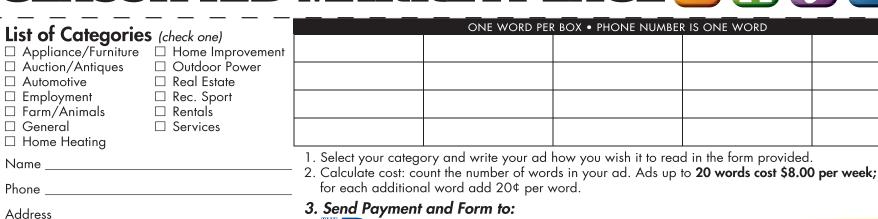
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Electronic documents and Amendments are posted to www.dot.ny.gov/doingbusiness/opportunities/constnotices. The Contractor is responsible for ensuring that all Amendments are incorporated into its bid. To receive notification of Amendments via e-mail you must submit a request to be placed on the Planholders List at www.dot.ny.gov/doingbusiness/opportunities/constplanholder. Amendments may have been issued prior to your placement on the Planholders

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Sidney Central School District

INVITATION FOR BIDS **Invitation For Bids:**

The Sidney Central School District invites sealed bids, in duplicate, for their 2024 Capital Project consisting of General Trades, Mechanical, Plumbing, Electrical and Site work.

Bids will be accepted by the Owner until, no later than, 3:30 PM local time on October 18, 2023. Bids shall be delivered to the front office and addressed to Aimee Warner, School **Business Executive. Address** is 95 West Main Street, Sidney NY 13838

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Sidney Central School District **Legal Notice** LEGAL NOTICE - Tax

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through November 3, 2023 Taxes will be collected without penalty from September 1 to September 30, 2023; with a 2% penalty from October 1 to October 31, 2023; and with a 3% penalty from November 1 to November 4, 2023. After November 4, 2023, all unpaid taxes will be returned to the County Treasurer. School taxes are then re-levied with an additional penalty and payable with the Town and County Tax that you will receive in January of 2024. Dated: August 23, 2023 Nancy A. Edwards District Clerk







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DELAWARE COUNTY Legal Notice PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with section 240 of the Laws of 2006, the Downsville Fire District will hold a Public Hearing pertaining to the Proposed 2024 Budget for the Downsville Fire District.

Said hearing will be held at the Downsville Fire Hall, 15166 St Hwy 30, Downsville, NY 13755 on October 17, 2023 at 7:00 pm and is open to the public.

A copy of the proposed budget is available at the office of the Clerk of the Town of Colchester or by contacting the Downsville Fire District, PO Box 341, Downsville, NY 13755.

Secretary,

Lavonne Shields Secretary Downsville Fire District

Town of Colchester **Legal Notice** NOTICE OF FILING

ANNUAL REPORT NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Financial Report for the Town of Colchester for the fiscal Year 2022 has been completed and was electronically filed on July 05, 2023 with the Office of the State Comptroller. FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Annual Financial Report is on file at the Town Clerk's Office, 72 Tannery Road, Downsville, New York where it can be inspected by any interested person during regular office hours. Dated:7/5/23 Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk



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Notice of Sale REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF DELAWARE

M&T BANK, Plaintiff - against -PATRICK A. WALKE, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 17, 2019. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at 3 Court Street, Delhi, NY 13753 in the City of Delhi, in the County of Delaware, State of New York on the 6th day of October, 2023 at 11:30 AM. All that tract or parcel of land, situate in the Town of Masonville. County of Delaware and State of New York.

Premises known as 15881 State Highway 8, Sidney, New York 13804.

(SBL#: 183.3-1-33.2) Approximate amount of lien \$85,030.91 plus interest and

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and terms of sale. Index No. EF2018-1005. Thomas Hegeman, Esq.,

Referee. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC

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280-2832 Dated: July 7, 2023 During the COVID-19 health emergency, bidders are required to comply with all governmental health requirements in effect at the time of sale including but not limited to, wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing (at least 6feet apart) during the auction, while tendering deposit and at any subsequent closing. Bidders are also required to comply with the Foreclosure Auction **Rules and COVID-19 Health Emergency Rules issued by** the Supreme Court of this County in addition to the conditions set forth in the Terms of Sale.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY **COMPANY**

BOOKKEEPER PRODUCTIONS LLC. Filed 4/17/23. Office: Delaware Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Po Box 233, New Kingston, NY 12459. Purpose: General

DELAWARE COUNTY Notice of Sale

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF DELAWARE, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE NRZ PASS-THROUGH TRUST XVIII, Plaintiff, vs. DEBORAH GILCHRIST A/K/A DEBORAH GILCHRIST, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Default Judgment, Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale and Amendment of Caption duly entered on August 4, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Delaware County Supreme Courthouse, 3 Court Street, Delhi, NY 13753 on October 17, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., premises known as 2 Olga Drive, Margaretville, NY 12455. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Middletown, County Delaware and State of New York, Section 241, Block 3 and Lot 11.115. Approximate amount of judgment is \$72,752.40 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # EF2020-Cash will not be accepted. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed at the foreclosure sale. Jeffrey S. Altbach, Esq., Referee

Knuckles, Komosinski Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY **COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of Catskills Culinary Collaborative, LLC . Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-03-11. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Karen Saminski: 707 Cape Horn Road Stamford NY 12167. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

DELAWARE COUNTY

Foreclosure Notice NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT DELAWARE COUNTY U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR TO LASALLE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR EMC MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-A, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-A, Plaintiff against DAWN M. THOMSON A/K/A DAWN THOMSON, et al Defendant(s) Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered October 3, 2019, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Delaware County Courthouse, 3 Court St, Delhi NY 13753 on October 27, 2023 at 10:00 AM. Premises known as 549 Stoodlev Hollow Road, Walton, NY 13856. Sec 168. Block 1 Lot 14.2. All of those certain piece or parcels of land situate in the Town of Hamden, County of Delaware and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$99,255.32 plus interest, fees, and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 000283/2017. The foreclosure sale will be conducted in accordance with 6th Judicial District's Covid-19 Policies and foreclosure auction rules. The Referee shall enforce any rules in place regarding facial coverings and social distancing. John J. Wadlin, Esq., Referee

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY

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COMPANY Keelbone LLC Auth. filed w/ SSNY 9/12/23. Off. in Delaware Co. Cert of Form filed w/ SSDE 8/7/23. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 3389 Floyd Ter., LA, CA 90068. Add. maintained in DE: National Registered Agents, Inc. 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. Name & add. of auth. officer in DE where Cert of Form filed: SSDE. Corp. Div., 401 Federal St, Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY **COMPANY**

CJR MDR LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 7/14/2023. Cty: Delaware. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Cory J Rosenbaum, 53 Main St., Sidney, NY 13838. General Purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY **COMPANY**

ALPINE GUTTERS LLC. Filed 7/6/23. Office: Delaware Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 577 Main St, Apt 4, Franklin, NY 13775. Purpose: General

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

106 CH11A LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 8/4/2023. Cty: Delaware. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 53 Main St. Sidney, NY 13838. General Purpose

DELAWARE COUNTY Legal Notice

The Delaware County Planning Board, created by a resolution of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors in 1966 as per New York State General Municipal Law Section 239 and charged with studying the physical, social and economic needs and conditions of the county and preparing a plan for its orderly development, is seeking professional services for the development of a county-wide Comprehensive and Strategic Action Plan and a county-wide Housing Study.

