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## A chance to thrive!

### Alex & Julie and the 'autism advocacy' journey

By Morgan E. Maier

The front door of Julie Barnett's house on Long Island had double-sided locks, closed at all times. Except one day, when her son Alex took his scooter to the train station and went five stops east on the LIRR (Long Island Rail Road). Julie still remembers the angel standing on the platform who called the police before he made it any further.

Before Alex was diagnosed with autism at 18 months, there were signs. Alex didn't turn his head when his name was called. Alex had missed enough milestones to bring about some concern. The president of a known agency evaluated Alex at home one afternoon. As Julie learned over the phone that evening, they didn't need an overnight deliberation to make the diagnosis.

When Julie's minivan turned onto Education Lane in 2022, she got the feeling right away. Julie was touring the Anderson Center for Autism, but really, she didn't need to get out of the car. As the gate lifted, the weight on Julie did too. This little town in Staatsburg would be the best place for Alex.

With autism, hospital stays are different. They mean sedation, a care team doing what they can to make everyone in the room comfortable. Carnival days require an extra patrol. Because Alex won't say that he sees something interesting, and he'll be going to take a closer look. If nobody sees him go, a shutdown of the grounds, maybe a call to the police, is soon to follow.

April is Autism Acceptance Month, but parents like Julie have a daily awareness - twenty four hours spent advocating and sleeping with an eye open. Holidays and



Julie Barnett and her son, Alex, are pictured walking on campus upon arriving at the Anderson Center for Autism in 2022.

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everyday occasions bring challenges that other individuals don't need to think about. Like when Halloween candy-givers admonish children who avoid eye contact at their door. Or kids growing impatient as a trick-or-treater searches a bowl for one special candy.

For babies born on Independence Day, fireworks are a common birthday treat. Not for Alex. "You don't think you're going to have a kid with autism that's going to be affected by stuff like fire-

works," Julie said.

Advocacy is Julie's game since Alex was diagnosed. Autism was something she had heard of, but she didn't know anyone whose child had it. From early intervention to one-to-one aides and OT, she has gotten Alex what he needs.

As the first autistic student to go through his Long Island school district, Alex was the guinea pig for behavioral

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## 30-year employee of the City of Beacon dies in house fire

By Kristine Coulter

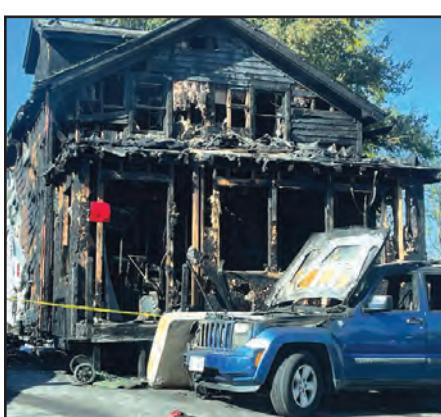
Eugene Murphy was trying to "keep it together" he said for his family and to do what his father would always do - assist others.

A residential fire at 9 Alice St. took the life of Eugene "Gene" Murphy, 81. Gene was one of four occupants in the house on April 15 when the fire broke out around 6:30 p.m.

The City of Beacon Fire Department was dispatched to the call that day with reports that people were trapped, according to city officials. The exact cause of the fire remains under investigation.

"Upon arrival at scene, Beacon Fire Department Car 2 confirmed heavy fire emanating from the front of the house, as well as from three vehicles in the front of structure. A second alarm was requested. City of Beacon Engines 33-15 and 33-16 arrived simultaneously and began a transitional attack. The deck gun from Engine 33-16 was used to knock down the fire on the front of the house while firefighters stretched an attack line to a door on the porch of the #4 (northeast) side of the structure. Firefighters gained entry into that side door and were met with heavy fire conditions inside," according to a press release from city officials.

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The remnants of 9 Alice St in Beacon after a house fire, in which 81-year-old Eugene "Gene" Murphy, a Beacon resident, died on April 15.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

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## Legislature votes unanimously on ethical, financial disclosure forms

Members of the Dutchess County Legislature voted unanimously to require members of two additional boards to complete the county's ethical and financial disclosure forms annually at the meeting held on April 14.

The change was led by Democrats Lisa Kaul (D-Town of Poughkeepsie) and Kristofer Munn (D-Red Hook).

In 2019, the Legislature passed new ethics rules and disclosure requirements that included the members of four boards: the Dutchess County Labor Development Corporation (LDC), Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency (IDA), the Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency (RRA) and the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority (WWA). But in 2020, Republicans removed the four boards after complaints were lodged by members of the IDA, LDC, and WWA.

The legislature restored the IDA & LDC members to the disclosure list in 2024.

"Every year, I would propose restoring the IDA & LDC to the list, but the Republican majority refused," said Munn. "But last year, they agreed. And this year, we have also added the RRA and WWA. It is good to finally achieve this goal and improve transparency and oversight in Dutchess County."

Lisa Kaul, stated, "I'm gratified to help move Dutchess County toward greater transparency in governance. By establishing clear, consistent standards that apply equally to all who hold significant fiduciary and/or policy making responsibilities, we strengthen public trust and ensure decisions reflect community interests. This transparency isn't just good governance—it's what our residents deserve."

Legislature chairman Will Truitt (R-Poughkeepsie and Pleasant Valley) said, "This motion passed unanimously, and the Republican Caucus is in full agreement. When Legislator Kaul raised the issue back in February, as Chairman I decided to take a deeper look at the issue with the goal of establishing a framework that would guide us in deciding which board members should submit disclosures. After careful review, we decided that any boards that hold significant fiduciary and policy making responsibilities that extend beyond simply advising the legislature should submit disclosures. We continue to prioritize transparency to ensure that the residents of Dutchess County retain confidence in the great working being done by these volunteer boards."

Minority Leader, Yvette Valdés Smith (D-Fishkill/Beacon), said, "This is a win for the people of Dutchess County. Transparency and accountability are pillars of good government. This is what we aim to do here by strengthening and clarifying the parameters of ethical and financial disclosures."

Financial disclosures are required of all county elected officials and county workers that direct policy and financial decisions. The required information includes disclosing relationships with companies that do business with the county.

# 30-year employee of the City of Beacon dies in house fire

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Firefighters began to knock the fire down and conducted a primary search of the first floor, it was stated. According to officials, during a primary search of the house, no victims were found on the first floor of the residence.

"Once the fire was knocked down on the first floor, members moved up the stairs to the second floor to knock down more fire and conduct a primary search of the second floor. The fire on the second floor was knocked down, and the primary search was negative. Members from Beacon FD (Fire Department) and Castle Point FD began to ventilate and conducted a secondary search of all floors. During the secondary search, a deceased person was located on the first floor in the living room," according to the release from officials. "The person was confirmed to be deceased, and the Incident Commander was updated. Members used a blanket and tarp to cover the person while conducting an overhaul and extinguishing hot spots throughout the structure."

Three of the four occupants were able to escape the structure and were transported to the hospital for burn injuries. The fourth occupant, who was declared deceased, was identified by city officials as Gene Murphy.

"To see things on TV, but to be on the other end – to actually have to cope and keep other family members together..." said Eugene.

"My father was like the 'Mayor of Dutchess County,'" said Eugene. "He was such a kind, big-hearted man. He always made everyone laugh."

Gene was a retired City of Beacon Highway Department supervisor, who worked for the City for thirty years, it was stated in the release. "Mayor [Lee] Kyriacou offered his condolences on behalf of the City to Mr. Murphy's family and friends," reads the release.

"The way he carried and conducted himself, it was pretty incredible. He always kept his spirits up," said Eugene about his father.

Eugene remarked that the elder Murphy "loved his tractor." He even used his walker to assist him getting on the tractor, Eugene recalled of his father.

Eugene explained that his father and brother, who needs assistance, lived in the home, as well as his sister, and his son (who wasn't home at the time of the fire) lived in the house to help their family members. Gene's great-grandson, Markus, was severely burned and transported to Westchester Medical Center in Westchester County. The 15-year-old was covered in bandages, said Eugene.

"The community has been outstanding. The support [they've shown] – I don't have words," said Eugene. He said members of the fire companies, Beacon City School District "and the list goes on and on" have been very supportive." He also offered thanks to the American Red Cross.

Eugene gave special thanks to family friend Patrick O'Dell who set up a GoFundMe page for the family. "I can't thank him enough," remarked Eugene.

Castle Point Fire Department (Engine Truck), the Village of Fishkill Fire Department (Ladder Truck), Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps (BVAC), City



**Eugene "Gene" Murphy died in a house fire at 9 Alice St. in Beacon on April 15. Three of his relatives were able to make it out of the house.**

-Courtesy photo

of Beacon Medic 1 (Ambulnz), and the City of Beacon Police Department also responded to the call.

The Dutchess County Fire Investigation Division and City of Beacon Police conducted an investigation with the assistance of Fire Department personnel. While operating on scene, four City of Beacon Fire Department members and

two Castle Point Fire Department members sustained minor injuries, states the release.

The structures at 9 Alice Street, and the adjacent residence at 15 Alice Street sustained some radiant heat damage from the fire. Those two structures were condemned by the City of Beacon Building Department, according to city officials.

## See how to register as a volunteer for National Rebuilding Day on April 26

On National Rebuilding Day, Saturday, April 26, three local homeowners in Dutchess and Ulster County will receive critical home repairs and accessibility modifications at no cost to them, thanks to the efforts of Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley (RTHV) and a coalition of generous volunteers, businesses, and community supporters. The work is part of RTHV's

signature Rebuilding Day program, celebrated each April during National Rebuilding Month, a nationwide initiative that mobilizes thousands of volunteers to repair homes, revitalize communities, and rebuild lives. The three homes are located in the Town of Pleasant Valley, the Village of Red Hook and the City of Kingston, Ulster County.

This year's projects focused on improving safety, accessibility, and quality of life for neighbors in need - including but not limited to income qualified veterans, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and families facing financial hardship. All three homes will receive customized repairs tailored to each homeowner's unique circumstances, including modifi-

cations like the installation of grab bars and railings, stair repair, roofs, windows, electrical repairs, weatherization updates, and other essential repairs that allow residents to safely age in place.

For more information about Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley, its programs, or how to get involved as a volunteer or sponsor, please visit [www.rthudsonvalley.org](http://www.rthudsonvalley.org).



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## A chance to thrive!

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support services. It was clear Alex needed more than what public school could offer, so Julie enrolled him at BOCES. Smaller class sizes, less time at a desk, and the chance to park in a beanbag and catch up on much-needed sleep. Children with autism and their parents do not get those full eight hours.

Alex loves his DVDs. He might not watch the whole movie, but he'll organize them by category, open them up, and check out the DVD guides cover-to-cover. He'll reproduce DVD guides with full scenes and extras.

Alex's family, Julie, brothers Joe and Cooper, and Julie's fiancé Steve have taken turns helping him create such renditions. No detail goes overlooked. There's a touch of Alex in everything he does, from DVD guides to Lego sets. The Lego collection lives 20 minutes away from Anderson, in the home Julie and Steve moved into last August. Julie always planned to follow Alex like she would on Long Island, matching his moves on her own scooter.

In the little town on Anderson's campus, where brightly colored houses sit among century-old architecture, Alex has the chance to thrive. The trained staff at Anderson uses Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) in all learning contexts. In ABA methodology, observed behaviors are studied to address responses. Each approach is tailored to the individual.

There's a library, gym class, the pool, and opportunities to enjoy all four seasons of the Hudson Valley. This includes a pond for fishing, plus a prime view of the Hudson River and an ice cream truck that doubles as a hot chocolate machine on wheels.

But it isn't just a school. They teach life skills and lasting tools for productive lives.

Everybody has a role at Anderson, whether it's a job taking inventory, janito-

rial, helping deliver supplies to buildings, or other roles necessary for Anderson's daily operations. Some have opportunities to participate in work programs within the community.

Julie gets misty when talking about her appreciation for Anderson. It's immense gratitude for the compassion, support during the ups and downs of the last two-and-a-half years since Alex moved in. When Alex turns 21, he will stay at Anderson until he's ready to transition to the next right fit.

Not every family has the option for Anderson's lifelong learning. Not every family gets hugs like the mushy kind that Alex gives his mom. Some travel cross-country for these services, and a day trip to SplashDown isn't feasible. Others don't see certain milestones firsthand, like the first time Alex said he wanted ice cream.

Julie's advocacy continues as the officer-at-large for the Anderson Family Partners. She describes it as the Anderson PTA, a welcoming committee for the families who come through. Everyone has a different reason for coming to Anderson, and each can lean on others who have been in the same shoes. Together they laugh, cry, and share things that few parents will understand. Like when Julie's neighbor knocked on her door to say, Alex has found his way onto the roof. Some parents would be horrified, pass judgment. Autism parents' support groups say, "I've been there."

Where Alex used to be coaxed to the movie theater for the popcorn and candy, he'll now sit for the entire screening. The staff at Anderson told Julie that Alex is even eating salad, plus Jamaican patties and pickles. Julie recounts it with equal parts of wonder and amusement, and a shrug of, "That's my Alex." He's 16, loving, happy, and secure in the routine at

Anderson Center. Dinner at Julie's house better be cooking at 5 p.m., or Alex will get the pans ready himself.

Each mountain on the horizon, turkey, and deer in her backyard remind Julie she's made the right decisions every time she buckles in to see Alex. Walkway Over the Hudson has become the backdrop for family memories. The "Mom Van" that traversed camping trips and Cooper's college visits now pulls into Stewart's on the way home from the latest adventure.

With Julie's and Alex's matching scooters in the trunk, the family continues the journey.



*Alex with the Lego creations he built in less than 48 hours around Christmas time last year.*

*-Courtesy photo*

## Anderson Center responds to new autism prevalence rate, now 1 in 31

The executive leadership team at Anderson Center for Autism has responded to the news from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) that autism prevalence rates are now 1 in 31, according to 2022 data.

Autism, a neurodevelopmental disorder, presents with a wide range of communication, sensory processing, behavioral, and socialization differences. The newly-announced incidence rate is up from the CDC's previous report, which was 1 in 36, based on 2020 research.

