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## District budget process continues

By Melanie Lekocevic

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RAVENA-COEYMANS-SELKIRK — The RCS Board of Education reviewed the operations and transportation section of the proposed 2024-25 school budget at its March 6 meeting.

District Superintendent Dr. Brian Bailey and School Business Administrator Jesse Boehme presented the third installment in a series of meetings about the proposed 2024-25 budget. At this time, the proposed tax levy and tax rates have not yet been determined.

The operations component of the school budget includes salaries for the district and business offices, equipment, BOCES software and the BOCES communication service. That part of the budget

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# GOOD NEWS!: Innovation Station builds in-demand tech skills



7-8:15 p.m. from March 21 through May 2, and the cost is \$50.

A free offering this session will be Scratch Programming in conjunction with the Girls Who Code program. Girls in grades 3-5 will learn about inspiring female role models in the tech industry while learning to code. The class is offered on Mondays and Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. from April 8 to May 14.

A first-time offering this spring will be the Hydrogen Grand Prix Series being taught by one of Plug's (formerly Plug Power) senior systems engineers and talent ambassadors, Jordan Grande. Plug has been a major sponsor and proponent of the Innovation Station since its inception last spring. In this class, which is currently full, elementary and middle school students learn about sustainability and renewable energy while building fuel cell powered vehicles. Hydrogen powered cars are street legal in other countries but not yet here in the states. It is technology Plug is banking on for their future.

Matt Grattan, director of Community and Workforce Development at Plug, believes partnering with the Innovation Station is a win for all involved.

"We have been developing community outreach and community benefit plan strategies at all of our project locations and certainly because we are headquartered and based here in the Capital Region, we are always on the lookout for organizations that are looking to promote STEM-oriented career programs but also re-careering adults as well," said Grattan.

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Rick Robertson, left, president of the Innovation Station, oversees a robotics and STEM demonstration at RCS last June.

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## GOOD NEWS STORIES

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By Marlene McTigue  
For Capital Region Independent Media

So, what are your kids up to

after school on any given week-night? Watching TV, playing video games? Here in the town of Coeymans, kids as young as 10 can learn how to engineer those video games thanks to one of the new slate of spring programs offered by the Ravenna Innovation Station.

Local kids can sign up for the Innovation Station's Game Design with guidance from Albany's Can Code Communities. Over seven Tuesday evenings from March 19

through April 30, kids ages 10 and up are welcome to come from 4:30-6 p.m. to learn the basics of the computer programming language Python and how it can be applied to the design and creation of video games. The class fee is \$50.

Also offered this spring will be an Introduction to CAD class where middle and high school students will learn to digitally create 2D drawings and 3D models. That class is offered on Thursdays from

# Two Dems on ballot for two open seats on village board

By Marlene McTigue

Capital Region Independent Media

RAVENA — Ravenna village elections are coming up on March 19. Only two candidates will be on the ballot for the two open seats.

For the Democrats, Nancy Warner, the village's deputy mayor, is running for re-election, and Sandy DeBacco, the town of Coeymans' code enforcement officer, is running for his first term in office. Both candidates are also running on the Ravenna Proud line.

Village Trustee Joseph Ganley opted not to run for a second term (see article page A2).

There are no Republican candidates running, according to interim chair of the Coeymans Republican Committee, Pat Cronin. Cronin said due to a variety of logistical issues with the outgoing committee, the party was not ready to put forth any candidates.

Cronin is a current member of the Town of Coeymans Planning Board and the current director of operations for the Republicans for Albany County.



Deputy Mayor Nancy Warner

Warner and DeBacco responded to a questionnaire about their candidacy. Here are their responses in their own words, in alphabetical order.

### SANTE "SANDY" DEBACCO

My name is Sante DeBacco (first name is pronounced "Sahn-tay"). However, I go by the first



Sandy DeBacco

name of "Sandy." I am a lifelong resident of the Ravenna-Coeymans area. My grandparents were first generation Italian-Americans who settled in the Ravenna-Coeymans area in the early part of the 20th century. I am a 1977 graduate of Ravenna-Coeymans-Selkirk Cen-

tral High School, where I was a member of the National Honor Society for three years. I grew up on Powell Hill Road in the town of Coeymans, but I have been a resident of the village of Ravenna since

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## B1 Arts In Our Schools



Artwork from RCS students from elementary school

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### This Day In History

- 1958 First Gold Record awarded to Perry Como for "Catch a Falling Star"
- 1950 The FBI debuts "10 Most Wanted Fugitives" list
- 1879 Albert Einstein born







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Students of the RCS FIRST Tech Challenge team make modifications to their robot at the Regional Championship Tournament held in Utica on March 3. Teams like the Tech Challenge team hone their skills at the Innovation station every week.

## TECH from A1

STEM is an acronym for science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

"The youth piece is important because we have to build a pipeline of talent so that we are encouraging and educating individuals as to what career opportunities are going to be available at Plug now and into the future," Grattan added. "It's more important now than ever to be engaging with young students and educating them as to what some of those STEM career paths might look like."

Hydrogen power is still in its infancy stages.

"As it relates to us at Plug and the hydrogen economy, hydrogen is still relatively unknown in terms of its ability to be used as a source of energy," Grattan said.

Building a knowledge base about hydrogen and the industry's perception of it is key.

"Everyone knows it as the number element on the periodic table, but they don't know of it as an energy source," said Grattan. "So, there is a lot of educational outreach that we feel like we need to be doing so finding organizations like the Innovation Station that have similar mindset—helping to share opportunities around career growth and development and what those opportunities look like and what

those technologies are, is of critical importance to us. So, it was just really a match of the vision mission of the Innovation Station in alignment with what we're trying to do at Plug and that's why we decided to support the Innovation Station — because we love the concepts and what they are doing with young minds."

Rick Robertson, Innovation Station president, said he is pleased with how the local STEM center's first season of programming went off.

"We are very pleased with how our first round of programming went," said Robertson. "We received a lot of positive feedback from parents and the kids who participated about new coding skills they learned, how they met new friends and learned the value of teamwork. We're also so appreciative of the financial support we received from the community and local businesses and are incredibly grateful to the parents who stepped up to coach the robotics teams. We're excited to expand programming this spring to help our students develop new skills and appreciate the opportunity to partner with Albany CanCode, Onshape and Plug Power on these programs."

For those who are not sure if they are ready for a class, the Innovation Station is offering STEM Saturdays once

a month. This is an opportunity for community kids and their parents to come in and participate in a fun activity designed to get kids thinking differently about the world around them. Check in with the group's Facebook page for more information.

The Station will also be holding a Robotics Expo on March 24, from 2:30-4 p.m., where this past season's teams will show off what they've learned. Everyone is invited to drop in and see what the experience is all about.

And the fun is not just for kids.

Starting this week, on every second Tuesday community members (adults) are invited to drop in at Rail to River Brewing, where the group will offer Puzzled Pints. Billed as a casual, social puzzle-solving event that happens at bars/pubs on the second Tuesday of every month at multiple cities around the world. For more information on Puzzled Pints you can check out their website at <https://puzzled-pint.com/>.

The Innovation Station is located in the basement of the Congregational Christian Church at 175 Main St. in Ravenna. You can find out more about their spring programming and much more at <https://www.ravenainnovationstation.org/>.

## BALLOT from A1

1990, where my wife and I worked to raise our family, and where I worked to serve the community as a public servant.

I am a graduate of the State University of New York at Albany, class of 1982, with a Bachelor's degree in math-physical sciences.

In 1983, I was hired as a firefighter at the Albany International Airport, and that was my full-time career until I retired in 2021 with 38 years of service. During the early portion of my firefighting career, I earned an Associates degree in fire protection technology from Corning Community College.

I am a proud and long-standing member of the Ravenna Hose Company, which besides my family, has been the highlight of my life. I joined the Hose Company in 1978, and I

have been an active member since. I still actively respond to calls and participate in other Hose Company functions.

I have worked for the Village of Ravenna Building Department as a building inspector/code enforcement official for 26 years, from 1994 to 2020.

I have also worked for the Town of Coeymans Building Department as a code enforcement official since 1995, where I am currently employed.

I have been a volunteer active member of the Ravenna Rescue Squad for many years, and I currently assist with covering shifts on occasion as an EMT/driver.

I have much knowledge about the village of Ravenna, through my employment with the Building Department and through my membership in the Ravenna Hose Company.

Because of my long tenure as a public servant, I feel

as though I have much to offer as a village trustee to the citizens of the village.

I am a fair and honest person, and I am looking forward to working with the other Village Board members, as well as the citizens of the Village, for the betterment of the village of Ravenna. Being on the village board will be a new endeavor for me, and I ask the citizens to give me a chance to serve on the board.

**NANCY WARNER**  
I have been a trustee since 2012, this will be my fourth term. Prior to that I was deputy clerk-treasurer for the village for 25 years.

I decided to run again because we have many great unfinished projects that we started together and I would like to see them through... but mostly because I LOVE this village!

Challenges as a Trustee: That residents/people do not understand that we are not magic miracle workers.

Just because we want something done doesn't mean it can happen overnight or at all. There are rules, restrictions, obstacles that we have to consider. This bothers me because, if you know me, I am a people pleaser and once I set my eyes on a goal I work hard until it is complete.

Also, the lack of communication between the village and other government entities. Many times we are considered the "ugly stepchild" of Albany County and many times it is forgotten that the village is indeed a major part of our town (I am optimistic this is changing).

Accomplishments: Being a part of a team that secured millions of dollars in grants, not only for the village but Henry Traver and I spearheaded a huge grant to get new water mains financed on Main Street, Coeymans, when New York state completed their road

project there.

In the past decade we, as a team, have secured nearly \$10 million worth of grants for improvements, at no cost or very little cost to the residents.

I am proud that we have long-term employees who feel we are a family and that they are dedicated and can accomplish so much for our village.

Importantly, I am proud that once elected, all board members, including the mayor, put aside politics and work as one unit for the betterment of the village residents.

Our park, our pool, our water filtration plant and our municipal building have seen many improvements while we worked together.

And the most visible accomplishment is working diligently with a myriad of entities to take care of our few abandoned, dilapidated buildings. This takes so much time and effort that

many times people think we have forgotten about that task. Our Building Department is working tirelessly with our code enforcement, absentee landlords and Albany County to ensure our village is a place we are all proud to call HOME!

And lastly, let me be perfectly clear... this is possible by the cooperation and dedication of the entire board and mayor.

My outlook for the village is optimistic! We have fabulous employees, a volunteer fire department I am extremely proud of, we have wonderful residents and we have a mayor and board that cares about everyone.

We will continue to move forward with everyone's support, efforts and dedication.

Village elections will be on Tuesday, March 19, from 12-9 p.m., at Village Hall, 15 Mountain Road in Ravenna.

## BUDGET from A1

is proposed to increase by \$149,200, or 2.54%, compared to the current year, going from \$5,874,100 to \$6,023,300.

"We are proposing an increase of a little under \$150,000," Boehme said.

Among the increases are a jump of \$20,000 for equipment purchases for buildings and grounds, a maintenance and operations contractual increase of \$35,000, and a 2% salary increase, adding another \$63,000, along with higher costs for a new BOCES district office software program "to improve productivity," Boehme said.

One line item that would be reduced is the cost of the BOCES communication service, which would drop by \$50,900.

The transportation component of the budget would see a decrease of \$257,500, or 6.043%.

"We are looking at a 6% decrease from the previous year and that is due to the great work of our previous director and his team," Boehme said. "We were able to decrease our contractual transportation by \$450,000 because we brought a lot of runs back in-house."

Transportation would drop from \$4,261,000 in the 2023-24 school year to \$4,003,500 for next year,

and would include having a full complement of 52 staffers. Currently the district is looking to fill six bus driver positions and one bus monitor.

The proposed budget would also include the purchase of two new minivans as part of the district's regular vehicle replacement plan, and an upgrade of a wheelchair lift on one of the buses, Boehme said.

The district is looking to put a transportation capital project proposition on the ballot in May in the amount of \$500,000, but it would have no impact on the budget's bottom line because it would be a shift in how allocated money is spent. Boehme said he spoke at length with the former transportation director before he left the district about the bus replacement plan.

"We looked at the runs that we reduced and we came to the conclusion that we don't need to purchase any new buses at this time because of the reduction of the runs and the smaller number of individuals that we have, and we feel we can push this out a few years with the buses that we do have," Boehme said.

Instead of purchasing new buses for the coming year, Boehme recommended the district use those funds to upgrade one or two of the

bus lifts to accommodate the heavier EV buses — powered by electricity instead of diesel — when the state mandate is implemented. All districts in New York will be required to change to EV school buses in the coming years.

Using the funds for transportation infrastructure instead of bus purchases this year would not result in a budget increase for taxpayers, but would have to be approved on the ballot by the voters.

Board of education members expressed concern about both the switch to EV buses — which is mandated by the state — and the failure to purchase buses on the established schedule, but Boehme said new buses are not needed at this time.

"Again, we would use the funds that we normally use to purchase buses to invest in the infrastructure," he said.

The next budget presentation will be on March 20, when the district discusses curriculum and instruction, and the health and safety components of the budget. On March 27, the board will convene again for the required three-part budget presentation, at which time the tax levy and anticipated state aid figures will be discussed.

The budget vote will take place on May 21.

# Ganley opts not to run for re-election



Village Trustee Joe Ganley

By Marlene McTigue  
For Capital Region  
Independent Media

RAVENA — The village board will bid farewell to one of its board members come April. Village Trustee Joe Ganley has opted not to run for a second term in office.

Ganley completed a questionnaire about his decision not to seek re-election.

• How long did you serve?

I served 3.5 years. The election was delayed six months due to COVID-19.

• Why did you decide not to see another term?

I wanted to spend more time and focus on my family.

• What were the biggest challenges you faced as a trustee?

Besides ignorance, arrogance and egos, the biggest challenge we faced was limited resources with a growing list of priorities. The number one priority any locality faces is an aging infrastructure. Historic communities such as Ravenna, Coeymans, and New Baltimore are faced

with crumbling roads and cracked pipes.

If a municipality has a faulty infrastructure it will ultimately deal with rampant blight. To meet the needs of the residents, businesses and community organizations, continuing to invest in infrastructure is critical.

• What are the positive changes you feel like you made over the course of your tenure?

While there have been many things I am proud of in government service, facilitating the drinking water feasibility study was at the top of my list.

After the incidents in Hoosic Falls, NY, and Flint, MI, clean drinking water was an issue I was concerned with in this community. The volume of industrialized businesses is always a concern for water sources. Through this study and its findings, we confirmed that the source of the water supply for Ravenna was clean for consumption.

When I read the results of the study, I was surprised at how relieved I felt! We are fortunate to have such resources.



# News from the Past in Memory of Harry A. Sturges



## IN MEMORY OF Harry A. Sturges

News Herald — March 7, 1924 - F.E. Bleezarde, Publisher

Coeymans:  
Powell and Minnock finished harvesting ice at

their icehouse on Wednesday. They secured 23,000 tons of fine quality ice from the river.

At the annual meeting of the Methodist Episcopal Church held in the chapel on Monday evening, Clare A. Robbins, Fletcher Sutton and Percy R. Shear were elected trustees for a period of three years.

The last of the building, the old barn on the Fredenburgh property at the corner of Main and Church streets, is being torn down and drawn away to make room for the improvements that are to be made in the state highway near there and

within another year, a great improvement will be accomplished in that locality.

A St. Patrick's Day party will be held in the chapter room of Coeymans chapter No. 464 Order of the Eastern Star on Tuesday evening, March 18, to which all members of the chapter are invited as well as members of the Onesquethau lodge of Masons.

The clams served at St. Patrick's supper on Tuesday evening were furnished by the Maplehurst Market of this village.

Ravena:  
George W. Babcock has purchased the Schuyler

two-flat house next to the firehouse, and he has sold his one-family dwelling on VanBuren Avenue to Ivan Hannay.

A quarterly meeting of the Ravena Hose Co. was held at the firehouse on Tuesday evening and considerable business was transacted. The building has been thoroughly overhauled and decorated, and with the completion of the work planned at the meeting on Tuesday evening, the members of the company will be able to enjoy the building for social purposes as well as formerly.

