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MEMORIAL DAY 2025

Service for WWII Staff Sgt. Eugene Darrigan to take place on May 24



Late Wappingers Falls resident Staff Sgt. Eugene J. Darrigan (circled) and the World War II crew of “Heaven Can Wait.” There will be a service for Darrigan in Wappingers Falls at St. Mary, Our Lady of the Falls Roman Catholic Church on May 24.

By Kristine Coulter
U.S. Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Eugene J. Darrigan, a hero from World War II, will be welcomed home on Saturday, May 24 during a service at St. Mary, Our Lady of the Falls Roman Catholic in Wappingers Falls. Darrigan was 26 years old when he was killed during WWII. According to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) Darrigan was accounted for on Sept. 20, 2024.

Susan Pineiro is Darrigan’s relative. “I am the great niece of Eugene Darrigan, my mother is the last living relative that knew him when he was alive. She was his goddaughter as well as his niece, Virginia Darrigan Pineiro (also namesake). Uncle Eugene was 1 of 5 children. He had 4 sisters, he was in the middle,” explained Pineiro. “It is important to hold the service to honor his sacrifice for our great nation!

-Courtesy photos DPAA



Staff Sgt. Eugene J. Darrigan

To finally bring him back home to his hometown means the closure that families need. Uncle Eugene’s parents, Daniel and Maryellen, as well as 2 of the 4 sisters, Helen and Virginia, are buried at St. Mary’s in Wappingers Falls,” said Pineiro. According to the DPAA, “In March 1944, Darrigan was assigned to the 320th Bombardment Squadron, 90th

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Tickets available for ‘Spirit of Mesier Celebrates Midsummer’ set for June 13

By Kristine Coulter
Wappingers Historical Society members will host their premier event of the year – “Spirit of Mesier Celebrates Midsummer” cocktail gala. The Spirit of Mesier will be held on Friday, June 13, from 6-9 p.m., at the historic Wappingers Falls Boat House, 105 Market St., in the village of Wappingers Falls. During the event, Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home co-owner Kristin Catalano and members of County Players Falls Theatre will be honored for their contributions to the local community. The festivities will also include celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Town of Wappinger. The Boathouse was once used as the Box Factory for the Dutchess Bleachery. “This is going to be our biggest – best ever – magical event,” said Beth Devine, president of the WHS. She added, “We’re trying to preserve history. We want to make sure these buildings are saved and used.”

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Pictured are WHS committee members who are coordinating “The Spirit of Mesier Celebrates Midsummer” cocktail gala. From left: Karen Watkiss; Mary Jane Chapin; Committee Chairperson Marcy Wagman; WHS President Beth Devine; Marie Needham. Not pictured is Trish Costello.

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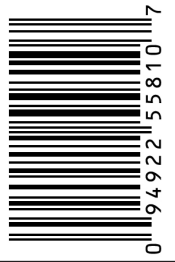
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Cavaccini offers address on the ‘State of the Town’ of Wappinger

By Kristine Coulter
Carnwath Farms was the setting for Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini’s State of the Town address on May 14. Cavaccini highlighted fiscal responsibility, land usage, community engagement, Public Safety and Infrastructure Enhancements. Cavaccini, the Town’s 30th supervisor, also celebrated the 150th anniversary since the formation of the Town of Wappinger. Cavaccini announced during the speech that the Chapel at Carnwath is now open. “Over the past 17 months, our administration has focused intently on one unifying goal: building a Wappinger that future generations can be proud of. We have guided our Town government with purpose, addressing the challenges before us and embracing the responsibility to plan for tomorrow. Whether it’s protecting our land, managing growth responsibly, investing in our infrastructure, revitalizing our parks, or ensuring public safety; our progress is rooted in respect for the past, commitment to the present, and a bold focus on the future. Today, just six days from the anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Wappinger (May 20), I am honored to present to you the State of our Town—and to share how together, we are transforming the way local government serves its people,” remarked Cavaccini, who is in his second year of leading Wappinger.

Town’s finances
“We’ve implemented new policies and internal controls to make our financial processes more accurate and transparent. With the support of the Town Board, we formally committed \$2.3 million in American Rescue Plan Funds towards infrastructure projects across the Town and new software from Tyler Technologies, ending departmental silos. This digital transformation is saving taxpayers over \$30,000 annually by eliminating outsourcing for key functions,” said Cavaccini. The supervisor noted diversifying the Town’s investment portfolio. He said, “[W]e are now generating nearly \$60,000 a month in interest income—funds that were previously left unrealized. This translates to \$600,000 in additional revenue for 2024, and we’ve locked in competitive CD’s at high interest rates into 2025, all of which helps reduce the burden on taxpayers. In a world where everything is skyrocketing, our Comptroller’s Office and I have worked diligently to ensure we keep costs low for our residents. We crafted our first Town Budget that delivered a tax rate decrease while staying under the NYS Tax Levy Cap at 1.86%. The 2025 Final Budget alleviates a significant potential burden on taxpayers by only levying \$9,051,946 of our total \$20,725,588 budget on property taxpayers. We have met every contractual obligation and are expanding vital services.”

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Comments show manager Frank Gaglio, "Rhinebeck has been like New Years Eve for collectors, decorators, seasoned buyers and those new to the



Explore an extensive array treasures at Spring Antiques at Rhinebeck on May 24-25 at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds.

-Courtesy photo

antiques world with a brand of fireworks all our own. Once you have been introduced to the historic beauty and practicality of objects from the past you

develop an appreciation for the creators of these time tested objects and the passion grows within. The best part of living with antiques is the 'story,' so join

us at Rhinebeck and listen closely as our exhibitors have much to share."

With free parking, food concession, show shipper, friendly handicap access, golf cart transports for those needing a ride, complimentary antiques publications and merchandise pick up service, Rhinebeck tries hard to win your support and patronage. And don't forget young collectors also love the visual experience of exploring from booth to booth while guests under 18 are free!

The show opens at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 24 and runs till 5 p.m. On Sunday, May 25, hours are from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. and your admission is good for the entire weekend! (ask for a return pass)

Advance Tickets are available on our website at barnstar.com so login now and have more time to spend at the show! Need to speak with us, call 914-474-8552 or email us at barnstar1@aol.com.

Jacobson calls on PSC to reject Central Hudson rate hike proposal

Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson (D-104) is calling on the Public Service Commission (PSC) to reject the latest rate hike proposal from Central Hudson. The three-plan plan would increase average electric bills by 3.12% and gas bills by 5.19% in the first year, with higher increases in the following two years.

"While this is less than the original request, it's no bargain for consumers," Jacobson said. "There are benefits to low-

income residents, but it makes no sense that the rate proposed is 1.5 times the rate of inflation, and the increase for gas customers is twice as much as for electric customers."

The increases are for electric and gas delivery, and not for the products themselves. Central Hudson's original proposal was for a one-year billing increase of 5.3% for electric and 5.9% for gas. The new proposal imposes rate increases over three years, with a higher percentage each year. In

the second and third year, the proposed increases are 3.48% and 3.57% for electric, and 7.2% and 7.37% for gas.

Central Hudson said that the increases to customers would pay for the utility's infrastructure upgrades and help it meet its clean energy targets, among other things.

In its initial request, Central Hudson also sought a 10% return on equity — essentially how much profit it's allowed

to earn for its shareholders. This proposal provides an annual 9.5% return on equity for the next 3 years.

"The return on equity is the greatest ever. It's good for shareholders of Fortis, the parent company of Central Hudson, but not for its customers," Jacobson said. "This so-called settlement should be rejected."

The Public Service Commission is expected to decide on this plan in the fall.

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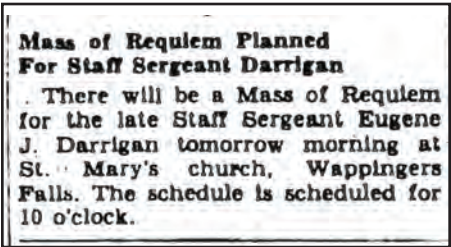


The B-24D “Liberator” named “Heaven Can Wait.”

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Bombardment Group, 5th Air Force and deployed in present day Papua New Guinea. On the morning of March 11, Darrigan, the radio operator onboard a B-24D “Liberator” *Heaven Can Wait* departed Nadzab Strip #1, Papua New Guinea, as part of a bombing mission against enemy positions at Boram Airfield, and Awar Point, Hansa Bay, located along the northern coast of New Guinea. Observers from other aircraft in the formation reported seeing flames erupting from the bomb bay, spreading to the tail quickly. *Heaven Can Wait* was seen pitching up violently before banking left and crashing down into the water. It is believed anti-aircraft fire hit the plane, causing un-dropped ordnance to explode. Several aircraft circled the

crash site in hopes of locating any possible survivors, but none could be seen.” Following the war, the American Graves Registration Service, the military unit responsible for investigating and recovering missing American personnel in the Pacific Theater, conducted exhaustive searches of battle areas and crash sites in New Guinea, according to DPAA. In 1948, their searches concluded. “In March 1950, a board of AGRS officials concluded they were unable to locate any remains of Darrigan and the other *Heaven Can Wait* crew members. They were designated as non-recoverable,” stated DPPA. Pineiro said, “Uncle Eugene was very involved in the community, he was a volunteer fireman for Garner Fire House (where the current Chief and members



An announcement of a Mass of Requiem for Staff Sgt. Eugene Darrigan from the 1940s.
-Courtesy photos DPAA



Staff Sgt. Eugene J. Darrigan

are scheduled to attend the funeral). He also played baseball in the community league.” Darrigan worked in the factory in the village of Wappinger Falls, noted his great niece. The family of Darrigan’s fellow crew member, 2nd Lt. Thomas V. Kelly Jr., undertook an archival research effort between 2013 and 2017, stated DPPA. “The family worked with Dr. Scott Althaus of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to complete this effort and provided this documentation. In October 2017, Project Recover, a DPAA partner organization, located the wreckage of a B-24 aircraft in Hansa Bay while making sonar scans as part of a unilateral remote sensing survey effort. In 2019, a DPAA underwater investigation team conducted several surveys of the wreckage performing visual inspections and clearing the site of any unexploded ordnance,” according to DPPA. DPPA information continues, “From March 9 through April 13, 2023, an underwater recovery team excavated the crash site, where they recovered possible osseous materials and various material evidence, to include life support equip-

ment and identification tags. The recovered evidence was sent to the DPAA Laboratory for review and analysis.” The army contacted Pineiro’s mother for DNA to identify the remains, she said. To identify Darrigan’s remains, states DPPA, “[S]cientists from DPAA used dental and anthropological analysis, as well as material and circumstantial evidence. Additionally, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial DNA, Y-chromosome DNA, and autosomal DNA analysis.” Pineiro said it is now “[v]ery comforting for my mother who listened to her mother and aunts talk about Uncle Eugene and the hope that he would come home.” A Mass will be held at St. Mary, Our Lady of the Falls Roman Catholic Church, 11 Clinton St., at 11 a.m. in Wappingers Falls. Burial will follow behind the church with Military honors. “This home coming is a powerful reminder of our nation’s solemn vow to never leave a service member behind,” said Pineiro. The service “[a]lso provides our family with comfort that Uncle Eugene is finally home.”

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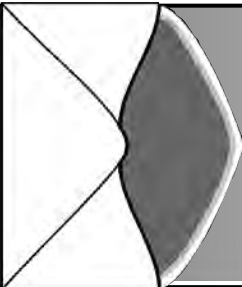
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NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINE

Due to a holiday press schedule for Memorial Day, the May 28 issue of Southern Dutchess News will have early deadlines for all departments.
Editorial and calendar submissions must be received by Thursday, May 22, at noon.
Advertising must be received by Thursday, May 22, at 5 p.m.
Contact cschmidt@sducthessnews.com for more information.

‘Invaded by rats’

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter as a last resort! I am a longtime resident of the Mesier Avenue section of the Village. As a matter of fact, I was born here as were my three generations before me. I have lived on Prospect Street now for 63 years.

I have a complaint from our lovely residential area, for the last 8 or so years we have been invaded by rats (big rats who are breeding in our area). Residents have been forced to rid ourselves of these invasive creatures by ourselves or by hiring local pest control. We have contacted Dutchess County Health Department, Village Police Dept., Village of Wappingers Falls offices including the mayor and any other agency that might be of help. This has been a problem now for many years - every year.

What is happening to our beautiful residential neighborhood? Who do we look to for help? Will people continue to move into this once beautiful neighborhood? Will we be able to sell our houses? Will our children and pets be safe? Please help us!

Should our Village officers have been taking care of this situation before it has become so overwhelming?

Brenda VonBurg
Wappingers Falls historian

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A poem for Memorial Day

To the Editor:

Memorial Day

Flags fluttering
From warm breezes,
Bands blaring,
Silencing marching footsteps,
Rifles volley from again soldiers,
Gold Star Mother weeping softly,
Taps calling from a silver trumpet,
Ghosts whispering ‘thanks’
From poppy strewn graves.