The Requests for Proposals are open beginning September 15, 2023, with all submittals due to the Delaware County Planning Department by October 27, 2023 at 4:00 PM.

Both Requests for Proposals are available at https://delcony.us/pln. Copies are also available upon request by contacting Delaware County Planning Department Grants Manager, Audrey Benkenstein, at 832-5444 oraudrey.benkenstein@ co.delaware.ny.us. More information about

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

LEGAL NOTICE RALSTON PROPERTIES, LLC Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Arts. of Org. of Ralston Properties, LLC ("LLC") filed with Dept. of State of NY on September 13, 2023. Office location: Delaware County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 461 Quaker Hill Road, Jefferson, New York 12093, principal business address. LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes. Filer: Lavelle & Finn, LLP, 29 British American Bl., Latham, NY 12110.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY **COMPANY**

3040 EASTCHESTER REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/05/08. Latest date to dissolve: 01/01/2109. Office: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Rodolfo Fuertes/1221 Fteley Food Corp., c/o Fine Fare Supermarket, 1221 Fteley Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY **COMPANY**

LNC Of Oneonta LLC, Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of the State of New York (SSNY) on 06/07/2023. Office Location: Delaware County. SSNY has designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 1060 County Highway 11, West Davenport, NY 13860. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY **COMPANY**

THE STUDIO UPSTATE LLC Art of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/23/2023. Office. Delaware 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 11 BROADWAY SUITE 615 NEW YORK, NY 10004 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Town of Colchester Notice to Bidders

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of Section 103 of General Municipal Law, sealed bids will be received by the Town of Colchester for the following: No. 2 Heating Fuel to be delivered as needed to Town Hall, 72 Tannery Rd, Downsville. Kerosene to be delivered as needed to Paige Cemetery, 15505 State Hwy 30 and Highway Garage, 6292 River Rd, Downsville. Winter Blend to be delivered as needed to Highway Garage, 6292 River Rd, Downsville. Diesel Fuel to be delivered as needed to Highway Garage, 6292 River Rd, Downsville. Propane to be delivered as needed to Highway Garage 20246 County Hwy 17, Cooks Falls; Highway Garage and Public Safety Building, 6292 River Rd; DWD Water Building, 222 Tub Mill Rd; and Town Hall, 72 Tannery Rd, Downsville. All bids requested at Firm price and/or Fluctuating price ("Differential" price per gallon to be added to the Journal of Commerce Albany Average for the day of delivery. All invoices shall include the daily petroleum prices for that day of delivery). Fuel products are to be delivered for up to one year from time of bid acceptance to following year's acceptance of new bids. Non-collusive orm must accompany all bids. Sealed Bids will be received at the office of the Colchester Town Clerk, 72 Tannery Road, Downsville, New York until 4:00 PM on the 18th day of October 2023. Bids to be opened and read aloud on October 18, 2023, at 4:00 PM at the Colchester Town Hall. Bidders are responsible for the timely delivery of their Bid proposal. Bidders are advised not to rely on the Postal Service or any other mail delivery service for the timely and proper delivery of their bid proposals. Bids will be submitted in sealed envelopes at the above address and shall bear on the face thereof Bid Proposal No.01-23 Fuel and the name and address of the bidder. The contract for the above bid proposal will be awarded by the Town Board to the lowest bidder. The Town of Colchester reserves the right to reject any or all bids in the best interest of the Town

DATED: September 20, 2023, Arthur M. Merrill, Supervisor

Town of Andes Notice to Bidders

Carol Ames, Town Clerk Town of Andes Phone # (845)676-4791 Fax (845)676-3776 NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Please take notice, General Municipal Law of the State of New York, that pursuant to authorization of the Town Board of Andes, Delaware County, SEALED BIDS for the following:

1. Plowing consists of snow removal of the driveway, parking lot and gate. Snow will be removed prior to 6:30AM. Snow will be removed in front of every overhead door each time the facility is plowed and around the front of the court building. The Court sidewalk/walkway is also to be shoveled every day prior to 6:30AM.

Andes Water District:

- 1. Spring Treatment Plant- Plowing to consist of snow removal of the driveway, wide enough for truck deliveries, inside the fence to each building and the gate. Snow removal will be before 6:30AM. Bid per season.
- 2. Pump House- Shovel entrance and steps to the Pump House.

Town of Andes-

- 3. Snow removal on delinquent home owner sidewalks will be at the direction of the Town of Andes C.E.O. or the Town of Andes Supervisor. Delinquent home owner snow removal from sidewalks will be on a per sidewalk basis. Photographs, date, and time of each snow removal are required for any bill submitted to the Town.
- 4. Snow removal from Veteran's Park (Bohlmann Park) sidewalk, Library sidewalk, and Hamlet bridges prior to
- 5. Snow removal from the Andes Town Hall sidewalk and both entrances prior to 6:30AM
- 6. Snow removal at the Andes Railroad Station. Plowing and shoveling to the building as needed. Snow must be removed from the driveway and parking area. Snow must be shoveled from the walkways and doorways of the
- 7. Andes Library- Plowing of the parking lot as needed. Snow must be removed from the entrance and parking area. (Bill to Andes Public Library-PO Box 116)
- 8. FUEL OIL- For heating Town Highway Garage -automatic
- 9. WINTER MIX- For fuel oil for heating at the Town Highway Garage-automatic delivery
- 10. L.P. GAS- Wastewater Plant, Town Hall, Library, Railroad Station and Spring Water Reservoir- automatic delivery
- 11. GASOLINE- Town Highway Garage- automatic delivery

12. DIESEL FUEL- Town Highway Garage-automatic delivery

WINTER MIX FOR DIESEL FUEL-Town Highway Garage-automatic

nstructions MUST be followed in order for your bid to be opened! *One Bid Per Envelope

Item being bid must be specified on envelope: Number, bid name

All bids must be accompanied by a non-collusive bid certificate. 'All snow removal bids must be accompanied by proof of

*If your bid is accepted- you must provide proof of prevailing wage. *ALL snow removal bids, will be bid per season, except #1 for the Town of Andes. The use of sand/deicer shall be used in necessary conditions on all parking lots, sidewalks, and entrances. The purchase of sand/deicer is the responsibility of the bidder.

Bids #6-11 are to be twelve months bids to take effect 11/11/2023 Bids will be accepted at the Town Clerk's Office or can be mailed

Andes Town Clerk 115 Delaware Ave.

P.O. Box 125

Andes, NY 13731

Bids will be accepted until October 6th, 2023 at 12:00PM at the Andes Town Hall. The bids will be opened on October 6th, 2023 at 12:00 PM. The bids will be awarded at the Regular Board Meeting of the Andes Town Board, Tuesday, October 10th, 202 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall -115 Delaware Avenue.

Copies of the bid notice may be picked up at the Town Clerk's

The Andes Town Board may reject any and all bids and readvertise.

