more than \$5,000 to benefit Sheafe Road Elementary School in the Wappingers Central School District. The money will go to new equipment and other physical education class needs.

Vinny's mother is a teacher at the school, and his inspiration: "My parents have always taught me that nothing extraordinary is done alone, that through service to others, the world can be a brighter place. This 50-mile race is about more than just running. I want students to realize that with dedication and self-belief, that they too, can succeed and reach their wildest dreams."

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The Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market celebrates its eighth year of connecting area residents and families with fresh, locally-sourced food. The Market is open to the public and features fresh vegetables, fruits, meat, eggs, poultry, baked goods and more from local Hudson Valley farms.

There will be a variety of vendors including J&J Farms (vegetables), Lili and Astara (dog food/treats), Maynard Farms (fruits and vegetables), Spacey Tracy's Pickles (pickles), Third Bean (chocolate), and Triple A Angus (beef, pork, lamb).

The Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market accepts both SNAP benefits and WIC/Farmers Market Nutrition Program

checks. The Market also participates in the Double Up Food Bucks program that allows a dollar-to-dollar match on SNAP purchases eligible towards fresh fruits and veggies.

The Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market is steps away from both the Poughkeepsie Train Station and The Walkway over the Hudson, making the Market accessible to City residents, families visiting the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum, tourists and commuters alike. The Pavilion that hosts the Market is fully covered, offers public restrooms and free onsite parking at the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum during the Market hours. To ensure the safety of patrons, vendors, and staff, the Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market operates in accordance with New York State guidelines for safe operation of farmers' markets.

The Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market is managed by the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum, 75 North Water Street, Poughkeepsie.

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British actor, filmmaker Emily Mortimer to address Vassar Class of 2024 on May 19

British actor and filmmaker Emily Mortimer will be the featured speaker at Vassar College's 160th Commencement exercises on May 19, President Elizabeth H. Bradley announced.

A graduate of the University of Oxford, Mortimer has had major roles in numerous film and television productions, including "Transsiberian," "Lars and the Real Girl," "Doll and Em," "The Bookshop" and the award-winning HBO Series "The

Newsroom." She won an Independent Spirit Award for her performance in the film "Lovely and Amazing," and was nominated for a BAFTA (British Academy of Film and Television Arts) best supporting actress award in "The Pursuit of Love," a miniseries she co-wrote and directed. She is currently working on a project she co-wrote with director and Vassar alum Noah Baumbach '91.

In a conversation with writers for

Vassar's student newspaper "The Miscellany News," Mortimer said she has used performing as a way to overcome her natural shyness. "I've learned that I can put myself in almost any situation and survive because basically what I do is a form of bungee jumping where you are constantly throwing yourself off a cliff and hoping you don't sort of die," she said.

Bradley, who will present diplomas to

more than 600 graduating seniors at the Commencement ceremony, said she was looking forward to hearing Mortimer's message. "Emily Mortimer has had a distinguished career in film and television on both sides of the camera," she said. "I'm certain she will offer some insightful and useful advice to our graduates as they move on to their post-Vassar lives."

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Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company: The articles of Organization of TCS Holdings of the Hudson Valley LLC, were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on September 22, 2023. The county in which the main office will be located is Dutchess County, NY. The SSNY is designated as agent against whom process against it may be served. The address to which process may be mailed is 400 Stony Brook Court, Newburgh, NY 12550. Purpose of LLC: Any lawful activity.

Dimarco Properties, LLC, App of Auth. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/1/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 6 Redwood Ln, Wappingers Falls, NY 12601. General Purpose.

SRC REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 4/2/24. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 4 Liam Dr., Apt. 102, Beacon, NY 12508, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

REDNECK REALTY LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/8/24. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 5876 South Elm Ave., Millerton, NY 12546, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Will Hoffman Creative L.L.C. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/15/2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 164 Old Castle Point Rd., Wappingers Falls, New York 12590. Purpose: any lawful.

YOUNG'S CAR SERVICE, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on April 2, 2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 45 Spring Street, Beacon, New York 12508.

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Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Quindazzi Consulting LLC, Art. of Org filed with Secy of State (SSNY) on 4/5/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 31 New Hamburg Rd, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful act/activity.

ScotsFarmLLC. Filed with SSNY on 04/04/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 291 Tripp Road, Millerton, NY 12546. Purpose: any lawful.

468 Main St LLC. Filed 3/28/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 468 Main St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: General.

Poughkeepsie Speedway LLC. Filed with SSNY on 3/21/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 1992 Route 44 Pleasant Valley NY 12569. Purpose: any lawful

100 Acre Forest LLC. Filed with SSNY on 3/22/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 6101 Route 82 Stanfordville NY 12581. Purpose: any lawful

Cherry House NY LLC. Filed with SSNY on 4/3/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 4525 49th Street 1st Fl Woodside NY 11377. Purpose: any lawful

Vinicio Contracting LLC. Filed with SSNY on 4/5/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 342 Cary Rd Fishkill NY 12524. Purpose: any lawful

Elmariachiholmes LLC. Filed with SSNY on 4/5/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 4081 Route 52 Holmes NY 12531. Purpose: any lawful

Janine, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY)

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3/22/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Mohamed H. Abdelqader, 56 Melanie Ln, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. General Purpose

Notice of Qualification of 3313 FRANKLIN AVENUE LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/02/24. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/11/21. 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.

Lordcouture LLC. Filed 11/17/20. Office: Dutchess Co. Lordcouture LLC desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 104 Still Rd, Poughquag NY 12570. Purpose: Retail.

HILLSIDE GROVE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/29/23 with an existence date of 01/01/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, P.O. BOX 355, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful

Notice of Formation of MY BLESSINGZ, LLC. Articles Of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 28, 2024. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy to: The LLC, 58 Huber Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful activity.

PROPERTY 158, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/11/24. 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 Stenger, Diamond & Glass, LLP, 1136 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

GMB Mercantile, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/10/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 431 Masten Rd, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. General Purpose

Notice of Formation of KAREN PEDEVILLANO

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DVM PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/02/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 33 Friendly Rd., Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: Veterinary medicine.

But First, We Play!, LLC. Filed 4/7/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 1 Lori St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful.

Lordcouture LLC. Filed 11/17/20. Office: Dutchess Co. Lordcouture LLC desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 104 Still Rd, Poughquag NY 12570. Purpose: Any lawful.

Minis Bounce & Play LLC Filed 1/30/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, P.O. BOX 355, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful

Notice of Formation of MY BLESSINGZ, LLC. Articles Of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/03/2021. Office location: DUTCHESS COUNTY. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 46 Scarborough Lane, Apt. C, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful

81 FAIRVIEW AVE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/29/24. 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 Stenger, Diamond & Glass, LLP, 1136 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful

CHUKKI PUKKI T U K K I ENTERPRISES LLC. Filed 1/3/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Trishla Rathor, 121 Sunflower Circle, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: General.

NOLITA BOUTIQUE LLC. Filed 12/1/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Veronica

FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is James Jacquier, 390 Norfolk Road, East Canaan, CT 06024.

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39 MOUNTAIN LANE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/03/24. 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, 50 Mountain Lane, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

QUEEN OF SPADES GARDEN DESIGN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/10/24. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of PLLC: 22 Peregrine Dr., Amenia, NY 12501. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC at the address of its princ. office. Purpose: General.

LITTLE BIRD EVENTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on April 15, 2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 9 Alpine Drive, Unit A, Wappingers Falls, New York 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

MARK B XYZ, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on April 15, 2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 25 Mt Pleasant Dr, Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: General.

