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RYAN'S JOURNEY

Dutchess figure skater heads to Special Olympics World Games in 2025

By Kate Goldsmith

Ryan Chin of Wappingers Falls has qualified to represent the United States at the 2025 Special Olympics World Games in Turin, Italy. A member of the Dutchess Figure Skating Club, Ryan has dedicated the past 11 years of his life to honing his craft and inspiring those who share the ice with him. His journey to this prestigious global event is a testament to his determination, skill, and the power of inclusive sports to transform lives.

"It's a dream come true to represent the USA at the Special Olympics World Games in Turin," said Ryan. "Skating has taught me many valuable life skills and given me a place in the community where I feel at home. I'm proud to show what hard work and dedication can achieve. I can't wait to meet other athletes from around the world, share this amazing experience with them, and try real Italian food! I'm ready to bring home a gold medal win for Team USA."

Chin, 23, began skating at age 12 in a therapeutic ice skating program offered by the McCann Ice Arena rink, quickly excelling through figure skating levels and skills. He began competing in Special Olympics New York figure skating competitions at age 15, earning seven gold medals in seven competition seasons. With determination, devotion, and support from his coaches, Heather O'Connor, Deirdre Bonanno, Sergei Sakhnovskiy, and fellow skaters, Chin has been able to make incredible strides.

"Ryan's drive and love for figure skating has been an inspiration to everyone at the McCann Ice Arena," said Coach Heather O'Connor, who is also the Learn to Skate Director at the McCann Ice Arena. "We're incredibly proud of his accomplishment and can't wait to cheer him on as he takes on the world stage



Wappingers Falls resident Ryan Chin will be representing the United States in the 2025 Special Olympics World Games in Turin, Italy. The Games are scheduled for March 2025.

-Courtesy photo

in Turin."

The Special Olympics World Games is the largest inclusive sporting event across the globe, showcasing the talents of over 1,500 athletes with disabilities from more than 190 countries. The 2025 Games will take place from March 8 through March 16, 2025, bringing together thousands of athletes, coaches, and fans to celebrate excellence in sports and the power of inclusion.

"It is with the help of all the McCann Ice Arena's coaches that Ryan has been

able to excel and compete in figure skating to be able to be selected for the Special Olympics World Games," said his parents, Tak and Jen Chin. "With the coaches' patience and dedication, Ryan has continued to learn and improve on his figure skating skills. He is currently taking the US Figure Skating Adult Skating Skills tests, and he has completed up to the Pre-Bronze Skating Skills and Pre-Preliminary Singles and has completed the Adaptive Skating Gold test."

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Feedback positive on Beacon-Hopewell Rail Trail Survey

By Kristine Coulter

A summary of responses regarding a possible Beacon-Hopewell Rail Trail Survey were released by Dutchess County. The online survey was taken from April 2 - July 10. Pop-up in-person surveys were conducted at the Beacon's Farmer's Market and the Sons of Italy Festival in East Fishkill earlier this summer, according to officials.

According to the summary, which was released in late Nov., "Overall, feedback was highly positive, with many responses highlighting the trail's potential to improve community connectivity, provide recreational opportunities, and enhance local quality of life."

Those who entered a zip code for the survey, 61% were from Beacon, Fishkill, East Fishkill; 86% said they were from Dutchess County. Forty percent of participants in the survey said they visited the area recreationally.

One of the survey questions was to designate specific locations on a map for their top amenities. According to the results, "Popular locators included the areas near the Beacon Train Station, Madam Bret Park, and East Main Street in Beacon; near Jean Van Pelt Park and Doug Philips Park in the Town of Fishkill; near Route 9 and Sarah Taylor Park in the Village of Fishkill; and the Hopewell Depot area in East Fishkill, where the Beacon Line intersects with the Dutchess Rail Trail and Maybrook Trailway."

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IN MEMORIAM

Clara Lou Gould 'loved the City of Beacon'

By Kristine Coulter

The funeral for former Beacon Mayor Clara Lou Gould was held on Tuesday, Dec. 10.

Gould, the first female mayor of the City Beacon and longest serving female mayor in NYS history, died on Dec. 2 at the age of 97. She was the daughter of Michael and Clara Malone. Gould was born in Cold Spring, Putnam County.

Remembering a former mayor

At the Dec. 2 City Council meeting Mayor Lee Kyriacou announced the flags across the city would be lowered to half-staff in honor of Gould for the week.

"I'll ask for a moment of silence for the passing

of Clara Lou Gould," said Kyriacou during the meeting at City Hall.

Peter Forman, a Beacon resident and friend of Gould's, was the City Attorney for nine years. Forman told the Council that he and Pam Barrack, another friend of Gould's and a public servant, expressed appreciation for the extended courtesies to Gould from the council.

"She was a wonderful woman. She worked very hard for the City of Beacon. She loved the City of Beacon," stated Forman.

"She was very active, other than being mayor of Beacon," said Barrack, during the meeting. "We're going to miss her terribly."

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Former Beacon Mayor Clara Lou Gould during a ceremony honoring her outside the Municipal Building in Beacon in 2019.

-Archive photo by Kristine Coulter

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WFBPA starts monthly 'Mingles' with visit to Laser Life Esthetics



The Wappingers Falls Business Professional Association's (WFBPA) mission is to foster growth and development of businesses in Wappingers Falls and the surrounding areas by providing networking opportunities, resources, and support to their members. They strive to create a thriving business community that is known for its innovation, excellence, and collaboration.

"Every month we encourage our members to open their doors and warmly host a monthly Mingle! This is a great opportunity for attendees to see their business and hear about what services and products they provide to our communities. It's only one of the many wonderful perks of our membership. At our WFBPA Mingles you will surely find new connections being made thru networking, as well as organic conversations where guests, ask questions, get feedback and look for ways to support each other!" says Yvette Sanchez, WFBPA Board Member and Co-Owner of Sunmed | Your CBD Store, Wappingers Falls.

The December WFBPA Mingle was hosted on Dec. 6 by Brittany Smith, owner of Laser Life Esthetics at 1207 Rt.

9 in Wappingers Falls. Laser Life Esthetics provides services such as laser hair removal, chemical peels and skincare treatments to include advanced techniques such as scar revision, inkless scar revision and tattoo camouflage.

About Brittany Smith

I began my journey in the beauty industry by studying cosmetology at BOCES, graduating in 2008. Shortly thereafter, I completed my training at the New York School of Aesthetics in 2009 and officially launched my career as an aesthetician in 2010. For over a decade, I have specialized in laser treatments and skincare, gaining invaluable experience while working at some of the top laser clinics in Westchester.

When I decided to establish my own business, I knew I wanted to root it in the heart of the Hudson Valley, along Route 9. This vision led to the creation of Laser Life, which has been one of the greatest blessings of my career. My approach has always been centered on authenticity and creating a welcoming environment where clients feel completely at ease.



Members of the Wappingers Falls Business Professional Association gathered at Laser Life Esthetics at 1207 Rt. 9 in Wappingers Falls on Dec. 6. The organization will conduct monthly "Mingles" at the site of a different member to learn more about that particular business.

Left: The Wappingers Falls Business Professional Association logo.

-Courtesy photo, image

At Laser Life, I've expanded my services from laser hair removal, chemical peels, and skincare treatments to include advanced techniques such as scar revision, inkless scar revision, and tattoo camouflage. To ensure the highest quality for these specialized services, I traveled to Las Vegas to train with a world-renowned expert in these cutting-edge procedures.

With over a decade of experience in the industry, I have become a Master Esthetician, trained in a wide range of advanced laser technologies and skincare techniques. My dedication to excellence has been recognized through multiple awards, and I am proud to continue helping my clients achieve their skincare goals

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About the WFBPA

If you would like more information about WFBPA or how to become a member, please visit www.wfbpa.org

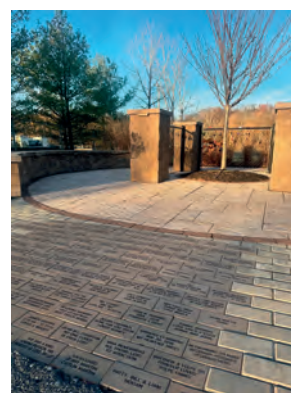
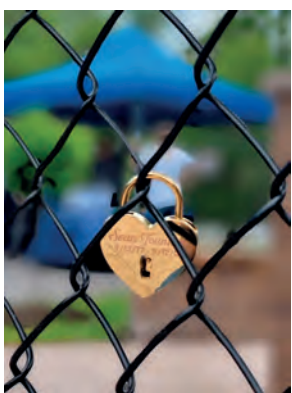
Upcoming events open to members and friends include:

- WFBPA Quarterly Luncheon - Wed. Dec 18th
- January Mingle - Viscount Wine & Liquor
- February Mingle - TBD
- March Mingle - All Angels Montessori School
- April Mingle - Sunmed | Your CBD Store
- May Mingle - St. Mary School
- June - Festival at the Falls.

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Drug Overdose Awareness Memorial



This holiday season, purchase a customized brick at www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/marc to remember a loved one you've lost to addiction or to share a message of hope or support for someone who is living in recovery. It will be displayed at the entrance of the Overdose Awareness Memorial, located at the entrance of the Dutchess County Rail Trail, behind Gold's Gym in Lagrange.

Donations help support the work of the MARC Foundation. The mission of the nonprofit is to generate financial support to provide prevention and residential treatment for individuals with a substance use disorder. To learn more about the Overdose Awareness Memorial, or upcoming events, resources and news, head to www.marc-foundation.org or follow the MARC Foundation on Facebook.

The Overdose Awareness Memorial is free to visit anytime and everyone is invited to place a lock on the fence at the memorial to remember a loved one.

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Her life before public service

Gould graduated from the College of New Rochelle, in Westchester County. Before her career in politics, Gould went on to work in New York City for Viking Press and Harold Ober Associates. While working in New York City, she worked with mystery author Agatha Christie, according to Forman.

Gould married Texaco Research Center chemist Bob Gould in 1954. It was in 1960 that the couple moved to Beacon where Gould would become involved with the former Highland Hospital, off Delavan Ave., and chaired the Highland Hospital Auxiliary, according to Forman.

Gould also became a member of the Tioronda Garden Club, and eventually became the club's president. She was also a District Director of the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, stated Forman.

"The Tioronda Garden Club joins in mourning the passing of former City of Beacon Mayor and Garden Club member Clara Lou Gould. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends at this time," read a post on The Tioronda Garden Club's Facebook page.

The future mayor, noted Forman, also served on the Beacon Beautification Committee and on the board of directors of the Fishkill National Bank for many years.

Gould's years as mayor

Gould was elected to her first term as mayor in 1989. All five seats on the Council at that time were filled by Republicans. According to Forman, the City's Charter was substantially modified to a "Strong Mayor" form of government.

It was during her administration that the first City Administrator was appointed. Gould and City Administrator Joseph Braun served until her retirement in 2007. Gould won re-election in 1991, 1995, 1999 and 2003.

Kyriacou said, "Clara Lou was my mayor. I got on the Council in 1993." He noted the City Charter vote was in 1989, and the first election under the new system was in 1991.

"I will always refer to Clara Lou as 'Mayor,'" said Kyriacou, who mentioned he visited her in November to invite her to the recent grand opening of the new central City of Beacon fire station, but she was unable to attend.

Forman noted Gould negotiated a revised water and sewer contract with the New York State Department of Corrections. A water filtration plant opened and that led to the lifting of a new commercial development moratorium. She also oversaw the 1997 building and combination of the City of Municipal Building at its current location at



Former Beacon Mayor Clara Lou Gould died on Dec. 2 at the age of 97. Clockwise from above: Gould with Tioronda Garden Club President Gary Barrack during a ceremony honoring her outside of the Municipal Building in Beacon in 2019. Gould photographed during her childhood. A neglected apartment on Main St. in the early 1980s, before the city of Beacon's revitalization, which Gould is credited for starting.

-Courtesy photos by Beacon Historical Society



Municipal Plaza.

"Clara Lou had a marvelous vision for Beacon -- and she never wavered in making decisions that she thought were in the city's best interest. When she was first elected, Main Street was suffering. And I guess you could say that the whole city suffered as a result. But she saw more than boarded up buildings and abandoned factories. She saw great architectural charm, she saw the potential for work/life spaces, she saw our magnificent setting between river and mountain --and she saw the strong sense of community that existed here," said Denise VanBuren, a friend of Gould's and president of the Beacon Historical Society.

Gould also made sure the next generation knew about government and its citizens' responsibility to participate in government. She read to 5th graders in the Beacon City School District and held Senior Tea with Beacon High School students. Forman noted that Gould was asked one time by a student if it was possible for a boy to become mayor.

Dia Beacon remembers Gould

Jessica Morgan is the current director of the Dia Art Foundation. Dia Beacon is located in the former Nabisco factory building. Gould was instrumental in bringing Dia Beacon to Beacon. According to Forman, in 2003 this accomplishment kick-started the migration of artists, families, art-related businesses, restaurants and other commercial attractions to Beacon. This reinvigorated Main St., which continues today.

"Dia -- it was not a straightforward process," said Kyriacou, everyone "was looking for what was the vision going forward.

"There were times we weren't sure it was going to happen. Clara Lou was one of those people who made sure to "keep pushing and would go through," Forman explained.

"We were deeply saddened to hear of Clara Lou Gould's passing [last] week. Clara was a powerhouse and a deeply beloved leader in the Beacon community. She was instrumental in Beacon's transformation to the lively town it is today, and was crucial in bringing our dreams for Dia Beacon alive. We will be forever grateful for her support and send our condolences to her family and her many friends," Morgan said in a statement to the Southern Dutchess News.

Honoring the longest-serving mayor in NYS history

During former mayor Randy Casale's administration, Gould was honored with a plaque and bench outside of the Municipal Building on her 92nd birthday in 2019. When she retired, Gould was the longest-serving female mayor in the state.

"She was a very humble mayor. 'You cannot imagine how much you get done if you don't care who gets credit,' that was her motto," stated Forman. He said Gould never jumped in front of cameras but was always working behind the scenes.

