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Massive snowstorm hits local area



Stormfield Swiss Farm during the snowstorm on Sunday, Jan. 25 in Wappinger.

By Kristine Coulter

A massive snowstorm hit the area on Sunday, Jan. 25 through Monday, Jan. 26. School districts in the area were closed on Monday, Jan. 26. Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino lifted a travel ban at noon the day after the storm.

Serino said, "We are grateful to all of our highway crews, first responders and many others who have been working continuously throughout this storm to keep us safe. It has been a huge storm, and it is not quite over yet. Observing the travel restrictions and staying off the roads has helped keep accidents to a minimum and helps the crews deal with moving the significant amounts of snow. Even once the travel ban ends today (Jan. 26) at noon, if you don't have to travel, please continue to stay home and respect the highway crews and essential workers who still have a lot of work to do." A State of Emergency was in effect from early Sunday until Monday afternoon.

Dutchess County Commissioner of Public Works Robert Balkind said in a statement, "With the snow tapering off, we have the majority of roads passable, but there may still be hazardous conditions due to the large volume of snow. Crews are working to widen lanes and cut back the snowbanks created. We urge people to continue to stay off the roads for their safety and the safety of our crews." County offices were closed on Monday, Jan. 26.

Early on Monday, Jan. 26, Town of East Fishkill Supervisor Nicholas D'Alessandro posted to the Town's Facebook page, "A huge thank you to our Highway Department, Police Department and all Town of East Fishkill employees who worked tirelessly through this major storm. Many were out for long hours—overnight and in tough conditions—to keep our roads and community safe. Your dedication, professionalism, and teamwork do not go unnoticed, and our entire community is truly grateful."

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Bannerman Castle Trust to connect trail to 'The Grotto' with grant funds

By Kristine Coulter

The Bannerman Castle Trust (BCT) is one of 27 organizations throughout the state has received a portion of \$2.25 million in funding from the Environmental Protection Fund's Parks and Trails Partnership Grants program this year. The BCT received a \$27,450 matching grant.

"Parks & Trails NY has been a vital partner to the Trust," said Neil Caplan, BCT Executive Director, said in a statement. "With \$297,550 in total support over the years, their funding has been instrumental in our mission to preserve and stabilize the Island's historic structures." Caplan began the campaign to save Bannerman Castle in the 1990s. Bannerman Castle, located in the Hudson River between Beacon and Cold Spring, was constructed by military antiques dealer Francis Bannerman VI, who was born in Scotland and then lived in New York City. Bannerman, and wife Helen Boyce Bannerman, used the site on weekends and during the summer.

With the funds, the "Red Trail" will now be able to be connected to the "The Grotto," which is described as a "hidden architectural feature."

"Work will begin as soon as we can gain access to the island, typically in early April. We have several important projects scheduled this year, including Emergency Stabilization of the No. 3 warehouse, which is part of the arsenal complex (castle). We expect all the projects to take about 8-10 weeks, and hopefully we'll be finished in time before the high season begins on Memorial Day weekend," said Kelly Ellenwood, BCT Deputy Executive Director.

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The Bannerman Castle Trust will use funds from the Environmental Protection Fund's Parks and Trails Partnership Grants program to connect The Grotto with the Red Trail on Bannerman Island.

-Courtesy photo Emma MacDonlad, submitted by BCT

DC Ag Society launches 'Adopt-A-Calf' program

The Dutchess County Agricultural Society (DCAS), which annually produces the Dutchess County Fair, has launched a new component to its educational programs - connecting classrooms with local farmers to bring agriculture alive through an "Adopt-A-Calf" program.

The program is being introduced with the support of the 2025 Dutchess County Farm Family of the Year. The DeForest-Lawrence family, owners of Stormfield Swiss Farm in the Town of Wappinger, will serve as the program's featured host.

The Adopt-A-Calf program invites classrooms throughout Dutchess County to "adopt" a dairy calf and follow its growth through the school year. Students receive an introductory video taken soon after the calf is born and can write back to the farmers with questions that will be answered in future video or photo updates. Each update provides age-appropriate educational materials that focus on animal care, nutrition, and the role that agriculture plays in everyday life.

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The Dutchess County Agricultural Society recently launched the "Adopt-A-Calf" program.

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RCK graduate writes ‘The Pain Free Body’ book

By Kristine Coulter

Dan Ginader, a doctor of physical therapy (DPT) in New York City, is a 2010 graduate of Roy C. Ketcham High School and now an author. The former Wappingers Central School District student recently had a book, called “The Pain Free Body,” published. The book is described as “a first step toward resolving aches and pains using exercise.”

Ginader recently stopped by RCK and talked to students about his time there and his book.

Asked by Beacon Free Press why he decided to write a book, Ginader replied via email, “Over the past 6 years I have been posting videos to social media to help educate people on their aches and pains and give them simple and actionable ways that they can address them. I grew my presence to close to 2 million followers across all platforms and saw the development of a lot of trends. A couple of those trends involved the rise of AI and just general misinformation. When I noticed how harmful that could be for people, I decided to create a resource that didn’t require an internet connection and that was heavily backed in research. It’s still the same simple advice I give for common aches and pains but with far more detail and in one small package.”

Ginader works for Mims Method Physical Therapy. The practice sees all types of patients with a special focus on Broadway performers, it was noted.

“I played baseball all the way through college and in that time, I felt limited by the health of my shoulder. I decided to become a PT so that I could do everything in my power to help people achieve their athletic goals and not let their body get in the way of that,” Ginader explained. He continued, “When I first started my career the athletes I worked with were largely baseball and basketball players, sports I was very familiar with. But 3 years ago, I started to work with dancers and Broadway performers and it’s

the best population I’ve worked with yet. I was initially a little worried that I would be out of my depth but once I realized that they were athletes just like all of the other athletes I’ve worked with I felt right at home.” Ginader mentioned the clinic he works for currently provides the physical therapy for “Wicked” and “Chicago” on Broadway. At any given time, they also see patients from about 10 different Broadway shows or dance companies, remarked Ginader.

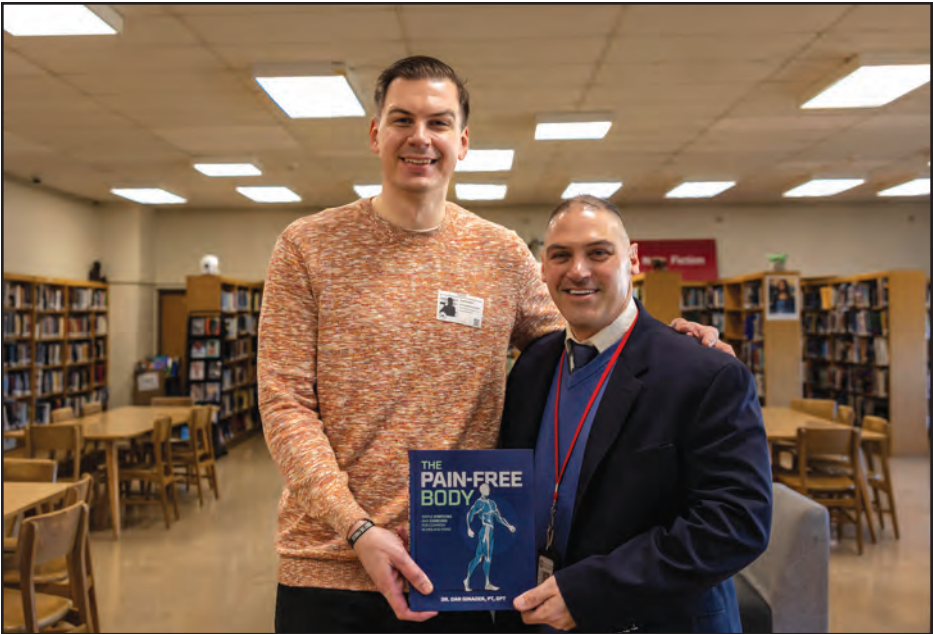
“They all work incredibly hard, are delightful to be around, and are so appreciative for the care because dance and Broadway are incredibly underserved when compared to more traditional sports. It’s been the joy of a lifetime,” he shared.

What is the biggest complaint Ginader hears from patients about aches and pains?

“The biggest complaint is the unavoidable nature of it. Even if you stay fit, focus on posture, and “follow all the rules” our bodies were unfortunately never meant to be 100% pain free 100% of the time. So, when they do pop up, the key is to address them right away and make sure you take the time to figure out the true source. And that’s exactly where my book comes in,” he emphasized.

Is there one thing a person can do every day to minimize aches and pains?

