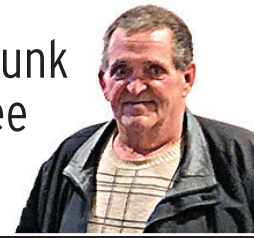


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## After a heated campaign, Hembury wins Montgomery's mayoral election

A tense campaign that spilled onto the social media pages and into the village hall meeting room has ended with Trustee Mike Hembury winning the mayoral election in the Village of Montgomery.

Hembury defeated fellow trustee Randi Picarello by a margin of 635-511 last Tuesday. He will serve a three-year term to complete the unexpired term of former Mayor Steve Brescia, who resigned in January to become the Town of Montgomery Supervisor.

Hembury, a former village trustee who served on the board for 13 years, was enthusiastic about winning the mayor's term but did not consider the occasion his most momentous.

"It was cool, but not as cool as seeing both my daughters being born," he said. "Now that was cool."

Hembury gave a special mention to his family, who assisted him with creating and managing his social media, ensuring smooth operations throughout his campaign.

"It was conducted very professionally. My wife and daughters kept it professional online. I never had a Facebook page until recently," he said.

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## Montgomery flashes green on a gray day



The Saint Patrick's Ramble in the Village of Montgomery went on as scheduled, Saturday, despite a steady downpour. Story, photos on page 6.

## Montgomery begins the process of revitalization

On the heels of a successful \$4.5 million grant application, the Village of Montgomery must now begin the process of planning to spend that money, but the first order of business was a small celebration.

At last week's village board meeting, Deputy Mayor Darlene Andolsek presented plaques to Brian Fitzpatrick and Marc Devitt who completed the application to the NY Forward Grant Program that resulted in the award announced last month.

"I know a lot of other people were on committees and helped them, but these two have been there from the very beginning," Andolsek said. "And they've been there for only one reason,

not for any personal agenda, for no pay, just because they love this village."

After receiving their plaques, Devitt and Fitzpatrick delivered the oversized check that bears the signature of Governor Kathy Hochul. It has been used for photos since the announcement was made. A few more photos were taken with the giant check, in front of the village board, and then in front of the audience that packed the meeting room last Wednesday.

"Everybody cares about this community equally. And we're just so happy that we were able to tell that story," Devitt said.

Fitzpatrick introduced Susan Landfried from the New York State

Office of Planning, Development & Community Infrastructure to outline the next steps in the process.

"It's going to be a robust process over the next several months, but it's going to be really exciting and just very much looking forward to working with all of you and figuring out the next path forward for Montgomery," Landfried said.

Landfried said the program began in 2016 with the creation of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative, which awarded grants of \$10 million to cities.

"But a couple of years ago, there was a realization that we're missing

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## PUBLIC AGENDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

**Walden Village Board Reorganization Meeting**, 6:30 p.m. 2nd Floor, Village Hall. (Relocated due to renovations in municipal building.)

**Town of Shawangunk Planning Board**, 7 p.m. Town Hall, 14 Central Ave., Wallkill.

**Montgomery Village Board**, 7:30 p.m. Village Hall Court Room, 133 Clinton Street.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

**Valley Central Board of Education**, 5 pm. District Office, 944 Route 17K., Board retreat, during which Board operations and procedures will be discussed. This meeting is closed to the public.

**Montgomery Town Board**, 7 p.m. Town Hall, 110 Bracken Road, Montgomery.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

**Shawangunk Town Board**, 7 p.m. Town Hall, 14 Central Ave., Wallkill.

MONDAY, APRIL 8

**Town of Montgomery Planning Board** 7:30 p.m. Town Hall, 110 Bracken Road, Montgomery

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# Meet Walden's new treasurer

By JARED CASTAÑEDA  
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Jean Degon, a 26-year resident of the Town of Montgomery, became the Village of Walden's newest treasurer last month and has since been learning the ropes of her financing role. Here's the scoop on her:

Originally from Staten Island, Degon's family moved to Central Valley around 1981, then again to the Village of Walden around 1987. She graduated from Valley Central High School, and then from SUNY New Paltz with a concentration in finance. Degon served as a waitress for years before working at Cendant, a relocation services company in Danbury, Connecticut. She then became a financial controller for Consulate, a post-production company based in New York City.

"Cendant was like a professional moving company where I stayed for maybe six months. We did packing for companies that were moving their employees," she said. "From there, I went to New York City and I worked for a company (Consulate) in post-production. I was there for 25 years."

Degon and her husband moved to the Town of Montgomery in 1998, where they started a family. In her spare time, Degon enjoys spending time with her loved ones, going outdoors,



Jean Degon

reading, and most recently, playing pickleball. She was a former member of Berea Elementary's PTA, assisted with the school's picture day, and was very involved in her children's sports, cheerleading, and other activities. Degon loves the Town of Montgomery as a place where she and her friends raised their families together.

"A lot of my friends lived in the neighborhood, so that was very helpful. We all raised children at the same time," she said. "I loved the Montgomery Nursery School. My children also went to the one in Walden."

Degon, while not originally looking for a career shift, saw the opening for a village treasurer and considered the position an excellent, local opportunity where she could hone her financing experiences. Through her previous jobs, she is adept in reports, human resources, payrolls, and reconciliations.

"I had a fabulous position that I had no need to leave, but there's something nice knowing that I am going into the next phase of my life, so I decided it would be a great opportunity. It's local and less than 10 minutes from my house," she said. "My goal here is to master each of their processes in order to master my own. So as I'm able to oversee it and get it to where it needs to be."

Since starting the position in February, Degon has enjoyed serving the village as treasurer and collaborating with her coworkers. She joined right at the end of the village's financial year-end, so while she may be busy, she embraces the challenge and will tackle whatever comes before her.

"There's still a lot of learning to do, which is kind of exciting and scary at the same time, but I am embracing it," she said. "I came in at their busiest time. It's not as hectic right now but I do foresee that I'll be able to make some headway going forward."

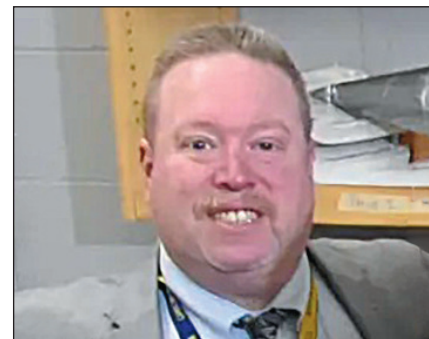
## PBHS principal to retire in 2025

Pine Bush High School principal Aaron Hopmayer has announced his retirement from the Pine Bush school district following the 2024-25 school year.

Hopmayer will be transitioning to principal of the STARS Academy at Pine Bush High School in July after 23 years as principal of the high school. STARS is a credit recovery program for students who have fallen behind on their graduation requirements and want to graduate with their class.

The district is looking for a new principal for the upcoming school year.

In his March 22 message, Hopmayer said he would be helping with the



Aaron Hopmayer

succession plan "to ensure that the programs that we have built together over the past two decades continue to

grow and thrive."

In addition to the STARS Academy, Hopmayer will continue to oversee the CTE Advanced Manufacturing Program, the NASA HUNCH program, the Skilled Trades Academy and the summer academy program. He said he will assist the new principal "to ensure a smooth transition."

Hopmayer said that, together with faculty and staff, "we have made some amazing things happen for students."

He thanked everyone for helping him "learn and grow as a leader." He also thanked district superintendent Brian Dunn and the school board "for their vision in ensuring a smooth transition."

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Hembury thanked the community for trusting him with the mayor's position and asserted that he would keep the village on track, address residents' needs, and above all, uphold everyone's safety.

"I want to continue on the road we've kept going on and make sure residents are safe. I'm glad we made our village a non-sanctuary," a reference to a resolution passed just prior to the election, declaring Montgomery a "non-sanctuary" village.

Picarello, executive director of the Business Council of Greater Montgomery who joined the village board last year, was happy with her team's output for her campaign regardless of the results.

"I could not be prouder of everything, the amount of work everyone put in. We kept it clean and with integrity," she said. "When it got dirty, I told my daughters to look inside of themselves and see the right thing to do."

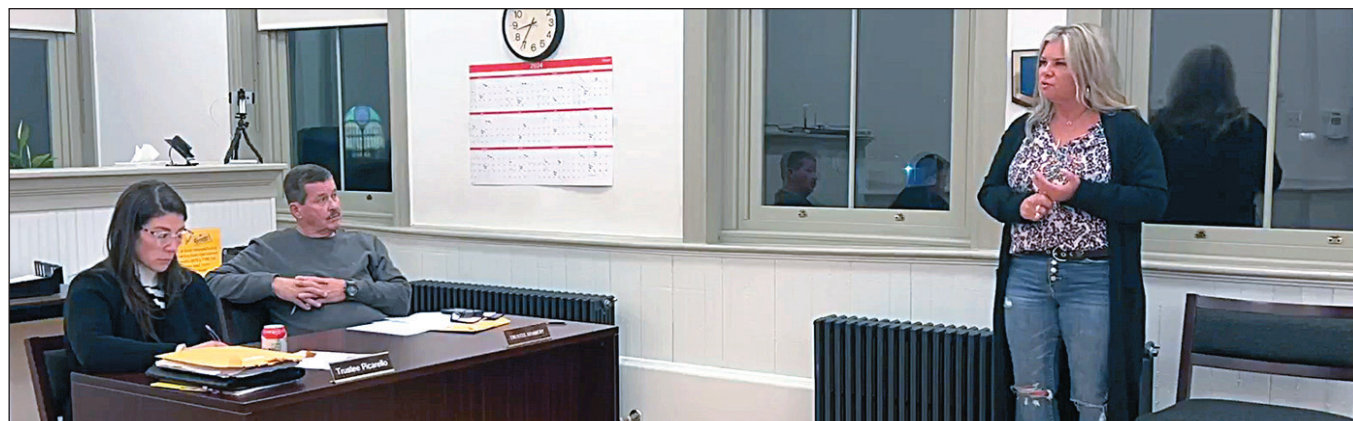
Picarello will continue to serve the village as trustee.

"I thought this was the right place and time for my experiences, but it doesn't shift my priorities," she said. "I don't need the title of mayor to keep supporting the community, and I still have my responsibilities as trustee."

In the days prior to the election, social media posts circulated by Village of Montgomery resident Robert Saladin accused Picarello of sending a racist text message. On Wednesday, the night after the election, he doubled down on the criticism.

Saladin appeared before the village board, demanding the removal of Picarello as a village trustee.

"I've been a resident of the Village of Montgomery since 2014. I'm here to ask the Board if there's a process in which to remove a sitting member of the Board, specifically Trustee Randi Picarello. While doing my research, and to her as a candidate, I came across a plethora of information," Saladin said "The material I discovered is not an opinion, it is information and data. The text messages that I was about to read, I've changed my mind on with



Trustee Randi Picarello (l.) and Mayor-elect Mike Hembury listen as Stacey Hillman appears before the village board last week. Hillman complained that, of all the elected village officials, only Picarello has a Facebook page. "I don't think it's right," she said.

respect to the multiple generations of people here not to do it."

Saladin said that the material he possessed "was said a handful of years ago, and not all in the same year."

A redacted screenshot, purportedly of a text conversation involving Picarello was emailed to the Wallkill Valley Times shortly before the election. The text could not be independently verified.

None of the village officials responded to Saladin's comments during the meeting, but Picarello issued a statement on Sunday.

"Rob Saladin's request for my resignation at the March 20th meeting was a predictable maneuver consistent with the techniques of national level politics and fear mongering used throughout this election by my opponent, Mayor-elect Mike Hembury and his supporters. It is unfortunate that this is what a few people in our tight-knit community have resorted to. The damage it has and will continue to create is much more pervasive than their group has considered," Picarello wrote.

"Their attempt to win at all costs epitomizes the very issue I have consistently raised: a glaring lack of foresight and long term planning.

"These theatrical displays have only succeeded in doing one thing: dividing our village on topics like mental health, bullying, truth, racism and sexism when we should be focused on grants, infrastructure, budgets and youth initiatives. This short-sightedness

fails to recognize that they have now discouraged many future leaders, a long term and significant detriment to the Village of Montgomery."

Picarello said Saladin had made an in-kind donation to her opponent's political campaign.

"I have no direct comment on Mr. Saladin's accusation and request," she added.

## Trustee race

In addition to the mayoral race, there was one open seat on the village board of trustees being contested. Kevin Conero was the winner of that seat, defeating Cynthia Nokland by a margin of 587-520.

Conero, who has worn various hats in the village government for over 30 years, was pleased that residents gave him another opportunity to serve them as a trustee.