Walter Zaikowski
East Fishkill

Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley welcomes 20 new Advisory Committee members



From left in the back row are Laura Washington, president and CEO of CFHV, Serena Marrero, John Nelson, Yu-Shin Chen, Stephen Gnojewski, Jorge Luis Paniagua Valle, Paul Stoddard, Gaye Mallett, Trish Santin, G. Angela Henry, Anita Jones, and Sandra Jackson. Seated, from left are Phil Rosenbloom, Pamela Governale, Bob Cotter, Karen Unger, Susan Kavy and Toby Usnik.

Courtesy photo

To better address the philanthropic needs in the Hudson Valley, Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley (CFHV) has expanded its advisory committees to include an additional 20 members from Dutchess, Ulster, and Putnam Counties. These volunteers and local leaders bring diverse experience, deep connections, and a shared passion for strengthening the Hudson Valley. Their work will amplify the mission and values of CFHV. By listening closely to community voices, CFHV aims to ensure it is responding to needs identified by residents while continuing to support a range of local priorities.

“Understanding local issues through the eyes of the residents helps strengthen our efforts in addressing community needs,” said Laura Washington, president & CEO of CFHV. “As our organization continues to evolve, our Advisory Committee members’ ideas and passion for enhancing our communities will pave the way for us to make effective change.”

Each advisory committee plays a vital role in supporting CFHV’s overall mission by serving as community liaisons and identifying key opportunities in Dutchess, Putnam, and Ulster counties. Committee members leverage their personal and professional connections to engage with local nonprofits, charitable individuals, and business leaders, ensuring that CFHV’s initiatives align with community needs. They also play an essential role in the grant review process, helping to ensure that CFHV’s funds are directed toward high-impact projects and deserving organizations. Their involvement not only enhances outreach efforts but also fosters stronger relationships, allowing CFHV to respond effectively to the unique challenges and opportunities within the Hudson Valley.

From Dutchess County, 15 new members include Pamela Governale, G. Angela Henry, Susan Kavy, Maureen Lashlee, Gaye Mallet, Gina McCann, John Nelson, Jorge Luis Paniagua Valle, Isabella Paquette, Phil Rosenbloom, Trish Santini, Karen Unger, Toby Usnik, Ayoka Wiles, and Francine Wizner. From Ulster County, three representatives – Frances Knutsen, Nica Lalli, and Julie Stoil Fernandez, Esq. – have joined. Lastly, from Putnam County, Lisa Hunter Rasic and Tatiana Kaletsch will lend their expertise.

For more information on CFHV and its Advisory Committees, visit www.CommunityFoundationsHV.org or connect with the group on LinkedIn, Facebook or Instagram.

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Aymar-Blair to host Town Hall May 28 in Millbrook

The Office of the Dutchess County Comptroller announces an event being hosted by Dutchess County Comptroller Dan Aymar-Blair on Wednesday, May 28, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook.

At this Comptroller’s Town Hall, Aymar-Blair will present significant findings of recent reports, such as “Dutchess County’s Federal Funds Profile,” the final update report on COVID-19 relief funding, and all the latest news from the Office of the Comptroller.

MEMORIAL DAY 2025

They were all heroes!

A rough night of warfare in Vietnam

Editor's note: As we prepare to honor our fallen soldiers on Memorial Day, we present the following - one soldier's account of a particularly difficult night in the jungles of South Vietnam in 1969.

By Jeff Ohlbaum

The Vietnam Wall represents courage, valor, sacrifice and much more to those who wore the uniform. There are 58,272 names etched on the wall so we never forget those who responded when their country called. For some it is a wall to heal, to grieve or leave a personal note. When you are in Washington D. C. the permanent Vietnam Wall should be visited. The wall is designed to be reflective and contemplative in nature.

The French had departed South Vietnam, their distant colony, after suffering numerous military defeats. The growing presence of well equipped North Vietnamese soldiers permeating South Vietnam was not worth additional military losses.

Following the French departure, the United States entered Vietnam as "advisers" to stabilize the country and implement measures to deter further North Vietnamese infiltration. Ultimately, the small group of "advisers" escalated to over 500,000 military personnel; roughly half were combat soldiers. The South Vietnam landscape was rapidly changing with major coastal cities building a war chest of arsenal, Phu Bai, Da Nang, Chu Lai, Cam Rahn Bay and Nha Trang to name a few.

Fresh out of college and working to save money for graduate school "Uncle Sam" came calling.

From Athenian to Spartan ... quite a transition.

Ugly learning curve

This "Baby Boomer" landed in Vietnam in Chu Lai at 8 a.m. wearing full combat gear in the summer of 1968. We had flown through numerous time zones. It was 103 degrees and climbing.

The military training you receive stateside is paramount before entering a hostile environment. You learn to quickly adapt as the rules of combat you are taught can be altered. Your M-16 rifle carries a cartridge of 20 rounds and the AK-47 used by the North Vietnamese Army (NVA) carries 30 rounds.

Two weeks in country and a harsh learning curve. Incoming mortars at night fall from a nearby village igniting our firebase. We suffer two killed and multiple injuries. We knew the drill, but anticipated a problem.

We had radio headquarters requesting permission to return live fire. Already knowing the response, permission denied! It was a "pacified" friendly village, which means you need political clearance to return fire. Of course, the enemy possessed this knowledge and took full advantage; holding innocent civilians in the village hostage. These were the new rules of combat in Vietnam.

I Corp Thau Thien Province 17 miles south of Hue and 40 miles from the DMZ (Demilitarized Zone) ... Firebase Tomahawk.

It started raining heavily the night of June 19, 1969. No full moon and visibility at best two feet. You learn quickly in Vietnam - the weather and stealth are potent combat components.

Charlie Battery from the 2nd Battalion 138th Field Artillery unit had the stellar reputation of inflicting heavy losses on the NVA as they crossed the DMZ along the Ho Chi Min Trail into South Vietnam. Charlie Battery was a well-trained National Guard unit from Bardstown, KY. They had trained together stateside for years and socialized with each other at home. The 155 howitzers at Firebase Tomahawk, 14,500 meters max range, had a primary target: Ruong Ruong Valley, the lower A Shau Valley, a stronghold of the NVA.

Mountains and valleys covered by an umbrella of trees in full foliage created a perfect landscape to harbor the hardcore NVA. They knew the terrain and functioned best in darkness. Their mode of transport was usually elephants; you cannot carry mortars and rocket



Jeff Ohlbaum, sans the shirt, with his fellow soldiers in Vietnam.

-Courtesy photos

launchers manually. Sadly, the 155s had to target the transporter as well as the enemy.

Firebase Tomahawk was in a good location for the artillery pieces to rein havoc, but not viewed too favorably by the soldiers holding and defending it.

The terrain and sloping hills outside our 360-degree perimeter would be difficult to defend. We later found out our Firebase had been cleared (defoliated) with Agent Orange, which was common in Vietnam.

In addition to the artillery battery, we had an 18-man platoon from Charlie Company 2nd Battalion, 501st Infantry, 101st Airborne Division sharing perimeter support with us. Our bunkers were heavily sandbagged with mounted M-50 and M-60 machine guns pointing outside the perimeter and manned every night with two people inside.

Enemy in control

On June 20, 1969 it was still raining hard. I was on perimeter duty that night facing north. The radio telephone rings. We are alerted the artillery firebases to our north and south are under mortar attack. We knew the drill ... our base was put on full alert. Those who are off-shift were awakened. M-16s were loaded, never to the max to prevent jamming, usually 19 rounds.

The playbook was now in enemy hands, no full moon, no visibility, our artillery support bases that have pre-fired grid co-ordinates to drop artillery rounds outside our perimeter (broken arrow) to protect us are under mortar attack themselves... s**t, we must be next!

• 01:30 June 20 1969 incoming mortars. The noise is deafening and the dirt beneath me vibrates. Cannot see the enemy flash tubes ... too dark. Pick up the phone to get info. Phone is dead; a mortar or rocket may have cut the phone wire or is the Fire Direction Center Command Post (phone link) hit? Our M-50s and M-60s go hot (mad minute). Can only see the tracers ... it is pitch black outside.

• 01:55 June 20 1969 Bad news - our firebase lights up ... self illuminating round fired by one of our artillery guns. That means the enemy has breached our perimeter under their own mortar fire and are now in our backyard - Firebase Tomahawk. Since they did not penetrate the perimeter from the north side, they were behind us! We are unable to turn around based on our posture in the narrow bunker and all weapons are hot facing north.

We ignited the pre-set claymores outside the perimeter. Another deafening sound with metal and debris flying incorrectly towards us - the enemy had rotated the claymores to fire back at us. They had re-connected our firebase.

We also had Foo Gas, a mixture of explosives and napalm in 50-gallon drums outside the perimeter as a layer of protection, which was detonated to disperse an explosive fire over a large area.



Jeff Ohlbaum in Vietnam.

We were now hearing large explosions on the Firebase; not mortars. It was satchel charges and handheld rocket propelled grenades being used by the NVA to destroy the six deployed artillery guns and anyone around it. It must be an NVA Sapper Company specifically trained to destroy and kill with immediacy. For them, it is an honor to die in combat.

• 03:00 June 20 1969 A Flare gun fires a green color round into the air. The enemy was retreating (didi mau). Spooky aka "Puff the Magic Dragon" (AC-47) arrived overhead firing their four Gatling guns; each with multiple barrels as the enemy withdrew. It was immense fire power. Huge trees were dismantled and large rock formations turned into pebbles. The enemy had nowhere to hide.

The dust-offs (medivacs) supported by gun

ships landed to remove the injured and dead. The less serious were flown to Phu Bai and the more serious to Da Nang. Those with severe burns were airlifted from Da Nang to a Naval hospital ship based in the South China Sea. The damage and human toll was beyond words.

We later find out through one surviving prisoner that 150 NVA Sappers, 72nd Sapper Company 4th Regiment NVA, had amassed outside our perimeter. Seventy five of them wearing only a loin cloth with satchel charges strapped to their bodies and some with 2 cigarette filters taped to their chest (in case gas is used it works like a gas mask when inserted into the nostrils). They were high on drugs as they snaked through the concertina wire and avoided the trip flares. The other 75 Sappers outside the perimeter were waiting for a red flare which would have doubled the enemy force. They determined enough damage had occurred; we avoided being overrun.

Three of the six howitzers were destroyed, one disabled, ammunition storage area eliminated, nine perimeter bunkers destroyed, make-shift mess hall, maintenance and ammo carriers gone. Tomahawk was in shambles and everyone was dazed seeking to locate and help their fellow brother.

Nine artillerymen were killed. The 101st Airborne lost four. Over 50 were wounded. They were young, fearless and served with honor. They had wives, kids, girlfriends, parents and grandparents.

Twenty-three of the Sapper sbodies were counted.

The southern and western perimeter bunker positions had been penetrated. Fate had me facing north that night.

Those who proudly served were all heroes at Firebase Tomahawk, but some are not here to tell their story.

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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Key plays help Renegades earn split of series

By Morgan E. Maier

After dropping three of four to the Aberdeen IronBirds, the Hudson Valley Renegades prevailed with a hard-earned series split. The bullpen stayed strong when bats went cold, and the Renegades ended the weekend with two gritty wins and some big defensive moments.

7th inning splits

After a soggy hump day called for a postponed Game 2, Thursday featured two seven-inning games for the price of one. In the first, Josh Moylan broke a 1-1 tie with his second home run of the year, scoring Brenny Escanio for the 3-1 lead. Escanio tied the game in the previous at-bat with a bunt. Jackson Castillo added the final run for a 4-2 Renegades win. Ben Hess allowed just two runs, calming down for 5.2 strong innings on the way to his third win of the season. Aberdeen's Blake Money fanned 8 on his way to six innings of four-run ball. In the late game, the Renegades were shut out for the first time all season. Despite another excellent start by Carlos Lagrange, the Renegades offense lagged. With just

one hit, Hudson Valley was held scoreless for the first time this season.

On & Off

The Renegades' .367 on-base percentage is the best in the South Atlantic League. Hudson Valley harnesses the power of reaching base and bringing runners home. Coming into this week, the Hudson Valley Renegades held the highest run differential in the minor leagues. Even the New York Yankees are at a +82 this season. Though overtaken by AAA Las Vegas Aviators (+101), Hudson Valley still leads the High-A class in this category (+94). Once again, the Renegades are top 3 in the South Atlantic League in hits, walks, RBIs, and batting average. Josh Moylan finished this week with four RBIs and a crucial bat in cutting a 6-1 Aberdeen lead. The Renegades clawed back from the deficit behind Moylan and back-to-back solo shots from Roc Riggio and Parks Harber. Harber finished with three RBI, and a double away from the cycle. In the sixth inning, Harber tacked on two insur-

ance runs to put Hudson Valley up 9-6 and seal the Saturday victory.

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This number looks like a zip code, but it's a putout. On May 13, a routine Aberdeen RBI single to centerfielder Luis Durango turned into a scorekeeper's nightmare. Anderson De Los Santos singled, then was caught too far from first. As relay man Escanio and first baseman Parks Harber attended to the rundown, the runner on third sought to extend the 5-4 Aberdeen lead. Harber's throw beat him home. Omar Martinez laid the tag, then launched a strike for Jose Colmenares to get De Los Santos at second for the inning-ending 8-6-3-2-4 double play. Though the IronBirds went on to win the opening matchup in 10 innings, this heads-up Renegades defense was a masterpiece.

