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# High school students take part in annual robotics tournament

**By Kristine Coulter** 

Students from across New York state competed in the recent FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics Tournament Qualifier at John Jay High School in East Fishkill. More than two dozen teams were entered in the 2024-2025 season game, "Into the Deep." Throughout the day the tournament was held, spectators viewed the robot matches and were able to meet with team members in the pit. In the lobby of the high school, there were two teams presenting for the FIRST LEGO League.

team members in the pit. In the lobby of the high school, there were two teams presenting for the FIRST LEGO League. According to James Amodio, Conceptual Physics and Regents Physics teacher, "The "Into the Deep" game involves teams simulating underwater exploration by programming robots to collect "samples" from different ocean zones on the field, including the ocean floor, an observation zone, and a submersible, with the goal of scoring the most points by strategically placing these samples in designated areas. Teams at the competition will be focused on both winning their matches and judging well in the areas of robot design, community outreach, and FIRST involvement, with excelling in both of these fields allowing teams to win the competition."

Let's meet some of the students from John Jay who are in the club. John Jay's Jaybots hosted the event and the Phoenixes participated in the tournament.

Ava Davis joined the team "to explore my interests in robotics and thrive in atmospheres filled with collaboration, creativity, and competition." Davis said the tournaments are exciting environments rich with creativity. A great way to showcase your work and learn from others who share the same passion for robotics."

Ava said, "This team has taught me that teamwork fuels success, failure is a step in growth, and the real competition is striving to improve yourself with each."

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Hailey Kim, another team member,



Judging taking place during the recent FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics Tournament Qualifier held at John Jay High School in East Fishkill.

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said, "I have learned that good teamwork where everyone is communicating with each other is the best way to ensure that everything runs smoothly. Organizing and preparing for the tournament has been a journey, but by working together with my friends and teammates, I think that we [were] very successful in getting things ready for [the tournament].

Hailey said about joining the team, "I wanted to develop skills that are helpful to know in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) field, as well as learn how to make mistakes and improve from them. It was a place where I could meet other students who were interested in

engineering and technology, and where we could all grow in a fun, hands-on, competitive environment."

As for the tournament, "I think that the tournament will be a great way to see how teams from other schools have approached this year's game challenge and how successful they have been at designing their robot. I'm looking forward to meeting new people at the event, and seeing how these teams will face the problems that they might encounter in a competition," remarked Hailey before the tournament.

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## 'The value of freedom'

#### Libby Funeral Home hosts Wreaths Across America ceremonies

#### **By Kristine Coulter**

Wreaths Across America's mission is to "Remember the fallen. Honor those who serve. Teach the next generation the value of freedom."

Representatives from Libby Funeral Home, in Beacon, held two ceremonies as part of Wreaths Across America this year. The first ceremony was held on Saturday, Dec. 14 at the Fishkill Rural Cemetery. On Sunday, Dec. 15, the ceremony, where wreaths are placed on Veterans' graves, took place at the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery.

"We're here to celebrate the mission of Wreaths Across America," said Joseph Schuka, a funeral director for Libby Funeral Home. Schuka noted this was the third year Libby has held a ceremony at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9.

Across the country, "there are millions gathering for ceremonies," Schuka remarked.

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The cremains of veterans Charles McKeever and Thomas B. Reynolds are carried during the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Fishkill Rural Cemetery. -Photo by Kristine Coulter

#### Dutchess County's 2025 budget adopted with bipartisan support

#### By Kate Goldsmith

The Dutchess County Legislature approved the 2025 budget on Monday, Dec. 9, with a bipartisan vote of 23-2, adding several amendments to County Executive Sue Serino's budget proposal.

In a press release, county officials said, "The \$629.4 million spending plan builds a safer, stronger and brighter future for county residents maintaining and expanding the county's high-quality services and programs benefiting children, families, veterans, and seniors, while staying well below the New York State property tax cap."

Homeowners and businesses will see the county property tax rate decrease by 2.7 percent with the 2025 County Budget, dropping from \$2.23 in 2024 to \$2.17 in 2025, which is the 10th consecutive year of property tax rate cuts.

Serino said, "The 2025 County Budget is a careful, responsible plan that makes important investments in our community and provides essential services, while limiting the impact to taxpayers. Over the past year, I have been in every area of the county and I am proud that this budget addresses our neighbors' concerns, and funds critical initiatives including addressing the EMS crisis, affordable housing, and mental health services. I am grateful for the collaboration of the Dutchess County Legislature and thank them for their partnership in delivering a thoughtful 2025 budget that our residents can be proud of."

Dutchess County Legislature Chairman Will Truitt said, "The 2025 County Budget was a true collaborative process. County Executive Sue Serino provided a solid, realistic plan that addresses the needs of our residents, while accounting for real-world factors affecting expenditures. With some carefully considered legislative amendments, we have an adopted budget that expands services for those who need them most, while providing a 10th straight property tax rate reduction. I extend my gratitude to the entire Legislature for their diligence in the review process and to County Executive Serino and her administration for their continued collaboration."

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"I joined the team in my freshman year after it piqued my interest at freshman orientation. I had already heard great things about the club from an upperclassman friend, and joining the club something about the building process and solving complex challenges clicked with me immediately. What started as a curiosity quickly became a passion that would shape my high school experience and I'm extremely glad that I decided to join the team," said team member Hiroyuki Sakuma.

"The tournament is a gateway to inspiration. By hosting a competition, we've been given the opportunity to invite our community to come and witness the incredible creativity and problem-solving skills of young engineers. I hope that at least one person in the audience will catch the same interest in robotics and come to discover the endless possibilities that stem from technology and teamwork," said Hiroyuki.

What did Hiroyuki learn by taking part in this tournament?

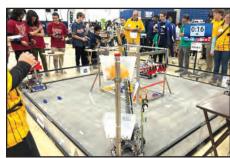
"When I first joined, the technical aspects of robotics seemed like an impossible challenge, but the supportive environment quickly turned my intimidation to excitement. My mentors patiently guided me through concepts and technical skills. Over the years, I've learned more than engineering, I've developed teamwork, persistence, and the ability to turn my ideas into reality. Organizing the tournament has also been an eye-opening experience for event management. I've learned the difficulties of coordinating such a large-scale competition but as we approach tournament day, I'm excited for all the fun that awaits me."

Joanna George joined the Robotics Team initially because of friends, plus it combined an interest towards STEM and a curiosity towards robotics.

"I think the tournament has an electric atmosphere. It's so fascinating to see all the different teams come together and compete after bringing everything they have to the table wanting to be the best, while also being completely respectful and helpful to other teams," said Joanna.

Team member Joell Thomas said, "I think we will be able to win the tournament, but It will be very hard." Joell added: "I learned that it takes teamwork and dedication to be able to get ready for the tournament."

"At first, I wasn't sure if I would join the team. I was unsure how the time commitment would impact my schedule, but a friend continually nudged me to



More than two dozen teams competed in the recent FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics Tournament Qualifier at John Jay High School in East Fishkill.

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participate since he and a few other friends were joining. What really kept me in the club was the positive attitude of the older members who taught me everything I could've wanted to learn and created an environment where I was able to thrive and pursue all the kinds of robotics-related things I wanted to," said Joseph Marra, a member of the team

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Joseph remarked, "As a member of this team, I have learned more than just the technical robotics skills. While my knowledge of engineering, programming, and

design has been greatly increased during my time in the club, the greatest asset I have gained from this club is collaboration. This collaboration started with my immediate team members, and we had to work together to combine all of our knowledge into an operating robot and club. Not only this, but it expands out into the larger community, working with other teams at competitions and during workshops to learn from them, grow together, and build friendships throughout the community. This growth is catalyzed by preparing and helping run the tournament."

Randolph Soogrim, another member of the team, stated, "I joined the team because I have always been in love with working with mechanical parts and assembling electronics." Randolph noted before the tournament that it would be stressful but looked forward to seeing how other teams did things.

The Mohawk Valley Community College Utica Championship, in Utica, is slated for March 2025.

Amodio noted that the 4 teams advancing are: Suffern Robotics from Suffern, Rockland County, and Red Hook Roboraiders for the 1st and 2nd place INSPIRE Award. Scarsdale Robo Raiders, from Scarsdale in Westchester County, and Mechanical Operations Bureau, from Cross River, Westchester County, for Winning Alliance Captain and Partner.

#### Public can comment on Fjord Trail draft environmental impact statement

Earlier this month, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation's (OPRHP's) Notice of Completion of the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS) and Notice of Hearing for the Fjord Trail was shared.

The DGEIS is available for review in a flipbook (with Search and Table of Contents functions) on the HHFT's website at https://hhft.org/about-the-fjord-trail/seqra-process/#dgeis. A downloadable PDF is also available there, as well as downloadable PDFs of all appendices to the DGEIS.

The Fjord Trail is proposed to construct the trail, a non-motorized, share-use (pedestrian and bicycle), publicly accessible linear park along the eastern shore of the Hudson River,

with the City of Beacon on the north and the Village of Cold Spring, Putnal County, on the south. The action under review, according to the document, solely includes the development of 7.5 miles of Main Trail, 2.8 miles of Trail Meanders, Trail banks, Water Trail Connections, 2.2 miles of Regional Trail connections, two new parking areas, expansion of the Washburn lot parking area, restroom building at five locations, and a maintenance facility in Beacon.

One can see the draft at the following locations in Dutchess County (there are other locatins in Putname County, too).

- Beacon City Hall, 1 Municipal Plaza, Beacon
- Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill

- Blodgett Library, 37 Broad Street, Fishkill
- Howland Library, 313 Main Street, Beacon
   OPRHP Taconic Regional Office, 9 Old
   Post Road, Staatsburg
- Office of HHFT, Inc. c/o Scenic Hudson, Inc., 85 Civic Center Plaza, Ste 300, Poughkeepsie
- HHFT, Inc. Office, 14 Coris Lane, Beacon The Public Hearings are scheduled for Tuesday, Jan 14, 2025 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

#### Afternoon Session:

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Comments provided by email or in writing must be submitted no later than the end of the public comment period – Sunday, Feb. 2, 2025.





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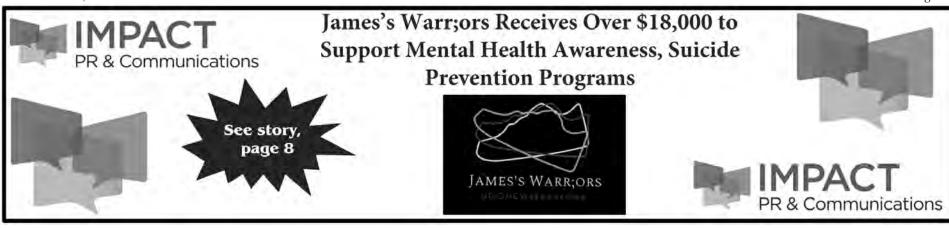
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# Dutchess County DA highlights success of program with Drug Task Force and Intelligence-Based Policing



Above: Operation Fast and Furious participating law enforcement officials held a press conference on Wednesday, Dec. 11 to announce a 50% reduction in overdose deaths in 2024. Below: 2024 statistics released by Dutchess County law enforcement agencies.

-Courtesy photo, image submitted by Dutchess County District Attorney's Office

Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi announced the successful completion of Operation Fast and Furious conducted by Dutchess County District Attorney's Drug Task Force on Wednesday, Dec. 11.

Parisi said, "The drug overdose crisis touches every family, every neighborhood, and every corner of our community. We, in law enforcement, are committed to do our part to fight it. The success of Operation Fast and Furious is a direct result of the tremendous collaboration between our dedicated Drug Task Force and my team of Assistant District Attorneys in the Violent Crime and Dangerous Drug Unit. Together, we are not just enforcing the law, but working together to take those who peddle poison off our streets. This collective effort ensures that we address the immediate dangers these dangerous drugs cause in our community, and it strengthens our resolve to create a safer, healthier future for everyone."

Unfortunately, Dutchess County has been among the leaders in New York State in overdose deaths related to narcotics and dangerous drugs (cocaine, fentanyl, methenamines, and opioids) for several years. In 2020, Dutchess County led the State in drug overdose deaths per capita exceeding the statewide average by 18 deaths per 100,000 population. Between 2019 and 2023, approximately 550 people died of a drug overdose in Dutchess County compared to 39 homicides during that same period. In 2023, Dutchess County had 97 deaths related to narcotics and dangerous drugs.

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Parisi said, "This is not a challenge that

law enforcement can tackle alone. The fight against drug addiction and overdose deaths requires a collaborative, multifaceted approach. It involves law enforcement, healthcare providers, community organizations, and our legal system working together. I thank every partner who helps in this fight against addiction and assists with prevention and education in our community. Your work does not go unnoticed or unappreciated, but today I want to highlight the exceptional work of our Drug Task Force."

Parisi is a proponent for intelligence-led

Parisi is a proponent for intelligence-led policing and smart prosecution. In today's evolving landscape of crime, law enforcement and criminal justice, the integration of intelligence led policing and smart prosecution is critical in building safer communities.

This approach focuses on data-driven strategies that enable law enforcement to proactively identify and prevent crime before it occurs while smart prosecution ensures that resources are directed toward cases that have the greatest potential to positively impact public safety.

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To combat this epidemic, the Dutchess County Drug Task Force took a thorough look at how drug investigations were approached from 2019 to 2022 and examined the data relating to overdose deaths to proactively see what could be done differently. As a result of this review, the Drug Task Force implemented an Intelligence Based Policing Approach to narcotic and dangerous drug investigations and enforcement. This new approach involved a 7-point plan which was

implemented from April 2023 to October 31.

1. Analyze demographical data to identify "Hot Spots" where dangerous drug dealers are known to operate. "Hot Spots" are identified by reviewing arrest data of drug users for minor offenses, overdose death data, confidential source data, and patrol level law enforcement source data.

2. Identify the Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Dealers and begin an investigation immediately. This included ALL dealers from street level dealers to those dealers distributing large quantities of Narcotics and

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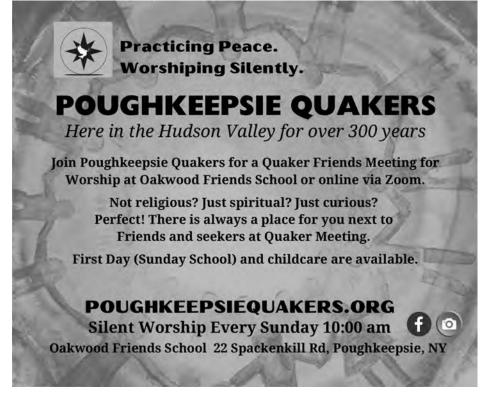












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## Voice support for LCAT credential in enrollment of Medicaid

#### To the Editor:

I am a licensed creative arts therapist (LCAT) working with adult individuals in private practice in Beacon. Creative arts therapists are trained Masters' level clinicians qualified to provide psychotherapy and counseling to patients. We utilize creative modalities - drama, music, art, dance/movement - as both tools and a lens through which to guide our patients to better mental health and wellness. With my specialty in drama therapy, I have utilized embodied techniques that can enhance, supplement, and even go farther and deeper than talk therapy alone, and sometimes with a more immediate impact. I have helped people with relationships, body image, life transitions, and grief, to name a few, as they navigate their struggles and find peace of mind and better versions of themselves.

Creative arts therapists are licensed by New York State through the Office of Professions, just like social workers, mental health counselors, and family therapists. Yet the LCAT credential is currently excluded from enrollment with Medicaid. This means that, even if a licensed provider accepts insurance for mental health care, we cannot accept any Medicaid plans to help lower-income individuals.