"I felt very happy and confident to win the trust of everyone in the community, giving me the chance to continue working to make the village a place everyone wants," he said.

Throughout his campaign, Conero spoke with numerous residents who gave him a greater understanding of the community's needs. He seeks to continue providing the necessary services to the village while maintaining taxes.

"I conducted my campaign in a positive way. I knocked on a lot of doors, I met a lot of great people, and I experienced the things that people want," he said.

Conero looks forward to his term on the board and hopes to work together with residents on different ideas and challenges for the village's greater good.

"I want to thank residents for their support. I'm always available and approachable to residents if they have new ideas or issues, we can work through them," he said.

Nokland, a longtime resident and volunteer of the village, was ecstatic when she saw how many residents voted in this year's election, regardless of the results.

"I was amazed at the turnout and the number of people who voted. I was overjoyed for everyone that came out, even if all of it wasn't for me," Nokland said.

Nokland, between the experience and support she gained from her first campaign, seeks to run again for the board during the next election. Until then, she will continue what she does best: volunteering for the community however she can.

"The overwhelming support from people makes me want to run again next time," she said. "I learned a lot of valuable lessons, and I can take with it the good and the bad."

Nokland hopes that residents continue to participate in future village elections, stressing how much their vote for any candidate matters.

"Keep voting, your voting counts," she added. "Don't give up."

## IN BRIEF

### Pearson leads Walden slate, Carley ousted

Former Walden Mayor Becky Pearson led the slate of Walden Village Candidates last Tuesday, winning her second term as a village trustee.

Pearson tallied 257 votes. She will be joined on the board by two newcomers: Bill Taylor (183 votes) and Liz Kyle (182) were also elected.

Former village trustees Jose De Jesus (162) and Cheryl Baker (146) were unsuccessful in their bids to return to the board, while current Deputy Mayor Willie Carley trailed the field with 145 votes.

Taylor is the husband of former Mayor Susan Taylor who addressed the village board last week to offer congratulations to the winners.

“All I can say is never forget that you’re representing the people of the village of Walden, that’s who you work for. No one else,” Susan Taylor said.

She also offered a quote.

“The truth does not mind being questioned. A lie doesn’t like being challenged.’ Keep that in mind as well.”

Last week’s meeting marked the final one for Trustee Patricia Maher who opted not to seek a second term.

“I’ve learned a lot from our community members and I really don’t feel like you’re not gonna see me any less or hear any less from me,” Maher said. “I think if anything you might see me a little bit more because there’s still a lot that I want to do so just

because I won’t be on the board doesn’t mean I still won’t be back. I have no problem raising my hand and showing up at a meeting. Thank you to all my supporters and voters out there who did trust me to make some hard decisions. And yeah, I look forward to coming back one day.”

### Riverfront project moves forward

Progress is being reported on the development of Walden park and boat launch on the banks of the Wallkill River.

At last week’s village board meeting, the board accepted a bid of \$221,000 from Consorti Brothers Paving and Seal Coating for paving of a parking area, sidewalks and curbing, along with the creation of a riprap, stone used to prevent shoreline erosion.

Village Manager John Revella said an alternative bid was received for a gazebo on the property, but suggested the board hold off on that, in the event that additional grant money is available. Revella said the village had originally received a grant of \$150,000 for the project, of which approximately \$130,000 remains. Additional monies would come out of the village’s fund balance.

The park is dedicated to the late Marcus “Mickey” Millspaugh, a former village trustee and historian who passed away in 2022. One of the key supporters of the project is Trustee Becky Pearson, who was re-elected to a second term on March 19. Pearson, who had made the completion of the park a part of her election platform, is an employee of Millspaugh Furniture.

“There was someone who had an issue with me voting, possibly talking about this park because I work at Millspaugh Furniture,” Pearson said. She asked to read a statement into the meeting minutes.

“I am an elected official by the people to represent them and all that is to be happening in this village. This park was formed a long time before I was sitting on this board elected two years ago. It’s been over eight years I believe that it is in the process of,” Pearson said. “I do work at Millspaugh Furniture. Millspaugh Furniture has never paid or funded this park. It is a village park. It happens to be named (for) Mickey Millspaugh and for all good reasons because he sat on the board. He was a trustee. He was on the zoning board. He was on the planning board. He was a volunteer. Historian. ...So as a trustee I have the duty along with many other projects that aren’t completed to help that and question why they’re not and have them become a reality.

“This park benefits the whole community not the Millspaughs. My responsibility as a village trustee is to offer my opinions, do research and vote on all the projects. So I don’t feel there’s a conflict so I’m just putting that on the record. “

### Maybrook OKs tax exemption

As soon as the village files notice with the N.Y.S. Secretary of State, volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers who live in Maybrook will be entitled to a property tax exemption.

Following a public hearing Monday on the proposal, the Maybrook Village Board unanimously approved a law to provide a ten percent tax exemption for eligible volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers.

Board members, including trustees Daryl Capozzoli and William Treco, said passage of the new law was crucial to attracting new volunteers to local fire and ambulance services. Both groups struggle to enroll new members.

“Finding volunteers is extra, extra difficult,” Capozzoli said as he supported the measure.

The ten percent exemption would be taken off the volunteer’s assessed property valuation. So, if your home is assessed at \$200,000, the exemption would reduce your property valuation to \$180,000 and you would pay village taxes on that \$180,000 instead of \$200,000. The exemption would also apply to un-remarried spouses of volunteers.

But you must meet certain eligibility requirements, which would be certified by the fire department or ambulance service, including at least a five-year enrollment in the fire or ambulance service which serves Maybrook.

Other provisions of the law allow for eligible volunteers who serve more than 20 years to be granted the exemption for the rest of their lives.

-Audeen Moore

### VC passes capital proposition

The Valley Central school board passed a capital project resolution on March 18 calling for a variety of improvements in all district buildings.

The \$4.7 million capital project will come at no cost to taxpayers thanks to New York State aid and the district’s capital reserve fund. A large part of the project will be work on the high school natatorium, including replacement of the filtration system. The public will vote on the proposal along with the 2024-25 budget May 21.

School Business Official Brad Conklin reported that the tax levy stands at 2.99% on the proposed 2024-25 budget at this time. Changes will depend on the passage of the New York State budget and the amount of state aid. The public will also elect two board members. A public hearing on the proposed budget will be held May 13.

Superintendent Evette Avila reported that high school parents met March 6 to discuss the February 9 altercations at the high school.

- Brendan Coyne

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# Montgomery begins the process of revitalization

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a lot of communities in New York State with that \$10 million award that there are a lot of communities that have downtowns, then maybe there's a smaller amount of money that is appropriate," she said. "And so that is what the governor proposed to New York Forward, and that is a \$4.5 million award to smaller, often more rural communities or neighborhoods. And so that is what we're here to do today. So what this process involves is going to be a planning process that is going to build off the application that Mark and Ryan and many others helped to put together and really lead to the implementation of mostly capital projects."

Montgomery joins Highland Falls this year as the New York Forward Awardees. Last year it was Cornwall, Hudson and Sleepy Hollow.

In addition to that \$4.5 million, the state has also hired a professional consulting team that is going to help

lead this entire process. That team includes economic development specialists and urban designers.

"So you all received an award of \$4.5 million, but what's going to ultimately be recommended to the state is between \$6 and \$8 million of projects," Landfried said. "And one of the reasons we do that is sometimes when a project is awarded, we have people come back and say, you know what, actually we didn't need that money."

Landfried said the consultant team will visit Montgomery and look at its downtown.

"The next big part is that project piece. So we will have a period of time in which we'll be soliciting project applications. These will be from the municipality. They will be, even the town could potentially submit one," Landfried said. "I've seen that happen. private project sponsors are not -for-profits, can all submit projects. The consultant team and I will work with those projects to help develop them, to

help them get to all of the information that they need for the state to review.

The entire process can take up to 10 years. It will include a large amount of public participation.

"We will have a minimum of two public workshops that will be well advertised for you all to come in and tell us your thoughts on the projects but also help tell us what the vision is for downtown, what the goals are, and then other little events around, Landfried, said. "They will continue to make sure that we're soliciting and being as inclusive and transparent as we can be. And I know that these two gentlemen are particularly committed to making sure that we have as many people here tonight, hopefully many more, come to some of our events and give us their feedback."

Projects can include park development, streetscapes, public art

and other public improvement projects.

"We can do new construction or rehabilitation of downtown buildings. So maybe there's been a long-term vacant building in downtown and they really want to reactivate the first floor and maybe put a couple of apartments above," Landfried said. "That's something that's eligible. We have what's called a small project grant fund. And so these are for projects that are maybe not stand-alone, transformative, catalytic by themselves, but they really want to improve their facades."

The public comment period will be open for at least four weeks and advertised in advance, to allow residents the opportunity to meet with the consultants. A local planning committee will be established by late April or early May, with a heavy period of public engagement in the later part of May.

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# Montgomery flashes shades of green on a gray day

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Despite facing torrential downpours and gloomy skies, participants of the Village of Montgomery's annual St. Pat's Ramble marched proudly through the village street, shining their shades of green through the rain.

This tradition started in 2013 by a non-profit organization of the same name, whose members raise money through various fundraisers to support the village's needs. The committee previously hosted a 5K run along with the parade, but the former was scrapped beginning this year.

Between 1:15 p.m. and 1:45 p.m., the marchers began walking from the Montgomery Elementary School, walked on Route 211 into the village, and dispersed after reaching the end of Clinton. Onlookers draped in coats and peering through windows cheered as they watched fire and utility trucks roll through, bands play music, veterans and first responders walk with pride, and passersby wave hello.

Leading the parade was Grand Marshal Darlene Andolsek, deputy mayor of the village, who was honored for her service to the community through volunteer and government work. Before the parade, she was honored on March 10 with a mass and cocktail reception at the Holy Name of Mary-Assumption Church and Ward's Bridge Inn respectively. After reaching Clinton Street, Andolsek and her family sat in a special booth and watched the parade while keeping dry.



Grand Marshal Darlene Andolsek is protected by some foul-weather gear.



The American Legion Color Guard braved the weather.



No local parade would be complete without an appearance by the Maybrook Scout Band (l.) or Band Director Jim Barnett. (r.)



The Ancient Order of Hibernians.



Darlene Andolsek and her family watching the parade.

# Shawangunk board honors Steve Schelin

By JARED CASTAÑEDA  
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The Shawangunk town board opened its March 23 board meeting by honoring a resident with the first Dick Parker Community Service Award of 2024: Steve Schelin, a passionate town employee who manages the transfer station, among several other jobs.

Councilman Brian Amthor explained that the board, in collaboration with the South Ulster Rotary, conceived the Dick Parker Award in 2022 as a way of spotlighting outstanding residents for their work and devotion to the community. He mentioned that choosing Schelin for this quarter's award was a no-brainer.

"We have given this out to several residents on both sides of the town who exemplify what it means to go above and beyond for the community," Amthor said. "Our first award for this new town board was a unanimous decision of who this person was going to be."

Supervisor Ken Ronk Jr. asserted that Schelin was the town's best



Steven Schelin (far right) poses with members with the town board.

representative and listed his work in the transfer, parks department, building department, and more.

"This person is a very loyal town employee for many, many years, wears a lot of hats, and I've known him to be the best ambassador for the town that we have," Ronk said. "He runs the transfer station for us, he works in the parks, he shovels snow, he works in the buildings. "He does just about everything there is, and he has just enough time to deliver newspapers and bust my chops." (He makes a weekly trek to Albany to pick up the Wallkill

Valley Times at the printing plant and deliver the papers back to the valley.)

Ronk also recounted a story about Schelin finding and returning a former resident's family heirloom after they accidentally threw it away, just one example of how he salvages items that could still be useful.

"There was somebody who was moving out of town and they were getting rid of a lot of their things,

and they had accidentally thrown their grandmother's pan, into the bin, and they were heartbroken and upset," Ronk said. "Steve jumped into the container and rifled through all the stuff until he found that treasured heirloom pan.

"Those are the kinds of things he does every day, he saves stuff to the side that he thinks people might use rather than let them go in the waste stream," he continued.

Ronk added that the board recently received a report from the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency stating that the town had 0% contamination in its recyclables, largely thanks to Schelin's careful filtering at the transfer station.

"Recently, we got a letter from the resource recovery agency," he said. "The report showed that we had a 0.00% contamination rate of our recyclables. I told him (Schelin) about it and saw his face light up because he really takes pride in the job he does."