By order of the Andes Town Board Carol Ames

Town Clerk

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Public Notices

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Middletown-Hardenburgh Fire District **Legal Notice**

Notice of Annual Meeting: Pursuant of Town Law Section 181, subdivision 3, The Fire Commissioners of the Middletown-Hardenburgh Fire District will be holding their annual meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at the 3 Floor meeting room of the Margaretville Fire Station, located 77 Church St, Village of Margaretville, NY at 7:15PM. The purpose of this meeting is to adopt the budget for the fire district for the year

Barbara Funck Middletown-Hardenburgh Fire District

following bond propositions:

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Legal Ad or Public Notice

Deadline: Tuesday by Noon To Place Your Ad, Visit: www.The-Reporter.net

DELAWARE COUNTY Public Notice

September 15, 2023 TAKE NOTICE THAT; that anyone with an equal, prior or superior equitable or legal right or interest in/to/for/of the TITLE: SANTANA JOHNAS FLERIDA OR FLERIDA CONSUELO SANTANA OR FLERIDA SANTANA or FLERIDA JOHNAS or FLERIDA PARKER or FLERIDA SANTANA PARKER in any style variations thereof capable to confuse, suspend or clog said Title, right or interest in/to/for Title is HEREBY REQUESTED to present their claim to witness: SANTANA JOHNAS, FLERIDA 157 West Main Street. Stamford NY 12167 before expiration of thirty days of this publication. I have returned from sea.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

of Formation of Mountain Dog Restaurant LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-07-10. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Karen Saminski: 707 CAPE HORN RD STAMFORD NY 12167. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY **COMPANY**

Candiland Farms, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/25/2023. Cty: Delaware. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail to 15 Crestwood Drive, Delhi, NY 13753. General purpose.

Delaware Academy CSD at Delhi Legal Notice CORRECTED NOTICE AS TO DAY OF THE WEEK OF VOTE ON OCTOBER 11, 2023

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Delaware Academy Central School at Delhi, held on Monday, August 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center, the Board of Education approved a resolution to hold a Special School District Meeting on Wednesday, October 11, 2023.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND AVAILABILITY OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi Delaware County, New York

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Special School District Meeting and Election of the Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi, Delaware County, New York, will be held on October 11, 2023 in the Middle School Lobby, at which the polls will be kept open between the hours of 12:00 o'clock Noon and 8:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time, for the purpose of voting by [voting machine] upon the

BOND PROPOSITION NO. 1 - CAPITAL PROJECT - SCHOOL BUILDING & SITE IMPROVEMENTS Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED, shall the Board of Education of the Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi, Delaware County, New York, be authorized to construct improvements to and to reconstruct School District buildings and facilities, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, site improvements, updates to technology instruction and auditorium facilities and other incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$9,841,000, and that \$9,841,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued

BOND PROPOSITION NO. 2 - CAPITAL PROJECT - ATHLETIC FIELDS IMPROVEMENTS Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED, shall the Board of Education of the Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi, Delaware County, New York, be authorized to construct improvements to and to reconstruct one natural grass field and one artificial turf field with field lighting at the Middle/High School including construction to School District buildings and facilities, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, site improvements, and other incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$4,159,000, and that \$4,159,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

SEQRA DETERMINATION: Proposition No. 1 and Proposition No. 2 involve "actions" which

ABSENTEE BALLOTS: Absentee ballots may be applied for at the District Clerk's Office.

have been determined to be an "Type I Action" pursuant the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), which the School District has determined, will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact. SEQRA compliance materials are available at the Office of the School District Clerk where they may be examined during normal business hours upon appointment.

The District Clerk must receive applications for absentee ballots at least seven days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or on or prior to October 10, 2023, the day before the vote, if the ballot is to be issued to the voter in person. The District Clerk must receive absentee ballots at said office not later than 3:30 PM on October 11, 2023. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for public inspection in the District Clerk's Office not less than five days prior to the date of the vote during regular office hours (8:00AM to 4:00 PM) until the day of the election, including each of the five days prior to October 11, 2023 (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) and will be posted conspicuously at the polling place on October 11, 2023 during the hours of the Special District Meeting. Any qualified voter may submit a written challenge to the qualifications of any person whose name appears on the list of absentee voters and provide reasons therefore known to the District Clerk for transmittal to the Inspectors of Election on the date of the vote. In addition, any

qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the absentee voter's ballot of any person on such list

by making his/her reasons known to the election inspector before the close of the polls.

QUALIFIED VOTER: All U.S. citizens who have lived in the School District at least 30 days prior to the date of the Special District Meeting are eligible to vote if they are at least 18 years old, and not otherwise prohibited from voting under the provisions of Section 5-106 of the Election Law.

The register prepared will be filed in the office of the District Clerk and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on each of the five days prior to the election, as well as on the date set for the vote. The register will also be available for inspection on the day of the election at the polling place at the Middle School Lobby.

CANCELLATION: FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in the event of a weather or

other emergency which necessitates cancellation of the October 11, 2023 meeting, said Special District

Meeting and Election shall be held on October 18, 2023 at the aforementioned time and places.

Dated: Delhi, New York, August 21, 2023.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DELAWARE CENTRAL ACADEMY SCHOOL DISTRICT AT DELHI, DELAWARE COUNTY, NEW YORK.

Lisa A. Kulaski School District Clerk

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY **COMPANY**

5355 MS LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 5/4/2023. Cty: Delaware. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 4859 Sands Creek Rd., Hancock, NY 13783. General Purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY **COMPANY**

Washville LLC. Filed with SSNY on 9/5/2023. Office: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 2114 Fish Hollow Rd Walton NY 13856. Purpose: any lawful

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of RJV Carpentry LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-07-06. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Ryan VanDeusen: 261 Center Street Franklin NY 13775. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Town of Delhi **Legal Notice**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that there will be Budget Workshop Meetings for the Town of Delhi to be held on

the following: Thursday, September 28, 2023

at 5:30pm Thursday, October 12, 2023 at

5:30pm Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 5:30pm

at the Town Hall, 5 Elm Street, Delhi. Any other business that may come before the board will also be addressed at such

> Elsa Schmitz Town Clerk Town of Delhi

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY **COMPANY**

Bearadise Cabin LLC, Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of the State of New York (SSNY) on 03/26/2022. Office Location: Delaware County. SSNY has designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 16091 County Highway 18, Stamford, NY 12167. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY **COMPANY**

Hill Preserve, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/5/23. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Boris Gilzon, 391 16 St, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY **COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of Mark Wood Construction LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-08-17. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to VIP Payroll and Tax Services: 1 North Main st Bainbridge NY 13733. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

activities.

Town of Sidney Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Sidney Town Board will hold a Public Hear on October 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at to discuss the updated Common Plan of Development - Overlay, The scheduled Town Board Meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. Meeting will take place at the Town Building located at 44 Grand Street, Sidney NY.

Submitted by,

Sheila R. Paul Sidney Town Clerk

Town of Sidney Public Notice

The Sidney Town Board will be holding their **Budget Workshop** on Tuesday October 3, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Board Room, ocated at 44 Grand Street, Sidney. Public is Welcome.

Submit by: Sheila R Paul Sidney Town Clerk

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

2550 SLR, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 6/22/2023. Cty: Delaware. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Cory J Rosenbaum, 4859 Sands Creek Rd., Hancock, NY 13783. General Purpose

DELAWARE COUNTY Legal Notice

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF DELAWARE U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS

INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff -against- RICHARD LAYMAN; DIANE NEARING; SPENCER LAYMAN, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on July 12, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Delaware County Courthouse, 3 Court Street, Delhi, NY on October 24, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. premises situate in the Village & Town of Hancock, Delaware County, New York. Section: 429.13 Block: 4 Lot: 22

All bidders must wear a face mask/shield at all times and social distancing must be observed by all bidders at all times. Bidders who do not comply with the face mask and/or the social distancing mandate will be removed from the auction.