Celebrity sighting

In the first major league appearance since DJ LeMahieu last season, JT Brubaker took the mound on Sunday as his first rehab assignment for the New York Yankees. The right-hander suf-

fered injury in his first appearance of spring training, exiting the game after a comeback line drive hit him in the side. Brubaker's start led to some unusual adjustments for opposing batters. As a rehabbing pitcher, Brubaker was allowed 20 seconds on the pitch clock. He also used a major league ball for the duration of his outing. Brubaker was sharp, giving up one hit and no walks. He struck out three IronBirds in 3.0 innings and looked ready to continue his return to major league competition. A four-year Pittsburgh Pirate, Brubaker hasn't pitched in the majors since 2023 due to injuries. Now on a one-year deal with New York, Brubaker looks to make his Yankees debut at the close of this rehab assignment.

For the first time since 2023, Hudson Valley (26-12) will go head-to-head with the Winston-Salem Dash (12-26). The Renegades look to revive the momentum after a slow start to this homestand. One game back of the Greensboro Grasshoppers (27-12), the Renegades are tied with the Brooklyn Cyclones for second place in the SAL North division.

League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Greensboro PIT	27	12	.692	-	8-2	L1
Hudson Valley NY Yankees	26	12	.684	0.5	7-3	W2
Brooklyn NY Mets	26	12	.684	0.5	8-2	W6
Aberdeen BAL	16	23	.410	11.0	5-5	L2
Jersey Shore PHI	14	23	.378	12.0	4-6	W1
Wilmington WSH	14	25	.359	13.0	4-6	L1
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Bowling Green TB	21	18	.538	-	6-4	L2
Rome ATL	21	18	.538	-	5-5	W1
Hub City TEX	20	19	.513	1.0	3-7	W3
Asheville HOU	18	21	.462	3.0	5-5	W2
Greenville BOS	17	22	.436	4.0	4-6	L3
Winston-Salem CWS	12	27	.308	9.0	1-9	L6



Home Schedule

May			
05/27/25	vs. Wilmington	06:05 PM	Fast Food Night Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
05/28/25	vs. Wilmington	11:05 AM	Education Day Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
05/29/25	vs. Wilmington	06:05 PM	FRIENDS Night FRIENDS Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
05/30/25	vs. Wilmington	07:05 PM	Fireworks Friday Baseball (Rosie's Version)
05/31/25	vs. Wilmington	05:05 PM	The Malmö Oat Makers: Did Someone Say Dynasty? Faith And Family Night Presented By The Paramount at Somers
June			
06/01/25	vs. Wilmington	02:05 PM	Copa De La Diversión: National Puerto Rican Day Sunday Family Funday
06/10/25	vs. Greenville	06:35 PM	Everyone's Birthday Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
06/11/25	vs. Greenville	06:35 PM	Pride Night Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
06/12/25	vs. Greenville	06:35 PM	Rise Of The Cider Donuts Cider Donuts Replica Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
06/13/25	vs. Greenville	07:05 PM	Dino Night Fireworks Friday
06/14/25	vs. Greenville	05:05 PM	Renegades Dating Show Roc Riggio Bobblehead Giveaway Presented By S.M.A.R.T. Local 38
06/15/25	vs. Greenville	02:05 PM	Father's Day Sunday Family Funday
July			
07/01/25	vs. Brooklyn	06:35 PM	2025 Graduation Party Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
07/02/25	vs. Brooklyn	06:35 PM	The Inaugural Rascals Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
07/03/25	vs. Brooklyn	07:05 PM	Independence Day Celebration: Happy Birthday America!! Independence Day MEGA Fireworks!





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Aberdeen ball team hopes to iron out tension with city



Pitcher Trey Gibson has a 1-2 record and a 5.46 ERA with the IronBirds so far this season.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

By Morgan E. Maier

The Aberdeen IronBirds have a 23-year history with Hudson Valley baseball. Elmer Cruz-Rodriguez is the latest in the Yankees era to come from a division rival, as the Boston Red Sox dealt him for catching prospect Carlos Narvaez, to the Hudson Valley’s fortune. But who are the Aberdeen IronBirds, the Baltimore Orioles’ High-A affiliate?

The IronBirds play in Ripken Stadium, the team, a gift from Baltimore’s beloved Cal Ripken Jr. and family. Ripken spent 21 years as an Oriole and will live forever in the hearts of Maryland’s most bustling city. The IronBirds were founded by the Ripken family, have existed since 2002 and survived the reclassification of 2021.

Now under new ownership, the IronBirds face an unclear future. Attain Sports became a majority stakeholder in the IronBirds in October 2024, when the Ripken brothers made the sale. The subsequent departure of general manager Jack Graham in March raised further questions about the future of America’s pastime in the All American City, according to the Baltimore Sun. Graham left not only Aberdeen but also baseball, taking a position within Major League Soccer with D.C. United.

Attain also owns the Orioles’ AA affiliate Chesapeake Baysox. Once named the Bowie Baysox, Attain made

the move to a more regional name, to reflect fans who cross the bay to see their minor leaguers. Such a transformation may be on the horizon for the IronBirds.

With conflict between city officials, state funds for stadium renovations, and the now-uninvolved “Iron Man,” Aberdeen and the once-beloved IronBirds seem on the path for a rocky split.

Aberdeen’s potential fate is not caused by a lack of production. Top MLB prospects and All-Stars once passed through this club, like 2022 #1 pick Jackson Holliday and MVP Adley Rutschman. The IronBirds won a division championship in 2022 and a plethora of minor league awards since the 2021 season. Should the team relocate, they likely won’t move too far from the area. Some theorists see the team shipping up to an already renovated stadium, like the former home of the Trenton Thunder, given the widespread waning local interest in the team.

The IronBirds were also the backdrop for Gary Larson’s memoir “Clubbie,” detailing experiences as an Aberdeen clubhouse attendant in 2012 and 2013. Larson describes Aberdeen as having the best player amenities in the Orioles organization. For now, the Renegades can relish the facilities when they make this season’s first visit to Aberdeen, from June 3-8.

Baseball movies offer great entertainment for an off day



The 1949 musical “Take Me Out to the Ballgame” stars Frank Sinatra and Gene Kelly as professional baseball players.

-Courtesy image

By Morgan E. Maier

Some off days are best spent with baseball. And like America’s pastime, movies about baseball offer similar refuge from work and life, capturing the attention of all ages for the same duration. Biopics, fictional athletes and feel-good sports features remind audiences that everyone loves an underdog story. The most dedicated marathonists could spend 7 hours and 50 minutes straight of Kevin Costner playing different pro baseball stars. For those who can spare just two hours in front of a screen, here are non-Costner flicks fit for an off day screening.

“Take Me Out to the Ballgame” (1949) – If you don’t feel like crowing “Take Me Out to the Ballgame” with a crowd of thousands, sing along with this picture’s jaunty opening rendition of the classic song. This 93-minute musical stars Frank Sinatra and Gene Kelly as professional baseball players (and part-time entertainment duo) vying for the affection of their new female manager. Enjoy some bumpy vaudeville tunes with a side of ball playing. This one premiered nationwide on April 13, 1949, five days ahead of Casey Stengel’s official debut as the manager of the New York Yankees. Surely Stengel, a man who treated every season like baseball season, caught a showing on the way to his first of five consecutive World Series titles.

“A League of Their Own” (1992) – Madonna is just one beautiful part of this one. This period piece depicts a rivalry especially understood by those with a com-

petitive spirit and a sister. Whether viewers have one, both, or neither, all will enjoy this account of the ladies who (literally) went to bat during World War II. With a post-credit look at the real women of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League as they’re immortalized in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, this film is, in a word, unrivaled.

“Gibsonburg” (2013) – Sometimes, losers win. Meet the Gibsonburg Golden Bears, the only high school baseball team to win a state title with a losing record. At the close of the 2005 season, Gibsonburg’s losses tripled their wins, yet they won eight straight games to capture the Ohio state title. Sports nut or not, leave with the words of head coach Kyle Rase: “You never give up, ever, and secondly, believe in yourself and the team.”

“Hardball” (2001) – Gambling and baseball are linked since the dawn of the game. The former is top priority for Keanu Reeves’ Conor O’Neill, who cares for himself, his debts, and hitting the Chicago Bulls moneyline. Motivated by money, he finds himself leading a Little League team in Chicago’s projects. With each practice and division contest, O’Neill learns that the rules of the game transcend fundamentals and infield fistfights. Notorious B.I.G.’s “Big Poppa” is the key melody for this tale of trust, tragedy, and triumph. It’s a tearjerker, but the characters’ appreciation for one another grows from the second act to the final scene.

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Address on the ‘State of the Town’ of Wappinger

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Land usage statements

Regarding land usage, Cavaccini told those in attendance the Town’s moratorium “has prevented over 2,000 new high density apartment units from coming into single family zoned areas, that would have wiped out hundreds of acres of open space.” The town has a housing ratio of 60% single family and 40% multi-family, he said.

“We continue to identify areas to preserve, limit further congestion and overcrowding, as well as foster new development in places that are innovative and that make the most sense for our community. This pause is crucial to ensuring that we do not contribute to traffic, crowd our schools, and overburden our police, ambulance, or volunteer fire companies. This is why we are moving in this direction,” explained Cavaccini.

According to the supervisor, Town leaders have “strategically curated \$100 million in new investment in our Town without clear cutting a single property. In working with property owners and landlords we have been able to revitalize empty malls, contaminated sites, and underused spaces without building on our open, greenspaces. The County owned Hudson Valley Regional Airport has not paid taxes to the Town of Wappinger or the Wappingers Central School District since 1937, with the attraction of “Sky Harbor,” a new hanger and lounge space for executive style jets, we have successfully negotiated a PILOT program for the Town to obtain tax revenue from this multi-million dollar public-private investment at the Airport for the first time in over 80 years.”

He noted that in the hamlet of Hughsonville, Obercreek Brewing Company is moving from Marlerville Road to “the Obercreek Farm’s historical barns which are in the process of their transformation on New Hamburg Road. This will create a central destination for agrotourism in our Wheeler Hill Historic District.”

Engaging with the community

Cavaccini noted the updates that have been done to Town parks, such as Spook Hill Park and at Brexel-Schlathaus Park, which now has a “brand-new live performance” stage.

“We are proud to say that this June, construction will begin on the new Chelsea Boat Ramp and docks on the Hudson River making this a much safer amenity for our residents when hitting the water this summer. This also marks the beginning of the new Wappinger Greenway Water Trail, with new ADA accessible kayak docks authorized by the Town Board in Chelsea and the boathouse in the Village across from Reese Park Town Nature Preserve,” stated Cavaccini.

This year is the 25th anniversary of the Town’s acquisition of the Carnwath Farms Historic Site & Park. “We’ve restored vital infrastructure, added new trails, and expanded community farming plots. We thank the Kolb family and Carnwath Community Farming for developing a new trail map and collaborating with us on a new outdoor artist exhibit coming this June to name a few. In recognition of our 150th anniversary, we’ve partnered with Kate Cahill and the Wappingers Historical Society to return dahlias back to this property for the first time in 100 years as we celebrate this flower’s rooted history in making Wappinger the



Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini offers his State of the Town address at Carnwath Farms on May 14.

-Courtesy photo Town of Wappinger

“dahlia capital” during the beginning of the 20th century,” said Cavaccini. The chapel on the site is now open.

Remarks on public safety and infrastructure

“In collaboration with Superintendent of Highways Michael J. Sheehan, infrastructure improvements have been a top priority, with ongoing road paving, critical sewer upgrades, and the long-overdue completion of the Highway Department Facility, which, after fifty years, has finally received its Certificate of Occupancy. We’ve also made fiscally responsible decisions, such as addressing significant abuse by contractors and non-residents at the Town Recycle Center, which previously resulted in a \$300,000 annual deficit. By purchasing a new roll-off truck and handling garbage carting in-house, we are now saving taxpayers over \$250,000 each year,” the supervisor said. He added, “In compliance with New York State’s unfunded mandates, we’ve continued improvements to the Wildwood, Fleetwood, and Mid-Point Park sewer plants.

“Our “Quality-of-Life Taskforce,” operating through the Code Enforcement Office, has achieved major successes, including the removal of a record number of zombie homes and derelict properties, as well as the elimination of numerous illegal signs cluttering our streets. We’ve also shut down all illegal massage parlors in the Town, reaffirming our commitment to enhancing both the aesthetics and safety of our community. This year, we took further action to protect our youth by passing legislation that restricts smoke and vape shops, especially those engaged in illegal activity, from operating near children. With mounting evidence linking “speed and weed” to reckless driving and traffic accidents, this step is vital to improving public health and safety. The Town Board has also taken legislative action to legalize short-term rentals in the Town of Wappinger,” explained Cavaccini.