Snyder Bros. are getting ready for the season. They

unleased a car load of Chevrolets one day last week and a carload of Studebakers on Monday of this week.

On Monday evening listeners on the radio heard a WGY program and listened to the numbers by the Grotto band of Albany. William V. Roberts of this place, who is a member of the band, helped make the music.

Ravena Grange met on Monday evening, and the members spent a pleasant social evening at the close of the business meeting. An art exhibit and a penny questionnaire entertained before the refreshments were served.

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G. Clow, Wm. Walsh and J.E. Hallenbeck have been elected trustees of the M.E. church for the ensuing three years.

Freighter Slingerland added an addition of 8,000 bales of hay and straw to his stack on the "brickyard lot" the past week.

A team of horses belonging to the K.I. Co., while hauling hay on the ice Thursday, broke through near the upper point of Baeren Island and were rescued with difficulty.

## Ravena Grange roast beef dinner

COEYMANS HOLLOW — Ravena Grange No. 1457 will hold a roast beef dinner on March 23, from 4-6 p.m.

The Grange is located on Route 143 in Coeymans Hollow.

The menu will include

roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, cabbage kraut and pie. Cost is \$17 per meal.

Meals are available for take-out or eat-in. A limited number of seats are available for eat-in meals and

reservations must be made for seatings at 4:30, 5:00 or 5:30 p.m. only.

Meal orders and reserva-

tions are required by March 21 by calling 518-756-8228 or by email at ravena-grange@cs.com.

## Tague calls for funding increase for local roads, bridges

Assemblyman Chris Tague (R-102) last week called for an increase in Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) funding for local roads and bridges.

Tague was joined by Sen. Peter Oberacker and local highway superintendents from Albany, Greene, Schoharie, Delaware and Otsego counties, including Coeymans Highway Superintendent Daniel Baker.

"Our rural upstate communities rely on funding from CHIPS," Tague said. "We don't live in major cities where we have access to

everything within five minutes of our house — these roads are essential to our everyday lives. With inflation continuing to increase, it is getting harder and harder to afford repairs on our own."

Baker said infrastructure is in need of repair and the costs for taxpayers is high.

"New York and the town of Coeymans' residents cannot shoulder any more program cuts to our already deteriorating infrastructure systems," Baker said.

Members of the New York State Assembly, Senate and various local offices have advocated for more ag-

gressive funding in the budget for CHIPS for the past 12 years, according to Tague.

In the 2024 Executive Budget proposal, Gov. Kathy Hochul included a \$100 million cut to local transportation infrastructure funding, Tague said. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is increasing federal highway aid to New York by \$4.6 billion, totaling \$13.4 billion. The issue with this is local roads, which make up 87% of the statewide road systems, are not able to receive these federal funds, he added.

"Have we really gone



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Assemblyman Chris Tague, R-102, advocates for increased state funding for infrastructure repairs for local roads and bridges.

so far off course as a state that we can't even recognize the importance of basic infrastructure?" questioned Tague. "Each year, the governor tries to reduce CHIPS funding, and each year, our Conference has to remind her of its importance. This is a necessary investment to keep New York state up and running."

Oberacker said, "Local roads and bridges, and the dedicated workers who maintain them, are vital to

public safety and our economy. State support is critical to our local governments when making decisions on road and bridge maintenance and CHIPS funding is essential. While funds are being sent downstate to prop up the MTA we cannot neglect our upstate infrastructure. An increase in CHIPS funding is a necessary investment that must be included in the state budget."

President of Greene County Association of High-

way Superintendents Gary Thorington said state infrastructure funding is critical to maintaining roads on the local level.

"Our local economies depend heavily, if not solely, on state funds to build and maintain the local roads system," Thorington said. "Cutting funding would be crippling, if not devastating, to every city, county, town and village throughout New York state."

## Soups for Seniors



File photo

The inaugural Soups for Seniors event in 2023 drew so many visitors that some contestants ran out of soup within the first hour. The event will run again this year on March 23, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

RAVENA — Soups for Seniors is back.

The village's newest tradition is Soups for Seniors, a cooking competition that showcases local cooks.

Competitors will prepare soups and then visitors will be the judges. Fifteen different soups are scheduled to be offered.

Soups for Seniors will take place on Saturday,

March 23, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Senior Projects of Ravena, located at 9 Bruno Boulevard in Ravena.

The event is sponsored by New Scotland Spirits and all proceeds will go to Senior Projects of Ravena to support services for the local senior population.

Soups for Seniors held its inaugural event in February of last year and was so popu-

lar, several contestants ran out of soup within the first hour.

Last year's soup entries ranged from Italian escarole with white beans to ham-and-potato to a vegan coconut curry lentil, so you can expect there to be plenty to choose from for all tastes.

The inaugural event held in 2023 raised \$1,000 for Senior Projects.

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## RCS SCHOOL MENUS

### RCS Elementary School Menu March 18 to March 22 Breakfast Menu

**MONDAY:**  
Whole-grain panckes, pears, bananas, skim or 1% milk.

**TUESDAY:**  
Egg and cheese, salsa, wrap, peaches, skim or 1% milk.

**WEDNESDAY:**  
Waffles or cereal, mixed fruit, apple sauce, skim or 1% milk.

**THURSDAY:**  
Cereal, bananas, oranges, apples, skim or 1% milk.

**FRIDAY:**  
French toast, apple sauce, peaches, skim or 1% milk.

### Lunch Menu

**MONDAY:**  
Peanut butter and jelly sandwich or chicken patty, cheese, broccoli, mixed fruit, skim or 1% milk.

**TUESDAY:**  
Turkey sandwich or

meatball sub, chips, broccoli, peaches, skim or 1% milk.

**WEDNESDAY:**  
French toast, potato puffs, strawberries, apple sauce, skim or 1% milk.

**THURSDAY:**  
Fish nuggets, roll, fries, carrots, skim or 1% milk.

**FRIDAY:**  
Tuna salad sandwich, Tony's Pizza with cheese, spinach, green leafy salad, apples, skim or 1% milk.

### RCS Middle & High School Menu March 18 to March 22 Breakfast Menu

**MONDAY:**  
Whole-grain pancakes, pears, bananas, skim or 1% milk.

**TUESDAY:**  
Egg and cheese, salsa, wrap, peaches, skim or 1% milk.

**WEDNESDAY:**  
Whole-grain waffles,

mixed fruit, apple sauce, skim or 1% milk.

**THURSDAY:**  
Sausage, egg and cheese on a roll, oranges, apples, skim or 1% milk.

**FRIDAY:**  
French toast, apple sauce, peaches, skim or 1% milk.

### Lunch Menu

**MONDAY:**  
Chicken patty, cheese, broccoli, mixed fruit, skim or 1% milk.

**TUESDAY:**  
Meatball sub, broccoli, peaches, skim or 1% milk.

**WEDNESDAY:**  
French toast, potato puffs, strawberries, apple sauce, skim or 1% milk.

**THURSDAY:**  
Fish sticks, roll, fries, pears, carrots, skim or 1% milk.

**FRIDAY:**  
Tony's Pizza with veggies and cheese, green leafy salad, apples, skim or 1% milk.

## Senior Projects

RAVENA — Senior Projects of Ravena offers dinner every Monday and Thursday at 5 p.m., and lunch on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at noon. Senior Projects of Ravena is located at 9 Bruno Boulevard, Ravena.

If there is a senior who needs assistance or you are concerned about a senior, please call Senior Projects at

518-756-8593.

Below is the menu for the week of March 18 to March 22.

**MONDAY:**  
Meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, bread, milk and coffee.

**TUESDAY:**  
Chicken salad sandwich, lettuce and tomatoes, soup, bread, milk and coffee.

**WEDNESDAY:**

Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, bread, milk and coffee.

**THURSDAY:**  
Stuffed chicken with gravy, mashed potatoes, Brussels sprouts, bread, milk and coffee.

**FRIDAY:**  
Breaded lemon pepper pollock filet, seasoned oven-roasted potatoes, coleslaw, bread, milk and coffee.



## RCS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

### • Dining with Diabetes Thursday, March 14, from 6-7:30 p.m.

Are you an adult living with Type 2 diabetes (or at risk of Type 2 diabetes)? Are you a family member, caregiver or support person for someone living with (or at risk of) Type 2 diabetes? This program is for you. Presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County, participants will learn the skills needed to promote good health. There will even be a taste-testing portion of this program. The Greater Ravena Area Lions Club provided a donation to fund the purchase of all the healthy food samples offered throughout the series.

### • Romp and Read Friday, March 15, from 10-11 a.m.

Romp and Read will help get the wiggles out on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. with interactive themes, stories and action songs with props. No need to register.

### • Seed Starting Party Saturday, March 16, from 2-3 p.m.

Get a jump on this garden season by starting your own plants with seeds from the new Community Seed Library. Come start some flower, vegetable or herb plants. Registration is required. For adults.

### • Friends of the RCS Com-

### munity Library Monthly Meeting Monday, March 18, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

New members are always welcome. The group is in the early stages of development and seeking interested participants and ideas on how to advocate and support the RCS Community Library and its community outreach. Monthly meetings are at the library on the third Monday of the month. For adults and teens.

### • Romp and Read Tuesday, March 19, from 10-11 a.m.

Romp and Read will help get the wiggles out on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. with interactive themes, stories and action songs with props. No need to register.

### • Coffee Tray Craft Tuesday, March 19, from 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Try your hand at acrylics. Paint a sweet little tray to take home using your own design or one of the library's. Registration is required. For adults.

### • Wednesday Movie: 'Wonka' Wednesday, March 20, from 2-4 p.m.

Based on the character at the center of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory,' Roald Dahl's most iconic children's book, 'Wonka' tells the story of how the world's great-

est inventor, magician and chocolate-maker became the beloved Willy Wonka. For adults. Rated PG.

### • Silent Book Club Wednesday, March 20, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

This non-traditional "book club" has no required reading and no book discussion. Instead, it's an opportunity to enjoy the company of others without the pressure of conversation. Simply bring a book that you're reading (or have been meaning to read), and come to the library's comfy chairs and settle in for some uninterrupted reading while in the presence of others. Covered mugs with a warm beverage are welcome. No registration required.

### • Family Storytime Thursday, March 21, from 10-11 a.m.

Family Storytime meets on Thursdays at 10 a.m. and combines music, movement, stories and play to encourage early literacy. For kids of all ages (and their grown-ups, too). No need to register.

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# Finneran seeks to challenge Tague for Assembly seat



MARY FINNERAN



ASSEMBLYMAN CHRIS TAGUE

**By Melanie Lekocevic**  
Capital Region Independent Media  
CAIRO — Cairo resident Mary Finneran is looking to unseat three-term Assemblyman Chris Tague, who announced his bid for re-election in January.

Finneran, of Cairo, is a retired art teacher, longtime union member, and environmental and social justice advocate.

She will seek to run as a Democrat, with the endorsement of the Working Families Party, to represent Assembly District 102 in November.

Tague, a Republican and former dairy farmer and general manager for a stone company, was first elected in a special election in 2018

and is seeking re-election to his fourth term in office.

Finneran said she is ready to take on the challenges in the 102nd District, including providing adequate and affordable health care.

"Greene County doesn't have a hospital!" she noted.

She would also advocate for state assistance for farmers and farm workers, she said.

"Not to forget the housing crisis and dearth of public transportation," she said, "and still ongoing broadband/cellular issues."

If elected, Finneran wants to prepare the district for the effects of climate change and extreme weather patterns, she said.

"These weather events,

besides causing chaos, impact our farms and tourism trades," Finneran said. "I hope to introduce and support legislation that aids locals as we transition to a 'new normal.'"

Tague easily defeated Democrat Nicholas Chase in November 2022 to win re-election. He first won a seat in the Legislature in April 2018 in a special election, and then was elected to his first full term in November of that year.

The 102nd Assembly District includes all of Greene and Schoharie counties, and parts of Albany county — including Coeymans and Ravena — and Columbia, Otsego, Delaware and Ulster counties.

## Humane Society offers vaccine clinic for cats, dogs

HUDSON — The Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA will be offering a vaccination clinic on Saturday, March 23, for cats, dogs, kittens and puppies.

The clinic will run from 8-10 a.m., and no appoint-

ment is necessary.

Vaccines the clinic will offer include rabies, Bordetella (kennel cough), feline leukemia, canine and feline distemper combination, and/or canine Lyme disease for \$25 per vaccine. Canine

influenza vaccines can be purchased for \$39.

The shelter is located at 111 Humane Society Road in Hudson. For more information, please call 518-828-6044 or email info@cghs.org.

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April 9. All veterans are welcome.

The post is located at 13 Whitbeck St. in Ravena,

next to Mosher Park. Call 518-756-9594 for more information.



# In case of emergency...

## WHITTLING AWAY



DICK BROOKS

Having grown up in the middle years of the last century, I was introduced to a couple of phrases or mottos that have served me well.

One came from my favorite television show and was the motto of Davy Crockett, one of my childhood heroes, the other two heroes

being Mickey Mantle and Yogi Berra. Davy used to say, "Be sure you're right, then go ahead." This has worked well for me as I aged; in fact the older I get, the easier it is to be absolutely sure that I'm right.

The other motto was drilled into my consciousness during our weekly Boy Scout meetings — "Be Prepared." Wanting to impress Scoutmaster Fairchild, I learned 57 ways to use my Scout bandanna, everything from binding up wounds to making a stretcher for injured squirrels. I made a survival kit out of an old Band Aid box and carried it everywhere — you never knew when the school bus might go out of control and

crash in the wilderness, and the survival of all my friends might depend on my ability to tell which way was north while keeping them fed with fish caught with fishing gear from my kit, cooked over a warming fire started by the waterproofed matches I had dipped in paraffin before adding them to the kit.

As a mature adult, I have continued to try to be prepared for any and all emergencies that might rear its nasty head. I have an emergency box in the cellar with candles, flashlights, batteries, first-aid stuff, a crank-operated radio and a supply of water and food.

The box that lives in the back of Casper the Friendly Kia has everything needed

to survive under any condition. There are emergency blankets, an entrenching tool, a bowie knife, fishing gear, a large first-aid kit, a flexible saw, candles, flares, hand warmers, instant ice packs, a small air compressor, granola bars, water, a folding bucket, a leatherman tool kit, and sundry other interesting and useful items.

I am ready for almost anything! I can and have survived hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, fires and floods because I'm prepared — or at least I thought I was. NASA just informed me through the television news that there are hunks of space junk the size of a school bus that could be about to enter the Earth's atmosphere.

If there's a big storm headed our way, we know a few days before that it's coming and where it's going to hit, we can get prepared. NASA says some of this space junk is likely to land someday soon somewhere between Newfoundland and Argentina — not too specific, are they?

How is an old Boy Scout supposed to be prepared for this? To comfort us, NASA says that you are more likely to be hit by lightning than by this hunk of high-cost garbage. Having known folks who were hit by lightning, I don't take a lot of comfort in these odds.

Then there's the disconcerting fact that if that chunk doesn't get me, there's over

20,000 other hunks of space junk just waiting for their turn to take a crack at me. I realize that paranoia is not healthy, but neither is getting nailed by a school bus falling a bazillion miles an hour.

If you drive through town and see an old guy walking around his yard wearing a racing helmet, don't be alarmed, it's just me being prepared.

Who knew Chicken Little was right!

Thought for the week — Any fool can criticize, condemn and complain. And most do.

Until next week, may you and yours be happy and well.

Reach columnist Dick Brooks at [Whittle12124@yahoo.com](mailto:Whittle12124@yahoo.com).

# Libby's legacy: A new horizon for equine dignity



Miss Libby regaining her health.

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Miss Libby, in quarantine, getting her first hoof care in a long time.

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## Horses of Unbridled



SUSAN KAYNE

On March 8, Unbridled Sanctuary commemorated a life that nearly vanished into the shadows of neglect.