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAUREL BROOK HEIFER LLC

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is LAUREL BROOK HEIFER LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company")

SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on April 15, 2024.

THIRD: The County within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is located is Dutchess.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is James Jacquier, 390 Norfolk Road, East Canaan, CT 06024.

FIFTH: The Com-

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pany is organized for all lawful purposes, and to do any and all things necessary, convenient, or incidental to that purpose. Dated: April 17, 2024

FREEMAN HOWARD, P.C.
441 East Allen Street
P.O. Box 1328
Hudson, New York
12534

Notice of Formation of JASON E. LOWENSTEIN MD, PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/10/24. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of PLLC: 22 Peregrine Dr., Amenia, NY 12501. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC at the address of its princ. office. Purpose: General.

GCAHV, LLC. Filed 3/9/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 223 Rhinecliff Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: General.

BATISTA EXECUTIVE ADVISORY SERVICES TEAM LLC. Filed 2/9/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Rui Batista, 25 Mt Pleasant Dr, Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: General.

Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Jackson & Nave LLC with its principal business location at Dutchess County, New York, filed Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York on April 12, 2024. The Secretary of State of New York has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The LLC address to which the Secretary of State of New York shall mail process is 1 Mims Path, Poughkeepsie, New York 12603. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed.

Rocky Mountain High LLC filed w/ SSNY 4/16/24. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, PO Box 554, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Any lawful purpose.



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Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of VIDA SALON STUDIO LLC (hereinafter the Company) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on April 18, 2024. The office of the Company is located in Dutchess County, New York. The Company has designated the Secretary of the State of New York as its agent upon which process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company is 7472 S. Broadway, Suite 2, Red Hook, NY 12571. The purpose of the Company shall be to conduct any lawful business or activity whatsoever, as permitted by applicable law.

BLOEM HUDSON VALLEY LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/18/2024. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Amanda N. Miller PLLC, 6370 Mill Street, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Feller MHP, LLC, App of Auth. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/19/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to: 6 Redwood Ln, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. General Purpose.

Duveen, LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/26/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 66 Rte 343, POB 1313, Millbrook, NY 12545. Purpose: any lawful act.

8 BROTHERS RD LLC. A DULY FORMED LLC IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK. FILED IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK ON 4/21/2024. PRINCIPAL OFFICE LOCATED IN DUTCHES COUNTY. The New York Secretary of State is the agent for service of process. Service of process should be mailed to 10 Dana Dr, Pleasant Valley, NY

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12569. Agent, is Ryan Travelpiece, located at 10 Dana Dr Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Real estate holding company.

M c E a t h r o n Properties LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/6/2024. 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, 97 W Pine Rd, Staatsburg, NY 12580. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Form. of FIVE HARVESTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 03/26/2024. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom processagainstitmay beserved. SSNY mail process to: 1668 ROUTE 9, UNIT 5E, WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY 12590. Any lawful purpose.

G I O ' S WOODWORKS LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/3/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 25-10 Ulmer St, Flushing NY 11354. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act.

JSR Partners LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/11/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 8 Townsend Blvd, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: any lawful act.

59 Mill Lane LLC filed w/SSNY 4/19/24. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 18 Dorliss Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Any lawful purpose.

Publication Notice of Organization of Limited Liability Company

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is C. Otto Excavation, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "company").

SECOND: The articles of organization of the company were filed with the Secretary of State on April 15, 2024.

THIRD: The county within New York in which the office of the company is to be located is Dutchess County.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is:

1 Locust Hill Drive

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Red Hook, New York 12571

FIFTH: The purpose of the company is to engage in excavation and construction work, and to engage in any other lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law.

DATED:
April 22, 2024
John J. Greco, Esq.
Attorney for
C. Otto Excavation,
LLC
Office & P.O. Address
Governor Clinton
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12401
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Gebis USA Monastery LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 04/24/24. Off. Loc.: Dutchess County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to: 6380 Mill Street, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

B R E A T H I N G WEB FARMS CULTIVATION LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/29/24. 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, 25-10 Ulmer St, Flushing NY 11354. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act.

JSR Partners LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/11/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to: PO Box 552, Milton, NY 12547. General Purpose

Mid Hudson Pools LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/24/2024. Office: Ulster County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: P.O. Box 575, Milton, NY 12542. Purpose of LLC: Fully insured residential sale and installation of Buster Crabbe pools and equipment.

Notice of formation of Swim Solutions, LLC (the "LLC"). Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on April 19, 2024. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 827 Route 82-10, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

R H I N E B E C K RANCH, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/30/2024. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Amanda N. Miller, 6370 Mill Street, Rhinebeck,

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State (SSNY) on 4/23/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom processagainstitmay beserved. SSNY shall mail process to: 445 Salisbury Tpke, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful activity.

GLOBAL BRANDS COLLECTIVE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/20/24. 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, 6380 Mill Street, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Any lawful purpose.

B R E A T H I N G WEB FARMS CULTIVATION LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/29/24. 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, 827 Route 82-10, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

B R E A T H I N G WEB FARMS DISTRIBUTION LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/29/24. 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, 827 Route 82-10, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Mid Hudson Pools LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/24/2024. Office: Ulster County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: P.O. Box 575, Milton, NY 12542. Purpose of LLC: Fully insured residential sale and installation of Buster Crabbe pools and equipment.

B R E A T H I N G WEB FARMS PROCESSING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/29/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 37 Styles Way, Lagrangeville, NY 12540, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF HAVEN DUTCHES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/8/2024. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 105 Lamoree Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. General Purpose

R H I N E B E C K RANCH, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/30/2024. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at 27 Fair Way, Poughkeepsie NY 12603.

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NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Arts of Org. of New Alpha Partners LLC filed with SSNY on 04/30/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 35 Main St Ste 401 Poughkeepsie NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful

Insuo Management NY LLC. Filed with SSNY on 4/24/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY design. as agent for process & shall mail to: 18 Walnut Hill Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: General.

Arts of Org. of EC Store Partners LLC filed with SSNY on 04/30/2024, Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process and shall mail to: The Limited Liability Company 7 Applewood Lane Wingdale NY 12594. Purpose: any lawful

HUDSON VALLEY KNIFE COMPANY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/26/24. 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, 827 Route 82-10, Hopewell Junction, NY 12545. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Rea Impact Strategies, LLC. Filed 03/30/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 82 Sunflower Circle, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful

28 Walnut LLC. Filed with SSNY on 4/8/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 28 Walnut Street Pawling NY 12564. Purpose: Law

W I N G D A L E PARK II LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/3/24. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 37 Styles Way, Lagrangeville, NY 12540, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: any lawful

Simply Staged by Amanda LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/26/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 250 Camp Rd, Red Hook, NY 12571. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is Business Filings Incorporated, Tyler Lydon, 250 Camp Rd, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Feathered Nest Staging & Design LLC. Filed with SSNY on 4/23/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 35 Zerner Blvd Hopewell Jct NY 12533. Purpose: any lawful

DIVA DOG DESIGNS LLC. Articles of Org. filed with SSNY 2/6/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at 27 Fair Way, Poughkeepsie NY 12603.

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under the laws of the State of New York.

E M P O S MULTI-SERVICES, LLC. Filed 3/22/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Eduardo Santos, 505 Eder St, Stormville, NY 12582. Purpose: General.

G R A C I O U S GREENS LLC. Filed 2/24/21. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 18 Walnut Hill Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: General.

EDM HOLDINGS NY, LLC. Filed 12/15/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Corporation Service Company, 80 State St, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: General.