Ginader suggested, “The most effective thing you can do is to move more. Aches and pains tend to pop up when you’re stagnant and sedentary so the more you can do to mitigate that the better. When you see a 90-year-old in the grocery store that has great posture, looks strong, and is independent, I guarantee that they exercise regularly and spend very little of their day sitting down. They likely fidget around the house, run all of their own errands, and belong to social clubs or see their family on a regular basis. A body in



Dan Ginader, a 2010 graduate of Roy C. Ketcham (RCK) High School, with RCK Principal Dave Seipp. Ginader, a doctor of physical therapy in New York City, recently wrote a book called “The Pain Free Body.”

-Courtesy photo

motion stays in motion because it stays (mostly) pain free.”

What was it like for Ginader to be back at RCK?

“It [felt] surreal to return after nearly 16 years. Half a lifetime ago I had dreamed of what my life would look like at this point and it certainly wasn’t like this. It’s very cool to relive some old memories and remember the kid who could have only hoped to have been a successful professional.”

Asked how attending RCK prepare him for his career, Ginader replied, “When I got to college, I not only real-

ized how diverse RCK was but also how well prepared I was for my freshman year. I feel like RCK gave me a leg up on most people that I met. Not to mention the fact that the only reason I was able to play four years of [Division 1] baseball is because of Coach (Pat). Playing college baseball changed the course of my life forever and it’s all because of the RCK baseball program.”

Ginader’s book is available where most books are sold.

One can check out Ginader’s physical therapy videos on Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube @dr.dan_dpt.

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According to information from BCT, access to the “Wee Bay” and its gardens will also be improved. This improvement will allow visitors to take in the views of the Hudson River Fjord Trail and Trophy Point, from Pollepel Island, which Bannerman is also known. It was noted that Trophy Point and Hudson River Fjord will be accessible to anyone who

can climb the 72 stairs from the dock up to where the trails begin.

“This year’s record-breaking awards ensure that vital sites like Bannerman Island continue to educate, inspire, and warmly welcome all who visit,” stated Paul Steely White, Executive Director of Parks & Trails New York, in a statement.

BCT other good news

The BCT production of “DRACULA: The Journal of Jonathan Harker” was the winner of two 2025 Broadway World

Regional Awards. Christan Conn won for Best Director of a Play. Best Sound was awarded to Brett Sandusky. The winners and nominees were congratulated.

Ellenwood noted BCT has been awarded \$10,000 by the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) for Organizational Support, and another \$10,000 in Artist Support for the Skyla Schreter Dance project “The Flock,” <https://www.skylaschreterdance.com/projects/the-flock>.

Ellenwood said Organizational Support

is for BCT’s 2026 arts and cultural programming. The programming, she said, includes remounting the award-winning “DRACULA: The Journal of Jonathan Harker,” in September with actor Duane Boutté. Before that though, there will be a co-production with Broadway in Beacon that is being called “EPIC Broadway on Bannerman Island,” scheduled for July.

To find out more about Bannerman Castle, The BCT and the upcoming 2026 Season, go to <https://bannermancastle.org>.

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DEC taking public comments on proposed cleanup of former Texaco site until Jan. 31

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is accepting written comments about the proposed cleanup plan to address contamination related to the former Texaco Research Site in Glenham. The site is within the New York State Superfund Site. The proposal is called a Proposed Statement of Basis (PSOB). Public comment will be taken until Jan. 31. The comment period opened on Dec. 31, 2025. DEC held a meeting at the Fishkill Town Hall on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 13.

Access the PSOB and other project documents online can be found at <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/314004/>.

One may submit comments to the NYS-DEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the “Contact

Information” area.

According to NYSDEC, the proposed cleanup for OU-3 (operable unit) includes:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of contaminant source areas to approximately one foot below surface grade in necessary areas of the OU to meet residential use soil cleanup objectives;
- Importing clean material that meets the established soil cleanup objectives for use as backfill;
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities;
- Implementing a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long term management of residual contamination as required by the environmental easement; and
- Recording of an environmental easement to ensure proper use of the OU.

DC Ag Society launches ‘Adopt-A-Calf’ program



Justin, Jenna and Jason Lawrence of Stormfield Swiss Farm in the Town of Wappinger are pictured with “Sweet Treat,” this year’s star of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society’s Adopt-A-Calf program.



Students meet a Flemish Giant Rabbit in class. The Dutchess County Agricultural Society has launched an Agriculture in the Classroom program. The program allows for tailored hands-on educational experiences for K through 12 classrooms in Dutchess County.

-Courtesy photos

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As the school year comes to a close, the highlight of the program is a visit by their calf to the school where students get to interact with the calf and farmers directly.

“We are excited to launch a program that strengthens the connection between our agricultural community and local classrooms,” said Cassie Messina, Agricultural Educator of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society. “This program is a valuable addition to our existing agricultural education programs, giving students a hands-on link between their curriculum and understanding where their food comes from,

while developing an appreciation for agriculture and the families who dedicate their lives to it.”

Jenn Deforest of Stormfield Swiss Farm stated, “You can look around and see that many people are several generations removed from agriculture. So we were excited when the Dutchess County Fair asked us to help with this new Agriventure!”

“We feel it helps reconnect with the community. It’s about building lasting relationships with the children. It opens the window into everyday life on the farm and the level of care taken to raise healthy animals. These experiences may spark curiosity and respect for agriculture that hopefully lasts a lifetime.”

The star of this year’s program is “Sweet Treat,” a Brown Swiss calf born on Dec. 9 of 2025.

“She is one of our son Jason’s favorite babies,” said DeForest. “She is very affectionate, always happy to be played with and petted. Her mom’s name is ‘Sarah’ and she was shown by a 4-H youth at the Dutchess County Fair a couple years ago. So hopefully ‘Sweet Treat’ will follow in her footsteps and be at the Fair this year after she is done meeting all her school friends”

The “Adopt-A-Calf” program aligns with the Society’s mission to promote agriculture through education. In 2018, the DCAS launched its Agriculture in the Classroom program-

ming, providing tailored hands-on educational experiences for K through 12 classrooms in Dutchess County. At no charge to the school, an agriculturally related theme is brought alive monthly, making students aware of the importance of agriculture in their lives while aligning with current curriculum standards. Classes also have the opportunity for field trips to visit farms and other agribusinesses.

Classes and school teachers and administrators interested in participating in the “Adopt-A-Calf” program, or any agricultural education programs, can contact Cassie Messina by email at dcasaged@dutchessfair.com or by calling 914-774-1236.

Kids can try on military uniforms at the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor Feb. 14 and Feb. 16

There will be an interactive, kid-centered activity for ages 8-12, at the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor on Saturday, Feb. 14 and Monday, Feb. 16 at 1 p.m.

Visitors can learn about George Washington and his connection to the Purple Heart, and explore the museum, during this hands-on program. Part of the activity includes children

having the opportunity to try on military uniforms and equipment from the Civil War to Afghanistan.

Reservations are required. To make a reservation, or more information call, 845-561-1765.

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor is at 374 Temple Hill Road (Route 300) New Windsor.

West Church St. water main break

Last week there was a water main break along West Church Street. It was repaired and service was fully restored.

On social media, it was posted, “Thank you for your patience and to City staff for their quick work despite very cold conditions,” from City officials.

It was noted there was a limited shut-down of water to homes between Cross Street and Wolcott Avenue.

Earlier this month there was another water main break, which occurred in the Groveville area of the City of Beacon.

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Dutchess County man pleads guilty to causing death of his sister

Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi announced on Jan. 22 that Mark Dedaj, 34, plead guilty in Dutchess County Court to Manslaughter in the First Degree, a Class B Felony, in violation of Penal Law Section 125.20, subdivision (1), for causing the death of his sister, Maureen Nelson-Lanzi.

District Attorney Anthony Parisi said, “This was a brutal and heartbreaking act of violence within a family, and it is a case that the prior administration chose not to pursue. Our office made the deliberate decision to take action, because the loss of this victim’s life demanded accountability. This plea holds the defendant responsible for his actions, ensures a measure of justice, and spares the victim’s loved ones the pain of reliving this tragedy through a trial. We remain steadfast in our commitment to pursuing justice, even in the most difficult cases.”

The incident occurred on September 4, 2021, at 58 Harts Village Road, in the Village of Millbrook. The defendant admitted that he caused the death of his 17-year-old sister, Maureen Nelson-Lanzo, by smothering her to death in their residence, according to the D.A.’s Office.

The case was investigated by the New York State Police and is being prosecuted



Mark Dedaj
-Photo from Dutchess County D.A.’s Office

by Senior Assistant District Attorney Anthony DeFazio and Unit Chief Angela LoPane. Judge Jessica Segal presided over the case. Dedaj’s sentencing date is set for March 26. The agreed upon sentence is 25 years in prison and 5 years of post-release supervision.

