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Small Business Saturday is Nov. 29

Celebrating women small business owners

By Kristine Coulter

In the Wappingers Falls Business & Professional Association (WFBPA), many of the businesses are owned by women.

Jackie Muller is the president of the WFBPA and a small business owner.

“Dynamic Intervention Wellness Solutions was a dream, an idea conceived and developed in 1997 and officially became a business in 2007. I was a solo-preneur until 2019 when my daughter, Christen Deering, came on board. We have been a Family Therapy Group practice, literally family, since, and our team has been carefully curated to bring clinical excellence to Wappingers Falls,” said Muller via email.

Muller explained, “I wanted to start my business because as a single mom, I felt the pressure to be in too many places at the same time and the 9-5 just didn’t work. I needed flexibility and I wanted to do what I love too. Helping people is my passion but how was I to do that when I needed to help myself. I started a business, and the rest is “her”story.”

Pandemic brings business owner home to Hudson Valley

For April VanTassell, owner of Infinite



Pictured are small business owners who are members of the Wappingers Falls Business & Professional Association. (Above left) April VanTassell is the owner of Infinite Digital Marketing & Web.

(Above right) Rising Earth Healing Arts owner Christine Jude Winus. Her business is located in Wappingers Falls.



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Digital Marketing & Web, her business began during the pandemic in 2020.

In early 2020, VanTassell said she was living in Rhode Island and working on marketing for an accounting firm.

“I did everything – starting the website, [picking] the colors, the logo, everything,” she said, which increased business by 26 percent.

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Tree lightings set for Nov. 29



Scouts sing during a previous year’s tree lighting in Memorial Park in the City of Beacon.

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By Kristine Coulter

Tree lightings will take place this weekend in the Village of Wappingers Falls and City of Beacon.

Lighting the tree at Memorial Park set for Nov. 29

The annual Tree Lighting in Beacon will take place on Saturday, Nov. 29 at Memorial Park, Robert Cahill Dr., from 4-6 p.m.

“This year, we’re introducing face painting, balloons, and an opportunity to have your child’s picture taken with Santa,” said committee member Rhonda Altonen.

Why is this event important to the Beacon community?

“Our tree-lighting event helps kick off the holiday spirit, celebrating the community’s children and the spirit of giving! It fosters a sense of unity, boosts the local economy, and creates a festive atmosphere for the community,” remarked Altonen.

There are 11 members of the committee that have been organizing this annual event.

Altonen said, “Thank you to [Recreation Director] Mark Price and the City of Beacon Recreation team for all their support [each] year. We could not do this without them.”

The performers from the Beacon Performing Arts Center (BPAC) will be entertaining the crowd during this year’s event.

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Fishkill Business Association has new president

By Kristine Coulter

Amy Stillwaggon is the new president of the Fishkill Business Association (FBA). Stillwaggon’s Newburgh Envelope Corp. has been in business for several generations in Orange County.

“I took over from my father, Stuart and grandfather, Carl about 10 years ago. I feel like small businesses are the heartbeat of a community. Small business owners need local, affordable and effective resources for running their businesses and a network of fellow business owners to mastermind with, operating within a new business paradigm is easier to navigate when you can do it with others who share your perspective,” explained Stillwaggon.

Why does Stillwaggon think it is important for people to support Small

Business Saturday?

“Small Business Saturday is my favorite way to learn about new, local businesses in my community. I can’t be everywhere but seeing which local businesses my friends are supporting sheds a spotlight on them. I can then connect on social media, make a plan to visit or shop their website.”

Stillwaggon, who was elected president of the FBA this autumn, said she has had the privilege of working with a dedicated group of business owners on the Association’s board. She called it a mixture of “solo-preneurs,” mom-and-pop businesses, regional businesses, as well as franchises, “all bringing different strengths to the team.”

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Amy Stillwaggon is the new president of the Fishkill Business Association.

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As a result of the pandemic, Van Tassell, who was 8 months pregnant at that time, was laid off, as were so many others throughout the world.

She and her partner moved back to the Hudson Valley, where she grew up. He is originally from the Buffalo area.