Said Patrick Paul, CEO/Executive Director of Anderson Center for Autism, "While there are no clear answers on why incidence rates are on the rise, one thing is certain: agencies like Anderson Center for Autism provide critically important services for this population, and we remain deeply committed to doing all we can to meet the growing demands."

Established over 100 years ago in 1924, Anderson provides educational, vocational, clinical, and residential services for people with autism at its Staatsburg, NY campus. The nonprofit organization also runs Anderson Early Learning Academy (AELA) with three locations: Latham, Pine Plains and Mount Marion, Anderson Center Clinic (ACC) in Latham, LifeLong Learning? day habilitation centers and adult residences throughout the Hudson Valley region.

The agency also has a number of affiliates working in other capacities to further its mission. Anderson Center International (ACI) trains scholars from all over the world, who work with Anderson experts to acquire the knowledge needed to establish programs upon return to their home countries. Anderson Center Consulting and Training (ACCT) provides training for schools, universities, families/caregivers, businesses, organizations, and entire communities who seek to join a roster of over 150 entities who have gained designation through ACCT as

"Autism Supportive." And ECHO Autism Anderson is a case-based learning program that offers educators from all over the world an opportunity to connect and learn from experts in the field in order to better support students with autism and other neurodiversities in their schools.

Dr. Tina Marie Covington, Chief Operating Officer at Anderson Center for Autism, said: "We believe we have a responsibility to take our 100-plus years of experience and use it to help empower colleagues - and the general public - with tools to optimize the quality of life for those individuals with autism in their own circles. We've become a go-to resource for agencies large and small, schools and colleges, and companies that range from small-town banks to a major transportation hub like Newark Liberty International Airport. With incidence rates at 1 in 31, we must all work together to better understand what helps autistic and neurodivergent people thrive, and to do everything possible to cultivate a collective spirit of acceptance in society."

Covington added that there is no known cause of autism.

"What we do know is that our evidence-based practices, rooted in the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis, lead to the best possible outcomes for autistic and neurodivergent individuals. We know that offering a continuum of care across the lifespan is also key to well-being and success. We know that parents, caregivers, and siblings need supportive communities too. And we know that the adage is indeed true, that 'if you've met one person with autism, you've met one person with autism.' Each individual has unique characteristics and strengths, and we must customize programs for each person to ensure that we are maximizing potential." For more information, visit [andersoncenterforautism.org](http://andersoncenterforautism.org).

## Community Wellness Day set April 26 at Fishkill Town Hall

The Southern Dutchess Community Coalition (SDCC) invites residents to attend Community Wellness Day on Saturday, April 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



at Fishkill Town Hall, located at 807 Route 52.

This free, family-friendly event will feature food, music, and engaging activities aimed at promoting health and wellness throughout the community. Attendees will have access to safe medication disposal services and a variety of community resources designed to support overall well-being.

"Community Wellness Day is all about bringing people together in a fun and welcoming environment while also providing essential resources that contribute to a healthier community," said a representative of the SDCC.

The event is hosted by the Southern Dutchess Community Coalition with special thanks to the Town of Fishkill for their collaboration.

For more information, contact SDCC at [sdcc@capedc.org](mailto:sdcc@capedc.org) or 845-489-1247.

Please take the survey to help them provide the best resources for our community's needs.

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### About one's Social Security contributions and payments

#### To the Editor:

Without a doubt, mathematics is both the language of the universe and a kind of intellectual lubricant—it helps us think clearly. However, incorrect assumptions often lead to flawed diagnoses and, ultimately, poor decisions.

When evaluating Social Security, it's essential to use accurate assumptions, including the effects of double taxation and the time value of money. Consider a hypothetical individual who earned \$100,000 annually over a 40-year career, retired at age 60, and lived until 90, passing away in 2025. That would mean their working years began in 1956, when the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was just 27.2.

Let's say this individual paid \$10,000 into Social Security. The tax rate was 75%, but using a rate of 28%, they would have actually paid \$12,800 to net that \$10,000 after tax. Adjusting for inflation and applying the time value of money, the present value of that contribution in today's dollars would be approximately \$1,176,471.

Now, if we adjust every annual contribution over 40 years, then account for every after-tax benefit received over the 30 years of retirement—indexing all values over the 70-year span using mid-year CPI rates—the total inflation-adjusted "pay-in" balloons to approximately \$25,409,195, while the total after-tax benefit received amounts to just \$758,100.

This utterly dismantles the widespread claim that retirees "get more out of Social Security than they put in." On the contrary, this analysis shows a massive shortfall.

To address this imbalance, one potential reform would be to treat Social Security contributions as deferred taxes and personal assets, allocating them to inflation-protected instruments like TIPS (Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities), while keeping current disbursement rules intact (starting at age 62½ or later).

It's time to debunk the illusion: Social Security isn't paying more than it collects per individual. Instead, it taxes working income, reinvests it inefficiently, and pays it back in inflated dollars—after taxing it again. Real reform starts with honest math.

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### 'You can erase history, but you cannot erase the facts'

#### To the Editor:

Some politicians and their appointed policymakers are extending the attack on facts and First Amendment guarantees beyond K-12 school libraries, to institutions that defend these guarantees, sometimes to the death.

Removing 381 titles from the shelves of the Naval Academy Nimitz Library and rendering them "not immediately available" to the adult population of an institute of higher learning is a zealous attempt by a few rogue politicians in charge to erase/whitewash the history of our country. To minimize the struggles that have made us the great nation we are and "disappear" from history the people that own those struggles, is cancel culture at an epic level.

You can erase history, but you cannot erase the facts.

In 1857 Sam Green of Maryland was sentenced to ten years in prison for owning a copy of the then banned book "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Imagine, today he could be facing a one way flight to a prison in El Salvador.

These few politicians, seemingly drunk on power, are taking away the rights of our universities to provide the fertile fields of diverse opinions and critical thinking.

During the Cultural Revolution (1966-1976), Chairman Mao threw China into turmoil in an effort to reverse the historic processes under way. Books were censored and banned that didn't align with his ideology.

In defending the Constitution, I will stand up for and vote to defend our democracy and First Amendment rights...from the most local elections all the way to the top. Standing silently as a few attempt to derail that democracy is no longer an option for me.

Amy James-Oliveras  
Wappingers Falls

### Dintino begins tenure as DCC president

Dutchess Community College has named Dennis Dintino vice president for finance and administration. He began his tenure on April 1.

A seasoned financial and operational leader, Dintino has held senior positions at Columbia University, NYU and the former Polytechnic University. At NYU's Tandon School of Engineering, he led a \$100 million campus transformation initiative that included a 10,000-square-foot MakerSpace. He has also worked with colleges and universities nationwide through his consulting work with the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO). Dintino holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Rutgers University, graduating magna cum laude.

"Dennis brings extensive experience in higher education finance and administration, coupled with valuable consulting expertise," said DCC President Peter Grant Jordan. "He has a proven track record leading strategic financing and campus transformation initiatives, which makes him well-qualified to guide DCC's financial and master planning strategy during this pivotal time. As we continue to make critical investments in people, programs, partnerships and physical assets, Dennis's leadership and expertise will help ensure our financial resources align with the College's strategic priorities and long-term vision."

At DCC, Dintino is focused on ensuring that financial planning and resource allocation support strategic priorities and long-term



Dennis Dintino

-Courtesy photo DCC

growth. His responsibilities include oversight of the College's operating budget, capital projects and key operational areas such as Finance and Budget, Facilities, Safety and Security, and Information Technology.

"My guiding principle has always been to do what's best for the College," said Dintino. "At DCC, that means starting with the mission and the strategic plan—then building the tactical and budgetary plans that get us there. I'm energized by President Jordan's vision and encouraged by the collaborative spirit I've seen at all levels of the College—from the Board of Trustees to faculty, staff and students—and by the deep commitment to the community DCC serves. I'm excited to contribute to the momentum DCC has built and help advance the important work already underway."

### Dutchess Outreach receives funding to identify mobility options for residents

To make it easier for community members to get around town, Dutchess Outreach has been funded to study "micro-mobility" options that can be widely accessible, including shuttles, bikes, scooters and pedicabs.

The project is a collaboration with Empire Clean Cities and Sustainable Hudson Valley, two nongovernmental organizations focusing on scaling up electric and clean-powered transportation and transitioning rapidly away from polluting technologies.

A community forum to be held on May 2 from 3-4:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Family Partnership Center at 29 North Hamilton St. in Poughkeepsie.

"With the average cost of car ownership around \$1,000 a month in the US, we know that not everyone can afford their own car. The bus works for some people, sometimes, but the gaps need to be filled. What's changing the game is more affordable micro-trans-

sit options, and new business models that allow for local ownership of services," said Melissa Everett, Executive Director of Sustainable Hudson Valley.

Funded by NYSERDA's Clean Mobility Program, the spring project will gather inputs from residents on where they need to go, at what times, and what barriers they are now experiencing. The project will include studying the business models of successful rent-to-own programs that expand access to people-powered and electric transportation. Similar grants have been given to the City of Kingston, SUNY New Paltz, and a Beacon-Newburgh group called Regional Connector which focuses on making it easier for people to get from Newburgh across the bridge to the Beacon train station. Sustainable Hudson Valley is connecting these and other yet-to-be-funded projects to imagine and create a regional network of services.

### Earth Day event in Poughkeepsie on April 26

A day of learning how to protect our planet at the annual Earth Day event on Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Environmental Cooperative, 50 Vassar Farm Lane, in Poughkeepsie. The event is in part-

nership between Dutchess County and Vassar College.

For more information and a list of all participating organizations, visit: dutchessny.gov/solidwaste.

## Inaugural 'Honor-A-Veteran' ceremony recognizes service of Millbrook veteran

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and the Office of Veterans Affairs hosted the County's first "Honor-A-Veteran" Ceremony on Thursday, April 17, paying tribute to the late Andrew Peter Doro, a distinguished U.S. Army veteran and cherished member of the Millbrook community. The event, held at Millbrook's Village Hall, was the first such monthly recognition, which the County Executive will host from April through November, celebrating the lives of local veterans who have passed away and served our country with honor.

Serino said, "Through our new Honor-A-Veteran program, we're making sure the legacies of our local heroes live on – not just in history books, but in the hearts of the people they served. Andrew Doro embodied the very best of what it means to serve – not just in uniform, but in the way he showed up for his family, his community, and his country every day. Honoring him today is more than just a tribute, but rather a reminder of the lasting impact one person can make through service and strength."

Born in the Bronx in 1945, Mr. Doro began his military journey in 1966, serving as an Executive Officer for Basic Training at Fort Ord, Calif. In 1967, he was deployed to Vietnam, where he served as a First Lieutenant. For his heroism in combat, Lt. Doro was honored with numerous awards and commendations, including the Silver Star, the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman Badge and several marksman-ship medals. His bravery and steadfast commitment to his fellow soldiers came at great personal cost, leading to more than 18 months of recovery in an Army hospital due to injury.

After being honorably discharged, Lt. Doro earned advanced degrees in management, education and psychology from

St. John's University. He dedicated his professional life to education, serving in roles such as psychologist, Vice Principal, Executive Director of Special Education and Chairperson of Special Education Committees across various school districts. Lt. Doro also gave back to the veteran community as a crisis intervention counselor for those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and he served on the board of directors of a veteran outreach center.

Lt. Doro later founded Millbrook Support Services Inc., where he served as Chief Executive Officer. Under his leadership, the company became one of the nation's fastest-growing Service-Disabled, Veteran-Owned healthcare staffing firms.

Lt. Doro passed away April 11, 2024; read Lt. Doro's obituary at <https://www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com/obituary/andrew-doro>.

Office of Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche said, "Lt. Doro was a highly honored Army veteran, a brave and respected leader in Vietnam, and a man whose courage needed no explanation. His deep devotion to his community, his loved ones and his faith left a lasting impression on many, and his legacy will continue to resonate throughout Dutchess County for years."

During today's ceremony, County Executive Serino and Office of Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche and members of the Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran Committee presented Lt. Doro's family with several honors, including a:

- U.S. flag flown in Dutchess County for 30 days in his memory;
- Proclamation from County Executive Serino;
- Veterans Challenge Coin from the Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran Committee;



Village of Millbrook Mayor Peter Doro, son of Lt. Andrew Peter Doro; and Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino

- Courtesy photo Dutchess County Gov't

- New York State Senate Liberty Medal from Sen. Michelle Hinchey;

- Handmade quilt from Mental Health America of Dutchess County's Veterans Programs' Quilts2Quilts; and

- Custom shadow box of memorabilia from the Office of Veterans Affairs.

Monthly "Honor-A-Veteran" ceremonies will continue through November, dedicated to honoring deceased veterans for their service to their nation. Future ceremonies will take place at 9 a.m. on or about the third Thursday of each month.

To be eligible for this initiative, veterans must meet the following criteria:

- Be deceased for at least 30 days;
- Have served in the United States Armed Forces with an honorable discharge, listed as missing in action, or died while serving in the military; and
- Wartime and peacetime service is eligible, with no specific service dates or length-

of-service requirements.

Family, friends and community members are encouraged to nominate a veteran to be recognized through the "Honor-A-Veteran" initiative. Applications for the program are available online at [dutchessny.gov/honoraveteran](http://dutchessny.gov/honoraveteran) or in person at the Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs, 1335 Route 44 in Pleasant Valley. All submitted applications must be accompanied by a copy of the veteran's military separation papers (DD-214, WD AGO 53-55, NBG-22 or report of casualty), obituary, and death certificate.

Completed applications can be submitted via email to [veterans@dutchessny.gov](mailto:veterans@dutchessny.gov) or returned to the Office of Veterans Affairs in person; members of the Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran Committee will review each application for consideration. More information is available by calling the County's Office of Veterans Affairs at 845-486-2060.

## VETERANS NEWS

## WITH ADAM ROCHE, County Office of Veterans Affairs

# Helping Vets deal with Military Sexual Trauma (MST)

Much attention has been given, with many articles and studies devoted to PTSD, or Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and its effect on those who have served in the military – especially those who have been in combat. This has raised awareness in the general population and has been a big reason many of our vets now are seeking help to cope with the effects of PTSD.