The Law Offices of Jessica M. Figueroa, PLLC, Arts. of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 5/6/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Jessica M. Figueroa, Esq., 53 Akindale Rd, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: Law

Notice of Formation of TYLER LYDON BASEBALL TRAINING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 4/23/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 250 Camp Rd, Red Hook, NY 12571. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is Business Filings Incorporated, Tyler Lydon, 250 Camp Rd, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Form. of REGENERA GLOBAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/22/2023. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom processagainstitmay beserved. SSNY mail process to 373 ACKERT HOOK RD, RHINEBECK, NY 12572. Any lawful purpose.

'Celebration of community' during ribbon-cutting ceremony at Family Services



The exterior of the new Front Entryway of The Family Partnership Center in the City of Poughkeepsie.

-Photos by Sabrina Eberhardt



The newly renovated Lateef Islam Auditorium at the Family Partnership Center in the City of Poughkeepsie received needed upgrades including the windows, stage and seating.

"The moment I walk through the doors, I feel hopeful." – the sentiment at the heart of the Family Services' Standing Together, Standing Strong Capital Campaign.

After years of dedicated fundraising efforts, the campaign raised over \$10.4M, surpassing the \$9.1M goal, thanks to the generosity of individuals, foundations, businesses, and government entities.

Strengthening the community and cultivating support for several critical revitalization projects helped to transform the Family Partnership Center (FPC), a 110-year-old building on the northside of the City of Poughkeepsie, into a space deserving of its clients.

Family Services CEO Leah Feldman said "Our movement of revitalization began over 10 years ago, to reinforce the beacon of light and hope that shines out of the Family Partnership Center doors. Any person entering our building will be met with a warm and welcome embrace. They will feel cared for, supported, and sent the message - You matter, and you deserve dignity, respect and compassion. We are so thankful to the donors and supporters who helped us achieve our goal!"

"Family Services has forged a critical support system that uplifts Poughkeepsie families at the Family Partnership Center," said Congressman Pat Ryan. "The outpouring of generosity from community members that made today's ribbon cutting possible is reflective of just how invaluable Family Services is for Poughkeepsie families, of the selfless dedication of the Center's staff, and of the visionary leadership of Leah Feldman. Its impact is undeniable and is why I fought tooth and nail to deliver \$1 million in federal funds for further renovation."

tions at the Center. I'm looking forward to continuing to work with Family Services as it continues to expand its reach and help Poughkeepsie families thrive."

The FPC houses 19 organizations, making it a critical resource for our neighbors. Thanks to the generosity of over 100 donors, many revitalization projects were completed, and more lie ahead.

"The Family Partnership Center is an invaluable resource for Poughkeepsie area residents, and I'm thrilled to see the completion of these critical revitalization efforts at this important center," said Senator Gillibrand. "These monumental facility improvements will help improve access and enhance services for the local community. I'm proud to have fought to secure \$1M in federal funding for the Family Partnership Center and will continue to work to bring federal dollars to the Hudson Valley."

The premier project of the campaign, through the generosity of the Dyson Foundation, is a beautiful and welcoming new Front Entryway that will be named the Duffy Community Room in honor of the late Mike Duffy, a community champion and longtime employee of IBM. He was instrumental in the opening of the Family Partnership Center in 1997.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, "Family Services has enhanced the lives of so many families, building a stronger community for us all. Dutchess County Government has been proud to partner with Family Services to provide support to people who are facing some of the hardest moments of their lives and helping them to rebuild. That amazing work is centered at the Family Partnership Center, home to so many other vital community agencies

including our Dutchess County health services clinic. We are thrilled to have been part of the Standing Together, Standing Strong capital campaign, supporting the completion of key projects including this beautiful new Front Entryway which provides such a warm welcome to people who are looking to change their lives for the better."

Other major projects include the renovation of the Lateef Islam Auditorium, sidewalks, paving, roof replacement, and more.

The ceremony included the dedication of various spaces around the building to its campaign leaders and community supporters.

"This administration is honored to support the Family Partnership Center and invest in this critical resource in Poughkeepsie," said Lieutenant Governor Delgado. "This organization supports hard-working families, provides needed community services, and spaces for local nonprofits. We are proud to have committed over \$1M dollars in State investments to ensure this Center is able to continue to serve the Hudson Valley."

Family Services is a vital partner in the City of Poughkeepsie and throughout the Hudson Valley, continually working to support everyone's right to thrive!

City of Poughkeepsie Mayor, Yvonne Flowers said "The city congratulates Family Services on making these crucial improvements to the Family Partnership Center building, an important resource and home to so many community organizations. The city is proud to have assisted with some of these upgrades, including the parking lot and windows, realizing the public benefit to ensuring the center is in strong shape for the decades to come. Today's 'Celebration of

Community' is fitting, and we look forward to our continuing partnership with Family Services and the organizations that call the Partnership Center home."

The "Celebration of Community" took place at The Family Partnership Center located on 29 N. Hamilton St. Poughkeepsie. What is the Family Partnership Center?

The Family Partnership Center is available to the community as a place to come together for conversation and the exchange of ideas, to participate in athletics and arts programming, and where a variety of nonprofits and related organizations can co-locate and collaborate to offer enhanced services that create real access.

Partners:

CMedtraining
Comunilife's Life is Precious Program
Dutchess Community College
Dutchess County Department of Community & Behavioral Health
Dutchess Outreach
Family Services
Financial Development Center: An Extension of Heritage Financial Credit Union
Finish Strong Wellness Center
Flores Chiropractic Group
Hudson Valley Justice Center
Mighty Young Techs
MVP Network Consulting, LLC
Planned Parenthood of Greater New York
Poughkeepsie District's Sadie Peterson Delaney African Roots Library
Poughkeepsie Performing Arts Academy
Saving Our Tomorrow
Sun River Health
The Institute for Family Health
The Love Quest Foundation.

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LARRYEP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/06/24. 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, 208 East Main Street, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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process & shall mail to: Yifan Shen, 173 Kennel Rd, Wassaic, NY 12592. Purpose: General.

ELLIE APPLESEED L.L.C.. Filed 3/28/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY design. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Jessica Edwards, 14 Main St, 252, Millerton, NY 12546. Purpose: General.

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State of NY (SSNY) on 05/08/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Carassone Property Management, 1076 Main St., Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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for process & shall mail to LLC at: 6 Steinhaus Lane Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Any lawful purpose.

JMF Operations LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/6/24. City: Dutchess. SSNY design. as agent upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to Jessica Figueroa, 53 Akindale Rd, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: General

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against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 119 Bowe Ln, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is Tara Sarlo, 119 Bowe Ln, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Mercantile Millerton Holdings LLC. Filed with SSNY on 05/10/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 3-5 Main Street, Millerton, NY 12546. Purpose: any lawful.

ANAND AND LIFESTYLES LLC. Filed 5/3/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY design. as agent for

Notice of Formation of LEBB, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of

GIVE BLOOD GIVE LIFE

Who needs blood? Under normal circumstances, every two seconds someone in America will need a blood transfusion. Blood transfusions are used for trauma victims - due to accidents and burns - heart surgery, organ transplants, women with complications during childbirth, newborns and premature babies, and patients receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or other diseases, such as sickle cell disease and thalassemia.

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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 13, 2024 at Roy C. Ketcham High School, 99 Myers Corners Road, Wappingers Falls, New York at 5:00 p.m. for the 2024-2025 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 22, 2024, 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 21, 2024. 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 18, 2024, 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 21st day of May 2024, 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	John S. Morgan
Three (3) years	Michael McFarland
Three (3) years	James Spencer

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 seventy-five (75) 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 22nd day of April 2024 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 22, 2024.