"I started going to networking groups," explained VanTassell. From there, she officially began her business in October of 2020.

Infinite Digital Marketing & Web "offers a free 30-minute strategy session," to one who is interested in using the company's services, said Van Tassell. During the session, one will discuss marketing, how the company can assist one with their business and a discussion on websites.

Health and Wellness is one of the key industries that VanTassell has assisted in the past.

"We always sit down with the business owners themselves" to draft the plan of action, she noted. VanTassell will travel to businesses in a 20-mile radius or otherwise a Zoom meeting can be held.

"I am so excited to be back in the Hudson Valley – to be back in my roots," said VanTassell.

A culinary business is built

"The Jessica Experience began years ago when I, a Culinary Institute of America graduate, was working as a personal chef in Greenwich, Connecticut. I started offering small meal deliveries to friends and neighbors, and the idea quietly took root. When COVID hit, I joined with my sister Tiffany [Horton]—who also happens to be my best friend—we used our days in quarantine to reimagine what this could become. Together, we built a full business plan for a meal-delivery service that could support families and individuals across Dutchess County. What started as two sisters cooking and planning in a kitchen has grown over the past five years into a thriving, women-owned business we now run as proud partners," Jessica Schmeiler said via email.

As for what she enjoys about being her own boss, Schmeiler replied, "Sleeping late. But seriously, empowerment is really the first thing that comes to mind. Being able to make decisions that support both our business and our customers is incredibly rewarding. It's not always glamorous—there are plenty of long hours and unexpected challenges—but having the freedom to shape our own path and serve our community makes it all worth it."

What is The Jessica experience specialty meal?

"Our menu changes weekly and fea-

tures all kinds of homemade dishes, but the one item that stands out above everything else is our chicken pot pie. It has become so popular that we now dedicate a special day and delivery just to keep up with demand. Our Thanksgiving offerings are also a huge hit each year — from family-style sides to a fully cooked turkey breast delivered right to your door. It gives families the comfort of a homemade holiday meal without the stress of doing all the cooking themselves," said Schmeiler.

Trust the intelligence of one's body

Christine Jude Winus began Rising Earth Healing Arts as a sanctuary for holistic wellness nestled in Wappingers Falls. On the business' website, it is stated, "The Journey Begins with Trusting the Intelligence of Your Body." Rising Earth Healing Arts is "a sanctuary for healing and transformation."

Winus, was a single mom and studying nursing. She then became interested in massage therapy.

"That got me studying different forms [of massage therapy]," said Winus, who is a Somatic Message Therapist, Intuitive Energy Therapist and Feminine Arts Practitioner.

Winus said "I had these gifts to offer people. The only way we're going to make [our lives] better is by working on ourselves."

Winus had a location for her small business in Beacon. She then heard about the current location, 2676 W. Main St, in Wappingers Falls.

"I found this space through a client. I realized I could walk from my home," explained Winus, who calls her business location her "sanctuary."

Winus explained, "The majority of people who walk in here say it feels warm. They are excited to be here."

On the business' website, <https://www.risingearthhealingarts.com>, it states, for Bodywork, "Relieve stress, improve circulation, and restore balance with personalized massage therapy tailored to your needs. Choose from Integrative Massage, Craniosacral Therapy, Integrative Energy Therapy, Pre/Postnatal and Mayan Abdominal Massage"

Regarding Sacred Women's Empowerment, it is noted in part, on the website, "Whether you're navigating fertility, pregnancy, postpartum, menopause, or any transition in your feminine journey, my practice provides a sanctuary to restore balance, transcend trauma, reconnect with your body's wisdom, and reclaim your power."

One may also rent the "three-season sunroom overlooking Wappinger Creek," according to the website. There is also the infrared sauna that is available.

Winus discussed how her daughter,



Sisters Jessica Schmeiler (left) and Tiffany Horton own and run The Jessica Experience.

-Courtesy photo

who is 13, saw her building her business from the ground up. "I built this business to also be there for her, for all her important moments," she said. "I live and work in the same community, I can be there for her."

