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Local connections to nearly lost sport of Ice Yachting



In this 1901 photo on the Hudson River, the unnamed operator lies flat on the ice yacht to minimize any air resistance that sitting up would create. Able to reach speeds of 100 miles per hour, these "boats or yachts" were for a time, the fastest (if very limited) means of travel.

-Photo courtesy of DCHS Collections

By Bill Jeffway & Aidan Chisamore
Dutchess County Historical Society

Anyone traveling across the Hudson River locally during this time of year might notice ice dotting the water. Many might be surprised to learn that until around a century ago, the Hudson River routinely completely froze for several months in the middle of the winter. Newspapers announced when the last boat just managed to make a trip and the river was officially "closed" until some months later.

While the hindrance and inconvenience to persons and business is obvious, it did provide a window of unique pleasure and sport as the frozen river became the site of numerous informal races, known as scrubs. These scrubs, an unorganized form of ice yachting, pitted two or more boats against each other as they raced along a set route.

Originally, employed as winter transportation by the Dutch, ice yachting became a recreational outing led by many of the Hudson River elite but drew inter-

est and involvement of every part of society. By the mid-nineteenth century many Dutchess County residents began to organize into clubs, hoping to establish rules for their races. The Hyde Park Ice Yacht Club was one such organization. Founded in 1899, with only twenty-two members, the club became one of the largest in the county, and it included many important local figures such as President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Several items from Dutchess County Historical Society (DCHS) Collections can connect us to these distant activities, as did a recent exhibit at the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center at Hyde Park's FDR Presidential Library & Museum that was created by the Hudson River Ice Yacht Preservation Trust. This article will examine both.

Held in DCHS's collections and archives, the Record of Roll and Proceeding of Colors

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A new railway bridge section for the Portal North Bridge across the Hackensack River in New Jersey passes under Poughkeepsie's Walkway Over the Hudson Bridge on Jan. 15 en route to its new home.

-Photo by Jim Donick

New bridge section passes under bridges on Hudson

By Jim Donick

A bridge under a bridge? Sure, why not? The Hudson River has been the largest highway on the East Coast since long before Europeans ever set foot on the continent. It still serves much of that purpose today. AMTRAK and New Jersey Transit just demonstrated that fact last week.

Built in 1910, AMTRAK's 114-year-old Portal North Bridge across the Hackensack River in New Jersey has turned into a major choke point for rail travel through the North East. Any train coming from the south to New York City and points north has had to cross this

bridge on their way. It's a bridge that also had to swing open for shipping traffic. After 114 years, that mechanism seems to have passed its "sell-by" date and too often would get stuck in the open position. This stopped rail traffic into New York City, sometimes for hours.

In 2021, AMTRAK and New Jersey Transit, who also use the bridge, had finally gathered the funding to replace the Portal North Bridge. A \$1.5 billion contract with Skanska/Traylor Brothers Joint Venture for the construction of the new Portal North Bridge was signed. This one

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Expansion, renovation completed at Wappinger Senior Center

By Kristine Coulter

The Wappinger Senior Center recently received a renovation and expansion. The center has more space now and the work was all done in-house.

"The renovation is nice 'cause it looks like new," said Wappinger resident Sara Dobbins. "They used manpower, Town employees, from in-house. We gained a lot of space. They (Town officials) listened to us. They heard our needs. I'm very happy with the improvements."

Senior Center Assistant Kellie Ann Detheridge, remarked about the renovation, "It is fantastic. It has really opened up the room and space."

"I love it. It was so crowded [before]," noted Anna Shields, a Wappinger resident who frequents the senior center.

The center has "new chairs, new tables they can push together for [activities]," said Wappinger Town Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini. The supervisor added, "We are thrilled to provide more opportunities for connection, learning, and enjoyment, and we encourage all of our senior neighbors to get involved."

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The Wappinger Senior Center was recently expanded and had a renovation was completed.

-Courtesy photo Wappinger Recreation

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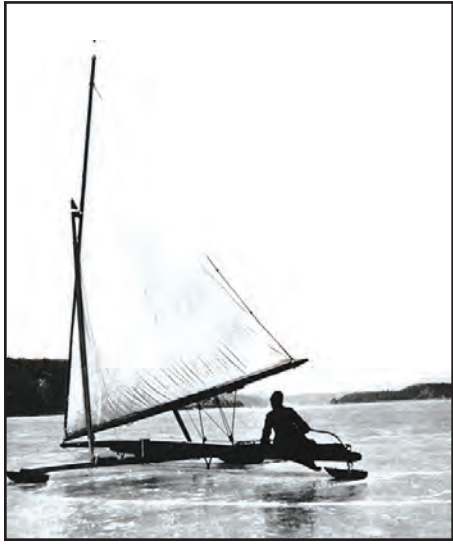
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Franklin Roosevelt is shown in his Ice Yacht the Hawk. While the elite may have owned and operated such boats, the activity drew interest from all walks of life.

-Courtesy photo from FDR Library & Museum



Above left to right: Leo, Tim, and Christa Amodeo visited the recent exhibit hosted by the Hudson River Ice Yacht Preservation Trust at the FDR Presidential Library & Museum. They were surprised to learn that Tim's grandfather, Samuel Rogers, was the builder of the boat, "Allons," just behind them.

-Photo provided by Amodeo family.

Inset: At left, Henry Sleight at the helm of "Allons." At right, Rogers sailing "Bessie."

-Courtesy photo from FDR Library & Museum

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of the Hyde Park Ice Yacht Club provides an important overview of the organization and the development of its boating culture in its first three decades, 1899-1927. The text reveals a rich history of the functioning of the organization, including meeting minutes, subcommittee reports, and racing records.

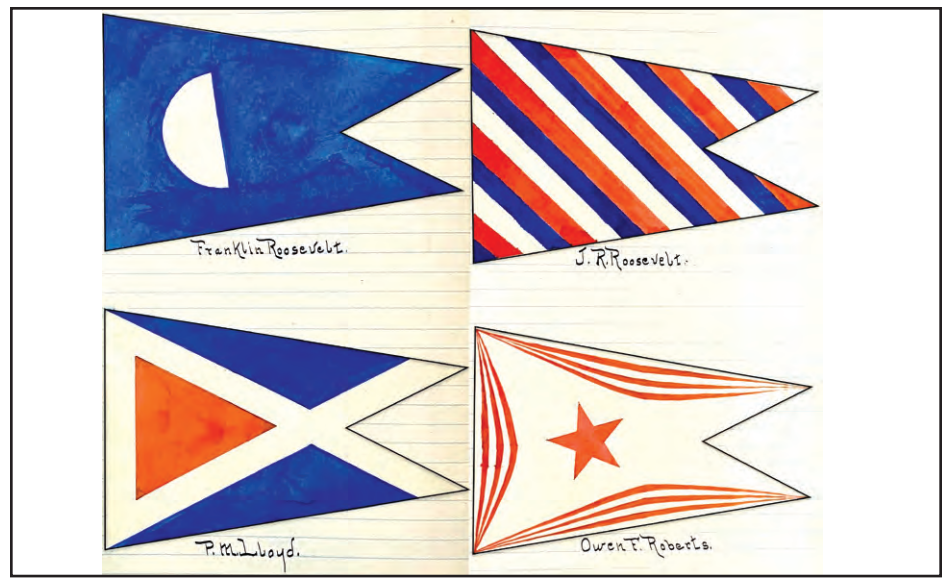
The first meeting of the yacht club convened on February 16th, 1899. An entry in the book shows that at this meeting the name of the organization was chosen, members were elected, a subcommittee was appointed to draft bylaws, and the first members were deemed charter members. In the preceding year, the club set forth the guidelines for the structure and organization of the races. Subcommittees were tasked with formulating rules and regulations for the races. This included items such as standards for yacht size classes and vehicle handicaps which ensured fairer races.

The charter members of the club comprised the first twenty-two racing positions. As subsequent members were added or removed, each year any given member might be assigned a new number. A chart highlights the order which any given race might take, showing the sequence of racers.

From its founding, the Club hosted regattas through which members could compete against each other. During the meeting on November 16, 1899, Commodore Sterling Bird announced the commencement of the Point Prize Cup for the 1899-1900 season. In his address he outlined the goal of the competition was a fair competition: "the object of the cup is to induce all yachts to start in all club races, as the one starting the greatest number is most likely to win." A history of the Hyde Park-based club, also part of DCHS's collections, described the course for the first season. Beginning at Bard's Rock, later the club house at Hyde Park Landing, the races would make their way five miles north, looping around Esopus Island. Times were calculated against the handicap and recorded.

While the careful preservation of physical items can make a strong impression on the present viewer, imagine how powerful it is to discover that an item (the size and scale of an ice yacht) was created by a family member, a lineal ancestor.

That's what happened recently when life-



Deep personal pride and fierce competitiveness are reflected in the formally acknowledged flags that include the future US President Franklin Roosevelt, and his half-brother James Roosevelt Roosevelt, among others. From DCHS Collections, ledger entitled, "Record of Proceeding and Roll of Colors, Hyde Park Ice Yacht Club, Organized February 16, 1899. Hyde Park, New York."

time Dutchess County residents Tim Amodeo, and his son Leo, walked into the Wallace Center, mentioned earlier. What they discovered amazed both of them.

Tim Amodeo comments, "We used to sit around my grandmother's kitchen and hear stories of [my grandfather] Samuel or 'Danny' Rogers building iceboats. I was told he built boats for FDR and knowing what they could do he then built himself better boats that proceeded to beat him."

To Amodeo's surprise, there at the exhibit was a boat made by his grandfather. Named "Allons," in French approximately let's go, the boat raced from 1900 to 1910. Decked out with hardwood runners (which hold sharpened metal skates), a slightly tattered, white canvas sail and maroon colored cloth covered the pilot's running plank; "old-school" without an inch of fiberglass or laminate to be found over its nineteen foot-seven-inch structure.

Leo, a freshman at Dutchess Community College said, "It was truly a fascinating day. I was thrilled to see the ice boats in person and their intricacies, to physically witness the handy work of my great-great-grandfather was quite an experience."

Bob Wills is President of Hudson River Ice Yacht Preservation Trust and explains that changes in climate and increased ice

breaking activities to keep a channel open to the Troy dam have virtually eliminated ice yachting except occasionally in small areas. From the 1970s until a decade ago, there was intermittent sailing north of Rhinecliff up to Barrytown. Wills explains that due to the topography, there has been recent ice boating at Athens, across from Hudson, NY.

Wills comments, "We have had to go to the Stockbridge Bowl, a small lake west of Stockbridge, MA, this past February for some sailing, and in trips in the past two years to the Great Sacandaga Lake, some of our members have had only two days of sailing. However, we are eternally optimistic. So far, January of 2025 is looking promising, and we will be sailing on Orange Lake in the coming days, with the hope that Athens or Barrytown ice will allow us to sail!"

DCHS has bundled and republished articles in our DCHS Yearbook (since 1914) that relate to Hudson River sports: "Rowing & Ice Yachting: The Hudson River & Year-round Sport" at www.dchsny.org/encore.

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Local muralist awarded Arts & Culture Project Grant for 'Art Day in the Village'

By Kristine Coulter

Local resident and muralist Brian Zickafoose was awarded the Arts & Culture Project Grant (ACPG) for 2025. With this grant, Zickafoose will use the funds towards "Art Day in the Village 2025" in the village of Wappingers Falls. The annual event will be held in the spring.

Zickafoose, who painted the mural "The Gift" last year in the village, said, "I am incredibly honored to receive this grant and grateful for the opportunity to continue building "Art Day in the Village."

"I applied for the Arts & Culture Project

Grant because "Art Day in the Village" has grown into a vital cultural event that celebrates creativity and community in Wappingers Falls. The grant provides essential support to expand and enhance the event, allowing us to create meaningful public art projects and ensure accessibility for all," Zickafoose stated in an email to Southern Dutchess News.

There were 102 grants awarded. More than 250 applications were received, it was noted. According to Zickafoose, his project was chosen to receive funding from the New York State Legislature, administered by Arts Mid-Hudson. Zickafoose believes he was awarded the

grant because of his "commitment to bringing people together through creative expression."

Later this year, artist Perry Kroeger and Zickafoose will install art pieces for this year's event.

According to Zickafoose, the theme will be "Community."

Last year, Zickafoose received the Wappinger Proud Community Award from Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini.

"Developing programming and initiatives surrounding the arts is crucial for any community to be a vibrant and engaging place to live. On behalf of our Town government, it is my pleasure to recognize the remarkable work of Brian Zickafoose in obtaining this year's ACPG to expand upon our successful annual "Art Day." Congratulations Brian," Cavaccini told Southern Dutchess News.

"This year, we are unveiling two new large-scale art pieces that explore the theme of "Community" and reflect the unique character of our village. These installations, along with our ongoing artist pop-ups and collaborations with local businesses, highlight how art can

bring people together and create a sense of pride and connection throughout our humble village," said Zickafoose.

He added, "The funding enables us to continue building on the event's success, which works in tandem with the Festival of the Arts Student Exhibition to showcase emerging and professional artists. Together, these efforts foster a love for the arts and strengthen the bonds of our vibrant community."

In the case of "Art Day in the Village," Zickafoose said, "this grant allows us to create public art projects, like large-scale art banners, that celebrate our community and leave a lasting legacy. It also supports initiatives that connect artists with local businesses and residents, fostering collaboration and engagement."

The free Art Day in the Village 2025 is set for Saturday, May 17 (rain date of Sunday, May 18).

Zickafoose said, "This event is about bringing people together, making art accessible to all, and celebrating the creative spirit that makes Wappingers Falls so special."

For further information about Art Day in the Village, go to: www.instagram.com/artdayinthevillage.

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Carol Bergamini was recently at the senior center. She began going to the center about six months ago. She said her husband sometimes joins her.

"I'm new. I do the arts and crafts. I find the people here wonderful," said Bergamini. She said about the center, "It's a really nice place. It got me moving again." Exercise classes are held at the center.

"It's really nice. It's a good place to be," said Bergamini.

Rita Delvalle attends the senior center activities, such as the recent birthday celebration that was held for those who celebrate birthdays in January.

"I think the renovations are just one more thing that the Town of Wappinger does for the seniors. We are treated like gold in this town. No where else could I go to a senior center five times a week and it's all about me. We have a fabulous Town Supervisor, and Kellie and (Wappinger Recreation Assistant) Katie Sterk-Grassi, (Wappinger Recreation Director) Jessica Fulton all work together. There's a lot of camaraderie here," remarked Delvalle.

"It's a very positive place" she added. Cavaccini noted, "The idea is, that once a year we want to do a big project in the Senior Center."



A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held recently for the completion of the renovation and expansion of the Wappinger Senior Center.

-Courtesy photo Wappinger Recreation

New bridge section passes under bridges on Hudson

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would be a lot higher, so it wouldn't have to open for river traffic. It would be put in place adjacent to the existing structure so traffic would continue throughout the project. The only obvious drawback might have been that the contractors were going to build the bridge near Ravena, just south of Albany. That's a long way to travel from New Jersey with a fully constructed bridge section. Fortunately the construction was near to the Hudson River. The three sections of the new bridge are making their way to Jersey by sailing down the river.

The second section of AMTRAK and NJ TRANSIT's Portal North Bridge set sail from the Port of Coeymans early last Wednesday morning, Jan. 15. The structure was loaded onto a very large barge to make the trip to its new home. It came down the river guided by three Carver Marine Towing tugboats - Erin Elizabeth, Daisy Mae and CMT Pike. The massive structure made good use of the oldest highway on the East Coast, looking



An architectural rendering of the new Portal North Bridge on the Hackensack River.

-Courtesy image

majestic as it passed under the bridges at Poughkeepsie around 4 p.m. By evening, it was all the way to New Jersey. There will still be one more section to come. The date for its transit is yet to be announced

Niznik announces campaign for WF Mayor

Jennifer Niznik has officially announced her candidacy for Mayor of the village of Wappingers Falls. With a campaign focused on transparency, decisive leadership and addressing the critical issues facing the village, Niznik states she is ready to bring a much needed, courageous approach to government.