It can be very challenging to find a provider who is both accepting new patients and takes one's insurance. There are already few and far between insurance companies that credential LCATs (Cigna and MVP both do, and I have recently credentialed with both), limiting patient access to covered care. To exclude LCATs from seeing Medicaid patients then just limits access even more. Just in the past few months I have had to turn down a number of prospective patients because of this loophole.

Currently there is a bill going before Governor Kathy Hochul, which if signed, would rectify this exclusion, grant LCAT practitioners eligibility to apply for a government ID, and give us the ability to accept Medicaid plans under any insurance provider with which we are enrolled as a provider. I encourage you to voice your support to Gov. Hochul for our inclusion. It could mean the difference in getting access and coverage for the mental health care you need.

Alexandra Devin, LCAT, RDT MA Drama Therapy

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## A.G.'s office: Case of trooper's car causing pedestrian's death, 'insufficient evidence to pursue criminal charges'

New York Attorney General Letitia James' Office of Special Investigation (OSI) on Dec. 13 released its report on the death of Luis Morocho, who died on August 8, 2023 following an encounter with an off-duty member of the New York State Police (NYSP) in Wappingers Falls. Following what the A.G.'s office called "a thorough investigation," which included interviews with civilian witnesses, review of bodyworn camera footage and nearby security camera footage, and comprehensive legal analysis, OSI concluded that a prosecutor would not be able to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the involved NYSP trooper committed a crime, and therefore criminal charges are not warranted in this case.

"In this case, although the collision with the trooper's car caused Mr. Morocho's death, the evidence does not establish beyond a reasonable doubt that the trooper's conduct was a gross deviation from the standard that would have been observed by a reasonable officer in the same circumstances, or that the trooper consciously disregarded a substantial and unjustifiable risk of death. The trooper took precautions before the collision by engaging his brakes and swerving to the right in an attempt to avoid striking Mr. Morocho. Therefore, OSI concluded that there was insufficient evidence to pursue criminal charges," according to the A G's office

According to a release from James' office, "On August 8, 2023 at 9:02 p.m., an off-duty NYSP trooper was driving his personal vehicle heading north on State Route 9 in Wappingers Falls. State Route 9 has two southbound lanes and four northbound lanes, consisting of three lanes for through traffic and a left-turn-only lane. The northbound

and southbound lanes are separated by a raised median and the posted speed limit is 40 MPH."

The document continued: "As the trooper approached the intersection of State Route 9 and New Hackensack Road, he was traveling in the middle through lane and had a green light. Shortly before the trooper reached the intersection, Mr. Morocho began walking west to east across State Route 9, against the crosswalk signal. Morocho crossed the two southbound lanes and then paused near the median before suddenly quickening his pace and jogging across the northbound lanes, directly into the trooper's path. The trooper's vehicle struck Morocho and he was transported to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead."

In New York, proving criminally negli-

In New York, proving criminally negligent homicide requires proving beyond a reasonable doubt that a person failed to perceive a substantial and unjustifiable risk that death would occur; that the failure to perceive the risk was a gross deviation from a reasonable person's standard of care; and that the person engaged in blameworthy conduct, according to the A.G.'s office. "In this case, the trooper was driving in the correct lane and had a green light as he approached the intersection of State Route 9 and New Hackensack Road. The trooper's vehicle was moving with the flow of traffic, and there is no evidence that he was exceeding the posted speed limit of 40 MPH," reads the release.

The trooper was administered a preliminary breath test (PBT) within an hour of the collision, and there is no evidence to suggest that he was impaired by drugs or alcohol or that he was otherwise distracted at the time of the crash, states the A.G.'s office.

#### Deputies injured during incident at homeless shelter

The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office reports the arrest of Isaiah E. Lodge, age 27, at approximately 6:30 a.m. on Dec. 12, 2024 during an incident at the homeless shelter on North Hamilton Street in the City of Poughkeepsie.

On the above date and time, Deputies responded to the shelter, located adjacent to the Dutchess County Justice and Transition Center, for a report of a disorderly subject causing a disturbance and threatening staff. Upon arrival, Mr. Lodge was located at the scene and became violent when approached by Deputies. At that time numerous Deputies and City of Poughkeepsie Police Officers responded to the scene, at which time Mr. Lodge was finally subdued and taken into custody.

At this time Mr. Lodge is accused of injuring two Deputies during the above altercation; he is charged with biting both of them and putting one in a chokehold. As a result, the Deputies and Mr. Lodge were all transported to Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital for the treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

Lodge has been charged with Assault 2nd degree (Felony), Criminal Obstruction of Breathing (Misdemeanor), Obstructing Governmental Administration (Misdemeanor), Resisting Arrest (Misdemeanor), Trespass

(violation), and Disorderly Conduct (violation). After being processed he was arraigned before the City of Poughkeepsie Court and remanded to the Dutchess County Justice and Transition Center in lieu of \$100,000 cash bail or \$200,000 bond. The charges described above are merely accusations and Mr. Lodge is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

The Sheriff's Office and City Police routinely respond to the homeless shelter for various types of incidents, many of which involve potentially dangerous individuals and unstable circumstances. Sheriff Imperati is extremely grateful to all members of law enforcement that continue to respond and is very thankful that the injuries to the Deputies weren't more serious, saying that "As always the Deputies and City Officers responded quickly and appropriately to this dangerous situation, and I am extremely thankful that we didn't see even worse injuries. Many of the situations that we encounter at the shelter can be unpredictable and difficult to deal with, but law enforcement continues to respond and I am very proud of each and every one of them for the job that they do – not only in this instance, but every single day.

# Town of Poughkeepsie residents can sign up for pilot compost program

The Town of Poughkeepsie, in partnership with the Conservation Advisory Commission (CAC), has received funding from the New York State Pollution Prevention Institute for a one-year pilot program that will allow Town residents to recycle (compost) their food scraps.

When food waste ends up in the trash stream, it contributes to the production of greenhouse gases, in the form of either CO2 or methane, depending on whether it goes into an incinerator or a landfill. Recycling our food scraps turns it into nutrient-rich compost that supports a healthy environment. This program will allow residents to collect their food scraps and bring them to one of the two designated drop-off sites, where they will then be transported to a facility to become compost.

All Town residents can participate in the

pilot program but the first 500 households to sign up for it will receive a free Food Scraps Recycling Starter Kit, consisting of a countertop pail, a 7-gallon transport pail, and a brochure explaining the program. To sign up, go to https://townofpoughkeepsie.com/398/Food-Scraps-Recycling-ProgramOne will receive notification if one is among the first 500, along with information on where to pick up your Starter Kit, when the program will start, and the location of the two Food Scrap Drop-off Sites where one can bring one's food scraps.

For those residents who already have a collection pail/bin at home, please fill out the form to be notified when one can start dropping off one's food scraps or stay tuned for a further announcement soon!

For more information, please email food-scrapsinfo@townofpoughkeepsie-ny.gov.

#### NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINE

Due to holiday press schedules for the Dec. 25, and Jan. 1, 2025 issues, the Southern Dutchess News has early deadlines for both papers. For the Dec. 25 issue: Advertising is due by Thursday, Dec. 19. Editorial submissions must be received by Wednesday, Dec. 18. For the Jan. 1 issue: Editorial submissions must be received by Monday, Dec. 23. Advertising is due by Thursday, Dec. 26. Please contact cschmidt@sdutchessnews.com for more information

#### Rhinebeck Bank announces addition of Saridakis as Senior Vice President, Marketing

Rhinebeck Bank recently announced the addition of Peter Saridakis as Senior Vice President, Marketing of Rhinebeck Bank. In his new position, Saridakis will be responsible for the implementation and execution of marketing, advertising, and brand management strategies in alignment with the Bank's overall business plan.

A graduate of New York University's Stern School of Business with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance, he joins Rhinebeck Bank with more than 18 years of marketing, branding and leadership experience, starting with Mastercard and subsequently serving in executive and Chief Marketing Officer roles with Citigroup and other Connecticut-based technology and online companies.

Saridakis has entrepreneurial experience as well, having started his own consulting firm to assist global companies with their marketing, branding, public relations and business development needs.

"Peter's results-driven, innovative nature, as well as his versatility are traits we value highly in this position at the Bank," said Rhinebeck Bank Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, and Chief Banking Officer Jamie J. Bloom. "His breadth of experience and analytical skills within the financial services and marketing industries



Peter Saridakis

Courtesy photo from Rhinebeck Bank

will help us continue to develop and promote the best products and services for our customers throughout the Hudson Valley and surrounding communities."

He is an active volunteer in his community, including involvement with Rise Against Hunger, Compassion International and other activities through his church. He and his family also donate locally to Connecticut Foodshare.

#### DA highlights success of Drug Task Force program

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Dangerous Drugs throughout Dutchess County.

3. Utilize technology and cutting-edge investigative techniques to capture evidence the District Attorney's Office can use to prosecute and convict a Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Dealer. This technology has significantly improved officer safety for Agents in the field and allows for the collection of a significant amount of evidence against narcotic and dangerous drug dealers.

4. Change from long-term investigations to rapid short-term investigations to get the dealers in custody as fast as possible while simultaneously building an ironclad case against the defendant. The investigations changed from months and sometimes years to be concluded within weeks of being initiated. This was accomplished by approaching each investigation with all members of the Drug Task Force assigned different tasks. Instead of one lead investigator being assigned, all seven are assigned to the investigation and the Assistant Coordinator and Coordinator are tasked with the coordination and oversight of the investigation until it is closed.

5. Expedite search warrant applications and the execution of those warrants. Search Warrants are acted upon by the DTF rapidly allowing for the collection of evidence, seizure of narcotics and the arrests of drug dealers. Once a case is built against an individual or individuals the Drug Task Force acts immediately.

6. Enhance public notifications off all Narcotic Drug Dealers apprehended by the Drug Task Force to develop new information on the cases being investigated and to be transparent with the public regarding what dealers are being arrested.

7. Review and evaluate this approach after 18 months to determine what changes are needed if any to improve operations.

"Public safety has been one of my top prior ities, and over the past year, we have worked hard to ensure the Drug Task Force has the tools they need to succeed and prioritized giving them every possible advantage in this fight," said Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino. "Between the heroic actions of the Task Force, and the work of our Department of Mental Health and the many community agencies who are working to together to address this epidemic, we have created a system that not only addresses the immediate crisis, but also provides lasting support for those on the road to recovery. I commend the work of Detective Sergeant Adam Harris and the entire DTF, as well as the leadership of District Attorney Parisi and Sheriff Kirk Imperati for their tireless efforts that have resulted in this

incredible achievement."

The Dutchess County District Attorney's Drug Task Force Operation was successful and resulted in 76 arrests relating to drugs and guns, 301 purchases of dangerous drugs by the DTF, the seizure of 15 illegal handguns, 1500 pieces of evidence secured, 40 Search Warrants executed through the county but this operation has helped a significantmilestone in our fight against violent crime and dangerous drugs, resulting in a 50%reduction in overdose deaths in our county.

Sheriff Imperati said, "Our Dutchess County Drug Task Force is the best of the best in regard to narcotics investigators in the Hudson Valley and Operation Fast and Furious is just an example of their relentless pursuit of holding drug dealers accountable."

The Dutchess County Drug Task Force is tasked with investigating those individuals who choose to sell narcotics and dangerous drugs in Dutchess County. The unit is made up of highly trained, dedicated and talented narcotic investigators that work as a team full-time to identify and hold drug dealers responsible for their actions. The unit has two supervisors (Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator) and seven investigators from different Dutchess County law enforcement agencies, as well as an investigator, crime analyst and legal secretary from the District Attorney's Office.

The Drug Task Force is made up of personnel from the following agencies:

1. Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Division (Coordinator and 3 investigators)

2. City of Beacon Police (Assistant Coordinator)

3. Town of East Fishkill Police (1 Investigator) 4. Town of Hyde Park Police (1

Investigator) 5. Town of Poughkeepsie Police (1

6. City of Poughkeepsie Police (1 Investigator)

7. District Attorney's Office (Investigator, Legal Secretary, Crime Analyst)

Drug Task Force Coordinator Adam Harris said, "The Dutchess County Drug Task Force is one of the most exceptional units in the region. This operation highlights my teams work to rapidly identify and target narcotic and dangerous drug dealers. The Drug Task Force's aggressive approach is based off credible and actionable intelligence. The success of Operation Fast and Furious is rooted in the collaboration of local law enforcement assigned to this task force and the casers being prosecuted by the Dutchess County District Attorney's Office."

#### Board of Health Meeting set for Dec. 19

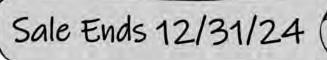
The Dutchess County Board of Health will be holding their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 4 p.m. at the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health at 85 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 106, in the City of Poughkeepsie or one

may participate via Microsoft Teams by calling 1-516-268-4602 and enter the Conference ID number: 263 004 685#. The public is welcome to attend.

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## Dutchess County's 2025 budget adopted with bipartisan support

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Minority Leader Yvette Valdés Smith said, "My Yes vote is my commitment to continuing to work collaboratively with any and all Legislators advocating for programs that align with the needs of all Dutchess County residents. The support for EMS, youth programming, and the environment in this year's budget highlight real needs that we have here at home."

Assistant Minority Leader Barrington Atkins, who successfully ushered through two amendments (details below), explained his support of the budget.

"I'm always a strong advocate for the representation of the too-often-ignored and struggling populations of Dutchess County. I will always be their voice," said Atkins. "This year, we have experienced an improved level of bipartisan cooperation, and I sincerely hope that my Yes vote will encourage continued work between the Republican and Democratic Caucuses in 2025. We have urgent work to do and tackling them together increases our successes."

Serino's 2025 County Budget improves and expands services that residents depend on, and introduces several new initiatives focused on public safety, youth services and support for seniors, veterans, families and more. Initiatives include expanded support for the Dutchess County Drug Task Force, a new round of applications for affordable housing through the Housing Trust fund, a historic \$2 million investment in Emergency Medical Services; new and expanded programs for older adults including transportation support and social interactions as well as new investment in youth services including YOU Drop-In Center grants and mini-grants to expand services available to youth through Dutchess County.

County legislators made several legislative amendments to the 2025 County Budget, all of which were approved unanimously, adding additional funding for existing and new initiatives including:

- \$750,000 for the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office for a contingency fund for overtime for staff at the Dutchess County Justice & Transition Center (Majority Leader Deirdre Houston);

- \$500,000 for the Department of Planning & Development to fund the Municipal Innovation Grant program with a specific focus on programming for older adults (Majority Leader Deirdre Houston);

- \$350,000 for the Department of Public Works to make repairs to the terminal building at Hudson Valley Regional Airport (Republican Legislator Tony D'Aquanni);

- \$100,000 for the Office of Veterans Affairs to expand the Veterans Microgrant Program (Republican Legislator Steve Caswell):

- \$100,000 for the Department of Planning & Development to develop a competitive grant program for organizations providing services such as meals/food to those experiencing homelessness (Assistant Minority Leader Barrington Atkins);

- \$75,000 for the Department of Planning & Development's Division of Solid Waste Management for a zerowaste consultant to conduct a solid waste study (Legislators Tony D'Aquanni-R and Lisa Kaul-D);

- \$75,000 for the County Historian to offer mini grants to local historical societies to host events commemor ating the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution (Legislature Chairman Will Truitt);

- \$50,000 for the Office of Veterans Affairs to expand transportation services for veterans (Majority Leader



Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino presents the 2025 Budget to the Dutchess County Legislature last month.

-Courtesy photo

Deirdre Houston);

- \$50,000 for the Department of Community and Family Services' Youth Division to expand grant funding for after-school programming that serves atrisk youth (Democratic Legislator Randall Johnson);

- \$50,000 for the Department of Community and Family Services to contract with a vendor for community health services at the emergency housing facility (Assistant Minority Leader Barrington Atkins); and

- \$5,000 for the Department of Health's Environmental Division to increase its feral cat spaying initiative (Republican Legislator Douglas McHoul).