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# Opinion

## Learning from environmental disasters

**A**s we reflect, this week, on the anniversaries of two significant environmental disasters, the Three Mile Island nuclear accident in 1979 and the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989, it's crucial to recognize the lessons we've learned and the environmental safeguards we've put in place since then.

The Three Mile Island incident (March 28, 1979) stands as a stark reminder of the potential dangers associated with nuclear power generation. The overheating of uranium in the reactor core and subsequent release of radioactive steam into the atmosphere shook public confidence in the safety of nuclear energy. However, this disaster prompted a reevaluation of safety protocols and regulatory oversight in the nuclear industry.

In the aftermath of Three Mile Island, stringent safety measures were implemented to prevent similar accidents. Improved reactor designs, enhanced training for plant operators, and more robust emergency response plans became standard practice. Additionally, regulatory agencies such as the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) were empowered to enforce stricter regulations and conduct thorough inspections of nuclear facilities.

Similarly, the Exxon Valdez oil spill a decade later (March 24, 1989) served as a wake-up call regarding the devastating ecological and economic consequences of oil pollution. The massive spill of 11 million gallons of crude oil into Prince William Sound wreaked havoc on

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### Yesteryear



Ulster Avenue, Walden, residence of Col. Thomas Bradley. (Undated postcard)

## LETTERS

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Am I bragging? You're damn right. I'll use the example, if your kid gets an A+ in math, you brag about it to all your friends. This is the way I feel about

this village.

Again, let me be straight up front with this, safety and security of the people in the Village of Montgomery is my number one concern. I will do the best I can to keep it that way.

I thank my friends, awesome family and daughters for their support. Like I have said in the past, people wait on lines to purchase lottery tickets, hoping to achieve what I have in this village. My wife of 43 years Sue is the rudder of our family.

Montgomery Village is a great place to live and raise a family.

Thank you.

**MIKE HEMBURY**, *Mayor elect*  
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# The Romans are coming!

Let's say you were one of those Celts living in a Castro in a stone house, maybe built by your grandfather and your great uncle a couple hundred years before the Common Era, say 2,500 years ago. You did not live in a vacuum of world understanding.

As simple as you may have been, if you looked across the valley you could see your sister village where maybe your mother's family came from, and you could see down to the river where once in a while a boat would appear and you knew travelers, traders, who ventured to other communities similar to your own and brought home tin, and copper, and iron and wine. And maybe, once in a while, other Celts would appear from farther north with stories and tails of distant peoples.

And you certainly knew of the Lusitanians living to your south and other tribes of Celtiberians, Greeks and others. And too, one of the impressive boats of the Carthaginians would appear on the sea as they came from their great Mediterranean city, or their new city on the other side of the peninsula you may vaguely have felt you lived on, and they, the Carthaginians, brought their trade and their wine and traded for your salted fish and your gold, and with them, they brought stories of another city, a great city across the water and, from you, across the land, a city of fearful invention, Rome.

The Romans came in three waves. The Castro culture, stretching along the Atlantic and the Bay of Biscay from the Douro River in Portugal to the western end of the Pyrenees Mountains in Spain, had evolved over a thousand years and the Castro people inhabited thousands of hilltop fortified villages near the sea and across inland hilltops. Their population may have reached 700,000 before the Romans. The first contact with the Romans came from the south. The Romans, having literally destroyed their arch enemy Carthage at the end of the Third Punic War, completely destroyed the city of Carthage in North Africa, tearing down every temple and physically leveling the city and killing and enslaving its inhabitants. Carthage was destroyed by Rome in 146 BCE. This gave the



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Ruins of the Iron Age fortified hilltop city of the Castro at Santa Trega, Spain, once the home of over 3,000 inhabitants.

Romans carte blanche to the Iberian Peninsula and by 137 BCE, the Roman General, D. J. Brutus, entered the Castro lands and sought tribute from the Celtic tribes. Numerous battles ensued and while the Castro people were deeply affected by the Roman contact they remained relatively free even after other Roman explorations, one which included Caesar himself in 63 BCE a maritime expedition ensuring Roman control over the Atlantic trading routes. Trade and Roman influence increased dramatically during this period. In 27 BCE, Emperor Augustus decided to take full control of the region, of all that remained unconquered in Hispania. The resisting Castros of the north, the Cantabri and the Astures, engaged in the Cantabrian Wars against Augustus, and resisted till death this Roman occupation, a wartime force sometimes reaching 70,000 Roman legionnaires.

More southern tribes, the Portugal tribes and those of south Galicia, went through a process of peaceful integration. The curator of the Museum at Castro at Monte Santa Trega (see photo), speaking of the Roman conquest of the site and other local Castros, said there was no archaeological evidence of any Castro walls, or houses, or buildings ever being destroyed by the Romans, and it is well known the Romans took local gods as their own and left local religions intact.

The curator said, "The Romans were industrialists and engineers" and they had two main focuses: one, ensure the safety of their legionnaires, and two, the enrichment of Rome. The first thing after subjugation, either by battle or contract, the Romans would ask, "Where did you get the gold for

that necklace," or, "Where did this iron come from?" The Romans would immediately begin mining operations. They built roads for the transport of soldiers and goods and trade was expanded. The Castro people soon saw many benefits from the Roman ways and traded with them and worked for them. The Castro people did not have a currency, or money, and while working for the Romans were often paid in salt. A person "not worth his salt" was a real thing. The square buildings you witness in some of the Castro ruins were later additions to the village, learned from the Romans, and the use of tile roofing was also a Roman improvement. Olive tree cultivation was taught.

Over the next 100 years, or so, with Pax Romania the rule of the land, the hilltop fortified cities were gradually abandoned, and people moved down to the valleys to be closer to the shipping, and the farming, and the Roman industrial sites. The Castro culture ended, not like Carthage in a single event, but over centuries. Yet even today, the modern Portuguese people love to have a little wall around their family compound, just as the family compounds in the Castros had, and every sidewalk in the entire country is a stone mosaic, like a Roman tile mosaic floor, and, universally, the roofing is red ceramic tile.

*Special thanks to all my Portuguese friends who made this short excursion into history possible, especially to Dr. Margarida Lobo Abranches Pinto Ferreira for acting as my driver and interpreter.*

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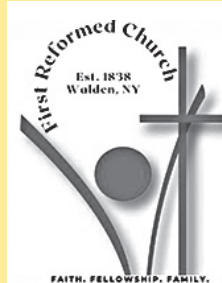
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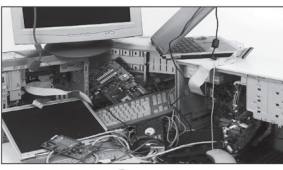
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# OBITUARIES

## James Hedden

Hedden, James, 92, of Lyndhurst, New Jersey, passed away on Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

Beloved husband of the late Diana (nee Rediker) Hedden. Loving father of Timothy J. And his wife Maureen V. Hedden. Cherished grandfather of Terrence, Garrett, Andrew and Kayla. Dear brother of the late William Arthur Hedden and the late Miriam Evelyn Tillman. James was an Commerical Art Director in NYC.

He was most proud of his work designing movie posters. He was a lifelong, avid, New York Giants fan. He had season tickets since 1959.

Mr. Hedden was also a member of the United Presbyterian Church of Lyndhurst and a United States Army veteran. Funeral Service Saturday at 10:30 a.m. from the Ippolito-Stellato Funeral Home, 425 Ridge Road, Lyndhurst. Interment Hillside Cemetery.

Friends will be received Friday from 4 - 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Hospice of Orange and Sullivan, 800 Stony Brook Court, Newburgh, NY 12550. Send condolences to stellatofuneralhomes.com.

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## Patricia Rose Morello

Patricia Rose Morello of Middletown passed away Wednesday, March 20, 2024, in Middletown, surrounded by her loving family. She was 74.

The daughter of the late Herbert and Norma (Williams) Stevens, and



the wife of the late Charles Morello, Patricia was born July 11, 1949 in Teaneck, NJ.

Patricia was a nurse for Hospice of Orange & Sullivan in Middletown, NY.

Survivors include her daughter Maegan Coss y Leon & her husband Alberto, her son Matthew Morello & his wife Ivette, her son Michael Morello & his fiance James Cavanagh, her son Marc Morello & his wife Alissa, her grandchildren Tyler Coss y Leon, Justin

Coss y Leon, Kayley Coss y Leon, Bridget Coss y Leon, Isadora Morello, Benjamin Morello, Lila Morello, Ava Morello, her great-granddaughter Paisley Coss y Leon, her sister Judith Day, her brother Mark Stevens, and several nieces and nephews.

Cremation will take place privately.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements were made by Millspaugh Funeral Directors.

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## Paul Paolini

Dr. Paul Paolini, past chair of San Diego State University Biology Department, passed away on February 27. He was 81.

Paolini was the youngest son of Paul and Rose Paolini of Newburgh. He attended Newburgh Free Academy.

Paolini was a bioinformatics specialist who, in addition to teaching, served as Founding Director of the SDSU Heart Institute and Director of the Rees-Stealy Research Laboratories. His accomplishments were

many as was his unwavering support, advocacy and mentorship of students, particularly those from disadvantaged and underrepresented backgrounds.



Earning his B.S. and M.S. in physics and biophysics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and his Ph.D. in Physiology from the University of California, Davis, Paolini came to San Diego State University in 1970 as an Assistant Professor.

Quickly moving through the ranks, he was promoted to Professor in 1976. In 1983, he became the Chair of Biology and served in that role until 1991. He also served as the Associate Dean in the College of Sciences from 1993-2001.

In this role, he initiated and directed the College's Summer Science Bridge (SSB) program. The program functioned as a pathway for preparing high school students from underrepresented backgrounds to enter the University, fostering over 300 students at its peak.

In 1983, he founded the San Diego State University Heart Institute, serving as its director as well as the scientific director of the Rees-Stealy Research Foundation Laboratory and director of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Biology Education Initiative from 1991 to 1998. In addition, he served for a time as the President of the San Diego Chapter of the American Heart Association.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Claudia who died in 1991 and his son Michael, who died in 1997. He is also predeceased by brothers Frank and Rudy Paolini.

He is survived by his wife, Maureen Paolini, three sons, Chris, Sam and Paolo, and grandchildren James and Phoenix.

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## Agnes Regina Poole

Agnes Regina Poole passed away June 16, 2020 in Montgomery.

She was predeceased by parents Richard and Mary Poole; brothers Richard and Donald Poole and her beloved cat, Cocoa; remembered and celebrated as a dedicated daughter, a devoted aunt, a loyal friend, an independent spirit, and a devout servant of our Lord.

Agnes is survived by her sister-in-law Jackie Poole and her nine nieces and nephews (and their families): Richard Poole, William Poole, Elizabeth Naftaniel, Kathleen Gleason, Thomas Poole, Jude Poole, Mary Poole, John Poole and Melissa Hempel.

Born in Flushing, Agnes was raised in Brooklyn and Queens before moving to Montgomery where she made her home. Early in her

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# OBITUARIES

career, Agnes served the US Military as an executive secretary. Later, in 1971, at the age of 38, Agnes became a licensed registered professional nurse and achieved a number of advanced nursing certificates throughout her career.

After Agnes retired, she enjoyed working part time in retail, traveling, and visiting her dear friends and family members. Agnes was an active member of the church, participating in a variety of parish activities with youth instruction a particular favorite. She was a treasured member of Our Lady of the Assumption Choir, and considered Bette Bonitz and the rest of the choir her dear friends.

Along with being a caring and compassionate friend and family member, Agnes was very independent. She purchased and built her home in 1976, and enjoyed "Poole Acres" on Emperor Lane until 2020 when she moved into a care facility for a brief time. Her Montgomery homestead hosted many a family gathering, friendly visits and was a spot where neighbors regularly visited.

Agnes loved to travel, and adventured in the United States as well as other countries. She often was accompanied by her beloved friends, Lorretta Franklin and Maureen Healy, both of whose families were close to Agnes and will always be part of the Poole extended family.

The family wishes to express special thanks to the Montgomery Nursing Home, and to the Cardwell family who looked after Agnes' house. Our Lady of the Assumption's Parish Coordinator Beth Texter and Millspaugh Funeral Directors' staff are especially appreciated for their guidance and support.

A funeral mass is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church in Bloomingburg. A celebration of life will be held at noon in the Parish Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the youth programs of Our Lady of the Assumption or to a charity of your choice.

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## Anibal "Nip" Rodriguez

Anibal "Nip" Rodriguez, of Montgomery entered eternal rest on March 15, 2024 in Newburgh. Nip was born January 19, 1945 in Canóvanas, Puerto Rico. He was the youngest son of the late Emilio and Petra Morales Rodriguez.