"I know what's broken in our village, and I have the courage to fix it," Niznik stated. "For too long, we've seen leadership give in to louder voices instead of doing what's right for our community. I'm here to change that."

Niznik brings experience to her campaign, having worked under previous mayors and witnessed both successes and missed opportunities in leadership. She states she is acclimated to the conditions and is familiar with the Village's current state, this will allow her to get to work on day one and address our most critical needs such as:

Transparency on Day 1: Review and report all financial information to our residents so they see where we stand.

Supporting the Police Department: Niznik understands the critical need for a well-resourced and trusted police force to ensure the safety of every resident.

Support First Responders to ensure they have access to all necessary resources, equipment and funding.

Fixing Water System Challenges: She recognizes the strain on the village's water infrastructure and will explore options and actionable solutions to secure reliable services for years to come.

Niznik states that her platform is built on transparency and accountability. If elected, she pledges to keep residents informed through open forums, while holding village leadership to clear timelines and progress benchmarks.

About Jennifer Niznik
Jennifer has lived in the Village for 45 years along with her husband Lee, they have raised 3 children and are the proud Grandparents of 3 who all reside in the



Jennifer Niznik

-Courtesy photo

Village. Recently retired from her managerial job of 40 years, she remains proudly involved in her family business, Lee's Auto Body, which is owned and operated by her husband in the Village since 1993. Jennifer has demonstrated unwavering

dedication, hard work, and leadership. Her deep commitment to her family and her village has shaped her passion for serving the community, making her exceptionally well-suited to be mayor.

Election Day is March 18th and the future of Wappingers starts with your vote, states Niznik.

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Free to change reality for the better

To the Editor:

I just wanted to respond to the letter "Lennon's 'Imagine' still rings true today," in the January 8th issue. I would like to let the letter writer know that this is already a reality, and one could join them anytime if one wanted to.

There is a world where there is no religion too, and nothing to live or die for. They have no possessions, no need for greed and they all wear the same thing. I'm talking about communist China.

When this is your dream, all must comply and adhere for the good of all which because there's no morals includes torture and murder. This leaves very little for imagination and ingenuity anymore.

I hope I never have to imagine the world this way. Be grateful for our differences and the reality that we possess.

I hope we can keep it as long as possible.

Our reality is not perfect but every day we are free and try to change it for the better. God Bless America.

Kathleen Pucher
Beacon

Editor's note: The following is the full text of Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's letter to the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services regarding combating potential wildfires in NYS.

Gillibrand inquires about DHSES' preparedness for potential wildfires in NY

Dear Commissioner Jackie Bray,

I am writing today to inquire about the preparedness of New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) and its partners to combat

potential wildfires in New York State. Climate change has exacerbated the unpredictability of weather conditions and natural disasters. New York has experienced several natural disasters in recent years, including wildfires, tornadoes, snowstorms, and flooding, and it is critical New York is prepared for the potential of unpredictable weather patterns that may lead to economic losses or loss of life.

With increased periods of drought in New York State, it is increasingly important that New York is prepared to handle naturally occurring or accidental wildfires. The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, as well as the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), do an excellent job at training firefighters, providing technical assistance to communities, and managing New York's forests to prevent the spread of wildfires in our state.

In the wake of the devastation of the ongoing wildfires in California, I am profoundly saddened by the loss of life, homes, and communities. Also considering recent wildfires in New York, such as the Jennings Creek Fire, it is important that New York be proactive in its fire prevention programs through public education, forest management, and government preparedness. I am reaching out to request a briefing from your team on the following topics:

- What are the preparedness plans for the DHSES and the Office of Fire Prevention and Control in the face of increasing fire threats?

- How does DHSES coordinate with NYSDEC to consider climate change impacts on wildfire preparedness?

- What support can the federal government provide to bolster the work of the Office of Fire Control and Prevention to ensure New York is prepared for potential fires?

I look forward to learning more about your plans and the support you provide New York State in the face of increasing wildfire threats. I stand ready to assist you in your vital prevention and preparedness work, and I am committed to ensuring New Yorkers and all Americans are able to recover from these types of natural disasters.

Kirsten Gillibrand
U.S. Senator from NY

Bill sponsored by Jacobson, Mayer that prohibits conflicts of interest at Board of Elections signed into law

Governor Kathy Hochul signed major reform legislation sponsored by Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson (D-104) and State Senator Shelley Mayer (D-37) to eliminate conflicts of interest that arise when Board of Elections employees work for a company that sells equipment to the Board, perform campaign services for candidates in their county, or run for office.

Through Jacobson and Mayer's legislation, S.612/A.1244 of 2024, Board of Elections employees cannot hold financial interest in any company that provides services to candidates in an election overseen by that employee's Board. This includes campaign consulting, direct mail, digital marketing, and printing services.

The new law also restricts Board employees from having a financial interest in or working for a company that sells equipment to the Board, such as voting machines, electronic poll books, printers, or other equipment.

"In recent years, our democracy has been under attack. The electoral system is questioned on a regular basis. Whether based on fact or conspiracy theories, these attacks have undermined the public's confidence in our Boards of Elections and the basic work that they do. For our democratic process to work, the public must have faith that Boards of Elections are acting in the best interest of the public and not themselves and that they are administering elections fairly," said Jacobson.

Senator Mayer said, "I am pleased Governor Hochul has signed legislation to bolster the integrity of the elections process in New York State. This is an important layer of accountability that will eliminate actual and perceived conflicts of interest within our local Board of Elections. I thank Assemblymember Jacobson for championing this bill in the Assembly and Governor Hochul for signing it into law."

Susan Lerner, Executive Director of Common Cause New York, also praised the law: "Common Cause has long advocated for reforming New York's state and local Boards of Elections, and this bill will do exactly that by reducing any potential issues that call into question the hard work of our BOE employees. We applaud the Governor and Legislature for getting this bill done and look forward to working with lawmakers this session to continue putting New York voters first."

The new law would also require a Board employee running for public office to take unpaid leave from the Board while a candidate unless both Board of Elections commissioners agree to waive this requirement. The employee would be restricted from working on matters directly related to the employee's election.

"While these restrictions might seem like common sense, our current laws have not been effective in stopping these obvious conflicts of interest," said Jacobson.

Donations made to local pantry at Castle Point VA Medical Center

The Wappingers Ladies donated \$4,000 to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 144. The funds went to purchase items for the food pantry at Castle Point VA Medical Center.

The Wappingers Ladies (Cathy DelCotto Boldrin, Barbara Roberti, Lynette Macina, Pam Pinkard Jones) and other volunteers held an annual Lip Sync contest and donated the proceeds to local organizations that

help veterans. Hannaford Manager Rod Duncan and his staff at the Hannaford Supermarket in Wappingers Falls helped by making donations.

This year approximately 60 cases of groceries were donated to assist the DAV and the food bank at Castle Point. All came together to ensure a very Merry Christmas for at least 130 veterans and families in need.

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Free tax preparation for HV residents available to those who meet eligibility requirements

If you are one of the many Hudson Valley residents who need help filing your tax return, free tax preparation once again is available from AARP Foundation Tax-Aide's IRS trained and certified volunteers through the Hudson Valley CASH Coalition. Last year, 6,418 residents of Dutchess, Orange, and Putnam Counties received help preparing and filing their taxes. This year with volunteers both tenured and new, they hope to assist close to 8,000 individuals, seniors and families to file their tax returns.

The tax service is open for low to moderate income residents of all ages who meet the eligibility guidelines. Membership in AARP is not required. This free tax preparation service is provided to all those who are eligible thanks to AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, Hudson Valley CASH Coalition members, United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region, Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County and many other community partners.

To receive help, it's as easy as picking up the phone and dialing 2-1-1 to schedule an appointment through

United Way's Hudson Valley Region 2-1-1 Helpline (or by dialing 1-800-899-1479). 2-1-1 is available to begin taking appointment calls starting January 16th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. A call specialist will review eligibility, make an appointment and provide directions to the appropriate tax site. Due to high call volumes at the beginning of the season, if you cannot get through in January you are encouraged to call at the beginning of February when the lines become more available.

"This is a milestone year for Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) as they celebrate 50 years of strengthening America's workers. Since the Tax Reduction Act of 1975 was introduced EITC has been helping to give modest tax breaks that provide financial help to economically challenged families and individuals and encouraging work," stated Jeannie Montano, President and CEO of United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region. "The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program has played a crucial role in the lives of low to moderate income workers, helping

them maximize their tax refunds and access the EITC. Jeannie Montano emphasized "financial challenges are faced by hardworking individuals in our community, many of whom fall within the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) category. These are the people who make our community function – our restaurant servers, childcare workers, and healthcare providers. This support directly impacts their ability to afford rent, healthcare, and necessities."

"Last year, the Tax Aide volunteers prepared tax returns that returned 5.1 million dollars in tax credits and refunds to those in need within our community. We proudly support the Hudson Valley CASH Coalition and its partners through the United Way Community Fund, recognizing that financial stability is a cornerstone of our mission. United Way actively works to improve the financial well-being of everyone in our region. We urge individuals, families and seniors to take advantage of this free assistance by simply calling 2-1-1 to schedule an appointment."

The 28 tax preparation locations are conveniently located throughout Dutchess, Orange, and Putnam Counties and will be staffed by AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers, six days-a-week, including evenings and weekends from February 1st through April 12. Assistance will be available for the hearing-impaired.

In Dutchess County, there are 13 free AARP Foundation Tax-Aide sites located in: Dover Plains, Fishkill, Hopewell Junction, Hyde Park, Poughkeepsie and Wappinger Falls.

In Orange County, there are 14 free AARP Foundation Tax-Aide sites located in: Chester, Cornwall, Goshen, Greenwood Lake, Middletown, Monroe, Montgomery, Newburgh, New Windsor, Pine Bush, Port Jervis, Walden and Warwick. Many Orange County sites will have additional appointments available this season. In Putnam County the Tax-Aide volunteers will provide aid from two locations.

For additional information about the Hudson Valley CASH Coalition, including volunteer opportunities, go to www.hv-cash.org.

Senator Rolison, Republicans announce agenda for 2025

New York State Senate Republicans, including Senator Rob Rolison (District 39) have announced their 2025 agenda.

"I am pleased to join my colleagues in the Senate as we pick up what the majority leaves behind – putting New Yorkers first, strengthening our communities, protecting our residents, and making New York a place where everyone can thrive. These policies are designed to deliver real solutions to the Hudson Valley and throughout New York while tackling affordability head-on and easing financial burdens on our families, small businesses, and seniors. We are committing to restoring common-sense measures to protect our communities and ensure New Yorkers feel safe in their home and neighborhoods, or on public transportation. We

are unwavering in our commitment to fighting for a better future for New Yorkers and the Hudson Valley."

This year, Rolison is looking forward to sponsoring and co-sponsoring essential bills.

To make childcare, elder care and healthcare more affordable:

- *S.8984*: Offer tax credits to child care programs for capital costs aimed at enhancing or expanding child care accessibility, increasing services for families struggling to find care.

- *S.9403*: Raise the total allocation for the Child Care Creation and Expansion Tax Credit from \$25 million to \$50 million for Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026.

- *S.9404*: Establish an additional tax credit for working families who are eli-

gible for the Household and Dependent Care Tax credit in order to help alleviate the burden of childcare and dependent care expenses

To cut taxes for residents, small businesses:

- *S.5407*: Mandate that state economic development agencies prioritize small businesses and entrepreneurs when awarding state economic development assistance

To bring jobs back to New York:

- *S.1200*: Require colleges to grant degree credit for military training or courses that meet the standard of the American Council on Education.

To create lasting affordable clean energy for New York:

- *S.9893*: Create the "Ratepayer Relief Act" to determine the true cost of

CLCPA mandates and provide relief in that amount to ratepayers, as well as cut existing taxes that will save ratepayers more than \$100 million.

To protect and empower our law enforcement officers:

- *S.6212*: Invest in our criminal justice system and ensure that law enforcement agencies have the resources necessary to successfully solve and prosecute violent crimes.

To protect those on the road:

- *S.7717-A*: Increase penalties for repeat aggravated reckless driving.

- *S.9931*: Provide law enforcement with resources to stop reckless driving.

For more information on Senator Rolison and his work on behalf of the Hudson Valley, visit www.nysenate.gov/senators/rob-rolison, or call 845-229-0106.

Red Cross requests donations of blood or platelets

The American Red Cross urges donors to make an appointment to give lifesaving blood or platelets in the new year to help keep the blood supply strong this winter. Type O negative blood donors and those giving platelets are especially urged to give now to keep critical blood products on the shelves for patients in need.

The start of the new year is one of the most challenging times to collect blood products as the threat of severe winter weather builds and can often lead to widespread blood drive cancellations. Additionally, an active cold and flu season may prevent people from keeping donation appointments as they rest and recover from illness. During National Blood Donor Month, the Red Cross celebrates those who generously roll up a sleeve to help save lives and urges those who are feeling well to make and keep donation appointments to help the blood supply stay on track throughout the winter.

To book a time to give, visit RedCrossBlood.org, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

For the sixth year, the Red Cross and the National Football League (NFL) are partner-

ing in January for National Blood Donor Month to invite football fans and blood donors to join our lifesaving team and score big for patients in need. As a special thank-you to donors for helping address the need for blood during the critical post-holiday time, those who come to give through Jan. 26, 2025, will be automatically entered for a chance to win an exciting Super Bowl LIX giveaway. The trip includes access to day-of in-stadium pre-game activities, tickets to the official Super Bowl Experience, round-trip airfare, three-night hotel accommodations (Feb. 7-10), plus a \$1,000 gift card for expenses. For full details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities Dutchess County

Poughkeepsie: Jan. 23: 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Elks Lodge 275, 29 Overocker Rd.

Orange County

Middletown: Jan. 25: 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., New Beginnings House of Worship, 11 Mulberry St.

Newburgh: Jan. 23: 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Newburgh Armory Unity Center, 321 S William St.

Putnam County

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Organizations weigh in on Hochul's State of the State

The following are responses to Gov. Hochul's State of the State, which was given on Jan. 14 in Albany.

Scenic Hudson weighs in on Gov. Hochul's State of the State address

The organization highlighted her dedication to maintaining the state's leadership in and commitment to clean energy and environmental resiliency within her broader effort to advance economic development and address affordability.

Individual comments were prefaced with a general assessment:

"Fresh air, clean drinking water, and healthy food are essentials of life that every New Yorker deserves access to. The Governor's continued efforts to roll out funds from the 2022 Environmental Bond Act and achieve the trailblazing goals of the 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) are critical steps toward providing those essentials to every New York family and individual."

Scenic Hudson President Ned Sullivan said, "In Governor Hochul's State of the State Address, she proposed key reforms that would greatly improve the State's land acquisition process, including modernizing title insurance, granting the Department of Environmental Conservation authority to acquire conservation easements, and funding conservation efforts through nonprofit organizations. Those changes would expedite land acquisitions for land trusts and increase the amount of protected lands throughout the state, effectively protecting our natural heritage for future generations. I commend Governor Hochul for taking this important step toward protecting New York's precious natural resources and reaching the state's conservation goals. Scenic Hudson is proud to partner with Governor Hochul to help ensure that New York remains a national leader in land conservation."

Pete Lopez, Scenic Hudson Executive Director of Policy, Advocacy and Science, said "The Governor reaffirmed her commitment to protecting clean air and water through a revitalization of New York State's Superfund program. The Governor announced plans to reauthorize the Superfund program with new tools that will accelerate the cleanup of hazardous waste sites and tackle dangerous contaminants like PFAS. We encourage similarly swift action on the Hudson River Superfund Site, which is one of the largest Superfund sites in the country. We are hopeful that the Governor can find resources in the upcoming state budget to



Governor Kathy Hochul delivers her State of the State address in Albany.

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promote robust sediment sampling and an updated angler survey. This would reinforce the important work that EPA is undertaking to reduce PCBs and protect public health."