Miss Libby, a valiant New York-bred Thoroughbred mare, embraced her 15th year under a mantle of love and protection, a stark contrast to the ordeals that once shadowed her existence. Her life story, fraught with challenges, is not just a testament to survival but also illuminates the fragile fate of many equine souls.

Born in Saratoga at McMahon Thoroughbreds, Miss Libby was a homebred; McMahon owned her mother (dam), Via Mizner, and stood her father (sire) Desert Warrior at stud for a \$5,000 breeding fee. Miss Libby was bred to sell, race, and earn monetary awards. Before the age of two, Miss Libby was sold through public auctions three times for \$63,100.

With a spirit as unyielding as the wind, Miss Libby graced the racetracks of Aqueduct, Belmont Park, and Saratoga 40 times. She served four different trainers with her whole heart, giving all that was asked of her in rhythm with the applause that once echoed her name. She knew the taste of victory and the glow of the spotlight. When she could no longer race, her earnings tallied \$66,581.

Yet, as the seasons changed, so did her fortunes. The cheers faded into silence and the limelight dimmed, leaving her to face a future uncertain and fraught with

peril.

Within four months of her final race, Miss Libby was impregnated in the same breeding shed in which she was conceived in Saratoga. Mated with McMahon's stallion Teufflesberg, her role shifted from competitor to mother, where she devoted herself to nurturing her foals with the same resolve and strength that marked her racing days. But this phase, too, was transient, and her worth, once celebrated in accolades and awards, was cruelly diminished to the flesh on her bones.

After giving birth to three foals for McMahon, Miss Libby was sold to a breeder in West Virginia for whom she carried and nurtured a fourth foal, a colt who became known as Angela's Romeo. To date, he has won \$71,214. No longer wanted, Miss Libby was priced by the pound and sold to a horse meat broker. On the broker's lot, her life hung in the balance.

Rescued on the eve of Christmas 2023, Miss Libby's transition from the brink of despair to Unbridled Sanctuary was laden with an overwhelming anxiety. The starvation, the scars of cruelty, and the fear induced by the chaos she suffered in the slaughter pipeline presented in a palpable terror of the unknown. Surrounded by unfamiliar faces and environments, she braced herself for more of the hardship she had come to expect.

Yet, as time unfolded, with each passing day, consistent care and the tender touch of compassionate hands began to soothe Miss Libby. Her fears gradually gave way to a cautious optimism. Nourishment replenished her weakened body, kindness calmed her battered spirit, and, slowly, the world no longer seemed an endless cycle of flight and fright.

In the Sanctuary's embrace, Miss Libby's gentle and sweet nature, once overshadowed by



Miss Libby embracing nourishment and peace at Unbridled.

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al's demands, has begun to flourish. The anxiety that once clouded her eyes has been replaced by a softness. Today, thriving under the compassionate care of volunteers at Unbridled Sanctuary, alongside Marrazano, another soul rescued from a similar fate, Miss Libby finds friendship and solace. Yet, her story remains a stark reminder of the many birthdays that might not be celebrated without intervention — a call to acknowledge the inherent worth of these sentient beings.

What does the treatment of horses like Miss Libby reveal about our societal values? When we prioritize their utility over their protection and welfare, we perpetuate a cycle of use and discard that mirrors broader issues of consumption and disposability.

The celebration of Miss Libby's 15th year of life is a clarion call for action, urging us to reconsider the ethical implications of the equine industry and our responsibility towards these creatures who naturally live beyond 30 years.

Unbridled is home to 60

equine residents. Their lives, rich in complexity and emotion, merit not just our recognition but our dedicated protection. Each, like Miss Libby, demonstrates the urgent need for realistic funding and support mechanisms that ensure their lifetime protection. Through their real rescue stories, Unbridled tasks the status quo to rise higher in the creation of a world where every horse is seen, heard and protected, irrespective of their utility to us.

Let Miss Libby's story open a window to a deeper empathy and understanding, reminding us of the silent voices in our care. Her journey, marked by circumstances of which she had no power to choose, mirrors the vulnerability of all equine beings — creatures of profound emotion, personality and intelligence, who perceive and feel their world intensely, yet rely on us for their fate.

As we consider Miss Libby, let us recognize the privilege and responsibility we hold. Engaging with these majestic beings offers us not just the joy of their



Miss Libby with a 15 carrot stick cake made by her sponsor, Yvonne Smith.

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Miss Libby tagged for slaughter before her rescue by Unbridled Sanctuary.

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company but the profound honor of safeguarding their well-being. In contemplating her story, may we find a quiet invitation to cherish and protect the silent whippers of horses, embracing the privilege of our role not

as a burden but as a gift — a celebration of our shared journey.

Susan Kayne is the founder and president of Unbridled Sanctuary, an equine rescue on the border of Albany County and Greenville.



# Never say...

## Positively Speaking



**TOBY MOORE**

Enemies. We all have them. Some people are your enemy, and you don't even know it. They may have been motivated by jealousy or envy, or maybe they misinterpreted something you said to them once and felt slighted. Since then, they've been quietly undermining you at worst, and at best, they may just be waiting for their moment.

There are a million ways to make an enemy. May-

be you accidentally took someone's favorite pen, and they've sworn a vendetta. Or perhaps you got the last slice of pizza at a party, not knowing it was earmarked for someone else, sparking a silent, saucy rivalry.

Let's not forget the classic "reply all" email faux pas, where you accidentally shared your not-so-flattering opinion on the monthly birthday cake choices with the entire office. And I'm sure there are some listed elsewhere.

Nobody wants an enemy, do they? I don't. Some say that if you don't have any enemies, then you're not doing it right.

Winston Churchill once said, "If you don't have any enemies in life, then you haven't stood up for anything."

He's probably talking about a different type of enemy than what I'm about to present.

While leafing through one of the most popular self-help books ever written, "How to Win Friends and Influence People," I came across one surefire way to NOT make an enemy.

Imagine you're in a team meeting discussing the direction of the upcoming project. You believe that focusing on digital marketing will yield the best return on investment, arguing, "Considering our target demographic spends most of their time online, it's evident that digital marketing is where we should be allocating the majority of our budget."

Your coworker, however, believes traditional marketing methods like print and television ads will have a broader reach, countering, "Our brand's strength has always been its appeal to a wide audience, and traditional media gives us that visibility."

Your ego flares up at this moment, tempted to dismiss their perspective outright. You might feel inclined to assert, "That approach is outdated and inefficient. Wait until we see the results from focusing solely on traditional methods and missing out on the digital audience. Then we'll see who's right."

Often, our ego comes up, and the ego always wants to be correct. This temptation to prove your point without fully considering their viewpoint can quickly turn a professional disagreement into a personal conflict.

Now, you may be right. Your reasoning may be sound. But you must also consider that other people almost always want to be correct. Whether you know it or not, you insulted their intelligence, and now they're your enemy.

Enemy is a strong word, but whatever the case, they

almost certainly see this as a challenge. Why wouldn't they? You told them they're not seeing the big picture. Now they have something to prove.

Now, you've got a situation on your hands because you were right and made them feel silly about it, and they're now going to want their chance to make you seem foolish.

What's a way to avoid this? Well, it's straightforward. You can begin by saying, "Well, now, look, I thought otherwise, but I may be wrong. I frequently am, and if I'm wrong, I want to put it right. Let's examine the facts."

Nobody will object to you admitting that you could be wrong, and let's examine the facts!

It's a curious thing about us humans: we can change our minds in a heartbeat over the smallest things, no

drama involved. But the moment someone tells us we're wrong? That's when the walls go up, and we stand our ground harder than ever.

Telling someone they're wrong is a dead-end strategy, especially in a way that might make them feel less than brilliant. You could throw every fact and figure their way, and more often than not, they'll stick to their guns, convinced of their rightness, even if it's just in the privacy of their thoughts.

So, how do we navigate this tricky terrain? Dale Carnegie hit the nail on the head when he said, "Show respect for the other person's opinions. Never say, 'You're wrong.'"

It's as simple as that. *Toby Moore is a columnist, the star of Emmy-nominated "A Separate Peace," and the CEO of Cubestream Inc.*

# Bethlehem Chamber presents fall trip to Italy

BETHLEHEM – The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce is planning its next fall travel event for Sept. 30 to Oct. 9, to the picturesque Amalfi Coast in southern Italy.

Join the Chamber and Plaza Travel as they outline this trip at a presentation on Thursday, March 14, at 5:30 p.m., at the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, 318 Delaware Ave., second

floor, suite 27 (over Shotgun).

This is a free presentation and registration is requested. Anyone may attend in person or sign up to view via a Zoom link. The link will be sent once the registration is confirmed. Those interested in traveling can get a \$150 per person discount if they book by March 25.

"Plaza Travel and Col-

lette Tours are extremely knowledgeable about group tours with decades of experience, and are very easy to work with. Our fall 2023 travel received rave reviews and we look forward to offering special trips to not only our members, but to anyone interested in exploring some of the most picturesque and popular places," said Chamber President Terri Egan.

This 10-day trip includes all ground and air transportation from the Bethlehem area, 13 meals, guided tours, as well as independent time to explore. The tour begins with three days in Rome, then four days along the Amalfi Coast including Sorrento and Pompeii, and an optional tour to Capri.

Three other optional tours can be added including: the Vatican Museums

and St. Peter's Basilica, taking in such sites as the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo's mural of "The Last Judgment"; an epicurean tour of Rome pre-dinner drinks, street food and pasta, ending with gelato; and a boat trip to the isle of Capri. Travelers also have the opportunity to add an additional five-days, three nights in a pre-tour of Florence.

This presentation, as

well as the travel opportunity, is open to members of the Chamber and the public. Registration for the free presentation and more information about the trip can be found online at [www.bethlehemchamber.com/signature-events/](http://www.bethlehemchamber.com/signature-events/) or by calling the Chamber at 518-439-0512.

Deadline to reserve space for the trip will be in the spring of 2024.

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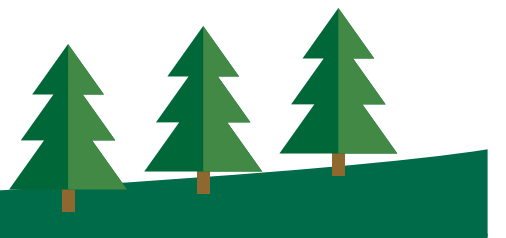
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# OUTDOORS



## Volunteers sought for Hudson River Eel Project



Courtesy of Department of Environmental Conservation  
Each spring, volunteers monitor the population of American eels in streams of the Hudson River estuary. Included in the list of sites is the Hannacroix Creek in New Baltimore.

NEW BALTIMORE — The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is looking for volunteers to help study eels in streams of the Hudson River estuary.

The American eel is a migratory fish that is born in the Atlantic Ocean and enters North American estuaries, including the Hudson River, as tiny, see-through “glass eels” each spring. Once they arrive, they gain pigment and become part of the ecosystem for years to come.

The species is in decline

over much of its range, and baseline studies of populations, like the Hudson River Eel Project, are crucial for management decisions, according to DEC.

Each spring teams of scientists, students and volunteers collect glass eels using specialized nets and traps on Hudson River streams.

Volunteers check the nets for young transparent “glass eels” as they enter freshwater from their spawning grounds over 1,000 miles away in the Atlantic Ocean.

Eels are counted, weighed and released up-

stream, and environmental conditions are records.

Sample sites include streams from New York City to near Albany, including the Hannacroix Creek in New Baltimore, and all gear is provided.

If you are interested in participating, email [eelproject@dec.ny.gov](mailto:eelproject@dec.ny.gov) and include where you live and a little bit about yourself so the DEC can match you with the best nearby site.

For more information, visit [hrnerr.org/eel-monitoring/](http://hrnerr.org/eel-monitoring/).

## DEC Summer Camps registration opens March 24

ALBANY — The 2024 DEC Summer Camps program will open Sunday, March 24, at 1 p.m.

Parents and guardians can register youth for a week of camp, manage their account, and complete required forms and waivers through a link from the DEC Summer Camps webpage.

Everyone is encouraged to register early since many weeks fill up quickly, and to monitor the website for upcoming announcements on 2024 camp forms.

Now in its 77th year, the DEC Summer Camps program offers week-long adventures in conservation education for children ages 11 to 17. DEC operates four residential camps for kids:



Courtesy of Department of Environmental Conservation  
Registration for DEC summer camps will open March 24.

- Camp Colby in Saranac Lake (Franklin County);
- Camp DeBruce in Livingston Manor (Sullivan County);
- Camp Rushford in Canandaigua (Allegany County);

and  
• Camp Pack Forest in Warrensburg (Warren County).

Opening of specific camps is dependent on staff availability.

Camp Rushford will offer three weeks of programming for children aged 14 to 17, including an Outdoor Adventure Week, and four weeks for 11- to 13-year-olds. Camp Colby will operate six weeks

of camp for 11- to 13-year-olds, and one week for campers aged 14 to 17. Camp DeBruce will offer six weeks for kids ages 11 to 13. Camp Pack Forest will host children

ages 11 to 13 for three weeks, and 14- to 17-year-olds for four weeks with one Outdoor Adventure Week.

Individual campers will be limited to one week of camp registration. If there are still spots at camps available after May 24, campers will be allowed to sign-up for additional weeks. The complete schedule of camp weeks and ages are available on DEC's website at [dec.ny.gov](http://dec.ny.gov).

At camp, kids will have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of outdoor adventures and are encouraged to try new things. Activities may include fishing, birding, fly-tying, archery, canoeing, hiking, camping, orienteering and hunter safety education.

## DEC: Mild weather spurs early start to salamander and frog migration

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation recently announced that the breeding migrations of vernal pool amphibians got an early start this year due to weather conditions, and 167 volunteers throughout the Hudson Valley braved the rain to document the emergence.

Volunteers document the seasonal migration and help salamanders and frogs travel safely as part of the DEC's annual Amphibian Migrations and Road Crossings Project.

“The Hudson Valley is home to remarkable amphibian diversity and during this time of year, road mortality poses a significant threat to salamanders and frogs migrating from forests to vernal pools for breeding,” DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said. “DEC is grateful to the dedicated volunteers ready to assist amphibians attempting road crossings during their annual migrations. I encourage all New Yorkers and visitors traveling the state's roads to be on the lookout for these vulnerable amphibians and the dedicated volunteers

keeping them safe.”

The Amphibian Migrations and Road Crossings (AM&RC) Project was initiated by DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program and Cornell University to raise awareness about critical amphibian habitat, engage volunteers to help collect data on the annual migration, and reduce amphibian road mortality. More than 1,000 volunteers have participated in the effort since 2009, helping to move more than 40,000 salamanders, frogs and toads safely across roads.

In late winter and early spring, amphibian species like wood frog (*Lithobates sylvatica*), spotted salamander (*Ambystoma maculatum*), and Jefferson-blue spotted salamander complex (*Ambystoma jeffersonianum* x *laterale*) emerge from underground shelters in the forest and head to vernal pools for breeding. Vernal pools are small, temporary wetlands that are critical breeding habitat for these amphibians. The pools hold water until summer, so the adult amphibians must gather, breed and deposit eggs

early enough to ensure their aquatic young can hatch, grow, and leave the pools before they dry up.

The timing of migration is weather-dependent with concentrated activity on the first rainy nights of the season, when the ground is thawed and night air temperatures remain above 40 degrees Fahrenheit. The timing of migration varies throughout the Hudson River estuary watershed, but when weather conditions are just right, there can be explosive “big night” migrations with hundreds of amphibians on the move. On their journeys between forest habitat and breeding pools, these amphibians often need to cross roads, where mortality can be high even when traffic is low.

With the mild winter and recent warm days, recent rainfall triggered one of the earliest migrations DEC has observed since the project started in 2009. Volunteers already counted more than 2,000 amphibians since Feb. 27, mostly wood frogs and spring peepers. DEC expects more migration this week, including the appearance of

salamanders that breed in vernal pools.

Project volunteers document road locations where they observe migrations in the Hudson Valley, record weather and traffic conditions, and identify and count amphibians on the move. Volunteers also carefully help the amphibians safely cross roads.