Said premises known as 192 W. MAIN STREET, HANCOCK,

Approximate amount of lien \$146,496.15 plus interest & costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number EF2022-488 TIMOTHY P. BURKE, ESQ.,

Referee Pincus Law Group, PLLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 425 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556

{* THE REPORTER*}

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY **COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of MARION MANOR, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-08-23. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to the LLC: 427 Red Rock Road. Hobart, NY 13788. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of NORTHWEST VIEW HOLDINGS LLC. Arts .Of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/17/2023. Office location: Delaware SSNY desg. As agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 485 LEXINGTON AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY, 10017. Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY

COMPANY Notice of Formation of INTRODACQUA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/05/23. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Adam Tiberio, 21 Dwight St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF

EST RENTS LLC. Arts. of Org.

Middletown-Hardenburgh **Fire District Legal Notice**

Notice of Public Hearing: Pursuant of Town Law Section 181, subdivision 3, The Board of Fire Commissioners of the Middletown-Hardenburgh Fire District will be holding a public hearing on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at the 3rd Floor meeting room of the Margaretville Fire Station, located 77 Church St, Village of Margaretville, NY. at 7:00 PM. The purpose of this meeting is to present the budget for the fire district's annual meeting for the year of 2024. Copy of proposed budget is available at the office of the town clerk during normal business hours, as well as the fire district secretary by calling 845-586-3100.

Barbara Funck Secretary Middletown-Hardenburgh Fire District

Catskill Watershed Corporation Help Wanted Catskill Watershed

Corporation is seeking to hire qualified General Maintenance Manager. Position will include working in close coordination with the Building company's Manager Grounds maintenance staff to ensure daily upkeep and maintenance of facility and grounds. Duties include but are not limited to; preventative maintenance. repairs, mowing, routine plowing, and cleaning. Salary \$45,000. Excellent Benefits. Please send resume to Mr. Jason Merwin, 669 County Highway 38 Suite 1, Arkville, NY 12406. EOE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY **COMPANY**

Notice of Qualification of Santa Bear Films, LLC. App. for Auth, filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/9/23. Office location: Delaware County. LLC formed in CA on 7/27/23. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to 15 Crestwood Drive, Delhi NY 13753. Arts of Org filed with CA Secy of State. Primary: 440 Pier Ave, Unit B Hermosa Beach CA 90254. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Town of Andes Legal Notice

The Andes Joint Fire District will conduct a meeting to review its proposed 2024 budget at the Andes Fire Department, 5259 Co Rd 1, Andes, NY 13731, on October 9th at 4PM. This meeting is open to the public.

Village of Delhi **Legal Notice** PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

that the Village of Delhi will be flushing hydrants in the Village every Wednesday in October.

Kimberly Cairns

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY **COMPANY** SANFORD AUTO LLC. Arts. of

Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/17/23. Office: Delaware 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, 42812 State Highway 28, Arkville, NY 12406. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY **COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of FISHCAKE RENTALS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-08-07. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to C/O LLC: 851 BELL HILL RD DELHI NY 13753. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

filed with the SSNY on 09/07/23. Office: Delaware 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, 926 Benedict Street, Bohemia, NY 11716. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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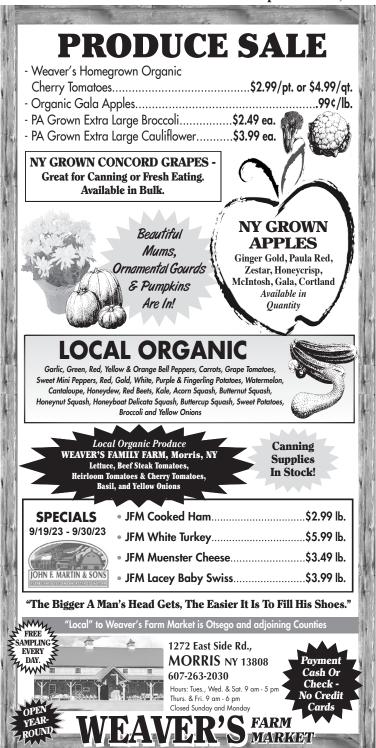


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■ Bleach

☐ Comet Cleanser☐ Paper Towels

☐ Laundry Detergent ☐ Dishwashing Gloves Dishcloths

■ Towels, Blankets. Sheets (gently used are okay)

PET PRODUCTS:

□ Safe Cat Toys

(balls, mice, catnip, etc.)

☐ Clay Non-Clumping Litter Dog/Puppy, Cat/Kitten

Shampoos ☐ Fleece for Cat Cages (rolls)

that can be cut and washed)

Dry and Canned Dog Food

Canned Cat and Kitten Food

Purina Kitten Chow

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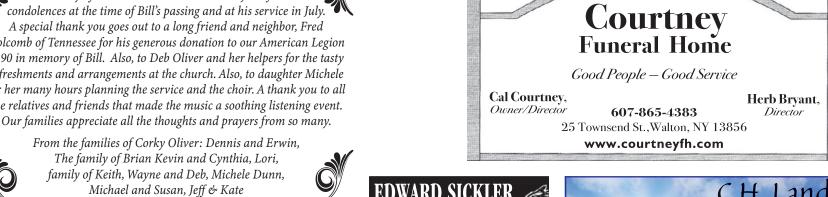




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The health benefits of being in nature 3 fun and effective outdoor

Nature enthusiasts are known to say that spending time in the great outdoors has a positive effect on their mental and physical wellbeing. Such an outlook is more than mere speculation, as it turns out spending time in nature provides a host of health benefits that might surprise even the most devoted outdoor enthu-

Nature and cognitive health

A 2010 study published in the American Journal of Alzheimer's Disease & Other Dementias found that engaged persons with dementia in horticultural therapy-based (HT-based) programming solicited higher rates of participation than traditional activities (TA) programming. In addition, a separate 2013 study in the journal *Dementia* found that exposure to a therapeutic garden had a positive impact on quality of life for people with dementia. And it's not just dementia patients who can experience the cognitive benefits of time spent in nature, as the Hagley Museum and Library reports that numerous studies have found exposure to nature improves cognitive function.

Nature and vitamin D

The potential health benefits of vitamin D are increasingly drawing the attention of medical re- nal Scientific Reports found that



searchers, and for good reason. According to the Harvard Medical School, recent research has suggested that vitamin D may offer added protection against conditions such as osteoporosis, cancer, heart attack, stroke, and depression. Exposure to sunshine can help the body generate vitamin D, thus providing further reason to spend time in nature.

Nature and overall well-being

Given the aforementioned health benefits related to spending time in nature, it's easy for even non-scientists to conclude that being outdoors has a profound impact on overall wellbeing. But non-scientists can rest assured that recent research has confirmed such conclusions. A 2019 study published in the jourindividuals who spent at least 120 minutes a week in nature were significantly more likely to report good health and psychological well-being than those who spent less time outdoors. Though the authors of the study cautioned that the exposure-response relationship was under-researched, and therefore likely needed to be studied more extensively, in the meantime individuals, after a consultation with their physicians and confirmation that it's safe to get out more often, can aspire to spend at least 120 minutes in nature each week. The results may speak for themselves.