Cavaccini concluded, “As I reflect on our Town’s past, it is important to note the generations of Wapperians who have risen to the opportunity to improve this Town and leave their mark on this community. Our Town has been shaped by amazing individuals over the centuries who wanted good government, strong commerce, and a beautiful place to live. As we continue into our next 150 years, it is my hope that our Town continues to focus on enhancing the quality of life for our neighbors and that the strong foundations we build today, will be expanded upon into the future.”

Tickets available for ‘Spirit of Mesier’ set for June 13

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“There will be really good food, really good music,” said Marcy Wagman, leader of the Spirit of Mesier Committee.

According to organizers, catering and drinks will be by Simply Gourmet. Bryan Lammers and The Blend will provide live music.

There will also be a silent auction. During the auction, one can bid on exclusive experiences, which are also local. There will be artwork created by local artists up for bid as well.

Wagman said some of the auction items will be tours of sites the public would not be able to otherwise access. Other items are chairs that local artists will work on and will then become art pieces.

As the auction gets closer, continue to check the list of auction items on the WHS’s website. One cannot participate in the auction online though (however, one can buy items for a set price before the auction).

“These are very special items,” said Wagman.

Regarding the honorees, Wagman said, “We were looking for those who made long-term contributions to the community.”

When Catalano and members of the County Players were told they would be honored, “they were thrilled,” said Devine.

Catalano stated to Southern Dutchess News: “I am incredibly honored to be recog-

nized by the Wappingers Historical Society, especially during such an important anniversary of our town. There is nothing more fulfilling than giving your time to someone or something in need of it; there is truly no better gift!”

Michael Boden, who is the president of County Players, shared, “County Players is thrilled to be recognized by the Wappingers Historical Society at this year’s Gala. As we get ready to enter our 68th season of serving the Wappingers, and entire Dutchess County, community, through theater and performing arts of the highest quality, County Players is humbled to see that our efforts are recognized by an organization that contributes so much that same area as the Historical Society; we are proud to be part of the amazing legacy of Wappingers Falls. With our live performances, and our educations programs, we are honored to work with the Wappingers Historical Society to honor the transformational power of art and community.”

The County Players hold their performances and uses the theater as it was originally intended, it was stated. As for Catalano, she has done “so much for the community,” said event organizers.

“We’re excited to bring back “Spirit of Mesier” to members of the community,” said Wagman.

For more information, go to www.wappingershistoricalsociety.org.

Drowning Prevention Seminars set to begin May 23

With the summer swimming season quickly approaching, the Dutchess County Department of Health (DCDOH) is hosting a series of Drowning Prevention Seminars to raise awareness about how to quickly identify a swimmer in distress. These seminars are open to lifeguards, people who have supervision responsibilities for swimming activities, as well as residents interested in protecting loved ones.

2025 Drowning Prevention Seminar dates are as follows:

Friday, May 23, 3 p.m.

Freedom Park, 212 Skidmore Road, Town of LaGrange

Friday, May 23, 5 p.m., Town of East Fishkill Community Center, 890 Route 82, Town of East Fishkill

Wednesday, May 28, 1:30 p.m.

Bowdoin Park, 85 Sheafe Road, Town

of Poughkeepsie

Friday, June 20, 4 p.m.

Beekman Recreation, 29 Recreation Center Road, Town of Beekman

The schedule can be found online. Check back often as additional dates may be added or locations/times changed after publication.

Seating for the seminars is limited. To make a reservation, please contact DCDOH, Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., at 845-486-3404 or by e-mail to ehs@dutchessny.gov. The Department asks that reservations are made at least two days prior to the event. Please direct all information requests to the DCDOH and not the individual seminar sites.

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Gina Benedict to serve as Vice President, Employee Experience Manager at Tompkins Community Bank

Demonstrating its commitment to providing an exceptional staff experience, Tompkins Community Bank (Tompkins) welcomed Gina Benedict as vice president and employee experience manager. Benedict, who has worked in professional services and human resources for nearly three decades, will oversee Tompkins' employee experience team, developing and implementing strategies that enhance the bank's overall work culture.

"As a community-focused institution, we recognize that our workplace is a community of its own," said Stacie Mastin, director of human resources. "We strive to make Tompkins a positive and welcoming environment and we are confident that Gina will contribute greatly to our employees' day-to-day experience through her new role."

Previously, Benedict worked as an executive human resources consultant for HR Solutions, GLB, LLC, and consulted on matters relating to professional services. She holds a bachelor's degree in communications from Indiana University and certifications from the Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM), HRCI and the Human Capital Institute (HCI). An active community member, Benedict serves the W. Edwards Deming Institute's advisory board. In addition, she volun-



Gina Benedict
-Courtesy photo Tompkins Bank

teers with Girl Scouts of America, United Way, her community's food pantry and is the treasurer of her school district's PTA. Benedict currently resides in Skaneateles, NY with her husband and two children.

Tompkins Financial elects members to Board of Directors

Tompkins Financial Corporation (Tompkins) has announced the election of a new board chair and two first-time members to its board of directors. Daniel Fessenden, who has served on the boards of Tompkins Financial Corporation, Tompkins Community Bank and our Central New York market based board, has been elected chair of the Tompkins Financial Corporation board. Heidi Davidson, who currently serves on our Hudson Valley market-based board, and Helen Eaton, who currently serves on our Pennsylvania market-based board, have been elected to the board for the first time.

Fessenden brings extensive experience in government and public service, in addition to his well-developed business acumen, to the board. Since 2007, he has served as the executive director of the Fred L. Emerson Foundation, a fifth-generation family foundation based in Auburn NY. Previously he served as an elected Member of the New York State Assembly, government and community relations manager for Carrier Corporation and the founding executive director of the Cornell Agriculture & Food Technology Park. A graduate of Cornell University, Fessenden remains actively engaged with numerous business, civic and educational organizations throughout Central New York.

"After serving on the board of Tompkins in various capacities over the last 15 years, I look forward to fully embracing this new

role and collaborating with other board members, like Heidi and Helen," said Fessenden. "By leveraging our deep roots throughout our markets and beyond, we can build a greater understanding of the communities we touch and truly impact each area we serve."

Davidson, the co-founder and CEO of Galvanize Worldwide and Galvanize On Demand, brings three decades of marketing and communication leadership experience to her position on the board. In addition to this role and her position on our Hudson Valley market-based board, Davidson is a member of the Business Council of Westchester's board and executive committee. She has been recognized numerous times, receiving accolades such as the Enterprising Woman Award from the Women's Enterprise Development Council and winning Canada's Top Women in Technology – Leadership Excellence Award.

Eaton, who has served on our Pennsylvania market-based board since 2020, is the CEO of Settlement Music School, one of the nation's largest non-profits in its field. Since 2010, Eaton has substantially impacted Settlement by growing programming, diversifying funding sources and building local and national partnerships. Her role and leadership capabilities have led to her recognition as one of the Top 30 Innovators by Musical America Worldwide and Most Admired CEOs by the Philadelphia Business Journal, as well as the Arts Education Award from Americans for the Arts.

Obituaries

Arlene P. Cohn



Arlene Paula Cohn, a local area resident since 1979, formerly of the Bronx, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, May 11, 2025 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, NY. She was 78.

Daughter of the late Paul and Jean (Scarantino) Nocella, she was born in East Harlem, New York on August 7, 1946. When she was just five years old, Arlene's father passed away. She was raised by a strong and courageous single mother alongside her two older sisters, Rose and Nanette. They did not have much but all they needed was the love they shared.

Arlene was an avid reader of mystery novels. She enjoyed taking cruises to the Caribbean and making trips to any casino, especially Atlantic City, with her husband and friends. She was an amazing cook who reveled in entertaining family and friends with her delicious Italian cooking. You never left her house hungry.

More than anything else, Arlene cherished

her family. She considered her seven grandchildren to be the loves of her life. She treasured babysitting them, especially having three of them so close in age ("The Triplets"). She was so proud of their many achievements and had a special bond with each one.

On July 29, 1967, Arlene married her childhood sweetheart, Harold P. Cohn, in East Harlem, New York. They would have celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary this year. Harold survives at home in Beacon, New York.

Additional survivors include her daughter, Laurie Colantuono and her husband Mario of Pleasant Valley; her daughter, Lisa Simmons and her husband Jeffrey of LaGrange; her son, Paul Cohn of Beacon; her grandchildren: Vincent and Franco Colantuono; Miranda, Dylan, and Evan Simmons; and Paul and Grace Cohn; her sister-in-law, Sandra Saponaro; her daughter-in-law, Nicole Cohn; her niece, Dorie Lobo & her husband Gio; her great-nephews, Alex, Casey, and Matthew Lobo; and many other loving relatives & friends.

In addition to her parents, Arlene was predeceased by her two sisters, Rose Cappiello and Nanette Towne, whom she never got over losing; as well as her three brothers-in-law Richie Cappiello, Bill Towne, and John Saponaro.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday, May 14, at McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. A funeral service took place on Thursday, May 15 at the funeral home, followed by interment at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9, Fishkill, NY. For online tributes, please visit www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Eugene Darrigan



Please join in honoring the memory of U.S. Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Eugene J. Darrigan, a proud native of Wappingers Falls, who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.

Staff Sgt. Darrigan was tragically KIA over the Pacific on March 11, 1944. After over 80 years, his remains have been discovered and will finally be returning home. This is a momentous and deeply moving occasion as Eugene will be laid to rest with the honor he so greatly deserves.

Everyone is invited come together as a community to witness this profound moment and pay your respects to a true hero. Let us stand united to give Eugene the heartfelt homecoming he has long awaited.

Delehanty Funeral Home, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY
Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday,

May 24 11:00 AM St. Mary R.C. Church 11 Clinton Street, Wappingers Falls, NY, Internment will take place at St. Mary's Cemetery 19 Clinton Street, Wappingers Falls, NY.

John Francis Dring



John Francis Dring, lovingly known by his family and friends as "Jack," passed away peacefully at home on May 13, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. He was 95.

Jack was born in Peekskill, NY on January 16, 1930, to the late Le Roy and Maud (Belanger) Dring. He previously lived in Ossining, NY until moving to Fishkill, NY in 1986.

On December 10, 1950, Jack married the love of his life, Frances Ann Pietrobono, at St. Ann's Church in Ossining, NY. She survives at home.

Jack worked as a systems technician for AT&T in White Plains, NY for 39 years before his well-deserved retirement in 1989. He proudly served in the US Navy from 1949-1952, fighting in the Korean War.

In his leisure time, Jack enjoyed playing softball, bowling, golf, and horseshoes. He also loved to sing and was a dedicated parishioner of St. Mary, Mother of the Church in Fishkill, NY.

He will be remembered as an incredibly warm and happy person and will forever be cherished by his family and friends.

Above all, his greatest joy was spending time with his family, especially his beloved wife "Franny."

In addition to his loving wife, Jack is survived by his son, Jack Dring Jr. and his wife, Dawn of Selkirk, NY; his son, Bruce Dring and his partner, Judy of Hyde Park, NY; his daughter, Teri-Ann LaBarbera and her husband, Robert of the Villages, FL; his daughter, Linda Costa of Fishkill, NY; his daughter-in-law, Christine Dring of Wappingers Falls, NY; his grandchildren, Jodi Moder and her husband Frank, Jeffrey Dring and his wife Kate, Daniel Dring, Matthew Dring and his wife Carly, Charissa (primary caregiver) Raymond and her husband Julius, Dana-Rae Dring-O'Dell and her husband David, Robert LaBarbera and his wife Jennifer, Brian LaBarbera and his wife Lauren, Rachel Costa, and Angela Costa; his great-grandchildren: Cecilia, Elias, Kason, Brycen, Everly, and Emma; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and other loving family members.

Jack was predeceased by his brother, Robert Dring; his sister, Mary Haigh; and his grandson, Bruce James Dring.

A Mass will be held on Friday, May 23, 2025, 11:30am, at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill, NY.

Please visit Jack's Book of Memories at www.McHoulFuneralHome.com.

In recognition of the care and support Jack received throughout his final years, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his name to Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation at www.hvhospice.org.

Aurora Perez

Aurora Perez, a resident of the Bronx, passed away on May 14, 2025. She was 96 years old.

Aurora was born on June 24, 1928 in Utuado, Puerto Rico and re-located to the Bronx being a homemaker for her family.

Aurora is survived by her children Charles Perez (Lisa Walsh), Jenny Vera (Steven), and Elsa Perez. She is also survived by numerous generations of beloved grandchildren.

Aurora was pre-deceased by both her mother and father, along with her seven siblings, notably her brother Juan, and her sister Isabel who took the responsibility of raising her through childhood.

Family and friends gathered for calling hours on Monday, May 19 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A funeral service was held followed by burial at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9, Fishkill.

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

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

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Creative Living

WCSD celebrates 75 years
of the Festival of the Arts



The Wappingers Central School District (WCSD) celebrated 75 years of the Festival of the Arts on May 17 in Mesier Park in Wappingers Falls. Thousands of WCSD students' artwork was displayed throughout the park for six hours during the annual event.

-Photos by Kristine Coulter



'Across the Pacific' to screen on May 28 at Wallace Center

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum presents the next program in its year-long film series "Hollywood Goes to War, 1941-1945" with a screening of John Huston and Vincent Sherman's "Across the Pacific" (1942) on Wednesday, May 28, at 2 p.m. The event will be held in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home in Hyde Park. This is a free public event, but registration is required. Visit www.fdrlibrary.org to register.