As a young man, Nip grew up in Garnerville, NY graduating from



Haverstraw High School where he was very popular and a friend to all. He was active in sports and took great pride in spending time with his large, close family. Nip was drafted to the US Army in 1967 and proudly served his country in the 1st Infantry Division during The Vietnam Conflict where he proved himself to be a dedicated and skilled soldier, embodying the values of honor, courage and commitment.

After returning home, Nip met his future wife of 54 years, Margarita Lugo. They found a home in Montgomery, NY where they raised three children together in a loving home. Survivors include his wife, Margarita, son, Thomas Rodriguez and his wife Elizabeth, son Michael Rodriguez and his wife Michele, daughter Priscilla Brundage and her husband Dustin, grandchildren: Vanessa, Joseph, Michael Jr., Gregory, Kayla, Emilia, Alyssa, Nathan, Mila and great-granddaughter, Violet. His sister, Sofia Brestolli and her husband Robert among many nieces and nephews.



Along with his parents he was predeceased by five brothers and three sisters.

Nip pursued a career as a member of UA Local 373 Plumbers and Steamfitters in Suffern, NY. Outside of his professional endeavors, Nip found joy in giving back to his community by coaching little league baseball and youth basketball. Among his many passions, golf held a special place in Nip's heart as he shared his passion with family and friends, creating cherished memories that will be treasured forever. Above all else, Nip was a devoted family man. He cherished every moment spent with his loved ones, and his kindness, wisdom, and unwavering support will be dearly missed. His legacy lives on through his children, grandchildren, and all those whose lives he touched.

A Mass of Christian burial will be Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 10:30am at Holy Name of Mary Church, 89 Union St., Montgomery.

Internment of cremains will follow at Orange County Veterans Cemetery, Goshen.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105

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## Barbara A. Smith

Barbara A. Smith, of the Town of Newburgh, entered into rest, surrounded by her family, Saturday, March 23, 2024. She was 66.

Daughter of Alberta (Stephenson) Quick and the late Willis Clifford

Quick, Jr., she was born March 31, 1957 in Ellenville, NY.

A long time area resident, Barbara was a homemaker. She was a graduate of New Paltz High School. She loved cooking and caring for everyone, especially her family. She loved being around people and the more friends and family at the table for holidays the better. She enjoyed music and visiting the casino's. She dearly loved her grand babies. She was fond of all animals, especially her cats. Barbara was an avid gardener, and loved to travel and enjoy NHRA races with her husband Bill.



Survivors include her mother, Alberta Quick of Poughkeepsie; her beloved husband of 45 years, William "Bill" Smith of the Town of Newburgh; a son Jacob Smith of Middletown; a daughter,

Jennifer Smith and her partner Craig Leland of Ellenville; three brothers, Dale Quick and his wife Carol of Gardiner, and Gerald Quick and his partner Lori Acree of Gardiner, NY and Richard Sonneborn, Sr. and his wife Karen of Mastic Beach, NY; two sisters, Vicki Jones and her husband Jerry of TN and Anna Cooper of Rosedale, NY; two grandchildren, Taylor Smith and her partner Gary Hornbeck and Rolf Leland; two great grandchildren, Kamryn Hornbeck and Peyton Hornbeck; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her father she was predeceased by a son, Justin, A. Smith in 2019 and a sister, Norma Depuy in 2009.

Visitation for family and friends will be Wednesday, March 27, 2024 from 4 to 7 p.m. at White, Venuto and Morrill Funeral and Cremation Service, 188 N. Plank Road, Newburgh.

A Funeral Service will commence at the Funeral Home Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 11 am with Chaplain Edward Madson officiating. Burial will follow at Friend's Cemetery, Wallkill.

You may send flowers or make a donation in Barbara's memory to your local animal shelter.

Arrangements are under the care of White, Venuto and Morrill Funeral and Cremation Service, Newburgh.

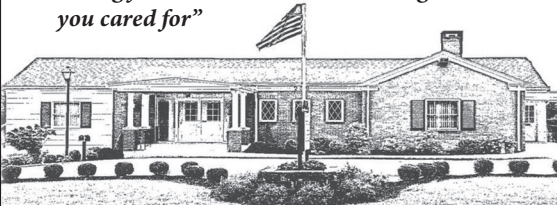
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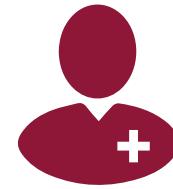
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### City of Newburgh

CITY OF NEWBURGH  
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION  
Michele Basch, Chairperson J.K. Gentile, Secretary 123 Grand Street, Newburgh, NY 12550 Phone: (845) 569-7383

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a Public Hearing will be held by the CITY OF NEWBURGH ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION on the following matters:

APPLICATION NUMBER 2024-018 at the request of the applicant, Floyd Johnson, on behalf of the owner, Maria I Rios-Ruiz. Application to restore/renovate the storefront and 2 nd floor residential fa

PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 196 Broadway

SECTION: 29 BLOCK: 7 LOT: 6 as described on the Tax Records, Newburgh, New York.

The Public Hearing will be held on April 9, 2024 and any adjourned date, at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center, 401 Washington Street, Newburgh, New York 12550.

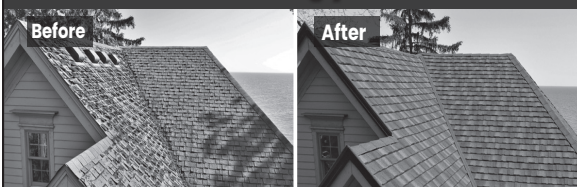
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APPLICATION NUMBER 2024-019 at the request of the applicant, Kyle LaPaetra, on behalf of the owner, Estate of Robert B. Blake (by William and Clementine Holloper, Executors).

Application to repair/restore the front porch.  
PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 121 Chambers Street  
SECTION: 18 BLOCK: 9 LOT: 5 as described on the Tax Records, Newburgh, New York.

The Public Hearing will be held on April 9, 2024 and any adjourned date, at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center, 401 Washington Street, Newburgh, New York 12550.  
Anyone wishing to make comment on the application may do so at that time.  
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Dated: 3/22/24  
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a Public Hearing will be held by the CITY OF NEWBURGH ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION on the following matters:

APPLICATION NUMBER 2024-020 at the request of the applicant/owner, Eudora Johnson.  
Application to install a fence.  
PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 110 Benkard Avenue  
SECTION: 44 BLOCK: 2 LOT: 22 as described on the Tax Records, Newburgh, New York.

The Public Hearing will be held on April 9, 2024 and any adjourned date, at

6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center, 401 Washington Street, Newburgh, New York 12550.  
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a Public Hearing will be held by the CITY OF NEWBURGH ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION on the following matters:  
APPLICATION NUMBER 2024-021 at the request of the applicant/owner, Shawndra Rose.

Application to install a fence.  
PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 152 Washington Street  
SECTION: 36 BLOCK: 4 LOT: 25 as described on the Tax Records, Newburgh, New York.

The Public Hearing will be held on April 9, 2024 and any adjourned date, at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center, 401 Washington Street, Newburgh, New York 12550.  
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a Public Hearing will be held by the CITY OF NEWBURGH ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION on the following matters:  
APPLICATION NUMBER 2024-022 at the request of the applicant, Sean Kearney/Kearney Realty & Development Group, on behalf of the owner, City of Newburgh.

Application to construct two new, mixed-use buildings.

PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 140 Montgomery Street  
146 Montgomery Street  
137 Smith Street  
SECTION: 12 BLOCK: 4 LOTS: 21, 41, 10 as described on the Tax Records, Newburgh, New York.

The Public Hearing will be held on April 9, 2024 and any adjourned date, at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center, 401 Washington Street, Newburgh, New York 12550.  
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a Public Hearing will be held by the CITY OF NEWBURGH ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION on the following matters:  
APPLICATION NUMBER 2024-023 at the request of the applicant, Chris Berg/Berg + Moss Architects, PC, on behalf of the owner, Shaw Building L.P. Application to construct a new apartment building and renovation of an existing 2-story building.  
PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 24 Johnes Street  
SECTION: 46 BLOCK: 2 LOT: 1 as described on the Tax Records, Newburgh, New York.

The Public Hearing will be held on April 9, 2024 and any adjourned date, at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center, 401 Washington Street, Newburgh, New York 12550.  
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a Public Hearing will be held by the CITY OF NEWBURGH ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION on the following matters:  
APPLICATION NUMBER 2024-024 at the request of the applicant, Andrew Schrijver, on behalf of the owner, 189 Lander LLC. Application to install a new roof, install new windows, install new doors, install new lighting, restore/repoint masonry and paint using colors from the Benjamin Moore Historic Color palette.  
PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 189 Lander Street  
SECTION: 11 BLOCK: 3 LOT: 22 as described on the Tax Records, Newburgh, New York.

The Public Hearing will be held on April 9, 2024 and any adjourned date, at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center, 401 Washington Street, Newburgh, New York 12550.  
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Michele Basch, Chairperson  
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Dated: 3/22/24  
Published: 3/27/24 #114525

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a Public Hearing will be held by the CITY OF NEWBURGH ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION on the following matters:  
APPLICATION NUMBER 2024-025 at the request of the applicant, Alvin Moon-esar, on behalf of the owner, 31 Benkard Avenue, LLC. Application to install new doors, install new front entry stairs and railings, install new fawoodwork, restore/repair/replace windows, restore/repair storefront window frames, restore/repair/replace windowsills, restore/repair cornice, repair/replace roof structure, repair/repoint chimney, restore/repair fashing siding, repair/

repoint masonry, repair rear deck and paint using colors from the Benjamin Moore Historic Color palette.

PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 31 Benkard Avenue  
SECTION: 45 BLOCK: 5 LOT: 1 as described on the Tax Records, Newburgh, New York.  
The Public Hearing will be held on April 9, 2024 and any adjourned date, at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center, 401 Washington Street, Newburgh, New York 12550.  
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Michele Basch, Chairperson  
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Dated: 3/22/24  
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a Public Hearing will be held by the CITY OF NEWBURGH ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION on the following matters:  
APPLICATION NUMBER 2024-026 at the request of the applicant/owner, Yasmin Kunz Hickey, Application to install a fence.  
PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 196 Grand Street  
SECTION: 19 BLOCK: 1 LOT: 40 as described on the Tax Records, Newburgh, New York.

The Public Hearing will be held on April 9, 2024 and any adjourned date, at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center, 401 Washington Street, Newburgh, New York 12550.  
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Michele Basch, Chairperson  
City of Newburgh Architectural Review Commission  
Dated: 3/22/24  
Published: 3/27/24 #114527

Notice of Inventory and Valuation Data Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Law, the Assessor for the City of Newburgh, New York, has inventory and valuation data available for review of the

assessments in the City of Newburgh. An appointment may be made to review this information by calling the assessor's office at 845-569-7333.