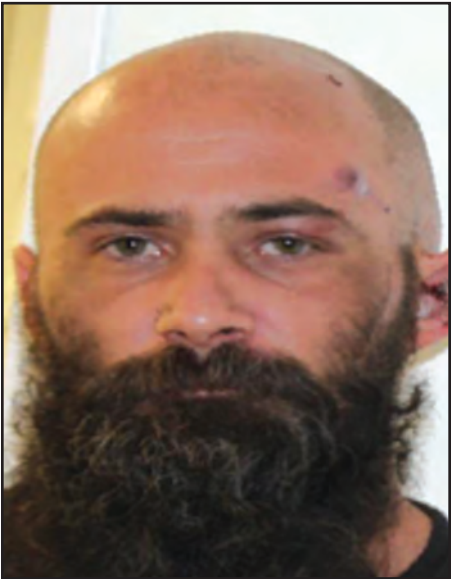
D.A.’s Office: 34-year-old Beacon man indicted on vehicular assault

The Dutchess County District Attorney’s Office announced on Jan. 21 that Timothy Henion, 34, was arraigned on an Indictment returned by a Dutchess County Grand Jury charging Henion with three counts of Vehicular Assault in the First Degree, all Class D Felonies, three counts of Driving While Intoxicated, all Class E Felonies, and five counts of Assault in the Third Degree, all Class A Misdemeanors.

District Attorney Anthony Parisi stated, “Driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol can have dire consequences. My administration is committed to ensuring the roads of Dutchess County remain safe for all drivers, passengers and pedestrians. Driving in an impaired manner will not be tolerated.”

The D.A.’s Office stated the incident charged in the Indictment occurred in the evening of July 23, 2025, on Route 9 in the Town of Fishkill. Henion is alleged to have operated a white Chevrolet while impaired by alcohol and cocaine, causing a multi-vehicle crash which injured seven people when he crossed the double yellow line dividing the highway. One of those victims involved sustained serious physical injuries, according to the D.A.’s Office.

The case was investigated by the New York State Police and is being prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Anthony Kiser. Judge Karen Edelman-Reyes presided over the case. Bail was set at \$75,000 cash, \$150,000 bond and \$500,000



Timothy Henion
-Photo from Dutchess D.A.’s Office

partially secured bond. According to officials, Henion’s next court date is scheduled for Feb. 18.

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

City Council discusses HDLO

By Kristine Coulter

The Beacon City Council heard about the Historic District Landmark Overlay zoning district (HDLO) during the workshop meeting on Jan. 19.

City of Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou said the Council would “get an overview” and would be taken through what the process looks like.

Natalie Quinn, planner for the City, explained that in 2020-21, an inventory of historic properties around the Main St. area was done.

Some were left off, she said, and that is what they would be talking about now.

“Why nominate a property to the HDLO?” asked Quinn. These properties have specific regulations that apply to them, it was noted.

The purpose is to “encourage the preservation of properties that are of special historical architectural significance,” it was stated. There is an Inventory form that is filled out.

Some alterations have to go before the planning board for appropriateness, but it usually excludes maintenance, plumbing or things such as electrical work, it was stated.

The following was noted as the Role of the Council

- May act upon its own initiative or upon petition from the owner of a proposed landmark, site, structure, property, the Planning Board, or an historic preservation committee to consider designation of an historic district or historic landmark, site structure of property
- All designated historic district and landmarks shall be included in the HDLO.
- All nominations shall include a NYS Office of Parks, recreation, and Historic Preservation Historic resource

Inventory form, or equivalent form, describing the building and site and identifying the criteria for nomination.

“Once they are designated, they get added to the HDLO map,” said Quinn.

There are 3 criteria:

- Has distinguished architectural characteristics
- Has special character of aesthetic or value as part of the cultural, political, economic or social history of the city
- Eligible for inclusion in State of National Registers of Historic Places

The following are the steps that would be taken:

- Notice of proposed designation – have to notify property owner if not applicant
- Notice of public hearing
- Hold public hearing
- Council considers factors
- Council renders decision within 60 days, failure to act or extend is considered a denial is written into the Code
- Council notifies owner
- Zoning map updates
- Photos, narrative of property

At-large council member Amber Grant remarked that reading these was the highlight years ago.

The 2020 inventory included 35 properties, and was an update to the 1979 Historic Survey

A number of properties were considered but not nominated, it was stated.

The next step from here, it has been about 5 years, would to go back out and inventory again update photos, according to officials.

Kyriacou will contact the Beacon Historical Society to see if anything is on their radar.

“This is a cool opportunity for community” engagement and education, it was stated.

Postal Service seeks help keeping access to mailboxes clear of snow

The Postal Service is reaching out to communities throughout Upstate New York to raise public awareness on the importance of keeping walkways, sidewalks, and approaches to mailboxes clear from snow and ice so carriers can provide safe mail delivery.

Any amount of snow can cause a dangerous situation for mail carriers and others. Keeping a clear path to and around mailboxes will help mail carriers continue consistent delivery as well as keep them safe from potential slipping and/or injuries.

The Postal Service is issuing the following snow removal tips:

- Clear enough snow from curbside boxes to allow mail trucks to approach the

box, deliver mail, and to drive away without the need for backing or departing the vehicle.

- Walkways should be cleared of snow and ice, allowing enough traction to avoid slips, trips or falls.
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- Overhangs should be free of snow and ice as well to reduce the risk of falling debris.

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Anderson Foundation, Anderson Center name officers for 2026 Boards of Trustees

Anderson Center for Autism’s executive leadership team has announced that the Boards of Trustees for Anderson Foundation for Autism (AFA) and Anderson Center for Autism (ACA) have appointed officers for 2026.

At its December 2025 Board of Trustees meeting, Anderson Foundation (AFA) trustees voted to approve the following slate: Chair: Marybeth G. Cale, Co-President of Cale Communications and Estuary Coaching; 1st Vice Chair: Susan E. Brune, Parent and Attorney at Brune Law, P.C.; 2nd Vice Chair: Michelle Almeida, Attorney/VP, Assistant General Counsel, Contracts and Operations at Longboard Pharmaceuticals; Treasurer: Kevin DeHond, Director of Institutional and High Net Worth Investments at Hudson Valley Investment Advisors (HVIA); Secretary: Brittany N. Cataldo, Sr. Relationship Banker at M&T Bank.

Officers of the Board of Anderson Center for Autism (ACA) will include the following in 2026: Chair: Philip Bronzi, Chief Lending Officer at Rhinebeck Bank; 1st Vice Chair: Julie H. Krieger, Retired/Commercial Banking; 2nd Vice Chair: Charles M. Cullen, EVP, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Information Officer at Rondout Savings Bank; Treasurer: Kathryn Seckler, Partner at RBT



Philip Bronzi

CPAs, LLP; Secretary: Joseph J. Hally, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs at Central Hudson Gas & Electric.



Marybeth G. Cale

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Patrick Paul, CEO/Executive Director of Anderson Center for Autism, said “These two Boards of Trustees, along with our Anderson

Center International Board, include a diverse group of talented, forward-thinking people who are steadfastly devoted to our mission. We are incredibly grateful to each and every one of these volunteers, and to all of our trustees, who work to help us address growing needs of the autistic and neurodivergent community - locally, regionally, throughout the country, and even around the world.”

Eliza Bozenski, Chief Development Officer of Anderson Foundation for Autism, added “We are all very excited to work with these leaders, and also want to express our deepest gratitude to those who recently completed their terms. Over the years, I’ve had the privilege of collaborating with so many trustees and officers who are smart, strategic, and deeply sensitive to the needs of individuals with autism and their families; I very much look forward to working with this group as we collectively bring our vision to life in the next chapter of Anderson’s story.”

To learn more about Anderson Center for Autism, visit andersoncenterforautism.org.

For further information about Anderson Foundation for Autism, visit andersoncenterforautism.org/giving/.

Beacon High hosts meet with wrestlers from 9 schools

By Morgan E. Maier

As a massive snowstorm threatened games and practices (and school!), Dutchess County’s high school athletes continued warming up their winter seasons. Our Lady of Lourdes swimmers found success in the pool, while Franklin D. Roosevelt continued its strengths on the court (All results as of Jan. 25).

Bulldog Tournament hosts county’s wrestling talent - Beacon’s Jan. 20 wrestling tournament, weather-delayed by two days, featured a plethora of action as athletes from Arlington, Fallsburg-Tri Valley, Roy C. Ketcham, Goshen, Kingston, Saugerties, Ellenville and Highland visited the Bulldogs’ mats.