VanBuren said, "In her calm, quiet way, she led Beacon forward -- she did it largely by encouraging people like Ron

and Ronnie Beth Sauers, who were willing to invest when others neglected their buildings or simply walked away. She did it by strongly supporting code enforcement to bring buildings to a safe state. She did it by encouraging groups like the Historical Society and the Garden Club to flourish. She did it by encouraging a sense of "possibilities" in all of us who love Beacon. She was, in every sense of the word, a community servant."

"Clara Lou, we will miss you," said Kyriacou.

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NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINE

Due to holiday press schedules for the Dec. 25, and Jan. 1, 2025 issues, the Southern Dutchess News has early deadlines for both papers.

For the Dec. 25 issue: Advertising is due by Thursday, Dec. 19. Editorial submissions must be received by Wednesday, Dec. 18.

For the Jan. 1 issue: Editorial submissions must be received by Monday, Dec. 23. Advertising is due by Thursday, Dec. 26.

Please contact cschmidt@southdutchessnews.com for more information

Comments on 'Good Cause' Eviction in Town of Fishkill

To the Editor:

As is known, we recently passed GCE in Fishkill. This vote came after months of consideration, but with little input on the opposing side of the issue. For the sake of fairness, I asked Supervisor Albra to postpone the vote so we can publicize this resolution in our eGov newsletter to encourage all sides to get to the board meeting and voice their thoughts and/or concerns. He agreed.

During that interim period, it dawned on me that the effects of this law, good or bad, have not been determined. I called several towns who enacted it as well as different groups to gather more opinions and possibly some insights. In a legal sense this is called due diligence. At the board meeting I presented information we had not considered and a point to (possibly) pause the vote only to review a bit more so we can lead, not follow on this issue. Simply, I wanted us to move forward with a bit more confidence but that was attacked with hyperbole.

Is there a time-limit for board members to review an issue, especially one that creates such a big change? No. What I was proposing was a holistic look at our market. With a 0.9% vacancy rate, renters don't have options and that is a huge part of the issue. Will GCE help? We'll see. We want our citizens to know the board has their back. Those in the real estate world aren't happy.

Brian C. Wrye
Councilman, Town of Fishkill

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December is leading month for U.S. home fires

Christmas trees, holiday decorations, and festive meals – hallmarks of the holiday season – present potential fire hazards that collectively contribute to an increase in U.S. home fires each December. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Christmas Day and Christmas Eve were the second- and third-leading days of the year for home cooking fires, respectively, in 2022.

"When people are busy and trying to do many things at once, they're more likely to get distracted from what's on the stove or in the oven. Knowing that unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires year-round, it's easy to see why the number of cooking fires spikes on these days," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA vice president of Outreach and Advocacy.

Candles and lighting

Decorating homes with electrical lighting and candles also contributes to a higher fire risk during the holiday season. Between 2018 and 2022, U.S. fire departments responded to an annual average of 835 home structure fires that began with decorations (excluding Christmas trees). Year-round, approximately one-third (32 percent) of home decoration fires were started by candles; in December, that number jumped to almost half (46 percent).

Christmas trees

Christmas tree fires don't happen very often, but when they do, they tend to be more serious. An annual average of 155 home Christmas tree fires resulted in four civilian deaths, seven civilian injuries, and \$15 million in direct property damage, with electrical distribution or lighting equipment involved in more than two in five home Christmas tree fires.

Lithium-ion batteries

Many people will be buying and gifting electronic devices that contain lithium-ion batteries. As the use of these devices has increased in recent years, so too has the number of related fires. It's important to understand the risks associated with these batteries and ways to prevent them:

- Only purchase and use devices, batteries, and charging equipment that are listed by a nationally recognized testing lab and labeled accordingly.

- Use charging equipment that is only compatible with your device. To be safe, use only the charging equipment that is supplied with your device.

- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.

- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash. Recycling is always the best option. Take the batteries to a battery recycling location or contact your local waste department for disposal instructions.

- Stop using your device if the battery shows signs of damage, such as an unusual odor, excessive heat, popping sounds, swelling, or change in color.

- Only have device repairs performed by a qualified professional.

"The commonality between the vast majority of all these fires is that they're largely preventable," said Carli. "By understanding when and where potential risks exist, people can take simple steps to reduce their likelihood, which can go a long way toward ensuring a festive, fire-free holiday season."

NFPA offers a wealth of information and resources to help minimize the likelihood of cooking, candle, Christmas tree, and decoration fires. Learn more at nfpa.org/winterholidaysafety

About the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

Founded in 1896, NFPA is a global, nonprofit organization devoted to eliminating death, injury, property and economic loss due to fire, electrical and related hazards. The association delivers information and knowledge through more than 300 consensus codes and standards, research, training, education, outreach and advocacy; and by partnering with others who share an interest in furthering the NFPA mission. For more information, visit www.nfpa.org. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed online for free at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess.

Drug Task Force: Community complaints leads to alleged fentanyl dealer and associate arrest

The Dutchess County District Attorney's Office Drug Task Force received reports of narcotic and dangerous drug dealing in the area of 60 Carroll Street, a large apartment building on the south side of Poughkeepsie.

According to a press release, Drug Task Force Agents identified Stephen Bai, 39, a City of Poughkeepsie resident, as an alleged narcotic and dangerous drug dealer operating out of an apartment in that building. Drug Task Force Agents were allegedly able to make several purchases of fentanyl from Bai resulting in a search warrant being issued by the City of Poughkeepsie Court.

In the early morning hour of Dec. 4, Drug Task Force Agents and the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Unit executed the search warrant at the apartment and located Bai where he was arrested. Within Bai's apartment, Agents allegedly found fentanyl, cocaine, and a significant amount of drug sale packaging along with scales.

In addition to Bai, Agents executing the search warrant located an associate identified as Angela Martinez, 38, who had an active arrest warrant for felony drug possession. Martinez was allegedly also found in possession of felony weight of crack cocaine when she was taken into custody by DTF Agents.

Bai was charged with the following, according to the task force:

(2) Counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance (fentanyl) in the 3rd degree, a class B Felony.

Mr. Bai was arraigned in the City of Poughkeepsie Court and released as required by New York State Law.

*Additional charges are pending against Bai as a result of this investigation.

Martinez was charged with the following in addition to her outstanding arrest warrant, according to the task force:

(1) Count of Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance in the 4th degree, a class C Felony. Martinez was arraigned in the City of Poughkeepsie Court and released as required by New York State Law. Martinez was then turned over to the Town of Poughkeepsie Police to be processed on her outstanding felony drug warrant.

*Additional charges are pending against Martinez as a result of this investigation.

The Drug Task Force continues to respond to community requests for assistance when narcotic and dangerous drug dealers are selling poison in their communities. Fentanyl, cocaine, and methamphetamine continue to be a serious public health risk to community members as well as first responders.

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

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

Sign up for the Mount Gulian Children's Holiday Tea by Dec. 17

By Kristine Coulter

Sign up for the annual Children's Holiday Tea at the Mount Gulian Historic Site, 145 Sterling St., in Beacon, on Friday, Dec. 27. The annual tradition will be held from noon – 2 p.m. The Holiday Tea sells out early, so make one's reservations before the Dec. 17 deadline. Admission is \$18 for children and \$25 for adults.

"We are greatly looking forward to welcoming young visitors and their families to the homestead. Many of our young guests dress for the occasion, boys and girls alike. Everyone learns about the tradition of afternoon tea, when Victorian ladies and their gentlemen met for tea, refreshments, and light conversation" said Elaine Hayes, Mount Gulian Executive Director. "Afternoon teas were popular at many Hudson Valley homes, including Mount Gulian, home of the Verplanck family. This event replicates a once common tradition, when days were far less hectic."

According to organizers, the menu will include assorted Harney & Sons teas, dainty finger sandwiches prepared by The Bagel Shoppe in Fishkill and a selection of homemade desserts.

"Mount Gulian's Children's Holiday Tea brings families together in a festive atmosphere. It's become a special tradition for children and their families.



Sign up by Dec. 17 for the annual Children's Holiday Tea at Mount Gulian Historic Site. The tea is set for Dec. 27.

-Courtesy photo

I've been told recently that two young boys, who attended the Tea with their grandmother years ago, still talk about the fun they had. And girls love the Tea too, especially getting dressed up for it.

Our site is decked out for the holidays, and everyone enjoys learning about Victorian Era tea customs," said Hayes.

Children to the homestead will have the chance to make a Victorian-inspired

craft project.

"Our guests can expect an event that combines fun, good manners and education about a bygone era, in an authentic location where social teas were once standard fare. Our homestead's rooms will be beautifully decorated with fresh greens, and tables will be set with traditional fine linen and china. Our afternoon tea replicates a once common tradition, when days were far less hectic. Dainty finger sandwiches prepared by The Bagel Shoppe, Fishkill, and a selection of homemade desserts will be on the menu, as well as an assortment of Harney & Sons teas," Hayes explained.

She also noted: "Today, families are often fragmented and live far apart. Our Tea is a great opportunity to see different generations coming together and enjoying a memorable event. It reinforces my thinking that Mount Gulian is a great community resource - not only by providing educational programs for youngsters and adults, but that our special events create positive feelings about the importance of history and is relevant to our daily lives."

For reservations and further information call 845-831-8172 or email info@mountgulian.org.

Cary Institute scientist co-authors study on cooling effects of urban trees

How many trees does it take to cool a city? Until now, data on the cooling effects of urban trees was only available at the neighborhood level. A new study offers a tool to scale up the data to inform city-wide greening efforts.

Cities around the globe are increasingly experiencing dangerous heat as urban concrete and asphalt amplify rising temperatures. Tree-planting programs are a popular, nature-based way to cool cities, but these initiatives have been largely based on guesswork and extrapolation.

Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies announced that a recent study published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences offers a new tool for urban planners and decision makers to set more specific and science-based city-wide greening goals.

The study is led by Jia Wang, Weiqi Zhou, and Yuguo Qian at the Chinese Academy of Sciences, and co-authored by Steward Pickett, an urban ecologist at Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies.

"Trees offer many benefits to cities, and cooling is one of them," Pickett explained. "Trees are good at cooling because they pump a lot of water from the

ground into the air, and when that water evaporates at the leaf surface, it absorbs a vast amount of heat. That's just the physics of evaporation. The shade provided by trees also helps with cooling."

To date, most studies measuring the cooling effects of urban trees focus on the hyperlocal level, such as on a particular street or neighborhood. When the urban tree canopy expands by 1%, for example, nearby temperatures may decrease by 0.04 to 0.57 degrees Celsius.

"That's valuable, but planners and decision makers are thinking about the whole city," said Pickett. "They're asking, 'How much tree canopy do we need for the whole city? What happens when we scale it up?' And that information hasn't been available."

It wasn't clear whether the fine-scale results could be extrapolated to the city scale. So, the researchers set out to determine how trees' cooling efficiency — the temperature reduction associated with a 1% increase urban tree canopy — changes across larger areas.

The team analyzed satellite imagery and temperature data from four cities with very different climates: Beijing and

Shenzhen in China, and Baltimore and Sacramento in the US. Baltimore and Beijing are temperate, Shenzhen is subtropical, and Sacramento is in a Mediterranean climate zone. First, they divided each city into pixels approximately the size of a city block. For each pixel, they measured the land surface temperature and how much of the ground was covered by trees. Then they ran the same analyses across larger and larger sections of each city, spanning the neighborhood level, city level, and beyond. Finally, they calculated how the mathematical relationship between greenery and temperature — the cooling efficiency — changed at different scales.

Overall, the team discovered that the cooling efficiency of urban trees increased at larger scales. But it did so at a slower rate at larger unit sizes. In Beijing, for example, a 1% increase in canopy at the block level decreases temperature by about 0.06 degrees, whereas a 1% increase in canopy at the city level could decrease temperature by about 0.18 degrees.

The additional benefit at larger scales seems to come from being able to include

large groups of trees, which have a larger cooling capacity.

With greater clarity about the relationships between area, tree canopy cover, and cooling effects, the paper makes it possible to predict cooling effects at the whole-city scale, offering a valuable tool for managers to set urban tree canopy goals to reduce extreme heat.

Co-author Weiqi Zhou notes, "We found that cooling efficiency follows a power law across scales — from as small as 120 by 120 meters to as large as regions covering the entire city. The relationship holds across all four of the studied cities, which are in very different climates. This suggests that it could be used to predict the amount of additional tree cover needed to achieve specific heat mitigation and climate adaptation goals in cities worldwide."

While the paper provides essential information for decision-making at the municipal level, Pickett cautions that urban planners may also need to work at smaller scales to ensure that urban trees — and their potential benefits — are distributed equitably across the city, and with community buy-in.

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Serino begins 'Housing Listening Tour' at FDR historic site in Hyde Park

Joined by nearly a dozen housing developers and service providers, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino kicked off her "Housing Listening Tour" last month at the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park to learn more about how the County can be a supportive partner in efforts to build more affordable housing to meet the growing needs of the community.

"This conversation was just the beginning," continued Serino. "We are committed to working with developers, service providers and community leaders to create practical, innovative solutions to meet the diverse housing needs across Dutchess County."

The roundtable was attended by representatives from numerous organizations, including the James J. Sullivan Corporation, Community Housing Innovations, RUPCO, Dakota Partners Mental Health America (MHA) Dutchess, Empyrean Fields Corporation and Hudson Todd.

Discussions centered on overcoming barriers to housing development and identifying actionable solutions to support residents and expand affordable housing options.

Key issues highlighted included:

- Land and Infrastructure Costs: Participants cited high land prices and inadequate water and sewer infrastructure as significant hurdles.
- Regulatory and Financial Barriers: Developers emphasized the need for streamlined approval processes at the local level, tax incentives and financial models that reduce pre-development risks.
- Public Perception: Stakeholders dis-

cussed the importance of educating communities about the distinctions between affordable housing, supportive housing and market-rate housing to combat stigma and garner public support.

Workforce and Innovation: The need for workforce development and innovative construction methods was a recurring theme. The discussion included how to leverage the County's Housing Trust Fund to support smaller developers.

"We appreciate the feedback we received from developers, which reinforced our understanding of the challenges around developing affordable housing. We look forward to continued collaboration with developers, fellow funders, and municipalities," said Commissioner of Planning & Development Eoin Wrafter.