Joanne M. Majewski, IAO  
City Assessor #114342

## Highland

Intent to File An Application with USDA, Rural Development, Rural Utilities Service. Heritage Estates Homeowners HOA, LTD. intends to file an application for funding consideration with the USDA, Rural Development. The project is to upgrade the existing water facility which serves thirty (30) homes on Sharon and Cusa Drives in Highland, NY. The estimated project cost is \$130,000. #114331

## Montgomery Fire District

MONTGOMERY FIRE DISTRICT  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
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MONTGOMERY FIRE DISTRICT  
JANET FEKETE, Secretary #114532

## Town of Montgomery

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
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- 18. Defied
- 20. Cattle
- 21. Tableland
- 22. Honorably retired and retaining one’s title
- 25. Repossession
- 30. Danced
- 31. Adult males
- 32. A type of section
- 33. Type of Japanese animation
- 38. Satisfaction
- 41. Fit
- 43. “Ain’t No Sunshine” singer

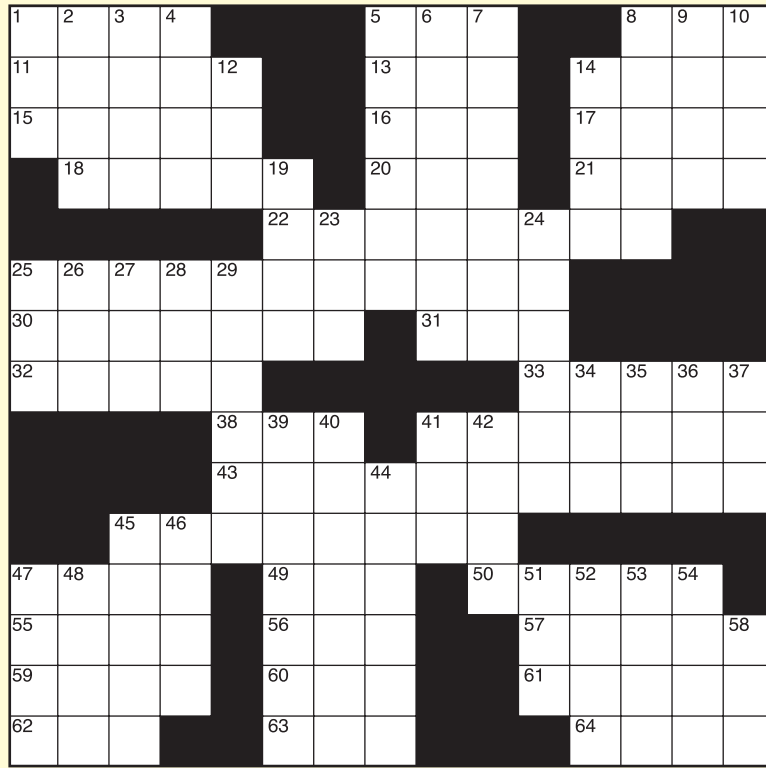
- 45. Failure
- 47. Israeli city
- 49. French river
- 50. Cavalry-sword
- 55. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 56. Liquefied natural gas
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. Electronic counter-countermeasures
- 60. Popular HBO fantasy series (abbr.)
- 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 62. Large body of water
- 63. \_\_kosh, near Lake Winnebago
- 64. Impudence

**DOWN**

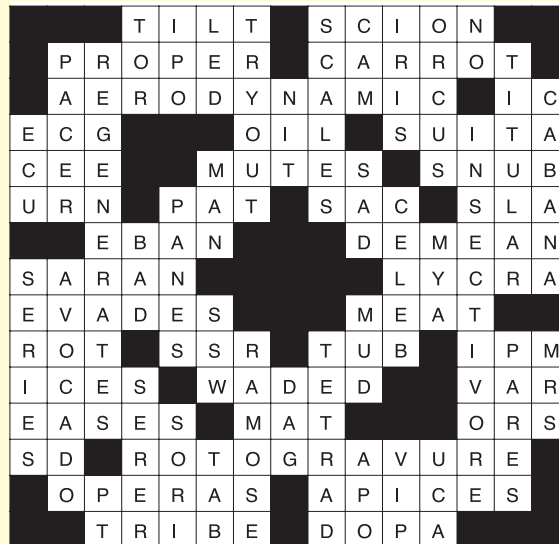
- 1. Payroll firm
- 2. Unit of transmission
- 3. Rockers Better Than \_\_
- 4. Bambi is one
- 5. Highest parts of something
- 6. Correct behavior
- 7. Batty

- 8. Cyprinid fishes
- 9. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 10. Site of the famous Leaning Tower
- 12. American rocker Snider
- 14. W. African language
- 19. Symbol to mark for removal
- 23. \_\_ Squad
- 24. Resident
- 25. Federal savings bank
- 26. Paddle
- 27. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 28. One point south of due east
- 29. Winter melon
- 34. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
- 35. Anger
- 36. Central European river
- 37. First responders
- 39. Spanish noble
- 40. Persons with absence of skin pigment

- 41. Defunct airline
- 42. Small island (British)
- 44. The extent of something from beginning to end
- 45. Capital of Bangladesh
- 46. Dutch cheese
- 47. Imitates
- 48. A contest of speed
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. Actor Idris
- 54. UNLV’s are Runnin’
- 58. Criticize



*Answers from last week’s puzzle*



York will hold a Public Hearing in the Town Government Center, 110 Bracken Road, Second Floor, Montgomery, New York on the 8th day of April 2024 at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard to consider approval of the application of TRACY PALUMBO CORTEZ and JENNIFER LEONARD, 1103 St. Rt. 17K, Montgomery, NY, for a subdivision of a 10.67 acre parcel into two (2) lots.

Proposed Lot #1 consists of 4.69 acres and contains an existing frame dwelling and outer buildings. Proposed Lot #2 consists of 5.9 acres and contains an ice cream stand. Both uses pre-date the Zoning Law of the Town. The property to be subdivided is identified as Tax Map Section 29, Block 1, Lot 6 and is located in the B-2 zoning district. The property is located on the south side of 17K and easterly of the Montgomery Heights Subdivision.

Maps and plans of the foregoing are on file and available for inspection at the offices of the Town Planning Board of the Town of Montgomery. The contact person is Suzanne Hadden at 845-457-2643 ext. 1260 or at shadden@townofmontgomery.com

At this hearing all persons interested will have an opportunity to be heard and any written comments will be received for the record prior to or at the hearing. Persons may appear in person or by agent.

This public hearing will be live-streamed and may be viewed at: <https://acquisitionsmarketing.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/TownofMontgomeryOfficial/live>.

This is an Unlisted Action per the SEQRA and will not receive coordinated review. Written comments also may be mailed to the Planning Board at Town Hall, 110 Bracken Road, Montgomery, NY 12549 or e-mailed to Sue Hadden.

Date: March 22, 2024  
 THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MONTGOMERY  
 Fred Reichle, Chairman

#114534

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
 TOWN OF MONTGOMERY  
 SALE OF STANDING HAY**

Sealed proposals will be received by the Town Clerk of the Town of Montgomery, 110 Bracken Road, Montgomery, New York 12549, up to and including Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. when the same will be publicly opened and read for the SALE OF STANDING HAY, from the former "Benedict Farm" now the lands of the Town of Montgomery, the specifications for which are as follows:

1. Liability insurance coverage, naming the Town of Montgomery as an additional insured and satisfactory to the Town, must be in place prior to the successful bidder's or its agents' or employees' entrance on the property.

2. The contract shall be from June 20, 2024 until September 30, 2024. The successful bidder may request to start earlier and finish later than these dates. The Town at its sole discretion, reserves the right to approve of any changes to the time frames of the contract.

3. The contract shall not include the use of any of the buildings.

4. No disturbance of the sod is permitted by the user. Additionally, no activity other than the cutting and removal of standing hay shall be permitted without the written consent of the Town of Montgomery.

5. The contract may not be assigned.

6. The Town reserves the right to access all portions of the farm at its sole discretion for all purposes other than to cut the hay.

7. If bales of hay are left in the field, they must be removed by September 30, 2024. The Town shall not be held responsible for bales of hay left on the field under any circumstance, nor shall the Town be held liable for any damage or removal of bales of hay left in the field at any time. Awardee shall bear the risk of loss of any such bales.

8. The successful bidder must pre-pay the full amount of the bid within ten (10) days of the date of the award.

9. If work proceeds on the Benedict Farm Park recreation plan, hay may not be harvested from any of the affected areas.

10. Approval by the Town of Montgomery and the NYSDEC will be required to hay the setback areas of the hayfields that abut the wetland where a threatened species of wildlife was identified.

11. Further specifications for the contract award and a diagram of the area which may be harvested are available from the Town Clerk's Office.

12. Please contact the Town of Montgomery Supervisor's office for additional information and questions.

Any award shall be subject to the execution of an Agreement between the bidder and the Town of Montgomery, which, at a minimum, must include the specifications herein set forth.

All bidders must attach to their bids a statement of non-collusion in the manner prescribed by Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law.

Acceptance of any bid is subject to the approval of the Town Board of the Town of Montgomery and all other governmental departments required by law.

The Town Board of the Town of Montgomery reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to re-advertise for new bids.

Dated: March 20, 2024  
 BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MONTGOMERY  
 TARA STICKLES, TOWN CLERK

#114516

**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY  
 NOTICE OF ADOPTION  
 LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2024**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, at a regular meeting held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, the Town Board of the Town of Montgomery duly enacted "LOCAL

LAW NO. 3 OF 2024, A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF 2022 WHICH ESTABLISHED A PROCEDURE TO CREATE AN AFFORDABLE, SUPPORTIVE AND VETERANS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FLOATING ZONE."

This Local Law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State. Complete copies of the Local Law are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

Dated: March 21, 2024  
 BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF MONTGOMERY  
 TARA STICKLES, TOWN CLERK

#114509

**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY  
 NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
 TOWN OF MONTGOMERY TOWN HALL  
 WINDOW REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that upon order of the Town of Montgomery Town Board, sealed bids shall be received and

publicly opened on Thursday, the 18 th day of April, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 110 Bracken Road, New York for "Town Hall – Building 110 Window Replacement Project."

Bid specifications are available in the Town Clerk's Office at the Town of Montgomery Town Hall, 110 Bracken Road, Montgomery, New York, 12549, and may be obtained in hard copy and electronic format beginning March 28, 2024. There is no cost for the bid documents unless they need to be mailed, in which case there will be a non-refundable \$75.00 fee for mailing.

All bidders must attach to their bids a Statement of Non-Collusion pursuant to Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law of New York. Failure to provide an execute non-collusive bidding affidavit will invalidate a bidder's bid.

Bidders are called to the requirement as to conditions of employment to be observed and the minimum wage rates to be paid per Segregated Facilities, Section 109 and Executive Order 11246 of New York State Law.

Bidders are also required to comply with the provisions of Section 291-299 of the Executive Law of the State of New York.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid during the forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Subject to the provisions of Article 28, Part III of the New York State Tax Law and the provisions of the Contract Documents, the Owner is exempt from payment of sales and compensating use taxes of the State of New York and cities and counties on all materials supplied to the Town pursuant to this contract.

The Town of Montgomery hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full

opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or natural origin in consideration of an award.

The Town reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any and all proposals.

Tara Stickles  
Town Clerk of the Town of Montgomery #114510

**Modena Rural Cemetery**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Plot Holders meeting of the Modena Rural Cemetery will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 7pm. The meeting will take place at the Modena Fire House, Route 44/55, Modena.

All parties interested in submitting questions, comments, and concerns are invited to email Becky Dawes, Secretary/Treasurer at becky@dawesseptic.com or call directly 845-883-5913.

If you are interested in mailing a letter, please submit to:

Becky Dawes, Secretary/Treasurer  
Modena Rural Cemetery  
P.O. Box 458  
Modena, New York 12548 #114453

**Orange County**

13 BEDFORD AVENUE LLC with its principal business location at Orange County, New York, filed Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York on March 20, 2024. The Secretary of State of New York has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The LLC address to which the Secretary of State of New York shall mail

process is 13 Bedford Avenue, Middletown, New York 10940. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed. #114508

146-148 Charles Street LLC. Filed with SSNY on 02/25/2024. County: Orange. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail copy to: 113 Primrose Ln, Milford, PA 18337. Purpose: Any lawful. #114322

1540 5TH AVE LLC  
Notice of Formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization (DOM LLC) filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on June 22, 2022. Office location, County of Orange. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to: 1540 5TH AVE LLC, Patrick Morris 73 Abrahamson Road, Middletown, NY, 10940, USA. Purpose: Any lawful act. #114239

37 Valley Avenue LLC. Filed with SSNY on 02/24/2024. County: Orange. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail copy to: 113 Primrose Ln, Milford, PA 18337. Purpose: Any lawful. #114324

65C Prospect Terrace LLC. Filed with SSNY on 02/25/2024. County: Orange. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail copy to: 113 Primrose Ln, Milford, PA 18337. Purpose: Any lawful. #114323

ABREU RIVERSIDE APARTMENTS, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/16/2024. Office loc: Orange County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon

whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Frankie Abreu, 12 Orr Hatch Drive, Cornwall, NY 12518. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. #114206

AUSTIN GLEN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/05/24. Office: Orange 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, 48 Hickman Terrace, Wurtsboro, NY 12790. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. #114377

CHESTRJR, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/11/24. Office in Orange Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1 Winkler Pl., Chester, NY 10918, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. #114413

COUNTY OF ORANGE  
EXTENSION OF ORDER ASSOCIATED WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2 OF 2024 DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN ORANGE COUNTY REGARDING TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONS TO ORANGE COUNTY IN VIOLATION OF STATE LAW

I, Steven M. Neuhaus, County Executive of the County of Orange, State of New York, do hereby:

Extend the Order made by Executive Order No. 2 of 2024, ordering that all hotels, motels and/or any facilities allowing short term rentals do not accept individuals transported to Orange County in violation of Social Services Law § 62 and related Administrative Directives of the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, including, but not limited to,

06-ADM-07 as described in Executive Order No. 2 of 2024. Such Order shall be extended until the maximum time permitted by law.

This order is pursuant to my powers contained within the Orange County Charter (Section 3.02- q) and Administrative Code (Section 3.02-q) and Section 24 of the Executive Law of the State of New York.