In the final weight class melee of the day, Elijah Rupp and Jay Adams captured 3rd and 5th place finishes for Beacon in

the 285-pound weight class. Ketcham’s Bojk Bojkaj went all six minutes against Goshen’s Dominic Cusumano and the 3-1 decision went in favor of the Gladiator from Goshen.

Greg Schaefer earned first in the 118-pound class with a technical fall on RCK’s Lucas Glickman. Beacon’s Nathaniel Salvati took third place over Ketcham’s Aidan Francis with a 12-5 decision. For Arlington, Vincent Ariola (103 pounds) took three wins in his four matches, with three falls and a 4-0 decision on the day. Antonio Quinones also took three wins for the Admirals, with two technical falls and a 1:26 fall.

Warriors, Raiders, Hawks earn Section 9 swim berths - On Jan. 22, Lourdes, Red Hook, and Rhinebeck met

at the Marlboro High School pool for a three-sided meet. The Warriors won both team matches, 111-40 against Rhinebeck and 86-77 over Red Hook. Red Hook bested Rhinebeck, 98-49. Swimmers from all three schools earned Section 9 meet qualifications, including two earned by Rhinebeck’s Joseph Pociask. A 24.65 in the 50-yard freestyle, followed by 1:11.16 in the 100-yard breaststroke, earned Pociask’s pair of qualifications. Two first-place finishes by Red Hook’s Reuben Berko earned 76.5 points for his team on the day. They included a 3.5 second improvement by Jackson Lunceford in the 100-yard butterfly, where he took second to teammate Berko, marked a section qualifying swim for the senior. Lourdes high scorer Nick Napoli took

two golds, in the 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke. Napoli’s 1:59.60 in the freestyle marked the Warriors’ lone Section 9 qualification in this meet.

Presidents’ month - The FDR Presidents have not lost a girls’ basketball game in three weeks. After opening the new year with a tournament loss on Jan. 3, the Franklin D. Roosevelt girls’ basketball team is undefeated this month. They have five straight wins while holding opponents to 40 points or fewer, including a 63-40 win over a domineering Marlboro Dukes team. Their shooting especially scorched Rondout Valley before getting snowed in, staying perfect at home with a 61-28 win on Jan. 23. Holding a 3-0 record in their own court, the Presidents next host Poughkeepsie on Jan. 29.

Donors sought during severe blood shortage

The American Red Cross is facing a severe blood shortage as requests from hospitals exceed the available supply of blood, leading to about a 35% drawdown of blood products in the past month. Individuals are urged to give now so patients don’t face delays in lifesaving care. The shortage is especially serious for types O, A negative and B negative blood.

High flu activity in nearly every state may be sidelining donors, slowing efforts to rebuild the Red Cross national blood supply. At the same time, hospitals

already feeling the strain of the worst flu season in nearly 20 years are now also forced to triage critical blood products. Without immediate action, patients who count on transfusions — including trauma victims, mothers in childbirth and people with sickle cell disease or cancer — face serious risk.?

Book an appointment to give blood by using the Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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County Players to present Aaron Sorkin’s ‘A Few Good Men’

Performances run February 6-21

County Players, one of the longest-running community theatre companies in the area, is proud to present “A Few Good Men” by Aaron Sorkin. This Main Stage production, directed by Michael J. Froehnhoefer opens Friday, Feb. 6 with additional performances scheduled for Fridays & Saturdays Feb. 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 at 8 p.m., with matinees on Sunday, Feb. 15, and Saturday, Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. at the County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main Street in the Village of Wappingers Falls.

Court is in session. One woman fighting for her place in a world of men, two young marines accused of murder, and a world in which lives and nations hang on the precision of orders followed. But if lives depend on following orders, where do you draw the line? See the hard-hitting drama that launched Aaron Sorkin’s brilliant career.

The production features the local talents of Christopher Alvarez, Jason Anson, Mike Boden, Paul Coleman, Cora Colwell, Matthew DeHond, Jack Ellwanger, Ana Hein, Aaron Heisler, John Leinung, Glen Macken, Kevin McCarthy Jr., Keller Mickle, Rebecca Nagle, Dante Nastasi, Vincent Peter, David J. Ringwood, and Jeffrey Sculley. Of this production director Froehnhoefer says,

“Most remember the line: ‘You can’t handle the truth,’ but a line that resonates is, ‘You don’t need to wear a patch on your arm to have honor.’ When watching this show you will see how each character defines honor, and grapples with it in very different ways. We are all human, and I want to believe that we all strive to find honor in our lives. Let us help each other find it.”

Tickets are \$26 Adults, \$24: Senior 60+, Military, Students (with ID at the door) and Children Under 12. Individual tickets are available online in advance of performance dates at countyplayers.org and the Box Office is open for in-person ticket sales one hour before each performance. Visit: <https://countyplayers.org/a-few-good-men/>

This production of “A Few Good Men” is supported by Gold Show Sponsors: Denny & Rosemary Evaul and is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals, on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. concordtheatricals.com. Hudson Valley Credit Union proudly sponsors County Players’ 68th Season.

Accessibility: County Players Falls Theatre is equipped with an assistive listening system for the hard of hearing. If you require wheelchair accessibility, please contact our Box Office at 845-298-1491.



The cast of “A Few Good Men.” Performances are at County Players from Feb. 6-21 in Wappingers Falls.

-Courtesy Photo by Louisa Vilardi Photography

For more information, please visit countyplayers.org/show/a-few-good-men, twitter.com/countyplayers, instagram.com/countyplayers/ or facebook.com/countyplayers.

World-renowned pianist Yefim Bronfman to perform Feb. 4 in Beacon



The Howland Chamber Music Circle (HCMC) announced a special concert by world-renowned pianist Yefim Bronfman. He will perform at the Howland Cultural Center on Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. Following the concert, audience members can meet the musician and enjoy complimentary refreshments. All ticket holders are invited to the reception. To purchase a ticket, visit www.howlandmusic.org. The Howland Cultural Center is at 477 Main Street in Beacon.

Born in Tashkent, in the Soviet Union, Bronfman emigrated with his family first to Israel and then to the U.S. He is internationally recognized as one of today’s most acclaimed pianists. Regularly sought

by festivals, orchestras, conductors and recital series, Bronfman’s approach to the keyboard combines commanding technique, power and exceptional lyrical gifts.

For HCMC, Bronfman will play Schumann’s Arabeske, Op. 18; Brahms’ Sonata #3; Debussy’s Images, Book II; and Beethoven’s Sonata #23, the Appassionata. It promises to be an indelible evening in this intimate setting.

HCMC now offers tickets at prices to include music lovers who may have been unable to afford our tickets in the past. A limited number of tickets will be available on a pay-what-you-wish basis. These tickets will be released one week prior to each concert.

Left: World-renowned pianist Yefim Bronfman will perform Feb. 4 in Beacon.

-Courtesy photo

Eligible Central Hudson Customers can now apply for Enhanced Energy Affordability Program

Central Hudson announced the launch of the Enhanced Energy Affordability Program (EEAP), a new two-year pilot designed to support customers who do not meet the income requirements for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) or Central Hudson’s Energy Affordability Program (EAP), but still need help managing their energy bills. EEAP provides a fixed monthly bill discount to help low- and moderate-income families reduce their energy costs.

“At Central Hudson, we understand that energy costs can be a challenge for many households,” said Lauren Preston, Chief Customer Services Officer. “The

Enhanced Energy Affordability Program is designed to provide meaningful relief and help customers manage their bills more effectively. By enrolling, customers can take advantage of expanded benefits that make energy more affordable and accessible. We strongly encourage all eligible customers to sign up and experience the difference this program can make.”

To qualify for EEAP, applicants must: Be an active Central Hudson customer with an active electric or gas account.

Have a household income at or below 100% of State Median Income or Area Median Income. Income guidelines are available at www.CentralHudson.com/EEAP.

com/EEAP.

Provide complete income documentation for all household members for the past month.

Not be currently enrolled in the Energy Affordability Program (EAP).

EEAP is separate from EAP, which supports households receiving qualifying government assistance benefits. Customers enrolled in EAP are not eligible for EEAP.

Eligible customers may apply for EEAP at <https://cenhud.nyeeap.com/program>, or by calling 877-400-2501 for support.

Applicants will be required to submit: A Central Hudson bill from each of the

last three months. Copies of bills may be downloaded at www.cenhud.com/en/login

Proof of income for all household members from the past month, such as pay stubs, Social Security or pension statements, or self-employment records.

Customers are encouraged to ensure all uploaded documents are clear and readable.

For more information on EEAP eligibility requirements and benefits, visit www.CentralHudson.com/EEAP. To learn more about Central Hudson’s payment assistance and billing programs, visit www.CentralHudson.com/Paymentassistance.

love to cook

by vicki frank day

Lemon Olive Oil Cake



Delightfully moist and not too sweet – perfect for a snack with coffee or tea.