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 centerline of Route 9 (Albany Post Road), thence in a general southerly direction along the center line of Route 9 to the intersection of such centerline with the centerline of Spring Road, thence in a general easterly direction along the centerline 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 general northeasterly direction to the centerline of the New York, New Haven and Hartford R.R. tracks, thence generally southeasterly along the centerline 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 #1.

DISTRICT #2

BEGINNING at a point being the intersection of the northerly boundary of the school district and the centerline 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 centerline 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.

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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 southeasterly 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 centerline of the New York, New Haven and Hartford R.R. tracks, thence generally southeasterly along the centerline 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 16, 2024. 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 18, 2024, by appointment.

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**NOTICE TO PUBLIC
OF SALE**

UNDER SECTION
182 OF THE NY
STATE LIEN LAW
NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN TO THE
PROPERTY DE-
SCRIBED AS CON-
TENTS OF STOR-
AGE UNIT, WILL BE
SOLD AT PUBLIC
SALE OR AUCTION
AT:

A SPACE TO PLACE
STORAGE –
OWNED BY DBVAN
PROPERTIES
NORTH, LLC
4 MARSHALL ROAD
- WAPPINGERS
FALLS, NY 12590
DATE: MAY 21, 2024
- TIME: 11:00 AM

THE SALE OF SUCH
PROPERTY IS TO
SATISFY THE LIEN
OF A SPACE TO
PLACE STORAGE
ON PROPERTY FOR
THE ACCOUNT OF:
UNITS 1102,
2091, 1079, 2216, 117
0, 1035, 1114, 2150, 2
191, 1239

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SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF
Dutchess, U.S. Bank
Trust, N.A., as Trustee
for LSF9 Master Par-
ticipation Trust, Plain-
tiff, vs. Heidi Seel-
bach, as Limited Ad-
ministrator to The Es-
tate of Linda
Riccardulli, ET AL.,
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Default
Judgment, Order of
Reference, and Judg-
ment of Foreclosure
and Sale duly entered
on March 14, 2024, I,
the undersigned Ref-
eree will sell at public
auction at the rear
lobby of the Dutchess
County Courthouse,
10 Market Street,
Poughkeepsie, NY
12601 on May 31,
2024 at 3:30 p.m.,
premises known as 46
South Quaker Lane
a/k/a 46 Quaker Lane,
Hyde Park, NY 12538.

All that certain plot,
piece or parcel of land,
with the buildings
and improvements
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ate, lying and being in
the Town of Hyde
Park, County of
Dutchess and State of
New York, Section
6264, Block 04 and Lot
902073. Approximate
amount of judgment is
\$787,798.65 plus in-
terest and costs.
Premises will be sold
subject to provisions
of filed Judgment In-
dex #2021-54354.
COVID-19 safety pro-
tocols will be followed
at the foreclosure
sale.

Wendy Weathers,
Esq., Referee
Friedman Vartolo
LLP, 85 Broad Street,
Suite 501, New York,
New York 10004, At-
torneys for Plaintiff.
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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a statement of the amount of money which will be required for school district purposes during the 2024-2025 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 7, 2024.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at said annual election to be held on May 21, 2024, the following propositions will be submitted:

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 \$2,668,863; 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 18, 2024

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF WAPPINGERS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Alberta Pedro - District Clerk

SUPREME COURT
OF THE STATE OF
NEW YORK
COUNTY OF
DUTCHESS
U.S. BANK TRUST
NATIONAL ASSOCIA-
TION, NOT IN
ITS INDIVIDUAL
CAPACITY BUT
SOLELY AS OWNER
TRUSTEE FOR
VRMTG ASSET
TRUST,

-against-
CORNELIUS S.
DOSS, ETAL.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS
HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Dutchess on March 12, 2024, wherein U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST is the Plaintiff and CORNELIUS S. DOSS, ETAL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the DUTCHESS COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, REAR LOBBY, 10 MARKET STREET, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12601, on June 04, 2024 at 3:30PM, premises known as 65 FENTON WAY, HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY 12533; and the following tax map identification, 6457-01-255768.

ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE, OR PARCEL OF LAND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 48, SITUATED IN THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL, COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, AND STATE OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 2021-54254. Elizabeth A. Roosa, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants

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

SUMMONS—SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF DUTCHESS – U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR REO TRUST 2017-RPL1, Plaintiff, -against- GILDA JOHNSON FLOWERS, DINESA L. HANSEN JOHN-SON, CARLEEN P. SAUNDERS, KEVIN D. MOORE, SR. AND CHRISTINA STORR, AS HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTORS OF THE ESTATE OF GLADYS JOHNSON; UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW, NEXT-OF-KIN, DISTRIBUTORS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING, UNDER, BY OR THROUGH THE DECEDENT GLADYS JOHNSON, BY PURCHASE, INHERITANCE, LIEN OR OTHERWISE, ANY RIGHT TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN; CANTERBURY GARDENS, INC.; THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK C/O DUTCHESSES

mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR REO TRUST 2017-RPL1) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Christi J. Acker, J.S.C. Dated: April 15, 2024 Filed: April 16, 2024. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 166 Hibernia Road, Salt Point, NY 12578. Dated: January 12, 2024 Filed: January 19, 2024 Knuckles, Kmosinski & Manfro, LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Mark R. Knuckles, Esq. 565 Taxer Road, Suite 590 Elmsford, New York 10523 Tel: (914) 345-3020

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS RECEIPT OF BIDS:

Sealed bids on enclosed forms as prepared by the Architect of Record for the Grinnell Public Library District, will be received at the Grinnell Public Library, 2642 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, New York, 12590 until 2:00 P.M. (Local Time) on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, for:

EXTERIOR REHABILITATION & WINDOW & DOOR REPLACEMENT (PHASE 2)

GRINNELL PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

2642 East Main Street
Wappingers Falls, New York 12590

This work primarily includes General Construction work and minor Electrical and Plumbing work. Due to the magnitude of the work, it will be bid as a Single-Prime contract for the work of all trades required. Bids received after 2:00 P.M. (Local Time) on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, will not be accepted or considered.

Sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 P.M. (Local Time) on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at the Grinnell Library, 2642 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, New York, 12590. Digital Drawings and Contract Documents will be available on Monday, April 29, 2024, and may be obtained at the Office of the Architect or at the Pre-Bid Walk-Thru, upon deposit of \$25.00 per flash drive. Deposit made by check shall be made payable to the Grinnell Public Library District. Said deposit shall be totally refunded to the unsuccessful Bidder(s) who return the flash drive in sound condition within sixty (60) days following the bid opening. The Contract Documents are not able to be reviewed at the offices of P2G Architecture DPC, 43 Broad Street, Fishkill New York 12524, or at The Grinnell Library Director's Office, 2642 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, New York 12590.

No Bidder may withdraw a bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. The Bid Deposit shall be made by Certified Check from the Bidder or by a Bid Bond on the form of said Bid Bond attached to the Specifications or similar and be drawn payable to the Grinnell Public Library District.

OWNER'S RIGHTS RESERVED:

The Grinnell Public Library District, hereinafter called the Owner, reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality or technicality in any bid in the best interests of the Owner and in accordance with the Law.

STATEMENT OF NON-COLLUSION:

Bidders on this Contract are required to execute the Non-Collusion Bidding Certificate, in the form attached to the Specifications, pursuant to Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.

The work required by this Contract shall consist of furnishing all labor, equipment, materials, supervision, and performing all work necessary to complete the Project as herein described. The Work of Project is defined by the Contract Documents and in general consists of the following:

- Primarily Architectural work, and minor Electrical and Plumbing work.