ORDERED this 25th day of March, 2024

Hon. Steven M. Neuhaus  
Orange County Executive #114544

DANNER SAGAN LAW, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 02/26/24. Originally filed with the Secretary of State of New Jersey on 05/04/2023. Office: Orange County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process against the LLC, 169 Union Boulevard, Suite 2C, Totowa, NJ 07512. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Law. #114278

J W DAVIS LEGAL NURSE CONSULTANT, LLC. Articles of Organization of Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with Sec. of State of NY ("SSNY") on 02/28/2024. Office location: Orange County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to the LLC at The LLC, 335 Howell Street, Pine Bush, New York 12566. Purpose: To engage in all things that the company may legally engage in under the Laws of the State of New York. Organizer: J&G Law, LLP, 158 Orange Avenue, Walden, New York 12586. #114359

MICHEL TAX SERVICES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/11/2024. Office loc: Orange County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Garry Michel, 20 Church St, Cornwall On Hudson, NY 12520. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. #114411

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8 DATED: February 1, 2024 Rochester, New York 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 a payment to your Mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. SCHEDULE A LEGAL DESCRIPTION ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate in the Town of New Windsor, Orange County, New York and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the northerly line of Lannis Avenue, said point being 25 feet Easterly from the intersection of the northeasterly line of Lot No.1, Block "D" and the northerly line of Lannis Avenue, as shown on a map made by Arthur W. Eustance, Eng. NYS Lic. No. 19550 and bearing date of July 12, 1954, revised October 14, 1954 and which map

was filed in the Orange County Clerk's Office on November 1, 1954 as Map No. 1591 under title "Plan of Subdivision, Section II, Willow Heights"; THENCE North 45 degrees 56 minutes West, 189.38 feet to a point; THENCE North 44 degrees 21 minutes 30 seconds East, 165.00 feet to a point; THENCE South 45 degrees 56 minutes East, 188.54 feet to a point in the northerly line of Lannis Avenue; THENCE 44 degrees 04 minutes West, 165.00 feet along the northerly line of Lannis Avenue to the place of BEGINNING. #114235

TABLEWARE BASICS LLC a domestic LLC, filed with NY Secy. Of State on 2/19/24 NY Office location: Orange County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 69 HUDSON POINTE, MONROE, NY 10950. General Purpose #114248

WH PROPERTY REALTY, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 2/27/24. Office in Orange Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1847 NYS RT. 17K, Montgomery, NY 12549, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. #114298

### Town of Shawangunk TOWN OF SHAW-ANGUNK

Notice Concerning the Examination of Assessment Inventory and Valuation Data (Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law)

Notice is hereby given that assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review. This assessment of each parcel will appear on the Tentative Assessment Roll of the Town of Shawangunk, which will be filed on or before May 1, 2024. The information may be reviewed by appointment in the Assessor's Office at the Town Hall, 14 Central Avenue, Wallkill, NY on April 22, 2024 through April 26, 2024, between the hours of 10am to 3pm. An appointment to review this information may be made by telephoning the Assessor's Office at (845) 895-2143.

Dated: March 19, 2024  
Curt Schoeberl, Sole Assessor  
Town of Shawangunk #114507

Notice of Formation of Landrum Media LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with SSNY on 01/03/2024. The county in which the Office is located: Ulster, The SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC is: 45 Marl Road, Pine Bush, NY 12566. Purpose: Any lawful activity. #114143

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC): The Yoga House NY-2 LLC's Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 18, 2024. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The Yoga House NY-2 LLC, Attn: Joyce San Pedro, 785 Broadway, Kingston, NY 12401. Purpose: Any lawful acts or activities. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date. #114164

Notice of Formation of Happy Bear Landscapes LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with SSNY on 02/10/2024. The county in which the Office is located: Ulster, The SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC is: 130 Ridgeview Road, Kerhonkson, NY 12446. Purpose: Any lawful activity. #114208

Notice of Formation of Makowski Maintenance LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with SSNY on 02/11/2024. The county in which the Office is located: Ulster, The SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail any

process against the LLC is: John Makowski 36 Roxanne LN, Pine Bush, NY 12566. Purpose: Any lawful activity. #114232

Notice of Formation of Amazing Moments, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with SSNY on 01/12/2024. The county in which the Office is located: Ulster, The SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC is: 111 Bona Ventura Avenue, Wallkill, NY 12589. Purpose: Any lawful activity. #114306

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: Connell Production Resources LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 1/23/2024. NY office location: Ulster County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 139 Highland Ave, Marlboro, NY 12542. Purpose of LLC: Any lawful purpose. #114311

Notice of Formation of EMD Focus LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State: 2/15/24. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to 54 North Chestnut St. Suite

#1, New Paltz, NY 12561. Purpose: all lawful purposes. #114338

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company ("LLC"): Name: 39 Old County Rd. LLC; Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/19/2024. Office Location: Ulster County, SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served, SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 1613 Route 9W, Milton, New York 12547. Purpose: to engage in any act or activity for which an LLC may be organized under the NY LLC Law. #114504

### Wallkill Public Library

Wallkill Public Library

The Board of Trustees of the Wallkill Public Library will hold their next regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 7 PM. As always, the public is invited to attend the meeting, which will take place at the Wallkill Public Library, 7 Bona Ventura Ave., Wallkill, NY 12589. In the event of a meeting cancellation due to emergency circumstances it will be held the next available business day at 7 PM.

By order of the Board of Trustees of the Wallkill Public Library.  
#113656

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## LETTERS

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## Support Nourish New York funding

One in four New Yorkers is struggling to put food on their table. The New York State Department of Health released these figures in their January report on food insecurity.

They are our family members, friends, coworkers and our neighbors. Food insecurity is impacting kids, retirees, single moms, and people working two, and even three, jobs. As food, gas prices, and healthcare costs continue to rise, so does the demand for emergency food programs.

Simply put, New York State's Nourish New York program is a lifeline for individuals and families. This critical program provides access to healthy, fresh food while expanding markets for local farmers to sell their products.

The funding provided allows New York's emergency food providers, like the Regional Food Bank, to purchase surplus products from New York farmers and dairy manufacturers and deliver it to the communities we serve. It's a win-win.

But the current state funding allocated for Nourish New York is not enough to meet the growing demand. Local food pantries are unable to keep their shelves stocked. Families are experiencing less access to fresh produce, meat, and dairy — the foundations of a nutritious diet.

Food insecurity will continue to worsen if this funding isn't addressed in this year's state budget.

The Regional Food Bank supports the New York

State Senate and Assembly one-house budget resolutions that would allocate up to \$75 million for the Nourish New York program in the FY 2024-25 state budget.

This amount will help bring more New York agricultural products to people in need in communities across the state. More children will have access to fresh fruits and vegetables. Families of all races and religions will be able to get the food that fits their needs. More people will be fed.

It will also provide much-needed support for local food producers and farmers. The program has already helped hundreds of family farms and local producers to remain in operation. The increased funding will ensure more farms have a place to sell their surplus products.

We urge Governor Kathy Hochul to approve additional funding for the Nourish New York program, along with other important hunger relief initiatives. In this, the Empire State, no New Yorker should be hungry.

TOM NARDACCI, CEO,

Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York

## Urgent notice letter

People keep getting "URGENT NOTICE" letters saying that their car warranty expired, or it is about to expire. You are given a phone number to call. Nowhere on the letter is the name and/or address of the company given. Since I already have an extended warranty, I knew not to call. Why are

these misleading letters being permitted? I have written to my state and federal legislators, and I urge you to do the same.

KEN MITCHELL

Newburgh

The Wallkill Valley Times welcomes letters to the editor and will print them as space allows. As a general rule, they should be no more than 500 words and submitted by Friday at 5 p.m. to increase the chance they will be printed in the following week's paper. All letters should be signed and include the author's address and phone number. Publication of letters not dealing with timely topics may be delayed and consideration is given to those who have not had letters published recently. We will not publish anonymous letters. We reserve the right to edit for style or for potentially libelous content. You can email your letters to: editor@tcnewspapers.com, fax them to 845-561-3967, or mail them to Wallkill Valley Times, 500 Stony Brook Court, Suite 2, Newburgh, NY 12550.

## Learning from environmental disasters

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the marine ecosystem, causing extensive damage to wildlife and coastal habitats.

In response to the Exxon Valdez disaster, significant measures were enacted to prevent and mitigate oil spills. The Oil Pollution Act of 1990 was passed, mandating measures such as double-hulled tankers, improved navigation technology, and enhanced spill response capabilities. Furthermore, companies operating oil tankers and offshore drilling rigs are now subject to stringent regulations and face severe penalties for environmental violations.

These tragedies underscore the importance of proactive environmental stewardship and the necessity of robust safeguards to protect our planet and its inhabitants. While we cannot erase the scars left by these disasters, we can strive to prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future.

As we commemorate these anniversaries, let us reaffirm our commitment to environmental conservation and the pursuit of sustainable energy solutions. It is imperative that we continue to prioritize safety, invest in renewable energy sources, and uphold rigorous environmental regulations to safeguard our planet for future generations.

In the face of ongoing environmental challenges, let us heed the lessons of the past and work together to build a more resilient and sustainable world. Our collective actions today will shape the health and vitality of our planet for years to come.

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# Pine Bush High School hosts 'eggcellent' Easter Egg hunt

By JARED CASTAÑEDA  
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Sunday, March 24 was a chilly but cloudless afternoon at Pine Bush High School in Crawford. One hundred seventy-five children, from toddlers to sixth graders, lined up along the school football field, jittering excitedly on the turf as they gripped their baskets and eyed the oodles of Easter Eggs laid across the field. Christina Turdisco, the advisor for the PBHS Interactive Club, walked to the center of the field and thanked everyone who came out while readying her cue.

"We appreciate everyone coming out. PBHS Interactive Club, Crawford Police Department, thank you for showing your support," she announced with her megaphone.

Turdisco then began the countdown, and upon shouting "Go!", a stampede pursued. The children scrambled throughout their assigned rows,



snatching any eggs they saw and stuffing them into their baskets. Parents standing on the sidelines may have missed the action if they blinked, as the participants cleared the entire field of eggs in roughly three minutes.

After exiting the field, the children and parents cracked open the eggs to find coupons cheerfully exchanged at

the prize tables, receiving candy, toys, board games, and even special baskets. The families trotted off with their well-earned rewards, saying goodbye to the Easter Bunny before they left.

The Pine Bush High School's eighth annual Easter Egg hunt was courtesy of its interactive club, a volunteer branch of the Wallkill East Rotary that hosts various activities throughout the year.

One of the club's most popular events, aside from its Easter Egg hunt, is the Spring Vendor Fair hosted every June that raises money for scholarships.

"It's been great. We've been doing this for the community for the past eight years," Turdisco commented on the egg hunt. "We have about 200 kids per year."

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## WALDEN

# Easter Egg Hunt rescheduled for Saturday

Congratulations to the winners of Walden's 2024 Village Election: Becky Pearson; Bill Taylor and Liz Kyle, The winners will be sworn in on April 1.

Beginning March 25 at 7 p.m. and continuing through April 3 at 5 p.m. the 3rd floor of Village Hall will be closed for renovations. Staff from the 3rd floor will be located in the 2nd floor Community Room during this time. Make sure to use the drop box outside the front door to Village Hall for any payments or correspondence. Sorry for any inconvenience while this necessary work is completed.

M. P. B. Knights of Columbus Council No. 9254 sends word that they will hold a Lent is Over Pork Dinner on Friday, April 5 - \$10 each. Pre Orders and Take out only. Leave a message by 11 p.m. Wednesday, April 3 with your order at 845-972-2303 to reserve your dinners. You will be put on the list. Leave your name, phone number and number of meals. Pick up at M.P.B., Fr. Sullivan Hall. between 5 - 6 p.m.

Due to inclement weather the date has been changed for the Walden's Recreation and Parks Dept. to hold their Annual Easter Egg Hunt. It will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2024 at 10 a.m. at James W. Olley Community Park, 97 Sherman Avenue.



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Bring your basket and meet the Easter Bunny! Participants will be split into the following age groups: 0 - 4 years; 5 - 7 years and 8 - 11 years. Prizes for the 2 children in each group who find the GOLDEN egg! Fun for the whole family!

On Saturday, March 30, 9 a.m. - 12 noon Wallkill Masonic Lodge No 627 invites you to attend breakfast with our fire, police and Ambulance Corps. at Wallkill Masonic Lodge, 61 Main Street, Walden. Come out for a

hot breakfast and meet and greet your first responders.

Children and Seniors eat free. All others a \$10 donation please..They have a chair lift.