What has not been given the same amount of exposure under the umbrella of PTSD is what is known as Military Sexual Trauma (MST). MST refers to sexual assault or sexual harassment that has occurred during military service and includes any sexual activity during that service where a veteran was involved against their will. Things like being pressured or forced into sexual activities with threats of negative consequences; inability to consent to sexual activities, for example while intoxicated or asleep; unwanted touching, including during "hazing" episodes; and threatening remarks and behavior about a person's body; or unwanted sexual advances.

I've long been aware of the trauma many of our military veterans have endured dealing with MST. However, it has been working closely with Mental Health America (MHA) and its Program Director, Alyssa Carrion, that I have become significantly more attuned to how vital it is for those dealing with MST to have an avenue to help cope with, and process, what they have gone through in a safe environment with other veterans who have faced similar crises.

Thanks to a grant from the Red Foundation, MHADC Veterans Programs has recently begun a Women Veterans MST Support Group. The program is held every other week at our Veterans One Stop campus in Pleasant Valley, and women veterans can participate in-person or online. One week is led by Alison George, a local art therapist, while the

alternate week is a support group style atmosphere with reflection from Warrior Renew, an instructional treatment protocol workbook developed by Lori S. Katz, PhD, a clinical psychologist who founded the Women's Mental Health Cetner at the VA. Warrior Renew has been effective in helping MST survivors release associated feelings like resentment, injustice, betrayal, self-blame, shame, and grief.

Carrion, who coordinated the new initiative, says the confidential support group is off to a great start creating a safe and supportive space to heal for our women veterans who are survivors of MST. She also says that the issue is much more common than people may realize.

Data from the VA's national screening program shows nearly 1 in 3 women and 1 in 50 men have responded affirmatively to experiencing MST, with the rates higher among women mainly because there are many more men in the military than women. These numbers only reflect those who have sought help through the VA and may not be an accurate gauge of the true rates of assault and harassment among those who have served in the military.

Each person is unique, but MST often manifests itself into the day-to-day lives of survivors in various ways. Examples include intense emotional responses such as feeling angry or irritable all the time; being emotionally flat with difficulty experiencing love or affection; trouble sleeping accompanied by disturbing nightmares; finding your mind wandering or having a hard time remembering things; getting "high" to cope with memories or drinking to fall asleep; feeling isolated and void of happiness; difficulty trusting people; struggling with intimacy or sex; trouble with employers and authority figures; and physical health problems like chronic pain, weight gain or eating problems.

Though not a scientific study, many

military personnel who have taken part in an ongoing MST support group say they have found healing, peace of mind and a sense of freedom that their lives can move forward. And, for those needing more intensive care, there is help.

The VA offers MST-related mental health treatment in both residential and outpatient settings with many programs offering separate sleeping areas for men and women who don't feel comfortable in mixed quarters. In most cases, patients can ask to work with a medical professional of their own gender.

The good news is more attention and a deeper understanding of the physical and mental consequences of MST has come about in recent years, which has broken down some of the barriers and stigma that



in the past have prevented many survivors from seeking help.

If interested in learning more about the MHADC MST support group, contact us at the Office of Veterans Affairs at (845) 486-2060, and we can introduce you to the staff at MHA, or you can call them directly at Mental Health America of Dutchess' main line at 845-473-2500 ext. 1367.

One last important point: if you have suffered from the trauma of MST, our Veterans Affairs office can submit a claim to the Veteran's Benefit Administration (VBA) on your behalf. Call us at the number listed above. We have female counselors available, and all conversations and interactions will remain confidential.

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# Taking It to the Streets inaugural concert message to highlight 'they are loved' no matter where life takes them

By Kristine Coulter

Taking It to the Streets will host its inaugural Music Concert & Awards Ceremony on Saturday, April 26, from 6-9 p.m., at Salem Tabernacle Church, 7 Delavan Ave., in Beacon. If one cannot make it in person, there is the opportunity to watch the event online.

"This free event, held at Salem Tabernacle Church, will feature an exciting lineup of performers whose talents span classical, gospel, blues, musical theater, and more," explained Ruth Anderson, founder of Taking It to the Streets, in an email.

Anderson said, "The message that I hope the people will take away on that evening is the words of our signature song "Who's Going to Tell Them?" that they are loved no matter where life takes one - will that be YOU?"

During the program the youth classical piano artists Solana Bennett and Brielle Bennett, will perform a complimentary repertoire of classical piano works, it is noted.

The evening will also showcase Water Walker Praise Dancers, under the artistic direction of Desiree Buffin, presenting beautifully choreographed pieces that

blend grace and spiritual depth. Joining the program are Jay Friedman and Journey Blue Heaven, delivering high-energy sets rooted in blues and rock; and Gianna, a versatile multi-genre performer whose dynamic presence bridges musical theater and contemporary styles," according to Anderson.

Also on the list of performers is Deshaun Cummings. Cummings is a gospel vocalist. What is described as "a heartfelt performance," will be offered by Bernard McClinton & Friends.

The evening of entertainment will end with classical baritone Reginald Bennett Jr.

According to Anderson, "the evening will serve as a celebration of those who have supported the mission of Taking It to the Streets, which is feeding the hungry with dignity and compassion."

The event honorees will not be unveiled until the ceremony.

Anderson explained that a posthumous award will be given to the family of Jeanne Tobin. Tobin is remembered on the Taking It to the Street's Wall of Remembrance – Gone but not Forgotten.

To watch online, go to [www.salemtabernacle.com](http://www.salemtabernacle.com).

## Skilled Trades Fair at Dutchess BOCES on April 30

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino is teaming up with Dutchess BOCES to host a Skilled Trades Fair designed to connect students and young adults with career and technical education and job opportunities in the Hudson Valley. Representatives from various trades along with Dutchess BOCES' Career and Technical Institute and Adult Learning Institute will be at Dutchess BOCES, 5 BOCES Road, Poughkeepsie, to provide insights, answer questions, and share information about rewarding career paths in fields like construction, electrical work, plumbing, and more. The event will take place on Wednesday, April 30, from 5-7 p.m.

"Every student deserves the chance to explore a career path that suits their unique interests and strengths," said Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino.

Dutchess BOCES District Superintendent Dr. Jodi DeLucia said the agency is in an ideal position to help those seeking jobs in the trades.

"Whether they are a high school student

interested in one of our 18 two-year Career and Technical Institute pathways or an adult looking to change careers, we can provide them with the education and experience they need to enter the field," DeLucia said.

The event is free and open to the public and students from all Dutchess County school districts. No RSVP is required to attend.

Local businesses and trade organizations interested in showcasing their opportunities at the fair are encouraged to register online at <https://forms.gle/XzsTQsPgGvUUGmSw9> or contact Sharon Myers at 845-486-8001 Ext. 4518 or [sharon.myers@dcboches.org](mailto:sharon.myers@dcboches.org). There is no fee to participate, however space is limited, and spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Participating businesses will have a unique opportunity to engage with motivated students and young adults eager to explore careers in their trades.

County Executive Serino's Skilled Trades Fairs are popular annual events, with hundreds of attendees at each one.

## Ulster Insurance Services, Inc. announces new insurance licensing for Timothy Murphy

Ulster Insurance Services (UIS), a subsidiary of Ulster Savings Bank, has announced that Timothy "Tim" Murphy has successfully completed all education and licensing testing to become a New York State-licensed Property and Casualty Insurance Broker. This license enables him to sell and support a variety of personal and commercial insurance policies. Murphy joined UIS in March 2025 and will serve as an Account Manager for commercial clients.

"Tim is a great addition to our commercial services team," said Steve Gadaletto-Rosario, VP/Ulster Insurance Services. "His insur-

ance underwriting background, combined with his banking experience -- both high-intensity customer service roles -- makes him an ideal fit for our agency."

Prior to joining UIS, Murphy worked as a commercial and agricultural Underwriting Associate. Before that he was with a local bank, starting as a teller and working his way up to Relationship Manager and Personal Banker.

Murphy graduated in 2018 from the State University of New York at Potsdam with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

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*Taking It to the Streets inaugural Music Concert & Awards Ceremony will be held on April 26 in Beacon.*

*-Courtesy photos from Taking it to the Streets*

## DA: 28-year-old pleads guilty to promoting prison contraband

The Dutchess County District Attorney's Office announced that on April 10, 28-year-old Michael Ramirez, plead guilty to Promoting Prison Contraband in the First Degree, a Class D Felony, in violation of Penal Law Section 205.25, Subdivision (2).

District Attorney Anthony Parisi said, "This conviction sends a clear message: weapons have no place in our correctional facilities. I stand firmly with our corrections officers, who put their lives on the line every day to maintain safety and order behind the walls. My office remains committed to holding accountable anyone who threatens the security of our prisons and the brave individuals who protect them."

The incident occurred on May 5, 2024, at Fishkill Correctional Facility in the Town of Fishkill. The defendant while detained in the facility admitted that he knowingly and unlawfully possessed dangerous contraband. Ramirez was moving units when a corrections officer asked him to submit to random pat frisk. During that pat frisk, the officer noticed Ramirez moving his right arm around, according to Parisi's office. The officer felt and located a piece of sharpened metal that was 6 1/2 inches long



**Michael Ramirez**

*-Courtesy photo Dutchess County DA's Office*

and 1/8 inch wide with a white cloth handle in the defendant's sweatshirt sleeve.

The case was prosecuted by Unit Chief, Jennifer Fluck. The Honorable Jessica Segal presided over the case and set sentencing for June 12. Ramirez is expected to be sentenced to 2 to 4 years incarceration consecutive to the time he is currently serving in prison.

## Two fleeing suspects caught by East Fishkill Police

The East Fishkill Police Department responded to a reported burglary in progress on Railroad Ave. on the evening of April 17. Upon arrival, according to a press release, police found two suspects entered the residence and allegedly stole various items.

The suspects, according to police, fled. While fleeing, a female suspect allegedly assaulted one of the homeowners during an encounter later, at a separate nearby location. The homeowner declined medical attention, according to police.

East Fishkill Police detectives launched an investigation and located and apprehended both suspects. East Fishkill Police

identified the suspects as Casey L. Cassell and Gregory Chiacchia.

"Both suspects were arraigned at the East Fishkill Justice Court and remanded to Dutchess County Jail by the Honorable Judge [Frederick] Romig on multiple charges, which include, but are not limited to" second-degree burglary, fourth-degree conspiracy, fourth-degree grand larceny and other related offenses, East Fishkill Police Chief Derrick Cuccia stated in a press release.

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

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## John Jay FFA chapter invites all to attend 3rd annual 'Springfest'



Members of the John Jay High School FFA chapter are preparing for their third annual "Springfest" on Saturday, April 26.

The John Jay High School FFA Chapter (Future Farmers of America) will be hosting its 3rd annual "Springfest" event in the John Jay High School parking lot, Route 52 on Saturday, April 26. Springfest will be open to the public from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

There really is something for everyone. A variety of vendors will be present such as local farm producers, landscapers, arborists, florists and retailers. Also included will be food trucks, a petting zoo and a variety of equipment. Games will be available for youngsters and oldster alike.

A new attraction this year will be an interactive tractor trailer sized educational display called "The Mobile Dairy Experience." Operated by the New York Animal Agriculture Coalition (NYAAC), the trailer expands to 1,000 square feet and explains all facets of the dairy industry from feeding, housing and milking of cows to processing and distribution of the final product. Come and learn how milk gets to your refrigerator!

John Jay Senior, Matthew Mulligan says, "The event really is something special. The last two years have been so much fun. I hope everyone is able to come and enjoy Springfest this year."

Catharine Rivera, a sophomore at John Jay, adds that "The first year I came to Springfest was amazing. All these people with many different backgrounds all



Sonia Martire, an instructor at John Jay High School, is pictured with Smokey the Bear.

-Courtesy photos

cooperating for this wonderful festival."

Parking and entry to the event are free for the public. In the event of bad weather, we will be set up in the gymnasium. This is a rain or shine event! For those using GPS, our address is 2012 Route 52, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533.

## Students excel in Traditional Okinawan Karate's Spring Shiai



Traditional Okinawan Karate students participated in its Spring Shiai and testing on Saturday, March 29. The event was held at Lenape Elementary School in New Paltz and included students from New Paltz Karate, and Traditional Okinawan Karate schools in Pleasant Valley, East Fishkill, Brooklyn and Kinnelon, NJ.

During the event, groups of students performed self-defense demonstrations and kata (martial arts forms consisting of striking, blocking and kicking combinations).

The final segment of the shiai was the promotion of the students who had been tested earlier in the day. The highest promotions were those at black-belt level:

- Junior Black Belt: Dediyan Cuevas, Sophia Hosier, Avery Woodard
- Nidan (Second degree black belt): Ben Abrams, Annette Caruso, Ed Fenichel, Nicholas Fiore, Vivian Taylor

- Sandan (Third Degree black belt): Charles Frommer

Traditional Okinawan Karate has Dutchess County locations in Pleasant Valley and East Fishkill. They can be reached at 845-635-1426 (Pleasant Valley) or 845-797-2258 (East Fishkill).

-Courtesy photo Traditional Okinawan Karate

## Cavallo to share life-saving story at Heart Walk on Saturday

Tom Cavallo was in the middle of a regular workout when the unthinkable happened. Instead of catching the gymnastic rings at Warlock Athletics in Poughkeepsie in August 2024, he hit the ground.

Warlock staff reacted immediately, calling 911, getting the AED, and beginning CPR. By the time the LaGrange Fire Department arrived, Cavallo was alert again. He spent a few days in the hospital, and today, the biggest difference in his life is the ICD he now has.

The LaGrange Fire Department honored the Warlock staff with HeartSaver Hero awards in the fall of 2024.

Cavallo will share his story at the Hudson Valley Heart Walk set for Saturday, April 26, on the Poughkeepsie side of the Walkway Over the Hudson, at 9:15 a.m. Walkers can start on either side of the bridge. Registration and activities will begin at 8:30 a.m., the program will



**Tom Cavallo**

-Courtesy photo American Heart Association

begin at 9:15 a.m., and the walk will start at 9:30 a.m.

For information or to register, visit [www.dutchessulsterheartwalk.org](http://www.dutchessulsterheartwalk.org).