Owner is exempt under the Tax Law of New

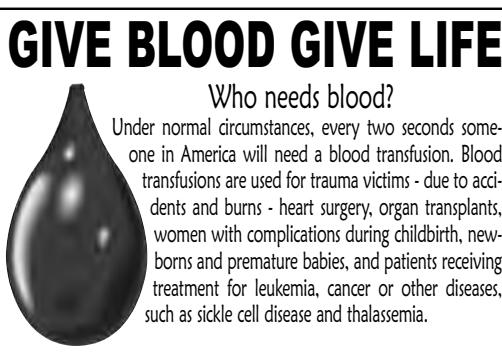
York State, Article 28—Part III, and is exempt from payment of Sales and Compensating Use Taxes of the State of New York on all materials which are incorporated into work pursuant to the provisions of the Contract. These taxes are not to be included in the bid under New York State Tax Law, Article 28, Part III. This Project is subject to the payment of New York State Prevailing Wage Rates. Accompanying the Proposal under separate cover, shall be a Bid Bond, or certified check for 5% of the total amount of the bid amount, payable to the Grinnell Public Library District. In case this Proposal is accepted by the Owner, and the undersigned shall fail to execute the Contract with the Owner, then the said Bid Bond, or certified check shall become the property of the Owner; otherwise, it shall be returned to the undersigned. To all prospective bidders, there will be a non-mandatory pre-bid meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2024. The pre-bid meeting will take place at 2:00 P.M. (local time) at the Project site. It is recommended that bidders attend the pre-bid meeting. No further allowance will be granted for Project walk-through. It is also recommended that all bidders familiarize themselves with the plans prior to the pre-bid meeting so that questions and concerns can be addressed. Please e-mail the office of P2G Architecture, to mbufi@p2garchitecture.com, prior to the above date, with your intention of participation.

This notice is issued in the name of the Owner, Grinnell Public Library District, Village of Wappingers Falls, New York. Dated: April 29, 2024, Bid Documents Release Date.

City of Beacon
One Municipal Plaza
- Suite One
Beacon, New York
12508
Phone
(845) 838-5002
May 7, 2024
SUBJECT:

Variance Application
Applicant: Carvana, LLC c/o Jenn Roldan
Address: 410 Fishkill Avenue and Fishkill Avenue
Tax Grid No.: 30-6055-80-424048-00 and 30-6055-80-439071-00
Zoning Classification: GB
Dear Neighboring Property Owner:
Carvana, LLC c/o Jenn Roldan, 410 Fishkill Avenue and Fishkill Avenue, has applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals for relief from Section 223-26 F. to allow for a decrease in the number of required off-street parking spaces, which requires relief from the following:
Section 223-26 F. Off-street parking, loading and vehicular access.
a.i.F. Schedule of Off-street parking requirements.
Use: Motor vehicle sales and service.
Minimum Off-Street Parking: 1 space per employee, plus 1 space per 150 square feet of gross floor space.
The full application is available online at: <https://www.beaconny.gov/index.php/agendas-minutes/>
The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing for this application at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 7:00 PM, in the Municipal Center courtroom, One Municipal Plaza, Beacon, New York. You are invited to be present to voice your support or objection to this appeal. Comments can also be provided via email no later than 4:00 PM on May 21, 2024, to Mercedes Perez, Zoning Board Secretary, at mperez@beaconny.gov
Mercedes Perez
Zoning Board
Secretary

Public Notice
Notice of date change of the Board of Trustees meeting for the Grinnell Public Library District.
Please take notice that the regularly scheduled May board meeting of the Grinnell Public Library District will be held one week later on Wednesday, May 22 at 7pm at 2642 East Main Street Wappingers Falls NY 12590.



East Fishkill Recreation

By Bill Green
Recreation Director

We will be offering a full Lifeguard Training Course (\$395) on June 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th (3-9:30 p.m.) at the Community Center and Red Wing Park. Future lifeguards must be 15 or older to take the course. We will also be offering Lifeguard Recerts with CPR (\$225) on May 28, 29, & 30 & just CPR May 30 (\$105). Call 845-226-8395

if interested.

Our Recreation Office, 4 Anne Avenue, will be open Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in May and June.

Red Wing Park season passes are now on sale at the Davis House. Proof of residency is required when you sign up. The lake opens Memorial Day Weekend – May 25, 26 & 27.

The Pickleball Courts in Lime Kiln will be closed this Saturday May 18

from 9:30 a.m. to Noon for classes.

If you are going on our Sunday, May 19 trip to the Catskills Resort Casino, please be at the Community Center by 8:30 a.m. The fee is \$40 and at this time we have a few openings.

We are now signing up residents for our June 9 trip to Paper Mill Playhouse to see the Broadway hit "Beautiful." The fee is \$120.

Early Summer Camp registration is still going on through May 20.

We are signing up Adults for our June Golf Session. The fee is \$100 for residents and \$125 for non-residents. Checks should be made out to Lisa Monaco. The June session meets June 11, 13, 18 & 20.

We are signing up teams now for our

popular Summer Co-ed Volleyball League. There is a \$25 Team Registration fee for residents and a \$50 fee for non-residents. Games begin June 20.

If you are interested in placing a team in our Men's Summer Basketball League, give Matt Santoro a call – 845-235-2126. Games begin Thursday, June 20.

We are now signing up residents for both our Angels-Yankees and Boston-Mets baseball trips. The fee for each is \$100. Sign-ups for the August 15 Saratoga trip will be in June.

If you have any recreation questions or concerns, please call 845-226-8395 or email recreation1@eastfishkillny.gov.

Legal Notices

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-27-24

Transportation for Youth Programs
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 23rd day of May 2024 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.

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS—SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF DUTCHESS — J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION CORP., Plaintiff, -against- LAURA A. HENNESSY, KNOWN HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA M. HENNESSY; JEAN M. LEVINE, KNOWN HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA M. HENNESSY; MICHAEL F. HENNESSY, KNOWN HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA M. HENNESSY; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; VASSAR BROTHERS HOSPITAL; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW, NEXT-OF-KIN, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, AND SUCCESSORS IN INTER-

Legal Notices

EST, AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING UNDER, BY OR THROUGH THE DECEASED PATRICIA M. HENNESSY A/K/A PATRICIA HENNESSY A/K/A PATRICIA MARY HENNESSY A/K/A PATRICIA MARY SCLAFANI-HENNESSY BY PURCHASE, INHERITANCE, LIEN OR OTHERWISE, ANY RIGHT TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN: "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #10" inclusive, the names of the ten last name Defendants being fictitious, real names unknown to the Plaintiff, the parties intended being persons or corporations having an interest in, or tenants or persons in possession of, portions of the mortgaged premises described in the Complaint, Defendants - Index No. 2023-53895 Plaintiff Designates Dutchess County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject premises is situated in Dutchess County. To the above named Defendants— YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance upon the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the date of service or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. If you fail to so appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the

Complaint. That this Supplemental Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated April 29, 2024. NOTICE— YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME— If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION CORP.) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Edward T. McLoughlin, A.J.S.C. Dated: April 29, 2024 Filed: April 29, 2024. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 42 Autumn Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Dated: September 25, 2023 Filed: September 25, 2023 Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Mark R. Knuckles, Esq., 120 White Plains Road, Suite 215, Tarrytown, New York 10591 Phone: (914) 345-3020

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF

NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS Bank of America, N.A. sbm Fleet National Bank, Plaintiff -against- Olive V. Douglas if living and if any be dead, any and all persons who are spouses, widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienor, heirs, devisees, distributees, or successors in interest of such of the above as may be dead, and their spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residences are unknown to Plaintiff, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, City of Poughkeepsie Office of Commissioner of Finance, United States of America-Internal Revenue Service, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Defendants Index No. 2024-50595 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the Mortgage premises is situated. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the attorneys for the plaintiff within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default

for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT
THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$193,500.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County of DUTCHESS on January 04, 2005, in Book Document #: 01 2005 99, covering premises known as 39 Adriance Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the Mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

Sending a payment to your Mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

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

Dated: Bay Shore, New York April 1, 2024

By: Robert Tremaroli, Esq.