Several of these amendments were funded through the Community Benefit Fund, which was established by Serino as a set-aside of fund balance for one-time projects that have substantial community benefit and lasting positive impact. The remaining amendments were funded through the property tax levy.

Two Democrats, Chris Drago (District 19) and Brennan Kearney (District 11), voted against the budget.

"While the budget included a few things that we have been advocating for this year, it did not go far enough in addressing our cost of living, housing, climate, mental health, or EMS crises here in Dutchess County," stated Drago, "Our budget should reflect the priorities and urgent needs of Dutchess residents, and this one falls short of delivering real solutions to the challenges we face every day."

Kearney said, "A unanimous Yes vote by the Legislature on the budget would convey greater overall satisfaction with the budget than I believe is warranted at this time. My No vote is an important way to communicate that we still have a long way to go in improving the futures of all of the residents of Dutchess County."

The adoption of the 2025 County Budget followed several town hall forums, including a countywide telephone town hall, hosted by Serino, where residents had the opportunity to speak with the County Executive to learn about the details of the budget, ask questions and share their feedback.

The budget, with amendments, has been forwarded to Serino for her review and signature. The final step in the 2025 Dutchess County Budget process is the Dutchess County Legislature's Wednesday, Dec. 18, Board meeting for override consideration of any amendment vetoes by the County Executive (should any be made) and the adoption of the tax levy.

For more information on the 2025 Dutchess County Budget, please visit www.dutchessny.gov/budget2025.

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# Community input, public discussion to help shape Transportation Safety Action Plan

The Dutchess County Transportation Council (DCTC) seeks community input as it works to develop a countywide Transportation Safety Action Plan with the goal of reducing crashes, especially fatal and serious injury crashes, across all types of transportation on roads throughout Dutchess County. To engage the public, the DCTC is conducting broad community outreach, including surveys, interviews and various meetings and events. A virtual public meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 19 from noon to 1 p.m. to gather community input on transportation safety issues and present an early analysis of available crash data. Residents can register for the virtual meeting at dutchessny.gov/SafetyActionPlan.

County residents and visitors also are encouraged to share their thoughts in an online survey and on an interactive map where specific locations with transportation safety issues can be flagged.

The Transportation Safety Action plan is being developed to align with national and state best practices and is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2025. It will provide road owners with the data and information needed to improve safety. The plan will also enable all 30 municipalities in Dutchess County to pursue federal safety funding.

The plan will include:

- A review of existing safety plans, policies, and best practices;

- A detailed analysis of crash data to identify key crash trends, types and factors, as well as priority high-crash locations;

- A set of recommended improvement measures, priority projects and performance measures to improve safety across the county's transportation system, centered around a holistic, Safe System Approach to both prevent crashes from happening and minimize the harm caused when crashes occur; and

- An outreach campaign to municipalities and stakeholders.

DCTC Senior Planner Emily Dozier said, "In addition to identifying transportation safety issues based on crash data, it is important that we hear directly from Dutchess County residents. We hope everyone will share their observations about traffic safety issues and work with us to make getting around in Dutchess County even safer."

Dutchess County's "Watch Out For Me!" pedestrian safety campaign includes videos and tips that everyone can use to help prevent traffic crashes.

Residents can contact the DCTC at dctc@dutchessny.gov if they require any assistance participating in the December 19th virtual public meeting.

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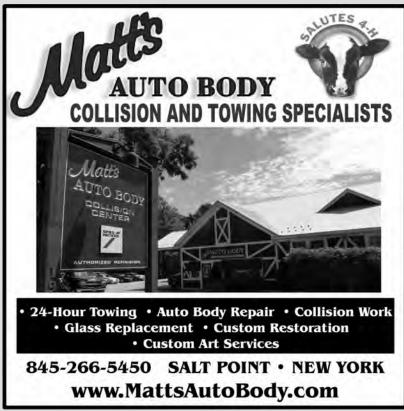
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# 4-H CONNECTION &









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### Local 4H'ers gain knowledge at NY Leadership Conference

This past month, NY Governor Kathy Hochul hosted the first ever NY Youth Agriculture Leadership Conference in Albany. The theme was, "The Future of Food is Your Future, Too." By application only, the Dutchess County 4-H program was represented by three outstanding members - Maeve Lomoriello, Marleah Catuzza and Hope Miller.

The conference made space for collaboration among youth agriculture organizations and provided young leaders with the opportunity to connect with state leaders to better understand how policy shapes the interconnected food, agriculture and natural resource industries.

Alongside the networking and leadership opportunities the conference made possible, youth cultivated their knowledge in a variety of agricultural issues affecting NY in breakout rooms, learned about policies affecting the agriculture industry, explored careers in agriculture and connected with key decision makers on these topics.

When reflecting on the experience, Maeve, a member of the Kids 4 Kids 4-H Club said, "I was able to improve my leadership and communication skills while making some new friends."

Marleah, a member of the Golden Fleece 4-H Club reflected on the knowledge she gained. "The conference was an excellent opportunity to expand my knowledge of issues in the agricultural industry such as learning about food insecurity and how to safeguard livestock from harmful agents," she said.

4-H membership opens up opportunities for youth from leadership conferences to skillsbased learning experiences, the sparks to ignite your passion are waiting for you! Members such as Marleah, Maeve and Hope were well prepared for this leadership experience through participation in the Public Presentation Program, agricultural projects and the mentorship of incredible volunteers such as their 4-H Club Leaders.



Dutchess County 4-Her's Maeve Lomoriello and Marleah Catuzza are pictured at the 2024 New York Youth Agriculture Leadership Conference. Courtesy photo

## James's Warr; ors receives over \$18,000 to support Mental Health Awareness, Suicide Prevention Programs

James's Warr; ors, a non-profit organization dedicated to mental health advocacy and suicide prevention, has been awarded an \$18,761 grant from the Dutchess County Government's Youth Wellness Supports Microgrant program.

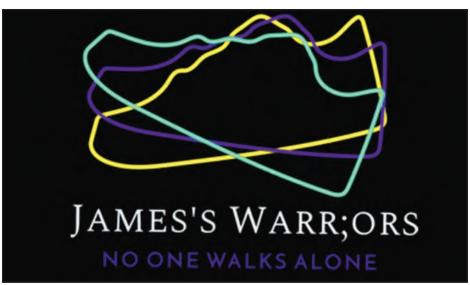
This grant will be essential to James's Warr; ors ability to conduct its impactful school-based programs in 2025. The funding will be used to create and distribute "Coping Kits" provided to middle school and high school students following the group's speaking engagements and awareness events. These kits include tools and resources designed to support students in managing their mental health effectively.

"We're so incredibly grateful for this grant from the County Executive," said Donna Thomas, who founded James's Warr; ors after the death of her son, James, by suicide in 2018. "This support allows James's Warr; ors to reach more students, encourage them to reach out if they are suffering, and prevent more families from going through the tragedy ours experienced. Every conversation we spark brings us closer to ending the stigma around mental health."

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, who announced last month that James's Warriors would be a recipient of the County's 2024 Youth Wellness Supports Microgrant program, said, "Having lost my brother to suicide over 10 years ago, I know how important it is to break the stigma and start open and honest conversations about mental health. The entire team at James's Warriors has made a tremendous impact on our community, and I am proud to support their efforts to bring resources and understanding to the Dutchess County community.'

The mental health and suicide prevention organization is now booking speaking engagements for 2025 for schools, organizations and groups of any size. Tailored for students and providing valuable insight for parents, teachers, counselors, and more, Thomas shares her powerful personal story about her son James, reflecting on what she observed in the months leading up to his passing. The presentations are designed to spark meaningful conversations about mental health awareness and suicide prevention. Participants learn to recognize risk factors and symptoms of mental health struggles and discover appropriate ways to support others facing these challenges in hopes of ending the stigma and preventing suicide.

Additionally, James's Warr; ors partner, Dr. Jaimee Arnoff, a New York State licensed psychologist, will facilitate free support sessions for students or siblings who've experienced a loss by suicide or overdose. Dr. Arnoff provides compassionate care and evidence-based strategies to help young people navigate grief and



The logo for James's Warr; ors.

-Courtesy image

begin healing.

Sessions will take place in Beacon, New York, on six consecutive Wednesday evenings from January 22, 2025 through February 26, 2025, from 5 – 6 p.m. While each family will cope with loss uniquely, Dr. Arnoff and James's Warr;ors hope to provide an opportunity for adolescents to process these feelings, develop coping skills, and find a connection at an isolating time. Space is limited; advance registration is encouraged.

To inquire about 2025 speaking engagements or register a sibling for the support group, please email info@jamesswarriors.org or fill out the contact form on the website jamesswarriors.org.

Join James's Warr; ors mission, starting conversations that inspire hope and understanding in our community, by following along on Facebook and Instagram at JamessWarriors.

## **Dutchess County launches Think** Accessible Stakeholder & Community Group

#### Initiative to create a more inclusive environment

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino announced the launch of the Think Accessible Stakeholder & Community Group, which recently held its inaugural roundtable meeting to discuss strategies for making Dutchess County more accessible and inclusive for individuals of all abilities.

"Building on Dutchess County's ThinkDIFFERENTLY initiative, Think Accessible is about making sure that every resident, and every visitor, regardless of ability, can access the services, opportunities and spaces that make Dutchess County a great place to live, work, and visit," said Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino. "This initiative will create a more inclusive environment. while engaging local stakeholders in the process of making Dutchess County accessible to everyone."

The meeting brought together a diverse group of stakeholders, including leaders in the local business and tourism communities, advocates, municipal leaders and community members, to share ideas and identify opportunities to improve accessibility throughout the county. Participants engaged in meaningful discussions about challenges facing individuals with disabilities and brainstormed creative solutions to enhance accessibility in public spaces, businesses and community programs.

The stakeholder group will continue to meet regularly to develop initiatives and provide ongoing feedback as the Think Accessible program evolves. Efforts will focus on fostering collaboration and building a countywide culture of inclusion and accessibility.

Dana Hopkins, Dutchess County's All Abilities Director, said, "The Think Accessible Stakeholder & Community Group is a powerful example of what can happen when a community comes together to prioritize inclusion. By listening to the diverse perspectives in the room, we are identifying ways to expand accessibility and build on our years-long efforts to foster an environment where everyone, regardless of ability, feels welcome and supported."

Lisa Tarricone, Executive Director of Taconic Resources for Independence and member of the Think Accessible Stakeholder & Community Group, said, "I am excited to work alongside community leaders and organizations to create a more inclusive and accessible Dutchess County. This initiative provides a unique opportunity to collaborate on meaningful solutions that ensure individuals with disabilities and all Dutchess County residents can fully participate in and enjoy the services, spaces and opportunities our county has to offer. I look forward to contributing to this important work and helping make Dutchess County a model of accessibility and inclusivity.'

The Think Accessible initiative will provide a platform for ongoing dialogue about best practices, community needs and opportunities for collabora-tion, ensuring Dutchess County remains a welcoming place for everyone. The initiative was first announced in County Executive Sue Serino's State of the County address this past March.

For more information about Think Accessible and how to get involved, please call the County Executive's Office at 845-486-2000 or email CountyExec@dutchessny.gov.





#### **VETERANS NEWS WITH ADAM ROCHE**

# Holiday enjoyment often eludes those dealing with PTSD

It's well known to those struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) — or, as those who know me know I prefer to I call it, post-traumatic stress (PTS) — that the holiday season is one of most difficult times for individuals and their loved ones to deal with the effects of this trauma- and stress-related condition.

For those who are not fully aware of what post-traumatic stress is, simply stated, PTS is an anxiety-associated condition that can develop after someone experiences or witnesses a traumatic event. It can cause a variety of symptoms, including recurring flashbacks or nightmares, feelings of worry or guilt, feelings of depression or sadness, trouble concentrating or sleeping, loss of interest in activities, a feeling of detachment from others, angry out-bursts or extreme reactions. PTS is almost always caused by personal exposure to, or witnessing harrowing life events, such as assault, physical or sexual abuse, terrorist attacks and, of course for veterans, engaging in the theatre of combat.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs statistics indicate about 6 percent of the nation's general population suffer from PTS at some point in their lifetime, and it is higher for veterans, with seven out of every 100 veterans (or 7 percent) experiencing acute PTS. The study also showed PTS is even more common among female veterans, with 13 percent dealing with stress-related incidences.

Furthermore, a recent survey from the National Center for PTSD found that nearly 30 percent of veterans who served in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, and over 20 percent of veterans who served in the Persian Gulf War (Desert Storm), have suffered from some form of PTS after returning home. With over 13,000 veterans in Dutchess County, it is likely many people reading this article know a veteran who's coping with mild to severe PTS behavior in their daily interactions.

For those who may not be aware, when returning to civilian life, I had my own journey dealing with PTS; and if I'm to be honest with you, those feelings will sometimes resurface unexpectedly. If it were not for the coping strategies I have learned and have taught to my fellow vets over the years and the ongoing support of my peers, I, too, might be struggling a lot more with the effects of PTS.

When the holiday season approaches, characteristics associated with PTS are heightened. Dr. Jessica Grogan, an experienced psychologist at the VA Texas Valley Coastal Bend Health Care System, however, says there are coping tips that help many struggling with PTS move through their symptoms during this holiday season:

Identify your triggers
Identifying what your triggers are is the first step to avoiding them. While that may sound simple, sometimes you don't know something is a trigger until you experience it. Focus on the ones you know, write them down and identify how they make you feel: angry, anxious, panicked, fearful, etc.

#### Set boundaries and communicate them

If there are places or situations around the holidays that brings up negative thoughts and emotions, try avoid-

It's not selfish to avoid going to a particular Christmas party or not seeing an old friend when you're back in town.

Be kind but keep in mind you don't owe anyone an explanation.

**Do things that make you happy** Focus on the things that make you

content this holiday season.

Look for opportunities to calm yourself and ground yourself in the present. Watch a movie; phone a safe friend; take a day trip; or just drive around and look at holiday lights.

#### Get moving

The weather is often colder during the holiday season, leading to seasonal depression from lack of sunlight and activity.

One of the best things you can do for your mind and body is get moving. It doesn't have to be an intense workout. Walking or exercising for 10 minutes a day can help regulate your body and keep your mind from wandering into dangerous territory.

#### **Create new traditions**

When you're battling PTS, old traditions can be triggers instead of the positive memories they once were.

Don't be afraid to create new traditions that better serve you. If holiday crowds make you nervous or cause panic attacks, try meeting with a trusted friend for dinner or take a solo vacation to somewhere that you love that is calming. It doesn't have to make sense to anyone else but can be a wonderful self-care moment to you.

Avoid unhealthy coping mechanisms

Not all coping mechanisms are
healthy. Avoid anything that could make your PTS symptoms worse, such as alcohol and substance abuse.

While alcohol may seem like a great way to escape, it can aggravate your trauma-related symptoms and make matters worse. Focus on eating foods with the vitamins and minerals your body needs to function at its best.

Drugs, including marijuana, can depress your nervous system, but they don't address the root cause of your symptoms. Instead of depressing your

body's systems, look for healthy ways to boost endorphins and regulate your hormones, like exercise and getting enough sleep.

I hope some of these strategies are helpful starting points. Those dealing with the seriousness of PTS, however, understand much of what they are facing cannot be alleviated by simple coping tips, because the trauma many veterans have experienced during their service is often dark, painful and real. In fact, brain scans have shown that PTS and C-PTS symptoms and behaviors are caused by biological changes in the brain, not by some personal failure.
As Director of the Dutchess County

Office of Veterans Affairs, my goal is to provide our vets struggling with PTS full access to the treatment and benefits available to them, encouraging them to seek confidential support and counsel at one of the many resources throughout Dutchess County that help those struggling with the disability.