The County plans to open a new round of funding applications through the Housing Trust Fund for affordable housing and will use feedback from the roundtable discussions to support developers and service providers.

Serino first announced the start of a 'Housing Listening Tour' in her 2025 Executive Budget Address in November, when she noted the County's plan to meet with housing developers and stakeholders, major employers, municipal leaders, school superintendents and others.

"Ensuring everyone has access to safe, affordable housing is a priority for Dutchess County, but we know we can't do it alone," said Serino. "This roundtable gave us an opportunity to listen, collaborate and begin identifying solutions that meet the unique needs of our residents and communities."



Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino recently began her "Housing Listening Tour." The recent roundtable discussion was held at the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park.

Serino is pictured with (from left) Sabrina Marzouka, Commissioner of Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services, Paul Hesse, Community Development Coordinator, Gail Padalino, Community Development Administrator, and Eoin Wrafter, Commissioner of Dutchess County Department of Planning & Development.

-Courtesy photo by Dutchess County Government

There's no one-size-fits-all solution when it comes to building affordable housing, and

we know that every community is different when it comes to its housing needs."

'Light Up Wappinger' judging set for Dec. 14, 15

Judging for "Light Up Wappinger" takes place Dec. 14 and Dec. 15.

"As the second-most densely populated town in the County, it is important to note that we continue to offer more than just one activity," said Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini. This past Saturday, the Town held the annual parade and tree-lighting ceremony. There is also "Light Up Wappinger."

So, what is "Light Up Wappinger?"

-Wappinger residents (and Village of Wappingers Falls residents) and businesses can take part in the event.

-One must decorate, so the decorations are visible from the road.

Then, on Dec. 14 and Dec. 15, between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. judging of the decorations will take place.

A map of all the participants, who had to register by Dec. 5, in the program will be

provided on social media.

Online voting closes and paper votes must be in by Dec. 18.

There will be prizes.

The three prize categories are:

- Most lights
- Traditional
- Best Movie Theme

After viewing all the locations, vote online for each category. Paper voting forms will also be available. The paper

forms will be available in the Recreation Office at Wappinger Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road. The location with the most votes in each prize category will receive a gift

"These events combined with our Village, are all a part of what our Town of Wappinger community has to offer and we hope that families will enjoy this holiday season," said Cavaccini.

Community Services Board to meet Dec. 16

The Dutchess County Community Services Board will be holding their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, Dec. 16, at noon at the Community Mental Health Center at 230 North Road, Poughkeepsie or you may participate via Microsoft Teams Meeting. Join by phone by dialing 1-516-268-4602 and enter

Conference ID number 130 029 923#.

The Dutchess County Community Services Board meets on the 3rd Monday of each month except for the months of January and February (which due to holidays are held the 4th Monday of those months) and there is no meeting in August.

Upcoming meetings are as follows:
Community Services Board Meetings for 2025:

- January 27
- February 24
- March 17
- April 21
- May 19

- June 16
- July 21
- September 15
- October 20
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Dutchess County's Partnership for Manageable Growth marks milestone

PMG preserves 5,000 acres of farmland



Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino joined County, municipal and land conservancy partners at Obercreek Farm in Wappinger earlier this autumn to celebrate the latest Partnership for Manageable Growth preservation project.



A scenic view of Obercreek Farm in the Town of Wappinger, taken earlier this autumn

-Courtesy photos by Dutchess County Government

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino announced on Dec. 6 that the County's Partnership for Manageable Growth (PMG) has officially preserved more than 5,000 acres of vital farmland since the program's inception in 1999. This milestone was achieved following the latest PMG acquisition, a 143-acre easement at Obercreek Farm in the Town of Wappinger, demonstrating Dutchess County's continued commitment to safeguarding its environmental resources and supporting sustainable development.

Serino said, "Dutchess County is incredibly proud of reaching this major milestone in land preservation. The Partnership for Manageable Growth has long been a cornerstone of Dutchess County's efforts to protect the environment, preserve local agriculture and maintain the scenic and rural quality of life that makes our community so special. By preserving more than 5,000 acres of farmland, we have ensured the future of farming while allowing for

smart, sustainable growth."

Established a quarter-century ago, the PMG was designed to address the growing need to balance economic development and environmental conservation and has become a model for how counties can proactively manage growth while protecting their natural resources. The program was designed to fund the acquisition of land or development rights to protect valuable farmland and open spaces, enabling Dutchess County to assist farmers, landowners and local land conservancies to preserve viable agricultural farmland and open space. Farmlands, such as Obercreek Farm, are protected through conservation easements so they are able to remain in active agricultural production in perpetuity, furthering Dutchess County's support of local agriculture.

Obercreek Farm is the 29th farmland protection project completed under the PMG since 1999. The program was established to implement the goals of the Dutchess County Agricultural and

Farmland Protection Plan, adopted in 1998, preserving the County's rural character, natural beauty and agrarian heritage. In all, through the PMG, the County has protected 39 – both farmland and open space projects – in every region of Dutchess County, worth a total of more than \$42 million. The County's PMG funding provided 25 percent of the cost, or \$481,981; the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets contributed \$1,442,378; and the Dutchess Land Conservancy contributed \$6,000.

Certified as an organic farm by the United States Department of Agriculture, Obercreek Farm grows diversified seasonal vegetables, herbs, flowers and hops for its on-farm store and brewery. The farm property, has been in family ownership since the 1850s and is one of only a few active agricultural properties still operating in the Town of Wappinger; 143 acres of the 186-acre farm will be protected.

In addition to the ecological benefits, land preservation through PMG supports

the economic viability of the County's agricultural industry, which remains a significant contributor to the local economy. Farmers who have participated in the program have benefited from the protection of their land from future development, allowing them to continue farming for generations to come.

Eoin Wrafter, Commissioner of the County's Department of Planning & Development, said, "Preserving more than 5,000 acres is a testament to the collaboration between Dutchess County, landowners, local municipalities, and land conservation organizations. Our PMG success reflects a shared dedication to ensuring a balance between protecting the environment and supporting smart development in our communities."

Additional information about the PMG program is available on the Department of Planning & Development's webpage: <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/Planning/Partnership-for-Manageable-Growth.htm>.

More than 50,000 tickets issued during statewide Thanksgiving enforcement mobilization

42% increase over 2023

Governor Kathy Hochul's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) on Dec. 6 announced law enforcement agencies throughout the State issued 50,466 tickets for various vehicle and traffic law violations, including 1,705 tickets for impaired driving, during a statewide mobilization during the busy Thanksgiving travel period. This is a 42 percent increase over the 35,508 violations issued during the 2023 Thanksgiving enforcement campaign.

"The results of this effort are staggering. Far too many people put their lives and the lives of others at risk through the poor choices that can easily be mitigated," Hochul said. "I want to thank our law enforcement officers for their continued commitment to remove these drivers from our roadways and keep New Yorkers safe."

Sobriety checkpoints and increased patrols to deter, identify and arrest impaired drivers, were conducted throughout the campaign by State and local law enforcement officers. The statewide initiative is funded, annually, by the Governor's Traffic

Safety Committee.

State Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Mark J.F. Schroeder said, "Through these enforcements we are not trying to deter festivities, but rather encourage responsible celebrations. Planning for a safe ride home, staying alert and building extra time into your schedule to get to your destination, are just a few ways drivers can help protect everyone on our roads. These are simple steps that can truly save lives."

As part of the enforcement, law enforcement officers also targeted speeding and aggressive drivers across the State. Below is a breakdown of the total tickets that were issued.

- Impaired Driving: 1,705
- Distracted Driving: 1,702
- Move Over: 483
- Speeding: 10,078
- Seatbelt: 2,812
- Other Violations: 33,686
- Grand Total: 50,466

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The Surveyors of Dutchess County

By Aidan Chisamore

"Mark well the land, for it is our most valuable asset."

This quotation is commonly attributed to George Washington. While it remains uncertain whether the President actually uttered these words, the association underscores the crucial role of land surveying in pre-modern America. Land surveying, or the process of measuring and establishing property boundaries, was once a respected profession for the educated elite in America, lasting until the late nineteenth century. Many of the Founding Fathers, including Thomas Jefferson and George Washington, were surveyors themselves. Dutchess County's land surveyors reflected these important social and political roles. One of the best examples of surveying in the county is found in the expansive Van Vliet Collection, held in the archives of the Dutchess County Historical Society. This collection offers a rich personal and communal history of land surveying, containing hundreds of letters, maps, and survey notes. These documents reveal a prominent, multigenerational, and inter-familial system that operated in the local area into the late nineteenth century, showcasing land surveying within the Van Vliet family as both an artistic endeavor and an expression of family memory.

To understand Van Vliet family surveying, it is essential to first look to their immediate neighbors. Located in the area of Pleasant Plains in the Town of Clinton, the Van Vliet home bordered the Spencer family farm on Rymph Road, where Milea Estate Vineyards now sits. Dozens of letters between the two families reveal personal connections that included lifelong friendships, shared holidays, and frequent gifts. It was through the Spencer family that the Van Vliets were introduced to mathematical systems and surveying procedures.

The first known surveyor in the Spencer family was Reuben Spencer, Sr. (1754-c.1806). During the Revolutionary War, Spencer served as a captain in the Fourth Regiment of Dutchess. Helena Van Vliet, writing in "Early Land Surveying in Clinton: A Bicentennial Review" (1976), noted that Spencer was a land surveyor "of more than local repute." She also claimed that he joined Washington on the president's survey expeditions to the Ohio Territory. While it is unlikely that the young Spencer participated in Washington's surveys, Helena Van Vliet's article highlights the significant social status of land surveyors. It also helped connect the Van Vliet family's surveying heritage directly to Washington.

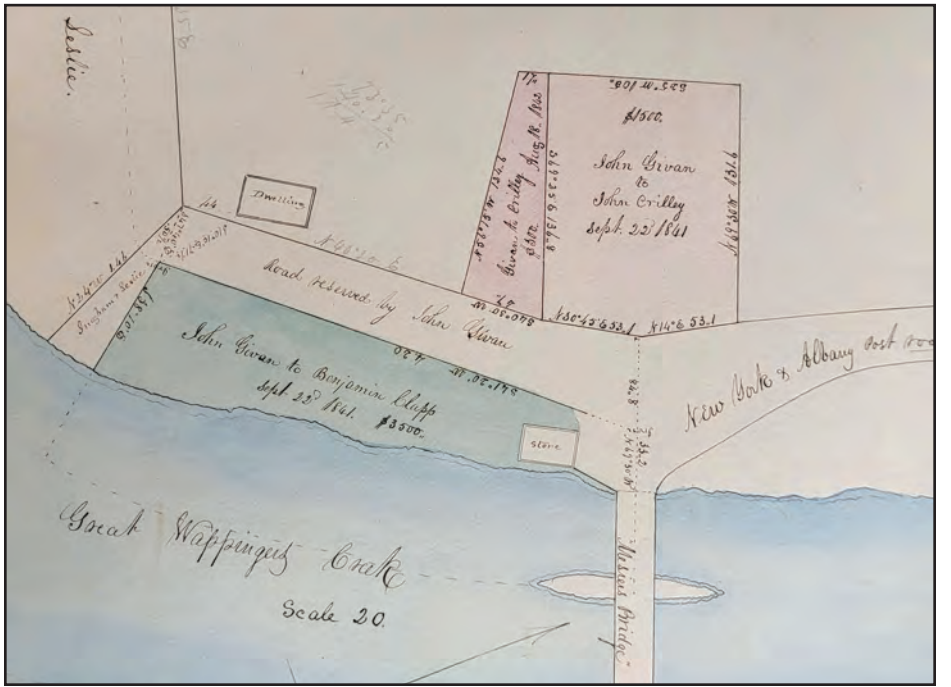
Despite Spencer's prominent role in family memory, it was his son, Reuben Spencer, Jr. (1774-1864), who brought surveying to

the Van Vliet family. In a letter to Henry R. Van Vliet (1833-1914) dated 1855, Spencer, Jr. recounts that his father encouraged him to pursue surveying, even financing his education at an academy in Kingston, the best in the state. After completing his studies, Spencer, Jr. worked as a navigator for several years before settling in the village of Hyde Park, where he established a surveying business. By the 1820s, he expanded his operations to include a boarding school for aspiring navigators and surveyors. Advertisements in the *Poughkeepsie Journal* from the early 1820s promoted the school as offering "various branches of English education," specializing in "practical mathematics." These advertisements underscore Spencer's legacy as an educator, training the next generation of Dutchess County surveyors. A role which Spencer also assumed in his interactions with the Van Vliet family.

Spencer's first pupil was George Van Vliet, whether through private tutoring or attendance at the new boarding school. After his time with Spencer, Van Vliet became a county surveyor who ran a business on Main Street in Poughkeepsie. During his career, George worked with prominent civil engineers, such as Henry Winfield, and became a well-known name throughout the county. Indeed, his reputation grew such that when he sold an old set of surveying instruments in 1846, the buyer George B. Lent used them as his primary method of advertising his new surveying business in issues of the *Poughkeepsie Eagle*. Throughout Van Vliet's life, he produced numerous maps and surveys, many of which drew directly from Spencer's work. These documents represented numerous sites across the county in visually stunning, hand-drawn, and painted maps (see photo, above right).

While he had successful pupils, Spencer's boarding school was short-lived. The surveyor relocated his business to Poughkeepsie in late 1823, and again in 1828 to New York City, where he was appointed Surveyor of the City and County of New York. By the early 1840s, Spencer had retired from his work in New York City and moved to Little Rockfish, North Carolina. Despite the distance and his advancing age, Spencer continued to visit and correspond with the Van Vliet family in "Old Dutchess." During one such visit in 1853, Spencer met Levi Van Vliet's son, Henry R. Van Vliet. Recognizing his potential as a surveyor, Spencer wrote a strongly worded letter of recommendation to the Claverack Academy.

When the Academy rejected Henry later that year, Spencer and the young Van Vliet began a long series of correspondences. In



One of the visually stunning, hand-drawn, and painted maps.

these letters, Spencer offered advice on securing a surveying position, discussed the moral and practical value of surveying, and tested Henry with practical math problems (photo, below). These letters clearly show Spencer's belief in Henry's potential as a surveyor. Indeed, as Spencer wrote in his last correspondence to Henry in February 1856, "You must become the county surveyor for Dutchess County." Moreover, this correspondence emphasized the value of surveying, highlighting the moral and ethical responsibilities of the position. Spencer claimed these responsibilities derived from religious and legal authority.