Since the project started, volunteers have documented 20 species and counted more than 47,000 live amphibians and 20,000 migrating amphibians killed by passing vehicles. Species reported most frequently during migration nights include spotted salamander, wood frog and spring peeper (*Pseudacris crucifer*). To a lesser degree, volunteers have also observed Jefferson-blue spotted salamander complex and four-toed salamander (*Hemidactylum scutatum*), two species of conservation concern in New York.

Safety is paramount, and project volunteers are advised to take all necessary precautions. Volunteers are strongly encouraged to wear reflective safety vests and headlamps to increase



Courtesy of Pexels  
Frogs and salamanders are beginning their breeding migrations, so drivers are asked to be careful on the road.

visibility on dark roads and should not interfere with passing vehicles. Amphibian safety is also important, and frogs and salamanders should be handled carefully with clean hands, free of hand sanitizer, lotion and other substances that can be toxic to amphibians' porous skin.

With such a large geographic area to cover, the AM&RC project benefits from the support of local partners who assist with coordinating volunteers in their communities. This year, partners include Climate Smart Rhinebeck, Hudson Highlands Land Trust, Rensselaer Plateau Alliance, Saw Kill Watershed Community, Teatown Lake Reservation, Town of Bedford Conservation Board, Town of Lloyd Environmental Conservation Council, Town of Pound Ridge Conservation Board,

Vassar College, and Walkkill Valley Land Trust.

For more information, including a short video about amphibian migrations, visit DEC's website at [dec.ny.gov](http://dec.ny.gov). DEC held in-person and virtual trainings for volunteers in February with 144 participants.

New Yorkers interested in volunteering to participate in this annual event are encouraged to watch a series of training videos on YouTube and read the Volunteer Handbook. In addition, potential volunteers can access a recording of the training and use materials available on the project website to learn more.

Anyone interested in receiving project updates and news about the migration can subscribe to the project e-newsletter through DEC Delivers.



Courtesy of Department of Environmental Conservation  
Five Rivers will hold an open house with demonstrations about maple sugaring, from tapping the tree for sap to making the syrup.

## Enjoy the sweeter side of Five Rivers

DELMAR — It's maple sugaring season at Five Rivers.

Five Rivers will hold an open house to explore the maple syrup making process at your own pace. Five Rivers Environmental Education Center is located at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar. Please dress for the weather. Call the visitor center at 518-475-0291 if you have questions.

Here are upcoming programs at Five Rivers.

• **Maple Open House**  
Saturdays, March 16 and

23, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Drop in to experience the sweeter side of Five Rivers: an introduction to maple sugaring, from tap and sap to syrup. You'll get to twirl a brace and bit, pound a spile, inspect the sap flow, and enjoy the aroma of sap boiling in the evaporator. A local maple producer will be on site to answer questions and offer a variety of maple products for sale. Organized groups, such as Scout troops, please call 518-475-0291 to register.

• **I BIRD NY:**

• **Early Morning Bird Walk**  
Thursday, March 21, at 8 a.m.

Join in as the group monitors the birds at Five Rivers. Meet outside the visitor center. After a brief introduction, participants will head out on the trails. Beginners are always welcome. Bring binoculars if you have them. The center has a few to loan. In case of inclement weather, this program will be canceled.

• **Woodcock Walk**  
Monday, March 25, repeated Monday, April 1,

from 6:30-8 p.m.

American woodcocks are among the first of the spring migrants to arrive in the area. Five Rivers is a perfect place to observe and learn about these delightful and quirky birds. Come see them perform flight displays followed by their show-stopping dance moves. Please bring a flashlight or headlamp. Space is limited. Please call 518-475-0291 by Friday, March 22, to register for the March 25 program, and by Friday, March 29 for the April 1 program.



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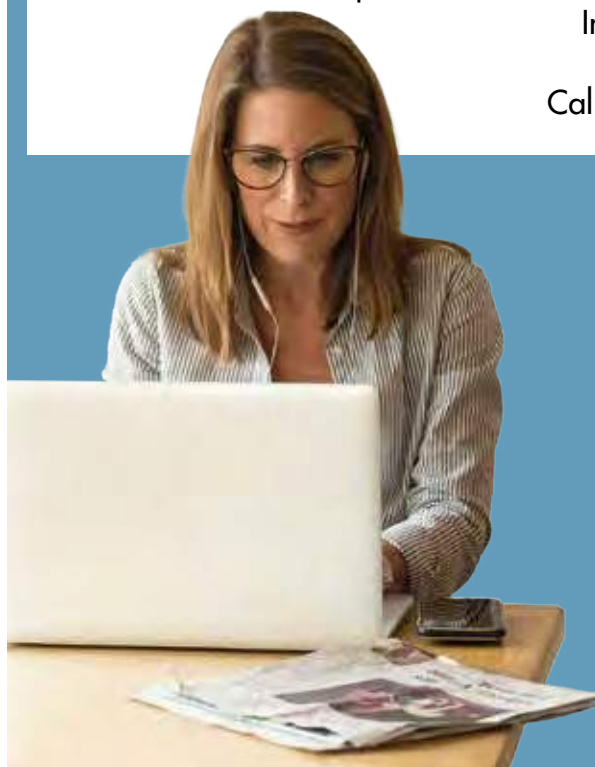
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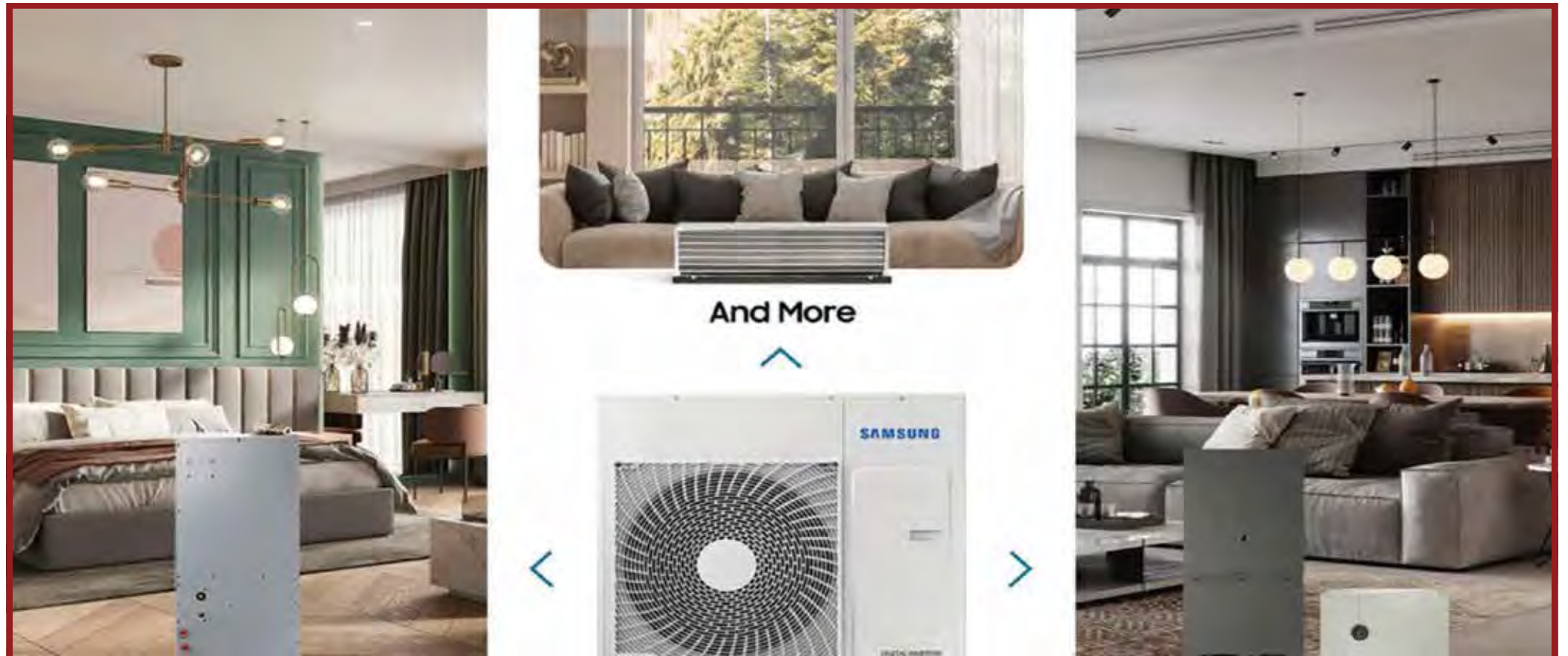
"This donation is so important because it stays in the community where we operate and work and directly impacts people in need," said Dave MacLauchlin, plant manager at Holcim Ravena. "This is what it means to truly give back."

The purchase of new SUVs was funded by a \$20,000 contribution from Holcim, which was matched by \$24,000 from individual and business donors.

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## MARCH 2024

- 14 - Coeymans Town Board meeting, 6 p.m., at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena.
- 19 - Ravena village elections, at Village Hall, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena.
- 19 - Ravena Village Board meeting, 6 p.m., at Village Hall, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena.
- 23 - Soups for Seniors, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Senior Projects of Ravena, 9 Bruno Boulevard, Ravena. Tickets are \$10 per adult, \$5 per child under 10. All proceeds supports Senior Projects of Ravena.
- 23 - Ravena Grange Roast Beef Dinner, 4-6 p.m., at Ravena Grange, Route 143, Coeymans Hollow. Menu is roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, c abbage kraut and pie. Cost is \$17. Reservations required by March 21 at 518-756-8228 or ravenagrang@cs.com. Eat in or take-out.
- 26 - Ravena Village Board workshop, 6 p.m., at Village Hall, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena.
- 27 - Coeymans Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, 7 p.m., at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena.
- 28 - Coeymans Town Board meeting, 6 p.m., at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena.

## APRIL 2024

- 2 - Ravena Village Board meeting, 6 p.m., at Village Hall, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena.
- 8 - Coeymans Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, 7 p.m., at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena.
- 9 - VFW/AMVET Post 9594 meets the second Tuesday of every month, 7 p.m. All veterans are welcome. The post is located at 13 Whitbeck St., Ravena, next to the town park. Call 518-756-9594 for more information.
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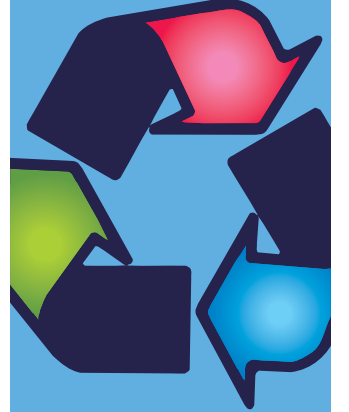
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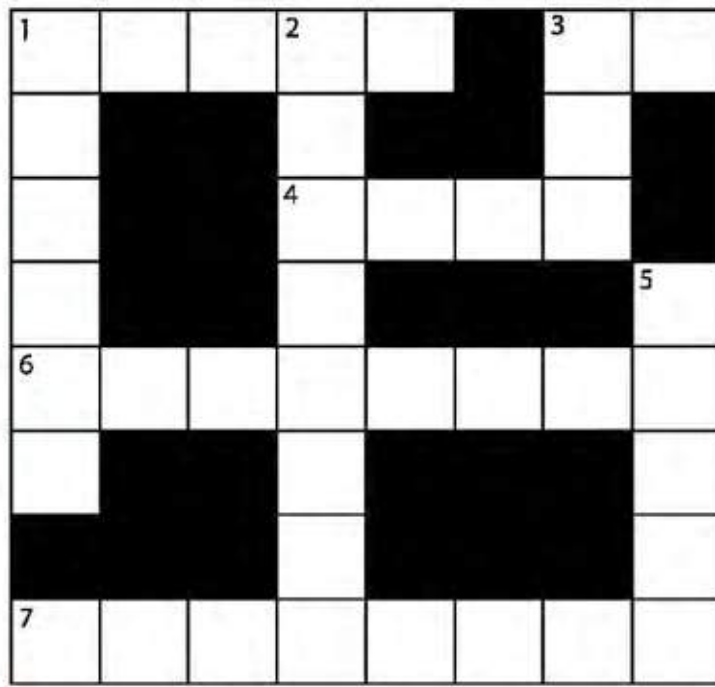


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ANSWER: FLASH-FREEZING

### Crossword Puzzle



#### ACROSS

1. New; not old
3. Internet technology (abbr.)
4. To seep out
6. The first time
7. They keep items frozen

#### DOWN

1. Having turned into ice
2. Waste produced by rotten item
3. Frozen water
5. Units or articles

Answers:  
 Across 1. Fresh 3. IT 4. Ooze 6. Earliest 7. Freezers  
 Down 1. Frozen 2. Spoilage 3. Ice 5. Items

### THIS WEEK IN...



## HISTORY

- **1854:** THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES IS ESTABLISHED.
- **1923:** THE ARTS CLUB OF CHICAGO HOSTS THE OPENING OF PABLO PICASSO'S FIRST UNITED STATES SHOWING.
- **2015:** A SOLAR ECLIPSE, SUPERMOON AND EQUINOX ALL OCCUR ON THE SAME DAY.

## New Word

### PRESERVE

to maintain something in its original state

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**SPANISH:** Frío

**ITALIAN:** Freddo

**FRENCH:** Froid

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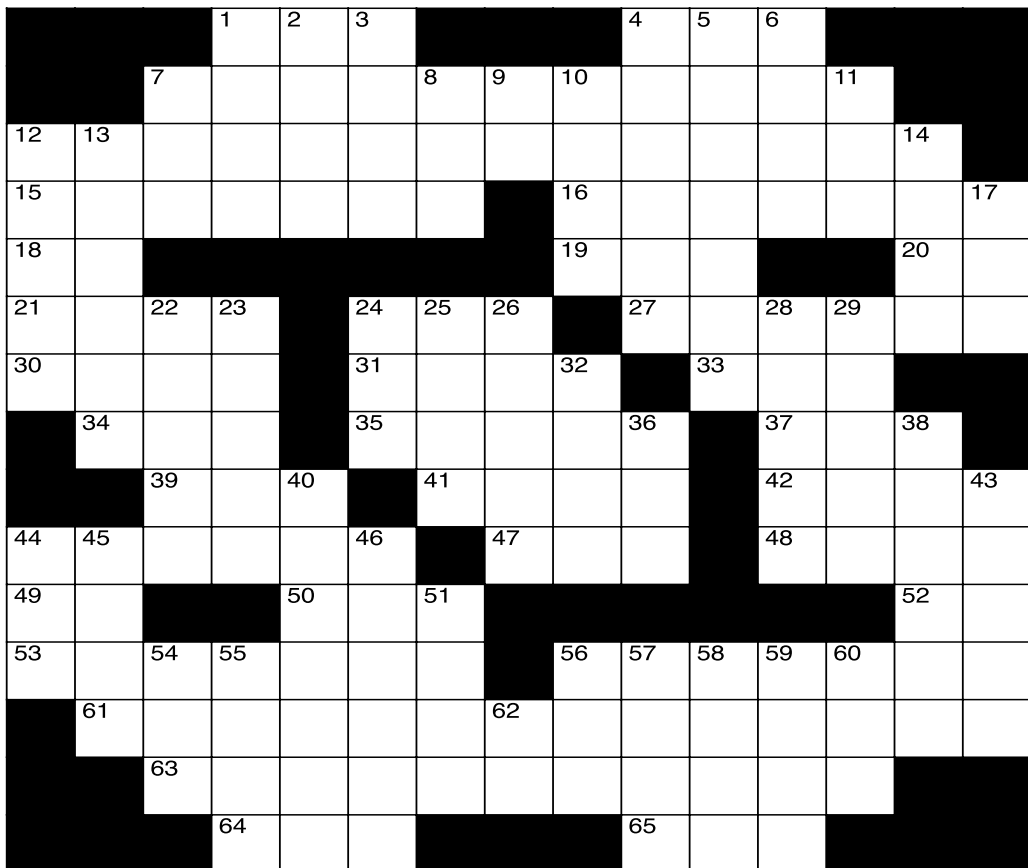