In terms of food, there are many things I’ve never tried to make before, and the proverbial bucket list is lengthy enough that I decided it was time to chip away at it. One recipe that’s languished on that list is olive oil cake. I just never got around to making it or even trying it when it was the popular thing to do, but it isn’t the first time I’ve been a little late to the game and now, as luck would have it, it seems to be having a bit of a resurgence; so the time was right to give it a go.

I honestly wasn’t sure I’d love it and certainly didn’t think it merited all the hype. Turns out I should have tried it years ago, because it was worth it. It’s lovely and satisfying and I get the appeal, though I dare say it may not be for everyone. But if you like simple cakes with few ingredients that turn out delightfully moist and not overly sweet, then olive oil cake is for you.

I suppose one reason I never got around to it was the anticipation of it tasting like olive oil, which I happen to love but not necessarily in a cake. I’m not gonna lie – it’s definitely in there, though I think that has everything to do with the type of olive oil you use. But it isn’t unpleasant by any means, at least for me. I don’t like my desserts overly sweet anyway. But if you can get past that and appreciate the complexity of flavors the simple ingredients bring to the table and the ever-so-slightly bitter note from the fruity oil, then you’re sure to like it. It bakes up with a crisp top, a delectably moist crumb and rich mouthfeel that still manage to be somehow light. A simple sprinkling of confectioner’s sugar on top is all it really needs to finish it and – voila – a lovely snack cake that’s perfect with a cup of tea.

I did a lot of research before I made it, comparing several recipes and taking it from there. Some added fresh orange juice and zest, others Grand Marnier or lemon. I had already intended to use lemon because the complement of flavors just made sense and really appealed to me. I did try a version with orange and

Grand Marnier but, if you ask me, it’s lemon all the way!

The ingredients across the board were pretty much the same otherwise, but the amounts of each varied greatly, so I came up with my own based on my baking experience. I wouldn’t change a thing with this lemon version. If you like a sweeter cake, you could make a lemon glaze for the top and/or serve with a dollop of whipped sweetened mascarpone, but I prefer the simple perfection of it without all that. Plus, the lovely top “crust” is part of its charm, and a sweet glaze would alter that, but to each his own. I imagine a lemony glaze would also offset the olive oil flavor, which might be preferable for some.

Lemon Olive Oil Cake

As the name implies, olive oil is the star here. The type you choose will affect the flavor because you will likely taste it; although to be fair, if you didn’t know you maybe couldn’t put your finger on it. I could detect it though it wasn’t overpowering. I went with an extra virgin oil, which is more flavorful, so maybe that’s why. (I almost used the bold, peppery one I prefer using for salads and finishing but am glad I didn’t). It adds richness of flavor with pleasant, subtly earthy, slightly grassy notes and you absolutely cannot beat the moistness and tender crumb it creates. In other words, the texture is heavenly! Because it’s only slightly sweet, it would be perfect for breakfast or brunch or really any time you want a tasty snack. The lemon surprisingly isn’t overly pronounced but rather complements or maybe offsets the olive oil. It’s just a combination that plays well together.

Note: You will need a round cake pan for this, preferably 9-inch with 2-inch depth. A shorter pan will not hold all the batter and will overflow as it bakes. You may have to serve it straight from the pan: I greased and lined mine with parchment but the cake didn’t release from the pan, which was fine. It rose just to the top of the pan, nice and flat without a rounded top. You could certainly



Lemon Olive Oil Cake sliced and ready to enjoy.

-Photo by Vicki Frank Day

use a spring-form pan but will want to wrap the bottom and up the sides with foil to prevent leaking and check it after 50 minutes for doneness.

Ingredients

- 2 cups flour (I used all-purpose), sifted
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup olive oil (I used extra virgin but opt for a light variety if you want less olive taste)
- 2 eggs
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- Zest from 1 lemon (it works best to zest the lemon before juicing)
- ½ cup fresh lemon juice (from about 2 lemons, depending on size)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup milk

Method

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a medium bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt together to blend well. Set aside.

In a large bowl, whisk olive oil and eggs together. Add sugar, lemon zest and juice, vanilla and milk and whisk

to combine.

Add the flour mixture, half at a time, and whisk just to combine. Avoid over-mixing for the best texture. The batter will be loose.

Pour into prepared pan. (It should come to within half an inch of the top). Bake until risen, set and golden brown on top, 55-60 minutes. Not sure if it’s done? Insert a toothpick in the center. If it comes out clean or with a few moist crumbs clinging to it, it’s done. Cool slightly before dusting top with confectioner’s sugar. Enjoy immensely.

If you think it isn’t for you, I still suggest you try it. But I should warn you – if you’re anything like me, the first bite had me saying “Hmm,” but subsequent bites had me oddly addicted; so I ended up eating two generous pieces at one go and probably (definitely) could have managed a third, but restraint (and the need to photograph it) won out.

As always, feel free to play with it according to your taste. I might try that peppery oil after all and serve it with dark hot chocolate or espresso. Red grapefruit juice and rosemary or the addition of warm spices like cardamom could work too, methinks. But for now, this is the recipe I’ll savor, and something tells me it might be the best of the bunch. Some things are just at their best when they aren’t too fancy and you let the pure, simple goodness shine through. I suppose that can be said for most things in life, even, and maybe especially, when you finally experience them later on. Enjoy!

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

Miles of Hope appoints new development director

The Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation recently announced the appointment of Lynne Versaci as the new development director. Versaci comes to Miles of Hope from the local offices of the New York Senate where she was the special events coordinator. Her experience also includes nine years as the senior community development director at the March of Dimes.

“Lynne’s leadership will be instrumen-

tal as we continue to expand our programs and strengthen our partnerships,” said Foundation Executive Director Pari Forood. “As a former Dutchess County legislator in the 14th District representing the towns of Poughkeepsie and Wappinger, Lynne has amassed a great deal of knowledge about our community which aligns perfectly with our mission and values.”

Forood added, “With an impressive track record in fundraising and community activism, Lynne brings a wealth of experience and passion to our team.”

The Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation is a public charity with a mission to fund support services, education and outreach for people affected by breast cancer within the nine counties of the

Hudson Valley, New York. Founded in 2004, Miles of Hope has given away over \$4 million dollars to individuals and programs helping people with breast cancer pay their bills alleviating some of the financial and emotional burden of a breast cancer diagnosis.

Visit <https://milesofhope.org/> for more information.

Transportation Planning Committee to meet on Jan. 28

The Dutchess County Transportation Council (DCTC) will hold a virtual meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 28, at 10 a.m.

They will discuss membership updates, the Draft 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program, the long-range plan -

Moving Dutchess Forward, and other planning efforts.

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Massive snowstorm hits local area



A massive snowstorm hit the area earlier this week. The snow started falling on Sunday, Jan. 25. Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino declared a state of emergency and a travel ban.

Pictured, clockwise from top left, vehicles covered with snow in Beacon. Snow falls onto trees in Beacon. A City of Beacon Highway Dept. truck plows De Soto Ave. in Beacon.

-Photos by Kristine Coulter



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In the post, D’Alessandro asked residents to clear fire hydrants, avoid pushing snow back into roadways. He also asked to allow crews to have space to continue post-storm cleanup. The supervisor said for anyone who saw any road hazards to report them to the appropriate town channels.

“Thank you, East Fishkill, for your patience, cooperation, and strong sense of community during this storm. Together, we keep our town moving forward” D’Alessandro’s post concluded.

On Friday, Jan. 23, it was posted to social media that the City of Beacon issued emergency snow parking restrictions for all City streets.

City officials announced late Monday morning in a social media post and phone calls, “Tuesday and Wednesday night (Jan. 27 and Jan. 28), crews will be trucking out snow piles from Main Street so we have posted no parking along that on that [street] from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. each night.

“Parking lots are being cleared, but due to the prohibition on parking on Main Street, the City will not tow from public lots until Thursday (Jan. 29) at 9

a.m. Thank you for your patience as we finish the [cleanup] from the storm.”

Town of Fishkill officials posted to take the advice of the Town of Fishkill Highway Department. There was a Snow Parking ordinance in effect from 6 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 25 until Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 5 p.m. It was also noted not to place or blow snow back into the roadways. Town Administrative offices were closed on Monday, Jan. 26.

On the Town of Wappinger Facebook, it was posted on Sunday, Jan. 25, “Our Highway Department and Buildings & Grounds crews have been on the grind since 5:00 AM—plowing, treating, and chasing down 2–3 inches of fresh powder every hour. Main roads are the priority as we work through the night to

stay ahead of the storm.