Stephen Ballentine, Director of Environmental Advocacy, Government Relations & Public Policy said, "We commend the Governor on her proposal to invest \$1 billion to streamline renewable energy development, as well as the significant progress that she has made in implementing the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA). We understand that the Governor is pursuing the Cap and Invest Program, which is a fundamental element of the CLCPA and is necessary for New York to meet its climate goals. We respectfully encourage the Governor to ensure that the Cap and Invest Program is implemented as quickly as possible, that it prioritizes equity and fairness, and that it aligns with the CLCPA's emissions reductions targets."

Government Relations Manager Carli Fraccarolli said, "We are excited about the Governor's initiative to protect more farmland with Bond Act dollars by building capacity within New York's land trust community. As we look toward the release of Governor Hochul's proposed budget, we support the Governor's continued investment in public health, envi-

ronmental protection, and climate solutions. We respectfully encourage the Governor to build on her strong environmental legacy by increasing the Environmental Protection Fund to \$500 million, raising Clean Water Infrastructure Act funding to \$600 million, and continuing to invest in speedy, effective implementation of the Environmental Bond Act."

American Heart Association praises school lunch proposal, urges governor to include Cardiac Emergency Response Plans

The American Heart Association ("the Association") released the following statement regarding the State of the State address:

"The American Heart Association, a global force for longer, healthier lives,

applauds Gov. Kathy Hochul's assertion that 'Your family is my fight,' heard repeatedly in [the Jan. 14] State of the State address," the release stated.

"The governor's proposed funding of breakfast and lunch at school for all of New York's children benefits families in a positive and concrete way," said Michael-Aaron Poindexter, chair of the board of directors of the American Heart Association in the Capital Region, chief community officer of the Regional Food Bank and Pastor, Macedonia Baptist Church. "Having meals at school goes a long way toward addressing food insecurity, promoting equity, and fostering lifelong healthy eating habits for children. The anticipated \$165 savings per child each month is also a relief to parents managing family budgets."

While that's a good start, the Association called on the governor to fund Cardiac Emergency Response Plans in New York's schools.

"Gov. Hochul spoke at length about safety today," Poindexter said. "A great way to keep families safe is to have Cardiac Emergency Response Plans (CERPs) in schools. Those plans make it very clear where the AED is and what steps will be taken if someone's heart stops in the school. In addition to the students in schools all day, schools host parents and other community members at many different times of the day. Each year, nearly 350,000 people suffer sudden cardiac arrest, and only 10 percent survive. We can change that statistic and make the state safer with these plans in our schools."

The Association will ask Gov. Hochul and the state Legislature to allot a minimum of \$1 million to support the implementation of CERPs. In addition, the Association will also continue to advocate for funding of programs that improve health, like the State Tobacco Control Program, the Hypertension Prevention Program, and the Healthy Heart Program.

Advocates from across the state will come to Albany for a Day of Advocacy on Tuesday, Jan. 28 to talk with their elected officials about these initiatives.

Report: Central Hudson Gas & Electric infuses nearly \$2.6 billion into the HV economy

Central Hudson Gas & Electric infuses nearly \$2.6 billion into the Hudson Valley economy, according to a recent report. As a part of these findings, the report, prepared by MRB Group, shows that Central Hudson's operations support 5,325 jobs and generate \$100 million in tax revenue for local communities.

"Utilities are the engines for economic security in the communities they serve," said Stephanie Raymond, President and CEO of Central Hudson. "These findings not only showcase our economic impact but reinforce our unwavering commitment to building a stronger, more affordable and resilient region where families, businesses, and communities can thrive."

MRB Group compiled data provided by Central Hudson Gas & Electric, including employment, wages, and taxes paid by the company from 2020 to 2023, data from Esri Business Analyst Online and the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. The economic impact models were calculated using an industry-leading software, Lightcast.

Community Investment

Central Hudson's commitment to the Hudson Valley extends beyond its fiscal contributions. Over the past three years, the company has:

Invested \$950,000 in economic development programs, fostering local manufactur-

ing and revitalizing communities.

Contributed \$2 million to philanthropic activities, including education, health, and environmental initiatives.

"Central Hudson's commitment to our community is truly inspiring. Their generous financial contribution and countless volunteer hours have a profound impact on the lives of so many. We are incredibly grateful for their partnership," said United Way of Dutchess-Orange Region President and CEO, Jeannie Montano.

Fiscal Impact

Central Hudson contributes more than \$100 million in tax revenue annually to local municipalities, including:

- \$59.5 million in property taxes distributed to towns, counties, villages, and schools in 2023. The majority of this goes directly to area school districts to support essential education programs.

- \$19.8 million in income taxes driven by direct and indirect employment.

- \$21.1 million in sales taxes and taxes from capital projects, employee spending, utility services, capital base, and highway use.

- 5,325 total jobs supported, including 1,839 direct jobs, with \$457 million in total wages paid, including \$276 million directly from Central Hudson employees.

To view a summary of the report, visit www.cenhud.com/en/about-us/annual-economic-impact/.

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Renegades announce Tom Denlinger as team's new General Manager

The Hudson Valley Renegades, the High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees, and their ownership group, Diamond Baseball Holdings (DBH), the club's owner and operator, announced today that Tom Denlinger will become the eighth General Manager of the Renegades.

Denlinger joins the Renegades after spending the previous 10 seasons with the Augusta GreenJackets, the Single-A affiliate of the Atlanta Braves. Denlinger served as Augusta's General Manager from 2014-17, and was elevated to Vice President in 2018. During his time with the GreenJackets, the team opened a new riverfront ballpark, SRP Park, which was named Ballpark Digest's "Ballpark of the Year" in 2018.

"My family and I are excited for the opportunity to come to Hudson Valley and build on the great legacy the Renegades Baseball has played in the community,"

said Denlinger. "We have a great team and a beautiful venue at Heritage Financial Park, and I look forward to joining and continuing our commitment to Find Your Fun. The 2025 season is going to be a great one, I can't wait for April 4th!"

Outside of baseball, Denlinger served on the steering committee of the North Augusta Miracle League to help fund a new field, raising over \$1 million for phase one construction. He also served on numerous community boards, including being Chair of the Augusta Sports Council, Vice Chair of the North Augusta Chamber of Commerce, and helping the North Augusta Family YMCA with fundraising campaigns.

Before his time with the GreenJackets, Denlinger was part of the first front office staff of the Richmond Flying Squirrels, serving as the team's Assistant General Manager from 2010-13. He has also worked as the Assistant GM for the



Tom Denlinger
-Courtesy photo HV Renegades

Daytona Cubs (2007-09), as a Group Sales and Sponsorships Executive for the Delmarva Shorebirds (2004-06) and began his career as an intern for the Reading Phillies in 2003.

"Over his impressive 20-year career in Minor League Baseball, Tom has earned a reputation for operational excellence and established himself as a respected leader in the MiLB community," said Pat Battle and Peter Freund, Executive Chairman and CEO of DBH, respectively. "With the exciting momentum at Heritage Financial Park, Tom is the perfect choice to take the helm of the Renegades and lead them to even greater success. We're thrilled to have him driving the team's future in Hudson Valley."

A native of Paradise, Pennsylvania, Denlinger graduated from Messiah University with a bachelor's degree in Sports Management in 2003. He and his wife Molly have a daughter, Grace, and a rescue pup, Belle.

Town of Poughkeepsie secures \$252,000 grant to develop plan for VandeWater landfill

Town of Poughkeepsie Supervisor Rebecca Edwards announced last week that the Town has secured a \$252,000 state grant to develop a community plan for the former VandeWater landfill at Route 44 and Tucker and Burnett Drives.

New York's Department of State awarded the grant through the Brownfields Opportunity Area (BOA) program. The Town will use the funds to launch a multi-year planning process. The goal is to bring together business owners, tenants, neighbors, and other stakeholders to envision future uses for the proposed Burnett-Tucker Brownfield Opportunity Area.

"The Department of State's Brownfield Opportunity Area program has a proven track record of reimagining undesirable areas like the VanderWater landfill and transforming them into valuable community assets," said New York Secretary of State Walter T. Mosley. "We are excited to partner with the Town, community leaders and residents to create a bold vision for the re-use and redevelopment of this area."

Encompassing at least 20 property parcels and over 120 acres, the area was historically a wetland, headwaters of the Casperkill. In the nineteenth century a clay mining operation took over the area, which became known for a century as "Brickyard Hill." After the clay mine closed in the 1930s, leftover clay pits became dumping sites for garbage, and from 1948 to 1971 the area operated as a landfill.

"I'm proud to launch this community initiative," said Supervisor Edwards, "and

grateful to Assemblymember Didi Barrett and everyone who helped the Town win this funding. Residents ask me all the time about the 'former K-Mart site.' It's the Town's largest and most visible eyesore. There's a long road ahead, but we now have the resources to bring the community together and re-envision the area for the future."

"Repurposing brownfields and vacant spaces is a key component of both economic and environmental sustainability. I was thrilled to work with the Town of Poughkeepsie and the New York State Department of State's Brownfield Opportunity Area office to secure funding to reimagine the former VandeWater landfill," said Barrett. "This is an exciting opportunity to repurpose this area into a mixed-use space for the community to enjoy for generations to come."

The BOA program provides planning and pre-development grants to communities to develop community-driven plans for the re-use and redevelopment of brownfield affected areas—neighborhoods negatively affected by real or perceived environmental conditions. Completed BOA plans are submitted to the New York State Secretary of State for approval, also known as "designation," which then entitles the BOA area to receive priority funding from several State programs. The program is funded through the State's Environmental Protection Fund, which Governor Kathy Hochul increased from \$300 million to \$400 million in 2022.

More information on New York's

Brownfields Opportunity Area program can be found at:

<https://dos.ny.gov/brownfield-redevelopment>.

Beephan assigned to committee appointments

Assemblyman Anil Beephan (R,C-East Fishkill) announced his appointment to two roles in the New York State Assembly. He has been named the Ranking Member of the Assembly Governmental Operations Committee and has also been appointed to the Legislative Commission on State-Local Relations for the 2025-2026 legislative term.

The Assembly Governmental Operations Committee plays a critical role in evaluating legislation affecting state government, public services, and regulatory agencies. As the Ranking Member, Assemblyman Beephan will lead efforts to ensure transparency, accountability, and efficiency in government operations.

In his new position on the Legislative Commission on State-Local Relations,

Beephan will contribute to examining and recommending improvements to the state's system of aid to localities, mandates on local governments, and the division of responsibilities between state and local authorities. This commission is instrumental in addressing issues that directly impact municipalities across New York State.

"I am honored to take on these responsibilities and thankful to Leader Will Barclay and our conference for their trust in my leadership," said Assemblyman Beephan. "As a former councilman and legislative staffer, I understand the challenges facing our local governments. I look forward to amplifying the voices of our localities in Albany, advocating for balanced solutions, and ensuring that our state supports, rather than burdens, our communities."

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DEC forest rangers deployed to California to assist in the containment of wildfires

Governor Kathy Hochul announced last week that a team of 10 Department of Environmental Conservation Forest Rangers is traveling to California to support ongoing efforts to contain wildfires raging in Los Angeles. The Forest Rangers flew out of Albany this morning for what is expected to be a two-week assignment.

“When other states and nations ask for New York’s help, we are always prepared to send assistance,” Hochul said. New York’s expert wildland firefighting Forest Rangers were eager to answer the call and will do what they can to help in response to the extraordinary devastation in and around Los Angeles. I thank them for their bravery and look forward to their safe return.”

New York State regularly deploys highly trained wildland firefighters to help battle fires in other states and nations as part of interstate and international firefighting compacts, according to state officials. In Southern California, the fires have killed an estimated 25 people to date, burned more than 40,000 acres, and destroyed more than 12,000 structures. The fires started on Jan. 7 and were then fueled by Santa Ana winds.

Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar said, “DEC’s Forest Rangers are highly trained wildland firefighters who are prepared to use their expertise to assist communities in need whenever they get the call. I appreciate the Rangers stepping up to run toward danger and bolster the efforts of firefighters from across the U.S., Mexico, Canada, and other nations to battle these destructive wildfires.”

In 1979, New York sent its first firefighting crew to assist western states with large wildfires. On average, one or two crews are deployed as needed to assist with wildfires every year. In addition to helping contain wildfires and minimize damage to people and property, these crews gain valuable experience that will be utilized fighting wildfires and managing incidents in New York.

All personnel and travel expenses for the New York crews are either paid directly by the U.S. Forest Service or reimbursed to New York State based on a mutual aid agreement between states and federal land agencies.

Right: Los Angeles Fire Department firefighters fight a wildfire earlier this month in Los Angeles County.

-Photo LAFD Facebook



College notes

CANTON, NY - SUNY Canton congratulates the students who earned the grades necessary for President's List honors during the fall 2024 semester.

To earn a spot on the President's List, full-time students must earn a 3.75 or greater GPA during a single semester of study.

A complete list of all honor students runs in the news section of www.canton.edu.

Area students on the President's List include:

Tommy Coulter, a SUNY Canton Cybersecurity major from Beacon

Brendan M. Padgett, a SUNY Canton Criminal Investigation major from Hopewell Junction

Sharie Joseph-Registe, a SUNY

Canton Health Care Management major from Poughkeepsie

Kristen N. Pietras, a SUNY Canton Management major from Poughkeepsie

SUNY Canton congratulates the students who earned the grades necessary for Dean's List honors during the fall 2024 semester.

Dean's List recognizes full-time students who earned a GPA between 3.25 and 3.74.

A complete list of all honor students runs in the news section of www.canton.edu.

Area students on the Dean's List include:

Savannah E. Hoffman, a SUNY Canton Forensic Criminology major from Poughkeepsie

Samtreo C. Tucker, a SUNY Canton Legal Studies major from Wappingers Falls

POTSDAM, NY - Students have been named Presidential Scholars for the Fall 2024 semester at Clarkson University.

Madison Morsey of Hopewell Junction

Angelina Zeoli of Wappinger

CEDARVILLE, OH - Students at Cedarville University have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2024 semester. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.50 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Brandon Hurley of Fishkill
Cora Osterhout of Poughkeepsie
Students at Cedarville University have been named to the Dean's Honor List for the Fall 2024 semester.

Jack Hurley of Fishkill
Anne Stoll of Hopewell Junction

ANNVILLE, PA - Liam Hogan of Poughkeepsie, is one of more than 900 Lebanon Valley College students named to the Dean's List for the fall 2024 semester. Dean's list students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.4 out of 4.0.

Hogan is pursuing a bachelor of science in business administration and international business at The Valley and is a graduate of Arlington High School.

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Poughkeepsie man sentenced to 20 years to life for kidnapping, attempted robbery

The Dutchess County District Attorney's Office announced that on Jan. 8, Derrick Woodhouse was sentenced to 20 years to life following his conviction for Kidnapping in the Second Degree and 2-4 years for his conviction for Attempted Robbery in the Third Degree. On June 11, 2024 a Dutchess County jury convicted 50-year-old Derrick Woodhouse, of Poughkeepsie, of two counts of Kidnapping in the Second Degree, Class B Violent Felonies and one count of Attempted Robbery in the Third Degree, a Class E Felony. The jury concluded that on Feb. 6, 2023, at approximately 6:20 p.m. in the City of Poughkeepsie, the defendant intentionally abducted Gretchen Mungia and two minor children in her custody at knifepoint. Woodhouse approached the pregnant victim's vehicle while the two minor children were seated in the backseat and held a knife to her stomach. The defendant threatened to hurt the children and ordered her to drive to an ATM and get money out. The defendant demanded the money and when the victim accidentally dropped the wallet and money, the defendant left the vehicle.

District Attorney Anthony Parisi said, "This sentencing reflects the gravity of the defendant's actions. The kidnapping and robbery of a vulnerable, pregnant woman and her children is an egregious crime. This



Derrick Woodhouse
-Courtesy photo Dutchess County DA's Office

20-year-to-life sentence ensures that the defendant will be held accountable for his actions and that justice is served for the victim, her family, and the community. It is our duty to protect the most vulnerable among us, and this sentence reinforces our commitment to doing so."

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorneys James Bryant and Jason Richland. The Honorable Jessica Z. Segal presided over the case.