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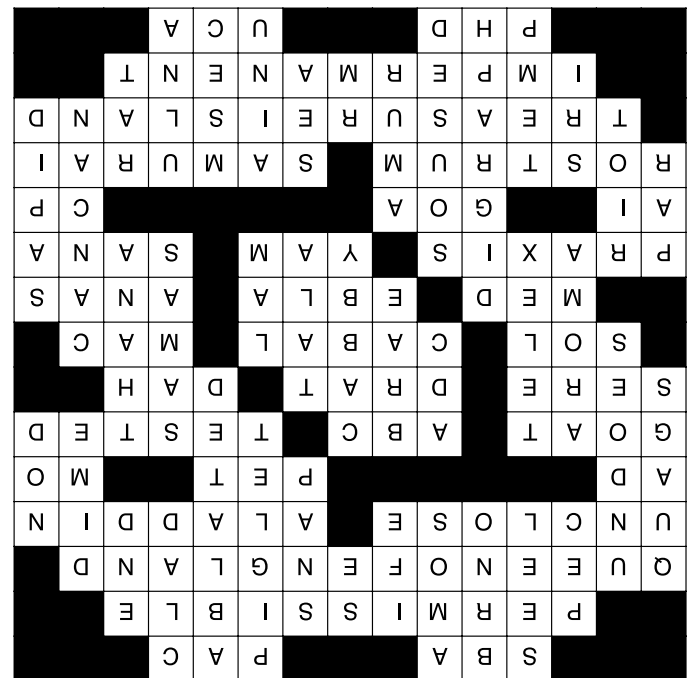
#### CLUES ACROSS

1. Helps little firms
4. Political action committee
7. Allowed
12. Olivia Colman played one
15. Open
16. He had a notable lamp
18. Promotional material
19. Domesticated animal
20. Larry and Curly's buddy
21. The best ever
24. TV network
27. Checked for
30. Dry or withered
31. Expression of annoyance
33. Dash
34. Fifth note of a major scale
35. A secret clique

37. Partner to cheese
39. \_\_\_ school; where to learn healing
41. City in ancient Syria
42. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
44. Established practice
47. Thanksgiving side dish
48. District in Peru
49. It's becoming more prevalent
50. State in India
52. Measure of illumination
53. Raised platform
56. Japanese warrior
61. R.L. Stevenson novel
63. Transitory
64. Advanced degree
65. Fiddler crabs

#### CLUES DOWN

1. Prevent from seeing
2. Czech city
3. \_\_\_ and Andy, TV show
4. A young pig
5. Removed surgically
6. Covered with
7. Chest muscle (slang)
8. Nigerian City
9. Midway between south and east
10. A way to shut
11. Stop playing
12. Marshy places
13. Takes apart
14. Ten cents
17. A gesture of assent
22. Scent
23. Teletypewriter



24. General's assistant (abbr.)
25. Hillside
26. Taxi driver
28. Semitic Sun god
29. Town in India
32. Traditional rhythmic pattern
36. Fugitives are on the \_\_\_
38. Type of dance
40. Two letters, one sound
43. Having a strong, pleasant taste
44. Golf score
45. Mayhem
46. Drenched
51. River in northeastern Asia
54. Drug to treat anxiety (abbr.)
55. Part-time employee
56. A very large body of water
57. Aboriginal people of Japan
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59. Forearm bone
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# Arts In Our Schools

RAVENA NEWS-HERALD | CAPITAL REGION INDEPENDENT MEDIA

Thursday, March 14, 2024

RAVENA - COEY-MANS-SELKIRK — Artwork by students from pre-kindergarten all the way through 12th grade in the RCS school district is on display at the RCS Community Library.

The exhibit is in celebration of Youth Art Month.

Each March, Youth Art Month is a way to recognize the many forms of visual arts and art education.

The following students have art on display:

- A.W. Becker Elementary: Gracelynn Bleau, Riker Desnoyers, Henry Knowles and Thea Quick
- Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary: Avery Leonardo, Lila Kibler, Elizabeth Robbins, and Mia VanAlstyne
- Middle School: Carter Castagna, Olivia Datri, and Olivia Scott
- High School: Owen Chambers, Carl-Hanee Coquillon, Madison Hunter, Autumn Lischak, Logan Piper and Lillian Scott

The student art exhibit will be on display at the library, 95 Main St. in Ravena, through April 26.



Artwork from RCS students from elementary school all the way to high school is currently on display at the RCS Community Library.

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Artwork by Olivia Datri, Grade 8, RCS Middle School

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Artwork by Autumn Lischak, Grade 10, RCS High School.

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Artwork by Avery Leonardo, Grade 2, Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School.

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Artwork by Gracelynn Bleau, Grade 3, A.W. Becker Elementary School.

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Artwork by Owen Chambers, Grade 12, RCS High School.

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Artwork by Madison Hunter, Grade 11, RCS High School.

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Artwork by Lila Kibler, Grade 3, Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School.

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Artwork by Carl-Hanee Coquillon, Grade 12, RCS High School.

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Artwork, top, by Henry Knowles, pre-kindergarten, A.W. Becker Elementary School, and, bottom, by Carter Castagna, Grade 8, RCS Middle School.

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## SOFT PAWS

## Responsible dog ownership



Contributed photo

Pictured with CGHS/SPCA Office Manager Legacy Rhoads is Koopa, a 4.5-year-old Rottweiler mix who was surrendered to us in October of 2023. This sweet girl is great with other animals and she absolutely loves any person she meets! She's very toy- and treat-motivated, and could play fetch for hours on end. She has a sweet side as well... and loves having her rump scratched!

By Guest Columnist Aaron Clause  
For Capital Region  
Independent Media

As summertime brings around another dose of run-away dogs, it won't hurt to say it again. Dog ownership is regulated by the laws of New York state's Department of Agriculture and Markets. This column will review some facts in Article 7 of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law (Licensing, Identification, and Control of Dogs) that are of use to dog owners and non-owners alike.

If you desire further information on Article 7 or any state regulations on dog ownership, you can call the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets at 518-457-2728.

• **Licensing/Vaccination:** Your dog must be licensed and rabies vaccinated. If your dog is at least four months old, then you will be in violation of law if he or she is not licensed. To obtain a license, you must simply have your dog rabies vaccinated, then apply for the license at

your Town Hall for a small fee (usually around \$10 to \$15 for unaltered dogs, \$5 for spayed and neutered dogs). You will be issued a paper copy for your records, and a metal tag that must be permanently affixed to your dog by a collar. There are no other tags considered as valid identification by state law. If you are in violation of this law, you can receive fines for both failure to license and failure to place New York state identification on your dog. Also, your dog may be seized by a dog control officer (DCO) and in danger of accruing other fines and/or charges, as described below.

• **Dog Seizure by Dog Control Officer:** NYS DCOs and local police officers are required by law to seize dogs that carry no NYS license tag. If your dog is unlicensed and running free, a DCO or police officer MUST take the dog — even right off your property! The consequences of this happening can include fines as described above, as well as impoundment (pick-up and

housing) fees. Impoundment fees are set by individual towns — check with your town clerk to find out what your town charges. Currently in Columbia and Greene counties, this amount can be up to \$650 — and even more for a second offense. Point being — license and tag your dog like you're supposed to, and don't let him or her run free!

• **Biting Dogs:** Owners of dogs that bite can be brought up on criminal charges, fined, and forced to pay civil penalties for destruction and injury their dogs cause to people, property, domestic animals and livestock. Victims of biting and property destruction should notify their DCO and the county sheriff, who will begin a prompt investigation and inform you of your rights. Should you have any questions as to your rights as a dangerous dog victim, please consult the Department of Agriculture and Markets Law and your DCO. Following up on dog bites can be a trying process

and may even require court appearances for the victim; however, it is important to hold to the standard that humans should never have to be hurt by dogs, especially due to owner irresponsibility.

• **Licensing and Money Distribution:** Money received through licensing and impoundments are distributed between the town in which they were collected and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets in order to uphold and maintain the provisions of Article 7 of the Agriculture and Markets Law, and to subsidize public humane education programs, spay/neuter programs, and the prevention of cruelty to animals.

CGHS spay/neuter clinics for cats are \$100 male or female, including a rabies vaccination and a 5-in-1 feline distemper combination vaccination.

Aaron Clause is with the Columbia-Greene Humane Society.

## RCS pre-kindergarten program

RAVENA - COEY-MANS-SELKIRK — Each year, RCS applies for grant funding from New York state to offer a Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) program for children who are at least 4, but not older than 5, by Dec. 1.

## ELIGIBILITY

In order to attend the UPK program, children must:

- Be born between Dec. 2, 2019, and Dec. 1, 2020 (Note: this is a NYS requirement and cannot be modified by the district.)
- Be at least 4, but not 5, by December 1.
- Be residents of the RCS school district.
- Complete all enrollment requirements, including immunizations.

Grant funding limits the district's UPK enrollment to 36 students in each elementary building. If there are more applicants than spaces, a random lottery will be held to determine enrollment. Children who are not placed in the program initially will be placed on a waiting list

and families will be contacted if space becomes available throughout the year.

According to state law, students who are 3 years old at the beginning of the school year may NOT be transported on a school bus, so parents will need to secure alternate transportation until the child's 4th birthday.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

The following information reflects RCS's planned model, but is subject to change at the district's discretion:

- Children will attend full school days (9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.), Monday through Thursday, and (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) on Fridays, following the elementary school calendar.
- Classes are limited to 18 students.
- Each class has a teacher and a teaching assistant.
- Children are assigned to the building that serves their home address (the district cannot make exceptions to this policy at this time).
- According to NYS law, parents will need to arrange

private transportation for children who are 3 years old.

• Students who are 4 years old will be transported on the regular elementary school buses.

• Students will be able to purchase lunch if desired. If not purchasing, students will be expected to bring their own lunches.

• The full-day program will include the following components:

- o Community, relationship, and social skill-building activities
- o School-readiness academic learning (numbers, letters, speech, and motor skills, science)
- o Recess
- o Rest time
- o Projects and play-based learning (arts, music, explorations)
- o "Specials," including art, music, physical education, and introductory technology

## REGISTRATION PROCESS

The official enrollment period opened on March 1. Enrollments received before

this date will not be processed until the enrollment period opens.

Families are encouraged to complete and submit all paperwork for their children by April 19, to be eligible for the lottery if necessary (see below). However, a child can register for UPK at any time if there is space available in the program, or may be placed on a waiting list.

The following information is needed:

- Complete the Student Enrollment Form. Obtain a hard copy by contacting the registrar at 518-756-5200, ext. 6014 or registration@rcscsd.org, or any school building office.
- Provide copies of the following documents: Child's birth certificate; primary (registering) parent or guardian photo ID; two proofs of residency within the district; NYS Health Appraisal Form (completed by your child's doctor); and immunization records.
- Send all of the above documents to the registrar

using one of the following methods:

- Scan and email: registration@rcscsd.org
- Mail: Registrar, PO Box 100, Ravena, NY 12143
- Drop off at any school building office (Attn: Registrar)
- Fax: 518-756-4561 (Attn: Registrar)

Please note this must be completed for each student. Please make sure any copies or digital files are clear and large enough to read and be printed.

## LOTTERY PROCESS

What if more students register than there are spaces?

- As a reminder, there are 36 spaces per elementary building (18 per classroom).
- If the number of children who have registered by April 19, 2024, exceeds the 36 spaces available at either building, a public lottery will be held, as mandated by the NYS Education Department (date and location to be determined).
- All children who have submitted complete regis-

tration packets at the end of the business day on April 19, 2024, will be included in the lottery.

• The lottery will be accessible to the public at the District Office on April 24, 2024. You do not need to be present at the lottery in order for your child to be selected for or maintain a space in the UPK program.

• Children who do not receive a space in the UPK program through the lottery will be placed on a waiting list and will have the opportunity to fill spots that open up later in the year.

• Families will be notified of the results of the lottery by the first week in May.

• If there are fewer than 36 children registered in a building on April 19, the lottery for that building will be cancelled.

• Any children who register or complete paperwork after April 19, will be enrolled in any remaining spots on a first-come, first-serve basis, or placed on the waiting list.

## DEC: Residential brush burning ban starts March 16

ALBANY — New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Basil Seggos announced the annual state-wide ban prohibiting residential brush burning begins March 16 and runs through May 14.

Since 2009, the DEC has enforced the annual brush burning ban to help prevent wildland fires and protect communities during heightened conditions for wildfires.

"While we're seeing record-breaking fires in Texas right now, we're also at a higher risk here in New York," Seggos said. "Before the annual burn ban goes into effect, we're encouraging New Yorkers who burn woody debris to do it carefully, don't burn on windy days, and have water or equipment ready to extinguish it if needed. All fires must be attended until com-

pletely out."

This winter season did not provide typical snow cover across much of New York state, leaving dormant vegetation from last year's growing season exposed where it is susceptible to the daily fluctuation of spring weather. DEC is advocating extra vigilance before the burn ban goes into effect, as forest rangers and local firefighters have already responded to early fires in multiple counties. These fires were caused by debris burning, with wind carrying the fire to grassy and wooded areas.

Since the ban was established, the eight-year annual average number of spring fires decreased by 42.6%, from 2,649 in 2009, to 1,521 in 2018. Warming temperatures can quickly cause wildfire conditions. Open burning of debris is the single-largest cause of spring

wildfires in New York state.

When temperatures warm and the past fall's debris and leaves dry out, wildfires can start and spread easily, further fueled by winds and a lack of green vegetation. Each year, DEC forest rangers extinguish dozens of wildfires that burn hundreds of acres. In addition, local fire departments, many of which are staffed by volunteers, all too often have to leave their jobs and families to respond to wildfires caused by illegal debris fires.

DEC will post the Fire Danger Map for the 2024 fire season on DEC's website at dec.ny.gov once there is a moderate risk anywhere in New York.

New York first enacted strict restrictions on open burning in 2009 to help prevent wildfires and reduce air pollution. The regulations allow residential brush fires in towns with fewer than

20,000 residents during most of the year but prohibit such burning in spring when most wildfires occur. Backyard fire pits and campfires less than three feet in height and four feet in length, width, or diameter are allowed, as are small cooking fires. Only charcoal or dry, clean, untreated or unpainted wood can be burned. People should never leave these fires unattended and must extinguish them.

Burning garbage or leaves is prohibited year-round in New York state. For more information about fire safety and prevention, visit DEC's FIREWISE New York webpage at dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/wildfires/firewise-new-york.

Forest rangers, DEC Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs), and local authorities enforce the burn ban. Violators of the state's open burning regula-

tion are subject to criminal and civil enforcement actions, with a minimum fine of \$500 for a first offense.

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# When emotions attempt to control us

## LIVING ON PURPOSE



**Dr. William Holland**

How often do you hear it's not what happens to us, but how we respond? We know we will face trials in this life, so it only makes sense to prepare how we are going to react when they arrive.

Since the way we perceive develops our thoughts

and views, but what if our thoughts are wrong? The most important factor to prevent our emotions from controlling us is to realize we decide what we think about. When we bow down to our feelings, they become our master. The Bible demands for our mind to be renewed, which requires intense training and a passionate desire for personal transformation.

Comprehending how we are mentally wired is critical to maintaining a healthy psychological state of mind. The many disorders of mental health can usually be traced to an imbalance of some sort, which causes the individual to be unable to perceive truth accurately or to resist being dominated by their feelings.

Just because we are considered bright and intelligent does not mean we have an understanding of our personality. Have you ever thought that certain people did not

like you, or were trying to make it difficult for you? There is a chance you might be right, but what if you are wrong? What if you are just being paranoid? You are not the center of everyone's universe. Being hurt and offended originates from a powerful emotion of rejection.

We all want to be loved and to be held in high esteem, right? But how do we act when we think someone is trying to avoid us? Our feelings are downright dangerous and can keep us on a path of anxiety.

For the unrenewed mind, it usually does not take much to bruise and batter our ego. We might think we are fairly thick-skinned and can take a punch, but the temptation to wallow in depression and throw a pity party is just one negative thought away. If we choose to follow God's way of interpreting truth, instead of dwelling on the what-ifs,

we can step over the land mines of doubt and fear and walk in His confidence.