After being given a phony dishonorable discharge, Army officer Richard Leland (Humphrey Bogart) takes it upon himself to continue on in his capacity as a soldier and offer his services to Chiang Kai-Shek and the Chinese. On his journey through

the Panama Canal he comes across Dr. Lorenz (Sydney Greenstreet), a spy determined to blow up the Canal.

The film's first director, John Huston, abruptly left production to join the United States Army Signal Corps, leaving the movie in the hands of young director Vincent Sherman. "Across the Pacific" was the second feature directed by John Huston starring Humphrey Bogart, Mary Astor and Sydney Greenstreet. The first was "The Maltese Falcon" (1941). The screenplay, by Richard Macauley, was an adaptation of a Saturday Evening Post serial by Robert Carson, "Aloha Means Goodbye," published in 1941.

Contact Cliff Laube at 845-486-7745

with questions about the event.

Upcoming films in the "Hollywood Goes to War, 1941-1945" film series include: "Mrs. Miniver" (1942), "Cry Havoc" (1943), "Edge of Darkness" (1943), "Hollywood Canteen" (1944), "Four Jills in a Jeep" (1944) and "They Were Expendable" (1945).

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Friendly Honda celebrates completion of new showroom with ribbon-cutting ceremony



Pictured from left are Keith Antolik, Zone Sales Manager at American Honda Motor Company; Eric Kahn, President and CEO at Friendly Auto Group; Sue Serino, Dutchess County Executive; John Federici, Executive Vice President at M&T Bank; and Rebecca Edwards, Town of Poughkeepsie Supervisor.

Friendly Honda, a trusted name in the Mid-Hudson Valley for over fifty years, recently completed a multi-million-dollar renovation of its showroom building located on Route 44 in Poughkeepsie. This milestone was celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, May 8, with Friendly Honda employees, senior American Honda executives, and local dignitaries.

With their last major remodel completed in 2003, this renovation included gutting and redesigning the interior and plac-

ing a new façade on the exterior of the building. Designed with customer experience as paramount, Friendly Honda now features contemporary workspaces with updated technology, more comfortable customer seating areas, and a spacious open floor plan to deliver an unparalleled shopping experience.

“We are incredibly excited to unveil our renovated showroom, which reflects our dedication to providing not only high-quality vehicles but also an exceptional environment for our customers and staff,”



Members of the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce join officials and staff at the ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 8.

-Courtesy photos

said Eric Kahn, Owner of Friendly Honda and CEO of the Friendly Auto Group. “This renovation distinguishes Friendly Honda from the competition. We are proud to continue serving the Mid-Hudson Valley community with the same Friendly Prices and Friendly Service that we are known for.”

The ribbon-cutting ceremony included speeches from Eric Kahn, as well as Keith Antolik, American Honda Northeast Zone

Manager; Rebecca Edwards, Town of Poughkeepsie Supervisor; and Sue Serino, the Dutchess County Executive. Guests were given the opportunity to tour the updated showroom, meet the Friendly Honda team, and enjoy a light lunch.

For more information about the ribbon-cutting ceremony or the newly renovated showroom, please contact Tom Morel, Friendly Honda’s Marketing and Communications Manager.

Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation

By Nate Smith
Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation Director
Summer is fast approaching, and our Town parks will be busy places. Check

out our website at <http://www.poughkeepsietownrec.com> for information about all of our Town parks, seasonal employment, Greenvale Summer Camp

sessions (5 - 11 yrs. and 12 - 15 yrs. old), Tennis and Pickleball Lessons (youth and adult sessions) that begin in June, and our upcoming Summer Concert Series.

Some of our Town parks have terrific walking trails, whether it’s through an orchard at Peach Hill (just off Salt Pt.) or along the Wappingers Creek at Creekside (just off Route 44 near Eastdale). Many of our park facilities are also available to rent for special events.

Please call the Recreation office at 845-485-3628 or email us at rec@townofpoughkeepsie-ny.gov for additional information.

and a tasty Cowboy Lunch (hot dogs, baked beans, watermelon) on Thursday, May 29! The fun begins at 11 a.m., but you need to sign up in advance. There is a \$10 per person charge, payable at registration.

We also have a Watercolor Open Studio (9:30 - 11:30 a.m.) and a Stitching Circle (12:30 - 2 p.m.) on Mondays. Bring your project and supplies, and work while sharing ideas and conversation with others.

Looking ahead:
June 5 - Monthly Birthday Celebration
June 17 - Grill Bill: A Q&A with Councilman Bill Reuter
June 26 - Member Art Show & Sale
View our complete Senior Center Activity Calendar at www.poughkeepsie-townrec.com.

Our Senior Center is located at 14 Abe’s Way and we can be reached at 845-462-0265 Monday - Friday between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. We will be closed on Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day and also on Thursday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth.

Senior Center News
By Ruta Ronis
For the Town of Poughkeepsie
Join our Walking Club (Mon., Wed.) and our Bocce Players (Tues.) and soak up some sunshine as you enjoy the company of others age 55+. Then come on inside for a Karaoke Happy Hour at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, May 23.
Yeehaw! We’re having a Hootenanny with “Grampa Joe’s Washboard Band”

East Fishkill Recreation

By Bill Green
East Fishkill Recreation Director
This summer at our outdoor concerts the parking on both sides of the Davis House will be for the bands and for handicapped parking only. All other cars should park in the McGrath lot, by the skate park or near the bank. Our first concert is Friday, June 13, at 7 p.m. with the Hudson Valley Council Band playing all the great Military, Big Band and Show-tune music. This concert will be at the stage by the pavilion. All other concerts will be by the Davis House.

We will begin signing up residents in June for our annual trip to Saratoga Raceway on Thursday, August 7. The fee is \$60 and includes admission, grandstand seats, bus and tip for driver. Sign-ups begin in June.

Our Sunday, June 8 trip to Resorts Catskills Casino is filled.

There are still openings for the NY Mets trip on Wednesday, July 23 to CitiField for a game with the LA Angels. The fee is \$100 and includes Section 128 Field level seats,

round trip Coach tours transportation and tip for driver.

Don’t miss out for our fun Youth Golf Instruction Program (four sessions) for ages 4 thru teens. The first session is July 7-11. Fees are \$50 residents (toddler)& \$75 non-residents (toddler) and \$60 and \$95 for six and older.

Our July Adult Golf session is almost filled. The fee is \$100 for residents and \$125 for non-residents. June is filled and August has many openings. Checks should be made out to Lisa Monaco.

Season passes for Red Wing Park are now on sale. These passes cannot be purchased online. Non-residents to attend must live in neighboring towns – no exceptions. Red Wing opens Memorial Day weekend May 24-26. Our first Fishing Night will be Wednesday, May 28 from 7 p.m. to dark.

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

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get growing! by mark adams

Karner Blue: The Lolita of Butterflies

An endangered and beautiful butterfly makes its home on an Albany preserve.

“Lolita.” Vladimir Nabokov (1899-1977), the author of one of the most famous novels in English literature, was an amateur lepidopterist. After escaping the 1917 Russian Revolution – his father was a royalist and later murdered – Nabokov eventually ended up in New York, working as a volunteer entomologist at the Museum of Natural History, where he organized the butterfly (lepidoptera) collection. He had a fascination with one of the tiniest and most fragile butterfly families, and was the first person to identify the Karner Blue.

The Karner Blue is a critically endangered butterfly, found in only a few isolated pockets in Michigan, Wisconsin, New Hampshire and, famously, Albany, New York. The caterpillars of the Karner Blue feed exclusively on the leaves of the wild lupine, itself an almost endangered flower, primarily due to loss of habitat. It so happens that the ideal habitat for the wild lupine and the Karner Blue is a patch of land wedged between the New York Thruway, the city of Albany and a strip mall along State Route 155.

A couple hundred years ago, the Albany pine barrens covered 40 square miles – a wasteland of sandy soil left by retreating glaciers, covered with patch pine, scrub oak and native wildflowers. Nobody cared much about it until only 3,200 acres were left unpaved. Somebody, including members of the Nature Conservancy, realized that a fascinating habitat was about to disappear. The Albany Pine Bush Preserve was established in 1988, with 20 miles of hiking trails, a “discovery center” and a dedication to preserving the endangered flora and fauna unique to the pine bush.

It’s amazing to hike through the sandy landscape of pine trees and meadows flush with blooming lupines, and cresting a gentle slope – suddenly confronting an interstate highway jammed with traffic, people rushing to who knows where. Turning our backs to the mad rush, Sue and I strolled down the “blue trail.” And there it was – a Karner Blue butterfly perched on the thumb of a fellow traveler – Sarah Sterling. Only an inch across its powder blue wingspan and embroidered with flecks of gold when its wings are closed, the Karner Blue is a little slice of heaven.

After a quick dinner back in civilization (Wolf Road) we returned to the discovery



Karner Blue at rest.

-Photo by Sue Adams

center for a presentation, “Butterfly and Moth Diversity in the Albany Pine Bush Preserve,” by entomologist Alexandria Soldo. We learned that the Karner Blue is only one of several endangered butterflies in the Pine Bush, including the Mottled Duskywing, the Frost Elfin and the Buckmoth. And that the conservation efforts are a huge success. The Karner Blue we found on May 15 was only the first of 25,000 that will swarm the lupine fields by mid June. I couldn’t believe it, so I asked her again. Furthermore, the Albany Pine Bush is home to 10,000 separate species of insects!

Vladimir Nobokov would be proud. The “Lupine Fest” at the preserve continues through May 31. Sign up at albanylupinefest.org for the “Accessible and Inclusive Walk and Roll” on May 25 or visit on your own any time.

• Mustard “Miz America” - I followed up on the gorgeous mustard I saw growing in the edible garden at the Atlanta Botanical Garden last January. After planting the seeds in April, it’s now ready to harvest. Simply blanched in a steamer and slathered with butter, Miz America is tender and flavorful. But watch out – it stains everything dark purple.

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

American Girl event coming back to Dutchess County

What was once an annual event in the Town of Wappinger is coming back to Dutchess County on Saturday, May 31. The location is different, but as Sara Dobbins, the co-chair of the event stated, “it will be as much fun as it was before COVID stopped it.”

This year, the brunch will be held at the Faith Christian Academy located at the former IBM Casperkill property at 25 Golf Club Lane in Poughkeepsie, stated Josephine Dayger, co-chair, where girls will enjoy dancing, crafting, brunch and raffles.

This event is expected to bring fun and excitement to a special population in the community, namely girls from ages 3-12 to enjoy the event with their moms. In the past, girls have spent most of the time on the dance floor, dancing to oldies like Hokey Pokey and Chicken dances to dance numbers that even had moms surprised that their girls knew all the steps to.

These events encourage girls to enjoy their youth and not rush to move to the next chapter in their life quickly. Girls are encouraged to enjoy a moment in time with a member of their family and their contemporaries by giving them an experience where they are able to connect, inspire and learn from one another.

The ‘American Girl Doll’ has always been chosen as the theme because we respect their way of “igniting the strength inherent in all girls...that help girls reach their full potential.” The American Girl sparks girls’ imagination and creativity through inspiring dolls, books, crafts and story lines that give girls confidence to be



The American Girl Doll Springtime Brunch will take place at Faith Christian Academy on May 31 in Poughkeepsie.

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their best. American Girl has earned the praise and trust of parents and educators and the loyalty of millions of girls.

This event will spotlight Summer McKinny a girl who is a dog lover, craft maker, great baker with a big idea is to launch a small business of her own. Summer’s stories are about moments and ideas that shape a life - not necessarily the monumental events or milestones, but the commonplace occurrences like volunteering or dog walking.

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

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

U L S T E R ONCOLOGY PLLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 4/8/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 106 Keith Dr., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: To practice Medicine.

Notice of Formation of VG4TJ, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/10/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

BIG IRON WELDING, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 4/1/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 36 Patricia Ln., Hyde Park, NY 12538,

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which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

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

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

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

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

Ward's Tree Farm LLC filed Arts. of Org.

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

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

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

Notice of Formation of Lisa A. Maffucci, D.C., PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 3-22-2002. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Lisa A. Maffucci, D.C., PLLC 102 W Market St., Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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

NOSELF LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/08/2025. Office loc: Dutchess

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County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Mae Ryan, 111 Fraleigh Lane, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Notice of Qualification of OAKT MANAGEMENT LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/16/25. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 09/30/16. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. NJ addr. of LLC: Princeton South Corporate Ctr., Ste. 160, 100 Charles Ewing Blvd., Ewing, NJ 08628. Cert. of Form. filed with State Treasurer, 33 W. State St., Fifth Fl., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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

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

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

Notice of Formation of Retroject LLC, Art. of Org. filed w/Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 01/08/2024. Office location: Dutchess Co., NY.; SSNY designated as agent of LLC

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upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process c/o the Company, 778 MARCY AVE, 4A, BROOKLYN, NY, 11216. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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

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

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

Clinton Vines and Branches, LLC. Filed with SSNY on February 5, 2025. Office: Dutchess. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 173 Fiddlers Bridge Road, Staatsburg, NY 12580. Purpose: any lawful.