## County to host 3 free Home Composting Workshops

Dutchess County continues to recognize Earth Month and encourages residents to take meaningful steps to protect the environment for future generations. To help achieve that goal, the County's Division of Solid Waste Management, in collaboration with Dutchess County Cornell Cooperative Extension, will host a series of free Home Composting Workshops to help residents learn how to effectively manage organic waste and create nutrient-rich compost for their gardens. The first workshop, scheduled for April 29 in the Town of Stanford, is one of several environmentally friendly events the County is hosting throughout the month, including its annual Earth Day Event and highway cleanups, among

other efforts.

The workshops will be held at 6 p.m. at the following locations:

### Tuesday, April 29th

Stanford Town Hall  
26 Town Hall Road, Stanfordville

### Tuesday, July 29th

Dutchess County Farm & Home Center  
2715 Route 44, Millbrook

### Tuesday, Sept. 30th

Boardman Road Branch Library  
141 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie  
These workshops are free and open to the public. For more information, please email [solidwastemgmt@dutchessny.gov](mailto:solidwastemgmt@dutchessny.gov) or call 845-463-6020.



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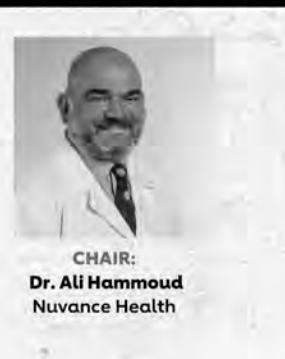
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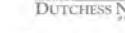
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# Jessica Glass of Stenger Glass to chair CPCA Champions Against Child Abuse Gala

Deepening its commitment to community causes, Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele LLP (Stenger Glass) announced that partner Jessica Glass has been named chairperson of the Center for Prevention of Child Abuse's (CPCA) 2025 gala. The Champions Against Child Abuse event will be held on Thursday, May 15 at 5 p.m. at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie and will recognize members of the community who advocate for the organization's mission by keeping children safe from abuse and neglect.

Honorees include Steven and Debra Domber of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices of the Hudson Valley and Brooke Dana Youngwirth of Youngwirth Law PLLC. Michelle Barone-Lepore of MBM Marketing will emcee the event.

"Stenger Glass has been a longtime supporter of the CPCA," said the CPCA's Executive Director, Marco Ingoglia. "In addition, we have admired Jessica's outstanding work in the community. She sits on the boards of Abilities First and Grace Smith House, so she understands both the unique challenges people with disabilities have in raising children and the struggles domestic violence victims have in keeping their children safe. Jessica's energy and passion are an inspiration and made her our top choice for gala chair."

"I am honored to chair the CPCA's 2025 gala, especially after touring the offices and learning more about what the dedicated professionals at the CPCA do day in and day out for our community," said Glass. "The CPCA is

a resource for the children and families of the Hudson Valley and its mission of keeping children safe and helping parents have the resources they need resonates deeply with me. I am a fervent supporter and will continue to work for children and families that have been victimized by abuse."

The event will include a cocktail reception, silent auction and sit-down dinner. For tickets, visit [thecpca.org/champions-tickets/](http://thecpca.org/champions-tickets/).

Current event sponsors include Flory's Gas, Convenience & Deli; Hudson River Truck & Trailer; Montfort Brothers; Petro Home Services; Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele LLP; and Shelley & Steve Turk. To sponsor the event, head to [thecpca.org/champions-sponsor/](http://thecpca.org/champions-sponsor/).



**Jessica Glass**

-Courtesy photo Impact PR

## Jaybots team awarded 'Judges' Choice Award'

By Kristine Coulter

The Jaybots, John Jay High School's robotics team, recently traveled to Texas and competed in the FIRST Tech Challenge World Championship. The team previously qualified during matches in the Excelsior Region Championship Tournament, which took place in Utica earlier this year.

James Amodio, advisor to the club, said the team "was 41st out of 64 in the Ochoa Division as far as qualifying matches go. They did not make it to playoffs."

The team was awarded the 1st Place "Judges' Choice Award" for the Ochoa Division, he noted. He added that there were 4 Divisions run like 4 separate tournaments there.

During the 4-day tournament, there were more than 250 other teams from 30 countries.

The FIRST® Tech Challenge (FTC) is described as "a worldwide competition in which students design, build, and program robots that complete a variety of complex tasks."

Nhan Nguyen replied when asked via email what the time in Houston has been like, "Always be aware of your surroundings and you should take advantage of this time in the competition to go to other teams to communicate and share your experiences."

Matthew Glasser, a member of the

Jaybots, said, "The competition went well, with us winning 4 of our matches and earning the 1st Place Judges' Choice Award, earning a trophy to bring back to Dutchess County."

Team member Joe Lopez explained the Jaybots had "a very good robot, our electrical problem really is [what] set our rank down lower than what it should have been."

Joe added: "In the world of championships I know I've learned that world is a lot harder than regionals. Although many bots are good, a good amount are not too great. However, everyone there earned their spot and is compatible no matter what, which should be expected."

Hiroyuki Sakuma, a Jabots team member, stated, "Getting to compete with teams from across the world, it's been an eye-opening experience seeing all the different mechanisms and strategies. Especially with most teams showcasing their design processes and robots in the pits, I've gotten to learn how some of the top teams build their award-winning robots."

Hiroyuki also said, "As a senior, and having been on the team since a freshman, my experience at the World Championship has been unbelievably fun. It's certainly a great way to conclude my high school robotics experience, and I'm proud of my team for getting this far."

## DC Local Emergency Planning Committee to meet April 24

The Dutchess County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) will meet on Thursday, April 24 at 10 a.m. at the Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response, 392 Creek Road, in

the Town of Hyde Park. The meeting is open to the public.

Contents of the plan are viewable by the public by emailing [lepc@dutchessny.gov](mailto:lepc@dutchessny.gov) or visiting [www.dutchessny.gov](http://www.dutchessny.gov).

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## Rhinebeck Bancorp, Inc. appoints Sharon A. McGinnis, Nancy K. Patzwahl to Board of Directors

Rhinebeck Bancorp, Inc., along with its wholly-owned subsidiary, Rhinebeck Bank, and its mutual holding company, Rhinebeck Bancorp, MHC, announced the appointment of Sharon A. McGinnis and Nancy K. Patzwahl to their respective Boards of Directors, effective April 15.

Sharon McGinnis currently serves as Chief Human Resources Officer at Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation. Prior to her current role, she held the position of Vice President of Human Resources at Dow Jones. She has proven leadership experience focused on talent management, leadership development, recruitment, employee engagement, and compensation matters. She brings to the Board a proven track record in executive leadership, organizational development, and corporate governance. In addition to her corporate work, McGinnis is a founding member of the Fortis Women Executive Leadership Council and an active community volunteer through her board service with the United Way of the Dutchess & Orange Region.

McGinnis has been appointed to the Compensation and Governance & Nominating Committees of the Board of Directors, where her expertise in employee relations matters will help guide the Bank's ongoing strategic efforts.

Nancy K. Patzwahl, a certified public accountant and principal at UHY Advisors NY, Inc., brings extensive experience in tax strategy, financial reporting, and risk oversight. With a long-standing career in both public accounting and private practice including KPMG, Patzwahl has served clients ranging from individuals to complex business entities. She pre-



**Sharon A. McGinnis and Nancy K. Patzwahl were recently appointed to the Board of Director at Rhinebeck Bancorp, Inc.**

-Courtesy photos Rhinebeck Bancorp, Inc.

viously served as a director of the National Union Bank of Kinderhook, where she contributed to the Audit Committee and helped oversee the bank's financial operations until its sale in 2019. Her nonprofit service includes trustee roles with the Home for the Aged and the Rheinstrom Hill Community Foundation, both in Hudson, New York.

Patzwahl has been appointed to the Audit Committee and the Loan Review Committee, providing the Board with valuable insight into accounting standards, internal controls, and regulatory compliance.

"We are thrilled to welcome Sharon and Nancy to the Board," said Bill Irwin, Chairman of Rhinebeck Bank's Board of Directors. "Sharon's expertise in human resources and corporate leadership, along with Nancy's wealth of experience in accounting and bank governance, will strengthen our Board's ability to uphold our core values of integrity, accountability, and community service."

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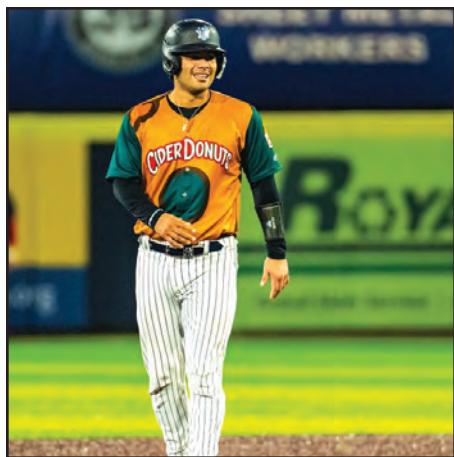
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# Renegades ranking 2025 alternate identities



## By Morgan E. Maier

For more than 30 years, we have known the Hudson Valley Renegades. We seen them through three franchises and multiple color palette rebrands, but they've been the same Renegades we know fondly...until now. Some new looks have taken the field a few games a season, in the form of New York homages, fruits, luchadores, and vintage ballplayers. These looks can be seen all together once a game, at the in-game entertainment known as "the Identity Crisis Race." It's a mad dash in which the contestants are sporting merchandise from each special identity. Now that they've been seen together all at once, racing for first place, it's time for the official ranking of the 2025 Renegades' alternate identities, apples to donuts.

## 4. Fenómenos Enmascarados del Valle de Hudson

"Masked Phenoms" is an insanely cool name for a group of raccoons. The idea was born from the Copa de Diversión, a Minor League Baseball (MiLB) initiative celebrating Latin heritage. The bright palette just screams fun and "Esto es lucha!" The brightly colored aqua, red and gold represent the culture of lucha libre, a professional wrestling style most popular in Mexico. Last year's uniforms

were fitted with a championship belt, proving that our Renegades luchadores are the winners. And Bribón (translation for Rascal) is their favorite mascot friend, trying a different mask for size. Fans can feast like luchadores with some helmet nachos - and maybe demonstrate their signature wrestling move - at their next Renegades outing.

### 3. Cider donuts

The merchandise even smells like cider donuts. Not sure how they pulled it off, but that's one of the front office secrets we may never know. Maybe a sprinkling of powdered sugar in every thread. The idea is solid, however, I'm not crazy about a chunk taken through my favorite minor leaguers while they play their game. What did they do with the leftover dough? Maybe next year will feature a Donut Holes appearance.

### 2. Retrievers

Even cat people are raving about this one. The heart dotting the "i" doesn't even compare to my love for this identity. The tail-crossed "t", even better. The Retrievers identity will debut on Sunday, June 15, which is Father's Day and Family Fun Day all in one. Surely there will be some real-life retrievers in atten-

## Renegades improve to 11-4 with six-game sweep over Blue Rocks

### By Morgan E. Maier

Which was hotter, the weekend heat wave or the Hudson Valley Renegades' winning streak? Either way, the Wilmington Blue Rocks were sweating through the Renegades' first sweep of the season.

The reigning South Atlantic League (SAL) North champions overpowered their division rivals on both the pitcher's mound and in the batter's box. The Renegades earned their first six-game winning streak of the season, as they improved to 11-4 on the season.

**Double trouble** - The Renegades were seeing double this week, RBI doubles, that is. With seven runs scored on the two-base hits, Hudson Valley had a revolving door of baserunners in their offensive half of the innings, and came up with the big hits where it mattered. Wilmington's pitching afforded Hudson Valley 63 total bases, leading to 32 total runs. The Renegades improved to a +23 run differential, as they have outscored opponents by 23 runs this season.

**1-2 thieves** - At the top of the lineup card sits a pair of thieves. Brendan Jones and George Lombard are tied for third and sixth in the SAL for stolen bases. The two have been featured in the 1 and 2 slots in most of the Renegades' games this sea-

son, combining for 15 stolen bases in 17 attempts. More often than not, they are the catalyst to a Renegades rally, reaching one base and stealing another before opponents know what hit them. As a team, Hudson Valley is third in the league in bases swiped, with 30 total bags.

**The long ball** - Torpedo bats are one thing, but making hard contact is a whole other beast. The Renegades loved the long ball this week, with five home runs by four different hitters. Lombard, Jose Colmenares, and Josh Moylan all went yard this week, each with a solo shot. Jones launched his first two home runs of the year, opening up Wednesday's scoring as the first of 10 Hudson Valley runs.

**Fire starters** - Against the Blue Rocks, Hudson Valley's bullpen was tagged for earned runs in just one game, the 10-7 hump day matinee. Over the week, the bullpen logged 18 2/3 scoreless innings, as five of the Renegades' six starters earned a win. Setup man Hayden Merda was the lone bullpen victor, improving to 1-0 on Easter Sunday.

After Sunday, the Renegades are tied with the Greensboro Grasshoppers for first place in the SAL North. Next up, Hudson Valley rides the winning streak down to North Carolina to face off against the 6-8 Asheville Tourists.

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Some of the 2025 alternative identities for the Hudson Valley Renegades will be, from top left, Cider Donuts, Big Apples and Retrievers.

-Courtesy photos HV Renegades

dance. Plus, the Renegades' loyal grounds crew dog, Denver, a non-retriever canine who may have inspired the design. His smile bears an uncanny resemblance to the jersey design.

### 1. Big Apples

"New York State of Mind" plays in my mind on a loop as I close out this

list. Equal parts 'Excelsior' and excellent brand, the Empire State Big Apples are top of the Yankee affiliate identities list. The Red Delicious is the only clear option for the decal, as a Red Delicious outside of New York is considerably less so. He's Broadway-bound to the core, and fitted with a liberty torch and foam finger.

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# Obituaries

## Katherine (Kathy) Lokey Hogan



Katherine (Kathy) Lokey Hogan passed away peacefully at home in Fishkill, New York on Saturday, April 12, 2025 at the age of 79. She was married to Daniel Skooglund. They shared 34 happy years together and were married for 27 years.