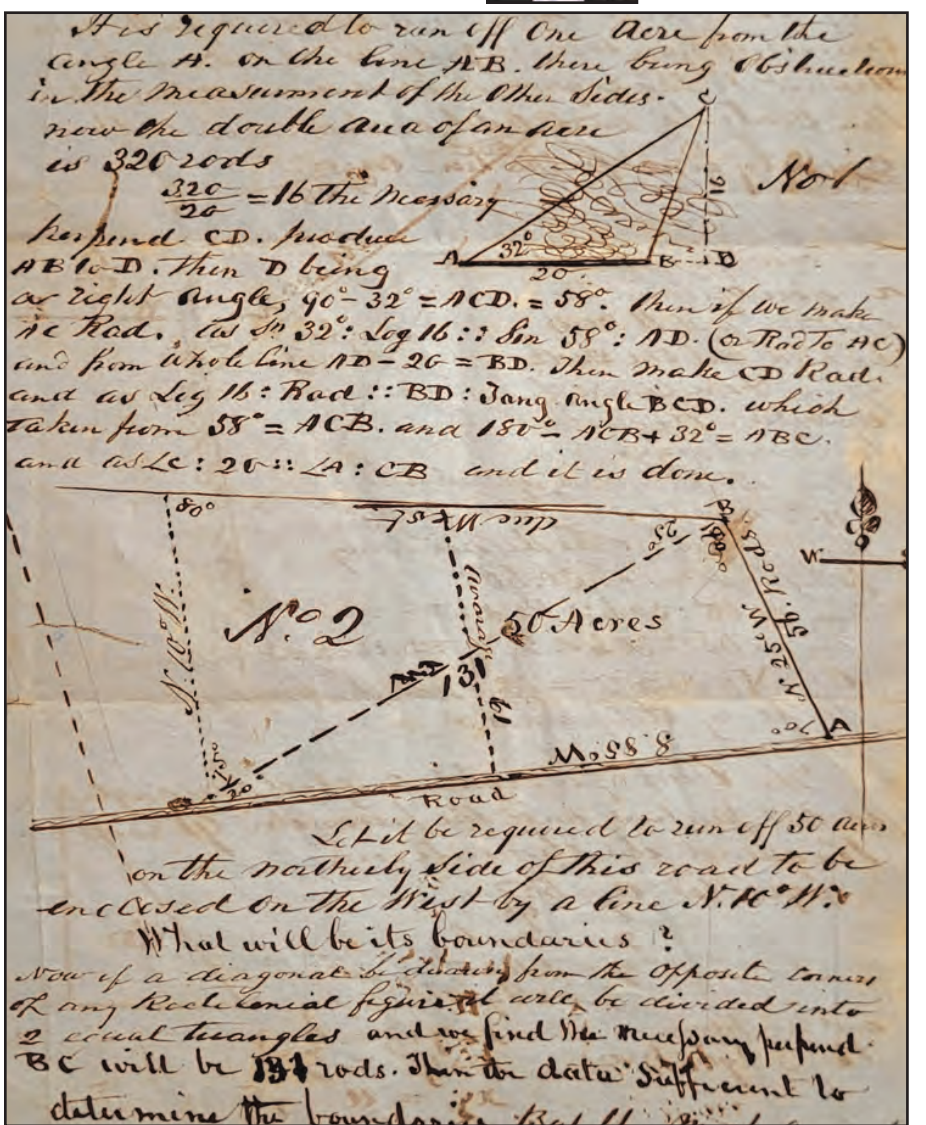
Though Henry Van Vliet did eventually attend the Academy, he did not pursue surveying full-time. Instead, he took over his father's farm and only practiced surveying as a secondary occupation. Nevertheless, these educational exchanges left a lasting impact on Henry, who remained in contact with the Spencer family until Reuben Spencer's death in 1864.

Returning to the quotation attributed to Washington, we are reminded why this analysis of two surveying families is significant to

the broader history of our county. Most notably, we think of the lasting visual remnant in maps and survey minutes that delineate property boundaries and physical features—items that took great effort and time to create, and which progressed beyond their practical roles, becoming works of art. This study seeks to understand the people who created these documents, so we may gain a deeper understanding of the land they depicted and the choices they made in depicting them. By examining these artistic expressions, linked through personal connections, we glimpse a shared understanding of Dutchess County throughout the nineteenth century, and we can begin to critically analyze how the county has been visually represented. I am grateful to Martin Bayard, a local land surveyor, who inspired me to write about surveying. I am indebted to his deep knowledge of the subject.



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One of the letters of correspondence between Henry Van Vliet and Reuben Spencer Sr.

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RYAN'S JOURNEY

Dutchess figure skater heads to Special Olympics World Games in 2025

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Tak and Jen acknowledged that Ryan's progress is the result of "finding the right people to help him reach his goals."

They said, "When we started out, we just wanted him to know how to skate; but finding the right person and program was difficult for Ryan, who is autistic with a receptive language disability. Fortunately, the McCann Ice Arena started the therapeutic ice-skating program for people with autism and other disabilities and he has continued to progress in figure skating."

"Ryan is an amazing athlete who has worked so hard to achieve this incredible goal of competing at the Special Olympics World Games," said O'Connor. "I've watched Ryan set incredibly challenging goals over the years, and every time he meets those goals, no matter how long it takes or how hard he needs to work. We are all so incredibly proud of Ryan at the Dutchess Figure Skating Club!"

To help Ryan achieve his goal, the Dutchess Figure Skating Club asks the community to share and donate to his JustGiving page (go to www.justgiving.com and search for "Help Me Go For The Gold in Torino Italy - Ryan Chin"). Funds raised will cover the costs of travel for Ryan, his parents, and a coach, and entry fees into the figure skating competition in March.

Advice for families with a special needs child

"[Our] advice for families with a child with autism or other disabilities is to introduce new things and see how far they can go," said Tak and Jen Chin. "It may take time, but the results can be surprising. Don't let others tell you it cannot be



Ryan Chin, a Wappingers Falls resident, skating during one of his routines. He will be representing the United States in the 2025 Special Olympics World Games in Turin, Italy. The Games are scheduled for March 2025.



Figure skater Ryan Chin will be competing in the 2025 Special Olympics World Games in Italy in March of 2025.

-Courtesy photos

done, because you don't know [until] you try."

They relate Ryan's triumphant journey through the education system to prove their point.

"The best example for Ryan is that in early middle school, they said he wouldn't be able to graduate from high school. But thanks to a teacher in high school, she moved Ryan to an algebra class because Ryan's math was good. Then, he was able to pass the NYS algebra regents," said Ryan's parents. "From this, he went to the English regent class, followed by the Social Studies regent class and managed to pass those classes. Since he had to leave school due to an age limit, he fin-

ished the Science regent requirement in a High School Equivalent class, and he passed the HSE Science exam and got his HSE diploma. So, with hard work, perseverance, luck, and support from a group of coaches and instructors, you can accomplish what others considered impossible."

Ryan graduated from Beacon High School with his High School Equivalency Diploma in 2022. He currently lives in Wappingers Falls with his parents, brother, and sister.

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For more information, visit www.specialolympics.org.

Libby Funeral Home to host Wreaths Across America ceremonies

Libby Funeral Home in Beacon will be hosting two ceremonies during the annual Wreaths Across America. The first ceremony is set for Saturday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. at the Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9, and Sunday, Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. at the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery, 342 South Ave. Two forgotten heroes from 38 and 35 years ago will be honored.

Joseph Schuka, a funeral director with Libby Funeral Home in Beacon, explained that five years ago it was discovered that the funeral home had some unclaimed cremated remains of veterans, which were given a proper military interment service after their deaths, some of which were 40+ years.

Recently, he said, another account of unclaimed cremains was done at the funeral home two veterans' cremains were found. One was from the United States Navy, a World War II veteran; the other was from the United States Army and a veteran from World War I.

"[A] World War I veteran was 90 years old at the time of his death on June 13, 1986. He served in the United States Army, he was divorced with one son and no other family and/or contacts. The World War II veteran he was 68 years old at the time of his death on December 5, 1989. He served in the United States Navy, he was separated from his wife with no other family contacts. Both were native and residents of the New York City area, they must have only received medical services from the Castle Point VA Hospital at the time of their deaths. Being the relation that the Libby Funeral Home has always had with the Veterans Hospital, they assisted with the carrying out the initial and desired cremation disposition," stated Schuka.

Wreath Across America remembrance for the two Veterans will include an escort to Calverton National Cemetery, on Calverton Long Island, for military interment and full-military honors. That escort will be on Monday Dec. 16.

Feedback positive on Beacon-Hopewell Rail Trail Survey

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Among the key benefits respondents saw for the trail are:

- Community Connectivity
- Recreational Opportunities/Health & Wellness
- Economic Impact
- Environmental and Aesthetic Benefits

Among some of the concerns that were brought up by respondents are safety, according to the survey results, were environmental impact, security/privacy, cost and logistics, and parking, according to survey results.

According to the results from the survey, some of the other feedback was:

- Trail Design and Maintenance: Respondents suggested amenities like benches, restrooms, and emergency call stations; ensuring the trail is accessible for all, including people with disabilities; and maintaining the trail to keep it clean and ensure safety.

- Integration and Connectivity: There is interest in linking the trail with communities, local businesses, other trails and transportation options, and ideas for enhancing the trail's appeal with art, landscaping, and community events.

- Expanding Access: Some comments emphasized the importance of creating safer routes for pedestrians and cyclists on nearby streets to reach the trail without needing a car. Others suggested that the trail could serve as a viable commuter option, particularly by accommodating e-bike use, including snow removal, and extending hours of operation.

- Preservation of Rail Use: Several comments advocated for maintaining the railroad tracks for future light rail, trolley, or rail bike use.

- Community Involvement: Several respondents offered volunteer support and financial contributions, reflecting strong community commitment.

When evaluating the potential for a rail trail, the most important factor identified by respondents was connecting to key destinations and neighborhoods - about 70% considered this a top priority, stated the results. Over 50% chose accessibility for all ages and abilities, and a similar proportion selected safety and security, it was stated.

Respondents were asked evaluating the potential for the rail trail, they responded that connecting to a key destination and neighborhoods was a top priority.

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Obituaries

Clara Lou Gould



BEACON - Clara Lou Gould, the first woman to be elected Mayor in the city of Beacon, and the longest-serving Mayor in Beacon's history, passed away peacefully in her house on December 2, 2024. She was born in Cold Spring on August 29, 1927 to Michael and Clara Malone. She attended public schools in Cold Spring and graduated from the College of New Rochelle with a Bachelor's degree in English, with honors, in 1948.

On September 11, 1954, she married Robert Gould, a research chemist at Texaco Research Center, at Our Lady of Loretto Church in Cold Spring. Her beloved husband predeceased Clara Lou in 1996. She was also predeceased by her parents and her three sisters: Honora Dougherty, Mary Williams and Kathryn Malone. Clara Lou is survived by her three nieces - Mary Ellen Brown

(Michael), Ann Fossett (John), and Ellen Sheffer (the late Robert); one nephew- Peter Williams (Carol), and one step-son-in-law, Keith McKenzie. Clara Lou is also survived by two step-grandsons, Kent McKenzie (Penny) and Ross McKenzie (Libbie), and their respective children, Tempest, Quinn, Zachary, Andrew and Will.

In addition, Clara Lou is survived by her great-nieces and great-nephews: Will Sheffer (Nicole), Erin Brown McAlister (Heath), Patrick Brown (Peri), Andrew Brown, Dr. Lindsay Fossett (Vassilis), Timothy Fossett (Beth), Michael Williams (Megan), Matthew Williams (Kristina), as well as their respective children.

Bob and Clara Lou moved to Beacon in 1960 and they resided in the Wodenethe area ever since. Clara Lou worked in the publishing departments of Viking Press and Harold Ober Associates in New York City. A highlight of her career in NYC was meeting and working with the famed author Agatha Christie! At this time, she also began a lifetime of community service by serving as the President of the Highland Hospital Auxiliary. Clara Lou and Bob co-chaired several capital fundraising efforts at Highland Hospital, as well. She also became Beacon's first representative on board of directors of the Dutchess County Health Department.

Clara Lou loved to garden. She was a Past President of the Tioronda Garden Club in Beacon, a Master Flower judge and a District Director of the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State. Prior to her election as Mayor, she also served on the Beacon Beautification Committee and as a member of the board of directors of the Fishkill National Bank.

Clara Lou served as Mayor of Beacon for 18 years- from 1990-2007. She was elected in 1989 and re-elected in 1991, 1995, 1999 and 2003. Upon her retirement in 2007, she was the longest serving woman Mayor in the state of New York. Many political observers trace Beacon's renaissance to her tenure as Mayor. Her administration constructed a much-needed water filtration plant and a new Municipal Building in 1997. In 1999, she negotiated a contract that brought a contemporary art museum, Dia, to the former Nabisco manufacturing plant.

There is no doubt that the opening of Dia:Beacon in 2003 kick-started the migration of artists, families, restaurants, art-related businesses and other commercial attractions to Beacon. As a result of the notoriety that Dia brought to Beacon, tourists and the commercial investment that follows foot traffic invigorated both Main Street and the entire Beacon area in ways that few could have imagined.

During her 18 years in office, Clara Lou never requested or accepted a single pay raise. Even though her position was considered part-time in nature, she was in the office all day, every day and attended many community events in the evenings and on weekends. She was truly a public servant and a leader of our community, which she loved. The residents of Beacon returned that affection, many times over. Over the past 30 years, she has been feted and honored by just about every community service and civic organization in both Beacon and Dutchess County. In 2019, on her birthday, Mayor Randy Casale and the City Council dedicated a park bench in the front of the Municipal Building in her honor.

Over the years, Clara Lou and Bob were members of the Kiwanis Club, the Howland Cultural Center, the Beacon Historical Society, Les Soeurs Amiables Civic Club of Beacon, the Beacon Elks Club Lodge No. 1493, the Hudson River Greenway, the Southern Dutchess NAACP, the Greater Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce, the Community Foundation, Boscobel, and the Southern Dutchess Country Club, among other local civic and charitable groups.