Frenkel, Lambert,

Weiss, Weisman & Gordon, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, New York 11706 Bar#: 4946430 (631) 969-3100 Our File No.: 01-097077-F01

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-29-24

Used Vehicle Purchase for the County of Dutchess

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 30th day of May 2024 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.

-REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-35-24

Employment Services for TANF and Safety Net Individuals

Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 30th day of May 2024 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained by visiting our website

<http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

--Request For Qualifications-- Professional Engineering Services
The Town of Wappinger is seeking qualified firms or contractors to provide professional engineering services in connection with a 2024 Sewage Collection System Improvements and WWTP Replacement project. Bidders should be familiar with WIIA grant/loan program requirements and regulations relevant to an infrastructure planning and engineering design project.

The Town of Wappinger will rank the responses received on an evaluation of demonstrated competence and qualifications for the type of professional services required. MBE/WBE, Section 3 and SDVOB businesses are encouraged to submit their proposals. The Town of Wappinger reserves the right to reject any oral qualifications and to conduct interviews at its sole discretion. Responses must be received at the Town of Wappinger Hall by 4pm on June 5, 2024. Full copies of the Request for Qualifications is available upon request, and may be obtained by calling or writing to the Town of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger Falls, NY 12590 (845) 297-5722.

DATED: May 6, 2024

JOSEPH P. PAOLONI

TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF

WAPPINGER, NEW YORK

Annual Hudson Valley Riversweep



The 13th annual Hudson Valley Riversweep took place recently by the Hudson River in Beacon.

-Courtesy photos by Alan Thomas



Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation

By Janet McHugh
Recreation Director

We have lots happening this season for both children and adults. Check out all the details on our website at www.PoughkeepsieTownRec.com. Some of the exciting activities are as follows: Children's & Adults Pickleball Lessons, Children's & Adults Tennis Lessons, and Children's Summer Camp.

New this year is a Skills & Drills Basketball Camp for children grades 3-8. Registration and details can be found at www.ggibasketball.com. Sessions take place June 17 – July 29 and Aug 5 – Sep 9 for both girls and boys. This is a chance for children to learn the game, make new friends, hone their skills, and learn to love the game.

Our Summer Nights Concert Series and Food Truck Tuesdays begins on June 25 at 7 p.m., performing for our season opener is "The Crew." Bring your dancing feet and your appetite! For a complete list of concerts go to our website.

Do you have a child starting kindergarten in September? If so, keep an eye out for our Kinder Prep Class that will be taking place in August. The program is designed to mimic a day in kindergarten and allow your child the opportunity to learn what to expect before they enter school in September. More info. and details will be posted soon.

Call us with any recreation questions, 845-485-3628.

CLUB CLASSIC SENIOR CENTER NEWS

By Ruta Ronis

Time to get outside a bit more before the summer heat hits our area. Our Bocce court is open and waiting for additional players. You can sign up at our Sr. Center to join in on the fun. Don't worry if you've never played. Our members will be happy to show you "how to roll." Our Walking Club participants are getting their steps in around our neighborhood as they enjoy lively conversation on various topics.

Inside you'll find all sorts of activities as well. Crafty Crafters, Watercolor Painting sessions, Bingo, Billiards, cards, games, jig-saw puzzles, Zumba Gold, Chair and Mat Yoga, Fit and Fun Forever Mat Games, and Exercise with George.

Come on by on Thurs., May 16 at 10:30 a.m. for challenging Brain Games, and then stay for our Lunch and Learn program at 12 noon. The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) will be presenting, and participants are invited to enjoy a complimentary light lunch afterwards. Thank you to the Rt. 9 Poughkeepsie Stop&Shop for their continued support. The hero sandwiches and salads are terrific!

"The Golden Girls" Dorothy's Wedding? at the MJN Center (formerly Poughkeepsie Civic Center) is full and we are only taking waitlist at this time.

Have we got a treat for those of you that enjoy the music of Diana Ross and Gladys Knight! Join us as we head to the Catskill's Villa Roma Resort on Tues., June 11 for a Tribute Show honoring both of those great ladies. Our day includes coffee and cake upon arrival, a served 4 course lunch with wine and choice of entree, time to enjoy the resort's amenities and grounds, round trip coach bus transportation, gratuities, and, of course, the show.

Questions? Please call our staff at 845-462-0265 during regular Center hours Monday - Friday between 9 am and 2:30 pm. We will be closed for Memorial Day on Mon., May 27.

Pop-Up Shop open through June 14

Arts Mid-Hudson once again hosts the Spring Dutchess Handmade Pop-Up Shop, a vibrant showcase of locally made arts and crafts by 60 Hudson Valley artists. The shop will be open until June 14 at Arts Mid-Hudson's Poughkeepsie Gallery located at 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Suite F.

The Spring Dutchess Handmade Pop-Up Shop will feature an impressive array of unique, handcrafted items. Discover locally made glass, jewelry, greeting cards, textiles, ceramics, wood products, prints, paintings, home décor, and more.

Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturdays (May 18 & 25) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

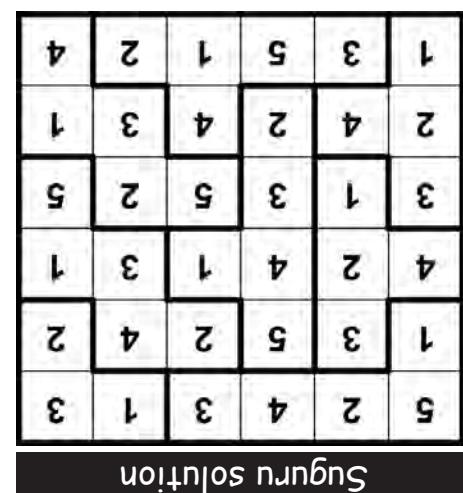
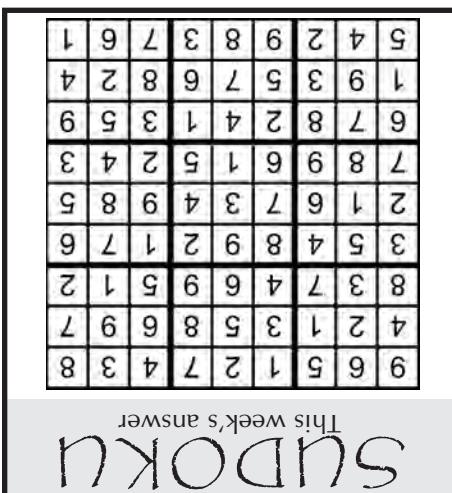
Participating Artists: Maryam Ali, Carlise Azmitia, Janet Baskerville, Deborah Bein, Rita Bolla, Susan Bores, Peter Brown, Oscar Burkowske, Celia Calvo, Patricia Collins Broun, Hoodie Crescent, Rosalia Damanti-Henry, Jamila

Dawkins, Carrie Decker, Carolyn Dickey, Sue DiGilio, Marilyn Dvozenja, Marie Elliott, Morton Ender, Joan Ensminger, Peggy Farrington, Gabriella Fryer, Karen E. Gersch, Ilene Goldman, Shanelka Hamilton, Cara Hochhalter, Nicole Hughes, Nikki Hung, Tony Hung, Lynne James, Vanessa Joy, Victoria Khasanshina, David King, Paul Kmiotek, Linda Lavin, Margaret Lent, Maureen Lohan-Bremer, Lynn Lombardi, Alexis Lynch, Diane-Ellen McCarron, Megan Miller, Peggy Milone, Jessica Murphy, Marie Perry-Edwards, Marilyn Price, Sonia Reynoso, Amy Rosen, Emily Schmeichel, Tammy Scotti, Kim Steinard, Linda Storminger, Kayla Thompson, Susan Togut, Shirley Tuttle, Daniela Velez, Rachel von Wettberg, Barbara Willmer, Kyle Woehrle, Matt Woods, and Karen Wyks-Lindsay.