Kathy was born on July 8, 1945 in Rome, Georgia and was raised in Augusta, Georgia. She was the daughter of Warren and Laura Lokey. She married Spurgeon Hogan Jr in September 1964, and they had two children together, Spurgeon Hogan III and Laurie Stone. They moved to Poughkeepsie, New York in 1967. Katherine graduated cum laude from Vassar College in 1980 with a degree in Psychology. She worked for IBM as a Programmer and Project Manager until retiring in 2000.

Kathy had a wonderful life and always stayed active with travel, yoga, hiking, ski-

ing, biking, book club, gym classes, gardening and countless other activities. She practiced yoga for most of her life and taught yoga classes for many years. She lived a very spiritual life based on her yoga discipline, which she learned from her guru, Amrit Desai.

Kathy was a kind, supportive and loving wife, mother, sister and friend. She loved and was loved by everyone she met. She is survived by her husband, Daniel Skooglund, her children, Spurgeon Hogan III (Elizabeth Sarabia) and Laurie Stone, her siblings, Linda (Bill) McGowan, Warren (Susan) Lokey, Jean (John) Greene and her step-grandson, Diego Sarabia. In addition, she is survived by numerous nieces and nephews and their families. She was predeceased by her parents, Warren and Laura Lokey.

Memorial calling hours will be held on Friday May 9, 2025 at McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, 1089 Main St. Fishkill, NY. A short commemoration of Kathy's life will begin at 3:30 pm.

Memorial donations may be made to the Amrit Yoga Institute (<https://amrityoga.org/>) in lieu of flowers.

## Jo-Anne "Jan" Riley Morrell



Jo-Anne "Jan" Riley Morrell passed away at home on April 11, 2025. Jan was born in Providence, Rhode Island, on September 13, 1947 and moved to Beacon at 6 weeks old. She spent the rest of her life in and around Beacon and loved the city and its people, many of whom she knew personally.

Jan graduated from Beacon High School in 1965 and from Krissler Business Institute in 1966. She worked for the Beacon City School District from 1966 until her retirement as Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools in 2006. From her time working in the school system, Jan had an uncanny ability to recite former students' birthdays, home addresses, and phone numbers off the top of her head when she would run into them on Main Street.

Jan's favorite activity in retirement was caring for her grandson John, whom she adored. They spent many happy hours together fishing, at the playground, playing silly games, and reading during her monthly trips to Arlington, VA. During COVID, "Nanny" served as John's personal audiobook, reading to him in marathon sessions for hours a day over FaceTime.

Jan enjoyed volunteering to provide meals for Beacon residents at the Salvation Army and, later, the Tabernacle of Christ Church. She previously served as a commissioner at Dutchess Junction Fire House. She also enjoyed shopping for the best bargains around, cooking food for her family, and spending time in Beacon, the Hudson Valley, and Vermont.

Jan was a parishioner at St. John the Evangelist Church, where she attended elementary school.

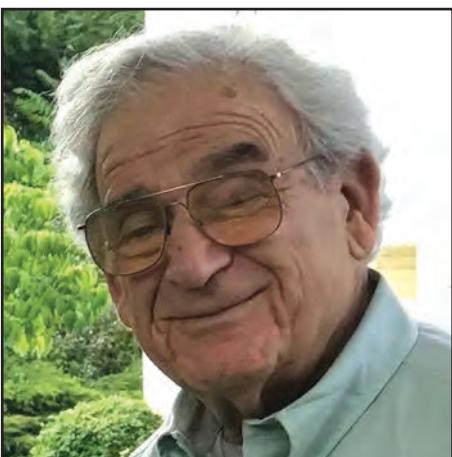
Jan is survived by her loving husband Joe, whom she married in 1981 and enjoyed 44 happy years of marriage. Jan thought Joe was the most patient, kind, and loving man on Earth. Jan is also survived by her son Joe, daughter-in-law Eileen, and their son John, of Arlington, VA; her brother Robert Riley, sister-in-law Jane, and niece Caitlin, also of Beacon; a group of cousins in Rhode Island; and her dog Quinn. Jan was predeceased by her brother D. Patrick Riley, and her parents D. J. and Margaret (Frances) Riley, all of Beacon. Jan also leaves behind lifelong friends Trish D'Angelo, Pat O'Brien, Paulette Pettorossi, Jean Sablinski, and numerous other friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at St. John the Evangelist, Willow Street in Beacon. Inurnment followed at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, Route 9 in Fishkill.

To send the family a personal condolence, please visit our website at [www.riverviewbyhalvey.com](http://www.riverviewbyhalvey.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon, NY 12508.

## Arthur Strudler



Arthur Strudler passed away on April 12, 2025 at Calvary Hospital in the Bronx. He was 88. He was born in the Bronx to the late Joseph and Freida Strudler.

Arthur is survived by his son Paul Strudler, and daughter Wendy Trager.

He was a proud grandfather of 4, Alexa, Brandon, Pierce and Justin and a great grandfather of three, Austin, Cooper, and Bennett.

A graveside service took place on Tuesday April 15, 2025 at Fishkill Rural Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill 1089 Main St. Fishkill, NY.

## Arno Adolf Kano



Arno Adolf Kano, 90, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 20th, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Arno was born in Tangermunde, East Germany on December 12, 1934, where he trained to become a butcher and brought his craft and skills to the United States in the 1960's, where he owned and operated multiple successful Delicatessens, most notably the A-One Deli in Glenham NY. It was known for its fried chicken and Arno's famous homemade Meatloaf, where he worked side by side with his wife Hannelore, his children and grandchildren – this was a true family business.

Arno's passion for life stood out in the things he loved. He enjoyed skiing, boating on the Hudson River, camping, dancing, traveling, golfing and storytelling. His infectious laugh while telling a joke would have everyone in tears before he could finish with

the punchline. He enjoyed spending time with his family and hosting guests from Germany, showing them his favorite tourist destinations.

Above all, Arno's family was his greatest joy. His family and friends will always remember him as the life of the party.

He is preceded in death by his wife Hannelore Kano and his daughter Iris Kano Wilson (Herbert). He is survived by his former wife Rosemarie Kano, his children, Michele Popielaski (Phillip), Carol Neelis (Robert), Hannelore Harding and Lewis Bulson, his grandchildren, Sarah Crossman, Theresa Cox, Robert Neelis, Christopher Harding, Kelsey Harding, Amber Wilson, Erik Popielaski, Ella Popielaski, Isabella Bulson and Abigail Bulson, and many great grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday May 4th at the Slater Chemical Fire Company located at 76 Old Glenham Rd, Glenham NY 12527, from 1-4pm.

## Eugene Murphy



Eugene Murphy, known as "Murph," a resident of Beacon, died on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at his home. He was 81.

Son of the late Arthur and Evelyn Booth Murphy, he was born October 24, 1943 in Beacon. Prior to his retirement in 200, Gene worked for the City of Beacon Highway Department as a supervisor. He also worked as the dog warden in Beacon. He was a member of Beacon Engine Company. Gene enjoyed riding his motorcycle, playing cards, junking and watching wrestling. He will always be remembered for having a cigar in his mouth.

Survivors include his wife, Martha A. Murphy; his children, Eugene A. Murphy and wife Debbie, Korrin Murphy and Charles Murphy; his sisters, Sylvia Long

and her husband Dan, Grace Padworski and her husband Tom and Elma Bennett; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and his step children, Jeanette Olson, John Olson, Erik Olson and Peter Olson.

Predeceased by his parents and sisters; Katherine Cross, Joan Brenner and Nina Mandigo.

Family and friends gathered on Tuesday, April 22 at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 East Main Street in Wappingers Falls. A time of remembrance was held during the visitation.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 23 at Clove Cemetery, Clove Road in Lagrangeville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to charity of your choice.

## Sr. Ignatius Orellana, OBT



Sr. Ignatius Orellana, OBT, age 91, died on April 13, 2025 at St. Mary's Care Center. Sister was born August 20, 1933, to Ceferino and Damiana Guardado in Arcatao, El Salvador.

She entered the convent in El Salvador, completed her Novitiate in Costa Rica, and came to the United States in 1951. She made her temporary profession in 1950, and perpetual profession in 1956. She became a US Citizen in 1958.

Sr. Ignatius came from a family of 12 children. One of her sisters was also a member of this community.

In 1952, Sr. Ignatius worked at the Seminary of the Fathers of Mercy in Lenox, MA, doing what was needed to assist the priests and seminarians. Her sister, Sr. Teresa Orellana, was also there working side by side. In 1955, Sr. Ignatius

was assigned to St. Clare's School in the Bronx, NY as a Kindergarten Teacher.

In 1970, Sr. Ignatius came to St. Maria Goretti (SMG) in Madison, WI. She taught Art, Spanish, and Religion at SMG.

In 1998, Sister went to St. Michael's School in Dane, WI, and taught Art and Spanish. She retired in 2010.

Always a smile and sweetness about her.

# Creative Living

## The Haiti Project's 13th annual Art & Soul Gala to honor Hudson Valley physicians

The Haiti Project's 13th annual Art & Soul Gala will honor accomplished Hudson Valley physicians Diane Cicatello, MD and Kimberly Heller, MD, who both went to Haiti and served in the clinic there. Also being honored are the Vassar Haiti Project alumnae/i whose dedication to the organization's health mission has manifested in healthcare careers. The Art & Soul Gala is on Thursday, May 1, at 5:30 p.m. at Vassar College's Alumnae House. The event is the only funding source for the medical clinic which serves 3,000+ residents of almost 50 villages in the mountains of northwest Haiti.

Diane M. Cicatello, MD is a well-established Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrician who has been serving children and families in the Mid-Hudson region for the past 29 years. In 2010 she joined the CareMount Medical Group, and now is a partner at Optum Health, where she is actively involved in providing the region's premier care for children. In 2016, she joined the Haiti Project's Medical Advisory Board, through which she has shared knowledge and medical expertise to develop and maintain an operational medical clinic in Fiervil, Haiti. The outcome has provided necessary access to medical care for the region.

"Climbing the mountain," Dr. Cicatello recalls from her Haiti trip in 2017, "connecting with the indigenous people and realizing their needs are my own - we are all the same, that was powerful! Giving unconditionally has always been an inherent value of mine which

invariably seems to provide enormous return - working to meet the needs of the villagers was the epitome of selflessness and amazingly rewarding!"

Dr. Kimberly Heller, MD a highly recognized, fellowship-trained, board-certified maternal fetal medicine specialist has worked in health care since the 1970s. She started her career as a nursing assistant and became a registered nurse in 1977. She became a physician in 1985 and completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology. She completed a fellowship in Maternal Fetal Medicine and has been caring for women with high-risk pregnancies in the Hudson Valley since 2008. Her interests include reproductive rights and safe childbirth. She joined the Haiti Project Medical Advisory Board in 2014 and traveled to Haiti in 2017.

Vassar's Mahagonny Jazz Combo will regale attendees during the cocktail hour, and beautiful, vibrant Haitian art will be available for purchase throughout the gala. Additionally, there will be hors d'oeuvres, desserts and beverages, catered by Main Course. The program runs from 5:30 - 8 p.m. and tickets for the event are \$125.

Visit this Ticket link to purchase a ticket. Sponsorships to underwrite the annual clinic operational budget including the doctor's salary, nurses and medications are welcomed.

The Haiti Project is a 501©3 nonprofit organization that works closely with community members, youth of all ages, and like-minded organizations such as the Vassar Haiti Project.

## Celebrate Mount Gulian's 50th year as historic site

**Season begins April 27**

Mount Gulian Historic Site, in Beacon, will celebrate its 50th year as a historic site and museum. Tours of the historic home, 18th century Dutch barn, and heritage garden will be offered at noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays, beginning Sunday, April 27 through Sunday, October 26. Reservations are preferred but walk-ins will be accommodated if space is available. Reservations may be made by calling the site at 845-831-8172 or email at info@mountgulian.org. Payment may be made upon arrival.

Visitors will hear about Mount Gulian's centuries-long history that shaped our nation, including its part in the Revolutionary War as Patriot General Frederick von Steuben's headquarters; the founding at Mount Gulian in 1783 of the Society of the Cincinnati, our country's oldest veterans' organization; and the history of generations of Verplanck family members who lived at Mount Gulian. Visitors will also discover the fascinating stories of James F. Brown, an enslaved man who risked his life for freedom, and of Robert Newlin Verplanck's participation in the Civil War as an officer in the US Colored Troops (USCT). Artifacts on display span the 18th through the 20th centuries and include antique books, furniture, and an array of Revolutionary War items.



*Mount Gulian will celebrate its 50th year as a historic site in 2025. The new season begins on April 27.*

*-Courtesy photo Mount Gulian*

Admission is \$15 adults, \$12 seniors, \$8 children (ages 6-18); free for children under 6 and Mount Gulian members. Membership is open to the public.



*The Haiti Project's 13th annual Art & Soul Gala will take place on May 1 in Poughkeepsie. Pictured is the clinic in Haiti.*

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by vicki frank day

# Spaghetti casserole

Hot, cheesy and tasty, this dish lends itself to whatever additions you have on hand.

As a general rule I prefer to eat with the seasons, taking cues and getting inspiration from what's at its peak. This time of year, that can be a bit limiting but would normally have me focused on at least lightening up my menus. There are exceptions to every rule, though, and this recipe is one. It isn't light and fresh or vegetable-forward. What it is is darn tasty; and since it brought me some joy I wanted to share.

Pasta is one of the best things in life, if you ask me. I'll eat it all year long in any number of ways. It's versatile, can be used in cool side salads or hot, cheesy main dishes, is always on hand and always comforting. This recipe falls under the hot and cheesy category. I took inspiration from what I was craving in the moment and what I had that I needed to use up. Sometimes necessity truly is the mother of invention. I had a hankering for lasagna but only had spaghetti. Not a problem – I can adapt. A look in the fridge revealed some ingredients to play with that I thought would fit the bill, so I started to play and was happy with the result. I present to you a baked spaghetti casserole (lately it seems I'm becoming the queen of casseroles) that is craveable, easy to make and comes together in no time. In other words, I think it's a keeper!

### Baked Spaghetti Casserole

OK, so the name's a bit redundant, but it's accurate. Nothing fancy; but then, nei-

ther is the recipe. It's just good, old-fashioned comfort food you can make anytime with things you probably already have on hand. I usually make my own sauce but used jarred marinara for this because it was easier. What's wrong with that?