Nature has a lot to offer, and the benefits of spending more time outdoors may be even more significant than people recog-

exercises for seniors

The benefits of spending time in the great outdoors are significant. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, spending time outdoors may improve mental health and help to reduce stress, and the vitamin D the body absorbs while outside can have a positive effect on blood cells and the immune system.

Seniors can benefit from the great outdoors as much as anyone. Vitamin D helps the body absorb calcium, which strengthens bones. That's especially beneficial for seniors, as the National Council on Aging notes that bone density often decreases after age 50, which can increase the risk of fractures. That's especially so in women over the age of 50, as a 2021 report from Amgen, Inc., indicated women can lose up to 20% of their bone density within five to seven years of menopause.

Spending time in the great outdoors also provides a social benefit, encouraging individuals from all walks of life, including seniors, to get out of their homes and spend time with other peo-

With so much to gain from spending time outside, seniors can consider these three outdoor exercises as they seek to maintain or improve their overall health.

1. Walking: Walking is free and effective. In fact, WebMD notes that a brisk 30-minute walk can improve blood flow, contribute to a stronger heart, strengthen bones, and even help people sleep better at night. In addition, a 2022 study published in the journal JAMA Neurology found that people between the ages of 40 and 79 who walked about 9,800 steps per day were 51% less likely to develop dementia than people who didn't walk much at all.

2. Cycling: Riding a bike is both fun and a great form of outdoor exercise. Though many studies regarding the health ef-



fects of cycling have looked at the value of riding a bike to work, a scenario that does not apply to retirees, the results of such studies still offer insight into just how valuable it can be to ride a bike. For example, a 2020 study published in the journal The Lancet found that people who cycled to work were 24% less likely to die of heart disease and 11% less likely to develop cancer. Seniors, whether they are still working or retired, can incorporate cycling into their daily routines and enjoy all the fun and health benefits that riding a bike provides.

3. Hiking: Hiking is a bit more strenuous than walking, particularly when individuals choose to traverse steep and/or rocky terrain. WebMD notes that hiking after age 60 can help people reduce their risk of falls and fractures; lower their risk for a host of ailments, including coronary heart disease, colon cancer and diabetes; reduce blood pressure, even in adults who have already been diagnosed with hypertension; and maintain healthy bones and joints. Hiking is not a one-size-fits-all activity, so seniors, especially those who would characterize themselves as novice hikers, are urged to speak with their physicians prior to hiking trails that are not flat.

Seniors can consider these three fun activities and others as they answer the call of the great outdoors. Walking, cycling and hiking offer a great reason to get out of the house and reap the health-related benefits of spending time outside.

20th Catskills Lark in the Park through Oct. 9.

The Lark is a series of free events celebrating the Hike Slide Mountain - Curtis-Ormsbee Loop, 8:30 a.m. Park with a full range of offerings across the region. Since its inception, the Lark has brought together thousands of people that have participated in hundreds of events, all aimed at enjoying the recreational assets of the Catskill Park and Catskill Region. Main organizing partners are the Catskill Mountain Club, the Catskill Center, the New York Jersey Trail Conference, and the NYS DEC, and many volunteers.

For more information and to participate, visit catskillslark.org Register online at least one day in advance of the event.

Sept. 30

Hike to Stoppel Point, 9 a.m. Hike Giant Ledge from Woodland Valley, 9:30 a.m. Hike to Bramley Mountain, 12 p.m.

Photography Hike at Catskills Visitor Center, 9 a.m. Guided Hike and History of the Escarpment Trail & Trailhead Cleanup, 9 a.m.

Hike to Red Hill Fire Tower, 10 a.m. Hike to Headwaters Trails, 10:30 a.m. Outdoor Skills Hike for New Hikers, 11 a.m. Yoga at the Market, 11 a.m.

Oct. 2

Mountain Bike Lake Minnewaska Carriage Roads, 9:30 a.m. (note: There is a small fee to enter the park) Hike to Rochester Hollow, 10 a.m.

Hike Millbrook Ridge, Alder Lake, and Balsam Lake Mountain, 8:30 a.m.

Backpack the Devil's Path, 3-5 p.m. Giant Ledge Hike, 10 a.m.

Oct. 4

Hike the Plattekill State Forest Road, 9 a.m. Dry Brook Ridge Trail Maintenance Hike, 10 a.m. Birding Walk at the Catskills Visitor Center, 10 a.m. Loop de Loop Hike at Frick Pond, 3 p.m. Yoga at the Arboretum, 3 p.m.

Oct. 5

Huckleberry Point Hike, 8:30 a.m. Topo Map Reading for Beginners, 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 6

Platte Clove History Hike, 9 a.m. Hike to North Mountain, 9 a.m.

Mountain Top Historical Society - Hikefest #1 Kaaterskill Falls, 8:30 a.m.

Mountain Top Historical Society - Hikefest #2 Kaaterskill Junction, 9 a.m.

Mountain Top Historical Society - Hikefest #3 Kaaterskill Clove Vistas, 9 a.m.

Hike Pakatakan Mountain, 9 a.m.

Paddle the Pepacton Reservoir, 11 a.m.

Forest Bathing Walk at Catskills Visitor Center, 10

Native Plant Presentation, Mountain Top Arboretum 10 a.m.

Burroughs History Hike, 10:30 a.m.

Oct. 9 Indigenous Peoples Day/Manitou Tour Hike, 10 a.m.



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Fall Fishing Tips

The weather may cool off in the fall, but that doesn't necessarily mean the fishing does, too. Gamefish often become more active as they feed in preparation for winter. Forage is plentiful for gamefish in the fall as young-ofthe-year yellow perch, sunfish, gizzard shad and alewives reach desirable sizes. Gamefish will often follow these species around, so it can sometimes be challenging to locate fish.

Below are some tips that will hopefully help you land a few more fish this time of year:

· Start shallow and then work deeper until you start catching fish. Fish will often be in very shallow water in the early fall so it's a good starting point.

• Use moving lures like crankbaits, stickbaits, spinnerbaits, swimbaits, etc. to cover water looking for active fish.

• Keep an eve out for feeding activity. If you notice fish jumping on the surface or birds diving, get to that area quickly and cast into it.

With the cooler water temperatures, fall can be a good time to visit your favorite trout stream. Most streams would have seen little fishing activity during the warm summer months.

• Follow trends. If you catch fish in an area one fall, try that spot again next fall.

Gamefish often use transitional areas between deep and shallow water for staging and foraging in the fall. Target areas such as tributary mouths, drop-offs, weed edges, and underwater

Glory days of fly fishing in Phoenicia

Phoenicia has a legendary reputation in the pantheon of American fly fishing. It is noted for having the first boarding house that catered to fishermen in the 1830s. Before improved transportation routes like the Plank Road (1851) or the U&D Railroad (1870) anglers came to the Milo Barber farm to fish Stony Clove Creek which was more famous than the Esopus at that time. Once transportation was easier and hotels and inns built, a thriving hunting and fishing culture developed.

Flash forward to the post World War II years, when Folkerts sporting goods store was the unofficial headquarters of Esopus Creek trout fishing, and Ray Smith, Phoenicia's famous guide and fly tier, served many celebrity clients. Elmer's Diner was the spot where fishermen gathered to swap tales and journalists from far and wide came to hear what they had to say.