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

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

J.M. KELVIN ARCHITECT, PLLC filed Arts. of Org. with

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the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/18/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The PLLC, 48 Nathan Pierce Ct, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: Architecture.

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

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

SEM SERVICE & REPAIR LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/25/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 67 Scout Road, Salt Point, NY 12578. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

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

Notice of Formation of 3974 Route 9G LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/7/2025. Office Location: Dutchess County.

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SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 418 Broadway, STE R, Albany, NY, 12207, USA. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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

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

CEDAR CREST RE HOLDINGS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/28/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 32 Kimlin Court, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

236 MANCHESTER LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/02/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 11 Stayman Ct, Manalapan, NJ 07726. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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to: 41 Alley Rd,
Lagrangeville, NY
12540. Purpose:
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Consulting LLC. Filed
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desig. as agent for
process & shall mail
to: 226 Main St Unit
402, Beacon, NY
12508. Purpose:
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303MILLSTREETPK
LLC. Filed 4/23/25.
Office: Dutchess Co.
SSNY desig. as agent
for process & shall
mail to: c/o April
Grimm, 297 Mill St#1,
Poughkeepsie, NY
12601. Purpose:
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TRANSPORT LLC,
Arts. of Org. filed with
the SSNY on
05/05/2025. Office
loc: Dutchess County.
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nated as agent
upon whom process
against the LLC may
beserved. SSNY shall
mail process to: The
LLC, 68 Charles Col-
man Blvd, Pawling,
NY 12564. Purpose:
Any Lawful Purpose.

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process to address
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LLC

Sparkling Water LLC.
Filed with SSNY on
May 2, 2025. Office:
Dutchess, SSNY desig-
nated as agent for
process & shall mail
to: 1070 Willow Brook
Road, Clinton Cor-
ners, New York
12514. Purpose: any

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Dutchess, SSNY desig-
nated as agent for
process & shall mail
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brook, New York. Pur-
pose: any lawful

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2025. Office:
Dutchess, SSNY desig-
nated as agent for
process & shall mail
to: 284 Walsh Road,
Lagrangeville, NY
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of LINGO STAFFING
CT, LLC Appl. for
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location: Dutchess
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Connecticut (CT) on
08/18/23. Princ. office
of LLC: 8012 Midlo-
thian Tnpk., Ste. 100,
N. Chesterfield, VA
23235. SSNY desig-
nated as agent of LLC
upon whom process
against it may be
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bany, NY 12207-
2543. Cert. of Form.
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State Stephanie
Thomas, 165 Capitol
Ave., Ste. 1000, Hart-
ford, CT 06115-0470.
Purpose: Any lawful
activity.

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AND DESIGN LLC.
Filed 2/21/25. Office:
Dutchess Co. SSNY
desig. as agent for
process & shall mail
to: c/o Danielle Smith,
503 River Rd, Staats-
burg, 12580.
Purpose: General.

ASAP 1
TRANSPORT LLC.
Filed 3/13/25. Office:
Dutchess Co. SSNY
desig. as agent for
process & shall mail
to: Raymond Nugent,
388 Mansion St,
Poughkeepsie, NY
12602. Purpose:
General.

CLINTON VALLEY
FARM, LLC. Filed
5/1/25. Office:

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Dutchess Co. SSNY
desig. as agent for
process & shall mail
to: Emily Lyons, 76
Creek Rd, Pleasant
Valley, NY 12569.
Registered Agent: Jd
Cpa Pc, 3 Nancy Ct,
Ste 5, Wappingers
Falls, NY 12590. Pur-
pose: General.

UTOPIA UPSTATE
LLC. Filed 11/7/24.
Office: Dutchess Co.
SSNY desig. as agent
for process & shall
mail to: Lucia Cote, 8
Lagno Dr, Rhinebeck,
NY 12572. Purpose:
General.

5150 Electric LLC.
Filed 4/28/25. Office:
Dutchess Co. SSNY
desig. as agent for
process & shall mail
to: 11 Albie Dr, Hyde
Park, NY 12538. Pur-
pose: General.

Notice of Formation of
121 Walsh LLC (the
“LLC”). Arts. of Org.
filed with the Secre-
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5, 2025. Office
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mail process to: The
LLC, 289 West Clove
Mountain Rd., La-
grangeville, NY
12540. Purpose: Any
lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of
Limited Liability Com-
pany (LLC). Name:
121 TALMADGE,
LLC, hereinafter
“LLC”. Registration
filing date with the
Secretary of State of
New York (SSNY)
was May 6, 2025.
Principal office
location is Dutchess
County, New York.
SSNY designated as
agent of LLC upon
whom process
against it may be
served. SSNY shall
mail a copy of any
process against it or
served upon it on be-
half of the LLC to the
registered agent,
Besmir Cota, 5 W.
Hook Road, Hopewell
Junction, New York
12533. Purpose: any
lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of
Cornerstone Sales

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Consulting LLC. Arti-
cles of Organization
filed with Secretary of
State of NY (SSNY) on
5-12-2025. Office
location: Dutchess
County. SSNY desig-
nated as agent of
Limited Liability Com-
pany upon whom
process against it
may be served. SSNY
should mail process
to Carmela Ravi, 79
Barmore Road,
Lagrangeville, NY
12540. Purpose: Any
lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of
RL SILO LLC Arts. of
Org. filed with Secy. of
State of NY (SSNY)
on 05/08/25. Office
location: Dutchess
County. SSNY desig-
nated as agent of LLC
upon whom process
against it may be
served. SSNY shall
mail process to the
LLC, c/o 160 Leroy St.,
Unit 4CS, NY, NY
10014. Purpose: Any
lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of
The Gathering Nest,
LLC Articles of Orga-
nization filed with the
Secretary of State of
New York (SSNY) on
April 9, 2025. Office
location: Dutchess
County, NY. SSNY is
designated as agent
of the LLC upon
whom process
against it may be
served. SSNY shall
mail a copy of any
process to: The Gath-
ering Nest, LLC, 184
Creek Rd, Pleasant
Valley, NY 12569.
Purpose: To engage in
any lawful act or
activity.

Thomsen Properties
LLC filed Arts. of Org.
with the Sect’y of State
of NY (SSNY) on
1/21/2025. Office:
Dutchess County.
SSNY has been desig-
nated as agent of
the LLC upon whom
process against it
may be served and
shall mail process to:
The LLC, 816 Rte 22,
Pawling, NY 12564.
Purpose: any lawful
act.

JOHNNA VICTORIA
LLC Articles of Org.
filed NY Sec. of State
(SSNY) 5/2/25. Office
in Dutchess Co.
SSNY desig. agent of
LLC whom process

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may be served. SSNY
shall mail process to
21 W Barret Hill Rd.,
Hopewell Junction,
NY 12533. Purpose:
Any lawful purpose.
Principal business
loc: 2 Tioronda Ave.,
Beacon, NY 12508.

308 HOOKER
AVENUE, LLC Arti-
cles of Org. filed NY
Sec. of State (SSNY)
5/13/25. Office in
Dutchess Co. SSNY
desig. agent of LLC
whom process may
be served. SSNY shall
mail process to-308
Hooker Ave., Pough-
keepsie, NY 12603,
which is also the prin-
cipal business loca-
tion. Purpose: Any
lawful purpose.

HANG ME NOW
LLC. Arts. of Org. filed
with the SSNY on
05/01/25. Office:
Dutchess County.
SSNY designated as
agent of the LLC
upon whom process
against it may be
served. SSNY shall
mail copy of process
to the LLC, 26
Buchanan Street,
Beacon, NY 12508.
Purpose: Any lawful
purpose.

M I D - H U D S O N
E L E C T R I C A L
C O N T R A C T I N G
LLC. Arts. of Org. filed
with the SSNY on
05/02/25. Office:
Dutchess County.
SSNY designated as
agent of the LLC
upon whom process
against it may be
served. SSNY shall
mail copy of process
to the LLC, P.O. Box
221, Poughquag, NY
12570. Purpose: Any
lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of
SkyHorizon Group
LLC. Articles of Orga-
nization filed with the
Secretary of State of
New York (SSNY) on
May 14, 2025. Office
location: Dutchess
County. SSNY has
been designated as
agent of the LLC upon
whom process may
be served. SSNY shall
mail process to: Sky-
Horizon Group LLC,
3303 Cherry Hill Dr,
Poughkeepsie, NY
12603. Purpose: Any
lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of

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RT 44 MILLERTON
RE OWNER
KEYPORT LLC Arts.
of Org. filed with Secy.
of State of NY (SSNY)
on 05/13/25. Office
location: Dutchess
County. Princ. office o
f LLC: 100 Merrick
Rd., Ste. 500W, Rock-
ville Centre, NY
11570. SSNY desig-
nated as agent of LLC
upon whom process
against it may be
served. SSNY shall
mail process to Cor-
poration Service Co.,
80 State St., Albany,
NY 12207-2543. Pur-
pose: Commercial
real estate.

Notice of Qualification
of EPRT ALTOONA
OWNER LLC Appl.
for Auth. filed with
Secy. of State of NY
(SSNY) on 05/12/25.
Office location:
Dutchess County.
LLC formed in
Delaware (DE) on
01/07/19. SSNY desig-
nated as agent of
LLC upon whom pro-
cess against it may be
served. SSNY shall
mail process to Cor-
poration 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, John G.
Townsend Bldg., 401
Federal St., Ste. 4,
Dover, DE 19901.
Purpose: Commer-
cial real estate.

Notice of Qualification
of NYM CW 1
INVESTOR LLC
Appl. for Auth. filed
with Secy. of State of
NY (SSNY) on
05/12/25. Office
location: Dutchess
County. LLC formed
in Delaware (DE) on
12/28/20. SSNY desig-
nated as agent of
LLC upon whom pro-
cess against it may be
served. SSNY shall
mail process to Cor-
poration 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, John G.
Townsend Bldg., 401
Federal St., Ste. 4,
Dover, DE 19901.
Purpose: Commer-
cial real estate.

RICE THING, LLC,

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Arts. of Org. filed with
the SSNY on
05/15/2025. Office
loc: Dutchess County.
SSNY has been
designated as agent
upon whom process
against the LLC may
be served. SSNY shall
mail process to:
Miyuki McKible, 16
Depuyster Ave.,
Beacon, NY 12508.
Purpose: Any Lawful
Purpose.

Lodge on the Loop
LLC Arts of Org were
filed with SSNY on
1/15/2025. Office
location: Dutchess
County. SSNY desig-
nated as agent of LLC
upon whom process
may be served. SSNY
shall mail process to
Brian Joyner, 169
South Ave, Beacon
NY 12508. Purpose:
any lawful act or
activity.

Top Tier Electrical
LLC. Arts. of Org. filed
with the SSNY on
05/05/25. Office:
Dutchess County.
SSNY designated as
agent of the LLC
upon whom process
against it may be
served. SSNY shall
mail copy of process
to the LLC, 1756
Route 52 Fishkill, NY
12524. Purpose: Any
lawful purpose.

Circum Housing LLC
Arts of Org. filed with
SSNY 07/18/2022.
Dutchess Co. SSNY
desig. as agent upon
whom process
against may be
served & shall mail
process to 6 Van
Ness Rd., Beacon NY
12508. General
purpose.

Notice of Formation
of Yoda Health
Solutions LLC. Arts.
of Org. filed with
SSNY on 04/04/2025.
Office location:
Dutchess County.
SSNY designated as
agent of LLC upon
whom process may
be served. SSNY
shall mail process to
42 Wintergreen Pl,
Hopewell Junction,
NY 12533. Purpose:
any lawful act or
activity

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEWYORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

Index No.: 2024-54809 Date Summons Filed: day of 10/17/2024

SUMMONS LISA DOCKSTADER, Plaintiff, -against-

SCOTT DOCKSTADER, Defendant.

This action is brought in the County of DUTCHESS because said County is the County where the Wife and children reside.

ACTION FOR A DIVORCE

To the above named Defendant YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon the Plaintiff's Attorney an answer to the complaint in this action twenty days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the notice set forth below.

Simultaneously upon the service of the summons, the plaintiff shall serve upon the defendant a copy of the automatic restraining orders set forth in paragraph (b), which binds both parties during the pendency of the action unless modified by the parties in writing or by the court. (The plaintiff is bound by the automatic order upon the filing of the summons, and the defendant is bound upon the service of the summons.)

The automatic restraining order language is as follows:

(1) Neither party shall sell, transfer, encumber, conceal, assign, remove or in any way dispose of, without the consent of the other party in writing, or by order of the court, any property (including, but not limited to, real estate, personal property, cash accounts, stocks, mutual funds, bank accounts, cars and boats) individually or jointly held by the parties, except in the usual course of business, for customary and usual household expenses or for reasonable attorney's fees in connection with this action.