Clara Lou was also an avid baseball fan. She and Bob purchased season tickets for the Hudson Valley Renegades when they located to the Beacon area in 1994, and she rarely missed a game in the past 30 years. In 2022, she was invited to throw out the first pitch at age 95!

Despite her busy schedule as Mayor, Clara Lou always found time to attend the Senior Tea at Beacon High School. She also read to the 5th grade students every spring. Once during her final year as Mayor, a student at South Avenue School asked if it was possible for a boy to be elected Mayor!

Clara Lou was also a woman of great faith. She was an active parishioner and communicant at St. Joachim-St. John the Evangelist Church in Beacon, where she served as a Lector for many years.

The family received friends on Monday, December 9, 2024 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 10 a.m. at St. Joachim Church, 51 Leonard Street, Beacon. Interment will follow at St. Joachim Cemetery.

The family would like to warmly thank the staff at Right at Home Care, especially Jeanette, for the loving and professional care that they provided Clara Lou over the past five years. They made it possible for Clara Lou to enjoy her retirement at home. We also appreciate the compassionate care provided by Hudson Valley Hospice. We also thank Clara Lou's long-time neighbors, Paul and Donna Hardisty, for all the love and kindness they showed her over the years, as well as Gary and Pamela Barrack, and Peter and Anne Forman, who made Clara Lou part of their extended families.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation in Clara Lou's name to Church of St. Joachim- St. John the Evangelist, 2 Oak Street, Beacon, NY; Hudson Valley Hospice, 374 Violet Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, and St. Jude's Children Hospital.

To send a personal condolence or for directions to the funeral home, please visit riverviewbyhalvey.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the supervision of Patrick J. Halvey.

Gary L. Mankes Sr.



Gary L. Mankes Sr. passed away on December 02, 2024 in the town of Marlboro, NY. He was 58 years old. Gary was born on June 02, 1966 in Yonkers, NY. He is the son of Sheldon and Barbara Mankes.

Gary was a Mechanic and worked at Yellow Freight. He grew up in the Towing and Auto Salvage industry. His career spanned over 40 years. Including working with his father at Expressway Auto Parts in Cold Spring, NY, along with Quality Towing in Vails Gate. He also worked for AKV Towing and Absolutely Automotive in Marlboro NY. At one point he and his family owned and operated Mankes and Sons Car & Truck Repair.

Gary is survived by his three sons Gary Jr. (Emily Mankes), Cory Mankes (Mckenzie Fazzinga), and Christopher Mankes, his grandsons Bryson Mankes, Steven and Troy Sanders, his parents Sheldon and Barbara

Mankes, His sister Shirley Haines (Michael Haines).

He is preceded in death by his wife Josephine Mankes. Along with his two siblings David Mankes and Sharon Mankes.

Gary was a loving son, husband, father, grandfather and all around amazing friend to everyone.

A memorial service will held on Friday, December 13th from 4pm to 7pm at the DiDonato Funeral Home 1290 Route 9W Marlboro NY 12542.

Michele Lee Cahill



Michele Lee Cahill, age 57, passed away on December 3, 2024. Greatly loved by her family and friends, she brought joy and laughter to all those she knew.

Born March 3, 1967 in Beacon, NY, to Nina and James Cahill, Michele graduated from Beacon High School in 1985. She received her associates degree from Orange County Community College in 1993 and later became a dental hygienist.

Most recently she was employed by Family Dental in Fishkill and Dr. Philip Williams, DMD, in Hyde Park. Michele not only had a strong work ethic but was dearly loved and well respected by her employers, patients, and co-workers.

Every summer Michele enjoyed traveling to Sea Isle City with her family. She would sit on the beach, walk on the boardwalk, and play at the arcade with her children, grandchildren, nieces and nephew.

The granddaughter of Lucy and Mike Orsini, who owned Mi-Ro's restaurant in Beacon for over 30 years, Michele inherited their love for food and cooking. Michele

made the best meatloaf, deviled eggs, and Spaghetti Aglio e Olio. She reveled in creating new recipes and perfecting family dishes passed down over the generations.

An avid gardener, Michele's flower and vegetable gardens flourished under her green thumb. Her houseplants thrived except when nibbled on by her newly adopted cat, Cleo. Her love of animals was inspired by her Aunt Mary, a veterinary technician who predeceased her in 1985.

Introduced to horse-riding by her Aunt Mary in 1977, Michele became a skilled show-jumper and competed and placed in many events during the seven years that she rode, including the Dutchess County Fair Equestrian Competition in the early '80s.

Michele is survived by her mother, Nina Cahill, her two children Michael Cahill and Tina Lentini (Michael Lentini), her three grandchildren Nick, Mia, and Luca Lentini; her brothers Eric and James (Ann Croft), her nieces Sophie and Violet Cahill, and her nephew Joseph Cahill as well as many Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins.

Michele was predeceased in 2020 by her loving father James E. Cahill and in 1969 a baby sister Bridget Mary.

Michele's generosity, wicked sense of humor, and loving personality will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to ARF (Animal Rescue Foundation), Beacon.

Family and friends gathered on Tuesday, December 10 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, December 11 at 10 a.m. at St. Joachim Church, 51 Leonard Street, Beacon. Burial will follow at St. Joachim Cemetery, Beacon.

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

Robert Belluzzi Sr.



HOPEWELL JUNCTION - Robert Belluzzi, Sr., 89, a resident of Hopewell Junction since 1999, died on December 2, 2024 at home. He previously lived in Yonkers and the Bronx.

Born on May 13, 1935 in the Bronx, Robert was the son of the late Aldo and Sadie (Fusco) Belluzzi. He proudly served in the Submarine Force of the US Navy during the Korean War. Robert, a skilled sheet metal worker, was a well-respected 72-year member of Local #28 in Manhattan, and was instrumental in putting together benefits for its members.

A loyal fan of NY Sports, he especially liked the Mets and Giants. He also enjoyed fishing. More than anything, Robert loved spending time with his family, especially his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his children and their spouses, Robert (Nancy) Belluzzi, Michael

(Theresa) Belluzzi, Ann (Butch) Keane, and Bridget (Thomas) Coubertier; 13 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Robert was predeceased by his wife RoseMarie (Pantori) Belluzzi in 2015.

Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. A Memorial Service was offered at the Chapel at Ferncliff Cemetery Mausoleum.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation. Please visit www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Creative Living

Marquette book offers ‘behind the scenes’ look at Murder Café

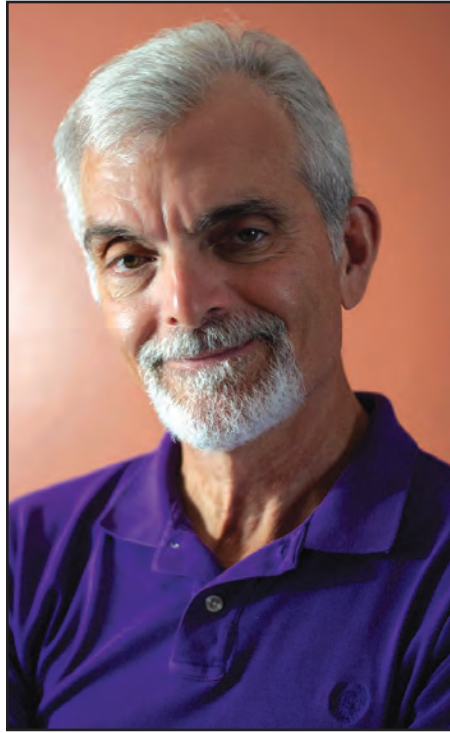
Frank Marquette, owner of Hudson Valley-based Murder Café, has written an autobiographical book, “The True Story of Murder Café,” which chronicles life behind the scenes of the beloved murder-mystery theater company, both on-stage and at home.

For a quarter of a century, Murder Café has entertained audiences near and far with a mix of murder, music and plenty of humor. On Sunday, Dec. 1, “The True Story of Murder Café: How One Family’s Plunge into Mystery Dinner Theater Made the World a Better Place” (Troy Book Makers, \$20) became available for purchase both through Amazon and several local booksellers.

The book tells the story of Murder Café through the eyes of the Marquette family, their actors, clients, and audience members. It’s filled with astounding anecdotes relaying the triumphs and challenges faced by the company during its ever-growing production; a testament to one man’s obsession and the smiles it’s brought to everyone involved over the years.

Whether you’ve enjoyed a Murder Café performance, simply love theater, or are fascinated by the stories behind quirky family businesses, then you’ll appreciate this tell-all story of how a middle-aged father of three living in Albuquerque, New Mexico decided to pursue his passion for acting by reluctantly auditioning for a local murder mystery dinner theater, and after becoming a featured player, eventually started his own company.

Murder Café originally enjoyed an 11-year run in Las Vegas before being relocated to the Hudson Valley, “where it’s brought joy to thousands of



Above: Frank Marquette, who founded Murder Café.

Right: The cover of the new book, “The True Story of Murder Café.” The book chronicles life behind the scenes of the murder-mystery theater company, both on-stage and at home.

people—including myself—since then,” Marquette says. “I’m thrilled to pull back the curtain to reveal the real-life stories behind the production.”

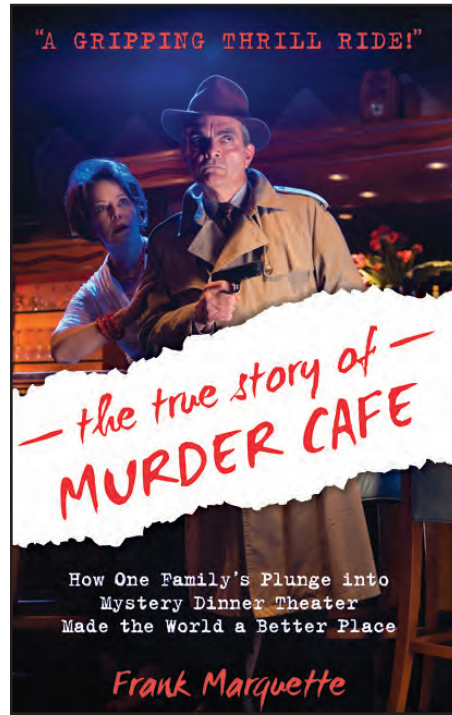
This incredible journey has involved every member of the Marquette family, hundreds of actors, and countless venues, and other live experiences, that are both

dramatic and hilarious.

Beginning in January, Marquette will host a series of launch parties at notable venues in the Hudson Valley and Albany region, including Restaurant Six at Curry Estate in Hopewell Junction, The Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck, The Best Western in Kingston, and the Historic Hotel Broadalbin in Broadalbin.

Over the last 26 years, Murder Café has entertained nearly 100,000 people in seven states and two countries, at hotels, restaurants, banquet halls, community centers, casinos, and historical societies. Murder Café has also helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for national charitable organizations like ARC, American Red Cross, United Cerebral Palsy, and the American Cancer Society.

Murder Café is the creation of actor, writer and director Frank Marquette along with his wife and producing partner, Kristen. They have been serving quality entertainment for both public and private events since 1998 and their menu includes: original and customized scripts, professional performers and singers, one-of-a-kind production values and the marketing and publicity skills needed to ensure the success of each event.



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Do it the right way

Is Pop forgetful? Or is he just messing with Luigi's mind?

My father can be very headstrong. Needless to say, he has a certain way of doing things, and it is the only way to do them right. Growing up, I was constantly taught lesson after lesson and, as such, these lessons are permanently stamped in my brain. Many times, when I am preparing something I can hear his voice in the back of my head yelling at me to do it the right way and not take a short cut. Unfortunately, as Pop gets older, he doesn't quite remember the way he taught us.

On day, I was in the process of preparing the ingredients for our Bolognese sauce. It requires grinding veal, beef and pork, seasoning the meat and roasting it for one hour, after which you mix it up in order to blend the meat. As I was grinding the meat, Pop came in and saw what I was doing.

Pop: Hey Luigi, whata are you doing.
Me: Making Bolognese.
Pop: Youa doing ita wrong.
Me: What are you talking about? I'm just grinding the meat.
Pop: Yes, and you doing ita wrong.
Me: How could I be doing it wrong? I'm doing it just how you showed me.
Pop: No, youa changed it. Youa taking a shorta cut.
Me: No, Pop. There is no shortcut to this. I'm just grinding the meat!
Pop: You gotta grind all three at the

sama time.
Me: What? Wait? How? That's impossible. Anyway, you mix it together in the mixing machine after its roasted anyway.
Pop: Minchia! (Damn!) You see? Another shorta cut.
Me: How else you want me to mix it?
Pop: Youa puta it in the bowl and you mix witha you hands.
Me: But you told me to mix it in the machine.
Pop: What? Youa think ima stupid?
Me: No, Pop. (sigh) OK, I'll mix it by hand.
Pop: What, you thinka because Ima almost 90 yearsa old, I no remember? Ima no dead yet.
Me: What?! You're 83, Pop. You're not 90.
Pop: Stopa yelling at me. Ima old man.
Me: Forget it. You're right. (sigh)

The next day he came in while I was making meatballs. I could see him coming in, and I was ready for him. I put all the ingredients in a bowl and started mixing them by hand.

I saw him looking at me. I made believe I didn't see him. I was trying to act natural, like this was the only way to be making meatballs.

Pop: Whata are you doing?
Me: Making meatballs.

Pop: Whya you mixing it by hand? Usa the machine!

Me: Yesterday you had me mix the Bolognese meat by hand.

Pop: I no tolda you to do that. Thatsa stupid.

Me: What!?

Pop: Listen, you no do it the righta way.

Me: Yes, Pop. But yesterday you told me...

Pop: You think because Ima 90 years old Ima stupid?

Me: What?! You're 83, Pop. You're not 90.

Pop: Stopa yelling at me. Ima old man.

Me: No, Pop. But you told me...

Pop: Ima no dead yet. Capisce? (Understand?)

Me: Yeah, but... OK, forget it. (sigh)

Sometimes, I could swear he does it on purpose just to mess with me. Anyway, enjoy this recipe for Bolognese sauce while I pound my head into the wall.