Drug Task Force: Neighborhood complaints lead to alleged fentanyl, cocaine dealer apprehension

The Dutchess County District Attorney's Office Drug Task Force has been investigating the sale of narcotics and dangerous drugs in the area of South Clinton Street and Main Street in the City of Poughkeepsie for several months. Numerous community members made complaints regarding drug activity and sales in this area and requested assistance from the Drug Task Force.

The investigation resulted in the identification of Najey Green, 23, an alleged fentanyl and cocaine dealer operating in that area. Drug Task Force Agents began purchasing fentanyl and cocaine allegedly from Green in this area and other locations throughout Poughkeepsie.

On Jan. 9, Drug Task Force Agents with the assistance of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Unit (SWAT) located Green in the City of Poughkeepsie with an alleged large quantity of cocaine as well as fentanyl and took her into custody without incident.

According to law enforcement officials, Green was charged with the following offenses:

- (1) Criminal Possession of a Controlled

Substance 3rd Degree, intent to sell, a class B Felony

(1) Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd Degree, a class B Felony

Green was later arraigned in the City of Poughkeepsie Court and remanded to DCJ on \$25,000 cash, \$50,000 bond, or \$100,000 partially secured bond. Several additional charges are pending in this case against Green related to this investigation and are expected to be filed by the Drug Task Force in the coming days.

The Drug Task Force encourages the Dutchess County community to report narcotic and dangerous drug dealers to the Drug Task Force.

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

If anyone has information regarding this case or about any other individuals selling drugs in Dutchess County, you are urged to contact the Drug Task Force confidential tip line at 845-463-6040 or by sending an email to the following web address: Drugtaskforcetips@gmail.com.

DiNapoli: Two Poughkeepsie women arrested for allegedly stealing NYS pension checks from deceased pensioner

Two Poughkeepsie women allegedly cashed seven pension checks totaling \$8,600 meant for one of the defendants' deceased mother, New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli, Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi and Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati announced last week. The two defendants, Deborah Brink, 63, and Sheila Moseley, 58, are charged with grand larceny.

"Deborah Brink and Sheila Moseley allegedly schemed to exploit Brink's mother's death to line their own pockets," DiNapoli said. "My thanks to District Attorney Parisi and Sheriff Imperati for partnering to protect the pension fund from those who try to cheat the system."

Imperati said: "I would like to thank Comptroller DiNapoli and District Attorney Parisi for their collaboration on this case. The exploitation of our pension system is something that we take very seriously, and I'm grateful that this interagency partnership was successful in bringing these individuals to justice."

Brink's mother worked for the Hudson River Psychiatric Center and Dutchess Community College for over 22 years before retiring in June 1995. She died in May 2020 and all pension payments should

have stopped at the time of her death. The state retirement system was not informed of her death. Upon discovering she had died, the payments were stopped.

DiNapoli's investigation found that seven pension checks issued to Brink's mother, totaling \$8,607.58, were cashed with forged signatures after she died.

An analysis of the bank records revealed that Brink allegedly cashed four of those checks, totaling \$4,898.56, and that Brink's friend, Moseley, allegedly cashed three, totaling \$3,709.02. Brink and Moseley had access to the addresses where the checks were delivered. After the deposits were made, the retirement system was able to recoup \$2,460.98.

Brink was arrested on charges of grand larceny in the third degree and was arraigned by Judge Scott Volkman in Poughkeepsie City Court. She is due back in court on Jan. 31. Moseley was arrested on charges of grand larceny in the fourth degree and is due back in court for arraignment on Jan. 28.

The charges filed in this case are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

D.A.: 52-year-old Poughkeepsie man enters guilty plea to rape of child

The Dutchess County District Attorney's Office announces that on January 14, Michael Tyndale, 52, of Poughkeepsie plead guilty to Rape in the First Degree in violation of Penal Law Section 130.35, subdivision (4) with an agreed upon sentence of 23 years in prison and 20 years of post-release supervision. In addition, he will be required to register as a sex offender upon his release.

Dutchess County District Attorney, Anthony Parisi said, "We will never tolerate the abuse of children. This predator has caused immeasurable harm, and through the dedicated efforts City of Poughkeepsie Police Department, our office, and victim advocates at the Child Advocacy Center, we have worked to ensure he is held fully accountable for his actions. We will continue to fight for the safety of our children and protect the most vulnerable members of our community. This case is a clear message that those who seek to harm children will be found, prosecuted, and convicted to the fullest extent of the law."

The Defendant admitted to the Court that on or about Aug. 18, 2024, in the City of Poughkeepsie, he engaged in sexual intercourse with a person who was less than thir-



Michael Tyndale
-Courtesy photo Dutchess County DA's Office

teen-years-old while he was over the age of eighteen.

Judge Jessica Segal presided over the case and adjourned sentencing to March 11. The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Nicholas LaStella from the Special Victims Unit.

Wappingers Falls resident arrested as alleged narcotics dealer

The Dutchess County District Attorney's Office Drug Task Force has been investigating the sale of narcotics and dangerous drugs in the Wappinger and Poughkeepsie areas. Community members reached out to the Drug Task Force with information regarding a subject selling narcotics and dangerous drugs while using multiple alias to conceal his identity. Information was obtained that the narcotic and dangerous drug dealer also worked in a drug rehabilitation center and worked as drug counselor.

Drug Task Force Agents initiated an investigation and identified Alvis J Lewis Jr, 54, from the Village of Wappingers Falls as an alleged narcotic and dangerous drug dealer operating in the Wappinger and Poughkeepsie areas. Drug Task Force Agents were able to purchase crack cocaine from Lewis on multiple occasions throughout the investigation. In addition, Drug Task Force Agents were able to verify through surveillance that Lewis did in fact work the overnight hours at an in-patient drug rehabilitation facility in Carmel, Putnam County.

Drug Task Force Agents obtained a search warrant for Lewis' residence as well as multiple vehicles he had in his possession. In the late evening hours of Jan. 14, Drug Task Force Agents, with the assistance of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Emergency Service Unit (SWAT), stopped Lewis operating his vehicle in the Town of Fishkill and took him into custody. Drug Task Force Agents and the Sheriff's

Office then executed the warrant at his residence off Sergeant Palmateer Way in the Village of Pawling resulting in the seizure of an alleged crack cocaine packaged and ready for sale.

Lewis was charged with the following offenses:

(1) Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd Degree, intent to sell, a class B Felony

(1) Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 4th Degree, a class C Felony

Lewis was later arraigned in the Village of Wappingers Falls Court and remanded to the Dutchess County Justice and Transition Center without bail. Several additional charges are pending in this case against Lewis related to this investigation and will be filed by Drug Task Force Agents.

The Drug Task Force encourages the Dutchess County community to report narcotic and dangerous drug dealers to the Drug Task Force.

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

If anyone has information regarding this case or about any other individuals selling drugs in Dutchess County, you are urged to contact the Drug Task Force confidential tip line at 845-463-6040 or by sending an email to the following address: Drugtaskforcetips@gmail.com.

DC Transportation Council to hold virtual planning meeting on Jan. 29

The Dutchess County Transportation Council (DCTC) will hold a virtual Planning Committee meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 10 a.m.

The council will share updates on upcoming capital program, planning

program, and ongoing planning efforts.

Please visit the calendar for meeting materials, including November's meeting summary. See the agenda for the meeting link and call-in number and/or save this event to one's calendar.

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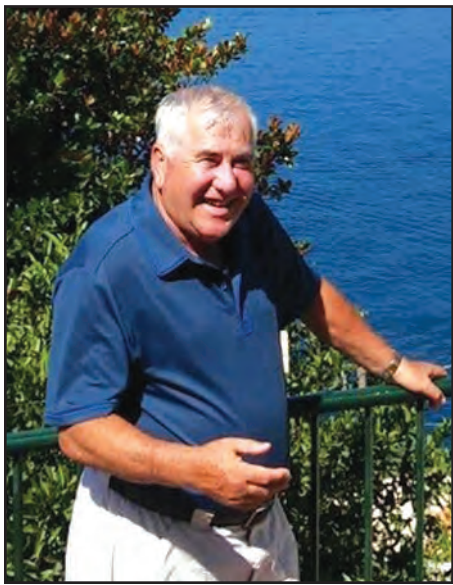
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Obituaries

Joseph G. Zingone



EAST FISHKILL - My father, Joseph G. Zingone, was born Giuseppe Gennaro on December 16, 1942 in Praiano, Italy, a small fishing village on the southern coast of Italy to Rosa and Rafele. Although his family was poor, my father remembers never realizing it as he was always happy and felt loved. At the age of 16, my father moved from this fishing village to New York City in 1958 along with his mother, brother Gennaro, and sisters Anna and Rachele to join their father and big brother Angelo, who had come years previously to earn the money to bring the rest of the family.

In America, Joe entered Benjamin Franklin High School for Printing. He was drafted into the Vietnam War after graduation and served his time in

Korea at Camp Red Cloud. He served as a supply sergeant and later continued his military service as a national guard. Upon his return to the US, Joe began to work as a pressman and started college on the GI Bill. He would eventually earn his degree from Nyack College.

By this time, the Zingone family had purchased a home in the North Bronx and it was here in this borough that my father met my mother at a social club on Williamsbridge Road. Elizabeth and Joe were devoted to each other and inseparable from that moment on. They married in May of 1970 and 10 months later in March, they were proud to announce the birth of their first child, Rosangela. I was born a few years later in December of 1973 and shortly after that, our family purchased a home and moved to Yonkers. In 1976, Joe began to work at General Foods Corporation in White Plains, New York and remained with the company until his retirement in March of 1996.

In 1980, the family made a major move to East Fishkill, NY. It was here that Joe and Liz decided to put down their roots and became pillars of their community for the next fifty years. Joe had many hobbies including gardening and golf. Joe was always very involved with his children and he served as a soccer coach for many of my youth teams, a sport that connected him to his Italian roots.

This Italian pride led him to become involved with the Sons of Italy where he served in numerous positions including President of the Joe DiMaggio Lodge. He also served as the chairman of the state scholarship fund for many years. Preserving the Italian Language was something that was important to Joe. He and friends petitioned for the creation of an Italian Language program in Wappingers Central School. To date, this program has become one of the most successful Italian Language programs in New York State. The Italian National Honors Society at John Jay High School was named in his honor.

If I counted all of the awards and honors that my father has earned in his lifetime, this obituary would go on for pages. It was always so inspiring to me to see my father's success and the recognition that came with his achievements. But what brought Joe the most joy however was his grandchildren; Gianna and Nicholas DeFalco and Ava and Giulia Zingone. He was always proud to share tales of life with them. Joe was loved by many and will be remembered with affection by his family and friends. I love and miss you Dad.

Joe passed peacefully on January 12, 2025 and is survived by his wife Elizabeth, daughter Rosangela DeFalco, son and daughter-in-law Joseph and Enza Zingone, his grandchildren Ava, Gianna, Giulia, and Nicholas, his siblings Gennaro, Angelo, and Rachele, and his many god children, nieces, nephews and cousins. He will be reunited with his parents and sister Anna in Heaven.

Services for Joe were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc. and Mass was at St. Columba Church followed by interment in St. Denis Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hudson Valley Hospice House in Joe's honor.

Written by Joseph C. Zingone

Evelyn J. Hitchen



EAST FISHKILL - Evelyn J. Hitchen, 98 1/2 years young, died on January 9, 2025 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center following a brief illness.

Born in Manhattan on June 9, 1926, she was the daughter of the late John and Mary (Kennedy) O'Mara. Evelyn moved with her family from the Bronx to Hillside Lake 55 years ago. She was a devoted parishioner of St. Columba Church, and a member of the St. Denis-St. Columba-St. Kateri Altar Rosary Society. She also volunteered at the New York Foundling Home.

On May 22, 1954 at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church in the Bronx, Evelyn married Richard M. Hitchen who predeceased her on April 8, 2013. She is survived by her beloved son, Richard and his partner Linda Thompson; her sister, Jean Lusk; and her nieces and nephews, Kenneth, Mary, Christopher and Brian

O'Mara, Robert and Bruce Lusk, Glenn Lusk, Frederick, Laura and Christopher Tippet, Robert, Patricia, Gina and Kellie Giordano. In addition to her husband and parents, she was also predeceased by her siblings, James, John and Madeline O'Mara; and her dear friend of more than 85 years, Frieda Walters.

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

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

Stewart H. Steffensen



Stewart H. Steffensen "The man with the cowboy hat" died at home on January 15th, 2025. He was 81 years old.

Born on October 29th 1943 in Beacon New York to Hans and Leonore Steffensen, Stewart graduated from Arlington High School in LaGrangeville, New York before embarking on a 47-year career as loader-man, Shop Steward, and member of Operating Engineers Local 135 at Dutchess Quarry in Pleasant Valley, NY. At the time on his retirement in 2010, Stewart had "never been late in 47 years."

Stewart wed his "Sweetheart" Linda Voigt Steffensen on December 4th, 1971 in Danbury, Connecticut after a brief courtship. Linda, donning a tennis skirt on a Summer day, caught Stewart's eye and continued to hold his affection and his hand through 53 years of marriage. Linda survives at home.

In addition to his bride Linda, Stewart is

survived by his brother Sterling Steffensen of Florence, South Carolina, Son Erich Steffensen and his wife Kara of LaGrangeville, New York, Daughter Ingrid Steffensen Bialy of Verbank, New York, and his three beloved grandsons; Ethan, Zane and Griffin Bialy of Verbank, New York. Stewart is also survived by a niece Steffenie Steffensen of Little Falls, New York, and was predeceased by his brother Stevie Steffensen of Little Falls, New York.

Stewart was a doting husband and loving father and grandfather, dedicating his time not only to his career and garden, but also to his family. Stewart, affectionately known as "Mr Steff," coached numerous youth soccer teams for the LaGrange Soccer League, and spent countless hours with his son Erich, hunting, fishing, and hiking. An avid craftsman, Stewart created homespun furniture as well as snowboards and rubber-band guns; most recently crafting seasonal figurines that he would share with friends and special connections.

A fixture at every school, band, or sporting event for his grandsons over the years and at Adams Fairacre Farms in Poughkeepsie New York on Tuesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, Stewart will be deeply missed for his giving spirit and "terrible" jokes.

Stewart's family welcomed family and friends on Sunday, January 19th at Tymor Park hall in Union Vale, New York.

Rosemarie Y. Rinaldi



BEACON - Rosemarie Y. Rinaldi, a long-time resident of Peekskill and Cold Spring passed away on January 10, 2025. She was 94 years old. In 2019, she moved to Beacon to be close to her family.

Rosemarie was born on January 30, 1930 in the Bronx, the daughter of the late Michael and Catherine (Negri) Lauria. Rosemarie had a zest for life and love for people from all walks of life. She valued every person and made each person who met her feel special. On January 22, 1950, she married Joseph S. Rinaldi who predeceased her in May 2002. They raised three sons together over their 52-year marriage. Throughout her life, Rose held many jobs including being a stay-at-home mom for many years, a cashier at the Five and Dime Store, a real estate agent, a secretary at Lazar's Car Dealership, a hostess at the Cracker Barrel, and her last job as a breakfast attendant at the Holiday Inn Express in Fishkill, NY. Out of all her employed positions, she enjoyed the restaurant business the most. She worked at multiple restaurants in Peekskill as she loved the idea of bringing people together over a good meal and conversation. However, being a mother, a grandmother and a great grandmother are her most cherished titles. Rose adored all children.

Rosemarie is survived by her sons, Michael Rinaldi and his wife, Lillian, Joseph Rinaldi, Richard Rinaldi and his wife, Patty; her grandchildren, Bryan (Venessa) Rinaldi, Richard J. Rinaldi, Leanna Rinaldi and Marilyn Rinaldi; her three great grandchildren, Ella, Riley and Braden; her large extended family including Phyllis Rinaldi, Pattyanne (Jimmy) Gunzel, June Rinaldi.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her twin sisters, Marie and Anne Lauria; her grandson, Michael Rinaldi and many relatives and a few best friends. Rosemarie would walk into a room and light it up with her smile and energy. Next, she would take it over with her personality. She will be very missed by her family and friends.