On Sunday, March 31, the Walden Fire Department will host an Easter Breakfast of the Fire house, 7 a.m. - 12 p.m. Seniors - \$20. Age 2 and under

- free: age 3 - 11 - \$10: 12 and over - \$12. Pictures with the Easter Bunny available.

The Walden Community Council will meet on Wednesday, April 10 at the Josephine Louise Public Library at 6:30 p.m. to continue with plans for Walden's 37th Annual Harvest Festival on September 28, 2024. This event will be held in Walden's Municipal Square.. You will be entertained by live music, vendors, food, Angry Orchard, frog jumping contest, Orange County Sheriff's Office Child ID, free petting zoo, bounce houses for kids and more. For vendor information contact **Debbie Robb** at 845-706-157.

For sponsorship information please contact **Mike Bliss** at 845-778-2177 ext. 1523. Many hands are needed to assist and are invited to attend this meeting.

Join the Walden Community Center on Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the John Howland Youth Center, 89 East Main Street, Walden for their annual Spring Bazaar. Many vendors find great Mother's Day gifts 2 free door prizes raffles and many basket raffles. For vendor information contact Debbie Robb at 845-706-1570.

St. Andrew's Church, Walden and St. Francis of Assisi Church, Montgomery will host the second annual Community Peeps Diorama Contest on Saturday, April 6 at 3 p.m.

Community members are invited to create scene representing the communities of Walden, Montgomery and surrounding areas using marshmallow Peeps as characters Gather a box in any size, get creative and build a scene that embodies the spirit of community We have categories for kids, teens, adults, businesses and organizations/groups and great prizes from Sweeter Than Sweet Cupcakes.

See the St. Andrew's Facebook page for more information.

## Community Events

MONDAY

**Mahjong Club.** 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Josephine-Louise Public Library,  
Walden.

WEDNESDAY

**Miss Anne's Sing-a-long,** 10:30  
a.m.. Josephine-Louise Public Library,  
Walden. 0-3 years of age.

**Walden Rotary Club,** 12:15 p.m.  
The Table Restaurant, 73 Clinton St.,  
Montgomery. 778-3698.

The Village of Walden Recreation and Parks Department has begun registration for Tennis Lessons that will tentatively begin in May and will run for five weeks at the Village Tennis Courts at Bradley Park (48 Samuel E. Wright Way); Register online: Waldenrecreation.sportnin.com Registration Fees: Village of Walden Resident \$40; Non-Village of Walden residents:\$50. Additional questions? Contact the Recreation and Parks Dept. at 845-778-2177 ext 1524.

The Josephine-Louise Public Library sends the following news Are you ready for the Solar Eclipse event on April 8? Professor Thomas Blon, SUNY Orange, will join us on Thursday, April 4, 6:30 p.m. to present an eclipse overview including safety, eclipse science, what will be visible in Walden, and photography hints. Special eclipse glasses will be available to the community while the supply lasts. Not to be missed! For more information visit the library's website or call (945) 778-7621.

Please be remember that services on the drvnf-floor library will not be available during the week of April through 13 due to flooring renovations.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Easter Egg Hunt returns to Wallkill this Saturday

Ready your baskets: The Wallkill Lions Club will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, March 30 at 9 a.m. on the Wallkill Public Library's lawn. The club invites children of all ages for free to collect oodles of eggs, win bags full of sweets, and take pictures with the Easter Bunny.

No registration is required. For more information, call or text (914) 213-3063

### Wallkill Public Library presents

#### 'Jack Frost: Snow Kidding!'

Join the Wallkill Public Library for a special event to wrap up the March holiday week! On Saturday, March 30, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., head to the Town Hall Community Room for a FREE family-fun variety show, "Jack Frost: Snow Kidding!" hosted by David Engel.

Get ready for wintertime fun as Jack Frost, the world's premiere polar prankster and renowned ice artist, comes to town! Suitable for ages 4 and up, this heartwarming production promises laughter and joy for all.

Registration is required and can be done on the Wallkill Public Library website at [wallkillpubliclibrary.org](http://wallkillpubliclibrary.org).

### Gardiner Library hosts

#### Paleontology Program

Gardiner Library hosts a Paleontology Program presented by the Hudson Highlands Nature Center on Saturday March 30, 1-2 p.m.

Meet live animals! Discover how scientists read stories in the rocks. Learn about predecessors and descendants of those extinct giants. More information available on the online calendar at [www.gardinerlibrary.org](http://www.gardinerlibrary.org).

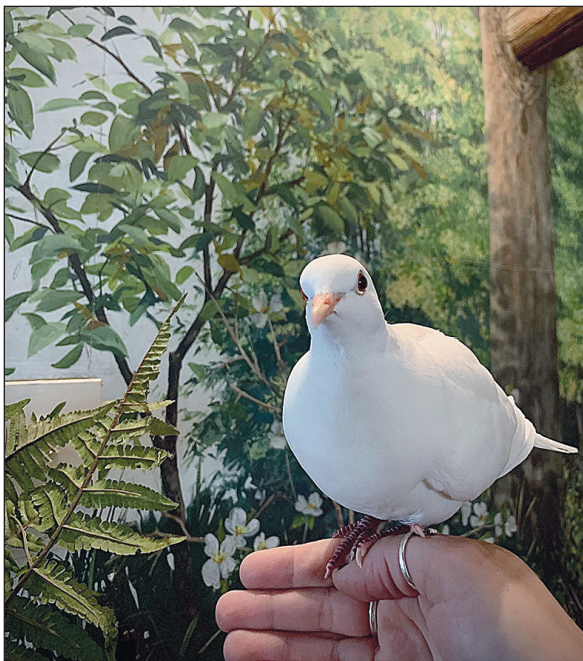
The library is located at 133 Farmer's Turnpike in Gardiner.

### Maybrook VFW presents Saturday

#### Nite DJ and Pizza Party

The Maybrook Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) announces the upcoming Saturday Nite DJ and Pizza Party, a lively event set to take place on Saturday, March 30, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Maybrook VFW located at 29 Main Street.

DJ Heidi Goff will be spinning tunes, creating an



Gardiner Library hosts a Paleontology Program presented by the Hudson Highlands Nature Center on Saturday March 30, 1-2 PM. Meet Romeo the dove.

electrifying atmosphere for partygoers to enjoy.

The event will feature a cash bar and a 50/50 raffle. Proceeds from the event will go towards supporting the Maybrook VFW and its initiatives. Your participation and contributions will make a meaningful impact, especially in assisting veterans who need our support.

Admission is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling 845-427-5881.

The VFW is located at 29 Main Street.

### Crawford Historical Society seeks contributions for archive expansion

The Town of Crawford Historical Society is embarking on a mission to enrich its archives, aiming to safeguard the community's rich history and support local research endeavors. They are calling upon residents to contribute any old maps, photographs, documents, or items related to the Town of Crawford or Pine Bush Schools.

The society welcomes donations to expand their collection, which serves as a vital resource for preserving the area's heritage and fostering a deeper understanding of its past. Those interested in contributing are encouraged to reach out to the Town Archives via email at [CommunityServices2@TownofCrawford.org](mailto:CommunityServices2@TownofCrawford.org).

### Crawford hosts Mobile DMV Unit

Orange County Clerk Kelly Eskew is pleased to extend a warm invitation to all residents of Orange County to utilize the services of the Orange County Mobile DMV Unit. This convenient service brings essential DMV transactions directly to the community, offering ease and accessibility for all.

The Orange County Mobile DMV Unit will be stationed at Crawford Town Hall, located at 121 Rt. 302, Pine Bush, NY 12566, on Monday, April 8th. The unit will operate during the following hours: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. It is closed for lunch between 12 and 1 p.m. A comprehensive range of DMV transactions will be offered, including:

- All registration transactions
- All license transactions, including real/enhanced
- Enforcement transactions

This initiative aims to streamline the process of essential DMV tasks, eliminating the need for residents to travel long distances or endure lengthy wait times. Whether it's renewing a registration, obtaining a driver's license, or addressing enforcement-related matters, the Orange County Mobile DMV Unit is equipped to handle all transactions efficiently and professionally.

### Upcoming events

#### from Vision of Wallkill

Mark your calendars for several upcoming events hosted by Vision of Wallkill in the Hamlet of Wallkill. This year's Town Wide Yard Sale will be April 27th.

Our 3rd annual Duck Derby will be May 11th with activities starting at 12 p.m. and the duck race starting at 3 p.m.

Our free summer Rhythm on the River concert series begins July 11. More information on these events and Duck Derby ticket sale information can be found on Facebook at Vision of Wallkill, our Instagram site, and [visionofwallkill.com](http://visionofwallkill.com).

### Wallkill's clean sweep is coming

Wallkill (Town of Shawangunk) will be having its 14th annual Clean Sweep on April 13, 2024. Volunteers are needed! Clean Sweep is an event where volunteers sign up to clean up trash along roadsides; in Wallkill there is also a river cleanup using kayaks.

If you are interested in signing up contact [cleansweepwallkill@yahoo.com](mailto:cleansweepwallkill@yahoo.com) or visit [cleansweepwallkill.weebly.com](http://cleansweepwallkill.weebly.com). Same day signups will occur on the Wallkill Public Library lawn on April 13 from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

All ages are welcome and students can receive community service hours.

## SCHOOL NEWS

# County Executive presents Elizabeth Zefi with Citizen of the Month Award

Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus has named Maybrook resident Elizabeth Zefi as March's Citizen of the Month Award recipient.

Zefi, a senior at Valley Central High School in Montgomery, was honored for her leadership and her volunteer work. Zefi has gained both leadership and volunteer experience through her involvement in multiple organizations, including Girl Scouts of America, the American Red Cross (Blood Program Leader), the Orange County Youth Bureau Youth Advisory Board (President), the Board of Education (Student Representative), Student Government Association (Secretary), and National Honor Society (Dean). Last July, Zefi attended both the Marist College Summer Pre-College Program in Business and the Mercy College Summer Leadership Academy. She also interns for Assemblyman Brian Maher.

In addition, Zefi has received the New York State Seal of Bilingualism in Italian and Spanish, the Girl Scout Gold, Silver, and Bronze awards, and the

President's Volunteer Service Award. She also maintains top grades at school and is awaiting college acceptance letters before deciding where to head in the fall.

"Elizabeth's active and engaged leadership roles within various organizations in her community is wonderful.

"She is a great example to her peers that being involved and participating in your school and community is a win/win endeavor," Neuhaus said. "Not only is Elizabeth learning useful, lifelong skills, but she is also making friends and meeting mentors while contributing her own skills to the groups to which she dedicates her time," Neuhaus added.

Zefi is the daughter of immigrants; her father is from Albania and her mother is from Italy. The couple came to the United States in the early 2000s. Both of Elizabeth's parents were small business owners; her mother had an Italian deli where she would take Elizabeth as a first grader, sometimes quite early in the morning. Her father



Elizabeth Zefi (right) with Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus.

owned a construction company and Zefi said, "He has been very successful in his career in America. While his success may not be millions of dollars, it seems like it is for us, as we know how hard he and my mother had to work in a new country."

Zefi has been very involved with the Orange County Youth Bureau, currently serving as President of the Youth Advisory Board. She represented the County's youth at the Association of NYS Youth Bureaus' annual Youth Leadership Forum and Legislative Day.

Zefi advocated to the Senate and Assembly Representatives for the value of Positive Youth Development Programs.

Neuhaus summed up, "I know Elizabeth will benefit from her experiences as a volunteer and leader here in Orange County and she will be an asset to whatever schools or organizations she chooses in the future. It was a pleasure meeting with Elizabeth and her family, and I look forward to hearing about the awesome things she will go on to do."

## John G. Borden Middle School Second Quarter Honor Roll 2023-2024

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### GRADE 8

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## LACROSSE PREVIEW

# Pine Bush welcomes a new coach

By MIKE ZUMMO

The Pine Bush girls' lacrosse team reached the Section 9 Class A championship game last year.

Now, with a new coach on the sidelines, the Bushmen are at least looking to match that performance in 2024.

Samantha Schwartz will take over a team that finished 9-9 last season and were the sectional runners-up after a 17-7 loss in the sectional title game to their longtime nemesis, the Kinston Tigers.

The Bushmen have lost seniors Julia Corin, Tiffany Hoffman and Marie Cerniglia, but have returned Sophia Licardi, Julia Tanner and Mackenzie Brown. They will mix with newcomers Camryn Kodgis, Anneliese Vitale and

Kayanna Cauthen.

"I am excited to be stepping up to the varsity level this season," Schwartz said. "We have a great group of young players, who are ready to build on the success they had last season."