(2) Neither party shall transfer,

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encumber, assign, remove, withdraw or in any way dispose of any tax deferred funds, stocks or other assets held in any individual retirement accounts, 401K accounts, profit sharing plans, Keough accounts, or any other pension or retirement account, and the parties shall further refrain from appealing for or requesting the payment of retirement benefits or annuity payment of any kind, without the consent of the other party in writing, or upon further order of the court.

(3) Neither party shall incur unreasonable debts hereafter, including but not limited to further borrowing against any credit line secured by the family residence, further encumbering any assets, or unreasonably using credit cards or cash advances against credit cards, except the usual course of business or for customary or usual household expenses, or for reasonable attorney's fees in connection with this action.

(4) Neither party shall cause the other party of the children of the marriage to be removed from any existing medical, hospital, and dental insurance coverage, and each party shall maintain the existing medical hospital and dental insurance coverage in full force and effect.

(5) Neither party shall change the beneficiaries of an existing life insurance policies, and each party shall maintain the existing life insurance, automobile insurance, home owners and renters insurance policies in full force and effect.

NOTICE CONCERNING CONTINUATION OF HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

(Required by section 255(1) of the Domestic Relations Law)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that once a Judgment is signed in this action, both you and your spouse may or may not continue to be eligible for coverage under each other's health insurance plan, depending on the terms of the plan.

Dated: Red Hook, New York, 10/17/2024 ANN M. WEAVER Office and Post Office Address 7466 South Broadway Red Hook, New York 12571 (845) 758-4400 annweaverlaw@yahoo.com Notice of Guideline

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Maintenance If your divorce was commenced on or after January 25, 2016, this Notice is required to be given to you by the Supreme Court of the county where your divorce was filed to comply with the Maintenance Guidelines Law ([S. 5678/A. 7645], Chapter 269, Laws of 2015) because you may not have counsel in this action to advise you. It does not mean that your spouse (the person you are married to) is seeking or offering an award of "Maintenance" in this action. "Maintenance" means the amount to be paid to the other spouse for support after the divorce is final.

You are hereby given notice that under the Maintenance Guidelines Law (Chapter 269, Laws of 2015), there is an obligation to award the guideline amount of maintenance on income up to \$203,000 to be paid by the party with the higher income (the maintenance payor) to the party with the lower income (the maintenance payee) according to a formula, unless the parties agree otherwise or waive this right. Depending on the incomes of the parties, the obligation might fall on either the Plaintiff or Defendant in the action.

There are two formulas to determine the amount of the obligation. If you and your spouse have no children, the higher formula will apply. If there are children of the marriage, the lower formula will apply, but only if the maintenance payor is paying child support to the other spouse who has the children as the custodial parent. Otherwise the higher formula will apply.

Lower Formula 1-Multiply Maintenance Payor's Income by 20%. 2- Multiply Maintenance Payee's Income by 25%. Subtract Line 2 from Line 1: = Result 1 Subtract Maintenance Payee's Income from 40 % of Combined Income* = Result 2. Enter the lower of Result 2 or Result 1, but if less than or equal to zero, enter zero. THIS IS THE CALCULATED GUIDELINE AMOUNT OF MAINTENANCE WITH THE LOWER FORMULA

Higher Formula 1-Multiply Maintenance Payor's Income by 30% 2- Multiply Maintenance Payee's Income by 20% Subtract Line 2 from

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Line 1= Result 1 Subtract Maintenance Payee's Income from 40 % of Combined Income*= Result 2

Enter the lower of Result 2 or Result 1, but if less than or equal to zero, enter zero THIS IS THE CALCULATED GUIDELINE AMOUNT OF MAINTENANCE WITH THE HIGHER FORMULA *Combined Income equals Maintenance Payor's Income up to \$203,000 plus Maintenance Payee's Income Note: The Court will determine how long maintenance will be paid in accordance with the statute. (Rev. 3/1/22)

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEWYORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

VERIFIED COMPLAINT Index No.: 2024-

LISA DOCKSTADER, Plaintiff, -against-

SCOTT DOCKSTADER, Defendant.

STATE OF NEW YORK) ss.

COUNTY OF DUTCHESS) Plaintiff, LISA DOCKSTADER, by her attorney, ANN M. WEAVER, ESQ., complaining of the Defendant, SCOTT DOCKSTADER, alleges as follows:

1. Plaintiff herein LISA DOCKSTADER, complaining of the Defendant, alleges that the parties are over the age of 18 years and;

2. The Plaintiff has resided in New York State for a continuous period of at least two years immediately preceding the commencement of this divorce action.

3. The Plaintiff and the Defendant were duly married on July 2, 1994, in Red Hook, New York. The marriage was performed by a clergyman, minister or by a leader of the Society for Ethical Culture. To the best of my knowledge I have taken all steps solely within my power to remove any barrier to the Defendant's remarriage.

4. There are two unemancipated children born of this marriage to wit and no others are expected: Caroline Dockstader dob 11/4/2004 and Maggie Dockstader dob 10/11/2007.

5. At all times hereinafter mentioned, the Plaintiff was and still is a resident of the State of New York residing in

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Dutchess County. The Defendant resides at 71 East Main St., Wappingers Falls NY 12590.

6. The grounds for divorce are DRL 170(7) Irreconcilable Differences, Irretrievable Breakdown of Relationship between parties to this action. The relationship between Plaintiff and Defendant has broken down irretrievably for a period of at least six (6) months to the extent that Plaintiff cannot continue in this marriage.

7. There is no judgment in any court for divorce in favor of either party and against the other and no other matrimonial action for divorce between the parties is pending in any court of competent jurisdiction.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendant as follows:

a) Granting to the Plaintiff a Judgment of Absolute Divorce dissolving the bonds of matrimony between the Plaintiff and the Defendant;

b) Declaring that certain personal property acquired by the Plaintiff be declared to be the Plaintiff's separate property;

c) Granting to the Plaintiff a suitable distributive award and equitable distribution;

d) Declaring the items of personal property, in the form of furniture, automobiles, and other goods and chattels, purchased during the marriage, be marital property, subject to equitable distribution;

e) Declaring the sum of money acquired and accumulated during the marriage of the parties, jointly or individually, to be declared marital property, subject to equitable distribution;

f) Directing the defendant to assign his or her interest in any policies of life insurance to the plaintiff or, in the alternative, to maintain said policies during the support period with the plaintiff as irrevocable primary beneficiary;

g) Declaring certain pension plans and/or retirement plans and the monies paid into said plans, as marital and property, subject to equitable distribution;

h) Equitable distribution of marital items;

i) Attorney fees;

j) Maintenance;

k) Custody;

l) Child Support;

m) Granting such other and further relief as Court deems just and proper.

Dated: 10/17/2024

Ann M. Weaver, Esq. 7466 South

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Broadway Red Hook, New York 12571 (845) 758-4400 annweaverlaw@yahoo.com

Verification State of New York) County of Dutchess) ss

LISA DOCKSTADER, having been duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am the Plaintiff in the within action for a divorce. I have read the foregoing complaint and know the contents thereof. The contents are true to my own knowledge except as to matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

LISA DOCKSTADER Sworn to before me on Date: 10/16/2024

Notary Public SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEWYORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

AFFIDAVIT DRL 170(7) Index No.: 2024-54809

LISA DOCKSTADER, Plaintiff, -against-

SCOTT DOCKSTADER, Defendant,

STATE OF NEW YORK) COUNTY OF DUTCHESS) SS.

LISA DOCKSTADER, being duly sworn deposes and says: I am the PLAINTIFF herein. I represent to the court that the relationship between the parties has broken down irretrievably for a period of at least six (6) months. This affidavit is submitted in order to provide the court with compliance with Domestic Relations Law Section 170(7).

LISA DOCKSTADER Sworn to before me this 16th day of, October, 2024.

Notary Public Expires

ATTORNEY CERTIFICATION

I, Ann M. Weaver, Esq., hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, and, as an officer of the Court, that I have no knowledge that the substance of any of the factual submissions contained in this document is false. This Certification is based solely and exclusively upon information provided by the client, and upon the client's certification to the undersigned attorney that such information is not

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false, and is based upon any review, audit, examination, inquiry, or investigation made by the undersigned attorney or by anyone acting on behalf of said attorney.

P L E A S E TAKE NOTICE that this Certification is made by the attorney as an Officer of the Court, and is directing solely and exclusively to the Court in accordance with 22 NYCRR 202.16(e) and is not directed or extended to the opposing party herein.

P L E A S E TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the opposing party may not and should not rely upon the Attorney Certification in assessing the truth or validity of the information contained in the annexed document. The credibility of this submission is not greater than the credibility of the client represented by the undersigned attorney and the opposing party should give this document no greater credence merely because it bears this Attorney Certification. Dated: Red Hook 10/17/2024

ANN M. WEAVER, ESQ. 7466 South Broadway Red Hook, NY 12571 (845) 758-4400

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF ADOPTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York at a meeting held on May 5, 2025, duly adopted Local Law No. 2 of the year 2025 amending Chapter 171, regarding the addition of "Cannibis Retail Dispensaries and On-site Cannabis Consumption Facilities" to the Special Uses Permitted in the Village.

This Local Law shall be known and cited as "Local Law #2 of 2025, amending Chapter 171, Zoning, regarding the Definitions, Standards for Special Uses, Off-street Parking Regulations and the Schedule of Regulations for Nonresidential Districts of the Zoning Law, of the Code of the Village of Fishkill.

The full text of this Local Law No. 2 of the year 2025 is available for public inspection at the office of the Village Clerk located at 1095 Main Street, Fishkill, New York, during normal business hours. Dated: Fishkill, New York May 13, 2025 Pam Ruyack Village Clerk

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SUPPLEMENTAL AND AMENDED SUMMONS STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT, COUNTY OF DUTCHESS INDEX NUMBER: 2024-52392 DATE FILED: June 10, 2024 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff, - against - “THE LINWOOD BURKE ESTATE DEFENDANTS”; LINWOOD BURKE III, as Distributee and Heir at Law of Linwood Burke, Deceased; SCHINIQUA DIAZ, as Distributee and Heir at Law of Linwood Burke, Deceased; “THE JOSEPH W. BURKE ESTATE DEFENDANTS”; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; and “JOHN/JANE DOE 1” through “JOHN/JANE DOE 10”, (said last ten names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all other tenants, occupants or other persons or entities having or claiming an interest in the real property which is the subject of this action, whose identity is not presently known to Plaintiff), Defendants. TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: “THE LINWOOD BURKE ESTATE DEFENDANTS” AND “THE JOSEPH W. BURKE ESTATE DEFENDANTS” YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in the above action and to serve a copy of your answer on the plaintiff’s attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State of New York. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the amended complaint. Dutchess County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of premises in this action at 12 Acorn Lane, Hopewell Junction (Town of East Fishkill), New York 12601. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR

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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. ORDER AUTHORIZING SERVICE: The foregoing Summons is served upon you pursuant to: (1) an Order of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Dutchess (Hon. Thomas R. Davis, J.S.C.), dated the 29th day of April, 2025. NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT: The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage lien upon and against the premises in Dutchess County, New York located at, and commonly known as 12 Acorn Lane, Hopewell Junction (Town of East Fishkill), New York 12601 (Tax Map No. 6357-04-522006) and the fixtures, improvements, appurtenances and personalty thereon and thereto (the “Mortgaged Premises”), more particularly described in that certain Mortgage executed by Linwood Burke and Shirley A. Burke to 21st Mortgage Corporation to secure the payment of the sum of \$102,481.44, which agreement is dated June 28, 1997 and recorded in the Dutchess County Clerk’s Office on July 7, 1997, in Book 2308 of Mortgages at page 10. The relief sought in this action is a Final Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, directing the sale of the Mortgaged Premises to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage. DATED: May 2, 2025 ROWLANDS, LEBROU & GRIESMER, PLLC GARY A. LEFKOWITZ, ESQ. Attorneys for Plaintiff 480 Broadway – Suite 250 Saratoga Springs, New York 12866 (518) 587-8112 THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COL-

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LECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Help for Homeowners in Foreclosure New York State Law requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. Summons and Complaint You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the summons and complaint in this foreclosure action, you may lose your home. Please read the summons and complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. Sources of Information The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department at 1-877-BANK-NYS (1-877-226-5697) or visit the Department’s website at www.banking.state.ny.us. RIGHTS & OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO STAY IN YOUR HOME DURING THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME UNLESS & UNTIL YOUR PROPERTY IS SOLD AT AUCTION PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE & SALE. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN YOUR HOME, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY & PAY PROPERTY TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE & LOCAL LAW. Foreclosure rescues scams Be careful of people who approach you with offers to “save” your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner’s distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over