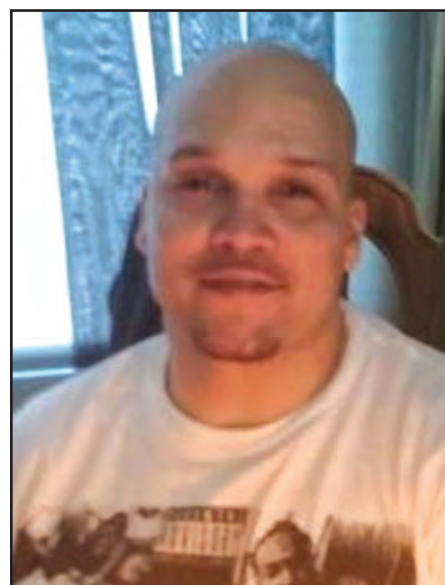
Family and friends gathered on Tuesday, January 14 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, January 15 at St. Mary Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill. Burial followed at Assumption Cemetery, 1055 Oregon Road, Cortlandt.

Memorial donations in memory of Rosemarie may be made to either St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Shriners' Hospitals for Children.

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

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

Julio Ramos, Jr.



BEACON - Julio Ramos, Jr., a resident of Beacon, passed away on January 7, 2025. He was 45 years old.

Julio was born on May 9, 1979 in Miami, son of Carmen Valentin Sanchez and the late Julio Ramos, Sr. Julio was a mechanic and handyman. He loved cars, especially racing cars. He also enjoyed Batman.

Julio is survived by his mother, Carmen Valentine Sanchez and his step-father, Jose Rivas; his children, Julio Ramos, Jr., Enrique Ramos and Elizabeth Ramos; his longtime companion, Elizabeth Camacho; his sister, Jennifer Ramos; his brothers, Eric Ramos and Luis Ortiz; his many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

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

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

Creative Living

HCMC to present Chaeyoung Park as part of piano festival on January 26 in Beacon



The Howland Chamber Music Circle (HCMC) continues its 2025 piano festival with Chaeyoung Park, at the Howland Cultural Center on Sunday, Jan. 26 at 4 p.m. Following the concert, audience members can meet the musician and enjoy complementary refreshments. All ticket holders are invited to the reception. To purchase a ticket, visit howlandmusic.org. The Howland Cultural Center is at 477 Main Street in Beacon.

Born in Korea, Park moved to Kansas with her family at age 10 and won her first international piano competition at age 13. She has since studied at The Juilliard School, winning additional competitions and accolades.

Park has a strong command of classical and romantic repertoire, and for her HCMC concert, she will also include the

works of two contemporary women composers: Ana Sokolovic and Unsuk Chin. The rest of her program will be comprised of works by J.S. Bach (arranged by Vivaldi), Felix Mendelssohn, Scriabin, Ligeti, Messiaen and Franck. This will be HCMC's Founders Concert, in memory of the organization's founders, Gwen and Bill Stevens.

HCMC now offers tickets at prices to include music lovers who may have been unable to afford our tickets in the past. A limited number of tickets will be available on a pay-what-you-wish basis. These tickets will be released one week prior to each concert.

For more information on this performance, the Howland Chamber Music Circle, or to purchase tickets, please visit www.howlandmusic.org.

Left: Chaeyoung Park will perform on Jan. 26 at Howland Cultural Center in Beacon.

-Courtesy photo HCMC

Field Hall Foundation seeks Letter of Inquiry for grants by Jan. 30

Field Hall Foundation supports programs and projects that improve the lives of older adults and caregivers in Dutchess, Putnam and Westchester counties. Priority is given to proposals focused on the basic needs of low-income older adults (60+ years old) and their unpaid caregivers.

The Foundation awards one-year small and full-sized grants. This Letter of Inquiry form is for full grants only (more than \$15,000). Visit the Foundation's website, fieldhallfoundation.org, for a Letter of Inquiry form for full grant requests, as well as guidelines and eligibility requirements.

Previous grant recipients are eligible to submit another Letter of Inquiry after a) at least one year has passed since receiving a grant, and b) a final report for that grant has been submitted to and accepted by the Foundation. It is important to note that, because of the large number of organizations the Foundation supports, previous grantees are generally not considered for another grant until approximately two years after receiving a grant.

If one's organization is eligible to apply, complete the second page of this form and email it, along with a Letter of Inquiry (LOI) to phorvath@fieldhallfdn.org by Jan. 30.

The LOI should include the following information and be a Word or pdf document, two pages or less, in black, 12-point Times New Roman type.

- A brief introduction to the organization, including the mission and programs offered

- A summary of the proposed program/project, the need it addresses, and its goal(s).

The approximate starting date and duration of the program/project. The grant period for the Spring 2025 grant cycle is from July 2025 to June 2026. Include an explanation if the proposal has a different timeline.

A preliminary budget showing how the requested funding will be allocated and if additional funding is needed for the program/project. Up to 10% of requested funding can be allocated for indirect/administrative costs. Refer to the Dates & Forms page on the Foundation's website, fieldhallfoundation.org, for all allowable costs.

How the program/project is typically, or will be, funded. Please note that the Foundation does not renew grants or award multi-year grants.

For more information, contact Patti Lavan Horvath, Program Officer: phorvath@fieldhallfdn.org or 914-813-9103.

Pre-register for free rabies clinic in Hyde Park on Feb. 15

The Dutchess County Department of Health (DOH), in partnership with the Dutchess County SPCA (DCSPCA), will offer a free rabies vaccination clinic on Saturday, Feb. 15 at the DCSPCA Adoptions and Education Center located at 636 Violet Avenue in Hyde Park from 8 a.m. to noon. This clinic is open to dogs, cats and domestic ferrets 3 months of age and older. Pre-registration is required; registration opened on Wednesday, Jan. 15 at DCSPCA.org or by calling the DCSPCA at 845-452-7722, extension 425.

The clinic is free for Dutchess County residents; non-residents will be charged a fee of \$10 per pet vaccinated. All dogs must be on leash, and cats and domestic ferrets must be in carriers. Vaccinations will be good for three years for pets with proper proof of a prior immunization. For those without proof, the vaccination will be good for one year.

New York State law requires rabies vaccinations for all cats, dogs and domestic ferrets by the age of 4 months

of age. Pet owners are required to revaccinate on a regular schedule to keep the animal properly immunized against the rabies virus.

DOH is available 24/7 to assist with any questions or concerns regarding potential rabies exposure to people or domestic animals. Pet owners should report to DOH any incident in which their pet has been bitten by or has an open wound exposed to the saliva or nervous tissue of a domestic or wild animal. Staff will investigate and advise the pet owner of any necessary steps they should take to ensure the safety of their animal.

Residents who see an animal acting strangely are advised to contact their local police agency. If a person has been bitten, or a domestic pet is bitten or is in contact with any animal, they're to contact DOH immediately at 845-486-3404 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or 845-431-6465 on nights and weekends.

To learn more about rabies please visit dutchessny.gov/rabies.

Applications accepted for Powerhouse Theater 2025 Training Program

Vassar College will present its annual Powerhouse Theater season from June 20 to July 27. As in previous years, the Powerhouse Theater Training Program will be offered for students who seek a unique opportunity to dive headfirst into a conservatory-like intensive on the Vassar College campus. Actors, directors, and writers hone their respective crafts through both class work and practical experiences.

By engaging with professional theater companies and artists who are in residence each summer, students deepen their understanding of the art and the industry. A summer at Powerhouse exposes students to new theater making

possibilities through a process of self-discovery.

A Powerhouse Day includes morning and early afternoon classes, led by some of the country's leading theater practitioners and instructors. The core classes for all disciplines are acting, movement, and Soundpainting. Powerhouse afternoons and evenings consist of rehearsals, masterclasses, performances, talkbacks, and much more.

Applications will be accepted through April 1. Apply at <https://app.getacceptd.com/powerhousetheater>. Call 845-437-5907 or email powerhouse@vassar.edu for more information.

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by luigi coppola



The Toboggan

Watch out for those trees!

Behind our house, we had what seemed to us a giant mountain perfect for sleigh riding. At the end of the mountain was woods with a trail running through it, which led to another bigger hill in our neighbor's yard. The trick was to ride our hill through the woods to the second hill and down to the street on the other side. The problem was if you missed the trail, you hit a bunch of trees.

I remember one year we got a colossal wooden toboggan with rope handles for Christmas which could hold two of us. The beauty of the colossal wooden toboggan with rope handles was that the extra weight would allow you to shoot through the woods and down the second hill.

I was about 8 years old when we got the colossal wooden toboggan with rope handles and we couldn't wait for the first storm so we could try it out. A couple of days after Christmas we got our storm and my brother Vinny, who was around four at the time, and I towed the colossal wooden toboggan with rope handles out to the hill. However, before we even got out side, my mother dressed us with long johns, sweat pants, wool sweater, full snow suit, homemade knitted scarf, homemade knitted hat, gloves, wool socks, rubber boots,

holy water, and rosary beads.

So, Vinny and I started our trek dressed for the Arctic winter. Because we were so loaded down with the extra Arctic gear, a short walk to the hill seemed like a trek across the Glacier Bay National Park. When we finally arrived at our destination, we took a minute to catch our breath and to break off the icicles that were forming on our scarf from our hot breath.

I set up the colossal wooden toboggan with rope handles with Vinny in the front. I sat behind him and carefully lined up the toboggan with the trail. I looked up into the snowy sky and imagined I was on a bob sled run at Lake Placid. I wiped my nose using the sleeve of my snow suit and pushed off to start our run.

I clutched Vinny tightly because I didn't want him to get hurt - and thus get into trouble yet again. As we got halfway down the hill, I realized we were going to miss the trail, so I got ready to ditch before we hit the trees. I slid off the colossal wooden toboggan with rope handles. In that instant, I realized that I didn't grab Vinny and he was still on the colossal wooden toboggan with rope handles and headed for the trees.

As Vinny plunged into the trees looking like a giant snowball, I realized I was about to get into big trouble again.

Well, Vinny smacked into the tree so hard the snow fell from the branches and covered him. All that stuck out of the pile of snow was the top of his head, which was covered with the homemade knitted hat. I knew I was dead.

I dug him out as he screamed bloody murder. Once he was freed from his arctic snow prison, together we dragged the giant wooden toboggan up the hill and back home for what I was sure was a trip to the County Jail.

When we got inside, Mom ordered us downstairs into the basement where we undressed, hanging our layers of clothes by the furnace to dry. When we got upstairs, Vinny started to tell Mom how I purposely left him on the toboggan and how he almost died from the avalanche of snow that came down and buried him.

Mom listened intently, put two bowls of escarole and potato soup on the kitchen table and told us to eat our lunch. The funny thing was, by the time we finished our soup, Vinny had forgotten about his life-changing sledding accident and so had Mom.

Escarole and Potato Soup

Ingredients

1 lb. cooked diced fennel sausage
2 potatoes, diced
1 cup diced Spanish onion
2 teaspoons minced garlic
2 cups escarole, washed and shredded
1 qt. chicken stock

Method

Place onions, garlic and sausage in a large saucepan and cook over medium heat until onions are almost clear.

Add chicken stock and potatoes, simmer 15 minutes.

Add escarole and simmer for 15 more minutes then serve.

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

'Saint Rita: Lost and Found' to bring music of Kurt Weill and Edith Piaf to HCC

An extraordinary performance by local power-trio Saint Rita will take place at the Howland Cultural Center on Saturday, Feb. 1, at 8 p.m. Featuring the talents of Kelly Ellenwood (vocals), Kathleen Bosman (violin/viola), and Stephen Clair (guitar), the evening will be a heartfelt exploration of the music of Kurt Weill and Edith Piaf. They will be joined by Nate Allen and Brad Hubbard on woodwinds.

Saint Rita offers a unique blend of artistry that captures the raw emotion and gritty authenticity of Weill and Piaf's compositions. The trio's performance will transport audiences from Weimar-era Brecht to the Rue Pigalle and across time and space to 1940's Hollywood and Broadway.

The concert is a benefit performance for

Beacon High School's short term foreign exchange program to Munich, Germany.

About the Artists

Kelly Ellenwood is an acclaimed soprano and award-winning actor known for her dynamic roles on Broadway and in film and television. With accolades such as the Gold Medal and First Prize at the Savannah Music Festival's "American Traditions Competition," Ellenwood brings a powerful voice and rich interpretive skills to her performances. A founding member of the indie-classical quintet Madera Vox, she also is a dedicated community organizer, and one of the team responsible for the Beacon Bonfire Music + Art Festival. beaconbonfirefoundation.org, @beaconbonfire

Stephen Clair is a renowned songwriter

and guitarist with a distinguished career in music. His critically acclaimed albums - (his 11th comes out this fall) - and performances nationwide have earned him a respected place in the industry. Clair is also the founder of Beacon Music Factory, an innovative music education center featured on "CBS Sunday Morning" and beloved for its impact on the community. stephenclair.com, @herrclair

Kathleen Bosman is a versatile violinist and violist with a rich performance history across Boston and New York City. Her extensive work with prestigious orchestras, opera companies, and chamber ensembles, along with collaborations with world-class musicians, underscores her exceptional talent. Bosman also teaches at Beacon

Music Factory and continues to inspire and educate through her music, beaconmusicfactory.com, @saltykathy.

The Howland Cultural Center is at 477 Main Street, Beacon.

Tickets, \$20 at the door, are available now through the Howland Cultural Center's website, howlandculturalcenter.org, or at the door on the night of the performance. The performance is a dual benefit for the Howland Cultural Center and for Beacon High School's German-American Partnership Program (GAPP), a short-term student exchange program between Beacon High School and the Max Born Gymnasium in Munich, Germany.

For more information and ticket reservations, please visit <http://www.howlandculturalcenter.org> or contact 845-831-4988.

Wilderstein to host Victorian Valentine 'Craft & Sip' workshop

Wilderstein Historic Site (330 Morton Road, Rhinebeck) will hold a Victorian Valentine "Craft & Sip" workshop Saturday, Feb. 8 at 10 a.m. In the spirit of Wilderstein, enjoy sipping on Harney & Sons tea as you craft a beautiful 11-inch wood panel heart for your sweetheart. This is Wilderstein's modern take

on the Victorian Valentine's Day gift-making tradition.

Participants will learn about the history of valentines while creating their own original art. All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring any greeting cards you may have or other ephemera to add that special something to your project.

The cost is \$40.

The workshop is sponsored by Hudson Valley Vintage. Registration is

required. For more information, call Wilderstein at 845-876-4818 or visit www.wilderstein.org.

Fishkill Recreation

By Lauren McMenamin
Recreation Assistant Director

Imagination Station Play Group: School's Out Camp on Wednesday, Jan. 29. This camp will be offered to boys and girls in Kindergarten-2nd grade. The camp will run from 9:30-11:30 a.m. As Mr. Rogers said, "For children, play is serious learning." Give your kids a two-hour break from their devices and let them experience the joy of imaginative play by having them visit 4 different stations:

They can be a master architect in our giant, Lego brick station, a master chef in our restaurant/kitchen station, a queen or king in our castle-building/dress-up station, or a screenplay writer in our puppet theater station! After the free play portion of the program, participants will have a snack and then circle up for a read aloud and craft to learn all about the Lunar New Year!

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



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HUDSON VALLEY NATURALIST

by Francine Wizner



Nasal congestion is 'snot' funny!

Although I rarely comment on it, breathing is one of my favorite things. Especially through my nose. I really like it. But, I recently had a cold, which reminded me of an oft-overlooked, but much appreciated bodily secretion: Mucus.

Your epithelial tissue produces it

Epithelial tissue lines your body tracts and cavities, producing mucus, which provides protection and lubrication to the cells that lie beneath. Because of its viscosity, mucus traps unwanted substances and microbes. It is mostly made of water, but contains many other components such as antibodies, enzymes, and mucins, which help your body fight infections.

Even when you're healthy, your body is a mucus-making machine. Most of us make one to two quarts a day. You probably don't notice it ... unless your body starts making more, or its consistency changes. That's when you might wish your body didn't make it. Especially when you need to blow your nose due to a sinus infection. But you wouldn't want to live without mucus!