“We’re not done yet! Big thanks to everyone who cleared the roadways—teamwork makes the roads work.”

The Wappinger Town Hall opened later than usual, at noon, on Monday, Jan. 26.

“Our Wappinger Highway Department crews are already to go,” Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini said in a video posted to social media before the storm hit the area. He asked for residents’ help during the long storm and to stay off the roads.

Town officials also asked residents to “be creative.” Residents were asked to send in photos of the snowmen they made. Officials would then post photos of the creations on Tuesday, Jan. 27.

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BAU Gallery announces February exhibitions



BAU Gallery in Beacon opens announces February exhibitions. Artwork, clockwise from top left), Rachel Dove, “Deflection,” 2025, ceramic stoneware, 10.5 in. x 6 in. x 4 in.

Nansi T. Lent, “Whirlybirds Delight,” 2026, archival print on aluminum, 12 in. x 12 in.

Dan Munkus, “Float,” 2025, charcoal on paper, 30 in. x 22 in.

-Courtesy images BAU Gallery

The following exhibitions can be seen at BAU Gallery in Beacon from Saturday, Feb. 14–Sunday, Mar. 8.

An opening reception is set for Saturday, Feb. 14, from 6–8 p.m.

Gallery One Fernando Martinez: To(2)o Meaning

Fernando Martinez explores how language can express the ineffable nature of words like eternity, love, and spirit, which we can name but never fully understand. In this exhibition, which features the tactile surfaces of Martinez’s collage-approach to ceramics, the works hint at the tension between the object as it is and the meaning it emanates. The longing that arises from such encounters with art points to a distant language that Martinez fears we are losing. BAU awarded Martinez this solo show based on his work in the gallery’s August 2025 Open Call Annual.

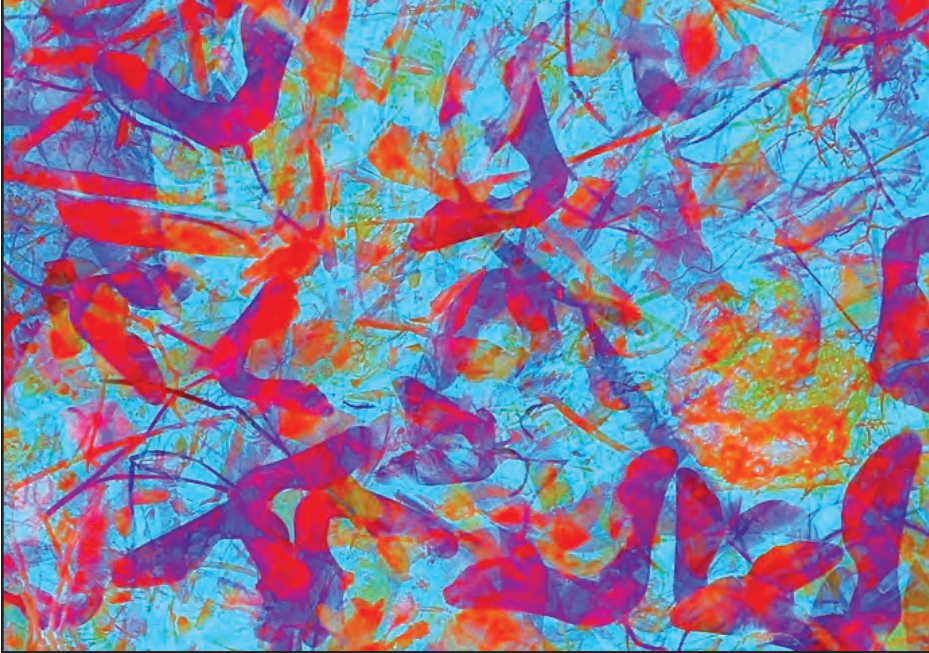
Born in Argentina, Fernando Martinez uses wood and ceramics as base materials, often incorporating metal, plastic, string, and glass to create narratives about the effects of time and use, and the sacred and profane. A finalist in the Ceramics Monthly Emerging Artist 2025 edition,

he is a graduate of SUNY Purchase. Martinez lives and works in Port Chester.

Gallery Two Rachel Dove and Dan Munkus: Material Systems

This two-person exhibition examines the utility, impact, and aesthetics of often-unseen external and inner systems. Dove, a ceramic artist, is drawn to the hidden structures that operate just beyond perception, like seawalls restraining tides and ventilation shafts breathing beneath our feet. Her work, both resilient and fragile, prompt reflection on what protects and sustains us. Munkus, primarily a painter, uses abstraction to distill and analyze inner emotional and psychological systems, creating a material inquiry about the nature of self-reimagining. His work encourages contemplation and a non-mechanized perspective of time. BAU awarded Dove and Munkus this show based on their work in the gallery’s August 2025 Open Call Annual.

An artist and educator specializing in ceramics and textiles, Rachel Dove earned a BFA from the Columbus (Ohio) College of Art & Design and an MFA from the University of Tennessee. She attended Skowhegan School of Painting



and Sculpture in 2007. A 2025 resident artist at Watershed Center for the Ceramics Arts, Dove has exhibited regionally in both juried and invitational shows and is an adjunct ceramics instructor at Suffolk County Community College. She lives and works on Long Island. Dan Munkus has a BFA from the University of California Berkeley and an MFA in Performance and Interactive Media Arts from Brooklyn College. Currently pursuing an MA at Columbia University Teacher College, Munkus lives and works in Peekskill.

Beacon Room Gallery

Artists: Small Works

This show of photography, drawing, painting, sculpture, and other media

explores the relationship between creativity and constraint through works that invite close inspection, quiet reflection, and intimacy between viewer and object. Whether offering a glimpse into the natural world, a solitary form or figure, or a colorful abstraction that evokes deep emotion, the works here reward patience and careful examination.

The following are participating artists: Robin Adler, Karen Allen, Bob Barry, Joel Brown, Nataliya Hines, George Kimmerling, Linda Lauro-Lazin, Nansi T. Lent, Soli Pierce, Eileen Sackman, and Ilse Schreiber-Noll.

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Fidelis Care presents \$16,500 ‘Here for Your Health’ grant to United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region

Fidelis Care, a statewide health plan with more than 2.4 million members in New York State and a Centene Corporation company, presented a \$16,500 “Here for Your Health” rural health grant to United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region on Wednesday, Jan. 14. This grant is one of seven totaling \$130,000 awarded to providers and community-based organizations that support innovative preventive care programs in rural communities across New York State.

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in the community. The organization plans to

use the Fidelis Care Here for Your Health rural health grant to support Ride United, an initiative focused on removing transportation barriers for vulnerable populations in Dutchess and Orange Counties. Founded in 2021, Ride United gives individuals better access to healthcare appointments and screenings, work and school, and food and other essentials. The program provides one-time, round-trip transportation through private car services, buses, trains, and other non-emergency transportation options. It has served more than 1,000 people since its inception.



Officials of Fidelis Care are pictured with representatives of United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region.

-Courtesy photo

Firefighters work to put out vehicle fire



Firefighters work to put out a reported vehicle fire in Chelsea on Jan. 18.

-Courtesy photo

The Chelsea Fire District along with the Castle Point Professional Firefighters were dispatched for a reported vehicle fire in a garage on Diane Court on Sunday, Jan. 18, at 9:30 p.m. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

The first arriving engine was on scene within 3 minutes, personnel reporting an active fire with extension into the structure. All occupants were able to exit the structure prior to fire department personnel arrival, according to fire officials. Crews were met with hazardous weather conditions, limited access, heavy fire in the garage and second floor.

According to a press release from Chief Ryan McClusky, Chelsea Fire District, “[I]nitially 2 hand lines were put into service splitting attack efforts between the garage and interior second floor. Due to the location of the structure, a supply line was needed to be deployed from over 1,100 ft away to supply water for fire-fighting operations. A second alarm was requested bringing assistance from our neighboring fire departments. The fire made its way into the attic area and due to the building’s construction and water supply factors the fire was able to [overtake] the entire attic area. Crews were called out of the structure and switched to a defensive operation.”