I've said this before: The men and women who have served our country did so under some of the most dangerous conditions one could imagine. Let's help them not to lose this battle taking place for many as they are now home and are an important part of the communities they live in. We at the Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs and at Mental Health of America (MHA) Dutchess County want all our vets to know they are not alone.

If any veteran finds themselves experiencing PTS symptoms closing-in, call me on my cell phone at 845-453-5842. I would be glad to talk with you.

Of course, you can always call us during work hours, Monday through Friday, at 845-486-2060 for an appointment or get more information any time, day or night, at dutchessny. gov/veterans.

# Serino appoints Pulver as assistant county executive

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino has announced her appointment of A. Gregg Pulver to serve as Assistant County Executive. Pulver, a lifelong Dutchess County resident and experienced public servant and agricultural professional, brings decades of expertise and passion for community service to the position.

"Gregg's decades of leadership and dedica-tion to Dutchess County make him the ideal person for this role," said Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino. "Gregg has been a trusted partner for many years, and I've always admired his unwavering devotion to serving the people of Dutchess County. From his years of public service as Legislature Chairman and County Comptroller, to his work on the farm and with local organizations, Gregg truly understands the heartbeat of our community. His vision and experience will help advance our goals and enhance the quality of life for all residents.

With a proven track record of public servernment, Pulver has demonstrated longstanding commitment to fiscal responsibility, notably in his current role as County Comptroller where he has safeguarded taxpayer funds, conducted audits and ensured sound financial oversight. Prior to serving as Comptroller, he served five, two-year terms as County Legislator, including six years as Legislature Chairman. He also served as the Town of Pine Plains Supervisor for 12 years and served as Vice President for the Pine Plains School District Board of Education. Additionally, he was a member of the Pine Plains Planning, Conservation Advisory Committee and Board of Assessment Review.

As Assistant County Executive, Pulver will support the County Executive in managing County operations, policies and initiatives, including oversight of several County Government departments. Additionally, he will serve as a liaison between the County Executive's Office and the Dutchess County Legislature.

Pulver is also a multi-generation farmer and businessman, owning and operating his family business, Pulver Farm, in Pine Plains. With over 40 years of experience in agriculture, Pulver has been a tireless advocate for agricultural sustainability, farmland preservation and rural development. His leadership on the County's Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board and his role in crafting the Right to Farm law underscore his commitment to supporting local farmers and safeguarding the agricultural heritage of Executive, he will continue to be a critical resource for the farming community.

Pulver has been extensively involved in the community, in leadership roles with Dutchess Community College Board of Trustees and the Mashomack Foundation. He is a life member of the Pine Plains Hose Company, where he has volunteered for over 40 years. He has been involved with the Lion Club and the Future Farmers of America, among other community organizations.

"I am honored to join County Executive Serino's team as Assistant County



Gregg Pulver -Courtesy photo Dutchess County Government

Executive and am grateful for the trust she has placed in me," said Gregg Pulver.

"I have dedicated much of my life to serving this community. Having made the decision to not pursue future elected office, I'm excited to be able to continue to serve in helping ensure Dutchess County is a place where families thrive, businesses grow, and our agricultural roots remain strong. I look forward to collaborating with our community to address challenges and seize opportunities that benefit our neighbors.'

Pulver's term as Dutchess County Comptroller concludes at the end of 2024. He will step into his new role on January 1, 2025, as current Assistant County Executive Chris Baiano, who began serving in 2015, prepares to retire in the first quarter of 2025. Baiano and Pulver will work together for several weeks in the new year to ensure a seamless transition.





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#### Obituaries

#### Helen H. Harden



HYDE PARK - Helen H. Harden, 98, of Hyde Park, New York passed away on Sunday, November 17, 2024, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie,

Born, January 18, 1926, in the Bronx, she was the daughter of the late William Harden and Helen Boehm Harden. Along with her parents she was predeceased by her brother, Kenneth Harden and her sisters, Marie Del Savio and Evelyn Dulgnan.

After obtaining her associates degree from Manhattan College, she went on to work at the Empire State Building. She received a letter from Governor Rockefeller in 1962 commending her for her exemplary service there. She got a job at the courthouse when the family moved to Clinton Corners. Over the years she earned promotions to become a Deputy Clerk for the Dutchess County Clerk for many years before her retirement.

In her free time, she was a volunteer driver for many years for the Northern Dutchess Caregivers Coalition in Rhinebeck. She started the Birthday Club at Crum Elbow apartments, organized the monthly celebration and ensured everyone was contacted with updates.

Her title was Aunt Helen, but she was so much more to all of her nieces and nephews. She was always there to comfort, protect and support us through many of life's trials

One of the things Helen enjoyed was travelling to Florida with sisters Marie and Evie and her mother. Going to Florida for 2 to 3 months during the winter became something that they looked forward to

She is survived by many nieces and nephews. Helen loved people and loved to encourage them. She was affectionately known as "Aunt Helen" or "Auntie" to more than just her

She was quite the hostess weather it was preparing her famous chicken "with the round little potatoes and carrots", and chilled applesauce on the side, or having tea or coffee with

friends or family when they came to visit.

Holidays were magical, although she made us feel extra special at all times.

Aunt Helen remembered us with cards. Birthday Cards, Happy Valentine's Day, Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving and of course Christmas Cards and Happy Anniversary cards. She was committed to helping us succeed and was our biggest cheerleader. She enjoyed

telling us "You can do it!" Helen's favorite charities were Hyde Park Meals on Wheels, 1 Church St. Hyde Park, NY 12538, Sloan Kettering Hospital, Tunnels to Towers, St. Jude's or the Disabled American Veterans.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet's Funeral Home, Inc., Rte. 9, Hyde Park. To send an online condolence, or for directions please visit www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

#### **Martin Carl Kazimir**



FISHKILL - Martin Carl Kazimir, a longtime resident of Fishkill, NY and formerly of West Sand Lake, NY and Yonkers, NY, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, December 8, 2024. He was 79.

Son of the late Carl and Helen (Turek) Kazimir, he was born in Yonkers, NY on August 19, 1945. He graduated from Bordentown Military Institute High School in 1963. In 1964, Martin enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He was honorably discharged from active service in 1968 and then continued as a Reservist until 1970.

Throughout his professional career, he worked as a journeyman ironworker and belonged to the Local 40 Ironworkers in New York City. He was tasked with aiding in the recovery effort immediately following the World Trade Center attack on 9/11. Martin retired in 2002. Following his retirement, he spent many years serving as a funeral attendant for Robert H. Auchmoody Funeral Homes, Inc.

ordained Deacon and served the parish of St. Mary, Mother of the Church in Fishkill.

Martin was a volunteer firefighter for Best Luther Fire Co. in West Sand Lake and member of the Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Council #4065 in Fishkill. He enjoyed bicycling and formerly belonged to the Fishkill Bicycle Club. He was a skilled archer and received several awards for his accomplishments at competitions and other events.

On February 14, 1987, he married Margaret "Peggy" Eagan at St. Mary, Mother of the Church in Fishkill. Peggy survives at home.

Additional survivors include his son, Christopher Kazimir & his wife Nikki; his granddaughter, Hope Kazimir; his stepson and "right hand man", John Birch, Jr. & his girlfriend Marisol; his stepdaughter, Deborah Stanco & her husband John; his stepson, Howard Birch & his wife Angie, who was one of his many co-caretakers; his brother-in-law, Russell Eagan & his wife Jackie, who provided transportation to the hospital; his grandchildren: Jennifer Sipes & her husband Robert, John Birch III, Lauren Stanco, John Stanco, Mitchel Stanco, Howard R. Birch, Jr., Grace Birch, and Michael Birch; his great-grandchildren, Kyla-Jo and Mila-Lee; his sister, Kathleen Kazimir; as well as many nieces, nephews, and other loving relatives & friends.

Martin was preceded in death by his first wife, Karen Kazimir, in 1986. He was also predeceased by two infant daughters, Kimberly Ann and Wilma Kazimir.

Private services were previously conducted with interment at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801

Donations in Martin's memory may be made to Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation, 80

Washington Street, Suite 204, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601; www.hvhospice.org Arrangements are under the direction of McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. For online tributes, visit www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

#### Libby Funeral Home hosts Wreaths Across America ceremonies



Wreaths were placed on veterans' graves in Fishkill Rural Cemetery as part of Wreaths Across America.

-Photos by Kristine Coulter

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The lives of two veterans were specifically remembered and highlighted.

Schuka said an account of unclaimed cremains was done at the funeral home and two veterans' cremains were found. One was a veteran from the United States Army, Charles McKeever, who served in World War I, said Schuka.

"Charles McKeever, World War I Army Veteran, died at the age of 90 on June 13th 1986 at the VA Castle Point Medical Center in Wappingers Falls, NY. He was divorced, and had one son who at the time lived in South Carolina. Charles served in the United States Army from September 10, 1917, and

received an honorable discharge on July 11, 1919," stated Schuka.

"Freedom comes with a price," he said. Schuka added, "We thank those who gave their lives to keep us free."

Also remembered and honored was veteran Thomas B. Reynolds.

"Thomas B. Reynolds, World War II Navy Veteran, died at the age of 68 on December 5, 1989 at the VA Castle Point Medical Center in Wappingers Falls, NY. He was separated from a wife, who resided in New York City. Thomas served in the United States Navy from August 8, 1940, and received an honorable discharge on August 10, 1946," remarked Schuka.

Fishkill resident Jim Broughton,



Attendees carry and place wreaths on graves of veterans in Fishkill Rural Cemetery. The ceremony was part of Wreaths Across America, which is held at cemeteries throughout the country.



A bagpiper performs during the cere-

a U.S. Air Force veteran, attended the ceremony.

"I wanted to salute the veterans," he said.

Ray Van Voorhis, a member of the Fishkill Rural Cemetery Board, remarked, "It's a really special day across the country." He said on a warmer day to walk around the cemetery and see the grounds.

Adam Roche, who is the Dutchess County Veterans Services Director, stated during his remarks, "It's so important to remember them and say those names aloud. Do not say it under your breath, said it out loud." Roche thanked parents for bringing their children to participate in the ceremony.

There were well over 600 wreaths placed in the Veterans Section of the cemetery.

Other organizers hosted volunteers and took part in ceremonies in East Fishkill and Wappingers Falls.

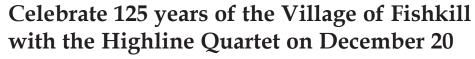
# Southern Dutchess News Arts Entertainment Events Dining Classified Sports

# Community highlights holiday festivities in East Fishkill









**By Kristine Coulter** 

2024 has been the Village of Fishkill's 125th anniversary. On Friday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. the celebration continues. The Highline String Quartet will perform at the First Reformed Church, 717 Route 9.

"What people can expect is to be completely immersed in an amazing musical experience. The historic church, the candlelight, and the sounds of the Highline String Quartet set the stage for a magical experience," said Village of Fishkill Mayor Kathy Martin.

There are only a limited number of tickets available. According to event information, the "unforgettable talent" are

professional musicians from all over the world.

Seating will be assigned on a first-come first-served basis. Anyone under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. There is an age requirement of 8 years or older to attend.

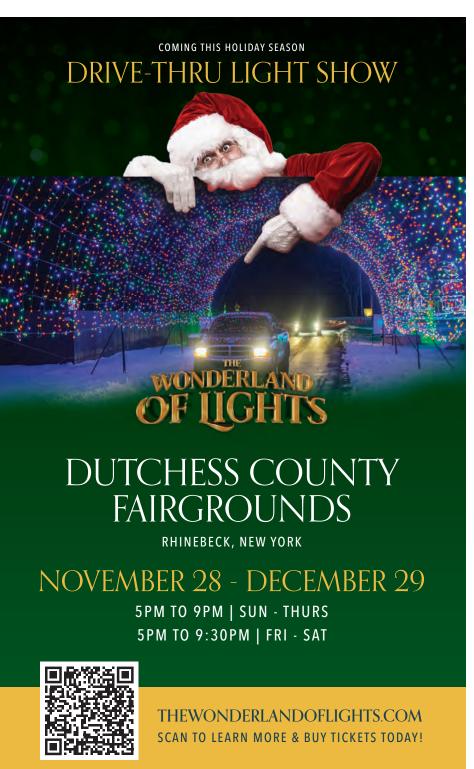
For more information, go to https://villageholidaycandlelightconcert.event brite.com.

"Celebrating our 125th anniversary for this past year has been incredible. For me personally, it was a year to honor our historic past and to introduce some more events to our Village. It was a year to reminisce, and to look forward with hope," said Martin.



The Town of East Fishkill Recreation Department and East Fishkill Rotary hosted the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Dec. 7 at the East Fishkill Community Center. Town officials and residents, and even the Grinch, enjoy the event. Singers from 4th Wall Productions added holiday music to the festivities.

-Photos by Kristine Coulter



#### get growing!

#### by mark adams



# Keep America Great

#### Something to ponder as the new year approaches

"My legs felt like rubber," Rosa remembered. She was waiting in line to cross the border from Tijuana to San Diego, holding a fake passport. Her children, one and two years old, had been carried across by a total stranger, a "coyote," days earlier. Hopefully, they had been passed into the arms of Rosa's aunt, who was waiting on the U.S. side and had paid \$2,000 to get the three of them over.

The year was 1985, one year before President Ronald Reagan signed the Immigration Reform and Control Act, which would eventually lead to citizenship for Rosa, Paco and Ramiro. What had led Rosa to abandon her home in Guadalajara, Mexico to face an uncertain future? I couldn't imagine, especially since I live a few hundred yards from where I was born.

Over a lunch of quesadillas at La Hacienda de Mexico in Arlington, I heard the whole story.

Rosa Rojo was born in Guadalajara in 1964, on the poor side of town. She remembers that her grandmother, who was "elegant," would not even visit her family's house when she came to town. They had to meet her at her hotel. As the Mexican economy fell into a deep recession in 1982, jobs disappeared. People started heading north, among them Rosa's next door neighbor Ramiro. Ramiro arrived in Poughkeepsie, finding work at the Eveready Diner. He lived in a house with 15 other immigrants. On a trip home, Rosa and Ramiro fell in love and got married. Back in Poughkeepsie, Ramiro eventually saved enough money to send for his wife and their two children.

So Rosa's aunt, who was in the U.S. on a visa, traveled south to arrange the clandestine journey.

A bus brought them to a "safe house" in Tijuana, where Rosa hid for days until a fake passport was created. She had to memorize the false name and birth dates, in case she was questioned at the border. But she made it, and was reunited with

her sons and husband in Poughkeepsie.

Forty years ago, Rosa remembers, it was unusual to see a Hispanic person around town.

Reagan's amnesty program came as a surprise. It included a path to citizenship, with a lot of paperwork, a requirement to learn to read and write English, and a 100 question test. The questions and answers were provided, but had to be memorized. Rosa tripped up when asked the name of the national anthem (oh, yeah, it's "The Star Spangled Banner") but she passed. I attended her citizenship ceremony in 2000.

Now Rosa and Ramiro own their own home. Rosa works as production manager at a wholesale nursery. Paco is a loan officer at a bank. Ramiro Jr. works at Merrill Lynch. Rosa's daughter, who was born in Poughkeepsie, is also a loan officer, and her youngest son Joseph is a police detective.

There was a flip side to Reagan's "amnesty" act. It became illegal for an employer to "knowingly" hire an undocumented worker. The idea was to discourage illegal entry.