Bolognese Sauce Ingredients

- 3 tblspns. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 lb. chopped meatloaf mix
- 1 small onion, diced fine
- 1 jar Coppola's Tuscan Sauce
- 2 cloves garlic, diced fine
- 2 cups dry white wine

1/2 cup chicken stock

Method

Put a 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat. When the pan is hot, add the olive oil, onions and garlic; cook for about 2-3 minutes. Add the chopped meatloaf mix and brown. Drain, mix thoroughly, by hand or in a mixing machine (Hah!) and put in a large pot.

Return the pot to the stove and pour in 1 jar of Coppola's Tuscan sauce and one cup of white wine. Pour the other cup of white wine in a glass for you to drink. Add 1/2 cup of chicken stock.

Let simmer for 20 minutes.

Serve with hearty pasta like rigatoni or gnocchi, with a nice loaf of hot crusty Italian bread and, of course, with another glass of wine. Buono Appetito!

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

Aging with Grace program set for Dec. 18

Aging with Grace program will be held at the East Fishkill Community Library on Wednesday, Dec. 18. This program meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 12:30-2 p.m. in the Cross Room. Local resident and educator Carole Penner will lead this group; drop-in and all are welcome to attend.

Carole Penner has been a Special Education teacher for the past 35 years. She has an M.A. in Educational Theatre

from New York University, an M.S. Ed. in Special Education from the City University of New York, a Graduate Certificate in Restorative Practice and is currently studying for a Masters in Restorative Practice at the International Institute for Restorative Practice in Bethlehem, PA.

Visit at eflibrary.org or call at 845-221-9943 for more information.

Free Tai Ci program at the East Fishkill Library on Dec. 17

A free program of Tai Chi for Beginners with Scott Grimes will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376.

Hopewell resident and certified Tai Chi instructor Scott Grimes will present this hour-long demo and class of the basic principles of Tai Chi Tai Chi is a practice of low impact gentle movement

exercise. Scott has been practicing Tai Chi since 1996 and is affiliated with World Tai Chi since 2009. Please wear comfortable shoes and clothing.

The program meets the third Tuesday of the month. Limited to 10 participants.

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HUDSON VALLEY NATURALIST

by Francine Wizner



The Winter Solstice: When the Aztecs celebrated their bounty from floating farms

The Aztecs were one of many world cultures that marked the winter solstice as a day of renewal. The Ancients noticed that the sun (who the Aztecs worshiped as a god) appears to move through the sky at different angles throughout the year. But, during the solstice period, little shadow is cast on a sundial. The sun seems to “stand still” . . . or, as the Aztecs believed, their Sun God died. (Editor’s note: The word “solstice” derives from the Latin words sol for “sun” and sistere for “to stand still.”)

Millions of Mexica (Aztec people) celebrated the Sun God’s “rebirth” with festivities as they rejoiced in the new cycle. The Aztec Empire (1345-1521 CE) was located in Mesoamerica, a region encompassing most of modern-day Mexico, which is entirely in (our) Northern Hemisphere. At its peak, the Aztec Empire spanned around 80,000 square miles, encompassing a population of roughly 5 to 6 million people, making it one of the largest empires in the New World. Growing enough food to feed their urban populations was paramount, and many were involved in planting, cultivating, and harvesting the food.

The Aztecs farmed sustainably

To maximize their crop yields, the Aztecs used *chinampas*. They drove stakes into shallow lake beds and weaved reeds around them to create fenced enclosures. The enclosures were filled with mud and decaying vegetation dredged from the lake bottom, to create small, artificial islands for farming on the water’s surface. This method allowed them to cultivate crops in nutrient-rich lake soil, while managing water levels through a system of canals. The “floating gardens” were so effective that they continue to be used in the Xochimilco area of Mexico City.

Chinampas provide a place for healthy microorganisms to thrive, which helps trap particles, break down debris, and filter water. Plants add oxygen to the water, which helps to support fish and other aquatic life, which eat mosquitoes and their larvae, reducing the

need for pesticides. The practice reduces the rate of evaporation, which helps to conserve water. And, of course, since water is on site, the need for irrigation is mitigated.

Could chinampas be a farming method in the Hudson Valley?

In researching this column, I discovered the work of Roland Ebel, the coordinator of the Sustainable Food Systems Program at Montana State University. According to Dr. Ebel, “regions in NY with access to natural wetlands, ponds, or rivers with low streams can be suitable for *chinampas*. However, certain criteria need to be met: The constitution of raised beds requires nutrient-rich, unpolluted water. The water must be free of pathogens, with a neutral to slightly alkaline pH of 6.5–8. Excessive water salinity from groundwater or de-icing salts must be avoided. Waterways that get frozen on a regular basis are not convenient. High water turbidity is also problematic, as it decreases the water’s biological activity. There are certainly locations in NY that meet all these criteria.”

Much to my surprise, Dr. Ebel explained that our “climate is not a limiting factor, although strategies would need to be developed to protect the raised beds from heavy snow.” What may be a limiting factor, however, is that constructing raised beds requires significant labor, materials, time, and expertise. Also, although *chinampas* are a “highly sustainable and productive agricultural production method, they require landscape modifications, which may not be aligned with existing environmental standards and regulations in specific areas.” They are most effective for small-scale or urban horticulture and could accommodate any annual plant currently grown outdoors in NY. Growing vegetables, herbs, medicinal plants, and ornamentals on *chinampas* is most common.

Huitzilopochtli’s Birthday

Huitzilopochtli was the Aztec’s Lord of



Winter Sun as viewed from a 2022 winter location in Dutchess County.

-Photo by Robert Rightmyer, Valley Visions

the Sun. The winter solstice marked the end of autumn, when the sun seemed weak. It was Huitzilopochtli’s birthday; a time of great celebration. The Mexica believed that the Sun completed its celestial journey on the solstice, died, and was then transformed into a hummingbird and resurrected. Each year the Aztecs celebrated and were grateful for the year’s harvest and encouraged Huitzilopochtli to grow strong for another harvest year.

The winter solstice in the Northern Hemisphere occurs when the North Pole reaches its maximum tilt away from the Sun. The next solstice will occur on Saturday, December 21, at 4:21 am, EST.

For more information, go to <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/AMARANTH-COLOR-CODING-WINTER-SOLSTICE-ACTIVITY-6372360>.

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



December 2024 Sunrise in Pleasant Valley.

-Photo by Francine Wizner

Holiday Hootenanny on Dec. 14 in Beacon

It’s the Holiday Hootenanny with Guthrie’s Ghost band at the Howland Cultural Center, 488 Main St., at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14. Get your tickets.

Guthrie’s Ghost is a folk collective formed in Beacon on Woody Guthrie’s 100th birthday, uniting three musical entities to honor the legacy of folk legends like Pete Seeger and Guthrie himself. The group includes Hope Machine (Fred Gillen Jr. and Steve Kirkman),

endorsed by the Guthrie Foundation, the father-son duo Jacob and David Bernz (David, a Grammy-winning producer for late folk singer Pete Seeger), and acclaimed Hudson Valley singer-songwriter Julie Corbalis. Each year, Guthrie’s Ghost comes together for a special tour, offering both modern renditions of classic folk songs and original compositions inspired by folk traditions.

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History of Bannerman Island on Dec. 15 at The Factory

The Bannerman Castle Trust (BCT) located at 150 Main Street in Beacon, will present a public lecture about the history of Bannerman Island hosted by historian and educator Thom Johnson of Peekskill, on Sunday, Dec. 15, from 3-5 p.m. The lecture will take place at "The Factory," a new event space located at the Hotel at the Inn and Spa of Beacon at 151 Main Street - directly across from the Bannerman Island Gallery.

Bannerman's Castle, the iconic turn of the century landmark constructed on Pollepel Island at the northern end of the Hudson Highlands fjord by military surplus and antiques dealer Francis Bannerman VI, has been the subject of many legends, myths and even scandal. Mr. Johnson will present an informative and entertaining lecture about the true story of the mysterious island, answering many of your questions.

Attendees are invited to first meet up at the Bannerman Island Gallery between 2:30 and 3 p.m. to view the Trust's 30th Anniversary Exhibition. The exhibition features artwork, photographs, antiques and historic artifacts found on Bannerman Island and tells the story of how the Bannerman Castle Trust came to be, by working in collaboration with the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation. Attendees can easily

walk across the street to the Factory where the lecture will begin promptly at 3:30 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited, so please call 845-831-1001 to reserve tickets. There is no set ticket price; donations to the Bannerman Castle Trust are suggested and appreciated. bannermancastle.org/ways-to-give

This Bannerman Island lecture is the first in a series of "Third Sunday" winter lectures that will be presented by the BCT as part of their 30th Anniversary Exhibition. The 30th Anniversary Exhibition at the Bannerman Island Gallery has been extended and will be on view through March 2025. Gallery hours are Saturdays & Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. and most weekday afternoons by chance or appointment by calling 845-831-1001.

Bannerman's Island is only accessible to the public by our vessel, the RV Estuary Steward, leaving from the Beacon, dock by reservation from May - October each year. If one is interested in taking a tour of the island, please visit bannermancastle.org where you can now purchase tickets for the 2025 season.

For more information and to reserve tickets for the lecture on December 15th, call 845-831-1001.



"Bannerman Castle Reflection" by Thom Johnson.

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'A Christmas Carol' returns to The Center

Experience the transformation of Ebenezer Scrooge, a man hardened by greed, as he embarks on a haunting journey guided by the spirits of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come. This poignant tale reminds us all that it's never too late to embrace the joy and generosity of the season.

This December, CENTERstage Productions presents "A Christmas Carol," a heartwarming adaptation of Charles Dickens' timeless classic. Running from through December 22, at The CENTER for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, this cherished holiday tradition takes on even deeper meaning this year.

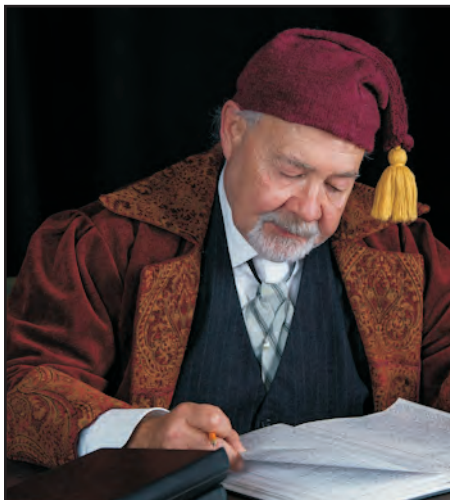
For over 15 years, the late Lou Trapani, founding Artistic and Managing Director of The CENTER, captivated audiences with his portrayal of Ebenezer Scrooge, a role that became synonymous with his name. In contrast to Scrooge's selfish nature, Lou was a man of extraordinary generosity, a passionate advocate for the arts, and a guiding force for countless young performers. Lou, who passed away this July, was instrumental in creating this unique adaptation for The CENTER, seamlessly blending Dickens' timeless story with beloved Christmas carols to create the perfect family-friendly performance.

This year's performance marks the first without Lou on stage or directing, but his enduring legacy shines brightly under the masterful eye of his longtime partner and skilled director, Emily DePew, with the talents of Rik Lopes and David Foster as Scrooge. With musical direction by Paul and JoAnne Schubert, this adaptation will have audiences of all ages humming along to their favorite carols.

Celebrate the holidays with your loved ones at A Christmas Carol, a production filled with heart, soul, and the magic of Christmas.

Performance Details:

- Dates: Through December 22
- Showtimes: Fridays & Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m. Additional Saturday Matinee: December 21 at 3 p.m.



The late Lou Trapani was renowned for his role as Scrooge in "A Christmas Carol" at The Center. This year's performance marks the first without Lou on stage or directing.

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- Runtime: Approximately 75 minutes
- Tickets: \$25 (Family Discount: Buy 4 or more tickets and save \$15!)

Tickets are on sale now at centerforperformingarts.org or by calling the Box Office at 845-876-3080

Fishkill Recreation

By Lauren McMenamin
Recreation Assistant Director

Cheerleading: Children in these high-energy classes learn far more than just core cheer concepts and techniques; they also explore their personal expression, agility, rhythm, and teamwork. It is a great way to build self-confidence and nurture the desire to share happiness with others! Join Skyhawks on Mondays in January. This program is open to ages 2-5. Limited spots are available! Visit our website for more information and to register, www.FishkillRecreation.com.

Holiday Paint Night with The Artist's Corner: Join Marlea on December 12 for a Christmas paint event! Artists of all ages are invited to participate. Come as a family, with friends or paint solo! Painters will paint on an 11x13 canvas. Visit our website for more information and to register, www.FishkillRecreation.com.

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Contact Meg for more information and to register kyogaspot@gmail.com.

Little Rascals: We are excited to bring back our popular Little Rascals program! The gymnasium at the Recreation Center is turned into a giant playroom for our little ones to run free. There are pedal cars, parachutes, slides, bouncy houses, tunnels, and much more! Little Rascals is open on Thursday mornings from 10-11:30 a.m. The fee is \$5 per child and parents get to play for free! Remember that everyone must wear sneakers.

One must pre-register at www.fishkillrecreation.com. Contact Lauren for more information, 845-831-3371.

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Chess Club to meet at the East Fishkill library

The Chess Club will meet at the East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376, on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 - 4 p.m. This is an adult group of chess players who meet at the library to learn, or and

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this week's puzzle solutions

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This week's answer

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5	1	9	3	6	8	7	2	4
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Suguru solution

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Notice of Formation of 1166 North Ave LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/22/2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC

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upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Lendita Mavraj, 1166 North Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of VERSADRONE AERIALSOLUTIONS LLC.Arts.ofOrg.filed with SSNY on 10/10/2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 10 Trow Blvd, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY HUDSON MOTORCARS LLC. Arts of Org filed with (SSNY) on 08/30/2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to ETNIK BERISHA: 14 Carmel Heights Wappingers Falls NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 956 Main LLC. Arts of Org filed with (SSNY) on 01/26/21. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to ETNIK BERISHA: 14 Carmel Heights Wappingers Falls NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Rebecca Hathaway Designs LLC. Filed with SSNY on 10/29/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 667 Shunpike, Millbrook, NY 12545. Purpose: any lawful.