As for being her own boss and running her own business, Winus said, "It is the best thing ever! It doesn't feel like business, it feels like I'm living my purpose."

Supporting small businesses

Muller remarked, "It is important to support small businesses because they are the lifeblood of the community. We are the ones with our fingers on the pulse of what our community members need and deserve. We are not giant corporations solely driven by the dollar. We are your neighbors, your first responders, your baristas and wait people, your PTA members, your Scout leaders, your parents, your volunteers and your students. We also own a business and know what the community needs or wants."

VanTassell noted, "A lot of people say 'hey, I want to support local' but most bypass [small businesses]. But small businesses say, 'hey, I'm here.'" As a female business owner, VanTassell said she can multi-task as a mother and running a company.

WFBPA can assist one's business

"Becoming president of the WFBPA has been amazing. I have an amazing board behind me and couldn't do it alone. Each and every one of them are long-standing members of the community and have lived or worked here investing time and money into growing a product or service," explained Muller. "We want to see Wappingers Falls thrive. We want to bring vibrance and fun and support our community members. As a Social Worker and professional driven by lifelong learning, the WFBPA has been the perfect platform to share what I do best - connecting people, businesses and resources to one another."

When asked about future plans for the WFBPA, Muller replied, "We plan to continue to grow opportunities for our business owners to shine and show that they are more than the large faceless corporate giant. We are invested and rooted [in] this community. We want to share our expertise and inspire future-business owners who may be in the dream phase so that they can see that with the proper support you too can make a dream a reality."

VanTassell said when she started net-

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working with the WFBPA "everyone was so warm and welcoming."

There has been "so much more exposure" for her business with the WFBPA, according to VanTassell.

Schmeiler remarked, "The WFBPA has been an incredible resource by helping us stay connected to the local business community. Through networking opportunities, shared guidance, and community events, they've helped amplify our visibility and supported our growth as a women-owned business in Wappingers Falls. It's truly encouraging to be part of such a supportive network."

Winus said about the WFBPA, "It is always great to be networking with other businesses."

Suggestions to get started on one's dream

Muller advised, "If you want to make your dream a reality reach out to any of us on the board, come to an event, a Mingle, breakfast with the board, a festival, a Lunch and Learn, a Wappingers Wellness event. See for yourself that our mantra is 'GIVING Back to the Community.' Or call, and we can chat a bit and connect you to the right resources for you and your family."

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‘His legacy continues through the people who follow the example he set’

Beekman Fire Dept. firefighter is recipient of 2025 Steven D. Ziskind Memorial Scholarship

By Kristine Coulter

Andrew Lopane from the Beekman Fire Department was presented with the fifth annual Steven D. Ziskind Memorial Scholarship. This year’s scholarship was presented by members of the Ziskind family and Wicoppee Fire Company recently at the Wicoppee Firehouse in East Fishkill.

The scholarship is in honor of Steven D. Ziskind, a local firefighter who volunteered with the Wicoppee Fire Company. Steven died in May of 2020 from injuries that were sustained in a motorcycle accident. Steven was the son of Polly and Martin Ziskind and brother of Adam. Steven, who carried a backpack and had dark hair and eyes, was called “Dora” by his fellow firefighters, after the cartoon character. The Ziskind family and Wicoppee Fire Company began the scholarship in honor of Steven, who was 22 years old. He was a 2016 graduate of John Jay High School and was enrolled at SUNY New Paltz, studying mechanical engineering.

“Andrew will be graduating from SUNY-ESF (Environmental Science and Forestry) in May and will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army upon graduation. He recently spent time in Washington State as a wild land firefighter as part of his educational experience,” the Wicoppee Fire Company posted on to social media.

Polly Ziskind said Lopane “is a lovely young man.”

Lopane stated via email to Beacon Free Press, “Receiving this scholarship is truly an honor. I’m proud to be recognized for the service I’ve provided to my community, and it means a lot that the work I’ve done has had an impact. Being chosen in Steven’s name makes it even more meaningful, because he embodied the type of service and dedication that I try to live up to.”