Employers are required to fill out an "19" form so that all employees pay taxes and social security. If an undocumented person presents a phony social security card, that person still pays social security and income tax. I am amazed at the number of people I meet who think that undocumented workers get a "free ride" without paying taxes. The vast majority of the – what is it – 11 million or 18 million – undocumented people in this country, in my experience, pay taxes.

Come on, folks – sending them all home on "day one" would not only create a humanitarian crisis. It would wreck the economy. We need people like Paco, Ramiro, Jennifer and Joseph to Keep America Great.

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



Rosa on the right with her family.

-Courtesy photo



Rosa at La Hacienda de Mexico.
-Photo by Mark Adam:



Rosa on the left as a child in Mexico.
-Courtesy photos

#### **Sports Museum of Dutchess County announces Pat Zerbe Women's Room**

The Sports Museum of Dutchess County announces the curation of the Pat Zerbe Women's Room, an exhibit to celebrate generations of women in Dutchess County sports history. A trailblazer of women's sports in Dutchess County, Pat Zerbe has made an impact on local athlet-

ics and culture for decades. The museum will be collecting artifacts (photographs, equipment, newspaper clippings, medals/trophies, etc.) to display in the women's room.

Text message or call 845-476-2314 to make an appointment for a donation.





#### love to cook

#### by vicki frank day



# Snacks in a snap

#### Easy nibbles for the busy holiday season

Well, my friends, this has never happened before. In the last week I've started four different articles but here we are on the fifth, because those just didn't pan out. I have struggled a time or two before when coming up with ideas of what to write, but never have I made so many failed attempts in one go. It might surprise you to hear that I didn't get overly frustrated, but I suppose that just comes with writing these articles for so long. If this is the first time, I've been this stumped in 18 years, I hardly think that's something to complain about!

So, this being the fifth and final try, I did what I always do when facing writer's block and stepped away for a few minutes, got myself another cup of coffee and am now snuggled back in my chair with my dachshund (very aptly named Pip) in the hope that something will come to me. And just like that, it has!

I think part of the reason ideas and productivity sometimes don't flow is that we all get stuck from time to time. It doesn't really matter what it is we're trying to do; life just has a way of gumming up the creative works. We can get overwhelmed or distracted when there's too much going on and not enough time for it all, like we tend to this time of year especially, which is actually what ended up inspiring this article in the end. As part of my mind was trying to decide on an article topic and part was also trying to plan this year's Christmas menu while worrying about countless other things, it occurred to me that all I really wanted to do was fix myself a snack, curl up and savor a little peaceful me time. That's when jingle bells and angel trumpets sounded to let me know I'd just found what to write about, because I'm not the only one feeling that way.

I realize we're all busy and many of us have things to worry about, which can certainly leave us feeling less than festive. So maybe I can give you some simple ideas to help you skate through any rough patches so we can all set stress aside and enjoy what the season's really about. A few easy but delicious recipes to indulge in over the next few weeks might go a long way toward easing our burdens and slowing us down enough to savor the holidays. Sounds good to me anyway, and I feel better already!

Any time of year and for any (or no) occasion, making a meal of appetizers is my favorite way to eat, and it's even more so when shared with people I love. If, like me, you've grown a little weary of the beloved charcuterie board, allow me to share some fun, festive, tried-and-true recipes you can use from now until the New Year and beyond to take its place. They're all easy nibbles, some are super quick to make, some can be made ahead, most are reasonable and a fair few you may already have the ingredients for or can keep on hand for when you need to whip something up. Make one or more to enjoy while you decorate, wrap presents or watch a movie or combine several and throw yourself a party. Invite some friends over or break them out for visiting family, or just fix yourself a little plate and curl up on the couch. Breathe deep, nibble, repeat.

#### **QUICK & EASY**

Let's start things off with some things you just need to assemble, that are pretty to look at and have a nice contrast

**CAPRESE SKEWERS** – A practically bite-sized take on the classic salad that just happens to be red and green. Thread appetizer or cocktail skewers with a grape tomato, bocconcini (mini mozzarella ball) or cube of fresh mozzarella and a fresh basil leaf. Arrange on a platter and drizzle with olive oil and balsamic glaze. For company, place them in a circle for a wreath effect and a little fancier than a crudite platter.

PEPPER JELLY APPETIZER – So easy and so good! Place a room temperature block of cream cheese on a platter, top with pepper jelly, garnish with some seasonal greens and serve with Ritz crackers and a spreader. Spicy-sweet and creamy with the salty-buttery goodness of the crackers = pure joy!

WHIPPED RIČOTTA - This one isn't quite a straight-up assembly since you alter the ricotta, but it only takes about 10 minutes to make. Start by putting 1lb of whole milk ricotta in a large bowl with 1 tablespoon of honey and about 1 teaspoon of salt (no more than that). Beat until smooth with a hand mixer or food processor, then pour in 2 tablespoons of a good quality olive oil and continue mixing until combined. Transfer to a shallow serving bowl, drizzle with a little olive oil, add freshly cracked pepper and a pinch of flaky salt and serve with pita wedges, lightly toasted baguette slices or crackers. You can also top it with chopped green olives and roasted red peppers.

#### UPDATED CLASSICS

These are familiar throwbacks but with little upgrades to dress them up for company.

PIĞS IN BLANKETS – Adapted from a Food & Wine recipe. Sure, they may seem a little dated, but they're classic for a reason and still a favorite for many. My family's made them part of our Christmas Eve for as long as I can remember! Cocktail franks seem harder to find every year, so just use your favorite hot dogs or even chicken sausage. Your wiener of choice gets a delicious flavorful glaze, and I've swapped out the usual pre-made crescent dough for puff pastry 'cause I'm so fancy! Assemble these (in about 20 minutes) up to a day ahead and make sure they're chilled before baking so they puff up and make you proud.

INGREDIENTS

3 tablespoons butter

3 tablespoons brown sugar

2 tablespoons honey

1/2 cup Dijon mustard

2 sheets thawed (in the fridge) frozen

Freshly ground pepper to taste 8 hot dogs, cut into thirds

Coarse or flaky sea salt

**METHOD** Line 1-2 baking sheets with parchment

paper and set aside. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

For the glaze, place butter, brown sugar and honey in a medium saucepan and cook over medium heat until melted, whisking to blend. Remove from heat and stir in mustard, whisking until smooth. Set aside.

Unfold one sheet of puff pastry on a lightly floured surface and roll it into a (12-inch) square. It will be about 1/8-inch thick. Cut in half, then cut each half into 6 equal pieces (I prefer triangles because they hold the meat more securely). Brush the dough with the honey mustard glaze not quite to the edges, sprinkle evenly with pepper and place hot dog pieces on the end of each piece of dough (the wider end if cut into triangles) and roll them up. Place them seam-side down on baking sheet, about 1-inch apart. (If making ahead, stop here, cover with plastic wrap or foil and refrigerate).

Make an egg wash by mixing the egg with 1 tablespoon of water. Brush tops of pastry rolls and sprinkle with coarse salt. Repeat with second pastry sheet. Refrigerate at least 15 minutes before baking.

Bake 30-40 minutes until puffed up and golden brown. Check after 30 minutes to make sure they don't burn. Serve immediately. You don't need dipping sauce but you may want to break out the bubbly. Makes 24 snuggled in pigs.

PUFF PASTRY PIZZA BITES – If you're getting the idea that puff pastry is your best friend, you're right. I keep some in the freezer at all times for all things sweet and savory. Here it glams up humble pizza. Using one sheet makes 28-32 2-inch bites. You should figure on 5 puffs per person, so double it for a crowd. Use store-bought sauce and pre-shredded mozzarella and this is done, start to finish, in about 30 minutes.

#### INGREDIENTS

1 sheet thawed frozen puff pastry Pizza sauce (for topping and dipping) About 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese Dried oregano, salt and pepper to taste METHOD

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Unfold puff pastry on a lightly floured work surface and roll slightly to eliminate creases. Cut into 2-inch squares (you should be able to get 4x7 from one sheet of pastry). Transfer squares to baking sheet. Alternatively, you can try to carefully cut the pastry right on the parchment and transfer to the baking sheet.

Spread a spoonful of sauce in the center of each square. Top with mozzarella and sprinkle with oregano,

salt and pepper.

Bake until puffed and golden and cheese is melted, 15-18 minutes (check after 15). Serve immediately with a side of pizza sauce in case anyone wants

Makes 28-32.

While this hasn't been among my best articles, I hope it serves as a little gift from me to you and that you will add these recipes to your repertoire for times when you need to satisfy a craving, feed family or company or have yourself a little celebration. Holidays give us a lot to celebrate but can also be stressful so let's make time for a little bit of decadence and savor the good life whenever we can. There's so much to celebrate and be thankful for and a bright New Year ahead. I wish you all the love in the world, peace, joy and the happiest of holidays.

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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# The Wonderland of Lights to 'shine and sparkle' at the DC Fairgrounds through Dec. 29



The family-friendly drive-through experience of The Wonderland of Lights  $^{\rm TM}$  will take place through Dec. 29, at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds. in Rhinebeck.

-Courtesy photo



Returning for the fourth consecutive year, The Wonderland of Lights<sup>TM</sup> brings the sparkle and shine of the holidays to Rhinebeck through Sunday, Dec. 29, at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds.

This family-friendly drive-through experience boasts festive lighted displays from the whimsically wonderful to the nostalgic and traditional with thousands of dancing lights accompanied by sounds of the season.

Producer Tammy Peters says, "We are so excited to be back again this year. Dutchess County and beyond have embraced us and included The Wonderland of Lights into their family holiday traditions. We are so grateful. Our motto is 'Producers of Memorable Experiences' and that's what we try to do for every person who takes the time to drive through be it their first time or a frequent visitor."

New this year, is Sensory Night. For those children and adults living with sen-

sory challenges, The Wonderland of Lights is turning off the strobes and animation on the displays Monday, December 16, between 5 and 9 p.m.

The Wonderland of Lights is once again supporting Make-A-Wish® Hudson Valley with Make-A-Wish Thursdays. With a donation from their wish list (https://hudson.wish.org/amazon), guests will receive \$5 off the \$30 car ticket at the gate only. A cash donation section has been added as well online on the ticket purchase page. Visit the website at www.thewonderlandoflights for more information.

Tickets start at \$30 per vehicle up to eight passengers and may be purchased online at www.thewonderland oflights.com or at the gate. Military Discounts are available at the gate only with a validmilitary I.D.

Dutchess County Fairgrounds is at 6636 U.S. 9 in Rhinebeck.

For more information, go to https://www.dutchess.air.com/.



#### By Bill Green Recreation Director

The East Fishkill – Thunder Ridge Skiing and Snowboarding Package is finished. If you are still interested in lessons, please call Thunder Ridge 845-878-4100.

Again, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to our super Christmas Tree Lighting night on December 7. Special thanks to Steve and Bonnie for bringing the very busy Santa and Mrs. Claus to our event!

We are now signing up residents and non-residents for our first bus trip in 2025 on Sunday, February 2, when we visit resorts Catskills Casino to spend our holiday gift money. The fee is \$40 which

includes round trip Coach Tours transportation, tip for driver and \$25 free slots play and a \$15 Food Voucher.

Our Winter Basketball Leagues are now all under way. Games are played on Saturdays and Sundays at Gayhead Elementary, Route 376, Van Wyck Junior High School, 10 Hillside Lake Road, and John Jay High School, 2012 Route 52. There will be no games the weekend of December 28-29. Again, the goal of our Basketball Program is for everyone to play and have fun!

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

#### Book club to discuss 'The Women' on Jan. 8

The EFCL Afternoon Book Group meets to discuss this month's selection "The Women" by Kristin Hannah at the East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376, in East Fishkill, discussion of this

at 1 p.m. on Jan. 8. Copies of the book are available within the Library system.

All are welcome to come and join in the discussion of this work.



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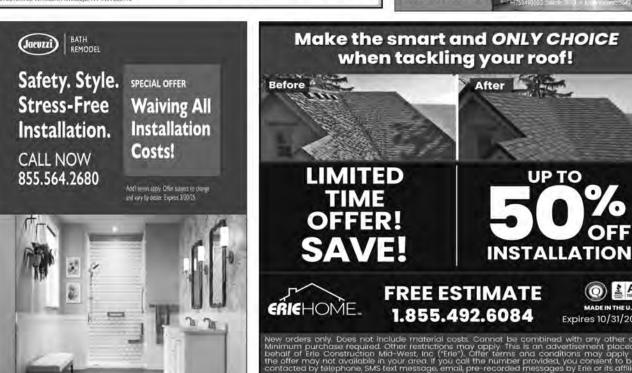
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## Nominations sought for Martha Vashington Woman of History Award

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The Woman of History award acknowledges Martha Washington's important place in history as a devoted patriot in support of the American Revolution and the ensuing new nation. This will be the 23 year the award is given, continuing the site's desire to honor women who carry on Martha

Washington's legacy by sharing in their devotion to Hudson Valley history.

Along with 2024 recipient, Fenella Heckscher, previous recipients of the award are:

2003 Janet Dempsey - Author/Historian 2004 Carol Ash - former Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

2005 Patricia Favata - Author/ Historian 2006 Barbara Bedell - TIMES-HERALD RECORD columnist

2007 Mary McTamaney - City of New burgh Historian

2008 Mary Mangione - former Hudson River Valley Greenway Director

2009 Elizabeth McKean - City of Newburgh Records Management Director 2010 Mary Ann Fish - Environmental

Historian 2011 Mara Farrell - Community Activist 2012 Stella Bailey - Historian/ Preservationist

2013 Mary Etta Schneider Preservationist 2014 Mary Sudman Donovan - Author

Kathleen P. Mitchell - Founder's 2014 Award

2015 Willa Skinner - Historian/Author Denise Doring VanBuren 2016 Historian/Preservationist

2017 Mary Ellen Matise - Historian/ Researcher/Educator

Dawn Elliott - Historic interpreter/Reenactor/ Educator 2019 Mildred Starin - Historic Advocate/

Preservationist 2020 Ruth Piwonka – Historian/

Preservationist 2021 Sue Gardner - Historical Archivist/

Librarian 2022 Nina Postupack – Educator/Historian

2023 Colette C. Fulton - Historian There are many women who are ded-

icated to sharing and preserving our history. Perhaps you know of a woman who shares her love of history with children by telling them stories or taking them to historic sites.

Is there a woman who has done research about the Hudson Valley and has shared her findings to encourage others to do the same?

Do you know a woman who has used her private time or resources to preserve a landmark of historic signifi-

These are just a few examples of what could qualify a woman to be a candidate for this award.

Nominations must be completed and received by Jan. 10, 2025.

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MARY ANNE FIELDING, LCSW, PLLCArt. of Org. Filed with the SSNY on 10/21/24 Office: **Dutchess** County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2345 Route 52, Suite F, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

BEECOFARMNY LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/4/24. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may beserved.SSNYshall mail copy of process to The LLC 201 Sunset Hill Rd Pleasant Valley NY 12569. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**PEST** CELAYA SOLUTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SŠNY the on Office: 09/30/24. Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & luele, LLP, 1136 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of A Horse's Heart, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 10/23/24. location: Office Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 651 Schultzville Rd, Clinton Corners, NY 12154. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is Fiona Eltz, 651 Schultzville Rd, Clinton Corners, NY 12154. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of BIRDY'S FINE FOODS, LLC, Arts, of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/18/2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 66 Verplanck Ave., Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Loal LLC. Filed 10/31/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to:35LakeWaltonRd, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: General.

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Chilean Group LLC. Filed 10/30/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig, as agent for process & shall mail to:35LakeWaltonRd. Wappingers Falls, NY Purpose: 12590. General.