Quattro-Potenza Properties, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 10/24/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 833 Salt Point Tnpk, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful.

Fiddlers Fruit LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/21/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be

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served and shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 674 Fiddlers Bridge Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of PVM LODGE LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/29/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 41 Traver Rd, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of IMNF ED PRESS LLC.Arts.OfOrg.filed with SSNY on 9/26/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 45 Traver Rd, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

TLM LAND SERVICES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/30/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, PO Box 170, Dover Plains, NY 12522. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Qual. of PLAZA 44 2024, LLC Auth. filed with SSNY on 10/29/2024. Office location: Dutchess. LLC formed in NJ on 10/24/2024. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to: C/O HEIN DENBERG PROPERTIES, LLC, 234 CLOSTER DOCK ROAD, CLOSTER, NJ, 07624. Arts. of Org. filed with NJSOS. P.O BOX 45 TRENTON, NJ 08646-0303. Any lawful purpose.

Avid Day Dreamer Production, LLC, Arts. Of Orig., filed with the SSNY on 10/31/2024, Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is desig. as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC c/o Anthony Gholson, 33 Tamarack Hill Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful.

Notice of Formation of HYPERFRAME RESEARCH LLC. Art of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/1/2024. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY desig-

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nated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to HYPERFRAME RESEARCH LLC, 1 Clay Court, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any and all lawful business activities

Notice of formation of Villarreal Lawns and Landscaping LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/8/24. Dutchess County SSNY Desg. As agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail to: 8 Maple Rd., Poughkeepsie NY 12601 any lawful purpose.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jawad Nesheiwat MD, PLLC. Filed 10/30/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 18 Trinity Way, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: Medicine.

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

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

Tompkins Coaching & Consulting LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/05/24. Office located in Dutchess Co. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall

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mail process to: United States Corporation Agents Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY, 11228. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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

BEACON BBQ LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/24/24 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, 446 Main Street, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

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

MADDY CAKES CUPCAKE BAKERY LLC. Filed 8/12/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 1225 Dutchess Tpke, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Ste 202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.

Notice of Form. of CHANCE OF CHOICE PROPERTIES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/12/2024. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it

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may be served. SSNY mail process to 62 HOOSE BLVD., FISHKILL, NY 12524. Any lawful purpose.

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

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

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


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

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

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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.





Pictured are some of the handcrafted items that will be available at Grace Church's annual St. Nicholas Bazaar, set Saturday, Dec. 14, in Millbrook.

-Courtesy photo

Grace Church in Millbrook to host two floors of exhibitors at annual holiday bazaar

On Saturday, Dec. 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Grace Church in Millbrook will host their annual St. Nicholas Bazaar, a Fine Craft, Confections, and Holiday Cookie Sale.

The event features two floors of exhibitors showcasing fine crafts for sale, door prizes, festivities, and homemade holiday cookies. The cookies are boxed to stay fresh and will be sold @ \$15 per pound. Each package contains an assortment of festive cookies and candies from the traditional to the decadent. Advance orders are recommended, but not required. Call (845) 677-5174. In addition to the cookies will be jams, breads, gluten free cookies, chocolates, and candy gifts.

Twenty-five local artists and crafters will be selling their hand crafted items including pottery, maple syrup, sugar

scrubs, jewelry, leather items, hand dyed yarn, colorful felted gifts, crocheted clothing, blankets, and dolls, aromatherapy oils and balms, colored pencil art, silk flower arrangements, charcuterie boards, crossbody bags and totes, greeting cards, wooden bowls, personalized gift bags, soy candles, goat milk soaps and creams, pet bandannas, and vintage posters.

Admission is free. There will be door prizes. Zanroy's food truck will be on site for lunch.

Grace Church is located at 3328 Franklin Avenue, Millbrook. The church is handicap-accessible.

For a complete list of vendors, visit <https://www.gracemillbrook.org/st-nicholas-bazaar.html>.

For more information, call the church office at 845-677-3064.

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

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

SKYE BLEU FARM LLC. Filed 10/15/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 39 Overlook Dr, Pawling, NY 12564. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave Ste 202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.

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

Seeley Creek Farm LLC Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company, ("LLC"), Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 11/13/2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC

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upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to 151 Seeley Rd, Lagrangeville NY 12540. Purpose: to engage in any act or activity for which a LLC may be organized under the NY LLC Law.

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

Notice of Formation of a NY Limited Liability Company. Name: Blue Zone Integrative Pediatric Medicine, PLLC. Articles of Organization filing date with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) was 10/21/24. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY has been designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail copy of process to 212 Eagles Nest Rd. Hurley, NY 12443. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws.

Notice of Formation of ISABELA MIA LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/15/2024. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 245 8th Ave., STE 195, New York, NY, 10011, USA. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of 38 TOBIN DRIVE LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/14/2024. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 418 Broadway, STE R Albany, NY, 12207, USA. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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

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

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

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

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R E N T A L P R O P E R T Y M A N A G E M E N T L L C . Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/24/2024. 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, 108 Brandy Lane, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LITTLE SURE SHOT CANINE TRAINING LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York on OCTOBER 17, 2024. Office location is Dutchess County. The Secretary of State has been designated at agent for service of process upon the LLC. The Secretary shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at 21 Merry Hill Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose of LLC: engage in any lawful act or activity.

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

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

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

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

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

Notice of Formation of GOLDEN RAHA PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/19/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to H A R I T H A D E V I K O O N A P A R E D D Y , 37 HOFFMAN RD, HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY, 12533, USA Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

QUARRY PINES LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/9/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 95 Knollwood Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

LOLAKAS HORSE CARE LLC. Filed 10/28/24. Office:

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Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Northwest Registered Agent Llc, 418 Broadway, Ste N, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: General.

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

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

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

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

CLASSIC TOUCH NAIL SALON LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/4/24. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1107 Violet Ave, Hyde Park NY 12538,

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

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

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY

P L E A S E TAKE NOTICE that the Pleasant Valley Town Board shall hold a public hearing on the adoption of Local Law E of 2024, titled "A Local Law of the Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, New York Amending Chapter 9 of the Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley Entitled, "Code of Ethics" on December 16, 2024 at 7:20 p.m. at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall located at 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York. A copy of said Local Law is available for inspection on the Town's website, official board and at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours. Any person desiring to speak at said public hearing on said Local Law shall be permitted to do so.

By order of the Town Board dated November 18, 2024.

MARY BETH MUIR
Town Clerk for the Town of Pleasant Valley

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01/31/2024

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE

MORTGAGED PREMISES : 20 Mews Aly, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
SBL #: 6162-19-744058

Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the place of trial; venue is based upon the county in which the mortgaged premises is situate.
STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT:
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS
U.S. Bank National Association, Plaintiff,
vs.

Nilda Bello, as Limited Administratrix of the Estate of Alexis A. Rey a/k/a Alexis Antonio Rey a/k/a Alexis Rey; Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Alexis A. Rey a/k/a Alexis Antonio Rey a/k/a Alexis Rey, and all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributes, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributes, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their re-

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spective husbands, wives or widows, if any and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated; Board of Directors of Arlington Heights; Midland Credit Management Inc.; New York State Department of Taxation and Finance; United States of America o/b/o Internal Revenue Service; John Doe #1 through #6, and Jane Doe #1 through #6, the last twelve names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein, **TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:**

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint.

NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE

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ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

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

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

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

Dated: November 21, 2024
/s/ Deborah M. Gallo
Deborah M. Gallo, Esq.
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC
420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840
New York, New York 10170
Phone: 347.286.7409
Fax: 347-286-7414
Attorneys for Plaintiff,
U.S. Bank National Association
HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE

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LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE. The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process.

To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or visit the Department's website at www.dfs.ny.gov. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services.

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ANT VALLEY PLEASANT VALLEY, NEW YORK CADY FIELD BASKETBALL COURT General Notice

The Town of Pleasant Valley (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

CADY FIELD BASKETBALL COURT CONTRACT NUMBER 2170.01

Sealed bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the **Pleasant Valley Town Hall** located at **1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York 12569** until **Friday, December 20, 2024 at 12:00 PM** local time. At that time the sealed bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project includes the following Work: The Town has developed final designs and construction drawings for the removal of an existing tennis court and the installation of a new basketball court at Cady Field, located at 1554 Main Street in Pleasant Valley.

* Remove existing asphalt surfacing, chain link fencing, and associated tennis court equipment. The tennis court subbase will be re-used.

* Install new basketball court surface and associated equipment, erosion control, sidewalk, a segmental retaining wall, chain link fencing and gates, and site restoration with lawn.

* An existing water well will be decommissioned in accordance with Dutchess County Department of Health (DOH) requirements. **Lump Sum Bids** are requested for the following Contract: **Contract 1 - General Construction** Work shall be substantially completed on or before **May 5, 2025**, and ready for final payment by **May 30, 2025**.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents To become a Registered Plan Holder and to obtain electronic copies of the Contract Documents, please visit the MJ Engineering, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Land Surveying, P.C. Plan Room located at <http://www.mjteam.com/bids>. Bids received from non-registered plan holders may be subject to disqualification. Addenda, if any, will be issued only to Registered Plan Holders whose name and address are on record. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

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The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

MJ Engineering, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Land Surveying, P.C.

21 Corporate Drive, Clifton Park, NY 12065

Douglas Gerber, RLA, 518-371-0799 EXT 357, dgerber@mjteam.com

Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 am to 4 pm.

Deadline for questions is 4:00 pm on Thursday, December 12, 2024.

Pre-bid Conference

A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on **Thursday, December 10, 2024, at 12:00pm** at **Cady Field** located behind the Town of Pleasant Valley Town Hall at 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York 12569. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required.

Instructions to Bidders

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

Prevailing Wages

The Bidders must comply with New York State Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rate Schedule. Bid security in the amount of 5% of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. The successful Bidders will be required to furnish a performance bond and a payment bond, each in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price. Attention of Bidders is particularly called to the requirements for ensuring that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in the Bid received, or to reject any or all Bids without explanation. The Owner is an exempt organization under the Tax Law and is exempt from payment of Sales and Compensating Use Taxes on materials which are to be incorporated into the project and which are to be separately sold by the Contractor to the Owner prior to incorporation into the project, pursuant to the provisions of the Contract. These taxes are not to be included in the bid. **This Advertisement**

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is issued by:
Owner: **Town of Pleasant Valley**
By: **Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk**
Date: **November 21, 2024**

PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, NY

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

410 North Avenue, Pleasant Valley Appeal #1074

Grid# 6464-03-187469

Applicant is seeking an interpretation regarding their noise violation.

SAID Meeting will take place on December 18, 2024 at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, N.Y., and begins at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Milan Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on 12/16/2024 at 6:55 pm on the proposed Local Law # 5 of 2024 deleting Chapter 7 (Assessors) of the Code of the Town of Milan in its entirety, effective at midnight on December 31, 2024. Said hearing will take place at the Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan, NY.

By order of the Milan Town Board
Catherine Gill, Town Clerk

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF SALE

UNDER SECTION 182 OF THE NY STATE LIEN LAW NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS CONTENTS OF STORAGE UNIT, WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE OR AUCTION AT:

A SPACE TO PLACE STORAGE-OWNED BY DBVAN PROPERTIES NORTH, LLC 4 MARSHALL ROAD - WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY 12590
DATE: Monday December 30, 2024 - TIME: 11:00AM
THE SALE OF SUCH PROPERTY IS TO SATISFY THE LIEN OF A SPACE TO PLACE STORAGE ON PROPERTY FOR THE ACCOUNT OF: UNITS 2288, 2229, 1132, 1304, 2181, 2262, 1008, 1277, 2318

Authors visit VWJHS students during November



Author Lisa Fipps, second from left, visited Van Wyck Junior High School for a presentation on Nov. 18.

-Courtesy photos



Author Lisa Fipps speaks to a group of students at Van Wyck Junior High School during a presentation on Nov. 18.

November was a busy month for the staff and students at Van Wyck Junior High School where two highly acclaimed children's book authors have visited.

Aileen Basuljevic, the school librarian, has been busy collaborating with teachers to participate in the Poughkeepsie Public Library's Big Read and the Global Read Aloud.

On Wednesday, Nov. 13, Lesa Cline-Ransome, the author of two dozen books, including the Coretta Scott King award winner, "Finding Langston," visited with Eva Letizia and Carolyn Dalrymple's classes in the intimate setting of the Van Wyck JHS Library.

Cline-Ransome's visit was in conjunction with the students reading, "Fighting With Love: The Legacy of John Lewis."

Students and teachers were equally impressed and totally engaged with Cline-Ransome's story.

On Monday, Nov. 18, Lisa Fipps, the author of highly acclaimed "Starfish," visited with Amanda Holst's and Lauren Korz's classes in the auditorium. This visit was in culmination of the students reading, "And Then, BOOM!," which is the middle grade read for the Global Read Aloud.

Students from Holst's classes have participated in Mystery Meets and Penpal like activities with students across the country and in Hanoi, Vietnam. In a time when many students are not engaged by read alouds, Fipps' book has been not only engaging but students can't wait to hear more! That's a win, win!