Lopane explained how he started as a firefighter. “I originally joined the Beekman Fire Department because I had a few friends from high school who were volunteering, and it seemed like something exciting and worthwhile to be a part of. But after my first few months, once I started going on calls, I realized how meaningful the work really was. It’s a powerful feeling to know you’re helping someone in a moment when they truly need it, and you’re doing it without expecting anything in return. That feeling of selfless service is what made me fall in love with the fire service,” explained Lopane.

From May to October, Lopane worked in Northeastern Washington as a Wildland Firefighter. “I was able to complete an inde-



Andrew Lopane was announced as this year’s Steven D. Ziskind Memorial Scholarship winner. A check presentation was held at the Wicoppee Firehouse with members of the Ziskind family, Lopane family and Wicoppee Fire Company.

-Courtesy photo Polly Ziskind

pendent research project for my degree on wildfire management and prevention during that time. Wildland firefighting has been something I’ve wanted to do since I first learned about it when I joined Beekman, so being able to actually do this work — and tie it into my education — was incredibly meaningful for me,” he remarked.

After high school, Lopane decided to join the military. He said he wanted to continue serving others. “It felt like a natural extension of what I had begun at Beekman. But balancing school, military training, and volunteering can be difficult. There are times when I have to step away from volunteering to work and pay for school. This scholarship will directly help me stay involved in the fire service while continuing my education — and that means more to me than I can express,” said Lopane.

What stood out about Lopane’s scholarship application?

Ziskind replied, “His dedication to community service and the continuation of his education to add to his knowledge base of different ways to help people, exterior & interior firefighting, becoming an EMT, the plan to go to from May to October to Washington State to be a wildland firefighter to extend his firefighting knowledge and protect communities in a new capacity and finally, his

commitment to public service through the Army ROTC program that he participated in in high school and continues to participate in

in college.”

Lopane said he is honored to receive the scholarship in Steven’s name because of Steven’s community service. “The impact he made, especially at such a young age, is something I deeply respect. I want to encourage people my age to volunteer in their own communities and to carry forward that same spirit of service. Even though it’s terrible that his life was cut short, his legacy continues through the people who follow the example he set. If we serve others the way he did, then a part of him continues to live on in those actions,” Lopane stated.

Ziskind said it was important for her son to volunteer because he wanted to “give back to the community that had been good to us.”

“The Ziskind[s] and the Wicoppee Fire Company congratulate Andrew and wish him all the best in his future endeavors,” stated the fire company’s post.

Lopane stated: “To the Ziskind family and to the Wicoppee Fire Company: thank you for your generosity and for keeping Steven’s legacy alive in such a meaningful way. I am sincerely grateful to be this year’s recipient. Your support doesn’t just help me — it helps me continue serving others, just as Steven did. I will carry his legacy with respect, gratitude, and pride.”

FBA has new president

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Asked how she became a part of the FBA, since her business is in Orange County, Stillwaggon replied, “I was invited to visit the Fishkill Business Association by a few members I met networking around Dutchess County. They felt I’d be a good fit for the group. I think they’re right!”

Stillwaggon’s plans for the Fishkill Business Association

“My vision moving into 2026 is to increase the opportunity for our members to collaborate with each other, curate events that feature our members in their respective areas of expertise and celebrate our members in their personal and professional milestones,” she said.

Stillwaggon invites all to like and fol-

low the FBA on Facebook and Instagram.

“We have “Merlot and Money Matters” coming up Dec. 2 at the Hyatt House [in] Fishkill featuring an evening of wine tasting lead by Gennaro Flori of Boutique Wines, Spirits and Ciders, intertwined with a financial presentation by Austin Schweitzer of Edward Jones and Legal Services from Kevin Shorette of Shorette Shield Services,” said Stillwaggon, who noted admission for members is free and nonmembers is \$10.

Newburgh Envelope Corp. is at 1720 Route 300, Newburgh. For more information, call 845-566-4211 or email newburghenvelope@gmail.com.

For more information on the FBA, visit fishkillbusinessassociation.com.

For more information on FBA membership, reach Stillwaggon at FishkillBusinessAssociation@gmail.com.