Jawad Nesheiwat MD, PLLC. Filed 10/30/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 18 Trinity Way, Lagrangeville, Ni 9-540 Purpose: Medicine.

Braig Services, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 11/06/2024. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 11 Saddle Ridge Drive Hopewell Junction NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name of the LLC is: Bird Invests LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: October 22, 2024. The County in which the Office is to be located: Dutchess. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process againsttheLLCis:221 Rushmore Road, Stormville, NY 12582. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Tompkins Coaching & Consulting LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/05/24. Office located in Dutchess Co. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: United States Corporation Agents Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Suite 202. Brooklyn, NY. 11228. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Form. of ROCCO FARM, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/08/2024. Office location: SSNY Dutchess. desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 600 MA-MARONECK AV-ENUE #400, HARRI-SON, NY, 10528. Any lawful purpose.

BEACON BBQ LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/24/24 Office: Dutchess

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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, 446 Main Street, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation OAKWOOD CONSTRUCTION LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/01/2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Kevin Washall 116 Autumn Drive Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**BIZARREHEARTS** LLC. Filed 5/27/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Kyle Broner, 936 N Quaker Ln, Staatsburg, NY 12580. Purpose: General.

MADDYCAKES CUPCAKE BAKERY LLC. Filed 8/12/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent forprocess&shallmail to: 1225 Dutchess Tpke, Poughkeepsie, NY12603. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave , Ste 202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.

Notice of Form. of CHANCE CHOICE PROPER-TIES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/12/2024. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 62 BLVD.. HOOSE FISHKILL, NY 12524. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of UWS SLAM LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/01/2024. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 527 IN-DIAN LAKERD., MIL-LERTON, NY 12546. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of SLAM HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/01/2024. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 527 INDIAN LAKE RD, MILLERTON, NY 12546. Any lawful purpose.

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**CHERRIES** CREAM CO.-LUXURY LASHES AND SUITES, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/12/24. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 181 Schlueter Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 942 Route 376, Ste. 209, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590.

Notice of Formation of a NY Limited Liability Company. Name: R-DesignPhoto,LLC. Articles of Organization filing date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was October 25th. Office Location: Dutchess County. Rachael Curtin has been designated as agent of LLC upon process whom against it may be served and SSNY shall mail copy of process to 9 Wickes Lane, Wappingers Falls, NY, 12590. Purpose is to engage Professional Fine Photography Services.

AAH Repairs, LLC 11/14/2024. filed Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: PO Box 334 Dover Plains, NY 12522. Purpose: Repairs

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name of the LLC is: Stallions Ocampo Farm LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: 11/07/2024. The County in which the Office is to be located: Dutchess. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: 25 Bedell Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful activity.

MCPINOYLLC. Filed 10/2/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 3 Dawson Ct, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: General.

SKYE BLEU FARM LLC. Filed 10/15/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 39 Overlook

Dr, Pawling, NY 12564. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave Ste 202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.

Rubio Masonry & Construction LLC. Filed 09/05/24 office: Dutchess co. SSNY design.as agent for process & shall mail to 1884 Route 82 Lagrangeville NY 12540. Purpose Any Lawfull

Seeley Creek Farm LLC Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company, ("LLC"), Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("ŚSNY") on 11/13/2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to 151 Seeley Rd, Lagrangeville NY 12540. Purpose: to engage in any act or activity for which a LLC may be organized under the NY LLC Law.

Notice of Formation of Mike's Marshals LLC. Arts. of Org. filed SSNY with 08/13/2024. Office location: 12 Blueberry Hill Road, Hopewell Junction NY 12533, Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may beserved.SSNYshall mail process to Mike's Marshals, 2501 Bear Creek Blvd. Wilkes-Barre PA 18702. Purpose: any lawful actor activity.

Notice of Formation of a NY Limited Liability Company. Name: Blue Zone Integrative Pediatric Medicine. PLLC. Articles of Organization filing date with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) was 10/21/24. Oπice location: Ulster County. SSNY has been designated as agent of PLLC upon whom processagainstitmay be served and SSNY shall mail copy of processto212Eagles Nest Rd. Hurley, NY 12443. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws.

Notice of Formation of ISABELA MIA LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/15/2024. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may beserved.SSNYshall

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mail process to: 245 8th Ave., STE 195, New York, NY, 10011, USA. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of 38 TOBIN DRIVE LLC. Art. Of Org. filed SSNY with 11/14/2024. 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 Form. of DONOVAN 19 HOLDINGS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/07/2024. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 18 BLACK WATCH DRIVE, WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY 12590. Any lawful purpose.

22 Route 22 LLC. Filed with SSNY on 10/01/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 366 Overlook Road, Millbrook, NY 12545. Purpose: any lawful.

2251 Route 44 LLC. Filed with SSNY on 11/20/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 89 Tinkertown Road, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: any lawful.

Notice of Formation of Goofy Socks Games, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed SSNY with Office 10/20/24. location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Goofy Socks Games, LLC Timothy Smajda 1820 Route 376 Ste 5 #777 Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful actor activity.

**FULL SPECTRUM** R E N T A LPROPERTY MANAGEMENTLLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY 11/24/2024. Office: County. Dutchess SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 108 Brandy Lane, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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TION OF LITTLE SURE SHOT CANINE TRAINING LLC. Articles of Organization filed withSecretaryofState

ofNewYorkonOCTO-BER 17, 2024. Oflocation fice Dutchess County. The Secretary of State has been designated at agent for service of process upon the LLC. The Secretary shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at . 21 Merry Hill Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose of LLC: engage in any lawful act or activity.

4 OLD BULLS HEAD FARM LLC. Filed 11/12/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: John Paul Avital, 2117 Route 82, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: General.

**CONCEPTS** AF7 LLC. Filed 10/28/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Andrea Beth Freeman, 5 Kennedy Blvd, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: General.

**B&BILLINGS PLAZA** LLC. Filed 10/16/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Entity Protect Registered Agent Services Llc, 447 Broadway 2nd Fl. - #3000, NY, NY 10013. Purpose: General.

RWH & GL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY the Office: 11/25/24. 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, 31 Mansion Dr, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of LDL cleaning services LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/12/24. Office location: Dutchess county. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 43 Fallkili rd #2, Hyde park, New York, 12538. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

# Wappingers Junior High School students earn honor roll recognition

The following students made the firstquarter honor roll for the 2024-25 school year at Wappingers Junior High School in the Wappingers Central School District.

The students are: **High Honor Roll** 

## 7th Grade

Abigail Agosto Martinez, Gianna Agusto, Shelton Alston, Carlos Alvarez, Mayson Alvarez, Kenley Amendolia, Sofia Anemelos, Jeffrey Angelo, John Samuel Annabi, Alana Antonucci, Luca Arcuri, Juliet Ayende, Owen Baller, Brooke Barrett, Kenley Barron, Joseph Battista, Troy Behnken, Angelica Bennett, Nyasa Bennett, Daniel Boamah, David Boamah, Drin Bojkaj, Adam Boussalham, Ashlinn Brenner, Evan Brinkerhoff, Molly Brown, Ava Buchtman, Julia Buchtman, Marc Bustamante, Mia Cabrera, Lucas Calabro, Angelina Camey, Marco Cardoso, Giovanni Celli, Anna Cerniglia, Gianna Cerone, Charles Ceru, Rvan Chatlos, Justin Cheung, Raeesa Elizabeth Cilley, Chhipa, Cinquegrana, Peyton Cinquegrana, Jayden Clark Vega, Christopher Collura, Reynalda Corporan, Declan Coxen, Aiden Curtis, Aiden D'Amico-Sullivan, Kaden Davenport, Kamrin Davenport, Lorelei De Luccia, Marea De Luccia, Brielle DeGroat, William DeLisle, Giancarlo DeVivo, Hunter Deputhod, Viviana

Diamond, Samuel Diaz, Sophia Dominguez, Winter Donaldson, Michael Drago, Kylie Dreeland, Marcy Dunlow, Yassin Elbazar, Justin Espinoza, Graeson Farrell, Noah Ferreras, Robert Ferris, Kyle Ficker, Charlene Figueroa, Carlos Flores, Bridgit Foley, Atziri Gomez, Sophia Gonzalez, Saanvi Gor, Joshua Gordineer, Kolten Griggs, Adam Guallpa, Heidi Guaraca, Sean Gunther, Kasidy Hamel, Bria Hamilton, Jacob Hartford, Gabriella Haun, Lillian Henson, Lyla Higgins, Carys Huen, Zion Hunt, Leanora Ibrahimi, Ava Ignatz, Michael James, Adabell Jimenez, Zachary Jimenez, Emily Johnson, Leah Johnson, Khaliya Jones, Amanda Jovel Alvarez, Bekim Kaba, Madelyn Kennedy, Gianna Ketchum, Olivia Kirsch, Jude Kolachik, Liam Konieczny, Nathan Koretsky, Brycen Korz, Nicholas Kovalsky, Xavier Kowaliw, Alexander Krajewski, Ardit Kurtishi, Leah Leveque, Patrick Licari, Maria Liebler, Nicholas Lombardo, Kristina Lopez, Melanie Lopez, Allison Loughran, George Macancela, Yaretzi Macedonio DelaCruz, Alexys Magarelli, Jack Mahlmeister, Zaynab Malik, Savannah Manning, Sophia Manning, Kyle Marquez, Brenden Marshall, Abigail Massey, Sophia May, Keegan McClay, Camryn McMaster, Angelica Medina, Ava Montaruli, Giorgia Montgomery,

Penelopy Morris, Zoe Mortimer, Madison Mugnano, Gautham Murali, Griffin Murphy, Hannah Nagy-Makai, Dilynn Nichols, Stephen Obligado, Skyla Orellana, Sydney Orlando, Nicholas Ortega, Anastasia Pardee, Sabrina Patino, Tate Patterson, Cassie Perez, Emma Perrone, Kayleigh Petrillo, Hyde Pinto, Jake Ponzini, Lucus Potthast, Marina Pratt, Josue Quezada Auquilla, Anthony Quilter, Shelsea Quiroz Felipe, Lucas Ouitoni, Samiyah Rajcumar, Sebastian Ramirez, Naomi Ramirez Perez, Raymond Renzo, Eduardo Resendiz Vazquez, Elyzabeth Reyes, Michael Reyes, Aaron Ricketts, Gabriel Robbins, Jazmine Rolle, Amy Rosario-Cabreja, Wesley Rote, Ryan Roy, Sarah Rubin, Delaney Rundle, Jordan Sahawneh, Angelina Sanchez, Erick Sari, Taylor Schoenberg, Tyler Schwartz, Mishti Shah, Zack Simmons, Carmine Simms, Aurora Simone, Ashley Skeahan, Cassandra Smith, Matthew Sperling, Conner Stuart, Evelyn Suarez, Matthew Sucharski, Lynda Sucuzhanay, Miles Ulloa, Thomas Varella, Cieralyn Vargas, Taylor Vaught, Luke Veeneman, Kylie Vega, Ria Vekaria, Della Velez, Jeremiah Velez, Kelli Venditto, Antonia Virgadamo, Magdalena Virgadamo, Charlotte Watson, Ilana Werner, Summer Whitcomb, Benjamin Whitted, Maria

Williams, Isabella-Luna Winus, Sean Youngman, Karina Zhang, Erika Zhinin 8th Grade

Jacob Abel, Joshua Abel, Emily Adams, Jack Afon, Raelyn Baje Alejandro, Iyanah Ali, Samantha Almanzar, Delilah Antonini, Skyla Balbuena, Emily Baller, Mariana Barros, Lianna Bastos, Khloe Battista, Cydnee Beaubrun, Grace Belesaca, Brody Berg, Nicolas Best, Emmitt Bohannon, Madison Boothe, Adam Boris, Jai Borress, Arden Bosman, Rockwell Bosman, Connor Bowman, Madelyn Brager, Farrah Brownell, Cameron Butler, Elisabeth Cano, Phoebe Cantele, Taryn Capurro, Maeve Cassidy, Christopher Cerone, Parker Christman, Victoria Cicero, Elizabeth Clark, Sakyr Clough, Cori Cservak, Jace Cuchelo, Sophia Dampf, Nailah Danmola, Jayla Davis, Mason Davis, Paul DeVivo, Elizabeth DelRosso, Ella Delamater, Itzel Delgadillo Garcia, Logan DerBoghossian, Chloe Detweiler, Enoch DiGabriel, Marylin Dooley, Maximus Dotoratos, Evan Douglas, Elijah Dunlow, Luke Edwards, Emani Ephram, Emmanuel Erema, Rylee Farrington, Jaxon Favale, Kaylin Finnigan, Serafina Franco, Matthew Galea-Pellegrino, Henry Gates, Addison Gault, Sophia Gauzza, Rrustem Gaxherri, Francesca Gesmundo, Aidan Goh, Valrov Grant, Noah Haas, Alexander Hahn,

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Notice of Formation of GOLDEN RAHA PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/19/24. Office location: DutchessCounty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to HARITHADEVI KOONAPAREDDY, HOFFMAN RD, HOPEWELL JUNCTION, 12533, USAPurpose: any lawful act or activity.

**PINES** QUARRY LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/9/2024. 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, 95 Knollwood Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

LOLAKAS HORSE CARE LLC. Filed Office: 10/28/24. Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Northwest Registered Agent Llc, 418 Broadway, Ste N, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: General.

Cake Dealer LLC. Filed 11/25/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 113 Woodlea Rd, Salt Point, NY 12578.

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Purpose: General.

SANTA ANA TACOS DISTRIBUTORS LLC. Filed 10/2/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Tomas Santos, 1988 Ny-9d, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: General.

Notice of Formation Primestone Construction LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/04/24. location: Office Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may beserved.SSNYshall mail process to LLC 18 Lynne rd, Hopewell JCT, NY 12533. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Flora Folkways LLC. Art of Org. filed with the SSNY on Office: 09/10/24. County. Dutchess SSNY designates as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 30 Fallkill Rd, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

CLASSIC TOUCH NAIL SALON LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State 12/4/24. (SSNY) Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be

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served. SSNY shall mail process to 1107 Violet Ave, Hyde Park NY 12538, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

GLUON LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/04/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it maybeserved. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 65 Susie Boulevard, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMA-TION of Marcie Nolletti Real Estate LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/06/2024. Office located in Dutchess County, NY. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail a copy of process against the LLC to 526 Stormville Mountain Road. Stormville. NY 12582. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

REALTY U.S. COMMERCIAL, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 11/3/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail: 25 Market St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Connecting Change, LLC, Art. of Org. Filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 8/22/24. Office in Dutchess County. SSNY desig. Agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to United States Corporation Agents, Inc., located at 7014 13th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 982 Main Street, Ste. 4-198, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

SALT **POINT** FARMHOUSE LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 12/09/2024. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may beserved.SSNYshall mail process to: Amanda N. Miller, 6370 Mill Street, Suite 1, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

SCOTT SEAMAN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/06/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 5 Alperet Drive, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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LEGACY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/26/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 11 Arthur Road, Holmes, NY 12531. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

2245 SOUTH RD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/02/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Singh, Sukhmani 2245 South Road. Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Rodec, LLC . Arts of org. filed with SSNY on 8/20/24. Office location: Dutchess county SSNY shall mail process to 7 Sherwood lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Qualification RIVERVIEW LANDSCAPE HOLDINGS Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of (SSNY) on NY Office 12/09/24. location: Dutchess

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County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 09/13/24. designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Provide landscapingservices.