For information, visit www.artsmidhudson.org or call 845-454-3222.

Give Life Give Blood

this week's puzzle solutions



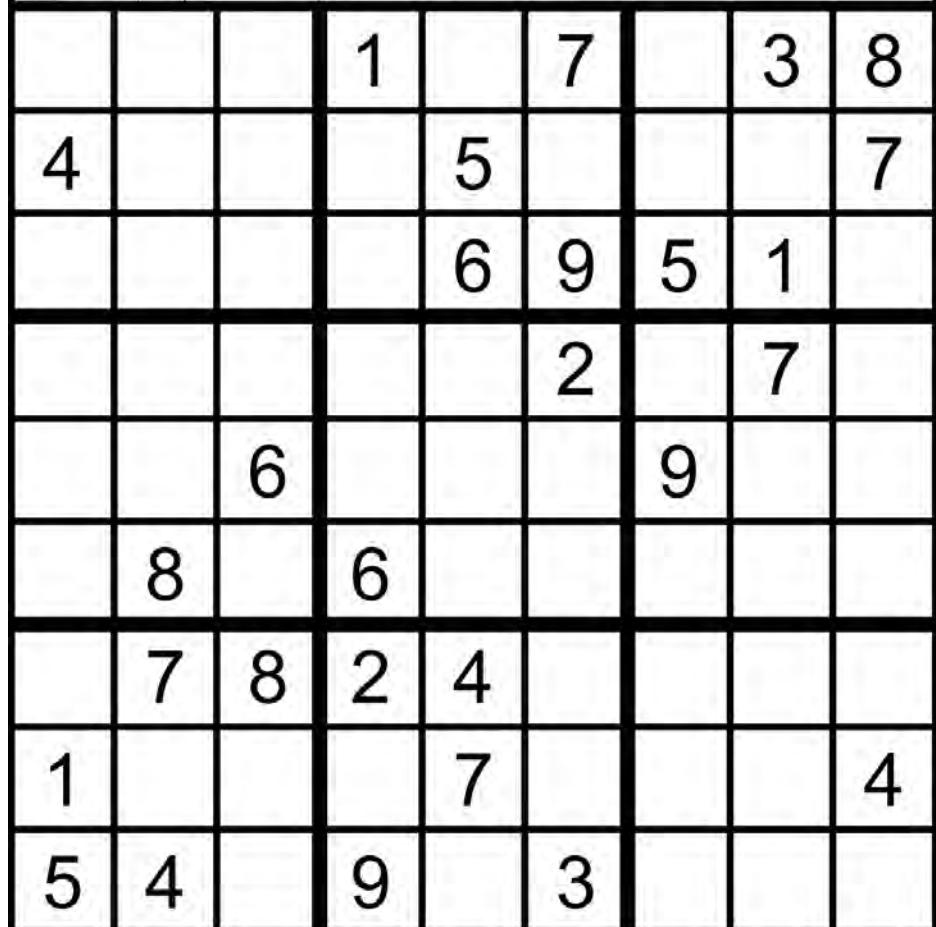
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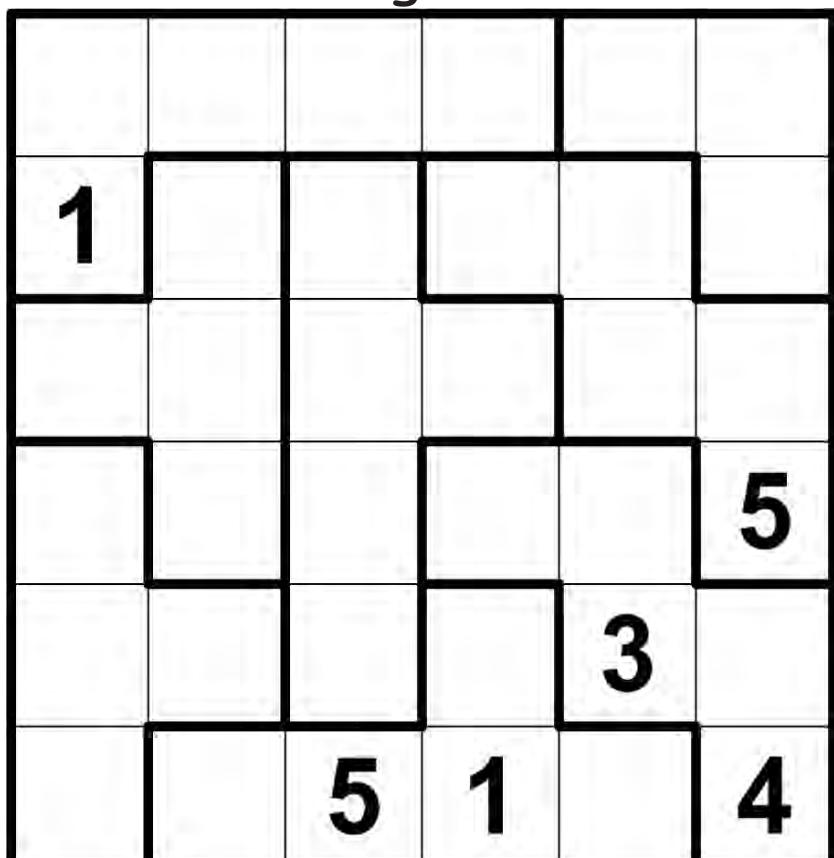
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Suguru