#### Ingredients

- 1lb spaghetti
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup cottage cheese
- 1 8oz package cream cheese, softened
- Freshly grated Parmesan cheese (about 1/2c)
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 2 shallots or 1/2 an onion
- Olive oil (for the skillet)
- Sliced mushrooms if ya got 'em, about 1 c (optional)
- 1lb ground beef
- Dried oregano (about 1 tablespoon should do it), plus more to sprinkle on top
- 1 jar of your favorite marinara sauce
- 2c shredded mozzarella

#### Method

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cook spaghetti according to package directions. (I add it to boiling salted water and cook about 8 minutes for al dente.) Drain and return it to the pot. Lightly beat the eggs and add them to the pasta. Add cottage cheese, cream cheese and Parmesan and give it a good stir to coat the spaghetti. Season with salt and pepper



*Spaghetti Casserole - a cheesy dish to cook this spring.*

-Photo by Vicki Frank Day

and transfer to a 9x13 baking dish.

Heat oil in a skillet over medium heat. Add shallots (or onion) and mushrooms, if using, and sauté until tender, about 5 minutes. Add ground beef and cook until no longer pink and starting to brown, 6-8

minutes. Drain any excess fat; season with salt, pepper and oregano; then add marinara and reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer about 5 minutes to warm through.

Pour sauce over the spaghetti (no need to stir). Top with mozzarella and sprinkle with oregano. Bake until bubbly and cheese is melted and golden-brown, about 30 minutes.

Easy, right? It makes enough to feed a crowd or to ensure leftovers. (It's one of those dishes that's better the next day.) It's rich and satisfying and I make no apologies for it. Every now and then it's fine to break the rules, and I think this dish is a great illustration of that. For me it was a little splurge, and one that made the most of ingredients I needed to use up. No need to feel guilty but if you do, serve it with a simple salad of baby arugula dressed with fresh lemon juice and olive oil. I hope it brings you much happiness. Enjoy!

Vicki Frank Day's background includes over two decades in various aspects of the food service industry. In addition, she has over 27 years' experience in marketing, graphic design, copy writing, food styling and research. She believes cooking should be a fun adventure, that food should be an experience and that every day can be a special occasion. Email her at [vickiloves2cook@gmail.com](mailto:vickiloves2cook@gmail.com).

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## Craft Fair set for April 26 at Slater Chemical Firehouse in Glenham



A Spring Craft Fair will be held by the Slater Chemical Auxiliary at the Slater Chemical Firehouse, 72 Old Glenham Rd., from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 26. There will be vendors with a variety of wares. The Slater Chemical Fire Company will also be hosting a RecruitNY for people to find out info and learn as well as applications to join.

-Courtesy photos Slater Chemical Auxiliary

## 'How the Automobile Changed the Hudson Valley' presentation set for April 27 in Wappingers Falls

The Wappingers Historical Society is hosting a talk entitled "How the Automobile Changed the Hudson Valley", presented by local historian and author David Turner. Through vintage images, Turner will provide a pictorial history of the evolution of the Hudson Valley roadside.

Look back on the evolution of the Hudson Valley roadside, from the humble dirt roads of the early 1900s to the paved thoroughfares of today as seen through vintage postcards. Included in the presentation will be dozens of images of the region that depict the progression of the automobile from a novelty item to a major

driver of infrastructure development to support the needs of the masses. See Route 9 and Route 22 blossom with restaurants, motels, gas stations and hidden history one can still see today.

This presentation will take place on Thursday, April 24 at 7 p.m. at the Town of Wappingers Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls. Wappingers Historical Society members and the general public are invited to attend. Suggested donation of \$5 for non-WHS members. For more information, please call 845-632-1281 or email [info@wappingershistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@wappingershistoricalsociety.org).

# get growing!



The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) awards \$500 million in grants every year (out of a budget of \$413 billion, 5% of total government spending). The grants help farmers comply with environmental regulations, reduce reliance on fossil fuels, or direct local food to under-served populations. In the name of government efficiency, a lot of grants that were in the works or already awarded have been canceled, suspended or even rescinded, causing distress and confusion among our local farmers.

In order to put a human face to this situation, I called Todd Erling, executive director of the Hudson Valley AgriBusiness Development Corporation, who helps procure and administer state and USDA grants. Todd agreed that the system is in turmoil, and steered me to a public forum (@hvyoungfarmers) set up by the Hudson Valley Young Farmers Coalition & Catskill Young Farmers.

Of the 41 farmers who posted their funding troubles, many were involved with the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program administered by Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County. This USDA-funded program assists beginning farmers in the Catskills-Hudson Valley region through group training, one-on-one conversations, farm visits, farmer-to-farmer mentoring, farming networks, and an intensive learning cohort. Melinda Meddaugh, the Agriculture and Food Systems Sr. Issue Leader at Sullivan Extension, told me that the program has indeed been suspended, and, to her knowledge, canceled.

## East Fishkill Recreation

**By Bill Green  
Recreation Director**

On Sunday, April 13, we held our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Despite some nasty weather we had a huge turnout and everyone had a great time. We had many volunteers who assisted throughout the day. Special thanks to Maria Mahoney and her group of JJHS students, the East Fishkill Police and PBA, the EF Highway and Rec Maintenance workers, the East Fishkill Senior Citizens and Directors, Bob Martinson, the McHoul family, Recreation's Christine Selback and Loretta Rosa, along with Joyce, Anne, Gina, Phyllis, Teena, Karen and the many others I forgot. Thanks also to Mike Miner for filming the fun event. You may view it on YouTube or channel 22.

We have scheduled a NY Mets trip on Wednesday, July 23 (a 1:10 start) to Citi Field for a game with the LA Angels. The fee is \$100 and includes Section 128 Field level seats, round trip Coach tours trans-

portation and tip for driver. Sign-ups begin in May.

Our Youth Golf Instruction registration starts May 5. The first session is July 7-11.

Our fun East Fishkill Co-Ed Sand Volleyball League begins in June. The fee is \$50 for a team or \$5 for an individual sign-up. Games are played on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Season passes for Red Wing Park go on sale Monday, May 5. Red Wing opens Memorial Day weekend May 24-26. Our first Fishing Night will be Wednesday, May 28 from 7 p.m. to dark. Lifeguard training courses will be offered at Red Wing in late May or June. Details to follow!

Summer Camp registration is underway for youngsters 6-14 years of age. The child must be SIX by June 30 to attend. You may apply online.

If you have any recreation questions or concerns please call 845 226-8395 or email [Recreation1@eastfishkillny.gov](mailto:Recreation1@eastfishkillny.gov).

## Registration for A.I. presentation at East Fishkill library opens on April 29

A presentation on Artificial Intelligence by Jean-Claude Fouere will take place on Thursday, May 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376.

This introduction to A.I. will present a short history of AI development and review the most common current AI applications, with a focus on how AI concerns us individually and how it will impact our society at large. One will consider moral and ethical issues associated with AI, including the reshaping of many jobs, the spread of fake information, the loss of privacy, and the need

for wise regulation of A.I.

Fouere is an engineer, engineering manager and director of international marketing and sales, with experience working in the semiconductor and other related fields. Fouere has led classes on A.I. at Marist Center for Lifetime Studies and Vassar Lifelong Learning Institute.

Registration opens on Tuesday, April 29 at 10 a.m. Register through the online calendar at <http://www.EFLibrary.org> or call the library at 845-221-9943.

by mark adams

# USDA cancels grants

The federal government deals a blow to the next generation of farmers.

I decided to visit one of the farmers affected by the cancellation.

Brett Budde started Majestic Farm 17 years ago near Rock Hill in Sullivan County. On his 23 acres he, with wife Sara, raise 2,000 chickens and 50 pigs, and run a 4 1/2 acre U-pick certified organic apple orchard. It's not easy farming in the aptly named Rock Hill neighborhood. A lack of farm-related infrastructure makes it hard to buy supplies, or get equipment repaired. Brett trucks his pigs to Bethlehem, PA for processing. He founded Rock Hill Farmers Market, but still needs to drive all the way to the Tarrytown Farmers Market, where his chicken sausage is a local favorite.

Brett has been mentoring beginning farmers, receiving a USDA stipend for his carefully documented work. But no more. Here is Brett's testimony:

"I am speaking on behalf of my experience as a mentor in the Young Farmer program in Sullivan County, N.Y. This program is not a simple money giveaway to farmers or people who are becoming farmers. This is a training workshop that includes mentorship training, business and marketing, classes on farm safety, farm insurance, land use and how to acquire land for farmers. They also include classes that are required for farmers to sell their products to the public. If you come to one of the breakfast sessions, you'll see there are many young farmers who need lots of help getting their farm running. This isn't just important for them. It's also important for other farmers in the area. The agriculture community of



Brett Budde with pig.

-Photo by Mark Adams



The Good Old Days.

-Photo by Priya Kala

Sullivan County has been dwindling over the last few decades. These young farmers are going to be the strength we need to bring back the necessary resources and ancillary businesses that are required for farms to exist here.

"The training that farmers are receiving in these classes, and the farmers that are going through them are going to shape agriculture in our county for the next ten years. This mentorship program is one of the most powerful tools that the government has put forward since I started farming 17 years ago. There are more young farmers interested in farming than ever before. These are small farms that require

a broad base of knowledge. It's not something you could pick up in a college class. The mentorship program is extensive and necessary to build successful farmers. The hands-on information provided by mentors is invaluable as many of these farmers did not come from farming families, but they're happy to do the work."

That's Brett's testimony. May I add...

Does Elon Musk know where his food comes from?

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

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Senior Center News

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For the Poughkeepsie Senior Center

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Sign up now for a special "Elvis Presley Tribute Concert" happening on April 24 at 12:30 p.m. That's right! Elvis is coming back to our SC! And if you want to continue the fun, then come on back the next day (April 25) for our "Karaoke After Hours" beginning at 1:30 p.m. Sing along or just listen - the choice is yours.

Looking ahead, our May 1st Lunch and Learn at noon should "perk" you up - "Coffee Roasting 101." Enjoy a complimentary light lunch after the presentation. We'll also be celebrating all May birthdays with cake (and of course coffee!) for everyone.

Our full Senior Center Activity Calendar can be viewed at www.poughkeepsietownrec.com, but we'd really love to see you here so please come on by any day or every day Monday - Friday between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Questions? Give us a call at 845-462-0265.

## Earth Day Clean up set for April 26 in Wappinger

Join Wappinger Town Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini, Highway Superintendent Michael Sheehan and members of the Wappinger Town Board for the annual Earth Day Clean up. The event will take place on Saturday, April

26 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Wappinger Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Rd.

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For more information and to sign up, call 845-297-2744 or Supervisor@TownofWappingerNY.gov.

# Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation

By Nate Smith  
Recreation Director

The Recreation Department staff are "busy beavers" cleaning up, repairing, planning, and organizing not only the 21 Town parks, but also various events and activities for residents of all ages.

Imagine all the possibilities and all of the treasures! We're having a Town-wide Yard Sale on April 26 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. If you would like to participate as a seller, you need to get a permit from the Town Hall. "Buyer-Buyers" are always welcome free of charge. Keep an eye out for the official listing of all participating yard sale locations.

Hit the Yard Sales early and then head over to Sheafe Road Park at 1 p.m. (April 26) for a Grand Opening Celebration of a brand new playground! This fun afternoon will include treats

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HEALTH PATH SHOP, LLC, a foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC), was originally formed in Delaware on 5/6/2006 under the name MEEDIAMON LLC and was authorized to do business in New York State in 2025. The LLC has amended its name to HEALTHPATHSHOP LLC and is now conducting business in Dutchess County, NY. Filed with the SSNY on 1/22/25. The Secretary Of State of New York (SSNY) is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: Health Path Shop LLC 18 Town Centre Rd. Pine Plains, NY 12567-5510. The LLC is organized for any lawful activity.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.** NAME: PROPERTY TWENTY TWO LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on FEBRUARY 22, 2025. Office location: DUTCHESS. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 16 ALLEN PLACE, POUGHKEEPSIE NY 12601. PURPOSE: For any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Valpone Travel, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on March 15, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 242 Main St., Suite #176, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

TOP BRASS CONSULTING 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.

M&T DESIGN WORLD LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/26/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the

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LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Amanda N. Miller, 6370 Mill Street, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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

Sean Hemmerle Studio LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/03/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated Sean Hemmerle as agent of the LLC. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 20 Crescent Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

**NOTICE OF SUBSTANCE OF BEACON DREAM TEAM LLC** The Articles of Organization of BEACON DREAM TEAM LLC were filed on March 12, 2025 with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY). This Limited Liability Company (LLC) has an office in Dutchess County, New York. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to 473 Main Street, Beacon, New York 12508. In addition to the events of dissolution set forth in Section 701 of the Limited Liability Company Law (LLCL), the company does not have a specific date of dissolution. The purpose of the company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which an LLC may be organized under the LLCL. The Articles of Organization were subscribed to by Aaron C. Fitch, Esq., Organizer, Drake Loeb PLLC, 555 Hudson Valley Avenue, Suite 100, New Windsor, New York 12553.

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

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

Notice of Formation of Simon's Shack LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY

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SSNY on 1/28/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 3 Hankin Loop, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12601. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

C B C O MANAGEMENT, LLC. Filed 12/13/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 127 Knollwood Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: General.

Vin's Lawn Care LLC. Filed 3/14/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 26 Inwood Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: General.

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

Notice of Formation Birdsong Psychotherapy LCSW PLLC filed with SSNY on 02/05/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 126 Ivy Hill Road, Fishkill NY 12524. Purpose: Yoga Studio.

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

HAYIBACO LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/24/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 53 Old Post Rd #2, Millerton, NY 12546. Purpose: any lawful act.

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

Notice of Formation of Hudson Valley Natural Landscapes LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/24/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 36 Patricia Ln., Hyde Park, NY 12538, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Primrose Property Ventures LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/18/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, RA Gray Bldg., 500 S. Bronough St,

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(SSNY) on 3/5/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2290 Rte 199, Pine Plains, NY 12567. Purpose: any lawful act.