Cats Hill Farm LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of (SSNY) on NY 11/4/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, PO Box 151, Rhinebeck, 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

HUDSON SOLAR SOLUTIONS LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/4/2024. 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: c/o The LLC, PO Box 151, Rhinebeck,

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12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of formation of a NY limited liability company Name: LIFESTYLED CARE LLC articles of organization Domestic liability company. Filer: LegalZoom. Com, Filing date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was November 23,2024. Office location: Dutchess County. United States Corporation Agents INC. has been designated as agent of LLC upon home process against, it maybe served and SSNY shall mail copy to: 7014 13th Ave Suite 202 Brooklyn NY 11228 UŠA Purpose: any lawful activity

Notice of Formation: Stotz Drafting LLC. Per NY LLC Law Sec. 206. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY): 12/03/24. Office Office Location: 291 Route 9D Beacon, NY 12508, **Dutchess** County. United States Corporation Agents, Inc. is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process so served to: United States Corporation Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any Lawful Activity.

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NO.: INDEX 2024-50437 Date Filed: 01/31/2024 **SUPPLEMENTAL** SUMMONS WITH **NOTICE** MORTGAGED PREMISES: 20 Mews Aly, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

SBL #: 6162-19-744058 Plaintiff designates **Dutchess County as** the place of trial; venue is based upon the county in which the mortgaged premises is situate.

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF **DUTCHESS** U.S. Bank National

Association, Plaintiff,

Nilda Bello, as Limited Administratrix of the Estate of Alexis A. Rey a/k/a Alexis Antonio Rey a/k/a Alexis Rey; Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Alexis A. Rey a/k/a Alexis Antonio Rey a/k/a Alexis Rey, and all the heirs at law, nextofkin, distributes, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the defenaforesaid dants, next of kin, distributes, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors. creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated; Board of Directors of Arlington Heights; Midland Credit Management Inc.; New York State Department of Taxation and Finance; UnitedStatesofAmerica o/b/o Inter-nal Service: Revenue John Doe #1 through #6. and Jane Doe #1 through #6, the last twelve names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being

foreclosed herein, TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFEN-**DANTS:** YOU

ARE **HEREBY** SUM-MONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within 20 days after the service of this Summons, ex-

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clusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in Amended the Complaint.

**NOTICE** YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOS-**ING YOUR HOME** IF YOU DO NOT RE-SPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND **COMPLAINT** BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORT-**GAGE COMPANY** WHO FILED THIS **FORECLOSURE** PROCEEDING **AGAINST YOU AND** FILING THE AN-**SWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAYBE ENTEREDAND YOU** CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN AT-**TORNEY OR GO TO** COURT THE WHERE **FORMATION** 

**YOUR** CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER IN-ON **HOW TO ANSWER** THE **SUMMONS** AND **PROTECT** YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING PAY-MENT TO YOUR **MORTGAGE COM-**PANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORE-**CLOSURE ACTION.** YOU MUST RE-SPOND BY SERV-**ING A COPY OF THE** ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR **PLAINTIFF** (MORTGAGE COM-PANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH

THE COURT. THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage secure \$190,976.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Dutchess on May 16, 2017, as Instrument No. 01-2017-3306, covering premises known as 20 Mews Aly, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, SBL #: 6162-19-744058.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judament directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendants and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said

premises. TO the Defendants Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Alexis A. Rey a/k/a Alexis Antonio Rey a/k/a Alexis Rey, and

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trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributes, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated, the foregoing Supple-Summons mental with Notice is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Thomas R. Davis, J.S.C. of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Dutchess, dated and filed October 17, 2024.

Dated: November 21, 2024 /s/ Deborah M. Gallo Deborah M. Gallo, Esq.

Raymer McCalla Leibert Pierce, LLC 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840 New York, New York 10170

Phone:347.286.7409 Fax: 347-286-7414 Attorneys for Plaintiff, U.S. Bank National Association

**HELP FOR HOME-OWNERS IN FORE-**CLOSURE **NEW YORK STATE** 

LAW **REQUIRES THATWESENDYOU** THIS NOTICE **ABOUT THE FORE-**CLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE **READ IT CARE-**FULLY. **SUMMONS** 

**AND COMPLAINT** YOU ARE IN DAN-**GER OF LOSING** YOUR HOME. YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE

SUMMONS AND **COMPLAINTINTHIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY** LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE

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**OBTAIN ADVICEONHOWTO** PROTECT YOUR-SELF SOURCES OF IN-

FORMATION AND ASSISTANCE. The State encourages you to become informedaboutyour options in foreclo-

sure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that

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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 De-

partment of Finan-

cial Services at 1-

800-342-3736 visit the Department's website at www.dfs.ny.gov. **FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS** Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such

182 OF THE NY STATE LIEN LAW NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE **PROPERTY** DE-SCRIBED AS CON-TENTS OF STOR-AGE UNIT, WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE OR AUCTION A SPACE TO PLACE STORAGE-OWNED BYDBVANPROPER-TIES NORTH, LLC 4 MARSHALL ROAD WAPPINGERS **FALLS, NY 12590** DATE: Monday December 30, 2024 TIME: 11:00 AM THE SALE OF SUCH PROPERTY IS TO SATISFY THE LIEN OF A SPACE TO PLACE STORAGE

promised services.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

UNDER SECTION

OF SALE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF **NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS SUPPLEMENTAL** SUMMONSAND NOTICE Index No. 2024-52010 Date Filed: 12/03/2024 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.,

**ON PROPERTY FOR** 

THE ACCOUNT OF:

UNITS 2288,2229,11

32,1304,2181,2262,

1008,1277,2318

Plaintiff,

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-against-

Perry L. Cuttino, if he be living or if he be dead, his spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff; Sustainable Neighborhoods, LLC; People of the State of New York; State of New York, and "JOHN DOE", said name being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, and any parties, corporations or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest or lien upon the mortgaged premises,

Defendants. **PROPERTY** ADDRESS:

51 Smith Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 ABOVE

TO THE NAMED DEFEN-

DANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may 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 complaint. TO THE ABOVE **DEFEN-**

NAMED DANTS: The foregoing Summons served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Thomas R. Hon. Davis, a Justice of the Court, Supreme Dutchess County, entered Nov. 22, 2024 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office. NOTICEOFNATURE OFACTIONAND RE-LIEF SOUGHT THE

OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage secure \$156,158.00 and interest, recorded in the **Dutchess** County Clerk's Office on August 17, 2003, in Document Number 01 2003 18435 covering premisesk/a51Smith Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 a/k/a Block 79, Lot 325102. The relief sough in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt se-

curedbytheMortgage described above. Plaintiff designates

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**Dutchess County as** the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated. NOTICE

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YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO SUMMONS THIS COMPLAINT AND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE AN-SWER ON THE AT-TORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COM-PANY WHO FILED FORECLO-THIS PROCEED-SURE ING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THEAN-SWER 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 IN-FORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER SUMMONS THE AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDINGPAYMENT TO YOUR MORT-GAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP FORECLO-THIS SUREACTION YOU MUST SPOND BY SERV-ING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR PLAINITFF (MORT-GAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THEAN-SWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: September 23, 2024

Senior Associate Attorney LOGS LEGAL **GROUP LLP** Attorneys for Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, NY 14624 (585) 247-9000 Fax: (585) 247-7380 Our File 24-096370 #101981

Frank M. Cassara,

Esq.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF **NEW YORK** COUNTY DUTCHESS U.S. BANK NA-TIONAL ASSOCIA-TION, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET MORTGAGE PRODUCTS, INC., **MORTGAGE** SET-BACKEDPASS-THROUGHCERTIFI-**SERIES** CATES, 2006-NC3,

-against-PETER A. TACY, JR., ETAL.

**NOTICE OF SALE** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pur-

suant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Dutchess on October 18, 2024, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCI-ATION, ASTRUSTEE

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ASSET MORTGAGE PRODUCTS, INC., **MORTGAGE** SET-BACKEDPASS-THROUGHCERTIFI-CATES, SERIES 2006-NC3 is the PlaintiffandPETERA. TACY, JR., ETAL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction **DUTCHESS** the COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, REAR LOBBY, 10 MARKET STREET, POUGH-KEEPSIE, NY 12601, on January 13, 2025 at 2:30PM, premises known as 7 CORN-WELL STREET, POUGHQUAG, NY 12570; and the following tax map identifica-6759-03tion. 394131.

**ALL THAT CERTAIN** PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWN OF BEEK-MAN, COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, AND STATE OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed JudgmentIndexNo.:2019-53117. Jana M. Schopfer, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited social to. distancing and mask wearing. \*LOCATION **SALE SUBJECT TO** CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/ CLERK DIREC-TIVES.

> REQUESTFOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-80-24

Family Centered Case Management Services

Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 26th day of December 2024 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and proposal forms may obtained by visiting our website http://www.dutchess ny.gov, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, 845-486-3613.

# Wappingers Junior High School students earn honor roll recognition

Jonathan Haskell, Bridget Hollywood, Henry Horton, Grace Hotle, Hanna Hughes, Cillian Hynes, Brayden Johaneman, Teigan Johnson, Alexis Jornov, Sophie Kenyon, Megan Klopotoski, Xander Konieczny, Kayleigh Kozak, Kylie Kozma, Isabella La Serna, Morgan LaCasse, James Laughlin, Keegan Leone, Chloe Licata-Vallone, Cody Licata-Vallone, Olivia Licata-Vallone, Olivia Lipiro, Carmita Llangari Galindo, Nicholas Lochard, Sophia Lomedico, Natali Lopez, Azul Lozada, Andrew Lucente, Trevor Lynn, Sophia Macintyre, Bailey Magarelli, Kadin Mahin, Anthony Marquez, Isabelle Marshall, Joan Martinez Palacios, Gracelyn Masek, Cole Masten, Ryan McCarthy, Madison McClelland, Janie Mendez, Tyler Metz, Mason Miller, Amelia Mitchell, Jonas Morgan, Logan Mozingo, Saba Naji, Benjamin Newman, Daniel Newman, Oriani Nunez, Caitlyn O'Brien, Markel Ogada, Samantha Orefice, Matthew Pacheco, Koi Pardon, Salim Patterson, Jahmir Paul, Saniya Pesante, Cecilia Piccone, Briella Pisano, Josue Pizarro, Sebastian Potter, Natalia Praino, Julia Preiato, Arianna Quintiliani Cruz, Aiden Rathbun, Mason Renzo, Dominick Reyes,

Derrick Rhoden, Lance Rhodes, Gia Ricciardi, Joshua Rodriguez-Allen, Sarah Rojas, Kyla Rosado, Alanii Rose, Ariel Rosenquest, Kendrick Saca, Emilio Salgado Cordova, Simon Salvati, Leah Santiago Hernandez, Lanie Saquicela, Maggie Satterlee, Andrew Scalia, Melina Schneck, Mirabai Sen, Sami-Ullah Shahid, Amaya Siddique, David Sirmons, Cameron Smith, Kylie Smith, William Sorell, Alysea Stumpf, Brendan Torsiello, Kyla Trainor, Madison Treybick, Dante Trocino, Melany Tuza Dumaguala, Mason Velez, Alyssa Venditto, Logan Washall, Lorenzo Weinberg, Dakota White, Kimora Williams, Maya Williams, Juliette Wise, Anatole Wong, Aleksander Woodward, Julia Yamamoto, Erin Zangerle, Sadie Zanin, Yazan Zeq, Ariela Zhinin Alvarez

#### **Honor Roll** 7th Grade

David Aboagye, Nylah Abou Shanab, Scarlett Adamson, Joseph Allen, Isyss Alonso, Alec Amen, Nicholas Antalek, Montserrat Aquino-Martinez, Lucas Arias Orellana, Kassidy Balaguel, Nicholas Barrett, Karina Baychoo, Elias Bermeo, Ryan Bianco, Floriana Bojkaj, Dalayna Briggs, Nicholas Brown, Jaylah Brown, Jacob Buland, Fernando Campos, Evelyn Carchi, Emma Cavaluzzi, Jahshua Claudio, Reagan Coffman, Deegan Colligan, Chase Crookston, Dylan Cruz, Maylin David, Connor DerBoghossian, Nylah Edwards, Kristen Ellis, Anthony Fasce, Hailey Glover, Jayden Gonzalez, Jayden Griffin, Walter Hernandez, La'Von Johnson, Maxon Jolly, Gabriela Keys, Ellie Kovalsky, Henzil Lawson, Mia Lewis, Luke Lomas, Lilly Lutz, Sophia Luz-Guzman, Logan Manderville, Andrew Marji, Messiah McCallop, Colin McKinney, Liam Mercado, Ivanna Molina Orellana, Mia Morocho Francisco, Emanuel Ntone Edjabe, Sebastian Olmo, Amy Oviedo, Dylan Paccha, Steven Pagano, Katherine Paucar Morocho, Annabella Petrocelli, Jordan-Anthony Powell, Victoria Quezada, Cameron Ramirez, Joseph Robinson, Isabella Rodriguez-Martinez, Josue Rosales Garcia, Dylan Rossi, Marley Strype, Carmelo Tagliaferri, Aubrey Tandler, Angelica Travis, Taylla Vasser, Mikaylah Vega, Nirvana Vilela Farge, Caden Ward, Abigail Watson, Daniel White, Fallynn Wood, Isaac Zolotas

#### 8th Grade

Annalise Alvarez, Xavier Banks, Roy Baraza, Hannah Barrett, Deon Bonner, Jacob Brunner, Emily Cardona-Moschiano,

Anthony Castro, Amber Clark, Evan Cohen, Jaeden-Amir Cole, Adrian Cortes Romero, Claire Crossman, Aryanna Cuadrado, Kayla Danso, Noah Deacon, Hailie Derasmo, Jackson Devlin, Jason Enson, Nicholas Fantone, James Fay, Yerik Fernandez Rodriguez, Aiden Ferreras, Joseph Ferreyra Gutierrez, Ashley Gao, Orion George, Sianna Gilleo-Wright, Roni Gunes, Isabella Hassett, Janaleigh Henriquez, Elijah Henson, Megan Hilton, Andrew Hudson, Jonathan Jones, Enisa Kurtishi, Collin Laughlin, Olivia Leonetti, Dustin Licata-Vallone, Zuley Lozada, Lia Maccaronio, Jack Macina, Brianna Madison, Sami Maghnouj, Daniel Marr, Charles McArtin, Jason Montross, Daryne Morocho Paucar, Mackenzie Mulcahy, Dezire Neely, Violet O'Hara, Landon Odums, Jonah Olmo, Matthew Olsen, Diana Palma, Jaylen Patterson, Autumn Pelaccio, Matias Perez, Aliyah Perry, Jaynalee Quinones, Aubrianna Rock, Jorge Rojas, Deen Rosario, Fionna Rowland, Elijah Sierra, Damaris Silva Yubaillo, Justin Smith, Jacqueline Soi, Zola Stevenson, Jenaya Stewart, Christopher Stor, Ryan Tasch, Nurii Tisdale, Caleb Turrell, Christian Tuza, Tenzin Vigada, Ashlynn

Legal Notices NOTICE BIDDERS-RFB-DCH-2024-15 NAME OF PROJECT: Traffic Signal Replacement at Various Locations. Project Description: Traffic Signal and Intersection Improvements located at CR-93 (Middlebush Rd) and Sergeant Palmateer Way in the Town of Wappinger and CR-21 (Noxon Rd)/ CR-49 (Titusville Rd) Town of LaGrange. County Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www. bidnetdirect.com/ new-york/county-ofdutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any source are considered not official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the State Empire Regional Bid Notification System at www. bidnetdirect.com/ new-york/county-ofdutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny. gov, selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities." For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department Public Works at dpwcontracts@ dutchessny.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request,

all interested parties

may review the hard

**Legal Notices** copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. All Addenda will be posted on Bid-Net Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids due on or before 11:00am Wednesday, January 22, 2025, and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids for the above project will be received by: Diane McKenna, Contract Specialist, Dutchess CountyDepartmentof Public Works (DPW) 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be through attended Microsoft Teams Au-Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud via Teams, will need to call into the phone number listed below. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 725 897 903#. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy and be accompanied by BidSecurity(bidbond, certifiedcheck, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a

Legal Notices sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Questions will be accepted by the close of business January 14, 2025 and emailed to Diane McKenna dmckenna@ ducthessny.gov and cc'd dpwcontracts@ dutchessny.gov with the County's sponse published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. The anticipated start of construction is Spring of 2025 the anticipated substantial completion date is Sept-ember 5, 2025 with the anticipated completion date, including all punch list work is September 26, 2025, respectively. Failure to meet these dates may result in liquidated damages. This project may subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage PRC Rates 2024014479. Starting December 30, 2024: NYSDOL Contractor and Subcontractor Registry requirements. View Bid Specifications regarding APPREN-TICESHIP PRO-GRAM, if applicable. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

Annual Wappinger Re-Organization Meeting The annual Wappinger Town Board Reorganization Meeting for 2025 is scheduled Monday, January 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall at 20

Middlebush Road in

Town of Wappinger. JOSEPH PATRICK

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NEW HACKEN-SACK FIRE DISTRICT 217 Myers Corners

Rd. Wappinger Falls, N. Y. 12590

Please take notice that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the New Hackensack Fire District will hold a Special Meeting on Monday December 30th, 2024at7:00PM, at New Hackensack Fire District Headquarters 217 Myers Corners Rd., WappingerFalls, New York 12590.