On Sunday, Oct. 15, from 1-3 p.m. some anglers and other local residents who remember the glory days will bring together more about the colorful characters and the famous catches from Phoenicia's piscine past at the Phoenicia Library, 48 Main Street, Phoenicia.

The Jerry Bartlett Memorial Angling Collection is a special collection of books on fishing and also an historical repository. Programs are recorded and archived at www.catskillanglingcollection.org. For more information see the library website www.phoenicialibrary.org

This free event is made possible with funds from the Catskill Watershed Corporation in partnership with New York City DEP.

Safety guidelines for the great outdoors

outdoors for many different reasons. The Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act was developed in part to analyze the outdoor recreation economy of the United States. In 2018, its report showed outdoor recreation contributed more than \$412 billion to the U.S. economy and 4.5 million jobs. In 2019-2020, Parks Canada reported 24.8 million people visited parks and historic sites.

The outdoors became even more popular during the COV-ID-19 pandemic. Outdoor areas were safer places to gather and made it easier to gather without compromising social distancing guidelines. Since then, nature has continued to provide the space and respite people need.

As people continue to venture outdoors, it is important to do so safely. Yale Medicine says serious medical conditions and severe injuries can occur in the wilderness. Preparation is key to avoid such scenarios.

Check the weather

Know what the weather will be when spending time in the great outdoors. Hikers or those engaged in other activities should have a way to protect themselves from rain and lightning strikes or being caught in cold weather for a long time. Appropriate clothing and a tarp or another temporary shelter can be crucial.

Take a first aid kit along

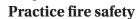
The first aid kit should be stocked with the basics for routine medical issues like cuts, burns or insect bites. For serious outdoors people, a lightweight splint can immobilize a sprain or broken bone. Outfit the kit depending on the activity. Consult with a medical professional or park ranger about what to bring.

Leave a plan with someone

Much in the way a pilot files a flight plan, people spending time outdoors should create their own travel plans and leave the details with someone at home. The plan should list who is going, where everyone will be and the expected time away. This way if the group is not heard from in a set period of time, the person at home will know where to begin the search.

Respect plants and animals

Injuries can occur from encounters with flora and fauna. Do not handle or consume wild plants without knowing they are safe. Do not approach or feed wild animals. Store food up and away from tents so that bears and other animals will not be lured to your campsite.



The conservation organization Wild Virgina urges outdoor lovers to follow fire safety guidelines. Do not create a fire beneath overhanging branches or anywhere other items may catch fire. Use a ring of sand or stones to contain the campfire. Never light a fire if the fire danger rating is high. Parks usually post wildfire risk charts that will indicate if fires are off limits. Always fully extinguish a fire before leaving the area, and check that the ashes are no longer smoldering.

Know limits

Each individual should know his or her medical history and physical limitations and keep them in mind when planning days outdoors.

Spending time outdoors presents plenty of opportunities for enjoyment, especially when people take safety measures into

Special antlerless deer, early bear, Canada goose, and squirrel seasons approaching

Early bear and early antlerless deer seasons begin September 9

The early bowhunting season for bears will open in all of the Southern Zone on Oct. 1, followed by the regular firearms season beginning Nov. 18.

As the population has grown, season lengths and bag limits have been liberalized and hunters have successfully stabilized the population. The September season is an important opportunity for hunters, as regular Canada goose seasons have been restricted to 30 days and bag limits reduced to one bird in most areas to protect the more vulnerable migratory geese. Resident geese look the same as migratory geese, making it difficult for the public to distinguish between the two populations. For more information on the differences between migratory and resident geese and how these birds are managed, read the article "Canada Geese in New York - Residents or Visitors?" www.dec.ny.gov/ docs/administration_pdf/canadageeseny0819.pdf

Migratory Bird Hunters: Protect the Game, Don't Skip HIP!

All migratory game bird hunters must register annually for HIP (Harvest Information Program) through DEC's licensing system. The HIP registration is legally required and helps state and federal biologists estimate hunter participation and harvest of migratory game birds. HIP registration identifies active hunters who receive follow-up surveys

from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service. Providing a valid email address during HIP registration will ensure that you can participate in hunter opinion and harvest surveys. For more information on how biologists estimate harvest and to see harvest data for New York and the rest of North America, visit: Migratory Game Bird Harvest Survey www. fws.gov/harvestsurvey

There are two options to register with HIP: online at the DEC hunting license website, or via the automated phone system, available by calling 1-866-933-2257. At the end of either process, you will be given your HIP registration number. Migratory game bird hunters must carry this number while hunting.

Safety

During all hunting seasons, hunters should remember to follow the primary rules of gun safety:

•assume every firearm is loaded;

•keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction;

•keep the safety on and finger off the trigger until ready to

•always be sure of your target and what is beyond it.

For more information on hunter safety, visit DEC's website; watch videos about hunter safety and tree stand safety for more tips on how to prevent accidents.

Hunters should also be prepared to cool and process harvested game quickly to preserve meat quality. Hunters should also remember that several changes enacted in 2021 continue this year. Hunters and anyone accompanying them must wear a solid or patterned fluorescent orange or fluorescent pink hat, vest, or jacket when hunting deer or bear with a firearm. Hunting hours for deer and bear now include the full period of ambient light from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. Finally, 12- and 13-year-old hunters can hunt deer (not bear) with a firearm or crossbow when accompanied by an experienced licensed adult.





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The most popular recreational activities

Summer is a season for recreation. Warm weather beckons people outdoors every day and during every season, but a quick glance outside your living room window in June, July and August will illustrate just how much people cherish any chance to spend time in nature when the mercury

So how are people spending their time outdoors?

According to a recent report from the Outdoor Foundation that studied participation in various sports and activities, the most popular outdoor activity in the United States is running. The Outdoor Foundation report indicated that more than 61 million U.S. residents did some recreational running in 2019. To put that in perspective, 61 million people represents roughly 19% of the American population age six and up.

Fishing was the second most popular outdoor recreational activity among adults in the U.S., attracting more than 50 million participants.

Outdoor recreation also is popular in Canada, where winter-dominant sports like skiing, snowboarding and hockey aren't the only ways to enjoy the great outdoors. For example, the Trans Canada Trail, a recreational trail that connects every province and territory in Canada, attracts cyclists, joggers and hikers throughout the warm weather seasons.

6 tips for taking stunning nature photos



Exploring the great outdoors is a rewarding way to witness the majesty of nature. Nature frequently presents awe-inspiring vistas that can take individuals' breath away. Some nature lovers are content to bask in the moment and set the scene to memory. Others may want a more permanent way to commemorate

Amateur photographers eager to capture the majesty of the great outdoors can practice their picture-taking skills. According to the photography tips and technique experts at Picture Correct, many factors are involved in taking nature photographs. These tips can help anyone take stunning nature photos.