THIRD FACE LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/03/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 94 Shagbark Ln., Hopewell Junction, NY 12533, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

U L S T E R ONCOLOGY PLLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/18/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 10 W HUNNS LAKE RD STANFORDVILLE, NY, 12581. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Rooted Yoga Poughkeepsie LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the state of NY on March 22, 2025 Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 126 Ivy Hill Road, Fishkill NY 12524. Purpose: Yoga Studio.

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

HAYIBACO LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/24/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 53 Old Post Rd #2, Millerton, NY 12546. Purpose: any lawful act.

BIG IRON WELDING, LLC. Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 4/1/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Registered Agents Inc. at 105 Hurley Rd, Salt Point, NY 12578. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

THE CABO PROJECT, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/06/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 36 Patricia Ln., Hyde Park, NY 12538, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Qualification of C2G INSURANCE SOLUTIONS, LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/04/25. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Florida (FL) on 03/12/24. Princ. office and FL addr. of LLC: 2301 NW 87th Ave., Ste. 403, Doral, FL 33172. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o The LLC, 462 Traver Rd, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: any lawful act.

Primrose Property Ventures LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/18/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, RA Gray Bldg., 500 S. Bronough St,

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served and shall mail process to: The LLC, PO Box 785, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

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

U L S T E R ONCOLOGY PLLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/18/25. Office in Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 10 W HUNNS LAKE RD STANFORDVILLE, NY, 12581. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Humidor on 82, LLC Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/1/25. Office located in Dutchess Co. SSNY designated agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Pasquale J. Conte, Jr., 92 McCouns Ln., Glen Head, NY 11545. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of VG4TJ, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/10/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: United States Corporation Agents Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Ste. 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

WRBA Properties LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 2/13/25. Office: Dutchess County. Registered Agent Inc. designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Lisa A. Maffucci, D.C., PLLC 102 W Market St., Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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

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

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

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Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250. Purpose: Sell health insurance.

Notice of formation of PHILOZOI LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/04/25. Office in Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 5005 Holly St., Bellaire, TX 77401. DE addr. of LLC: 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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

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

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

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

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The Fishkill Rural Cemetery is attempting to contact any descendant of William A. or Ida A. Sexton. Please call the cemetery at 845-896-6227

**TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY PROPOSED LOCAL LAW K OF 2025**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley as follows:

**SECTION 1.****TITLE.**

This Local Law shall be entitled "A Local Law Amending the Zoning Map for the Parcel at 1-7 West Road".

**SECTION 2.****PURPOSE AND INTENT.**

This Local Law changes the Town of Pleasant Valley Zoning Map to reclassify one parcel.

**SECTION 3.****AUTHORITY.**

This law is enacted pursuant to § 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law and is authorized by Town Code Section 98-100.

**SECTION 4.****ZONING MAP AMENDMENT.**

The Town of Pleasant Valley Zoning Map, Attachment 3 to Chapter 98, Zoning, is hereby changed as follows:

The zoning designation of tax parcel number 134400-6363-02-780584 located at 1-7 West Road at the intersection with Main Street in the Town of Pleasant Valley, consisting of approximately 0.75 acres, shall be changed from the Hamlet Residential (HR) district to the Hamlet Pleasant Valley (H-PV) district.

**SECTION 5.****EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Local Law shall become effective immediately upon filing in the Office of the New York State Department of State.

**TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMENCING THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION PROCESS FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. K OF 2025, "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE ZONING MAP FOR THE PARCEL AT 1-7 WEST ROAD"**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Town of Pleasant Valley will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York on May 5, 2025 at 7:10 o'clock, p.m., on Local Law K of 2025, Commencing the Local Law Adoption Process for Proposed

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

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid. Time limitations may be imposed for each oral statement, if necessary.

Dated: Pleasant Valley, New York April 8, 2025

Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCB-05-25**

Alterations to Dutchess County Office for Central and Information Services.

Single Prime Bids shall be received for the following classes of work: General Construction. 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](http://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/](http://www.bidnetdirect.com/), 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](mailto:dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov), or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turn-

pike, 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: Diane McKenna, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Bids due on or before 11:00am May 12, 2025, and at that time 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 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: 901 438 668#. 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. A Walk-through is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 10:00am at 503 Haight Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY. All parties interested in bidding must apprise themselves of the site conditions immediately prior to bidding. Questions will be accepted by the close of business May 5, 2025 and emailed to Diane McKenna at [dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov](mailto:dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov) and cc'd [dmckenna@dutchessny.gov](mailto:dmckenna@dutchessny.gov) with the County's response published in

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Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2025004188. Starting December 30, 2024: NYSDOL 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.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF WAPPINGER**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Wappinger will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the 28th day of April, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Town of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, New York, at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard as to whether the Town Board of the Town of Wappinger shall adopt a proposed Local Law entitled "Amending Chapter 240, Zoning, of the Town Code to include." Short Term Rentals".

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Town Board has determined that this action does not affect the environment and is not subject to SEQRA.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the proposed Local Law are available for review and inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, New York.

Dated: April 16, 2025  
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD  
OF THE TOWN OF  
WAPPINGER  
JOSEPH P.  
PAOLONI, TOWN CLERK

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

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley as follows:

**SECTION 1.****PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Local Law is to promote the public

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

**SECTION 2.****AUTHORITY AND SUPERSESSION**

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

**SECTION 3.****AMENDMENT OF TOWN CODE**

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

**CHAPTER 72****Residential Rentals Article I: Prohibition on Eviction Without Good Cause****§ 162-1 Purpose.**

The purpose of this article is to make the provisions of Article 6-a of the New York State Real Property Law regarding rental property and prohibiting certain evictions without good cause effective and binding law in the Town of Pleasant Valley.

§ 162-2 Opt-in to New York State Real Property Law Article 6-a.

As authorized by New York State Real Property Law Section 213, the Town of Pleasant Valley does hereby opt-in to the provisions of New York State Real Property Law Article 6-a.

§ 162-3 Prohibition of evictions without good cause.

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

B. Pursuant to § 213(2)(a) of Article 6-a of the New York State Real Property Law, for the purposes of this

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chapter, any unit within a housing accommodation shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter if such unit has a monthly rent above three hundred forty-five percent (345%) of fair market rent, as published by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and as shall be published for the County of Dutchess by the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal. C. Pursuant to § 213(2)(b) of Article 6-a of the New York State Real Property Law, for the purposes of this chapter, a "small landlord" is defined as a landlord of no more than one (1) housing accommodation anywhere in the State of New York, provided that owner-occupied housing accommodations or otherwise exempt housing accommodations shall not be considered in calculating the number of housing accommodations owned by a landlord. § 162-4 Automatic Sunset of this Chapter.

**SECTION 4.****AMENDMENT OF TOWN CODE**

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

**SECTION 5.****SEVERABILITY**

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

**SECTION 6.****EFFECTIVE DATE**

The purpose of this article is to make the provisions of Article 6-a of the New York State Real Property Law regarding rental property and prohibiting certain evictions without good cause effective and binding law in the Town of Pleasant Valley.

§ 162-3 Prohibition of evictions without good cause.

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

B. Pursuant to § 213(2)(a) of Article 6-a of the New York State Real Property Law, for the purposes of this

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

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

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid. Time limitations may be imposed for each oral statement, if necessary.

Dated: Pleasant Valley, New York April 16, 2025

Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk

**Legal Notice Notice of Public Hearings Village of Wappingers Falls 2025– 2026 Final Budget Meeting**

Please be advised that the Village of Wappingers Falls Mayor and Board of Trustees will hold a Final Hearing to adopt the 2025– 2026 budget on April 28, 2025, 6:00 PM. (April 30th, , 6:00 PM if needed) The purpose is to have public participation.

The public may view and/or participate by following instructions on the village website. <http://www.wappingersfallsny.gov/village-board-meeting-page/> John M. Karge Village Clerk Date 4/17/25

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**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING, ANNUAL ELECTION OF  
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS, BUDGET VOTE AND  
REGISTRATION OF VOTERS**

**WAPPINGERS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

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

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

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

<b>TERM</b>	<b>NAME OF PRESENT INCUMBENT</b>
Three (3) years	Cheryl Migatz
Three (3) years	Marie Johnson
Three (3) years	Eddy Sloshower

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

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

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

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

The boundaries of the Election Districts are as follows:

**DISTRICT NO. 1**

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

The territory lying within the above described boundary lines

shall constitute and comprise election District #1.

**DISTRICT #2**

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

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

**DISTRICT #3**

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

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

**DISTRICT #4**

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

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

**DISTRICT #5**

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

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

**DISTRICT #6**

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

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

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

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

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

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**TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMENCING THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION PROCESS**

**FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. J OF 2025, "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 98 OF THE TOWN CODE WITH REGARD TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS"**

**P L E A S E T A K E N O T I C E** that the Town of Pleasant Valley will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York on May 5, 2025 at 7:00 o'clock, p.m., on Local Law J of 2025, Commencing the Local Law Adoption Process for Proposed Local Law J of 2025, "A Local Law Amending Chapter 98 of the Town Code with Regard to Accessory Dwelling Units".

**T A K E F U R T H E R N O T I C E**, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law will be available for examination at the office of the Clerk of the Town of Pleasant Valley, at the Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Friday between the date of this notice and the date of the public hearing.

**T A K E F U R T H E R N O T I C E**, that all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid. Time limitations may be imposed for each oral statement, if necessary.

Dated: Pleasant Valley, New York  
April 8, 2025

Mary Beth Muir,  
Town Clerk

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**TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY  
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW J OF 2025**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley as follows:

**SECTION 1. TITLE.**

This Local Law shall be entitled "A Local Law Amending Chapter 98 of the Town Code with Regard to Accessory Dwelling Units".

**SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND INTENT.**

This law will make it simpler for Pleasant Valley residents to add accessory dwelling units to their properties, while maintaining the character of the town and ensuring safety and compliance. It allows ADUs to be built without a special use permit, provided they meet specified standards. It also allows ADUs to be used for rental purposes, expanding housing options for residents.

**SECTION 3. AUTHORITY.**

This law is enacted pursuant to § 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

**SECTION 4. CODE AMENDMENT**

**A. Replacement of Chapter 98, Section 15**

Chapter 98 "Zoning," Section 15, "Accessory dwellings," shall be repealed and replaced as follows:

**§ 98-15. Accessory dwelling units.**

A. Intent. The purpose of this section is to promote the development of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) to increase affordable housing opportunities while maintaining the character of single-family residential neighborhoods in Pleasant Valley. ADUs may be used for rental purposes, providing additional housing options for residents.

B. ADU in single-family dwelling. An ADU may be established within a single-family dwelling, subject to the following provisions:

(1) Only one ADU is permitted per lot, and it shall be clearly subordinate to the single-family dwelling.

(2) An ADU may be established as part of any legally existing single-family dwelling, provided the building meets applicable setbacks, except that an ADU may not be created on a lot that already contains a two-family or multifamily dwelling or where more than one dwelling exists in excess of the permitted density.

(3) Owner-occupancy is required. The owner(s) of a property on which there is an ADU must occupy either the principal dwelling or the ADU. The other unit may be rented to non-family members at the owner's option.

(4) No more than one bedroom is permitted in the ADU, and the number of residents in the ADU shall be limited to no more than two persons.

(5) The minimum gross floor area of the ADU shall be 400 square feet. The maximum gross floor area shall be 40% of the entire gross floor area of the single-family dwelling or 900 square feet, whichever is greater.

(6) The ADU shall be self-contained, with separate cooking, sleeping, and sanitary facilities for use by the occupant(s).

(7) The ADU shall have safe and proper means of entrance. Stairways leading to any story above the ground floor shall be located within the walls of the building wherever practicable. Exterior stairways and fire escapes shall be located on the rear wall in preference to either side wall. In no instance shall an exterior stairway or fire escape be located on any wall fronting on a street.

(8) Off-street parking shall be in accordance with § 98-42 and shall be on the lot on which the ADU is located.

(9) Design and construction of any addition or alteration to accommodate the ADU must be compatible with the parent structure, and must comply with § 98-12, Schedule of Area and Bulk Requirements.

(10) Any legally established ADU on a lot with a single-family dwelling that is in existence at the time of the adoption of this amendment shall not be subject to the provisions outlined above.

(11) If the water supply is from a private source, the applicant shall certify that the water supply is potable and of adequate flow.

(12) No ADU shall be established without approval or certification from the Dutchess County Department of Health regarding the adequacy of the septic system.

(13) The ADU shall conform to all applicable local, state, and federal codes and requirements, including the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code.

(14) The owner is responsible for ensuring that any occupant(s) of an accessory dwelling abides by the Town of Pleasant Valley Town Code, in particular Chapter 70, Nuisances.

(15) The fees required for the construction of an accessory dwelling are set forth in the Town's Schedule of Fees.

C. ADU in a detached accessory structure. An ADU may be established in a separate building on a lot with a single-family dwelling, subject to the conditions in Subsection B and the following provisions:

(1) A detached ADU may be located in a newly constructed detached unit or within an existing accessory structure, such as a gatehouse, garage, barn or similar structure.

(2) The gross floor area of a detached ADU shall be between 400 and 900 square feet. An existing accessory structure may be enlarged to

accommodate the proposed ADU, provided it does not exceed 900 square feet.

(3) Detached ADUs must comply with setback and bulk requirements as defined in § 98-12, Schedule of Area and Bulk Requirements.

(4) The design of any detached ADU must be compatible with the primary single-family dwelling on the lot.

**B. Amendment to Definitions**

In Chapter 98, Section 103, the following definitions shall be replaced as follows:

The definition of "BUILDING, ACCESSORY" shall be replaced with: BUILDING, ACCESSORY: A structure detached from and subordinate to a principal building on the same lot and used for purposes customarily incidental to those of the principal building or use, including accessory dwelling units.

The definition of "STRUCTURE, ACCESSORY" shall be replaced with:

STRUCTURE, ACCESSORY: A structure either attached or detached from and subordinate to a principal building on the same lot and used for purposes customarily incidental to those of the principal building or use, including accessory dwelling units.