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Mount Saint Mary faculty, staff serve students Thanksgiving meal



Mount Saint Mary College President Dr. Robert Gervasi serves a Thanksgiving meal to students at The View dining hall on November 17.

Mount Saint Mary College faculty and staff showed students how thankful the college is for their scholarship and service to the community with some service of their own on Monday, Nov. 17, by dishing out a Thanksgiving meal at The View dining hall.

Guest servers included Dr. Robert

Gervasi, President of the Mount; Fr. Gregoire Fluet, Vice President for Mission and Ministry; Lynette DeBellis, associate professor of Nursing and chair of the School of Nursing; Christopher Neyen, associate professor of Art and Graphic Design and Director of the Communication, Art, and Digital Media



Mount Saint Mary College students enjoyed their Thanksgiving-style meal on Monday, November 17, served up by their professors and other Mount staff members. -Photos by Lee Ferris

(CADM) program; and more. The Thanksgiving spirit didn't stop there. Several groups on campus hosted food drives for the local community, including the Desmond Center for Community Engagement and Wellness and the Mount's Sigma Tau Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi (KDP), the

International Honor Society in Education. The KDP drive yielded a total of 63 pounds of food and personal care items. The Desmond Center drive is still ongoing, as of the writing of this article. For more information, please visit www.msmc.edu.

Serino announces County appointments

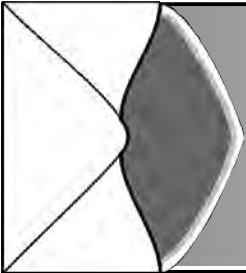
Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino has announced several appointments and reappointments within her administration including Deputy County Executive, Commissioner of Human Resources and reappointment of Commissioner of Community & Family Services. "I'm excited to announce dedicated and experienced County government leaders are stepping into new roles in our administration," said County Executive Sue Serino. "Gregg Pulver brings invaluable insight and leadership into the role of Deputy County Executive. Rachel Kashimer's expertise will be instrumental in guiding our workforce strategy as HR Commissioner. I'm also grateful that Sabrina Marzouka will continue her outstanding service as Commissioner of Community and Family Services; and we're eager for Steve Rector to apply his deep knowledge to the statewide employment challenges facing social services as DCFS Deputy Commissioner. Together, their experience and dedication will help move Dutchess County forward and strengthen the services we provide to our neighbors."

The County Executive has forwarded the appointment resolutions for the Deputy County Executive and the two Commissioner positions for review and approval by the Dutchess County

Legislature at the December 8th board meeting. County Executive Serino has tapped **Gregg Pulver**, a resident of Pine Plains, to serve as Deputy County Executive. Pulver currently serves as Assistant County Executive, a post he has held since January 2025. Pulver, a lifelong Dutchess County resident and experienced public servant and agricultural professional, brings extensive local and county government experience to the position, having previously served as County Legislator, including six years as Legislature Chairman. He also served as County Comptroller in 2024. His appointment will be effective December 9th, following confirmation by the Legislature. **Rachel Kashimer** will serve as Commissioner of Human Resources. Kashimer, a resident of LaGrange, most recently served as Deputy County Executive, a position she was appointed to in 2023. She moved to the Department of Human Resources in August to transition to the Commissioner position. Kashimer originally joined Dutchess County Government in 2012 and has served in a variety of roles in the Executive and Budget offices, including Assistant County Executive – COVID operations. Her appointment will be

effective January 3, 2026, following confirmation by the Legislature. **Sabrina Jaar Marzouka**, a resident of Pleasant Valley, will be reappointed as Commissioner for the Department of Community & Family Services (DCFS) for a third five-year term. Marzouka has led DCFS since 2015, overseeing the County's largest department, which provides a wide range of services and programming to thousands of individuals and families, such as protective services for children and adults, housing services, domestic violence prevention services, foster care and adoption, juvenile detention and justice services, child support enforcement, Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), temporary assistance, employment programs, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) aka food stamps, and Medicaid. Marzouka has served Dutchess County

Government since 1997. Her reappointment will be immediately effective following confirmation by the Legislature. **Steven J. Rector**, a resident of the Town of Poughkeepsie, will be appointed to serve as Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Community & Family Services, focused on administrative and human resources-related functions. Across New York State, social services districts are facing staffing challenges, including high numbers of vacancies and employee turnover. In this role, Rector will address these ongoing challenges in a complex and ever-changing regulatory environment. Rector, who has served as the Commissioner of Human Resources since 2013, will transition to this new role effective January 3, 2026. He has served in Dutchess County Government since 2012. His appointment does not require Legislative confirmation.