You notice when it changes

It generally takes a bad cold, allergy, or contact with something irritating – like a plate of spicy chicken wings – to throw your body's nasal mucus production into overdrive. Allergies and gustatory rhinitis, as well as pathogens, can make your nose run. Besides overproduction, changes to your mucosal lining, and the relative viscosity of your mucus will be noticeable. Respiratory mucus is affected by a dry indoor environment; dehydration from inadequate water, over-consumption of coffee, tea, or alcohol; some medications; and smoking.

Do this if you have a sick sense of humor

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the average uncovered sneeze sends mucosal droplets about six feet. Small particles can become suspended and travel over three times as far. Particles expelled in a sneeze or cough can carry germs for an array of infectious diseases, including coronavirus, colds, the flu, chickenpox, measles and more.

If you have a sick sense of humor and an inquiring mind, investigate snot projectiles! Kids will enjoy investigating

the effect of viscosity on the distance mucus travels. To do the activity, you'll need plastic sheeting or a couple of shower curtains, permanent markers, two stools, tape, meter sticks, gelatin, corn syrup, food coloring, a sponge, two containers, and two plastic pipettes (eye droppers).

Make two batches of "model snot": a thick version and thin version. Both batches can be made with gelatin, corn syrup, and water. Make one batch more "watery" and the other with less water, so it is more viscous. Differentiate the batches with opposing food coloring so that they can be easily compared.

Lay shower curtains over the experimental area (wall and floor) and tape them in place. Mark measurements at intervals along the shower curtains in the anticipated projectile zone. Place each of the containers with the two kinds of model snot, as well as a pipette, on a separate stool. Fill the bulb of each pipette and hold each horizontally on top of each stool. Make sure the pipettes are facing the shower curtains to contain the mess and get an accurate measurement. When you squeeze the pipettes, you are simulating a sneeze.

Keep track of the number of large (>5mm) and small (<5mm) drops that fell at the different intervals. Repeat this process 5-10 times for both the thick and thin model snot. The idea of experimenting with a "snot model" can be icky and entertaining at the same time.

Healthier choices

To keep from spreading germs (in actual snot), cover your nose and mouth with a tissue whenever you sneeze or cough. If you're caught without a tissue, health experts suggest using the crook of your elbow. That will keep the germs from becoming airborne and will keep your hands from getting germy. If you do sneeze or cough into your hands, wash them immediately with soap and water, or an alcohol-based sanitizer. The best choice to prevent the airborne spread of germs is to avoid close contact with anyone who is sick. If you are ill and likely to cough or sneeze, stay home until you're healthy.

Francine Wizner is a native of the Hudson Valley. She grew up in the Catskills of Greene County and spent over 3 decades teaching in Ulster County. She creates science-themed instructional materials and



Dealing with the symptoms of nasal congestion is not fun.

-Photo by Francine Wizner

books, as well as being a Citizen Scientist in the management of her current home in an enchanted woodland of Dutchess County.

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By Bill Green
Recreation Director

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Decorated multi-sport athlete, coach Zerbe honored with women's exhibit at Dutchess County Sports Museum

By Morgan Maier

Patsy Zerbe didn't grow up playing ball in the Hudson Valley, but her contributions to local athletics echo through Dutchess County. Since 1962, when she first played field hockey at Vassar College, Zerbe has impacted generations of sports programs as a player, coach, and pioneer.

On May 3, the Sports Museum of Dutchess County (SMDC) will unveil the Patsy Zerbe Women in Sports Room, an exhibit honoring Zerbe's dedication to local athletics, and the athletes continuing her legacy.

Her career encompasses achievements in field hockey and basketball, then tennis, wheelchair tennis, golf and senior golf. Zerbe has empowered her fellow athletes across ages, genders and abilities.

Former players and their families remember her fondly. And Zerbe's field hockey opponents certainly recall her lockdown defense. Her impact on Dutchess County will forever live in SMDC's newest exhibit. Alongside the accomplishments of the county's female athletes, this room will also include a collection of artifacts through Zerbe's career. The idea is to inspire and educate young athletes. "If Maddy Siegrist can come from a small town like Poughkeepsie...

kids look at her and think, 'I can do that,'" Zerbe said.

And to think Zerbe started her athletic career on a boys' baseball team in a place when girls didn't have varsity, or even intramural, sports to join. Baseball, a tradition passed down generations in her hometown, Zerbe says, was the extent of her adolescent athletics. While attending East Stroudsburg State College, Zerbe found herself surrounded by sports she never knew existed. "If I tried at these new sports and succeeded, I fell quickly in love with them," she said.

At its 2025 opening ceremony, the Sports Museum of Dutchess County will unveil the Pat Zerbe Women in Sports Room, including guest speakers and programming highlighting Dutchess women's sports.

Sports Museum President Bill Ponte credits Zerbe with influencing the creation of this room to recognize the achievements of women in sports. "Patsy has spent her life working for women's sports, and this is something that's long overdue," Ponte said. "It's an honor for us to have (her) here."

From Zerbe's first field hockey match in 1962, she became a natural Dutchess County competitor. When she stopped competing, Zerbe's involvement in com-



Pat Zerbe

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munity sports was far from over. From there, she made it her mission for Dutchess County girls and women to have the opportunities she didn't have as a young athlete. Zerbe spent 44 years coaching at Dutchess Community College. She started DCC's women's varsity basketball program, and led the team to 100 wins from 1966-1978. She

further founded intramural sports to promote involvement for students who didn't have time in their schedule for varsity sports. "I've loved my time in Dutchess County," Zerbe said. "It started with Betty Richey at Vassar College, and just grew and grew."

Zerbe was blazing trails in sports equity before ESPN and the WNBA (Women's National Basketball Association) were even created. As girls become involved in sports at an early age, and women's sports see increased media exposure, Zerbe sees the future of women's sports growing in the right direction. This room, she says, is only a continuation of what's been started. And women aren't the only ones taking note of these accomplishments. "The gyms are filled not just with women, but men watching women's sports," Zerbe said. "I'm just so proud of that, and how their accomplishments are so well-received."

Dutchess County athletes are encouraged to share artifacts (uniforms, news clippings, medals, books, etc.) to be displayed in this exhibit, which will open on May 3. To learn more about the upcoming exhibit, artifact donation or lending, and volunteering opportunities, contact the Sports Museum of Dutchess County at 845-476-2314 or 845-473-0903.

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SALT POINT FARMHOUSE LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/09/2024. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Amanda N. Miller, 6370 Mill Street, 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.

11AM 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 Sukhmani Singh, 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 of RIVERVIEW LANDSCAPE HOLDINGS LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/09/24. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 09/13/24. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: 251 Little Falls

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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 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, NY 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, NY 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 USA 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 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.

HIGHT CAPITAL PARTNERS LLC,

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Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/24/2024. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corey Hight, 79 Redtail Pass, Amenia, NY 12501. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Notice of Formation of HELIX SOLUTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/26/24. Office location Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail the process to HELIX SOLUTIONS LLC, 104 ALEXANDER LANE, WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

JL SQUARED HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/16/24. 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, 387 Hooker Avenue, Suite 5, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

TRANSFORM PROPERTIES, LLC. Filed 12/12/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Carlos Carrillo, 3 Westview Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: General.

BUILDING SOLUTIONS EAST LLC. Filed 6/4/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Samantha Lou Jones, 64 Ward Rd, Salt Point, NY 12578. Purpose: General.

Beacon Hills Acupuncture, PLLC. Filed 11/20/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 13 Joy Place, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Acupuncture.

Notice of Formation of ONEILL GROUP HENSONVILLE, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/18/24. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 24 Dutchess Landing Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr.

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of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Radovich Training Company, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/16/2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process is: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue Suite 202 Brooklyn NY 11228 Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

M I K A ROTTENBERG LLC filed with the SSNY on 12/05/2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 416 Cedar Hill Rd., Tivoli, NY 12583. Purpose: any lawful.

Notice of Formation of Prestige Dance Factory LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/02/24 Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 123 N Cross Rd, La-Grangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

LINQ STRATEGIES LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/19/24. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 6 Hogan Dr., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

SLAND LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/19/24. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 5 Laffin Ln., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of 20 CLOVER WAY LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/17/24. Office in Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 20 CLOVER WAY POUGHKEEPSIE, NY, 12601.

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Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of CENTER FOR CREATIVE ACTION STRATEGIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/26/2024. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 91 BROADWAY, HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY 12533. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of NOEMA IN ITSELF, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/21/2024. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 226 ALL ANGELS HILL RD, WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY 12590. Any lawful purpose.

La Ecuatoriana, LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/22/2024. 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, 621 Sheafe Rd, Lot #5, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of North Star Site Development LLC. Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/26/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 5 N Parliman Rd, La-grangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of 1432 Route 9D Wappingers LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11-27-2024. Office location: 1432 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls NY County of Dutchess. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to: 26 Mill Plain Rd, Danbury CT 06811. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name of the LLC is: Baths By Schnorr. Ar-

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ticles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: 11/01/2024. 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 copy of any process against the LLC is: 4 Marshall Road, Suite 159, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful activity.

HAIRLAB BY KALYN NICHOLE LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/29/19. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Kalyn Hochlowski 39 Claudia Ln Poughkeepsie NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of The Tator House LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/23/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 88 Ackert Hook Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is Steven Cornacchini, 88 Ackert Hook Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Hudson Valley Payments LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/17/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Eric Dillon, 1003 Main St Apt 2, Fishkill, New York 12524. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

652 Quaker, LLC filed w/ SSNY 12/24/24. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 14 Amherst St, Red Hook, NY 12571. Any lawful purpose.

EAGLE I BOOKS LLC. Filed 9/13/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Andrea Infelice, 126 Sterling St., Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: General.

49 - 51 MARKET ST. POK LLC. Filed 4/24/24. Office:

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Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o ThuyLe, 17 Salk Dr., Highland, NY 12528. Purpose: General.

Benessere Family Health NP PLLC. Filed 12/16/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 207 Washington St Ste 202, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: NP in Family Health.

19 EAST EDONESA REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/30/24. 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, 19 E. Main Street, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

RES SOUND LLC. Filed 01/06/25 Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to 77 Upper Hook Rd, Rhinebeck NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Beautini, LLC Art. of Org filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 01/2/24. Office location: Dutchess Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to Brittany Lo, 31 Cedar Pond Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful activities

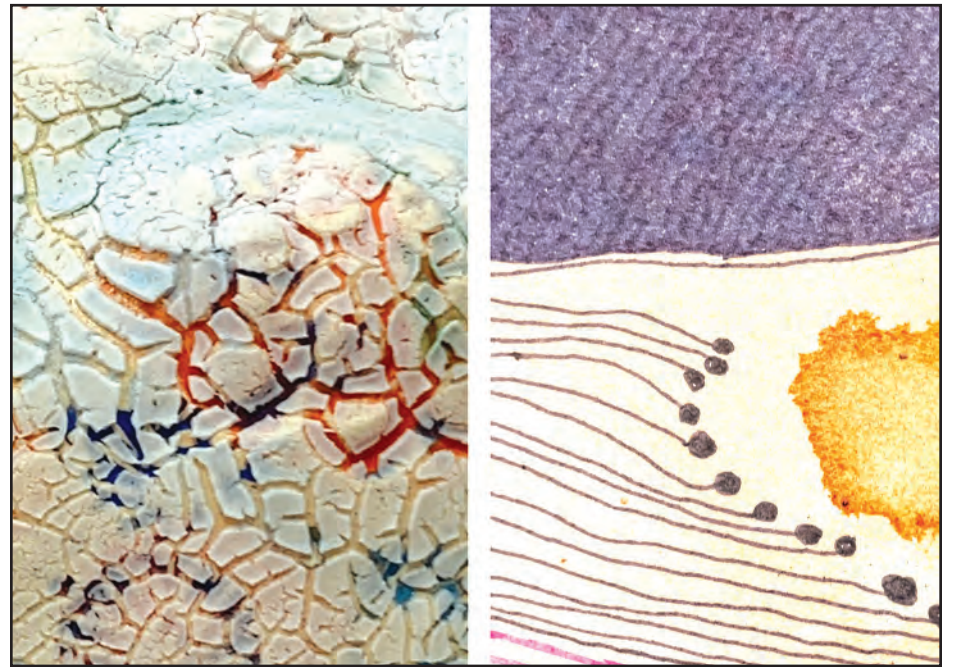
CURATED PSYCHIATRIC SOLUTIONS, PLLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 11/22/24. Originally filed with the Secretary of State of Massachusetts on 02/16/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 6571 Springbrook Avenue, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Medicine.

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Opening reception for BAU February exhibits on Feb. 8



Briana Babani, 2024



Irja Bodén and Choro Leslie Meyers: "Elemental Terrain," 2024.

-Courtesy images BAU

Opening Reception Second Saturday, Feb. 8, open from noon - 6 p.m., with artists' reception from 6-8 pm. Exhibition ends Sunday, March 2, at 506 Main St., Beacon. Saturdays and Sundays noon-6 p.m. or by appointment.

Gallery 1: BAU Open First Prize Exhibition Briana Babani: Stuff and Nonsense

Babani's work is rooted in rigorous material exploration and labor-intensive technique. Repetitive gestures and motifs are a recurring theme, as are dualities between graphic and textural, playful and restrained, familiar and strange. She is interested in toying with notions of familiarity, functionality, and value — to that end, ubiquitous materials and forms provide a critical point of departure.

Briana Babani is an award-winning artist and designer currently living and working in New York's Hudson Valley. She grew up in the Midwest, received her BA in painting from Yale University, and then lived and worked in New York City's fashion district before earning her Master's Degree in

Interior Architecture at the Rhode Island School of Design.

Gallery 2: BAU Open Awardees Exhibition Irja Bodén and Choro Leslie Meyers: Elemental Terrain

Elemental Terrain is an exhibit of ceramic sculptures by Irja Bodén and ink drawings by Choro Leslie Meyers. The artworks beckon viewers to engage with its colors, lines, and textures while also encouraging reflection on the urgent issues of climate change and environmental destruction. Choro Leslie Meyers Elemental. Meditation in art form. This body of work brings nature to the page. Mountain is here. Earth, Air, Fire, Water and Space are here. Seasons and Time are here. Magic and the Goddess are here. Reflecting the interconnection of all beings, I invite you to look deeper, to touch into presence, and to find peace and freedom in the color and the lines.

Irja Bodén Irja Bodén's ceramic sculptures feature stacked forms that are both embossed and layered, complemented by a multi-colored glaze surface. Her creative process begins on the wheel, where she transforms

clay into abstract sculptures that tell a narrative. These works draw on "chthonic" references—connecting to the earth—and weave together themes of place, memory, and loss, reflecting personal and universal experiences. Bodén's art challenges the distinctions between craft and fine art.

Beacon Room: Reframing Memory, Pamela Vlahakis with guest artist Síle Marrinan

In this exhibition, two photographers have joined together to use visual storytelling to reimagine the memories of their mothers through the lens of their own family lives today. The photographers use light, space and material to add new layers to the memories of their mothers, who have passed, and to explore an inter-generational bond that transcends time and loss. Through their work, they investigate how photography, as a bridge between past and present, can help us reconnect with our histories and shape our sense of self in the here and now.

Pamela Zaremba Pamela Zaremba is a photographer who lives and works in Westport CT, and is a member of the Beacon Artists Union Gallery in Beacon, NY. The driving force behind her work is her desire to help others to see the beauty in subjects that might otherwise seem ordinary. Her photos serve as snapshots of a memory, and allow the viewer into an intimate conversation with the photographer and subject. Síle Marrinan Síle Marrinan is a photographic artist drawn to the subtle, ethereal qualities of light. Her work is an intuitive exploration, capturing the moods that light creates as it shifts and transforms the world around her. Through her camera, Síle observes how light—ever-changing—renders familiar subjects in new ways. This practice allows her to find beauty in the ordinary, uncovering moments that might otherwise go unnoticed, while simultaneously preserving time—as if attempting to hold onto a precious moment that has already passed.