One of the most significant deceptions many experience is dwelling on one's self. Always believing that someone or something is trying to derail their success is using the victim mentality as an excuse.

To clarify, a certain amount of self-love is needed for a healthy state of mind, but when someone is constantly fixated on themselves without regard to anyone else, there is a problem. When self is the topic of every thought and conversation, this creates an isolation that leads to a delusional view of everything. Every emotion is connected to this selfish way of discerning life and depletes the soul of joy and peace.

For those who crave to be acknowledged and respected at all times and do not receive it, the common response is

to become angry and insulted. Many drive themselves to exhaustion seeking approval because they desire admiration and in extreme cases can suffer from what is called delusions of grandeur. Maybe they never received affection as a child, or always felt shame and inferior when around others who were more accomplished.

Jealousy and envy are powerful emotions and very deceptive. As they attempt to prove they are important and worthy of prominence, this commonly leads to even more heartache and disappointment. Whether real or imaginary, feelings of being ignored and rejected can lead to depression and often traced to issues of insecurity.

The way to overcome the slavery of negative emotions is to change the way we think. We must pray and ask God to help us understand that tactics and strategies are being used against us to de-

feat us. Victory will not happen in the snap of the fingers the same as we do not cut down a tree with one swipe of the ax. It might take hundreds of swings to chip away our tendencies to be controlled by our feelings, but with God's help the tree will fall and we can keep pressing forward in His name. Do not assume this will be the only tree, because there is a forest of temptations waiting to challenge us.

We hear about having the victory but until we allow our mind to be renewed from the carnal to the spiritual, we are spinning our wheels. The enemy will never stop influencing our emotions until we realize we can control our thoughts.

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## Upcoming 44th annual Tour of Homes



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The Meadow Ridge Heritage Barn located at the Bronck Museum is one of 12 sites open to the public for the Greene County Historical Society's 44th annual Tour of Homes in Coxsackie on Saturday, June 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

COXSACKIE — Explore Coxsackie from the river to the hills on Saturday, June 1, with the Greene County Historical Society's 44th annual Tour of Homes from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This year's tour focuses on the town and village of Coxsackie, where the first tour of homes took place in 1976. Tour sites span a full range of settlements from village to farmstead and river to valley. Take a trip through time as you visit these beautiful homes.

On this day only, through the graciousness of owners who have painstakingly restored and maintained their homes and the hard work of the Society's volunteers,

tour goers are invited inside to enjoy the many sites.

Tour headquarters will be at the Vedder Research Library on the Society's Bronck Museum grounds located on County Route 42, off Route 9W. Off-street parking is available. Picnic lunches prepared by the Coxsackie United Methodist Church will be for sale as long as they last. The tour will be held rain or shine.

Tickets are \$30 the day of the tour; \$25 in advance. This is a driving tour. Carpooling is encouraged as some sites have limited parking. Participants will receive a packet of material about the sites along with a marked route map.

To reserve advance sale tickets, send a check payable to: Greene County Historical Society, P.O. Box 44, Coxsackie, NY 12051. Advance sale ticket reservations must be received by May 25. Advance tickets will be available with your tour packet at the tour headquarters on June 1.

This is the Greene County Historical Society's major fundraiser. Proceeds from the sale of tour tickets support the Society, the Bronck Museum and the Vedder Research Library.

For more information, call David Dorpfeld at 518-817-8771 or Carol Serazio at 518-731-9050; or visit [www.gchistory.org](http://www.gchistory.org).

## Unique Easter traditions from around the globe

Easter Sunday is a significant day on the Christian calendar. Easter Sunday will be celebrated this year on March 31, and many of those celebrations will feature some notable traditions.

Some traditions are undoubtedly familiar to practicing Christians, while others might come as a surprise.

As Easter approaches, faithful Christians and others intrigued by the holiday can consider these notable traditions from around the globe.

### FINLAND:

#### EASTER WITCHES

Witches are typically associated with Halloween, but they play a role in celebrating Easter in Finland.

According to the Finland Promotion Board, Easter traditions in the northern Euro-

pean nation feature a mixture of religious references with customs related to the arrival of spring. It's not unheard of for young Finnish children, particularly girls, to dress up as Easter witches the Sunday before Easter and go from door to door requesting treats in exchange for offerings designed to drive away evil spirits. The FPB notes that it's even common for children in western Finland to don their witch outfits and roam on Easter Sunday.

### FLORENCE:

#### FIREWORKS

The folk tradition of Scoppio del Carro ("Explosion of the Cart") takes place in Florence, Italy.

The Uffizi Gallery reports that this tradition can be traced to the First Crusade in 1099. During the first Eas-

ter in Jerusalem, Crusaders gave the blessed fire to the people as a symbol of purification. That custom has endured in Florence, where each Easter Sunday morning around 10 a.m. a candle is lit in the church of Santi Apostoli. That same candle is then used to light an antique cart loaded with fireworks, marking the beginning of a display that lasts around 20 minutes.

### GUATEMALA:

#### THE CARPETS OF SEMANA SANTA

Carpets might not be the first thing most Easter celebrants think of when pondering the holiday, but that might be the case for anyone who's ever spent the holiday in Antigua, Guatemala.

Guatemala's Semana Santa ("Easter Festival")

features detailed carpets of colored sawdust adorning a Good Friday procession route. Preparation for the colorful and stunning display begins months in advance as the intricate carpets require ample time to produce.

### CZECH REPUBLIC:

#### WHIPS

Among the more unique Easter traditions takes place each Easter Monday in the Czech Republic.

In adherence to this tradition, known locally as "pomlázka," boys, and sometimes men, gather willow branches and braid them together into whips. The whips are then decorated with ribbons before boys visit girls (or men visit women) who they knock and lightly tap them with the whips. The tradition is be-



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Colorful eggs and the Easter bunny are familiar traditions here in America, but Christians in other parts of the world have their own unique traditions to celebrate the holiday, too.

lieved to bring women luck, vitality and fertility.

These are just some of the unique traditions many

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# Will my benefit increase if I work while collecting disability?

## SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS



RUSSELL GLOOR

### Dear Rusty:

I will be 64 in March and currently receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) payments. My full retirement age is 67, but I'm thinking about trying to return to work.

If I work and my earnings exceed the monthly disability payment limits, but do not exceed the annual limit, how

will my disability payments be affected? Will working while receiving Social Security disability payments change my Social Security benefit amount when I reach my full retirement age of 67?

### Signed: Mending

### Dear Mending:

Social Security doesn't go by annual earnings when it comes to disability (SSDI) — they go by monthly earnings. If your work earnings in any one month of 2024 exceed \$1,550, that will be a flag to SS that you are no longer disabled (\$2,590 per month if you're blind). If that happens for a few months in a row, they will most likely stop your SSDI payments.

Often, this happens retroactively — they won't find out until sometime later that you repeatedly exceeded the monthly limit — but they will likely cancel your SSDI benefits and require you to repay any benefits you received in months you

exceeded the monthly SSDI earnings limit, or months they deem you were capable of working without restriction.

I suggest you consider enrolling in Social Security's "Ticket to Work" program. While enrolled, you can work and will have a rolling nine-month "Trial Work Period" over five years, during which you can earn more than \$1,110/month (in 2024) without jeopardizing your SSDI benefits.

If, after completing your nine-month trial work period, you are taken off of SSDI (because you're no longer considered disabled), and you again become disabled and unable to work, your SSDI benefits can resume without requiring you to go through the entire application process again. You can test your ability to work, will be able to work some and can earn more than the limit in some months, which makes

the Ticket to Work program your best option. Read more about it here: <https://choose-work.ssa.gov/>.

As for whether working while on SSDI will improve your benefit at your full retirement age (FRA), that depends. Your current SSDI benefit is equal to your FRA entitlement from your earnings record at your disability onset date (but paid to you prior to your FRA). The method for determining your benefit under SSDI is complex and depends on the age at which you became unable to work and the number of Social Security credits you had accumulated at that time.

Although SS retirement benefits normally require you earn at least 40 SS quarter credits and are based on your highest earning 35 years, those approved for SSDI can get benefits with fewer than 40 credits and less than 35 years of lifetime earnings. Since each case is

unique, I cannot say whether your earnings while on SSDI will improve your FRA amount, but Social Security will monitor your earnings and increase your benefit if appropriate.

FYI, your SSDI benefit would normally automatically convert to become your regular SS retirement benefit at your FRA at the same amount you were receiving while on SSDI. It's possible that the limited earnings you may have from working while on SSDI may increase your benefit, but that's impossible for me to predict. Your benefit is based on your lifetime earnings history (adjusted for inflation), not on your contributions to Social Security while working.

So, if you are on SSDI and wish to try returning to work, and you think your monthly earnings will occasionally exceed the SSDI limit, I suggest you contact Social Security at 1-800-

772-1213 or your local office to explore enrolling in the Ticket to Work program. That would be your best option to avoid jeopardizing your SSDI benefits, and your benefit amount will be automatically adjusted by Social Security, if appropriate.

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# The Retired Investor: No college degree required?

## THE RETIRED INVESTOR



BILL SCHMICK

In today's tight job market, many companies are dropping the required college degree.

Time was that if you wanted to get ahead, find a higher-paying job, and establish financial security, go to college. While some of that advice continues to hold, many companies are foregoing the sheepskin in exchange for experience, skills and competencies workers have developed in the school of hard knocks.

In some respects, the hurdle of a college degree makes no sense when interviewing for a job that does not require college-level skills. I know of dozens of liberal arts majors who ended up working at fast-food chains or landscaping.

But don't take my word for it. A labor analytics firm, Burning Glass Institute, and the Strada Education Foundations, a non-profit organization, studied the career path of 10 million people who entered the job market between 2012 and 2021. They found that roughly 52% of college grads were not using their skills and credentials in their jobs.

What a person studies in college, followed by the chance to intern were the main determinants of obtaining a college-level career track, according to the study. Given the escalating costs of higher education, along with years of student debt payments, is it any wonder that the debate over the value of

higher education is a hot topic today?

Last year, thanks to a tight labor market, companies began to get wise to the fact that a college degree was not necessary in many areas of employment. ZipRecruiter said the share of jobs that listed a bachelor's degree as a "must" fell from 18% in 2022 to 14.5% in 2023.

In a recent survey by the same recruiting firm, 45% of employers surveyed said they had dropped the degree requirement for certain roles, while 72% said they valued a candidate's skills and experience higher than the diploma they hold.

Even among postings in "college-level occupations," only 78.4% of companies insisted on a degree. That is down from 85% 25 years ago, according to labor analytics firm Lightcast. In jobs such as insurance sales agents, E-commerce analysts, property appraisers, and call center managers, a degree is now seldom required. Other areas where a college degree may give way to skills-based hiring are in health care, financial services and IT.

That's good news for a large segment of American workers. Almost two-thirds of the U.S. population over 25 years of age do not have a college degree. And today, America, like many other countries, is facing a long-term labor shortage with no easy solutions. Baby boomers are retiring. The U.S. birth rates are low and still dropping, and the present shift against immigration by both the public and policymakers has cut off a historic avenue of new labor supply.

Given that 62% of Americans do not have a college degree, some companies — most notably IBM, Walmart, General Motors and Medtronic — are eliminating degree requirements in hundreds of their job postings. Others are following but old habits die hard. The value of a college degree is deeply embedded in the

psyche of many a human resources department. Changing those attitudes takes time, as does discarding automated screening tools that automatically reject non-college applicants.

One of the most vocal critics of today's college education is billionaire Peter Thiel, an early Facebook investor and founder of PayPal Holdings and Palantir Technologies. A Stanford graduate with degrees in philosophy and law, he became disenchanted with how leading U.S. colleges were turning out graduates. Thiel became convinced that higher education is not in the best interests of most Americans.

Starting in 2010, Thiel established a non-profit foundation that offers to pay students \$100,000 to drop out of school to start companies or nonprofits. He selects 20 students per year. Since then, Thiel's program has backed 271 people. Some of those selected have since established successful companies in venture capital as well as in the technology area.

In defense of the college degree, studies still show that recent college grads, aged 22-27 working full-time, earned \$24,000 more per year than those with only a high school degree. Presumably, these grads were lucky enough to find entry jobs in their chosen fields.

David Deming, an economist at Harvard University, argues that wage premium for college grads doubles over the life cycle from age 25 to 60 versus high schoolers. More educated workers are also more likely to have paid health insurance, sick and family leave, as well as the ability to work remotely.

As for me, I have long believed that college is not for everyone. Sure, the hard sciences will always be in demand and college is a good place to acquire that knowledge base. Beyond that, liberal arts in this country does not seem to be a robust career path if money

and security are a topic of concern. I would much rather see a young man or woman give equal consideration to a vocational school after graduating from high school.

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# Drama Club shines in 'Mary Poppins'



RAVENA - COEY-MANS-SELKIRK — The RCS High School Drama Club puts its talents on display this weekend in the annual musical.

This year's performance was the club's rendition of the classic, "Mary Poppins." Each year, the cast and behind-the-scenes crew work countless hours putting

together a show for the community to enjoy.

The club performed three shows this weekend — evening performances on Friday and Saturday, and a Sunday matinee.

Here are some images of this weekend's performance, courtesy of the RCS Central School District.



# St. Patrick's Day parade is back in East Durham

## BODY, MIND & SPIRIT



PAT LARSEN

I love a good parade. There's an enormous sense of community, respect, pride and warmth that is only similarly echoed at a Fourth of July parade.

It was only after speaking at length with Mike O'Connor, the committee chairperson for this year's St. Patrick's Day parade in East Durham, that I began to understand the enormity of such an undertaking. This special event is being touted as the first St. Patrick's Day parade of the 21st century in East Durham.

Especially after a 32-year hiatus in this town.

This one is going to be very special indeed. Mike and his esteemed committee are so passionate about creating something very authentic to be remembered this year. During our chat, Mike mentioned that those who have stepped up to participate are representative of the

very best in this area. I was so impressed with Mike's true belief that honoring traditions then promotes traditions that will be carried on by the younger generations for years to come.

The East Durham St Patrick's Day Parade is being held on March 17. Step-off is at noon from the Irish Cultural Center and will conclude at Furlongs Tavern.

Lots planned following this initial event as well and lots in between in town. This parade is going to be huge.

Mike spoke of not one but two pipe bands, two marching bands, the Cairo-Durham school band being particularly noteworthy for their New York City appearance last year. There's

a 16-piece Ghent band; a group established 125 years ago, that is set to perform two heartwarming pieces, our national anthem and the Irish national anthem as well.

I had chills hearing this. I know so many really appreciate the respect being shown to our country by performers like this. And then being on St Patrick's Day... that's just the foam on the pint for me and I'm betting for you as well.

Dermot Gavin, military group, the Fighting 69th, consisting of 12 soldiers, will also march as well.

The Farrell School of Irish Dance, the authentic, award-winning dance company that has been an inte-

gral part of this town's landscape for 35 years, will be marching and performing as well.

Look for the dance company's mascot, Miss Lily, in the green tutu and pink carriage, marching as well.

I so wish there was more space to include every participant but for that list, you'll have to follow this event on Facebook.

Or just be sure to attend!

Mike has reached out and has organized the kind of parade that our grannies would have been proud of and always attended years ago.

The grand marshal of this year's very special return to East Durham parade is the esteemed Neil Kelleher. The celebrations have already

begun at The Shamrock House dinner dance when Neil was honored by a full house recently.

Have you heard? The temps are expected to be a parade-worthy 48 degrees with bright sunshine and blue skies. Even the heavens will be shining down on this parade.

You'll find me and my clan along the parade route dancing and singing around The Shamrock House, so please come by to say hello.

Let's welcome this parade homecoming properly. Cheers!

Pat Larsen is a syndicated columnist in Albany, Greene and northern Ulster counties. You can reach Pat at 518-275-8686.



Courtesy of Department of Environmental Conservation

Spring is almost here and that means fishing! Anglers can help the state manage the striped bass fishery by volunteering for the Hudson River Striped Bass Cooperative Angler Program.