- Invest in quality gear. The right photography gear makes it much easier to take great photos. Lenses are very important for capturing shots. Macro lenses are designed for insects and flowers. Wide-angle lenses help snap landscapes. Telephoto lenses can focus on animals without having to get too close.
- Take the foreground into consideration. When you find an inspiring landscape to photograph, skip the empty landscapes and think about zeroing in on something interesting in the foreground. This can be a particularly attractive flower in front of a vast field, or even a rusty watering can left out in a row of crops. Items in the foreground impart interest in the photo.
- Consider depth of field. Sometimes you will have no control over the busy background an interesting subject is in front of in a planned photograph. A shallow depth of field achieved with a wide aperture can blur a background and separate the subject from that background, according to Shotkit, a photography and gear authority. Some post-production work also can be done to blur backgrounds in apps like Lightroom or through Photoshop.
- Zoom in and crop subjects. Smaller pictures can be just as compelling as larger ones. Zoom in on the bark on a tree, the skin of a lizard or the wings of an insect. Closer looks at what is hiding in plain sight in nature can

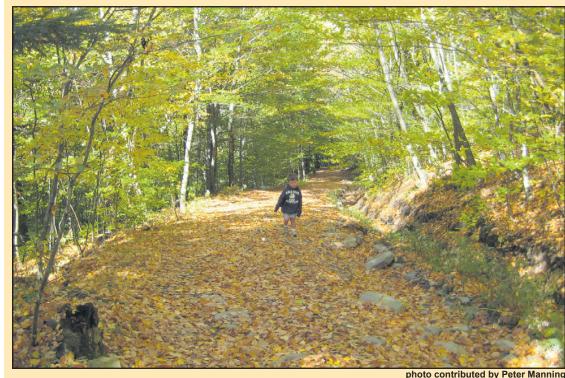
lead to compelling pictures. Zoom in and think about a macro lens, which will magnify even the tiniest details.

• Study what you want to capture. The best photographers do their research. If you want to grab a great photo of an egret by the water's edge, spend time watching these birds in their habitat and learning their behaviors. This might help you predict when to snap the best photo.

• Use light wisely. The photography resource Expert Photography recommends taking photos primarily during the golden hours. These are right after sunrise and just before sunset. The light during these times of day has a softer, hazy quality that will illuminate subjects evenly and less harshly than midday, when shadows also may pose challenges. Taking photos during these times also means fewer people around and a better chance that wildlife will be out and about.

Nature photography is wildly popular and there are many ways for amateur photographers to make their photos pop.

Trailing behind



The Shavertown Trail, maintained by the Catskill Mountain Club, provides an initial moderate hike followed by stunning views of the Pepacton Reservoir.

September is tree stand safety awareness month

September is the month many hunters, especially bowhunters, start heading back to the woods to put up stands and get ready for upcoming hunting seasons.

Every year, hunters are seriously injured, paralyzed, or killed falling out of tree stands. Falls from tree stands have become a major cause of hunting related injuries and fatalities in New York.

Fortunately, there is something hunters can do to prevent severe injuries if they fall from a tree stand or elevated platform wear and properly use a fall-arrest system (FAS). A FAS will keep you attached to the tree from the time you leave the ground until you get back down. A harness alone does not protect you if it isn't attached to the tree the entire time you are off the ground.

A FAS includes a vest style fullbody harness (FBH) with shoulder, chest, and leg straps, a strap that attaches to the tree when in the stand, a tether strap that attaches the harness to the tree strap, a "lifeline" to keep a hunter safe while climbing and descending, and a suspension relief strap to be used in the event of a fall.

Wear a FAS and be safe this season!



Hunter in Tree Stand with Safety Gear







DEC announces start of small game hunting seasons

Special youth and military hunting opportunities available

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos has announced that most small game hunting seasons open Saturday, Oct. 1, across New York state.

From waterfowl and upland gamebirds to squirrels, rabbits, and more, there are abundant opportunities for hunters across New York state, Seggos said. This year, hunters can enjoy even more waterfowl hunting opportunities, with an increase in mallard and Canada goose bag limits and an extended goose season.

Season dates, bag limits, and other hunting regulations for New York's small game species are available in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide, which can be obtained from a license-issuing agent or at www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife_pdf/huntguide.pdf

Waterfowl hunting and special youth and military days

New York offers vast waterfowl hunting opportunities as hunters may harvest more than 30 species of waterfowl. New York has five waterfowl zones and nine Canada goose zones that help to maximize hunting opportunity across diverse habitats. Most waterfowl zones also have special hunting days for youth and members of the military (both active duty and veterans) that often begin prior to the regular hunting season, giving these hunters the opportunity

to hunt with less hunting pressure. **Youth Waterfowl Days**:

Northeast, Southeast and Lake Champlain Zones: Sept. 23 and 24

Military and Veteran Hunting Days: Northeast and Southeast Zones:

Sept. 23 and 24

Opening dates for the regular

duck seasons:
Western and Southeast zones:

Oct. 21

For more on waterfowl hunting

For more on waterfowl hunting season dates and bag limits, visit the Waterfowl Seasons page on DEC's website.

Ruffed grouse hunting

Ruffed grouse hunting season runs from Oct. 1 through the last day of February in most parts of the state.

Ruffed grouse hunters in the Northern Zone are reminded to positively identify quarry before shooting. The Northern Zone, specifically Wildlife Management Units 5C, 5F, 6F, and 6J, is also home to the spruce grouse, a State-endangered species that is illegal to hunt. Loss of a single spruce grouse, particularly a female, could be a significant setback for a small local population. For tips on how to discern the two species, view the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide or the Ruffed Grouse Hunting Information page on DEC's website.

DEC encourages ruffed grouse hunters to take part in the grouse

hunting log program and submit feathers from harvested birds to assess recruitment (number of young produced per adult female grouse) for different parts of the state. Interested hunters should visit the DEC website.

Pheasant season and Pheasant propagation update

During the spring of 2023, the Reynold's Game Farm suffered a Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza outbreak in the breeder flock. After enacting precautionary measures to ensure the facility was properly decontaminated, DEC secured a contract to acquire 30,000 pheasants from a commercial hatchery to supplement fall upland bird hunting opportunities around the state.

Prior to hunting seasons DEC will release adult pheasants on lands open to public hunting for the upcoming fall pheasant hunting season. The pheasant hunting season begins: Oct. 1 in northern and eastern portions of New York; Oct. 21 in central and western portions of the state; Nov. 1 on Long Island.

Since 2007, DEC has offered a special youth-only season to provide junior hunters the opportunity to hunt pheasants during the weekend prior to the regular pheasant hunting season. In Western New York, the youth pheasant hunt weekend is Oct. 14 and 15. In northern and eastern New York, the youth pheasant hunt week-

end is Sept. 23 and 24, and on Long Island, it is Oct. 28 and 29. Both the junior hunter and their adult mentor must have a hunting license. Only the junior hunter can carry a firearm and harvest birds on these dates.

An interactive map of statewide pheasant release sites, approximate timing of stocking, and number of birds stocked, can be found on DEC's website: nysdec.maps.arcgis. com/apps/webappviewer/index. html?id=956034387b054aa6a3c0c ea020119796

Squirrel, rabbit, and hare hunting

Opportunities to pursue squirrels and rabbits can be found throughout the state, including on many public lands. Squirrel seasons started Sept. 1 in upstate New York and begins Nov. 1 on Long Island. Rabbit hunting begins Oct. 1 in upstate New York and on Nov. 1 on Long Island. With ample opportunities and mild weather, squirrel and rabbit hunting are great ways to introduce novices to hunting.

Snowshoe hare hunters in the Southern Zone, where the season starts in late fall or early winter, are encouraged to report their observations to DEC through its website.