It was stated that crews utilized multiple hand lines and master streams from the exterior the bulk of the fire was able to be

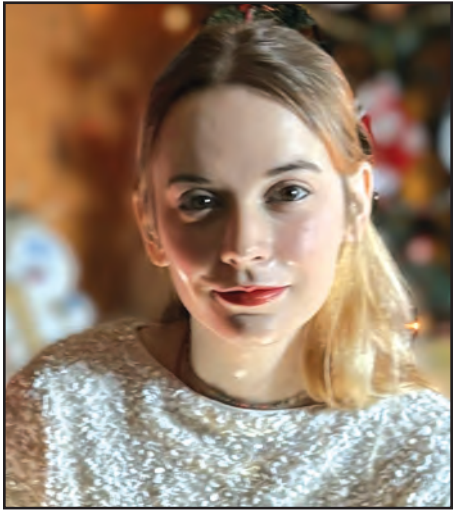
knocked down, allowing crews to continue extinguishment operations from the interior. Due to the extensive damage to the structure, City of Beacon Fire Department was requested to the scene with their ladder truck to assist with fire suppression, according to McClusky. The Dutchess County Fire Investigation division was requested to the scene to assist in determining the cause and origin of the fire. Crews cleared the scene after seven hours, it was noted.

“We finish off by reminding our residence the importance of clearing any fire hydrants of landscaping and snow that may be present on their property. We thank all of our mutual aid partners and the Dutchess County Emergency Management dispatchers for their assistance with the incident and ask everyone to keep in mind the family that suffered this great tragedy,” said McClusky.

Thanks was offered to the on-scene units: Hughsonville Fire Department, Protection Engine Co. #1, Village of Fishkill Fire Department, Slater Chemical Fire Company, Hopewell Hose Fire Company #1, Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Town of Fishkill Police Department, Rombout Fire Company, Inc., Castle Point VA fire Department, City of Beacon Fire Department and Standby units New Hamburg Engine Co. 1, New Hackensack Fire Company, Village of Wappingers Fire Department. Appreciation was also given to Momma’s Towing for assisting with the removal of the car from the garage.

Obituaries

Crystal Noel Ciachin



Crystal Noel Ciachin, a resident of Wappingers Falls, formerly of Wallkill, NY, passed away suddenly on Friday, January 16, 2026; at the age of 33. She was born in Albany, NY on November 21, 1992, daughter of David M. Ciachin and Kimberly (Cronk) Ciachin. Crystal was raised in Wallkill, NY, and attended Wallkill Senior High School. She also attended SUNY Ulster College, for theater arts. Crystal thoroughly enjoyed acting and theatre. She loved music, singing, gaming and watching movies and anime. Along with her parents David Ciachin of Kingston, NY and Kimberly Ciachin of Highland, NY, Crystal is survived by her brother Nicholas Ciachin of Hyde Park, NY. She is also survived by several aunts,

uncles, cousins and friends; can’t forget about her precious cats Ruby & Serah, whom she loved dearly. Crystal was predeceased by her both grandparents, William & Joyce Ciachin and Edwin & Georgiana Cronk; her aunt Tracy Cronk; her uncle William Ciachin Jr; her great-aunt Linda Hubbard. Her family received Friends on Tuesday, January 27 at the DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, where a Prayer Service was offered followed by entombment to the Community Mausoleum at the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery, 342 South Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

Rosemary T. Fontaine



Rosemary T. Fontaine, a beloved wife, devoted mother, and cherished nana, passed away peacefully at home on January 19, 2026 at the age of 72, surrounded by the love of her family.

Rosemary was born on October 18, 1953 in Poughkeepsie, NY to the late Michael and Antoinette Johannets.

She was the heart of her home — a woman whose love knew no limits and whose kindness touched everyone she met. As a wife, she was a loyal partner and best friend, offering unwavering support, laughter, and love throughout their life together. As a mother, she was nurturing, strong, and selfless, always placing her children’s needs before her own and guiding them with wisdom and grace. As a nana, she found her greatest joy, filling her grandchildren’s lives with warmth, stories, hugs, and unforgettable memories.

Rosemary had a special way of making people feel welcomed and loved. Whether through her comforting words, her gentle smile, or the care she showed in everyday

moments, she left a lasting impression on all who knew her. Her family was her greatest pride, and her love will continue to live on through them.

On September 22, 1973, at St. John’s Church in Beacon, she married Robert Fontaine Jr. who survives at home after 52 years of marriage. She is also survived by her children, Robert Fontaine III, Michael Fontaine and his wife Meghann, Michele Segatti and her husband Eric, and Amy Ball and her husband Rob; her grandchildren, Mikey, Hudson, Gemma, RJ, Eliana and Alice; her sister, Barbara Komer and her husband Joe; and many other family members and friends who will miss her deeply.

Calling hours were held on Friday, January 23 at Riverview Funeral Home, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, January 24 at St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 Willow Street, Beacon. Burial followed at St. Joachim Cemetery, Beacon.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Hudson Valley Hospice at www.hvhospice.org.

Though she is no longer with us, her love, strength, and beautiful spirit will remain forever in our hearts.

To send a personal condolence, please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

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with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. The anticipated start of construction is April 13, 2026; the anticipated substantial completion date is May 30, 2027. Failure to meet these dates may result in liquidated damages. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2026000467. Starting December 30, 2024: NYSDOL Contractor and Subcontractor registry requirements. View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable, and NYSDOL Contractor Registry requirements. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

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TERCOURSE/WATER BODY PERMIT FISHKILL MEDICAL PARK
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Chapter 82, Section 82-9E. of the Code of the Town of Fishkill, the Town of Fishkill Planning Board (Planning Board) will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible in the Francois R. Cross Meeting Room located in the lobby of the Town of Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524 for a Freshwater Wetlands/Watercourse/Water Body Permit for the proposal known as Fishkill Medical Park, identified as Tax Map Parcel No: 6255-00-255525, consisting of 9.93 acres and Tax Map Parcel No. 6255-00-468570, consisting of 37.84 acres located on Snook Road in the R-40 Zoning District to conduct a regulated activity within a Town Wetland Buffer Area.
A Wetlands/Watercourse/Water Body permit approval is required for three (3) small areas of wetland buffer disturbance (Area A – 0.03 acres; Area B – 0.07 acres; and Area C – 0.03 acres) shown on the Fishkill Medical Park Grading Plans (Sheets G-1, G-2 and G-3) on file in the Town of Fishkill Planning Department. The total wetland buffer disturbance of 0.13 acres was determined in the

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SEQR (NYS Environmental Quality Review Act) Negative Declaration, adopted by the Planning Board on November 18, 2025, to be a minor disturbance given the area of wetland buffers left untouched on the site and the absence of any disturbance to the wetlands on the site. The Planning Board adopted a Resolution of Preliminary and Conditional Final Approval - Site Development Plan and Special Use Permit and a Resolution of Preliminary and Conditional Final Approval - Subdivision on December 13, 2025.
All interested persons will be heard by the Planning Board of the Town of Fishkill at the public hearing to be held as aforesaid. For any persons unable to attend the public hearing, email comments may be submitted in advance to dcollonna@fishkill-ny.gov.
BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FISHKILL, NEW YORK
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WILLOW LAKE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Chapter 150, Sections 150-97B and 150-109 and Chapter 82, Section 82-9E of the Code of the Town of Fishkill, the Town of Fishkill Planning Board (Planning Board) will hold a Combined Public Hearing on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible in the Francois R. Cross Meeting Room located in the lobby of the Town of Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524 for the proposal known as Willow Lake identified as Tax Map Parcel No. 6255-00-432320, located at 4 - 16 Willow Lake Drive, consisting of 92.82 acres, in the R-40 and R-4A Zoning District; Tax Map Parcel No. 6255-00-472382, located on Van Wyck Lake Road, consisting of 10.98 acres, in the R-40 and R-4A Zoning Districts; and Tax Map Parcel No. 6255-00-359445 located on Van Wyck Lake Road, consisting of 1.74 acres in the R-40 Zoning District for the following approvals and permit:
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• Freshwater Wetlands/Watercourse/Water Body Permit (Town Code Chapter 82, Section 82-9E. - for proposed disturbance within the Town of Fishkill regulated Water Body/Watercourse 50 foot buffers.
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Directed by Savage Wonder's Artistic Director Christopher Paul Meyer, this unhinged reading transforms Savage Wonder's living room-style performance space into a French salon where audiences arrive not as spectators, but as invited guests. The evening begins at 6 p.m., with themed food, curated drinks, and time to observe, eavesdrop, and settle into the charged elegance of the room. Guests are seated at private tables as the story unfolds around them—sometimes uncomfortably close—drawing them into the shifting alliances and moral traps of Tartuffe. This Equity reading is theater as social experiment: immediate, intimate, and alive.
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1. Pinch to save

6. Brownie

9. Lady, in Madrid

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14. Romanian money

15. Iraqi money

16. Coffee shop order

17. *Before 1998 only they played Olympic hockey

18. Spring to mind" or "Spring into action," e.g.

19. *Most decorated country in Winter Olympics

21. *_____ of Hamill Camel fame

23. *How Olympic Athletes from Russia were designated in 2018, acr.