## Volunteer for Hudson River Striped Bass Cooperative Angler Program

Do you fish for striped bass in the Hudson River? Whether you catch-and-release or take home a keeper, you can be part of the Cooperative Angler Program.

Share your fishing trip information and help biologists understand and manage the striped bass fishery.

**Here's how it works:**

- Fill out a logbook provided by the Department of Environmental Conservation or record your trips

on your smartphone using DEC's Hudson River online logbook whenever you fish on the tidal Hudson River (by boat or on the shore);

- Record general location, time, gear used, what you caught (or if you didn't catch anything); and,

- Return the logbook when you are done fishing.

Join today! For more information on the angler program and instructions on installing the Survey123 App

to access the online logbook, visit Hudson River Cooperative Angler webpage or email [hudsonangler@dec.ny.gov](mailto:hudsonangler@dec.ny.gov). More information is available at [dec.ny.gov](http://dec.ny.gov).

Note: If you primarily fish for striped bass in New York waters south of the George Washington Bridge, the DEC has a separate Striped Bass Cooperative Anglers Program.



# Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corporation News

## COEYMANS HOLLOW — • New York State Live Fire Training Course to be offered:

The Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corporation will host the New York State Live Fire Training Course on Tuesday, March 26, from 7-10 p.m. at the Coeymans Hollow firehouse. All firefighters who are interested in taking this course are encouraged to sign up for the course on the New York state portal or you can contact Dan Haight for more information or for assistance with registering for the portal.

## • Fire relief for the Marcello/Kunuria families:

On Monday, Feb. 26, the Marcello and Kunuria families lost everything in an early morning fire. Anyone who would like to donate to the families are encouraged to contact King's Chapel Church at 518-426-9955 for a complete list of items

needed. Clothing, shoes, children's games and/or monetary donations are all needed. There is also a GoFundMe page set up in the families' names, which can be found by going to [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com).

## • CHVFC nomination of officers for 2024-25 is now open:

The Nominating Committee of Company Officers for 2024-25 has announced, if you would like to nominate someone for an office, please contact committee members Jack Dennis, Jack Stratta or Eileen Steenbuck or sign up on the nomination sheet in the downstairs kitchen. Company elections will be held on Tuesday, April 2, beginning at 7 p.m.

## • Installation Banquet sign-up:

The Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corporation will hold its 79th annual Installation Banquet at Sycamore Country Club on Sat-

urday, April 6, beginning at 6 p.m. All members who wish to attend this year's Installation Banquet are encouraged to sign up on the sheet that is located on the bulletin board in the downstairs kitchen or contact Sue Stratta or Mary Ann Dennis no later than Tuesday, April 2.

## • Property tax exemption for volunteer firefighters:

The town of Coeymans, along with other area towns, has a 10% property tax credit applied to property taxes for active volunteer firefighters in the town of Coeymans. Coeymans volunteer firefighters are encouraged to contact the town assessor's office for more information. Note: You can only take either the \$200 state credit that has been in place for some time or the 10% property tax credit. Either way, there is no harm in filling this out now.

## • Shirt and jacket orders are currently

## being accepted:

Darlene Wilson has announced that members can now order their Coeymans Hollow shirts and jackets on the order form in the downstairs kitchen. A representative from the shirt company will be available with samples as soon as a date is scheduled. Shirts, jackets, hats and fleeces are the same as the ones that have been ordered previously. If you have any questions, please contact Darlene.

## • New York state DEC burn ban:

New York State DEC has announced that a statewide burn ban will be in effect starting this Saturday, March 16, and ending Tuesday, May 14. Please, no open burning!

## • Recruitment and retention:

New volunteers are needed to help protect the community. Active interior and exterior firefighters, EMS

personnel, fire police, ladies auxiliary members and associate members are needed to assist with many committees. These are volunteers here to protect lives and property in the Coeymans Hollow Fire District. They will provide all the equipment and training for you to become a member of the Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corporation. If you are between the ages of 16 and 18, and are interested in being a junior volunteer in the fire service, please give them a call or stop by the firehouse. For junior firefighters, remember — volunteering for your community looks good on your college or work application. Think about it — if you don't volunteer, who will? For more information or to obtain an application, give them a call at 518-756-6310 or stop by and check it out on Tuesdays on drill nights, beginning at 7 p.m.

## • Drill scheduled:

Coeymans Hollow Training Officer Dan Houghtaling has announced that the drill scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, will be driver training. The drill will begin promptly at 7 p.m. and all Coeymans Hollow firefighters and EMS personnel are encouraged to attend.

## • Events scheduled by neighboring fire companies and community groups:

Selkirk #1 on Maple Avenue will hold a fish fry dinner on Friday, March 15 and March 29, from 4:30-7 p.m. Eat-in or take-out will be available.

## • Safety tip:

Spring is on its way! Now is a good time to have all your lawn and garden equipment serviced.

## • Fire and EMS report:

The Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corporation responded to two fire and two EMS calls in the past week.



## Area firefighters kept busy

SUBMITTED BY COEYMANS  
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Courtesy of Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corp.

The fire tore through the home on Lawson Lake Road on Feb. 26.



Courtesy of Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corp.

Extensive damage to one of the rooms at Fabcon Precast on March 5.



Courtesy of Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corp.

Firefighters responding to their second call of the week, for a fire at an RV, which was completely destroyed.

COEYMANS HOLLOW — Coeymans Hollow firefighters and mutual aid fire companies were kept busy late in February and early March fighting three structure fires in the early morning hours.

Beginning on Monday, Feb. 26, at 1:20 a.m., a fully involved structure fire was reported at 58 Lawson Lake Road. Chief Bill Kapusta was first on the scene and put out an immediate mutual aid call for Onesquethaw Fire and Westerlo Fire with additional requests for tankers and manpower from Coeymans Fire, Selkirk Fire, Greenville Fire, Medway-Grapeville Fire and New Baltimore Fire.

Ravena Fire was requested to stand by in Coeymans Hollow quarters. Berne Fire was also called to supply mutual aid coverage for Westerlo, East Berne Fire to supply coverage for Onesquethaw and Cocksackie Fire to supply coverage for New Baltimore.

Arriving fire crews found the structure to be fully involved and immediately started fighting the fire, only to be complicated by propane tanks going off and feeding the fire. A water supply was established at a local pond and tankers were filled to

supply water to the fire scene.

After several hours on the scene, the blaze was brought under control and mutual aid companies were being released. Unfortunately, the house was a total loss, but the family was able to make it out safely.

Fire crews from Coeymans Hollow remained on the scene to wet down hot spots within the ruins. Due to the size of the structure fire crews were called back to three rekindles that were buried deep into the rubble.

The Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corporation would like to thank the above mutual aid companies for their support at the fire scene and coverage to keep the communities safe for responding mutual aid companies.

The Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corporation would also like to express its appreciation to Ravena Rescue Squad, Albany County Sheriffs EMS/Paramedics, Albany County Sheriff's Office, Coeymans Police and Albany County Executive Dan McCoy for supplying an excavator from the county Highway Department to assist firefighters to sift through the rubble to help reach bur-

ied hot spots.

No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

Note: The Marcello/Kunuria families lost everything in the fire. Anyone who would like to donate to the families are encouraged to contact King's Chapel Church at 518-426-9955 for a complete list of items needed. Clothing, shoes, children's games and/or monetary donations are all needed. There is also a GoFundMe page set up in the families' names, which can be found by going to [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com).

## RV FIRE

A second structure fire was called in on Saturday, March 2, at 7:52 a.m. for a fully involved recreational vehicle close to other structures on the property.

Assistant Chief Dan Haight could see heavy black smoke while traveling to the call down County Route 143 and called Albany County Fire Control and requested mutual aid from Ravena Fire and New Baltimore for their FAST Team and a tanker to the scene.

Luckily the fully involved RV was away from the nearby structures and fire crews were able to attack the blaze

and get the fire under control in about 15 minutes. Mutual aid companies were released and Coeymans Hollow crews remained on the scene to complete overhaul and to put out hot spots.

The Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Company would like to express its appreciation to New Baltimore Fire, Ravena Fire for their mutual aid response, the Ravena Rescue Squad, Albany County EMS/Paramedics, Albany County Sheriff's Office, Coeymans Police, and New York State Police.

No injuries were reported, and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

## STRUCTURE FIRE

The third fire reported in the Coeymans Hollow Fire District happened on Tuesday, March 5, at 3:06 a.m. for a structure fire at Fabcon Precast, located at 123 County Route 101 for a report of flames coming out of a building on the property.

Due to the location of the fire at the far end of the Coeymans Hollow district, Assistant Chief Dan Haight immediately called for mutual aid to Selkirk Fire and Onesquethaw Fire to respond to the scene, with Ravena Fire and Coeymans Fire on stand-

by in their quarters and New Baltimore to the scene with their tanker and FAST Team.

Crews started attacking the working structure fire, and a call went out to Ravena Fire for their ladder truck and to Coeymans for an additional engine to come to the scene. The fire was knocked down and brought under control in about 45 minutes.

With quick work from firefighters, the fire was contained to one room of the building, but serious heat resulted in damage to nearby rooms and a hallway with smoke and water damage to other parts of the building. Multiple doors being closed within the building helped to keep the fire contained and the fire was not able to spread throughout the building.

The Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corporation would like to express its appreciation to Onesquethaw Fire, Selkirk Fire, Ravena Fire, Coeymans Fire, Ravena Fire, Coeymans Fire, Ravena Fire, Albany County Sheriff's EMS/Paramedics, Albany County Sheriffs, and Coeymans Police for their support. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

Note: Your local fire companies are here 24/7,

365 days a year to fulfill any emergency whether in the fire district or to respond to mutual aid requests from neighboring fire companies. New volunteers are needed to help protect the community. Active interior and exterior firefighters, EMS personnel, fire police, ladies auxiliary members and associate members are needed to assist with our many committees. These are volunteers here to protect lives and property in the Coeymans Hollow Fire District and neighboring communities. All the equipment and training for you to become a member of the Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corporation will be provided. If you are between the ages of 16 and 18 and are interested in being a junior volunteer in the fire service, please call or stop by the firehouse. For junior firefighters, remember — volunteering for your community looks good on your college or work application.

For more information or to obtain an application, give the department a call at 518-756-6310 or stop by and check it out on Tuesdays on drill nights, beginning at 7 p.m. You can make a difference.



# Holcim Ravena celebrates Women in Construction Week 2024 and recognizes some of the hardworking women who help make our plant run

## **KATHERINE GALLARNO** *Environmental Engineer*

Katherine joined the Holcim Ravena team after graduating from Michigan Technological University in 2022. Her focus is helping the plant meet sustainability goals and maintaining compliance.

A Michigan native, Katherine interned at a cement plant while at college, falling in love with how much there was to learn in the industry. At Ravena, she says she's grateful to work with intelligent and kind people and split her time between the office and the field.

Though choosing a career in a male-dominated industry can be daunting, Katherine says she feels lucky to work at a company that is both welcoming and encouraging to women. She hopes more women follow in her footsteps.

In her own words: "It's a really diverse industry and women are just as capable as men! We can sometimes provide a different point of view when solving problems. I want to remind women that being yourself is powerful. You can be hardworking, capable, smart, tough, tenacious, bold – all while wearing ribbons in your hair and makeup to work!"

When not at work, Katherine enjoys reading, hiking, and exploring new places.



Left to Right: Darci Prebble, Kayla Weidner, Katherine Gallarno, Leah Cross

## **LEAH CROSS** *Health and Safety Coordinator*

Leah has worked at the Ravena plant for six years. In her new role as Health and Safety Coordinator, she is responsible for conducting audits and inspections at the facility and supporting her colleagues in implementing new safety policies and programs.

A lifelong love of math and science led Leah to study Chemistry and Mechanical Engineering at Union College in Schenectady. After briefly pursuing graduate work at RPI in Materials Engineering, she realized industry work was a better fit – a change she has never regretted.

Leah says she loves that her job is never boring or stale, and that new, daily challenges offer opportunities for her to grow. Though they are the minority of the workforce, she says the women at the Ravena plant have formed a tight-knit community and support one another.

In her own words: "It's important to spread awareness to young girls that industrial jobs are something they can and should pursue. It feels really good to be recognized and to be able to put myself out there as a role model for the next generation."

A Hoosick Falls native, Leah lives with her husband, two cats and one dog in Selkirk. She likes to travel, hike, and try new restaurants.

## **KAYLA WEIDNER** *Production Analyst*

Kayla was inspired to pursue a career in science after watching the movie "Twister," ultimately discovering geology as a professional path while at Wilkes University in Pennsylvania. She joined the Holcim Ravena team after graduating just over six years ago and is responsible for maintaining production data and raw material inventories.

Kayla's job spans multiple departments, and she says she most enjoys that the role offers both opportunities to work collaboratively with her colleagues and time to reflect alone.

Outside of work, Kayla is fostering her two-year-old daughter's budding interest in rocks and geology. She's keenly aware that young girls need to be exposed to nontraditional opportunities and see women celebrated for working in male-dominated fields so they might feel empowered to do the same.

In her own words: "People tell me that women shouldn't be in the construction industry because it's dirty. I say that's all the more reason to do it. Nothing says a job well done more than coming home covered in cement."

Kayla is a Pennsylvania native. When not studying to obtain her Professional Geologist license, she enjoys sewing and embroidering, and spending time with her husband, daughter, and two cats: Alfred and Amelia.

## **DARCI PREBBLE** *Maintenance Planner II*

March marks Darci's one-year anniversary at the Ravena plant where she is responsible for the daily planning of maintenance for the mechanical department, which includes everything from the primary crusher to refining onto shipping.

Darci was studying automotive technology at Yavapai College in Prescott, AZ and was recommended to apply for an industrial mining internship. Professionally, she started out as an industrial diagnostic technician mining copper and molybdenum. She later branched out into consulting work in the food and bio-tech industries, and then landed her current role at Ravena.

Darci says she's excited to play a part in the evolution of the construction industry as more women are welcomed into the workforce and recognized as valuable, integral team members. She talks to her four daughters daily about her challenges and accomplishments and reminds them they can do anything they set their hearts to.

In her own words: "Women can help play a key role in cohesive forward thinking. I believe that each of us, when we apply ourselves, can accomplish our dreams. We are all unique and we play our special roles those duties may seem little yet be powerful."

A Colorado native, Darci spent more of her life in that state and Arizona. Over the past three years, however, she has lived in Nevada, Georgia, South Carolina, and finally, New York. In her spare time, Darci enjoys fishing, woodworking, and riding her horses.

**We thank all our workers for their commitment and  
dedication to the safety and success of our facility.**



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# 100 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH: Historical events from March 1924



The month of March has been home to many historical events over the years. Here's a look at some that helped to shape the world in March 1924.

- For the first time since 1636, public vehicles, such as taxi cabs, are allowed into Hyde Park in London beginning March 1. For nearly 300 years, the park had been reserved for private carriages.

- On March 3, the Turkish National Assembly formally ends the Ottoman Caliphate, which had operated for more than 400 years. In a corresponding move, Abdulmejid II, who was elected Caliph in November 1923, is formally deposed at 2 a.m. on March 4.

- The University of North Carolina men's basketball team ends its season with a 26-18 victory over the Alabama Crimson Tide

on March 4. The Tar Heels' victory secures a perfect 26-0 record for the season.

- The site of Tutankhamun's tomb is formally opened by Egyptian Prime Minister Saad Zaghloul on March 6. The opening attracts a large crowd and ultimately turns into an anti-British demonstration upon the arrival of the British High Commissioner, Field Marshal Allenby.

- Nikola Tesla announces he has perfected a system of transmitting power without wires on March 8.

- The United States Supreme Court issues a ruling on March 10 that upholds a

New York state statute banning late-night working for women.

- On March 11, cabaret singer Belva Gaertner is arrested for the murder of her lover, Walter Law, in Chicago. Law was found dead from a bullet wound in Gaertner's car, though Gaertner is later acquitted of the murder. The incident inspires both the 1926 Broadway play "Chicago" and the 1975 musical of the same name.

- The opening session of the first-ever Egyptian constitutional parliament is opened by King Fuad I on March 15.