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M A X S O N ELECTRIC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/03/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 13 Top O Hill Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Nikifor Properties LLC, a domestic LLC filed with the SSNY on 1/6/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Treybich Law, P.C., 272 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose for LLC: any lawful.

Notice of Formation of INFINITE ATG LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/24/24.

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Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of 381 Longmeadow LLC (hereinafter the Company) filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 1/8/2025. Office location of the Company is Dutchess County, New York. The Company has designated the SSNY as its agent upon which process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to the LLC at 11 Highland Street, Millerton, NY 12546. Purpose: Any lawful purpose as permitted by applicable law.

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4350 Albany Post Road LLC. Filed 1/2/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 4350 Albany Post Rd, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: General.

GALAXTYC LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/13/2024. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Abrenim Rodriguez, 19 Maple St. 3rd Fl, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Reg Agent: Abrenim Rodriguez, 19 Maple St. 3rd Fl, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

FUTON, LLC Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on September 9, 2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as

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agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 1829 South Road, Wappingers Falls, New York 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of PAINTING & CONTRACTING BY CARLOS LUCAS, LLC Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY on January 9, 2025 Office Location: Dutchess County SSNY shall mail process to the registered agent, whom is Carlos Lucas The principal place of business of Painting & Contracting by Carlos Lucas, LLC is 45 West Market Street, Red Hook, NY 12571 The purpose of Painting & Contracting by Carlos Lucas, LLC is to engage in any lawful purpose

MIRACLE JUNK REMOVAL LLC. Filed 1/2/25. Office:

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Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Fernando Maisonet Rosado, 11 Maple Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: General.

Tempestry Project LLC. Filed 1/6/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 39 Streit Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: General.

Notice of Formation of a Domestic Limited Liability Company Name of LLC: Dutch Barn Studios, LLC Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Dept of State: January 14, 2025 Office of the LLC: Dutchess County The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 209 All Angels Hill Road, Wappingers Falls NY

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12590 Purpose of LLC: For any and all lawful purposes for which an LLC may be organized in the state of New York.

SENTINEL CAPITAL LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with the SSNY on December 1, 2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY Designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to the LLC, 105 Waterbury Hill Road, LaGrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Berisha Hall LLC, a domestic limited liability company (LLC). Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 10, 2025. The LLC is located in Dutchess County. The SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall

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mail a copy of any process to the office location: 21 South Mesier Avenue, Wappingers Falls, New York 12590. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Dusty Yellowbird LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 01/03/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2 Austin Court, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful activity

Evwiehor Auto Ventures LLC Filed 01/15/2025. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 37 Wright Blvd, Hopwell Jct, NY 12533. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity.

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SUMMONS Index No.: 2024-53469 D/O/F: 07/26/2024 Mortgaged Premises: 114 Rombout Avenue Beacon, NY 12508 SBL#: 5954-35-791831-00 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

HUDSON VALLEY CREDIT UNION F/K/A HUDSON VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,

Plaintiff, -against- JOHNNIE J. HERRING, JR.; CARMELA BUGGS; CAPRICE HERRING; NEW YORK STATE COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; INTERNAL REVIEW SERVICE; ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF MICHELLE HERRING A/K/A MICHELLE M. HERRING AND ANY OF HER SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST; "JOHN DOES" and "JANE DOES", said names being fictitious parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises, corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises, Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE: YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer

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with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

The following notice is intended only for those defendants who are owners of the premises sought to be foreclosed or who are liable upon the debt for which the mortgage stands as security. PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THIS ACTION MAY BE DEEMED TO BE AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFF. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED AS A RESULT OF THIS ACTION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE THE STATE ENCOURAGES YOU TO BECOME INFORMED ABOUT YOUR OPTIONS IN FORECLOSURE. IN ADDITION TO SEEKING ASSISTANCE FROM AN ATTORNEY OR LEGAL AID OFFICE, THERE ARE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT YOU MAY CONTACT FOR

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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 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES AT 1-800-342-3736 OR VISIT THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE AT http://www.dfs.ny.gov.

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO STAY IN YOUR HOME DURING THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME UNLESS AND UNTIL YOUR PROPERTY IS SOLD AT AUCTION PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN YOUR HOME, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY AND PAY PROPERTY TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW.

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 PROMISED SERVICES.

§ 1303 NOTICE The name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed: Hudson Valley Credit

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Union f/k/a Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union.

Unless you dispute the validity of the debt, or any portion thereof, within thirty (30) days after receipt hereof, the debt will be assumed to be valid by the herein debt collector.

If you notify the herein debt collector in writing within thirty (30) days after your receipt hereof that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, we will obtain verification of the debt or a copy of any judgment against you representing the debt and a copy of such verification or judgment will be mailed to you by the herein debt collector.

Upon your written request within 30 days after receipt of this notice, the herein debt collector will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor if different from the current creditor.

Note: Your time to respond to the summons and complaint differs from your time to dispute the validity of the debt to request the name and address of the original creditor. Although you have as few as 20 days to respond to the summons and complaint, depending on the manner of service, you still have 30 days from receipt of this summons to dispute the validity of the debt and to request the name and address of the original creditor. TO THE DEFENDANTS, except THE ESTATE OF MICHELLE HERRING A/K/A MICHELLE M. HERRING: The Plaintiff makes no personal claim against you in this action. Dated: July 25, 2024 Yours, etc. HANDEL & CARLINI, LLP

By: /s/ Anthony C. Carlini, Jr. Anthony C. Carlini, Jr., Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff 1984 New Hackensack Road Poughkeepsie, New York 12603 Tel. No. (845) 454-2221 TO: Johnnie J. Herring, Jr. 114 Rombout Ave. Beacon, NY 12508 Carmela Buggs 114 Rombout Ave. Beacon, NY 12508 Caprice Herring 114 Rombout Ave. Beacon, NY 12508 New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance Harriman Campus Road Albany, NY 12226 Internal Revenue Service All Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Personal Representatives of Michelle Herring

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a/k/a Michelle M. Herring And Any Successors in Right, Title And Interest

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Town and County Tax Collection - Town of Fishkill, County of Dutchess TAKE NOTICE THAT I, KATHERINE BUNETA, Receiver of Taxes for the Town of Fishkill, County of Dutchess and State of New York, have duly received the Tax Roll and Warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Fishkill for the year 2025 and I will attend at the Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524, from January 16, 2025, Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM, for the purpose of receiving taxes listed on the said rolls. No payment will be received on Saturdays, Sundays, or on legal holidays.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, TAXES MAY BE PAID BEFORE February 28, 2025 without charge of penalty. On all such remaining unpaid taxes after such date, penalty will be added as follows: March 2%, April 3%, and May 4%. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of the law, the tax roll of the Town of Fishkill will be returned to the Commissioner of Finance of the County of Dutchess on the 2nd day of June, 2025.

Signed: Katherine Buneta Receiver of Taxes Dated: January 8, 2025

NOTICE OF 2025 TOWN AND COUNTY TAX COLLECTION TOWN OF WAPPINGER, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Lee Anne Freno, the undersigned Receiver of Taxes for the Town of Wappinger, County of Dutchess and State of New York, have duly received the Tax Roll and Warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Wappinger for the year 2025.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I will attend at Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, in the said Town of Wappinger from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on each day, excepting Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, for the purpose of receiving the taxes listed on said roll.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that taxes may be paid via drop box, in person, online or by mail. Check or money order is to be made out to Lee A. Freno, Re-

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ceiver of Taxes. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that payment may be made anytime from the receipt of bill to February 28, 2025, without penalty. Payments made March 1, 2025 through June 2, 2025 incur a two percent (2%) penalty. Payments made from June 3, 2025 through September 2, 2025 incur a four percent (4%) penalty.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Section 987 of the Real Property Tax Law provides that after the interest free period for payment of taxes elapses and taxes remain unpaid, the tax collecting officer is required to send a notice of unpaid taxes to the owner. The expense of this notice is a two dollar (\$2.00) charge which is added to the parcel.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of law, no payments will be accepted at this office after September 2, 2025. After September 2, 2025, the tax roll of the Town of Wappinger will be returned to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance. Information may be obtained by calling the tax office at (845) 297-4342 or by visiting the Town's website at townofwappingerny.gov.

Dated: January 9, 2025 Signed: Lee Anne Freno, Receiver of Taxes, Town of Wappinger

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TOWN OF WAPPINGER DUTCHESS COUNTY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Town of Wappinger Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the 28th day of January, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger Falls, NY pursuant to Section 240-37 of the Zoning Law of the Town of Wappinger to consider the following area variance: Appeal No.: 25-7838 (Area Variance) Frank & Karen Lifrieri: Seeking an area variance Section 240-37 of District Regulations in an R-40 Zoning District.

-Where no more than 2 accessory structures are permitted on a residential parcel, the applicant has 4 accessory structures, thus requesting a variance for the legalization, and to allow for the struc-

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tures to remain. The property is located at 38 Whites Corner Lane and is identified as Tax Grid No.: 6257-04-848200 in the Town of Wappinger.

All interested persons will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Wappinger at the public hearing as stated above.

Signed: John Lorenzini, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals Town of Wappinger January 3, 2025

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District held their Re-organizational meeting on Wednesday, January 1, 2025. The Board has scheduled their monthly meetings for 2025 to be held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Pleasant Valley Fire District Headquarters, 1619 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, NY. Except for April which will have the monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 16th, 2025. All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. Workshop meetings will be held on the last Thursday of each month; except the month of November and December which the Workshop meeting will be the third Wednesday of the month. The Board also chooses the 3rd Wednesday of each month as optional workshops. Workshop meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. and they will be held at District Headquarters.

By order of the Pleasant Valley Board of Fire Commissioners: Jennifer Broas District Secretary

Notice is hereby given that Public Hearings will be held by the Town of East Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals, Dutchess County, on Tuesday the 28th day of January, 2025 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may come on to be heard at the Town of East Fishkill Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, the Town of East Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct Public Hearings on the following applications.

1. Lacey Roosa & Luke Kohlmaier, 1281 Route 82., Hopewell Junction, requesting a 7' rear yard variance for an existing 12'X24' (288sf) shed pursuant to Section 194-107 and the Schedule of Bulk Regulations. Norma Drummond Chairperson East Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCH-2025-02

NOTE CORRECTION FOR BID DUE DATE. BIDS ARE DUE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025, AND NOT FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025 AS ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED. NAME OF PROJECT: Reconstruction of PA-01 and PA-04 Culverts, Town of Pawling, County of Dutchess, State of New York Project Description: Replacement of two existing Culverts with Appurtenant Structures located on CR-68 (North Quaker Hill Rd.) in the Town of Pawling, Dutchess County, State of New York. The County of 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-of-dutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered 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 Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess 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 of Public Works at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. All Addenda will be posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids for the above project will be received by: Caroline A. Miller, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. On or before 11:00AM, Tuesday, February 18, 2025,

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and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be attended through Microsoft Teams Audio 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, 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll), Conference ID: 319 605 841# . Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, 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 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 Thursday, February 13, 2025 and emailed to Caroline Miller at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. The Anticipated Start of Construction is April 1, 2025; the Anticipated Substantial Completion Date is October 31, 2025. Final Completion Date is November 14, 2025. Failure to meet these dates may result in Liquidated Damages. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #2025000096. IMPORTANT: Starting December 30, 2024: NYS DOL Contractor and Sub-Contractor Registry Requirements. THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM DOES NOT APPLY TO THIS PROJECT. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCH-2025-01 **PLEASE NOTE** THIS NOTICE CONTAINS A CORRECTION OF THE MICROSOFT TEAMS CONFERENCE ID NUMBER. NAME OF PROJECT: Replacement of Bridge L-29 Town of Lagrange, Dutchess County, New York. Project Description: Replacement of a single-span (38 ft.) jack-arch bridge with a 58ft. span bridge comprised of adjacent precast concrete box beams, with a cast-in-place concrete deck, supported by integral abutments. The County of 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-of-dutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered 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 Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess 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 of Public Works at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. All Addenda will be posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids for the above project will be received by: Christopher Sterbenz, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 on or before 11:00AM Friday, January 24, 2025, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time

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will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be attended through Microsoft Teams Audio 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: 605 937 441# Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, 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 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 Friday January 17, 2025 and emailed to Christopher Sterbenz at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. The anticipated start of construction is March 15, 2025; the anticipated substantial completion date is September 5, 2025. Failure to meet these dates may result in liquidated damages. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2024015336 Starting December 30, 2024: NYS DOL Contractor and Subcontractor registry requirements. View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Chelsea Fire District of the Town of Wappinger, County of

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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 103/2025 RE: 2025 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley annually establishes the paid holidays for those employed by the Town in accordance with Section 801 of the Town of Pleasant Valley Employee Handbook; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the paid holiday schedule for 2025 is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Holiday Name and Date. Includes New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas, Floating Holiday, Wednesday, January 1st, Monday, January 20th, Monday, February 17th, Friday, April 18th, Monday, May 26th, Thursday, June 19th, Friday, July 4th, Monday, September 1st, Monday, October 13th, Tuesday, November 11th, Thursday, November 27th, Friday, November 28th, Thursday, December 25th Add On.

MOTION: Councilman Rifenburgh SECOND: Councilwoman Chapman

DATED: January 6, 2025

ROLL CALL table with columns: Name, AYE, NAY. Includes Councilwoman Chapman, Councilman Cookinham, Councilman Degan, Councilman Rifenburgh, Supervisor Albrecht, Carried.

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 101/2025 RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF TOWN BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that subject to the schedule set forth below the regular meetings of the Pleasant Valley Town Board will take place on the third (3rd) Monday of each month for the year 2025 at 7:00 PM in the main meeting room of the Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that subject to the schedule set forth below the Town Board Workshops will take place on the first (1st) Monday of each month for the year 2025, at 7:00 PM in main meeting room, and that special meetings will be scheduled and advertised by posting the announcement on the front door entrance of the Town Hall, with notification to the press (time permitting); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2025 meeting dates are as

listed below:

Table with 2 columns: Date and Meeting Type. Lists dates from January 6 to December 15 and corresponding meeting types like Regular Meeting, Workshop Meeting, etc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any changes to the above-mentioned schedules will be posted at the Town Hall entrance as necessary, with notification to the press.

MOTION: Councilman Rifenburgh SECOND: Councilwoman Chapman

DATED: January 6, 2025

ROLL CALL table with columns: Name, AYE, NAY. Includes Councilwoman Chapman, Councilman Cookinham, Councilman Degan, Councilman Rifenburgh, Supervisor Albrecht, Carried.

Dutchess, New York, will hold its regular meeting for the year 2025 on the second Monday of each month. All meetings will commence at 7:00 p.m. on that day at the Chelsea Firehouse located at 15 Liberty Street, Chelsea, in the Town of Wappinger, and are open to the public. This notification is being given in accor-

dance with the provisions of Section 94 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York. By order of the Board of Fire Com-

missioners of the Chelsea Fire District. Claire Gibson Fire District Secretary Chelsea Fire District

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

Anderson Foundation for Autism announces recipients of its' recent grantmaking cycle

The leadership team and trustees of Anderson Foundation for Autism recently announced the recipients of its 2024 year-end grantmaking cycle.

The latest list of Anderson Foundation grant award winners includes: Autism at Face Value, located in Dover, Pennsylvania (\$5,500); Eastern Marshall County EMS, located in Wenona, Illinois (\$1,200); and Rock Autism, Inc., located in Buffalo, New York (\$5,000).

This news comes on the heels of Anderson Foundation's October announcement, when recipients of its first-ever set of grant awards were named: Bluepath Service Dogs (grant award: \$5,000), Bring On The Spectrum (grant award: \$6,000); Flower Petals Adaptive Dance Studio (grant award: \$4,200), and Project Ready (grant award: \$6,500).

Said Kevin Kollar, Chair of Anderson Foundation for Autism's Board of Trustees: "The work of each of these non-profit organizations aligns beautifully with our mission at Anderson, which is to optimize the quality of life for individuals with autism. We are so pleased to be able to help them make some of their goals a reality and continue their stellar work in our field."