24. Assistant

25. _____ of war

28. Sushi wrapped in nori

30. Oblong cream puff

35. Singles

37. Manure, e.g.

39. Soil for cultivation

40. Bon Jovi hit "Have a _____ day"

41. "Encore!"

43. Don't go

44. Bumpkin

46. Poet Pound's first name

47. Rodeo Drive tree

48. Sense of alienation and isolation

50. Similar

52. Toast option

53. *Misha, 1980 Russian Olympics Mascot was one

55. Samuel Butler: "Spare the _____ and spoil the child"

57. *_____ Shiffrin, most decorated U.S. alpine skier

61. *Overall Olympic curling medal leader

64. Bikini _____ in the Marshall Islands

65. Zodiac sign

67. Pasture

69. Boundary lines

70. Government Printing Office

71. Rocky ridge

72. Singer Tori

73. Farm layer

74. *1964 and 1976 mountainous Olympic location

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1. Honda CR-X del _____

2. *Michelle _____, most decorated U.S. figure skater

3. Enthusiastic about

4. Part of MGM

5. From the 1930s, e.g.

6. Abounding with certain trees

7. Bruce _____ of karate fame

8. Fundus, pl.

9. Aeneas' lover

10. "Don't bet _____!"

11. Lye formula

12. A in "M*A*S*H"

15. Do like Tarantino

20. Pleasant smell

22. Schiller's "_____ to Joy"

24. Real _____ of Seville

25. *Margot Robbie's "olympic" role (2017)

26. "For better or worse"?

27. GEICO's mascot

29. *Olympic toboggan

31. Speech defect

32. Place for worship

33. *2026 Winter Olympics location

34. Mother Goose creation

36. Give an impression

38. Michael Douglas' dad

42. Nigerian money

45. Slandorous statements

49. Snake-like fish

51. Dairy choice

54. Frustration, in a comic book

56. Grocery store section

57. Cass Elliot, a.k.a. _____ Cass

58. Big-ticket _____

59. Japanese zither

60. Saloon selections

61. Colloquial "Follow me!"

62. Widely hunted ruminant

63. Kind of sax

66. King Kong or Donkey Kong, e.g.

68. Penn.'s neighbor

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From 1776: The voices of indigenous peoples heard locally

By Bill Jeffway

This is part of an ongoing series of DCHS findings that look at the launch of countless local journeys inspired by the 1776 American Revolution as we approach its 250th anniversary. At the time, the American promise of freedom and equality was a radical experiment. When we look at local Indigenous communities, we find that their ambition to maintain vital, dynamic, and discreet communities across generations past, present and future has consistently involved addressing land rights issues. Some contemporary examples of today’s communities may be found at www.dchsny.org/rev250-indigenous. But first, here is some context from the Revolutionary period itself. Many people are familiar with the great American Patriot Daniel Nimham who was originally from southernmost Dutchess County, today’s Putnam County. His motivation to join the Patriot rather than the British cause may have stemmed from his failure to get what he felt was just treatment from the British. In 1767, he traveled to England to argue his case to the British Secretary of State and Lords of Trade, who turned



The 1839 hotel register of the Poughkeepsie Hotel (Market Street now runs north on top of and through the former site at Main Street) shows the names of six important Indigenous national leaders. William Toffey and Abraham Bell were well known Quaker leaders. They were likely part of a major meeting with then US Senator from New York, Poughkeepsie’s Nathaniel P. Tallmadge.

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down his appeal. He died in battle in the Revolution in 1778. Had he lived, he no doubt would have faced the same obstacles with the new United States that he faced in trying to have his land rights issues resolved with Colonial New York.



From left, Daniel Nimham (ca. 1726–1778) gave his life for the American Patriot cause and is memorialized through a monument in Fishkill. John Quinney (1797-1855) was an important Stockbridge-Munsee leader who had resettled in Wisconsin. Red Cloud (1822-1909), the highly regarded leader of the Oglala Lakota, gave a speech at Wiley’s Grove in the town of Clinton. Hannah Coshire (ca. 1800-1877) was described as “the last of the Schaghticoke” when she died, perpetuating the myth of the vanished race.

At the time of the publishing of the Declaration of Independence, expectations of fair treatment and property rights had been in the air among Indigenous people as both British and US Patriots sought their support.

In the late summer of 1775, “King” Solomon Uhhaunauwaunmut of the Stockbridge Munsee spoke at the Treaty of Albany meeting to leading Patriots saying, “Wherever you go, we will be by your side. Our bones shall die with yours. If we are conquered our Lands go with yours, but if we are victorious we hope you will help us to recover our just rights.” Uhhaunauwaunmut became an important Indigenous combatant, among many, for the patriot cause. But tensions over land rights would continue.

Although the phrase manifest destiny did not come into use until 1845, the concept of westward expansion to the Pacific was well in play in 1839 when efforts to remove any remaining Indigenous populations from New York State were under way.

Poughkeepsie’s Nathaniel P. Tallmadge was a U.S. Senator from New York who was involved in the making and amending of an important Senate bill related to what was largely seen as a fraudulently obtained 1838 Treaty of Buffalo Creek.

Through the Poughkeepsie Hotel register (DCHS Collections) of 1839 we find a January 10 gathering of the most important leaders of Indigenous Peoples at the time.

Six leaders arrived and registered at the hotel. The Seneca leaders Jamison, Seneca White, and Little Johnson arrived from Buffalo and were noted as “Indians.” Two men named Quinny (one of whom would have been John Wannuacon Quinney), and Big Bear from Green Bay, Wisconsin, were noted as “Indian Chiefs.” These leaders were trying to reverse the goals of the 1838 treaty they say was unjustly obtained by the United States, that would relocate any remaining Indigenous in New York State communities to the U.S. West.

They were aided by Quakers, who in 1839 published a significant committee report documenting the overwhelming wish of the majority Indigenous people to remain on ancestral lands. We believe at least two of those registering at the hotel at the same time were important Quaker leaders. The treaty was ultimately amended in 1842 which preserved the Seneca territories of Allegany, Cattaraugus and Oil Springs. This was a small, but important victory. But larger battles continued.

One-hundred and ten years after the

launch of the American Revolution, the Dutchess County Peace Society had its annual gathering for thousands on August 1, 1886 in the Town of Clinton’s Wiley’s Grove. The group’s leadership emerged from local Quaker husband and wife Charles and Amanda Deyo.

The Society’s main goal was to stop deadly war; but included advocacy for the fair and equal treatment of Indigenous people, people of color, women, and the working class.

On that particular day in Clinton, Chief Red Cloud (1822-1909), a highly regarded leader of the Oglala Lakota, spoke through a translator. The New York Times described him as “the greatest Chief...about six and a half feet in height, and large in proportion.”

Comments of Chief Red Cloud that day reflect the challenge of balancing a defense of identity and assimilation to engage. At Wiley’s Grove he said, “I am glad to come among White folks. I am glad to have White folks visit my people. My boys wanted to taunt White people. I would not let them. Now they don’t want to fight anymore. I came out east to see about my lands. I came with Mr. Cody (Buffalo Bill) not for money alone but to learn.”

Other speakers that day argued for citizenship rights for Indigenous people which were eventually granted in 1924. Except for the controversial 1887 Dawes Act, which for nearly 50 years promoted individual land ownership among American Indians, the federal approach was to relocate and consolidate Indigenous people on reservations.

The profiles of the many Indigenous people who lived locally is a separate and ongoing exercise. We end with a brief single profile: Hannah Coshire. The 1919 reporting of her 1887 death in or near LaGrange is revealing. The Sunday Courier (Poughkeepsie) at the time described her as, “the last of the Schaghticoke.” The persistently popular 1826 book, The Last of the Mohicans by James Fennimore Cooper, fixed a narrative that many contemporary Indigenous people wish to correct. Keep an eye out for historical narratives of a “disappeared race” while examining the contemporary voices of Indigenous people today.



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Boat America Course set for January 31

Boat America is a boating certificate class that offers an in-depth and interesting boating safety course, and provides the knowledge needed to obtain a boating certificate. The course is set for Saturday, Jan 31, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at the Beacon Recreation Center, 23 West Center Street, in Beacon.

Some insurance companies will also offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete this course. The course cost is \$45. Payment accepted in the form of cash or check. Funds will go towards the cost of course material and recreational boat-

ing safety activities of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, according to organizers.

Topics include: Introduction to Boating; Boating Law; Safety Equipment; Safe Operation and Navigation; Boating Emergencies; and Trailering; Sports and Boating. This course also fulfills the following New York State requirement under Brianna’s Law which went into effect in 2025: All motorboat operators regardless of age will need a boating safety certificate. Full attendance is required to obtain the official boater safety certificate.

The course is being taught by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary.

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