The definition of "DWELLING, ACCESSORY" shall be replaced with: DWELLING UNIT, ACCESSORY: A dwelling unit located in an acces-

sory structure on an owner-occupied property.

**C. Amendment to Use Table**

In the Use Table, Chapter 98, Attachment 1, the line labeled "Dwelling, accessory" shall be replaced as follows:

	Subject to Supplemental Regulations	CONS	R A	R R	MDR	HDR	MHP	MC	HR	H-PV	H-SP	H-WH	OI	Q	SFH
Residential															
Dwelling unit, accessory	See § 98-15	P	P	P	P	P	--	--	P	P	P	P	--	--	--

**SECTION 5. SUPERSESSION.**

To the extent that any provision of this Chapter is inconsistent with Town Law or any other provision of New York State law, the provisions of this Chapter are expressly intended to and do hereby supersede any such inconsistent provision under the Town's municipal home rule powers.

**SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.**

If any provision of this local law is held invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this local law.

**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Local Law shall become effective immediately upon its filing in the Office of the New York State Department of State.

**TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY  
TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.:412/2025  
RESOLUTION COMMENCING THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION  
PROCESS FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW K OF 2025, "A LOCAL  
LAW AMENDING THE ZONING MAP FOR THE PARCEL AT 1-7  
WEST ROAD"**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has determined that an error was likely made when creating the current zoning map as the parcel at 1-7 West Road, which has long been a commercial business and is suited to business use, was classified in a residential district;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby accepts Proposed Local Law K of the Year 2025, "A Local Law Amending the Zoning Map for the Parcel at 1-7 West Road" for the purpose of commencing the local law adoption process; and be it further

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

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board directs the Town Clerk to forward Proposed Local Law K to the Dutchess County Planning Board for its review and advisory opinion pursuant to Section 239-m of the New York State General Municipal Law; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board directs the Town Clerk to forward Proposed Local Law K to the Town of Pleasant Valley Planning Board for its review and advisory opinion pursuant to Section 98-101 of the Pleasant Valley Town Code; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that a public hearing on said Local Law will be held on May 5, 2025 at the Town of Pleasant Valley Town Hall, located at 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York at 7:10 p.m. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to give, publish and post notice of said public hearing, as required by law; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board directs that the Building Department place a sign on the property giving notice of the public hearing pursuant to § 98-101(E).

Dated: April 7, 2025

**MOTION BY:** Councilwoman Chapman

**SECONDED BY:** Councilman Degan

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYE**

**NAY**

Councilwoman Chapman \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Cookinham \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Degan \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Rifenburgh \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor Albrecht \_\_\_\_\_ \*ABSENT \_\_\_\_\_

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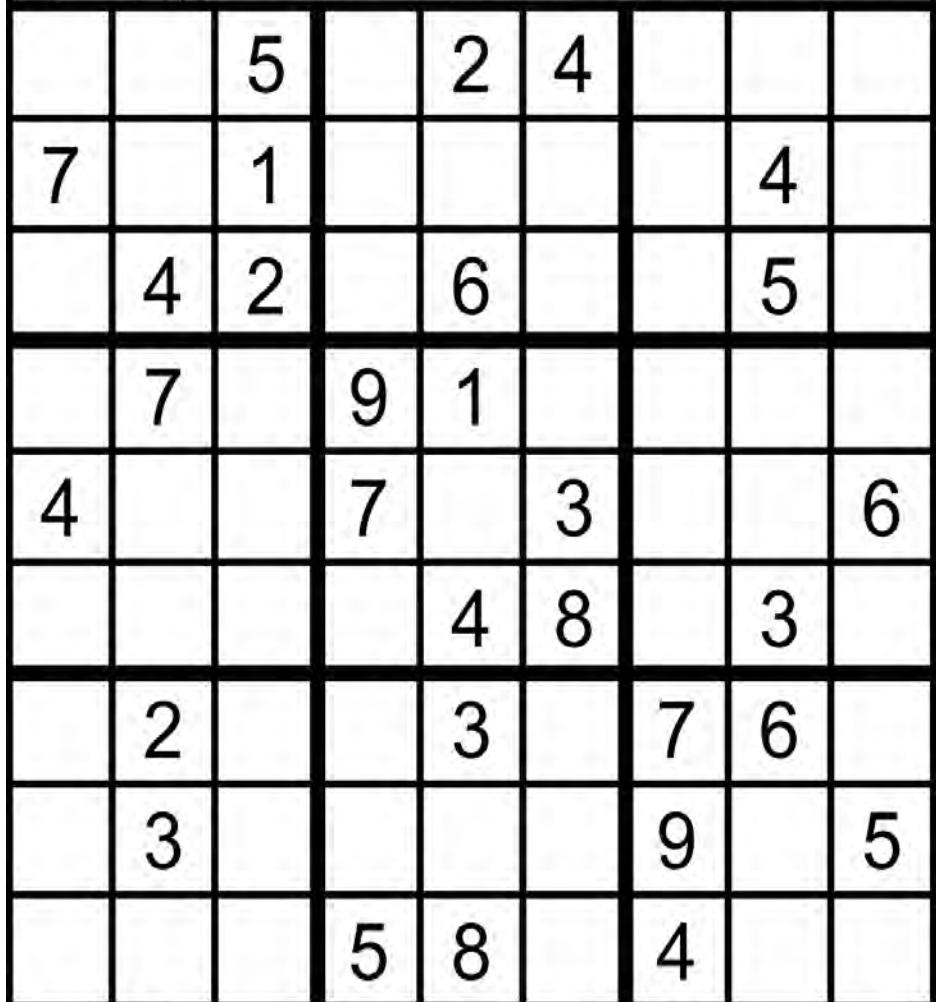
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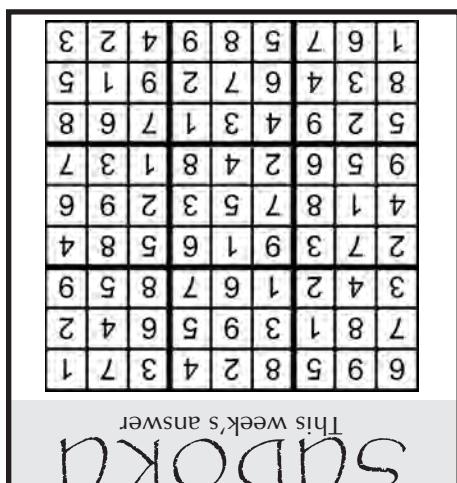
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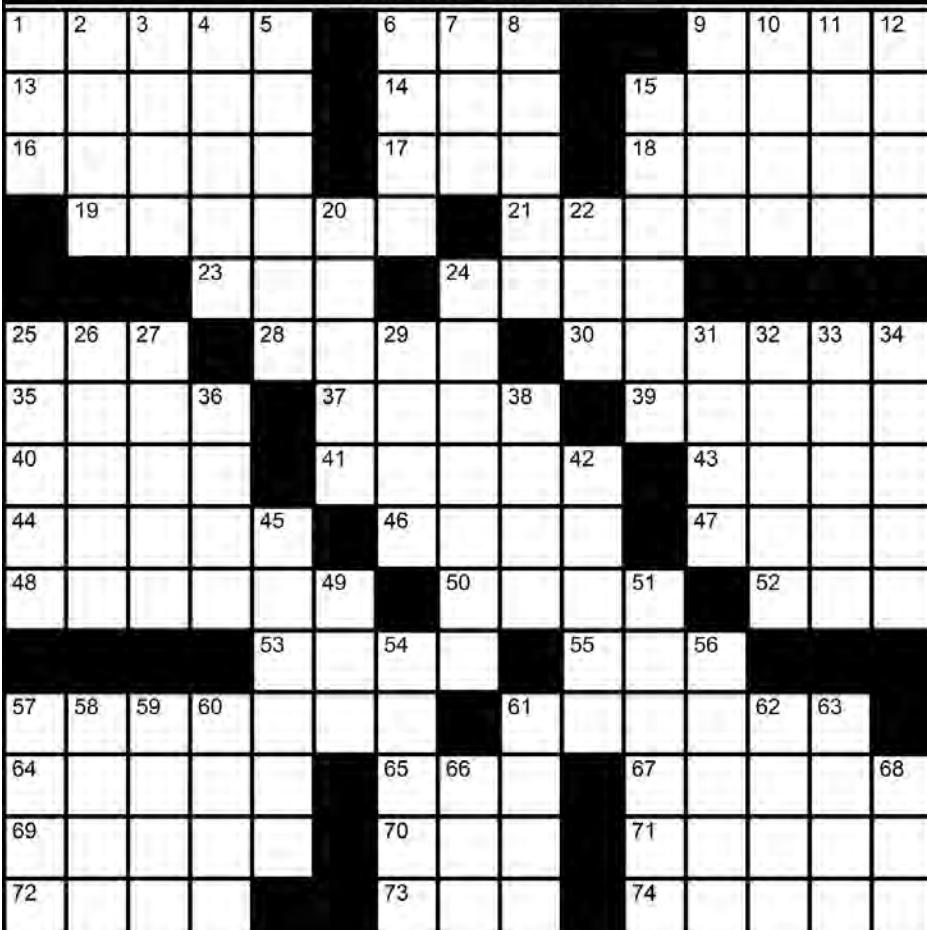
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- \*Mitchell Pritchett's sister Claire
- \*Alex P. Keaton's sister
- Lao-tzu follower
- \_\_\_\_ it like it is
- Banned insecticide
- Wolf, in Mexico
- Ubiquitous deciduous tree
- Nevada's \_\_\_\_ 51
- Passionate dislike
- What scribes do
- Lime-rich soil
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- Certain "razor" creator
- Skier's aid
- Sicilian mountain
- Activity of the intellect
- Rush job notation, acr.
- Stitch
- Belted out
- Mad Hatter's beverage of choice
- \*Wednesday Addams' brother
- \*Richie Cunningham's sister
- Palate lobe
- Jersey call
- Notches made by saw
- Olympic 4x4 race, e.g.
- Public house, for short
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- Actor's representative
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- \*One "Sister, Sister"
- Bouquet garni ingredient
- Sushi choice
- "The Simpsons" palindrome
- Court petitioner
- Light on one's feet
- Rendered suet
- Tumult and commotion
- Any high mountain
- Carryall (2 words)
- \*Vampire Stefan Salvatore's brother
- Harry Potter's antagonist
- 9 a.m. prayer
- \*Lisa and Maggie's naughty brother
- \*Phoebe and Piper Halliwell's sister
- British elevators
- Repent
- Redo, to a carpenter
- "Sad to say ..."
- J.F.K. postings
- Muse of love poetry
- Lose
- Famous frat house letters
- Reached culmination
- Naiad or maenad
- Anoint
- Make like a cat
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# Beacon Players to bring 'show-stopping' dance numbers to the stage during 'Guys & Dolls' April 25-27

**By Kristine Coulter**

The Beacon Players, Beacon High School's drama club, will perform "Guys & Dolls" at the Pete & Toshi Seeger Theatre at Beacon High School, 101 Matteawan Rd., from April 25-27. Shows on April 25 and April 26 are at 7 p.m. and on April 27 at 2 p.m.

Anthony Scarrone, known for producing high school musicals that receive rave reviews from audiences, is the director and advisor of The Beacon Players. Following successful consecutive seasons involving "Les Misérables" and "The Phantom of The Opera," Scarrone has chosen "Guys and Dolls" because "of its well-known score, comedic characters, and show-stopping dance numbers," it was stated. He noted the show features classics as "Luck Be a Lady," "I've Never Been in Love Before," "A Bushel and a Peck," and "Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat."

"We wanted to undertake the classic American musical and provide our students with something lighthearted and fun for a change of pace for us," said Scarrone.

Are there any "surprises" audiences can expect?

"We have included two new scenes that have one additional song from the movie and have created additional characters to increase the storyline based upon the Damon Runyon guidelines. Our dances and choreography are above and beyond our original expectations and are truly spectacular. Our sets are different than the usual "Guys and Dolls" style. The designs truly enhance the period as well as the costumes which, for the most part, have been designed and created by our stu-



*The Beacon Players will perform "Guys & Dolls" at Beacon High School from April 25-27.*

*Above: Members of the cast, from left, McKenna Griffin, Molly Lyons, Hartley Brickman and Evangeline Santise.*

*Right: Beacon Players members Molly Lyons and Charlie Klein.*

*-Courtesy photo Beacon Players*

dents," he said.

Evelyn Moreno, who is a senior at the high school, portrays the character Harry the Horse.

"We've changed him to Highrolling Heléne, a tough, resilient female crapshooter who stands on business, inspired by my middle name. I've gotten the experience of many characters in the show as an understudy, such as Agatha in the mission band, Big Jule, Nicely Nicely, but



Heléne is my very own at this point," said Evelyn.

"My favorite scene is the crapshooters' ballet. We get to dive into the personalities of the crapshooters just through this intense, breathtaking dance number. There's so many layers and pieces to the scene, just as the sewer and the lighting; it ties everything together and gives us dancers more color," said Evelyn.

Asked how the students been doing in rehearsals, Scarrone replied, "It is always amazing to watch these young actors and actresses, lighting and set designers and all of our crew members come to life and create such amazing moments for our audiences. They undertake tasks that one would think are far beyond their ability. They step up to levels of achievement that are truly remarkable. It has been fun watching them take on the show talking about this period in our history and trying to develop the New York-style of speaking and discussing how New York City was in early post war environment. They are learning about Damon Runyon and his characters and trying to explain places like Howard Johnson, and some of the meanings of some of the colloquialisms have been fun, but of course, as always to be a player. Students have reason to create an amazing evening of theater for our audiences."

Sky Masterson, a gambler who ends up falling for a "mission doll," is played by Beacon High School senior Charlie Klein.

"My favorite scene would have to be "Havana." It's the turning point for Sky and Sarah, and a lot of fun for everyone," said Charlie.

Why should people go to see the show?

"People should come to see the show because it's very lighthearted and fun, and I think there's something in it for everyone to appreciate," said Charlie.

Evelyn stated, "Everybody should see this show because it's just fantastic! Diligence shines through the actors, the set pieces, the costumes, the lighting, and the musicians. Everything is present. It's funny, it's classic, and it's exhilarating. Please come see the show," said Evelyn.

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