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your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. NOTICE TO TENANTS OF BUILDINGS IN FORECLOSURE WE, 21st MORTGAGE CORPORATION, ARE THE FORECLOSING PARTY AND ARE LOCATED AT 620 MARKET STREET, 1 CENTER SQUARE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37902. WE CAN BE REACHED AT (800) 955-0021. The dwelling where your apartment is located is the subject of a foreclosure proceeding. If you have a lease, are not the owner of a residence, and the lease requires payment of rent that at the time it was entered into was not substantially less than the fair market rent for the property, you may be entitled to remain in occupancy for the remainder of your lease term. If you do not have a lease, you will be entitled to remain in your home until ninety days after any person or entity who acquires title to the property provides you with a notice as required by section 1305 of the Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law. The notices shall provide information regarding the name and address of the new owner and your rights to remain in your home. These rights are in addition to any others you may have if you are a subsidized tenant under federal, state or local law or if you are a tenant subject to rent control, rent stabilization or a federal statutory scheme. ALL RENT-STABILIZED TENANTS AND RENT-CONTROLLED TENANTS ARE PROTECTED UNDER THE RENT REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO EVICTION AND LEASE RENEWALS. THESE RIGHTS ARE UNAFFECTED BY A BUILDING ENTERING FORECLOSURE STATUS. THE TENANTS IN RENT-STABILIZED AND RENT-CONTROLLED BUILDINGS CONTINUE TO BE AFFORDED THE SAME LEVEL OF PROTECTION EVEN THOUGH THE BUILDING IS THE SUBJECT OF FORECLOSURE. EVICTIONS CAN ONLY OCCUR IN NEW YORK STATE PUR-

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SUANT TO A COURT ORDER AND AFTER A FULL HEARING IN COURT. If you need further information, please call the New York State Department of Financial Services’ toll-free helpline at 1-800-342-3736 or visit the Department’s website at <http://www.dfs.ny.gov> v. 85655

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING BOARD TOWN OF WAPPINGER DUTCHESS COUNTY, NY

Project Name: Kingdom Hall (Amended Site Plan) Location: 383 All Angels Hill Road Application: No.: 25-3509 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Town of Wappinger Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing on the **2nd day of June, 2025**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger Falls, NY pursuant to Article IX, Section 240-87 of the Town Law, on the application of **25-3509 – Kingdom Hall Amended Site Plan**. To discuss an Amended Site Plan application. The applicant is proposing the replacement of the building façade, various lighting devices, replacement of monument sign and relocation of accessible parking in an R40 Zoning District on 8.36 acres. The property is located at **383 All Angels Hill Road** and is identified as **Tax Grid No.: 6357-01-017294** in the Town of Wappinger. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Planning Board has not made a determination of significance pursuant to State Environmental Quality Review Act and hereby reserves its right to make such determination after the conclusion of the public hearing. All interested persons will be heard by the Planning Board of the Town of Wappinger at the public hearing as stated above. Signed: Bruce Flower, Chairman Town of Wappinger Planning Board Date: April 29, 2025

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pinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, New York, at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard as to whether the Town Board of the Town of Wappinger shall adopt a proposed Resolution introducing Local Law Of 2025 Amendment To Chapter 230-45, Schedule Xi Old Troy Road and Smithtown Road Weight Limit. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Town Board has determined that this action does not affect the environment and is not subject to SEQRA. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the proposed Local Law are available for review and inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, New York. Dated: May 13, 2025 BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER JOSEPH P. PAOLONI, TOWN CLERK

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REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE he Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-25-25 Towing and Recovery Services for Dutchess County Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 10th day of June 2025 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting “Government”, then selecting “Bidding and RFP Opportunities”. For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-23-25 Heavy-Duty Transit Buses for Dutchess County Public Transit Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 25th day of July 2025 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting “Government”, then selecting “Bidding and RFP Opportunities”. For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

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Spinach-Artichoke Dip

Creamy, cheesy and simple to make, it's elegant comfort food worthy of a special occasion.

It's that wonderful time of year when we take our celebrations outside; and with so many things to celebrate coming up, I wanted to share one of my favorite things to serve for any occasion that's also portable in case you find yourself invited to a party and need something to take along. It's a classic that can be made ahead and heated up in time to serve and, once cooked, doesn't need to stay piping hot – Spinach-Artichoke Dip!

If you're worried that people who don't like artichokes won't like it, I say think again. I've served it hundreds of times without a single complaint. I find that artichokes don't really add a lot of flavor, though they do complement the other ingredients. It's more a texture thing and, if not told, most people probably wouldn't know (but just in case someone has an allergy you should probably disclose it).

Now, I must confess I love this so much I've been known to make it in place of dinner. It's as perfect for a cozy night in as it is for a special occasion to share with friends. You serve it straight from the oven to the table with bread, crackers, pita wedges, tortilla chips or vegetables, then stand back and watch it disappear.

It's a classic for good reason. Its popularity soared in the early 1950s, presumably corresponding with soldiers returning from World War II who had tasted more "exotic" European fare. I think trips to Italy had a lot to do with it, since most of the ingredients were popular there. Imagine being a soldier, far from home and in the thick of the perils of war and tasting an artichoke, olive oil or Parmesan cheese for the first time! I suppose that, on returning home, food would seem rather bland. I'm left to wonder how they found these things in the States, but apparently they did, because this dip became a staple to be served by hostesses to party guests and in front of the television to their families with equal gusto.

Spinach-Artichoke Dip

This is a simple recipe, but there are a few tricks to make it just right, mainly draining the marinated artichoke hearts and taking time to squeeze out the extra moisture from the spinach. A classic, winning combination made even better by

using low-fat mozzarella and sour cream (although you certainly don't have to!) and baking to serve warm and bubbly. To lighten it up for summer, try adding a teaspoon of fresh lemon juice and zest. You can also add some crumbled feta cheese or even a little hot sauce. Creamy, cheesy and simple to make, it's elegant comfort food worthy of a special occasion. Assemble up to two days ahead and bake just before serving.

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups shredded low-fat mozzarella cheese, divided
- 1 cup fat free sour cream or Greek yogurt
- 1/4 cup (1oz) freshly grated Parmesan, divided
- freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 (14oz) can artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
- 1 8oz package reduced fat cream cheese, softened
- 1 (10oz) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed, drained and squeezed dry
- Fresh Italian parsley, sprigs or chopped, for garnish (optional)

Method

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, combine 1 cup of the mozzarella, 2 tablespoons of the Parmesan, and remaining ingredients and stir to blend well.

Spoon into a lightly greased 9x13 baking dish, sprinkle with remaining cheeses and bake until golden brown and bubbly, about 30 minutes. Serve with tortilla chips, crusty bread or fresh vegetables. Makes about 5 cups.

Some might say it's passe, but not me. I love it and it's one of my favorite go-to recipes, and one that's popular whenever I serve it. Any leftovers can be reheated easily, though when served to a crowd that's rarely an issue. You can serve it plain or fancy, dressed up for company with fresh herbs or served warm and bubbly fireside or while watching a movie. Think of it as elegant comfort food. It's really pretty perfect, which I think you'll discover



Spinach-Artichoke Dip.

-Photo by Vicki Frank Day

when you make it for the many summertime – or ANYtime – occasions worth celebrating. Enjoy!

Vicki Frank Day's background includes over two decades in various aspects of the food service industry. In addition, she has

over 27 years' experience in marketing, graphic design, copy writing, food styling and research. She believes cooking should be a fun adventure, that food should be an experience and that every day can be a special occasion. Email her at vickiloves2cook@gmail.com.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, NY

Please take note that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Pleasant Valley, NY, will hold a public hearing on the following proposition:

115 West Road, Pleasant Valley

Appeal #1080

Grid# 6363-02-571713

Area Variance Requests: The applicant erected a 6-foot-high fence in the back of the property, which is directly on top of the right property line. As per Pleasant Valley Zoning Code, the fence

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needs to be at least 18" from the property line. An 18" variance is being requested.

SAID Meeting will take place on May 28, 2025 at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, N.Y., and begins at 7:00 p.m.

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Please take note that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Pleasant Valley, NY, will hold a public hearing on the following proposition:

1 Fischetti Way, Pleasant Valley

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Appeal #1079

Grid# 6463-01-156635

Area Variance Requests: The applicant would like to erect a 30'x30' garage in front of the residence, which is against Pleasant Valley Zoning Code. Anything between the road and the residence is labeled as the front of the house.

SAID Meeting will take place on May 28, 2025 at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, N.Y., and begins at 7:00 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Special Meeting will be held by the Hugh-

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sonville Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, Wednesday, July 16, 2025, and Wednesday, August, 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are open to the public and will be held at the Hughsonville Fire House located at 88 Old Hopewell Road, Wappingers Falls, New York 12590.

This notification is being given to the news media pursuant to the provisions of Section 94 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York. By Order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hughsonville Fire District. Respectfully submitted,

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Kim Flower
Fire District Secretary

Public Notice Notice to Bidders

Notice is hereby given that the **Town of East Fishkill, New York** will receive and publicly open and read sealed bids for:

[FURNISH AND DELIVER STRUCTURAL BUILDING MATERIALS FOR THE LIME KILN RECREATION MAINTENANCE GARAGE] CONTRACT ED2025.11

by the Town Clerk's Office (845-221-9191) located at Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, New York 12533, at **12:00 pm (prevail-**

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ing time), June 13, 2025

The Contract Documents may be viewed on **BIDNETDIRECT.COM** or the Town's web site starting **May 21, 2025. If BIDNETDIRECT.COM** is used to obtain Contract Documents, the bid must still be submitted as a hard copy in the manner described below.

Hard copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office noted above on May 21, 2025, during regular business hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Monday through Friday. Bids must be submitted in the form prescribed by the Contract Documents

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within a sealed envelope showing the Bidder's name and clearly marked:

"FURNISH AND DELIVER STRUCTURAL BUILDING MATERIALS FOR THE LIME KILN RECREATION MAINTENANCE GARAGE" CONTRACT ED2025.11

The Town of East Fishkill reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities therein, or to award the Contract to any Bidder if deemed to be in the best interest of the Town to do so.

Peter Cassidy
Town Clerk
Town of East Fishkill

Town of Poughkeepsie designates Fallkill Ave. 'Bill Duke Way' to honor hometown actor, director



Actor and director Bill Duke was recognized in his hometown, the Town of Poughkeepsie, on May 16 with "Bill Duke Way," at Fallkill Ave.



Town of Poughkeepsie Supervisor Rebecca Edwards with actor and director Bill Duke.

-Courtesy photos Town of Poughkeepsie

On May 16, Town of Poughkeepsie representatives gathered with residents and other elected officials to honor actor and director Bill Duke by designating Fallkill Avenue as "Bill Duke Way." The Town officials presented Duke, who returned for the ceremony, with a copy of the board's unanimous proclamation and a replica of the sign now installed at Fallkill Avenue and Salt Point Turnpike.

Town Supervisor Rebecca Edwards and Town Board Members Ryan Sharpe and Ann Shershin convened the gathering near Duke's childhood home on Fallkill Avenue, which remains in the family today.

Craig Smith of the Beyond the Dream Foundation, created by the Poughkeepsie chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, welcomed Duke and thanked him for the inspiration he has provided for African American youth, especially in the arts. Leaders of the Foundation assisted in arranging the ceremony. The Beyond the Dream Foundation provides scholarships and

mentorship for youth; distributes holiday gifts to seniors; and partners with other community organizations to assist underserved populations.

Duke, greeting the crowd, expressed his thanks and advised those attending—especially young people—to “aspire to inspire, before you expire.”

Poughkeepsie leaders of the Beyond the Dream Foundation, which raises college scholarship funds, helped plan the ceremony. City of Poughkeepsie

Councilwoman Ondie James represented Mayor Yvonne Flowers and the City by speaking at the service, with Council members D’Ron Wilson, Sakima McClinton, and Theresia Brown also attending. Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson and a representative from the office of New York Senator Rob Rolison also presented commendations. Ms. Diana Pollard brought greetings from Dutchess Community College.

Duke has had a distinguished career in stage, television, and film. After winning

fame as an actor in the 1970s, he went on to award-winning directorial work for the PBS series *American Playhouse* and has amassed over 100 television directorial credits, including episodes of “*Knots Landing*,” “*Falcon Crest*,” “*Miami Vice*,” “*Dallas*,” “*Cagney and Lacey*,” and others.

The son of William Henry Hudson Duke, Sr. and Ethel Louise Duke, Duke grew up in Poughkeepsie and earned his A.A. degree from Dutchess Community College before attending and graduating from Boston University and New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. Mr. Duke has authored three books, including his 2018 memoir, "My Forty-Year Career on Screen and Behind the Camera;" "The Journey: A Tale of Human Healing;" and "Black Light: The African American Hero," co-authored with Paul Carter Harrison and Danny Glover.

Duke founded the non-profit Duke Media Foundation in 2008 to teach youth media skills. He shared his talents with many other non-profit and community organizations. He

has served on the California Film Commission and the board of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Duke is the recipient of numerous awards including the American Film Institute's Lifetime Achievement Award, the Lifetime Achievement Tribute of the Directors Guild of America, the NAACP's Special Award for Outstanding Achievement, and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Drum Major for Justice Film Award.

Edwards said, "It was a great honor to welcome Mr. Duke back to his hometown. He is an inspiration, not only through his trailblazing work as an African American actor and director, but through his public service and generosity through the Duke Media Foundation."

For more information on the Duke Media Foundation, see: <https://www.facebook.com/DukeMediaFoundation/>

For more information on the local Beyond the Dream Foundation, see: www.beyondthedreamfoundation.net.

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