Wild turkey hunting

Wild turkeys can be found throughout the state but reach their highest densities in landscapes that have a mix of forests, old fields, and farmlands. Wild turkeys are less vulnerable to harvest in areas with abundant food (e.g., hard and soft mast), because they don't have to roam far and wide foraging, so scouting before the season is important. The statewide fall season bag limit is one bird of either sex. Hunting hours are sunrise to sunset.

Season dates for fall 2023:

Oct. 1 - 14, in the Northern Zone; Oct. 21 - Nov. 3, in the Southern Zone (corrected dates**) Nov. 18 - Dec. 1 in Suffolk County, Long Island

**Note: there is an error in the hard-copy 2023-2024 hunting regulations guide. As always, DEC recommends hunters visit the DEC website before going afield to confirm season dates and regulations.

Turkey season dates: www.dec. ny.gov/outdoor/29461.html Corrected Hunting Guide: www. dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife_pdf/hunt-guide.pdf

Furbearer Hunting Seasons

With 16 species of furbearers living in New York, furbearer hunting and trapping opportunities are abundant. Coyote hunting season begins Oct. 1 across much of the state and hunting seasons for other furbearers such as bobcat, raccoon, and fox begin Oct. 25. Season dates and zone boundaries for all furbearers and other hunting information including tips for identifying coyotes can be found on DEC's website and in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide.

Citizen science

Citizen science efforts such as the Grouse and Woodcock Hunting Log, Ruffed Grouse Parts Collection, and the Bowhunter Sighting Log provide hunters the opportunity to partner with DEC to monitor game species. To learn more about how to participate in these efforts, visit the DEC website.

DEC encourages hunter safety

While statistics show hunting in New York is safer than ever, mistakes are made every year. DEC believes every hunting-related shooting incident is preventable, and Commissioner Seggos encourages hunters to use common sense this season and to remember what they learned in their DEC Hunter Education Course.

Firearms safety:

Point your gun in a safe direction. Treat every gun as if it were loaded. Be sure of your target and beyond. Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

In addition to blaze orange or pink being required for hunting big game with firearms, DEC encourages small game hunters to wear blaze orange or blaze pink. Wearing orange or pink prevents other hunters from mistaking a person for an animal or shooting in a hunter's direction. Hunters wearing blaze orange are seven times less likely to be shot.

For more information and other important safety tips, visit DEC's website and watch videos about hunter safety. For more information about getting outdoors safely and responsibly, visit DEC's Website.



by Peter Manning

If you ever find yourself traveling over the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge with some time to spare, you might consider a stroll along the Poets' Walk. Once over the bridge heading east, the park is reached by making the first left onto River Road and going about a mile to the entrance on the left. The walk to the large rustic gazebo is easy enough for all ages and offers a pleasant interlude during the course of one's day. The Poets' Walk is also one of a relatively few number of public parks that makes the connections between a public road, the Hudson River and, importantly, the view of the Catskill Mountains. As such, this landscape offers a glimpse into how the American people began to develop a greater appreciation of the natural environment.

The Poets' Walk, created in the 1990s and managed by Scenic Hudson, is a landscape that not only joins the many celebrated estates along river - public, private, or vanished - but was carved from one of these estates. The original estate was known as Steen Valetje ('Little Stony Falls' in Dutch) and was the home of Franklin H. Delano and Laura Astor in the midnineteenth century. The park's name derives from its early visitors, including Washington Irving and Fitz-Greene Halleck, two famous writers of the time, who particularly loved walking at this estate. Wikipedia notes that poet William Cullen Bryant and Jack Kerouac also visited the park.

When I visited the park years ago, the interpretive kiosk explained that the grounds were designed by Hans Jacob Ehlers, in part "to enhance the natural contours of the land – to look as if they had not been designed." This is interesting because the role of Ehlers has since been dismissed by some and the "design" is attributed to the routine field work of 18th century tenant farmers and to nature's hand (Poets' Walk Park at 25: Getting the Story Right by Reed Sparling, 2021 scenichud-

Most prominent here in nature's contributions are the influences of the Hudson River and the Catskill Mountains.

There are so many avenues for further exploration into this topic,

and one in-depth companion for the journey is Landscape Gardens on the Hudson: The Romantic Age, the Great Estates & the Birth of American Landscape Architecture by Robert M. Toole. Toole, a landscape architect well known in circles of garden design and historic landscape restoration, has put forth an important work that connects so many of the threads in the story. For those of us who have plunged into the subject in any detail, many of the topics are familiar yet are given refreshing treatment. The book carefully details transition from formal and geometric designs clustered around the houses to the emergence of the wilder, more "picturesque" mode of design that employed the whole site - including the distant vet ever-present Catskill Mountains - to create an experience of landscape that would become unique to America.

Readers of Toole's book may notice the source of a phrase in one of the chapter's headings: "In Complete Fairyland." These were the words used by Washington Irving to describe his visit to the home of the Livingstons near today's Poets' Walk. Toole remarks, as does Alf Evers in "The Catskills from Wilderness to Woodstock," that Irving's experiences here were essentially pivotal, quite likely influencing Irving's Rip Van Winkle, which appeared seven years later in 1819. As the intrigue of the Catskills strengthened its influence on the American imagination, the transition toward wilderness appreciation continued to unfold from the vantage points toward the Catskills along the estates of Hudson River's eastern shores. The influential writings of Andrew Jackson Downing, landscape gardening aesthetician, are infused with his personal experiences from the gardens of these estates. He included much encouragement for readers to explore these picturesque settings, where the design of nature takes precedence to that of the landscape gardener.

Because places that express our connections with the greater landscape can be experienced firsthand, this keeps alive relationships that are rooted in history and culture, and it serves the innate need to be outside. In expressing appreciation of today's Catskills,

The Poets' Walk

we are quick to reference, for example, the many outdoor recreation amenities and our associated adventures. Yet flipping back the pages of the story enriches our understanding, especially when we can do so by entering the same landscape that initially inspired the imaginations of artists, poets, and writers.

Between the crest of the Catskills Mural Front and the eastern shore of the Hudson is a lens through which generations have gazed - in both directions - only to be fixated by a muse that defie description but has influenced the course of events, particularly in the creative realm. Herein or thereabouts is a zone of interpretation, a geography of American consciousness, and a potent concentration of landscape appreciation. Though perhaps outmatched by the grandeur of other locales, this is really where much of our cultural and natural history initially went down – ideas surging forth in expressions of art and literature and motivated by a captivating beauty between civilization and wilderness - all running right up today and eagerly looking toward an optimistic future.

While origins of this special place are commonly and correctly traced through the sprawling estates of the landed gentry and leisure time activities of the well-todo, we are still led to ponder the sensibilities of those who worked the land. What kinds of conversations, if any, took place between the farmer working the horsedrawn plow and Mr. Washington Irving as he strolled the grounds? I can answer by saying that I worked as a gardener and groundskeeper on what was the Steen Valetje estate prior to and after the land was transferred to create the Poets' Walk. Despite stooping over perennial beds, going back and forth on a tractor mowing lawns, and generally getting sunburned, it was an enjoyable place to spend two summers. Though there were no shortage of poetic moments, I wouldn't go so far as to call it a "complete fairyland;" that phrase is reserved for the Catskills.

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