## Valley Central

The Valley Central Vikings play in a competitive Class B division, which aw them post an 11-4 record, earning the third seed in the sectional tournament, where their season ended against No. 2 Minisink Valley, 14-10.

The Vikings have lost a key part of their offense with the graduating of attacker Kiera McPhillips. They've also lost midfielder Mackenzie Delmonico.

However, their other top scorer – midfielder Rebecca Sibley – will return,



Valley Central's Brianna McPhillips carries the ball as Warwick's Kaitlyn Larney defends during a league girls' lacrosse game on April 6, 2023, at Valley Central High School in Montgomery.



Pine Bush's Sophia Licardi brings the ball down the field as Newburgh's Ashley Myers (18) and Megan Torres (9) look on during a girls' lacrosse game on April 11, 2023, at Academy Field in Newburgh.

with Madison Roszkowski returning in the cage. Also returning are attacker Lorena Rivera, attacker Brianna McPhillips, defender Chloe Santangelo and defender Natalie Benincasa. They will mix with new attacker Ava Ronaldson and defense/midfielder Hannah Stahl.

"We hope to improve our record from last year and make another appearance in the playoffs," Valley Central coach Brooke Axelson said.

## Wallkill

The Wallkill Panthers, meanwhile, have lost a ton of players from last year's team, which made its varsity debut in 2023. The Panthers finished with a 6-10 record last year, which coach Frank Croce described as a "great inaugural season."

However, the Panthers want to improve and be better this year.

The Panthers lost Jazmin Medina,

Grace Winchell, Paige Badner, Claire Lischinsky, Tristan Loupe, Madison McKenna, Avery Orr, Mikayla Paribelli and Jillian Tucciarello.

Returning to the Panthers this year are goalkeeper Neveah Jackson, defender Abigail Martino, midfielder Emma DiLemme, midfielder Brianna Merrill and midfielder Abigail Martin. Emma Randolph, Emma LaRocco, Jessica Avila and Angelica Marino will join the varsity for the first time this year.

"Graduating nine athletes after our first season is tough, especially when most were key contributors," Croce said. "With that being said, our underclassmen put in a tremendous amount of time and effort in the offseason to prepare and be ready. They are a positive, hard-working, focused group of young ladies, and I'm excited to see their hard work in action."

# PB girls seeking flag football gold

By MIKE ZUMMO

Flag football was the newest spring sport in the state last year, and it will only grow in its second year in Section 9, as two area teams are looking to improve on their debut seasons.

The debut couldn't have gone much better for the Pine Bush Bushmen as they compiled a 10-2 record in 2023. They were the second seed in the sectional tournament before seeing their season end in the Section 9 finals with a loss to the Warwick Wildcats.

This year will be different as the New York State Public High School Athletic Association will hold championships this season and has split schools into large- and small-school classifications.

But no matter the division they're in, the Bushmen are going for the gold this season.

And why not? Everyone is back.

Returning are senior wide receivers/safeties Tia Fisher and Angela Hilgenfeldt, senior linebacker Kiersten Augustine, junior wide receiver/cornerback Christine Omosebi and eighth-grade center/safety Ella Cancelliere.

Seniors Kileigh Smykla and Tea Rausch, sophomore Shea Toback, and freshmen Alexcyz Brooks, Cailey Noviella, and Isabella Santiago.

Pine Bush coach Kyle Schneider said he expects the Bushmen to have a second straight competitive season and compete for the Section 9 Division I championship.

Last year's run to the sectional title game left the Bushmen with high expectations for their second season.

"I hope for the girls to learn more about the great sport of football, compete every day and enjoy part of a team, and doing it the right way," Schneider said. "We have 26 girls on the roster and some of our players competed at Nationals for NFA Flag at the Pro Bowl in Florida."

The neighboring Valley Central Vikings also had a successful inaugural season, finishing 8-3, earning the fifth seed in the Section 9 playoffs. However, they were eliminated by No.



Pine Bush's Ella Cancelliere runs the football during the Section 9 championship flag football game on May 24, 2023, at Goshen High School.

12 Washingtonville in the first round.

"We look to have a competitive season overall," Valley Central coach Isaiah Wilson said. "As always, we want to go deep in the playoffs and make a run at states."

Unlike the Bushmen, the Vikings have lost several key players in Bianca Ricciuto, Riley Schmidt, Grace Suchy, Mia Avallone and Hannah Darwin. However, returning players include Kelly Schmidt, Kayla Mainor, Sarah Mann, Gianna Vass and Sam

Setteducato.

They will mix with newcomers Ella Brown, Julia Capicchioni, Jadriannie Rodriguez and Adeline Galante.

"I'm excited with the group that we have," Wilson said. "Most of the girls have been playing various sports together so the 'family' aspect is already in place. The team knew from Day 1 what our focus is, and we are ready for it. It is a one day or day one mentality. We are athletic. We are hungry. We are ready."



Pine Bush's Tia Fisher catches the football during the Section 9 championship flag football game on May 24, 2023, at Goshen High School.

**THIS WEEK**

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

**Baseball**

Newburgh at Valley Central, 11 a.m.

**Boys Lacrosse**New Paltz at Pine Bush, 10 a.m.  
Wallkill at Goshen, 10 a.m.**Softball**

Pine Bush at Goshen, 11 a.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

**Baseball**

Pine Bush, Commack at Monroe-Woodbury, 2 p.m. (multi-scrimmage)

MONDAY, APRIL 1

**Softball**

Pine Bush at New Paltz, 4:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

**Baseball**Chapel Field at Chester, 4 p.m.  
Pine Bush at Minisink Valley, 4:15 p.m.**Boys Lacrosse**

Red Hook-Pine Plains-Rhinebeck at Wallkill, 4:30 p.m.

**Girls Lacrosse**

Wallkill at Monroe-Woodbury, 5 p.m.

**Softball**

Cornwall at Wallkill, 4:30 p.m.

**Boys Tennis**

New Paltz at Wallkill, 4:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

**Baseball**New Paltz at Pine Bush, 4 p.m.  
Valley Central at MW, 4 p.m.  
Washingtonville at Wallkill, 4:30 p.m.**Boys Lacrosse**Cornwall at Pine Bush, 4:30 p.m.  
Goshen at Valley Central, 6:30 p.m.**Girls Lacrosse**

Red Hook at Valley Central, 5 p.m.

**Softball**Valley Central at Middletown, 4 p.m.  
Chapel Field at O'Neill, 4:30 p.m.  
Cornwall at Pine Bush, 4:30 p.m.**Boys Tennis**Valley Central at Beacon, 4 p.m.  
Wallkill at Saugerties, 4:15 p.m.**Track and Field**Valley Central, Goshen, James I. O'Neill at Newburgh, 4:30 p.m.  
John S. Burke Catholic, Liberty at Pine Bush, 4:30 p.m.

## Tarsis is female wrestler of the year

Pine Bush's Brooke Tarshis was voted the Section 9 Wrestler of the Year at the Section 9 Banquet.

She also was recognized for placing third at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association girls' invitational. She also was the fifth Pine Bush wrestler to receive the DeCapua

Scholarship since 2004.

The Bushmen's seven sectional place finishers – Logan Pennell, Patrick Curran, Gabe McNally, Rich Urena, Griffyn Alfalla, Ethan Conrow and Greg Florin – were also recognized.

- Mike Zummo



Photo courtesy Patrick Sause

Pine Bush's Brooke Tarshis is shown after receiving the Section 9 Female Wrestler of the Year Award at the Section 9 Banquet. Pine Bush coach Patrick Sause is at right.

## Vikings welcome new coach, PB rebuilding

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Jason Murphy (P/1B), William Quinn (SS), Christopher Byrne (OF/1B/3B/P), and Colin Quinn (C). The Vikings also return sophomore Justin Freeman (3B/2B/C) and Trevor Mitchetti (OF/IF).

Junior Caleb Swart (3B/P), sophomore Darren Russo (P/1B/3B) and senior John Kelly (2B/P) are new to the Vikings this year. Kelly spent the 2023 season injured.

"We have a solid group of returners with a mix of seniors and underclassmen, as well as a great group of newcomers ready to work hard and earn their way," Lennon said. "Our goals will be and always are to compete every day and make a run in the playoffs."

### Pine Bush

A year after reaching the NYSPHSAA Class AA championship, the Bushmen were disappointed when they were eliminated in the sectional quarterfinals last year by the eventual champion the Kingston Tigers.

The Bushmen enter this season having lost 10 seniors: Alex Bucolo, Connor Stacklum, Dan Trojahn, John Bandura, Mason Miranowicz, Mike Jacques, Mike Weed, Mike DeSena, Nick Croce and Tyler Thorpe.

However, Pine Bush coach Matt Boffalo said the Bushmen have talented 10th and 11th graders and that he is looking forward to seeing them play this season.

Returning are Marc Cancelliere, Matt Boffalo, Oliver Auryansen, Brady Fandl, Blake Vellenga and Tristan Santos. New to the team will be Robert Lawrence, Lucas Judson, Brian Murtaugh, Alex Price, Jake Pawlowski, Mike Esposito, Brandon Brodala, Shane Torpey and Kaeden Fisher.

"We have a young, untested team with a competitive schedule," coach Boffalo said. "But they are a great group of young men, so we are excited for the challenge."

## BASEBALL PREVIEW

# Panthers moving up to AA, Vikings welcome new coach

By MIKE ZUMMO

The Wallkill Panthers finished their most successful season in their history when they were beaten in 10 innings by Section 1 champion Walter Panas in the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class A regional finals.

Now, they're lacing up their cleats for another run, as they look for the program's fourth Section 9 championship.

It won't be easy as a realignment by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association created a sixth classification - a realignment that sent the Panthers into Class AA.

Their top loss was pitcher and middle-of-the lineup hitter Chase Hermance, along with Brandon Vesely, but with a strong core of returners, the Panthers will look to make a run at a repeat.

Senior Kyle DeGroat set a school record in 2023 with a 0.62 ERA with 95 strikeouts and will look to lead the pitching staff. Senior Kody Best is in line for a starting spot after finishing 2-0 last year with a 2.93 ERA. The Panthers also expect contributions from juniors Ryan Mayer and Connor Griffin; sophomore Mason Franklin, seniors Jake Spindler and Julian Butcher, and juniors Mike Daly and Ryan Rauschenbach.

The Panthers expect to have speed in the outfield with Rauschenbach and Spencer Freer at the corners. Franklin and Nikola Mandich will be up the middle. When not on the mound, DeGroat will man third base. Chris Wager returns behind the plate.

Last year's team hit .326 and scored a school record 206 runs. The offense



Wallkill third baseman Mason Franklin throws the ball to first base as pitcher Chase Hermance ducks during a MHAL championship baseball game on May 13, 2023, at Cantine Field in Saugerties.

is expected to be led by Freer (.311, 26 runs, 12 RBIs and 13 SB), while DeGroat hit .381, scored 33 runs, hit five home runs and drove in 12. He is expected to lead off. Spindler (.308) and Franklin (.333, 17 runs, 26 walks and 10 stolen bases) will follow.

The Panthers started their season with scrimmages at the Ripken

Experience in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The only area team to have a better result than the Panthers last year were the Chapel Field Lions, who won their first NYSPHSAA Class D championship after reaching the state championship game in 2022.

However, both runs came behind the arm of Leam Powell, who graduated

after last season. The Lions have also lost center fielder and pitcher Bryce Hollo and third baseman Noah Swart.

They will also have a new coach as Mike Bonagura replaces Shaun Powell.

The Lions will be led by pitcher and shortstop Mikey Bonagura, catcher Logan Garvey and Drew Hollo.

With such big losses, the Lions are looking at short-term goals to start the season. Any run at states begins with a Section 9 Class D championship.

"I'm looking forward to the season," coach Bonagura said. "It's a great group of guys."

### Valley Central

The winds of change also will blow through Montgomery as the Valley Central Vikings will have a new coach as former JV coach Matt Lennon, a 2010 Valley Central graduate, takes the reigns from Bob Leonard, who stepped down to possibly coach one of his daughters on the Vikings' modified softball team.

"First and foremost, this is a dream come true having graduated from Valley Central, played baseball for Coach Leonard and Coach (Eric) Bartle, and brought a Section 9 Class AA championship here my senior year."

After a lackluster 2022, the Vikings rebounded last year to finish 11-9, and earned the fourth seed in the Section 9 Class AA tournament, where the top-seeded Warwick Wildcats ended their season.

The Vikings have lost John Scotto, Zachary Rometo, Daniel Belo, Evan Johnson and William Treco, but return several three-year varsity players in

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