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CORRECTION
In the Nov. 19th edition of Beacon Free Press, it was inadvertently stated in the article about the Verplanck Garden Club's Children's Holiday Workshop, that Kathy Gambino was the president of the club. The current president is Joyce O'Connell.

Late Beekman Marine remembered during ‘Honor-A-Veteran’ ceremony



County Executive Sue Serino (left) joined Kellie Gasparre in honoring her late husband, LCpl. Nicholas Gasparre, at the recent “Honor-A-Veteran” ceremony.



County Executive Sue Serino (left), County Sheriff Kirk Imperati (third from right) and members of the Honor-A-Veteran Committee joined Kellie Gasparre at the recent ceremony honoring her late husband, LCpl. Nicholas Gasparre.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and the County’s Office of Veterans Affairs honored the service and legacy of U.S. Marine Corps Lance Corporal Nicholas Gasparre, a former Town of Beekman resident, during today’s final “Honor-A-Veteran” ceremony of the year. The recent tribute, held at the Dutchess County Law Enforcement Center in Poughkeepsie, was part of a monthly program honoring the lives and sacrifices of Dutchess County veterans who have passed away, celebrating the lasting impact they made on our nation and community.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, “In a life tragically cut all too short, Nick exemplified the word ‘service’ on several levels: first volunteering as a teenaged firefighter, then defending our nation in the Marines and finally protecting his neighbors as a Deputy Sheriff. Nick brought pride to his family, his local community and Dutchess County. We are privileged to recognize his enduring legacy of duty through our ‘Honor-A-Veteran’ program.”

Born on Aug. 22, 1988, Nicholas Gasparre began his life of service at the age of 14, becoming a volunteer firefighter with the Beekman Fire District. Driven by a deep sense of duty and a family tradition of military service, and inspired by the events of Sept. 11, 2001, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 2010, serving as an Air Support Operations Operator with

MASS 1 at Cherry Point, NC. His role was vital, coordinating air support for ground troops, much like a battlefield 911 operator. Though a shoulder injury prevented him from deploying, he earned several commendations, including the National Defense Service Medal, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, rising to the rank of Lance Corporal (LCpl.). His steadfast commitment to safeguarding was a defining characteristic of his military service and persisted throughout his civilian life.

In 2017, LCpl. Gasparre fulfilled his dream of becoming a deputy with the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office, where he was honored with the Meritorious Service and Patriot Awards. In 2021, LCpl. Gasparre married the love of his life, Kellie-Ann; the couple welcomed their daughter, Adelaide, in early 2024, and son Nicholas was born in 2025. Known for his humor and ability to connect with anyone, LCpl. Gasparre co-founded The League Hudson Valley, a local golf league for first responders. He was a devoted dog parent, a “Jurassic Park” enthusiast and a lover of acoustic guitar; and his playful spirit, kindness and loyalty continue to inspire through the lives he touched.

LCpl. Gasparre passed away on Nov. 15, 2024; read his obituary online.

Office of Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche said, “Nick wasn’t just

someone you knew; he was someone you felt. His presence filled a room with warmth, laughter and an unshakable sense that everything was going to be OK. He lived with purpose, served with pride and loved without hesitation. Whether Nick was in uniform, on the golf course or just hanging out with his beloved dogs, Gus and Rigatoni, he brought people together. Many of us throughout Dutchess County have coped with living without Nick over the past year, but knowing he lives on in the memories of Kellie-Ann, Adelaide, little Nick and the many people whose lives he touched makes each day a little easier.”