- Winston Churchill loses the Westminster Abbey by-election by 43 votes to Otho Nicholson on March 19. The results come when Churchill requests a recount after initially losing by just 33 votes.

- The Eugenic Sterilization Act goes into effect in Virginia on March 20.

The act provides for the sterilization of individuals in mental institutions.

- Edward G. Lefler introduces the first modern mutual fund on March 21. The Massachusetts

Investors Trust allows investors to withdraw their account money at any time.

- Benito Mussolini presides over a Fascist parade in Rome on March 23. Mussolini uses his speech as a chance to campaign for the coming general election.

- The Greek Parliament votes to depose King George II on March 25. A public referendum for the issue is set for April 13.

- French Prime Min-

ister Raymond Poincare abruptly resigns after his government suffers a surprising defeat on March 26. In a vote in the Chamber of Deputies, Poincare and his government are defeated 271 to 264, all while the prime minister was not even present. Poincare accepts President Alexandre Millerand's request to form a new government on March 27.

- United States Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty resigns over the Teapot Dome Scandal on March 28. The Teapot Dome Scandal was a bribery scandal that enveloped the administration of U.S. President Warren G. Harding, and since 1924 has often been cited when new issues affecting the office of the president, such as Watergate, have surfaced.

## Wilcox joins Weichert, Realtors - Fontaine & Associates



Nicole Wilcox

ATHENS – Nicole Wilcox has joined the team of agents at Weichert, Realtors - Fontaine & Associates in Athens. Wilcox provides real estate service to home buyers and sellers in Columbia and Greene counties and surrounding areas.

"We are proud to welcome Nicole to our team," said Don Fontaine, broker/owner at Weichert, Realtors

- Fontaine & Associates. "Her hardworking and dedicated nature will be great assets for each of her clients."

As a Weichert affiliated agent, Wilcox has access to in-depth training programs, the latest technology, and the most powerful sales and marketing tools in the industry to help provide her clients with superior real estate service.

Wilcox is a member of the Columbia-Greene Board of Realtors, Columbia Greene Northern Dutchess MLS, New York State Association of Realtor, and National Association of Realtors.

A native of Hudson, Wilcox holds an associate degree from SUNY Cobleskill.

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For more information about Weichert, Realtors - Fontaine & Associates, located at 15 Second St. in Athens and 423 Kenwood Ave., Suite 203, in Delmar, contact Don Fontaine at 518-321-3007 or visit [www.weichertfa.com](http://www.weichertfa.com).

## Refugee, immigrant support group gets donation from National Bank of Coxsackie



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Pictured, left to right, is NBC Chief Lending Officer Charlene Slemp, RISSE Executive Director Daniel Butterworth, NBC board member Marcus Pryor, and NBC Chief Credit Officer Lynn Smith.

LATHAM – The National Bank of Coxsackie ("NBC") presented Refugee & Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus (RISSE) with a donation in aid in their mission to support refugees in building sustainable lives in the United States.

The funds were secured through the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York Small Business Recovery Grant Program. NBC is a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York and applied for the funds made available through this special program.

RISSE was founded in 2007 to assist refugees fleeing from the Congo. Initially,

their goal was to aid refugees in finding housing, jobs and resources to advance their education. RISSE attributes their success to the volunteers, many of them immigrants, playing a key role. Over the years, RISSE has continued to grow, evolving from a small outreach program to a community-strengthening development center.

"We are proud to be able to offer support to RISSE and their efforts," NBC Chief Executive Officer John Balli said. "The guidance and opportunity they provide to refugees and their families is inspirational."



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Notice of Formation of BROOKLYN MUSHROOMS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02 05 2024. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC 418 BROADWAY STE N, ALBANY NY 12207. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Crossroads Construction FLX, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02 28 2024. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Registered Agents Inc. 418 Broadway STE R, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

NICHE SALON SUITES LLC. Art of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02 16 2024 Office Albany 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, LEGALCORP SOLUTIONS 1060 Broadway Suite 100, ALBANY, NY 12204 Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of LORI LANTZY PHYSICAL THERAPY, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06 20 2023. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Registered Agents Inc. 418 Broadway STE R Albany, NY 12207. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

DR. RACHEL TAYLER, PSYCHOLOGIST, PLLC. Art of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02 14 2024. Office New York 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, THE LLC 1060 BROADWAY, SUITE 100 ALBANY, NY, 12204.

Notice of Formation of WALLETS AND WAISTLINES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 09 04 2023. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC 418 BROADWAY, STE N, ALBANY, NY, UNITED STATES, 12207. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Drehers Cheesecake. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10 31 2023. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Registered Agents Inc 418 Broadway, Ste, R Albany NY 12207. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of BR Project 3 LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02 08 2024. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to NYSERDA 17 Columbia Circle Albany, NY 12203. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of BX PRACTICE GROUP PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01 22 2024. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to NYSERDA 17 Columbia Circle Albany, NY 12203. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

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of Law 206 . Notice of formation of MIRACLE MINDSET LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on MAY 31, 2023. Office location Albany County, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail service of process to Registered Agent Inc at 418 BROADWAY, STE R Albany NY 12207. Registered Agent Inc. is designated as agent for SOP 418 BROADWAY, STE R Albany NY 12207. Company is organized for any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of MANHATTAN III, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02 16 2024. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to

Notice of Qualification of KOMARI & ALKHASONEH LLP. Certificate of Authority filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11 01 2023 Office location Albany County. Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) formed in on 03 10 2021. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to

Notice of Formation of Geechee Mama, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01 16 2024. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC 418 BROADWAY, STE Y ALBANY, NY 12207. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of DJNY ART LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01 23 2024. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to

Notice of Formation of 3022 PROPERTY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02 13 2024. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to

Alchemist Research LLC. Filed with SSNY on 01 29 24. Office Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail copy to 418 Broadway, STE N, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose Any lawful.

Notice of Formation of Rochester Albany LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 2 2 2024. Office location Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to

Notice of Formation of Future Tense, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02 03 2023. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to

Notice of Formation of 82-04 138TH STREET, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01 18 2024. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to

Notice of Formation of TYCHE DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 04 24 2014. Office location Albany

County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC 418 Broadway STE N Albany, NY 12207. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

4 G'S PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC. Art of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02 27 2024 Office Albany 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, LEGALCORP SOLUTIONS 1060 Broadway Suite 100, ALBANY, NY 12204 Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Fanny Tristan LCSW PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11 14 2023. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent LLC 418 BROADWAY, STE N, ALBANY, NY, 12207. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

MDB MUSIC, LLC. Art of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02 06 2024. Office Albany 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, LEGALCORP SOLUTIONS 1060 Broadway Suite 100, ALBANY, NY 12204 Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of QUACKMIRE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02 07 2024. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to

Notice of Formation of DANE JOHNSON AGENCY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02 12 2024. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to

CHARLENE M. CROSS LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER, PLLC, a Prof. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02 12 2024. Office location GREENE County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The PLLC, 17 Industrial Parkway, Gloversville, NY 12078. Purpose To Practice The Profession Of Licensed Clinical Social Work.

Notice of Formation of FLEX LEX PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02 27 2024. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Registered Agents Inc. 418 Broadway STE R, Albany, NY, 12208. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of FITZSIMONS MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08 23 2023. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent LLC 418 Broadway STE N Albany, NY 12207. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Raquette River Roasters LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01 26 2024. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process

to Northwest Registered Agent LLC 418 Broadway STE N, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of TAVERNER VENTURES LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 02 06 2024. Office location Greene SSNY desg. As agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served SSNY mail process to 5 GARDINER ST, CATSKILL, NY, 12414. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of SkyBound Notebooks. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01 31 2024. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Nat Smith 418 Broadway STE N Albany, NY 12207. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Guiding Pearl. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11 27 2023. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to

Notice of Formation of DIANE JOHNSON AGENCY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02 12 2024. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to

Willow Ridge Senior Living - Sierra Vista LLC filed Articles of Organization with the NY Department of State on February 14, 2024. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served, and a copy of any process shall be mailed to PO Box 3978, Albany, NY 12203. Its purpose is any lawful business.

Notice of Formation of CFN LAWYERS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12 07 2023. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC . Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of SND Dynamics Consulting LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 04 08 2023. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to

Notice of Formation of Golf Dudes LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on February 6, 2024. Office location Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC at c o PO Box 584, Guiderland, NY 12084. Purpose any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of BR Project 2 LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02 08 2024. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to NYSERDA 17 Columbia Circle Albany, NY 12203. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of BR Project 5 LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02 08 2024. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process

whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to NYSERDA 17 Columbia Circle Albany, NY 12203. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Delaware Field Holdings LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02 14 2024. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to LLC 300 Lonnstrom Lane, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of NARTHEX ENGINEERING PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 05 26 2023. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to REGISTERED AGENTS INC. 418 BROADWAY STE R, ALBANY, NY, UNITED STATES, 12207. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of 13 Fairview Street, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12 28 2023. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to

Notice of Formation of Jah Jah Gad Entertainment Limited. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02 06 2024. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to

Notice of Formation of STARR DELIGHTSS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01 30 2024. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to

Notice of Formation of Hudson Valley Food Specialist LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12 05 2023. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to

Sezze Solar Ventures LLC filed Articles of Organization with the NY Department of State on February 21, 2024. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served, and a copy of any process shall be mailed to 125 Wolf Road, Suite 312, Colonie, NY 12205. Its purpose is any lawful business.

STELLAREDEGE LLC. Art of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01 26 2024 Office Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC at c o PO Box 584, Guiderland, NY 12084. Purpose any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of KELY BROTHERS HOME IMPROVEMENTS LLC. Arts of Org filed with the SSNY on 01 29 2024. Office Albany County. SSNY designated as agt upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to NYSERDA 17 Columbia Circle Albany, NY 12203. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

2023 Office location Albany. Limited Liability Company (LLC) formed in on 09 28 2022. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC 418 Broadway, Albany, NY 12207, USA Articles of Organization originally filed with Secretary of State (SOS), 1209 Mountain Rd PI NE ste b, Albuquerque, NM 87110, USA. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Hillovanni LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01 17 2024. Office location Greene County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to LLC PO Box 335, Round Top, NY 12473. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Qualification of Wathco, LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State (NYDOS) on 01 02 24. The county within New York State in which the office of the foreign limited liability company is to be located is in Albany County. LLC formed in Georgia (GA) on 02 23 1996. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 5470 Technology Parkway, Braselton, GA 30517. GA address of LLC 5470 Technology Parkway, Braselton, GA 30517. Articles of Organization filed with GA Secy of State, 313 West Tower, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr., Atlanta, GA 30334-1530. Purpose any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of NACLIGHT LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01 08 2024. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Registered Agents Inc. 418 Broadway STE R Albany, NY 12207. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of iBrowBarBuffalo LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12 15 2023. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest RA 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY NY 12207. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

WATCHER MUSICAL LLC. Art of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07 12 2023. Office Albany 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, LEGALCORP SOLUTIONS 1060 Broadway Suite 100, ALBANY, NY 12204 Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of 3551 PROPERTY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11 27 2023. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to

Notice of Formation of The Financial Grove, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01 24 2024. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent 418 Broadway, Ste N, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Hunter Creek Fish and Game LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02 02 2024. Office location Greene County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to LLC 138 Walgrove Ave, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522.



Purpose Any lawful purpose. Harlem Standard Realty LLC. Art of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02 13 2024. Office Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, LEGALCORP SOLUTIONS 1060 Broadway Suite 100, ALBANY, NY 12204 Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent LLC 418 Broadway, STE N, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose Any lawful purpose. Notice of Formation of Q Impact Solutions, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03 04 2024. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Registered Agents Inc. 418 Broadway, Ste R, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Purpose Any lawful purpose. Notice of Formation of HEAVY INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT SOLUTIONS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01 29 2024. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY NY 12207. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Eastwood Condos LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02 02 2024. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to New York Registered Agent LLC 418 Broadway, STE Y Albany, NY 12207. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Paid In Full Kingz LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 04 02 2021. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to New York Registered Agent LLC 418 Broadway, STE Y Albany, NY 12207. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of First Kingdom Entity, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02 15 2024. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent LLC 418 Broadway, STE N, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of 11 Rock Hill LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01 26 2024. Office location Greene County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Kevin Amanna PO Box 431, Leeds, NY 12451. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of 4 North Franklin LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02 29 2024. Office location Greene County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Amy Bennett 175 Lafayette Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11238. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Qualification of TIMOTHY BALDRIDGE PE ENGINEERING, PLLC. Certificate of Authority filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10 26 2023 Office location Albany. Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) formed in on 05 26 2023. SSNY designated as agent of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Northwest Registered Agent LLC 418 Broadway ste n, Albany, NY 12207, USA Articles of Organization originally filed with Secretary of State (SOS). 8 The Green ste a, Dover, DE 19901, USA. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of RESTORE HEALTH, LLC. Certificate of Authority filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 04 12 2023 Office location Albany. Limited Liability Company (LLC) formed in on 07 27 2023. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Registered Agents INC. 418 Broadway ste r, Albany, NY 12207, USA Articles of Organization originally filed with Secretary of State (SOS). 8 The Green ste a, Dover, DE 19901, USA. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Rivercat LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02 03 2024. Office location Greene County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Sam McDermott 37 Thompson St., Catskill, NY 12414. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of EN ANESTHESIA PLLC Arts of Org filed with the SSNY on 02 14 2024. Office Albany County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, LEGALCORP SOLUTIONS 1060 Broadway Suite 100, ALBANY, NY 12204 Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of JMG Premier Property LLC. Art of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02 27 2024 Office Albany 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, LEGALCORP SOLUTIONS 1060 Broadway Suite 100, ALBANY, NY 12204 Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of SHADES OF ROSE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01 29 2024. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY NY 12207. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of 8 Prospect Street LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02 29 2024. Office location Greene County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to REGISTRED AGENTS INC. 418 BROADWAY, STE R, ALBANY, NY, 12207. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of GIBBS LAW, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12 08 2023. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to REGISTERED AGENTS INC. 418 BROADWAY, STE R, ALBANY, NY, 12207. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 3, Subchapter 3 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, a Real Property A&D Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 10:00 AM.

REAL PROPERTY PUBLIC HEARING in the matter of the acquisition by the City of New York of a Fee Simple (Fee) interest in property through the Streamside Acquisition Program (SAP) and acquisition by the City of fee simple interests as part of the City-Funded Flood Buyout Program (FBO).

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A copy of the Mayor's Preliminary Certificate of Adoption and a map of the real estate interests to be acquired are available for public inspection upon request. Please call 914-749-5410.

In order to access the Public Hearing and testify, please call 646-992-2010, Access Code: 717-876-299 no later than 9:55 AM. If you need further accommodations, please let us know at least five business days in advance of the Public Hearing via e-mail at DisabilityAffairs@mocs.nyc.gov

Notice of Formation of JMG Premier Property LLC. Art of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02 27 2024 Office Albany 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, LEGALCORP SOLUTIONS 1060 Broadway Suite 100, ALBANY, NY 12204 Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of EN ANESTHESIA PLLC Arts of Org filed with the SSNY on 02 14 2024. Office Albany County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, LEGALCORP SOLUTIONS 1060 Broadway Suite 100, ALBANY, NY 12204 Purpose Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of SHADES OF ROSE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01 29 2024. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY NY 12207. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of 8 Prospect Street LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02 29 2024. Office location Greene County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to REGISTRED AGENTS INC. 418 BROADWAY, STE R, ALBANY, NY, 12207. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of GIBBS LAW, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12 08 2023. Office location Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to REGISTERED AGENTS INC. 418 BROADWAY, STE R, ALBANY, NY, 12207. Purpose Any lawful purpose.

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--- Notice of registration of DRIVINN LUXURY TRANSPORTATION LLC. Certificate of Authority filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/17/2023. Office location: ALBANY County, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail service of process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. Company is organized for any lawful purpose.

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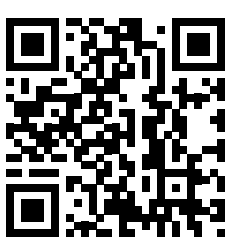
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