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

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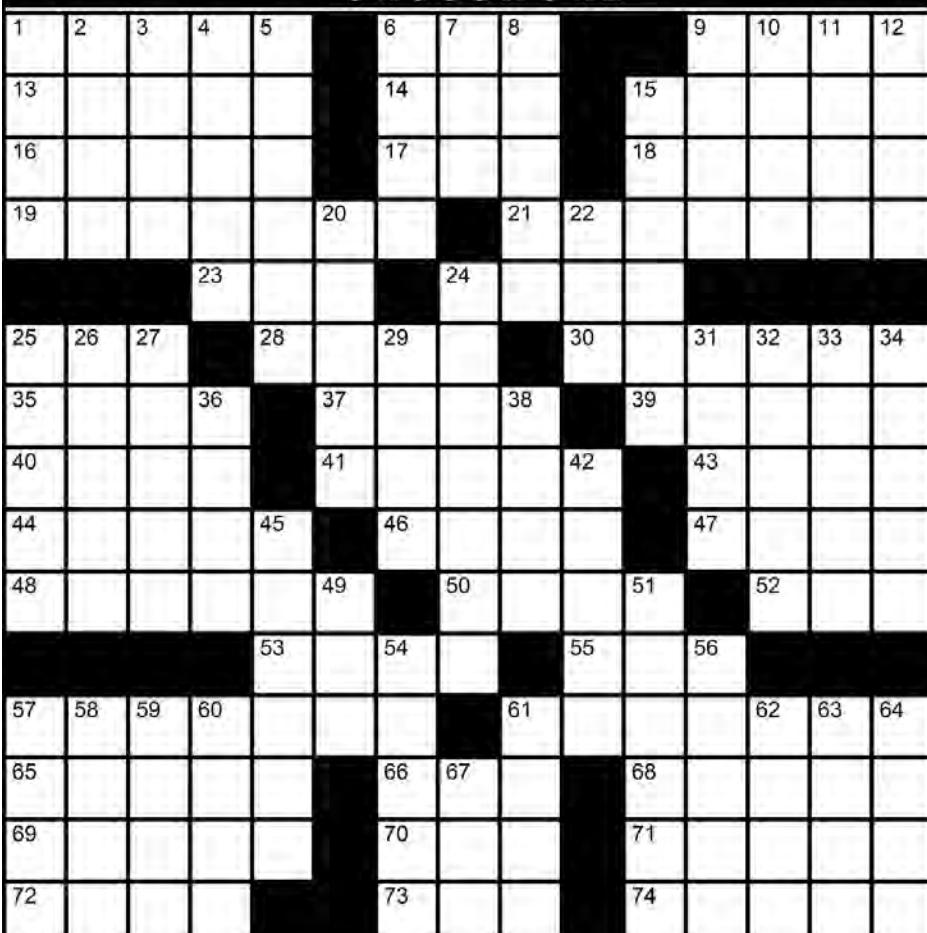
ACROSS

1. "Odyssey" author
6. Time in NYC
9. Pay as you earn, acr.
13. Avoid paying taxes
14. Also
15. Rolled up, on a farm
16. From distant past
17. News channel acronym
18. Very angry
19. * Invasion
21. *Vostok I pilot
23. Spring water resort
24. Talcum powder ingredient
25. Muted order
28. Sports award
30. Doled out, as in soup
35. Future atty.'s exam
37. Engage for service
39. In all sincerity
40. * Preminger, director of "Exodus"
41. Petri dish jellies
43. DDS exam
44. Gordon Gekko: "____ is good"
46. Barbershop sound
47. Bread pocket
48. Rumor
50. Whiskey straight, e.g.
52. Cubby hole
53. One-horse carriage
55. #29 Down invasion coordinator
57. *TV's Tony Nelson's "dream"
61. **8 1/2" and "La Dolce Vita" director
65. Lake scum
66. Toothpaste type
68. Baited
69. Thorny
70. Anger
71. Last eight in college basketball
72. Kill
73. Lamentable
74. Bob Marley, e.g.

DOWN

1. * Alpert & the Tijuana Brass
2. Last word over walkie-talkie
3. Algeria's southern neighbor
4. Written corrections
5. Chef's guide
6. * A Sketch toy, launched in 1960
7. *Just one of "My Three ____"
8. Polynesian kingdom
9. Prefix with trooper or legal
10. Resembling wings
11. Abominable humanoid
12. #57 Across actress
15. Large feline (2 words)
20. The Obamas' daughter
22. **A Man for ____ Seasons" movie
24. Political repression
25. Nordic gl hwein
26. * Turf
27. Man behind Windows
29. *Bay of ____ Invasion
31. **Turn on, tune in, ____ out"
32. Shockingly graphic
33. Fill with optimism
34. **The Times They Are A-Changin'" singer-songwriter
36. Three on a certain sloth
38. It's between Ohio and Ontario
42. #21 Across - first man in ____
45. **Mary Poppins" producer
49. Not Beta or Kappa
51. Farm tool
54. Front of cuirass
56. Spurious wing
57. Kickboxing moves
58. Twelfth month of Jewish year
59. City of Taj Mahal
60. "____ a soul"
61. Ran off
62. Purple flower
63. Not gross
64. Brainchild
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Therapy dogs give Mount students a chance to 'paws' and relax



For Mount Saint Mary College students, a group of therapy dogs offered a stress-relieving break to students who were taking their finals this week on Wednesday, May 8. According to research, spending time with, petting, or observing animals can reduce heart rate and blood pressure and lower stress.

The dogs were provided by Hudson Valley Paws for a Cause. At the college, the popular event has evolved into a tradition. This event took place at Mount's Kaplan Family Library and Learning Center, which co-sponsored the event with the counseling center.

-Photo by Lee Ferris

Silva to retire from Bardavon

After an extraordinary 30-year career with the Bardavon, Chris Silva is set to retire as Executive Director on December 31. A national search for a new Executive Director will be facilitated by Arts Consulting Group. Board members and full-time Bardavon employees will aid in the process to ensure that the new Executive Director continues the transformational momentum of Bardavon & UPAC that began over three decades ago.

Stephen LaMarca, Managing Director of Theatre Production, joined Bardavon full time in 1994 and will retire in December as well. AnnMarie Faust, Managing Director of Finance, joined Silva and LaMarca the same year and retired in March 2024.

The trio operated as a dynamic and successful team for over three decades and together they accomplished much, including twenty-two million dollars in capital renovations between the two historic the-

aters. In addition, nearly three million patrons have attended Bardavon-produced events over the last thirty years and some of the world's greatest artists have graced the stages; from Aretha Franklin, Bob Dylan, Diana Ross and Carlos Santana to Al Pacino, John Legend, Jon Batiste and Yo-Yo Ma. The Bardavon/UPAC education programs routinely reach 20,000 young people every year.

Silva and LaMarca will remain involved with the Bardavon as program consultants and will work directly with the new Executive Director. While they will no longer oversee daily operations, "...we are fortunate to have a great staff, and aspects of all our jobs have been or are being absorbed by our team right now," Silva stated. He is confident of the organization's future success with the staff and board they have curated and the dedication they have instilled into the foundation of the Bardavon since 1994.

Master Gardener Plant Sale scheduled for May 17-18

Trees are budding, flowers are blooming, and the bees are buzzing and that means it's time for the annual Master Gardener Plant Sale. Master Gardener Volunteers and Extension staff will be on-site for this fundraiser at Dutchess County Farm & Home Center, 2715 Route 44 for the plant sale on Friday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine.

Master Gardener volunteers cultivate and offer a diverse range of annuals, perennials, herbs, and vegetables for sale. Alongside the tried-and-tested favorites, they also have exciting new introductions to choose from. The volunteers will be present on-site to answer any of your gardening queries and assist you in selecting the best plants for your needs.

"We are thrilled to announce that our upcoming fundraiser will feature a diverse collection of over 13,000 plants," said Heather Brenner, the Community Horticulture Program Coordinator at CCEDC. "Our greenhouses are bursting with plants after the incredible success of last year's sale! To make sure we can offer even more amazing varieties this year, we've added another hoop house."

The Master Gardener Volunteer Program is an intensive national program of trained volunteers who work in partnership with their local county Cornell Cooperative Extensions to expand educational outreach and information throughout local communities by providing research-based information to home gardeners. The first Master Gardener volunteer program was started in Washington State in 1972. Dutchess County was the first county in New York State (1975) to train Master Gardener volunteers. To find out more details about when training is offered, visit ccedutchess.org.

The CCEDC Master Gardener Program is funded through volunteer fundraising efforts and donations from the public like this event. This is the primary fundraiser for the Master Gardener volunteer program.

Gift certificates are available for the Master Gardener Volunteer Plant Sale, which are a welcome gift for any gardener. Certificates may be purchased for any amount and are not redeemable for cash. To purchase a gift certificate, please contact Francheska Kuilan at fk232@cornell.edu or by calling 845-677-8223 ext.115.