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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.:1118/2024 RE: COMMENCING THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION PROCESS FOR LOCAL LAW NO. E OF THE YEAR 2024

WHEREAS, the Town of Pleasant Valley Ethics Board had determined that the present Chapter 9 of the Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley entitled: "Code of Ethics" was in need of revision; and

WHEREAS, the Ethics Board has met with the Co-Attorney to the Town to review the existing law and discuss recommendations for changes in that law; and

WHEREAS, the Co-Attorney to the Town drafted a proposed revised Ethics Law incorporating all of the concerns and requested changes to the law, as suggested by the Ethics Board; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney to the Town has met with the Ethics Board to review the proposed revised law and, as a result of said meetings, the Attorney to the Town has drafted a revised Chapter 9 of the Town of Pleasant Valley Code which is intended to replace the existing Chapter 9 of the Town of Pleasant Valley Code; and

WHEREAS, the Ethics Law, as revised, has been submitted to the Town Board for review, and the Town Board members have determined that the proposed Local Law is acceptable in form and content for purposes of commencing the local law adoption process; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that this is a Type II action under SEQRA which does not require environmental review.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby schedules a public hearing on the adoption of Local Law No. E of the Year 2024 entitled: "A Local Law amending Chapter 9 of the Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley entitled 'Code of Ethics' on December 16, 2024 at 7:20 p.m. at the Town of Pleasant Valley Town Hall; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish and give notice of said public hearing, as may be required by law, and to post a copy of said Local Law on the Town's website and to further make a copy of said Local Law available at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call on November 18, 2024 which resulted as follows:

MOVED: Councilman Rifenburg
SECOND: Councilwoman Chapman

DATE: November 18, 2024

ROLL CALL:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Councilwoman Chapman	<u>X</u>	_____
Councilman Degan	<u>X</u>	_____
Councilman Iapichino	<u>X</u>	_____
Councilman Rifenburg	<u>X</u>	_____
Supervisor Albrecht	<u>X</u>	_____

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

Plaintiff, -against- Perry L. Cuttino, if he be living or if he be dead, his spouses, heirs, devisees, dis-

tributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff; Sustainable Neighborhoods, LLC; People of the State of New York; State of New York; and "JOHN DOE", said name being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, and any parties, corporations or entities, if any,

having or claiming an interest or lien upon the mortgaged premises, Defendants. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 51 Smith Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or a notice of appearance on the

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attorneys for the Plaintiff within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Thomas R. Davis, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Dutchess County, entered Nov. 22, 2024 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$156,158.00 and interest, recorded in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office on August 17, 2003, in Document Number 01 2003 18435 covering premises k/a 51 Smith Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 a/k/a Block 79, Lot 325102. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DAN-

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GER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: September 23, 2024 Frank M. Cassara, Esq. Senior Associate Attorney LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, NY 14624 (585) 247-9000 Fax: (585) 247-7380 Our File No. 24-096370 #101981

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST NOTICE The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed responses for: #RFEI-DP-04-25 Facility Operator for Camp Nooteming Town of Pleasant Valley, New York Responses will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 23rd day of January 2025 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and RFEI forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

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TEREST NOTICE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET MORTGAGE PRODUCTS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-NC3, -against- PETERA. TACY, JR., ETAL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Dutchess on October 18, 2024, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET MORTGAGE PRODUCTS, INC.,

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MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-NC3 is the Plaintiff and PETERA. TACY, JR., ETAL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the DUTCHESS COUNTY COURT HOUSE, REAR LOBBY, 10 MARKET STREET, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12601, on January 13, 2025 at 2:30PM, premises known as 7 CORNWELL STREET, POUGHQUAG, NY 12570; and the following tax map identification, 6759-03-394131. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWN OF BEEKMAN, COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 2019-53117. Jana M. Schopfer, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.

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THEME: SPORTS

ACROSS

1. Combat vehicle
5. Semi
8. *Biathlon gear, sing.
11. Keiko of "Free Willy"
12. *Ashi Waza and jugodi sport
13. Audience's approval
15. Tandoori bread
16. Ned Stark's daughter, "Game of Thrones"
17. Röntgen beams
18. *Warning track sport
20. Monetary "thank you," pl.
21. Indigo dye shrubs
22. "Arabian Nights" bird
23. Destroyer
26. Danced to certain Polish music
30. Crematorium container
31. One without magic powers in Harry Potter stories
34. Largest volcano in Europe
35. Do nothing (2 words)
37. Singer Yoko
38. Be at the helm
39. Tropical tuber
40. *Player who delivers in a crucial sports moment
42. Recipe qty.
43. Display proudly (2 words)
45. Smells
47. Lake, in France
48. Clean a spill (2 words)
50. #8 Across, pl.
52. *Cornerback and direct snap sport
55. Russian pancake
56. Pasta option
57. Go cold turkey
59. *Reward for multiple sports championships, pl.
60. "Breaking Bad" victim
61. The Beehive State
62. King Kong, e.g.
63. Type of lightbulb, acr.
64. Spooky

DOWN

1. Boatload
2. Riyadh native
3. *Collegiate sports grp.
4. Topeka native
5. Not urban
6. Short poems of pastoral life
7. *Hockey score
8. *Powerful shot in hockey
9. 11th letter of Roman alphabet, pl.
10. Elvis' "____ Now or Never"
12. White and black stork
13. Glorify
14. *Gully and deep mid wicket sport
19. Foe
22. Fish eggs
23. Corrodes
24. Heap of "David Copperfield"
25. Preface
26. Scheme
27. Mr. T's TV show "The ____"
28. Olden days constipation treatment
29. *Bag of nails and baby ton sport
32. *Eagle and mulligan sport
33. African migrator
36. *Turkey and split sport
38. Woody perennial
40. Chlorofluorocarbon, abbr.
41. He gets a flag?
44. Reprieve in a desert
46. Not light-transmitting
48. Dots and dashes code
49. Did like goo
50. Women's underskirt
51. Plural of cow, arch.
52. *Sports transgression
53. Plucked string instrument
54. Pinocchio, e.g.
55. Type of undergarment
58. Olden day "your"

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Roy C. Ketcham High School students earn honor roll recognition

The following students made the first quarter honor roll for the 2024-25 school year at Roy C. Ketcham High School in the Wappingers Central School District.

The students are:

High Honor Roll 9th Grade

Alyssa Abbatiello, Omar Allassali, MacKenzye Allen, Justin Alonso, A'Lyjah Bassue, Lyndsey Beahan, Emily Belfiore, Jasmine Bennett, Izabella Borsch, Noah Bozsik, Julia Caba, Kaitlynn Caba, Sawyer Calderin, Kristina Calo, Antonio Cardoso, Gilaya Carson, Annapia Celli, Joseph Chavarria, Sandy Coc Cabnal, Reagan Colligan, Ja'Niyah Colon, Hailey Corrado, Nicole Corte Morales, Lennon Cortes, Bryan Criollo, Jingqi Cui, Jack Curtis, Nathan Davis, Kenisha DeSerne, Paytyn Dee, Janae Delahaye, Jolee Demchak, Kallie Dewit, Keerat Dhaliwal, Abigail Di Martino, Ava DiSciorio, Alexa Dicembri, Janessa Dickens, Demith Dissanayake, Joan Dolan, Rylin Dorsman, Payton Drago, Hayden Durbin, Robert Eagan, Marcella Edwards, Favour Erema, Sofia Fernandez, Nicholas Fesko, Rhys Fiore, Aidan Frost, Jordan Fuhrer, Isabella Galarza, Angelique Gallinger, Billy Garcia, Robert Gargano, Nour Gazal, Ella Gollins, Sophia Gonzalez, Abigail Greeney, Carsen Griggs, Lexington Haag, Nolan Harris, Kaitlyn Hart, Mara Hocuutt, Keira Hoff, Eleanor Huang, Cady Hudson, Nathan Huen, Gentiana Ibrahim, Julia Imm, Jennifer Irving, Madison Jensen, Joshua Jimenez, Zarha Joseph, Michaela Jutt, Victoria Kenyon, Sadie Kiernan, Samantha Kirsch, Olivia Kondzielaski, Cameron Koretsky, Joseph Kowalczyk, Patrick Leguillou, Gabrielle Lenkowski, Shadel Lewis, Connor Licari, Ivan Lin, Serena Linan, Martin Lipinski, Maxwell Lipinski, Michaela Losee, Brendan Lotz, Kayla Loughran, Lina Maghnoij, Emma Maltais, Garrett Martin, Joseph Marucci, Riley Masciola, Emily Masten, Matthew Menjivar, Daud Moazzam, Madeline Morris, Bashaer Muhammad Al-Sheabani, Qamar Naji, Leticia Neves, Charlotte Newman, Jordan Norde, Tamia Omboro, William Pardonner, Zachary Paredes, Siya Patel, Christopher Peguero, Ramon Pineiro, Ashley Polichetti, Frances Pomilla, Matthew Portman, Jeremy Pratt, Fernando Quezada, Alex Raszkievicz, Gianna Rivera, Valentina Rivera, Victoria Rivera, Yarezi Rodriguez, Haylee Rosario-Cabreja, Emma Rosenblum, Kira Rosenblum, Marilyn Rubinos, Christian Sardo, Camila Sarmiento, Nicholas Scelia, Emma Schultz, Liliana Semedo, Aanya Shah, Grace Shrestha, Sybil Sokol, Peyton Stalter, Norah Stegall, Logan Stoltzfus, Lucas Stuart, Cassandra Taylor, Leyla Tonge, Abril Torres Mielles, Madelyn Trainor, Carleigh Varella, Siena Vega, Aaliyah Victor, Aiden Watts, Nathaniel Waxman, Abigail Weisel, Layla Wilder, Keira Withey

10th Grade

Jumana Abdelhady, Bryan Alcantara, Muhammad Ali, Aurora Amen, Isabella Asuncion, Paige Barbis, Zoe Barrett, Justin Bergman, Shabd Bhangoo, Christian Blake, Roxy Buland, Marti Calle Portabella, Aidan Cancel, Shealen Carmichael, Allison Carmona, Mia Carvalho, Logan Cerone, Louis Ciancio, Russell Clark, Cameron Clyde, Riley Cohen, Alexa Cordero, Sophie Correa, Mikael Daniel, Eshaan Dave, Sarah Decicco, Grace DelRosso, Natalia Dinardo, Sean Douglas, Genevieve DuQuesnay, Diego Duarte, Samantha Evans, Leah Figueroa, Romelia Gates, Michael Gnaore, Vincent Goh, Ania Guallpa, Kaylee Hartford, Natalie Hastings, Isaiah Hernandez, Patricia Hernandez, Logan Higgins, Jenya Hostyeva, Sierra Hrouda, Christopher Hyde, Kenneth Jimenez, Adam Kangas, Hilal Kasimbi, Layla Khleifat, Madelyn Kostenko, Matthew Lancaster, Alyssa Lange, Joseph Lavelle, DeJeane Lawrence, Danny Lin, Esther Liu, Ishmael Lunsford, Cameron Maglio, Keira Malizia, Karlet Marquez, Julia Martin, Eliana Martinez, Matthew Martinez, Emma Masek, Katherine McGann, Saalih McMahan, Anna Mezarina, Decianna Miranda, Samuel Montenegro, Paige-Bowie Mirvos, Grayson Mylie, Dominic Nicoletti, Ashley Nocera, Anthony Nucifore, Madison Nunez, Finnegan O'Hara, Julian Olmo, Gianna Orellana, Lila Ortiz, Caylee Overton, Cassandra Palmietto, Emily Parker, Nowitzki Perez Segura, Delilah Picher, Aleksander Pickering, Mason Pinto, Chris Pinzon, Michael Pisano, Janice Pizarro,

Alexa Pomilla, Nickolas Potthast, Mikayla Price, Luz Quezada, Cristian Quizhpi, Jhon Ramon Astudillo, Aiman Rizwan, Matthew Roberts, Eliany Rosario-Cabreja, Finnley Rundle, Isabel Saquicela, Ethan Sardo, Genevieve Schaefer, Calleigh Schilling, Isaiah Schmalz, Hayden Schoenberg, Jordyn Schwartz, Kayleigh Sharp, Benjamin Shutter, Shawn Shutter, Eduardo Silva, Eden Slaughter, Arianna Sloniker, Jada Smith, Trent Staples, Tyler Sucharski, Binta Susso, Purav Swaminarayan, Jesiah Swanigan, Keira Swanson, Maite Tamay Garofalo, Matthew Trocino, Christian Viala, Alexander Victoria, Haley Washall, Auden Werdal, Sophia Williams, Antaunas Wirszyla, Jeremiah Wood

11th Grade

Anthony Abbatiello, Raia Allen, Domenick Amendolia, Maryrose Angelo, Danielle Antia, Gift Arubike, Alexander Arvelo, Julien Battista, Annabella Bobinski, Dominic Bodarky, Kelsey Bollen, Ainsley Bosman, Sydney Bowman, Kaelyn Brenner, Michael Cahill, Dominick Cantalupo, Makenzie Capurro, David Carbone, Anthony Carino, Aylin Carmona, Amber Carpenter, Grace Carroll, Reinaldo Castro, Donald Cheng, Sarah Chinas, Sabrina Chownwai, Kaylie Conforti, Amy DeGross, Keira DeWit, Natalie Deegan, Josephine Dell'Olio, Chase Dicembri, Mary Dingman, Samuel Dolezal, Isabelle Echegaray, Cassandra Fitzpatrick, Cole Gallwitz, Adam Gazal, Braeden Greene, Brandon Guananga Torres, Delal Gunes, Tyler Hall, Jenahlyn Hernandez, Paige Hotle, Aidan Hudson, Anthony Ihekwa, Ariel Illescas, Edgar Illescas, Briana Izquierdo, Allison Kaminski, John Kennedy, Avery Kenny, Emma Klopotoski, Kaleb Koch, Matthew Kowalczyk, Mia Kowalczyk, Emma Kozlowski, Alyssa Kurlander, Anahi Landivar Yascaribay, Donavon Lewis, Emily Lojano, Justin Lopez, Gabriel Luongo, David Lynn, Adrian Macancela, Jhoselin Macas Suquilanda, Christian Maltais, Mallory Martin, Jamie Mastrantuono, Ava Matus, Davia Maxwell, Jack McCarthy, Connor McQuade, Gia Mejia, Taylor Mensching, Julia Mignano, Zuleikha Moazzam, Sheila Moghaddasi, Gianna Molinelli, Nella Morgan, Dylan Mugnano, Dayanara Munoz Guzman, Christopher Napoli, Daniel Norton, Kaelynn Odums, Melissa Parra, Jacob Perino, Samantha Piazza, Julia Price, Makayla Renzo, Gavin Reyes, Angelina Richards, Matthew Richards, Liam Rodriguez Mendoza, Samantha Santiago, Kevin Sarno, Katie Sauve, Edward Schiller, Jeremiah Schneck, Saina Sharma, Zoey Simons, Sebastian Singh, Adrianna Smith, George Soyka, Zachary Spadaro, Paige Stearns, Marc Sullivan, Natalia Tagliaferri, Grace Travis, Oriana Tsfasman, Evelyn Tuza Dumaguala, Alyssa Viggiano, Alona Vinod, Jacob Weickel, Kimora White, Madison Williams, Shea Williams, Alyssa Wojcik, Jerry Wu, Ryan Zheng

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