Explained Patrick Paul, CEO/ Executive Director of Anderson Center for Autism: "Initially, our Foundation was developed with the goal of building a rainy day fund for Anderson. We were successful in doing so, and the Foundation has now grown to the point where we're able to 'pay it forward' to other organizations in the field who are furthering our mission. It is very gratifying for all of us to position others for success in this way, and we look forward to seeing the impact of these awards as time goes on."

President of Autism at Face Value, Angela Kot, said of her organization's grant award: "Autism at Face Value is grateful to Anderson Foundation for Autism for seeing the value in our work using tabletop roleplaying games (RPGs) as a unique and impactful tool for social and emotional growth. These activities have shown remarkable benefits for individuals facing challenges such as autism, anxiety, and depression, as they provide both a safe space for self-expression and a dynamic environment for skill-building. With this grant, our community outreach will grow and more individuals living with autism will benefit from our enrichment programs."

Other grant recipients likewise expressed gratitude for the grants and are working to plan initiatives made possible by the funds. Said Jacy Ahrens, Assistant Supervisor and Training Coordinator for Eastern Marshall County EMS, "This award is being utilized to host an Autism Awareness Course for police, fire and EMS agencies in our area. The grant will allow our area first responders to gain knowledge in autism and related disorders to help benefit those within the communities we serve. We are looking forward to our upcoming course in March!"

Paul noted that the next grantmaking cycle is now underway and that Anderson Foundation for Autism has reserved up to \$50,000 in total for its 2025 awards.

Eliza Bozenski, Chief Development Officer at Anderson Foundation for Autism, said: "We are in awe of the wide range of projects and geographic regions represented in the proposals we've received - and now that our 2025 online submission form is online, we're excited to see what comes our way in the months ahead. Interested nonprofits must complete their applications before June 30th, at which point our committee will begin the proposal review phase. Our plan is to make decisions before September 30th and notify all applicants of our decisions by December 31st."

Bozenski stated that applications will be reviewed by members of Anderson Foundation for Autism's Board of Trustees and grant committee members. Employees of Anderson Center for Autism are not included in the review and selection process. Grantees will be required to provide outcome updates to Anderson Foundation for Autism following award disbursements.

Anderson Center for Autism (ACA), founded in 1924, which also receives funds from Anderson Foundation for Autism, offers evidence-based educational, vocational, residential, and consulting/training programs, drawing students and residents from all over the United States to experience its school and residential offerings. Its affiliate, Anderson Center International (ACI), hosts scholars from countries throughout the world for a 12-18 month training program at Anderson's Staatsburg campus (today, that includes 26 scholars from 10 countries). During this experience at Anderson, scholars gain the education needed to improve schooling, workplace environments, and overall therapy and



Game Master Dave combines 30 years of tabletop gaming experience with his therapeutic clinical skills to create an immersive environment for Autism at Face Value, one of Anderson Foundation for Autism's grant recipients.

-Photo courtesy of Autism at Face Value.

care for people with autism upon returning to their home countries. Another Anderson Center for Autism affiliate, Anderson Center Consulting and Training (ACCT), has, among other activities, delivered training needed for over 150 businesses to gain designation as being "Autism Supportive."

Anderson also runs Early Learning Academy programs (in Pine Plains and Latham, NY) and The Anderson Center

Clinic (Latham, NY).

For more information, contact Eliza Bozenski, Chief Development Officer of Anderson Foundation for Autism at (845) 889-9594 or by email: EBozenski@AndersonCares.org.

Grant applications must be submitted on or before June 30 using this link: <https://forms.gle/dvhpeCPNR6mER5z89>.

Visit <https://www.andersoncenterforautism.org/afagrants/> for further details.

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

-against- CORNELIUS S. DOSS, ETAL.

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Dutchess on March 12, 2024, wherein U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET

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TRUST is the Plaintiff and CORNELIUS S. DOSS, ETAL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the D U T C H E S S COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, REAR LOBBY, 10 MARKET STREET, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12601, on February 25, 2025 at 2:30PM, premises known as 65 FENTON WAY, HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY 12533; and the following tax map identification, 6457-01-255768.

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

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Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 2021-54254. Elizabeth A. Roosa, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. **All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.**

MEETING NOTICE EAST CLINTON FIRE DISTRICT

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the East Clinton Fire District Board of Commissioners will hold a Workshop Meeting for the new Facility on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the East Clinton Firehouse, 9 Firehouse Lane, Clinton Corners, NY. Dated: January 15, 2025 East Clinton Fire District Board of Commissioners Carol Mackin, Secretary

Notice is hereby given that a license, number "pending", for beer, cider, liquor and wine has been applied for by Danny's Table Restaurant and Bar LLC to sell beer, cider,

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liquor and wine at retail in a restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 1113 Main Street, Fishkill, New York

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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD **TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 102/2025** **RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF TOWN HALL HOURS FOR 2025** **BE IT RESOLVED**, the regular hours for Town Hall and the following offices for the Town of Pleasant Valley for the year 2025 shall be: **Town Clerks Office & Town Supervisor's Office:** Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM & Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM **Assessor's Office:** Assessor; Monday & Wednesday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM **Assessor Clerk:** Monday through Thursday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM **Building, Planning & Zoning:** Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM & Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM **Recreation Department:** Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM **Justice Court:** Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Closed on Fridays

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MOTION: Councilman Rifenburgh
SECOND: Councilwoman Chapman

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DATED: January 6, 2025
ROLL CALL:
Councilwoman Chapman
Councilman Cookinham
Councilman Degan
Councilman Rifenburgh
Supervisor Albrecht

Hopewell Reformed Church pastor to teach the entire Bible in 2025

By Kristine Coulter

This month, Pastor Doug Leonard, who is with the Hopewell Reformed Church in East Fishkill, began teaching the Bible. He is teaching the Bible for 52 weeks.

"I came up with the idea this past November. I have met so many people who have talked about wanting to read through the whole Bible, but they get bogged down along the way. There are several Bible reading plans out there to help people read through the whole Bible in a year. But what I wanted to offer people was more than another Bible reading plan, I also want to give people weekly guidance with what they are reading. And then on the first Sunday of every month throughout 2025 from noon to 1 p.m., we are hosting an open Q and A session at the church. Anyone can attend. I want people to feel free to come with any question, including their skepticism. The Bible can be a complicated book. But properly understood, the Bible is an incredible source for faith and life," explained Leonard.

So, if someone wants to participate, what should they know about what is required?

"There are no requirements. Anyone who is not currently connected to a church, and is interested in reading the Bible in 2025, is welcome to join us," said Leonard.

One may visit the following link to download the app: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/hopewell-reformed-church/id6502384459>.

Kim Warner, a deacon with the Hopewell Reformed Church, said, "This year with Pastor Doug offering a study of the Bible in 52 weeks is very exciting for many of us who have been in the church a long time. Pastor Doug is extremely gifted in delivering messages. He's articulate, authentic, comprehensive, passionate and has a very special gift of helping

you understand more about God's love for us."

Warner added, "I would invite anybody and everybody who wants to know more about how the Bible fits together, and how it applies to your own life today in 2025, to join the services in person or through the churches app."

Another deacon with the church is Louis Arocho. Arocho said, "Recognizing that individuals possess varying levels of faith, many often hesitate to ask questions about biblical passages that trouble them, fearing judgment or exposure of their uncertainties. Our program actively encourages all participants to voice their inquiries, revealing that many share similar concerns. By exploring the entire Bible together, we aim to address every question posed, affirming that even a small curiosity is a valuable starting point on this spiritual journey, as Jesus reminds us that faith as small as a mustard seed is sufficient."

One can click on the Hopewell Reformed Church app and click the Bible icon at the bottom of the screen each day. "That is where you will find the daily Bible readings. There is an audio option there if you'd rather listen to the Bible. You can also choose the translation of the Bible you prefer," said Leonard.

One can then visit Hopewell Reformed Church on Sunday mornings (8:45 a.m. informal contemporary service, or 10:30 a.m. traditional service) to hear the readings for that week explained in the sermon.

"There are many ways that a person could approach reading the Bible; as literature, as an historical document of the Hebrew people leading to the movement of Christianity, as a book that taps into archetypal forms or ancient primordial patterns in the human psyche," said Leonard "In this case, I'll be exploring the Bible from a Christian faith perspective, helping people to see how the Bible



Hopewell Reformed Church Pastor Doug Leonard is teaching the entire Bible in 52 weeks.

-Courtesy photo

guides us to a relationship with the living God, revealed in Christ."

He noted, "Most of us who grew up in churches learned the separate stories of the Bible as kids, or we learned about the characters of the Bible, but what I want to help people to understand is how those separate stories and characters all fit together to form a larger narrative that reveals the living God." The pastor added, "I also want to help people to navigate the difficult questions that come up as we read this book: "Is it possible to believe in both science and the Bible? I'll explain why the answer is an emphatic "Yes." Science and the Bible are not in opposition."

Does knowing one can study the entire Bible in 52 weeks help people want to accomplish the goal of doing that?

"I think it does help to know that the Bible can be read in a year, but also that reading it is easier to accomplish with some guidance, some explanation along

the way. And I think it's important for people to know that my reason for doing this is not to coerce a particular outcome. I want people to have the freedom to read it and discuss it and to make their own informed conclusions about it. I also want people to be open to where God's spirit may lead them as they explore the Bible," replied Leonard.

"In answer to the question what qualifies me to offer this? I have served as a Christian pastor and taught the Bible for the past 30 + years. I have my Master's in Divinity degree from Princeton Seminary with coursework at Westminster Seminary. I have also taught seminary. As part of my graduate work, I had to learn Hebrew and Greek, the original languages that the Bible was written in. But mostly, I love people wherever they are in their faith journey and I am passionate about teaching the Bible," said Leonard.

Winners announced in annual MLK Jr. essay contest

The following excerpts from Beacon City School District students were announced as the winners of the 2025 MLK Jr. Essay Contest.

**Gavin Berry
Ms. Fisher**

**J.V. Forrestal Elementary School
Grade 5**

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream to end racism in the U.S. We can keep his dream alive by being kind to one another and remembering what he did. We can also keep his dream alive by treating everyone the same with kindness and respect. Also, you can treat everybody the way you want be treated. Dr. King impacted many lives.

This is the day to honor and recognize all he did.

**Edith Lieberman
Ms. Keogh**

**J.V. Forrestal Elementary School
Grade 4**

Dr. King's words still ring true today. In fact, they are more necessary than ever. The kids of my generation face many injustices and issues, including gun violence, climate change, and the loss of women's rights. Racial inequality remains a big problem. There is still a lot of work to be done, and we are all responsible for doing it.

Even though I am just a kid, I know I can make an impact on the world, just like Dr. King did.

**Kendra Young
Grade 2**

I try to be like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by always being nice to others. Look at my friends. We all are different colors and Dr. King taught us no matter what race or differences we have, we all can get along.

**Amelia Scott
Ms. Gall**

**J.V. Forrestal Elementary School
Grade 2**

Martin Luther King's dream was that people would not be judged by the color of their skin, but by their character. We keep his dream alive by treating people equally every day. For example, let everyone play in your game and don't exclude people because of their skin color. You should be kind to one another no matter what they look like.

**Alice Courtney
Ms. Fisher**

**J.V. Forrestal Elementary School
Grade 5**

One way to keep Dr. Martin Luther King's dream alive is to stand up to unfair treatment. If you come across someone being treated unfairly, you can stand up for them! It doesn't matter how old you are. As they say, "one good deed always sparks another." If you see something unfair or wrong, one voice will lead to more!

Another way to keep King's dream alive is to volunteer to help people who are less fortunate. For example, volunteering at a food pantry can help get food to those in need.

No matter how young or old you are, there are ways to make a difference!

**Atlas C. Baltz
Beacon High School
Grade 10**

Every person has a dream, whether it be on a small scale or large scale. Many people dream of things such as fame or love, but society's forward thinkers dream of one thing: progress. Martin Luther King's time was uncertain, with rampant racial tension and segregation. Racism was commonplace and often government supported.

In addition to being able to recognize problems, a civically-aware citizen must be able to engage in critical thought surrounding the issue and reach different conclusions and/or come up with propositions to address the problem.

It is the duty of humanity to fight for freedom, unity, and hope. It is the duty of humanity to stick together for the common good. It is the duty of humanity to keep the dream of Dr. King. alive until it is completed.

**Evelyn Moreno
Beacon High School, Grade 12**

Growing up with people of different backgrounds, ethnicities, and cultures taught me how to accept my own, and fuel it with the gasoline that is my voice. With my own my Hispanic background, I plan to keep Martin Luther King's dream alive.

I have never given hatred permission to stop me. I still find a bit of light through the dark tunnel. By keeping King's dream alive, we can find more of that glint of prosperity. All it takes is kindness.

this week's puzzle solutions

2	9	8	3	4	1	9	3	8	6	2
9	8	6	4	7	2	1	3	5		
3	1	2	8	5	6	4	9	7		
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2	9	7	5	6	1	3	4	8		
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8	5	1	3	2	4	9	7	6		

This week's answer
SUDOKU

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N	O	N	O							
B	O	A	R							

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

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Suguru

2	3								
	5					3			
									4

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

THEME: SNOW DAY

ACROSS

1. Larger-than-life
5. Capone's family
8. Wild swine
12. "You're not allowed," to a baby
13. Deal with it
14. Cunningly
15. Shower with affection
16. Allege
17. City in Belgium
18. *Snow Day exercise?
20. Poet Pound
21. Ovine sign of the zodiac
22. Tasseled hat
23. All together (2 words)
26. Military College of South Carolina, with The
30. For every
31. a.k.a. association football
34. *All-day Snow Day garb?
35. Delete
37. Crude fuel
38. Read-only disc
39. Good's counterpart
40. Popular flowering shrub
42. Female ancestor
43. Two heads are better than one, e.g.
45. Bering Strait state
47. Rudolph's Clarice, e.g.
48. Like thick smoke
50. Fountain option
52. *No two are alike, sing.
56. Surround (2 words)
57. Tangerine plus grapefruit
58. *Like a river, with over
59. #51 Down, pl.
60. Heidi's "Magic Wooden Shoe"
61. Olufsen's partner
62. Sound of a bell
63. Not him
64. Surfer's stop

DOWN

1. Odds' partners
2. Tubby little cubby
3. "He's Just Not That ____ You"
4. Of the same period
5. *Popular Snow Day pastime
6. Some tournaments
7. Zugspitze, e.g.
8. *Severe weather
9. Deed hearing
10. Algae, sing.
11. Marble bread
13. ____ Jack, English pirate
14. *As opposed to rain
19. Irregular
22. Type of conifer
23. Musketeers' swords
24. High-strung
25. Cerebellum location
26. Unit of life
27. Students' dwellings
28. *Snow Day reading choice
29. Helping theorem
32. *Like soft pj's
33. Intelligence org.
36. *Slope fun
38. Shorter than California
40. Number of years
41. No, it doesn't crawl in one's ear
44. Horse of certain color, pl.
46. Spontaneous additions
48. Obtuse one
49. Tom Cruise's "The ____ of Money"
50. Highway hauler
51. Bad sign
52. Of a particular kind
53. Smoothie berry
54. Superman's last name
55. Part of a seat
56. *Like chocolate on a Snow Day

CROSSWORD

1	2	3	4			5	6	7		8	9	10	11			
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Pictured are 3rd grade students at Gayhead Elementary School with Principal James Daley; Cathy Oken, Youth Activities Chair; Jeanine McAuley, Esteemed Leading Knight; and Nancy Birkler, Lodge member.



Third grade students at Fishkill Plains Elementary School in the Wappingers Central School District.

-Courtesy photos Beacon Elks

Members of the Beacon Elks Lodge #1493 last month distributed 288 dictionaries to third grade students at Gayhead Elementary, Fishkill Plains Elementary, Fishkill Elementary schools in the Wappingers Central

School District and South Avenue Elementary School in the Beacon City School District. This donation was made using part of a Gratitude Grant.

“One of the criteria of the Gratitude Grant is to use the funds to ‘advance

education but not through scholarships,’” said Michael Zanzarella, Exalted Ruler, Beacon Elks Lodge #1493. “Beacon Lodge is using our funds to provide local students with their first dictionary.

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