The purpose of this meeting will be to conduct all year end business of the New Hackensack District.

December 18th, 2024 Lori McConologue District Secretary New Hackensack Fire District

NOTICE OF 2025 **ORGANIZATIONAL** MEETING OF THE HUGH-**SONVILLE FIRE** DISTRICT

Please take notice that the Hughsonville Fire District, Town of Wappinger, County of Dutchess, New York, will hold an organizational meeting on Wednesday, January 1, 2025, at 12 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Hughsonville firehouse, 88 Old Hopewell Road, in the Town of Wappinger, and are open

to the public. This notice is being posted in accordance with 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. Kim Flower

Fire District Secretary Hughsonville District

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**LEGAL NOTICE** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VILLAGE OF WAP-PINGERS FALLS

NOTICE IS **HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the 8th day of January, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. at Village Hall, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, New York, at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard as to whether the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls shall adopt a proposed Local Law entitled "Local Law No.4 of the Year 2024, a Local Law to Amend Chapter 151 of the Village of Wappingers Falls Code

entitled 'Zoning"

PLEASE

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that this Local Law amends the Village of Wapp-ingers Falls Zoning Law to correct minor textual errors and a minor error on the Zoning Map, to provide provisions for solar canopies and solar carports, and to require a buffer adjacent to Wappinger Creek and Wappinger Lake in order to protect water quality. The proposed amendments are designed to protect the health, safety and welfare of Village residents, and to bring the Village's Zoning Law into conformance with Greenway Connections: Greenway Compact Program and Guides for Dutchess County Communities pursuant to Chapter 17 of the Village Code. The proposed amendments are consistent with the recommendations of the Vil-

lage's Comprehen-

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sive Plan.

PLEASE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees hereby determines that the enactment of the aforesaid Local Law is a Type I Action pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Part 617 (commonly known as "SEQRA").

PLEASE FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that copies of the proposed Local Law are available for review and inspection at the Office of the Village Clerk on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Village Hall, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, New York and on the Village of Wappingers Falls website at www.wappingers fallsny.gov.

Dated: 13 December 2024 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUST-EES OF THE VIL-LAGEOFWAPPING-**ERS FALLS** KARGE. JOHN VILLAGE CLERK

LEGAL NOTICE OF

**ESTOPPEL** The following entitled bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on December 9, 2024, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which County the Dutchess, New York, isnotauthorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have beencompliedwithas of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validityiscommenced within twenty days af-

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ter the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. Acompletecopyofthe

resolution summarized herewith is each available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice. Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York, December 13, 2024. LEIGH WAGER Clerk, County Legislature RESOLUTION NO.

2024185

BOND RESOLU-TION DATED DECEMBER 9, 2024. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF **AGGREGATE** \$1,010,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE PUR-CHASE OF VARI-OUS MOTOR VEHI-CLES FOR

Objects purposes:

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

IN AND FOR SAID

COUNTY.

Purchaseofa (a) transportvanforSheriff's Office, specific, 5year period of probable usefulness, \$80,800

(b) Purchase of specialized vehicles for the Sheriff's Office; class, 5-year period of probable usefulness, \$893,850

Purchase of a motorcycle for the Sheriff's Office; specific, 5-year period of probable usefulness, \$28,280

Amount of bonds to be issued:

An aggregate \$1,010,000 allocated by maximum estimated cost of each SEQRA status: Type II Action

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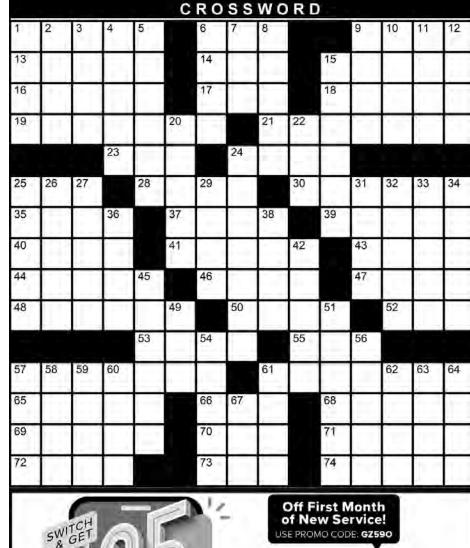
#### THEME: HAPPY HOLIDAYS

#### **ACROSS**

- 1. F, unit of electrical capacity
- 6. \*Buche de Noël, e.g.
- 9. What influencers do?
- 13. Yemeni's neighbor
- 14. Another word for Tokyo
- 15. Singer Ross of "Where Did Our Love Go" fame
- 16. Laundry room fire hazard, pl.
- 17. Much of it about nothing?
- 18. Furnish with a fund
- 19. \*"A Bad Moms Christmas" actress Bell
- 21. \*Tiny Tim creator
- 23. Tibetan ox
- 24. Khrushchev's domain
- 25. \*Goo on real Christmas tree
- 28. Sketch
- 30. \*Poinsettia's motherland
- \_\_Good Men", movie
- 37. Brussels' org.
- 39. Plant fungus
- 40. Reluctant
- 41. Klutzy
- 43. \*"It's beginning to look \_\_\_ like..."
- 44. Domains
- 46. Bog down
- 47. Oxen connector
- 48. Under epidermis
- 50. Mums' mums
- 52. Over, poetically
- 53. Alleviate
- \_ Mahal
- 57. \*Tanne in "O Tannenbaum" (2 words)
- 61. \*It is feliz to Feliciano
- 65. Radioshow host: "Hello, you're
- 66. Knot-tying vow (2 words)
- 68. Dispatch boat 69. Carthage's ancient neighbor
- 70. \*Egg\_
- 71. Oil lamp dweller 72. Fishing poles
- 73. Bigheadedness
- 74. Painter Degas

#### **DOWN**

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- 2. Mideast ruler
- 3. Hindu princess
- 4. Jittery
- 5. Farthest from point of origin
- 6. Ground beef description
- 7. Like Lemmon and Matthau together
- 8. Merchandise
- 9. Swim's alternative
- 10. Dwyane, once of Miami Heat
- 11. Any day now, to Shakespeare
- 12. Swerves
- 15. King's order
- 20. Increasing
- 22. Philosophy ending
- 24. Undo, as in strings
- 25. Green side
- 26. Before, in the olden days
- 27. J.M. Barrie's Pan
- 29. "Howdy,
- 31. Internal picture
- 32. Meltable home
- 33. Singer Sam of "Twistin' the Night
- Away" fame
- 34. Weasel's aquatic cousin 36. \*"Last Christmas" band, with !
- 38. Edible pod
- 42. Busybody, in Yiddish
- 45. Mountain range
- 49. Certain fraternity house letters
- 51. Cruel
- 54. Île de la Cité river
- 56. Tripped the light fantastic
- 57. \*Number of ghosts in "A Christmas
- 58. \*"He's Just Not That \_\_\_\_ You", movie
- 59. Police's surprise
- 60. Habitual twitches
- 61. Not happening (2 words) 62. Minor bumper damage
- 63. "Heat of the Moment" band
- 64. Opposite of talker? 67. \*The Grinch's Max





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# JJHS raises \$7,000 for Maria Fareri Children's Hospital during 2024 Moustaches for Children campaign



The John Jay High School 2024 Moustaches for Children campaign was a resounding success! Teachers took part in No-Shave November, and students then voted on their moustache style with a donation of \$1 per vote. This year, the event raised \$7,000 for Maria Fareri Children's Hospital. In the Cut barbershop donated their time to give the staff their new looks, and WHUD-FM was on hand for the check presentation.

-Courtesy photos from Wappingers Central School District



## EFCL book club to discuss 'Trinity'

# Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation

#### By Nate Smith Recreation Director

The voting for the "Name a Snowplow" contest is still happening! Find us on Facebook to cast your vote! Will it be Soopy-Do? Plowkeepsie? Clear-O-Pathra? Only you can decide!

Looking ahead to warmer days, we're starting to get ready for next summer. We are starting to look for summer staff! If you or someone you know are looking for summer job opportunities, please check our web site for next steps at http://www.poughkeepsietownrec.com.

#### Senior Center News By Ruta Ronis

#### For the Poughkeepsie Senior Center "Time marches on" and 2025 is just

"Time marches on" and 2025 is just around the corner, but we are still strong at our Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center (SC) as we close out 2024.

Please join us on Thursday, Dec.19 for our "Holiday Sweater Party" beginning at 11a.m. Whether your sweater is naughty, ugly, sweet, or nice please wear it that day. If possible, please bring an appetizer to share in the fun. We'll also be celebrating all December birthdays, which means cake for everyone!

Then, come on back the next day (Dec.20) at 10 a.m. for a Coffee Talk about "The Treatment of Women in Early Hollywood."

Our SC will be open from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (closing early) on both Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. We will be closed on Dec. 25, 26 and Jan.1, but will reopen on January 2 in pajamas! Yup, you read that correctly. In fact, we'd love you to join us in your pajamas for our very first "Pajama Party and Pancake Lunch!" Please sign up in advance (before the end of 2024) either in per-

son at 14 Abe's Way or by giving our staff a call at 845-462-0265. Our regular hours are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

FYI - On Fridays from 11a.m. until noon, we offer "Gentle Chair Yoga" followed by an "Agility, Balance, and Zumba" combined session from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.. We do request that you please sign up in advance as space is limited.

Our first 2025 Lunch and Learn, "New Year, New You" presented by the Office for the Aging, is scheduled for Jan. 9 at noon. As usual, participants are invited to enjoy a complimentary light lunch after the presentation. Please sign up in advance.

Mark your calendar for our "Penny Social and Auction" on Jan.23. You can view our complete Senior Center activity calendar at www.poughkeepsie townrec.com. We look forward to seeing you soon, and we wish everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year!

The EFCL Evening Book Club will available within take place at the East Fishkill Community
Library on Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. This month's book is "Trinity"

by Leon Uris. Copies of the book are

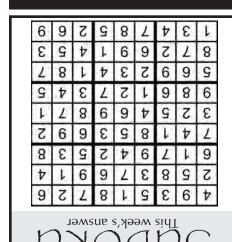
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available within the Library system. All are welcome to come and join in the discussion of this work.

Call the library at 845-221-9943 for more information.



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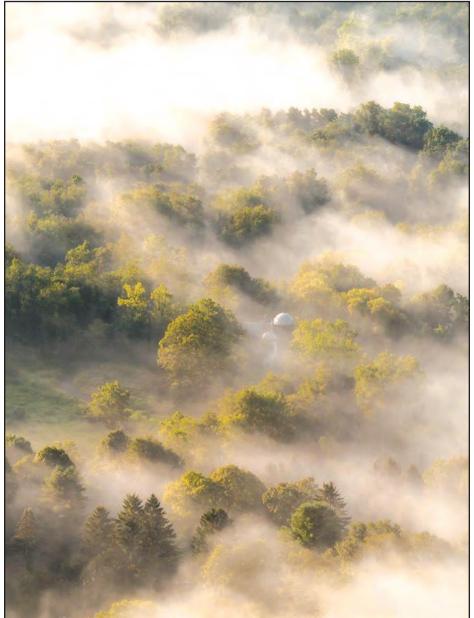
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# Holiday Show at LAND Gallery in Pawling



"Snow Angel Tree" by Phyllis Chadwick.





Jane Haslam's "Cat Rock Wonderland."

-Courtesy photos by LAND Gallery

LAND Gallery in Pawling is decked out for their holiday show. There are new photographs by Jane Haslam, Phyllis Chadwick, Linda T. Hubbard and Rebecca Tocci. Together with LAND's handcrafted woodworks by Ed Bryan, handmade soap by Genevieve St Louis Jan, jewelry by Karen Ostrom and pottery by Ann Heywood, LAND Gallery is a go to place for your gift giving this Holiday Season. Show runs through Dec. 30.

Check the website: landgalleryonline. com for more information.

Jane Haslam, photographer and owner of LAND Gallery, is originally from England where she developed a love of coastlines, hills and valleys. Her ongoing exploration of two distinct New England coastlines - the beaches and dunes of Cape Cod in Massachusetts and the rocky and rugged shores of Acadia in Maine plus the mountains in the Catskills and New Hampshire, have captured incredible vistas. Each photograph started out as a fairly typical walk with her camera, mainly at sunrise or sunset, some of the images are true to the original scene, others are a little more experimental in an attempt to convey her mood. All capture incredible the simplified scene of tone and color that superbly compliments the serenity of the day. She also has published a new book, "Impressions of Pawling" which makes a great gift.

Phyllis Chadwick is a fine artist, photographer and mixed media specialist. She offers a distinctive way of looking at the world through creativity, exploration and imagination. She is passionate about a variety of art. "I love experimentation. This often employs the use of different mediums and supports that don't normally go together and saying "Why

not?" The subjects that inspire me come from nature, my life experiences, books I read, dreams, or meditations. I love to share my work and hope what I create inspires people to see things in new ways." said Chadwick.

Linda T Hubbard is most at home with a camera in her hand. Whether walking along the shore at Lakeside in Pawling, kayaking on Candlewood Lake in Sherman or sitting quietly observing birds, she is captivated by the wonders of nature. The ripples in water reflecting autumn colors, the vibrant colors of autumn leaves or the red-bellied woodpecker on a snowy morning, all fascinate her and bring one a sense of peace and calm.

Rebecca Tocci lives in the Hudson Valley Region of New York State and has often been spotted with a camera in tow. Her surroundings inspire her: they are always changing, always growing... photography allows her the opportunity to study and capture so many lovely moments and keep them forever as precious souvenirs. Memories of times gone by... and times yet to be. "Photographs open doors into the past, but they also allow a look into the future," Sally Mann.

LAND Gallery has photographs framed & matted, and also in a book, a calendar, coasters, mugs, and cards. There are also Ed Bryan's handcrafted wood cutting boards, pens, ice cream scoops, bottle openings and pendants; Ann Heywood's sensuous pottery vases, mugs and soap dishes; Genevieve St.Louis Jan's delightful aromatic artisan handmade soaps and body products; and Karen Ostram's exquisite silver and stone earrings and necklaces.

For more information about LAND Gallery, visit.www.landgalleryonline.com or Facebook: LANDGalleryinPawling.