During today’s ceremony, County Executive Serino and Director Roche and members of the Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran Committee presented LCpl. Gasparre’s family with several honors, including a:

- U.S. flag flown in Dutchess County for 30 days in his memory;
- proclamation from County Executive Serino;
- memory box from Mental Health America of Dutchess County Vet2Vet;
- Veterans Challenge Coin from the Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran Committee; and
- handmade quilt from Mental Health America of Dutchess County’s Veterans Programs’ Quilts2Honor.

While today’s event was the final “Honor-A-Veteran” event of the year, cer-

emonies will continue in 2026, from April to November. Family, friends and community members are encouraged to nominate a veteran to be recognized through the initiative. The deceased veterans must meet the following criteria:

- be deceased for at least 30 days;
- have lived in Dutchess County for at least part of their life;
- have served in the United States Armed Forces with an honorable discharge, listed as missing in action, or died while serving in the military; and
- wartime and peacetime service is eligible, with no specific service dates or length-of-service requirements.

Applications are available online at dutchessny.gov/honoraveteran or in person at the Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs, 1335 Route 44 in Pleasant Valley. All submitted applications must be accompanied by a copy of the veteran’s military separation papers (DD-214, WD AGO 53-55, NBG-22 or report of casualty), obituary and death certificate.

Completed applications can be submitted via email to veterans@dutchessny.gov or returned to the Office of Veterans Affairs in person; members of the Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran Committee will review each application for consideration. More information is available by calling the County’s Office of Veterans Affairs at 845-486-2060.

Beacon Police Blotter

The following is from the City of Beacon Police Department.

Oct. 16: Traffic Stop-North Avenue-Amelia C. Gilmer, 29, of Wappingers Falls, was charged with Motor Vehicle Suspended Registration & miscellaneous Vehicle & Traffic Violations.

Oct. 16: Criminal Mischief-Main Street- Caller reported that someone painted graffiti on his building. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Oct. 17: Impound-Henry Street- Officer observed a parked vehicle with suspended registration and it was further discovered that insurance lapsed. Vehicle towed. Report taken.

Oct. 19: Trespass-Main Street-James A. Bernacchia, 33, of Beacon was charged with Trespass.

Oct. 20: Assault-North Avenue-Caller reported a prior assault. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Oct. 21: Auto Accident- Hit & Run Accident- Timothy S. Duff, 53, of Beacon, was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation Vehicle 3rd & miscellaneous Vehicle & Traffic Violations.

Oct. 23: Harassment-Leonard Street-Caller reported being harassed by someone not known to him. Caller wants incident documented at this time.

Oct. 24: Harassment- Liberty Street-Caller reported receiving multiple unwanted calls and texts from an individual known to him. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Oct. 24: Criminal Mischief- Main Street- Caller reported damage done to wiring in his building. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Oct. 25: Property Damage- North Cedar Street- Caller reported that someone egged her car. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Oct. 26: Disturbance- Cliff Street-Tiana D. Troung, 25, of Beacon, was charged

with Assault & Act in Manner that could injure a Child.

Oct. 27: Auto Accident-Hit & Run-North Chestnut Street- Caller reported damage to her vehicle as a result of a Hit & Run Accident. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Oct. 31: Traffic Stop-North Avenue-Corey M. Tudor, 47, of Newburgh, Orange County, was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 2nd & Miscellaneous Vehicle & Traffic violations.

Number of Calls: 352
Auto Accidents: 18
Domestics: 2.

THEME: THANKSGIVING

Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

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The heavy lines indicate areas, called cages, from one to five squares in size. Fill each cage with unique digits, counting up from 1. So for example a 2-square cage contains the numbers 1 and 2; and a 5-square cage contains the numbers from 1 to 5. Adjacent (touching) squares, even ones that touch diagonally, may never contain the same number.

1. Fresh Prince: "____ ya later!"
6. Say "no"
9. "Nana" author Émile ____
13. Capital of Vietnam
14. The home of the brave, acr.
15. Increase rpms (2 words)
16. Like yesteryear
17. Rejuvenating spot
18. Like a solder at attention
19. *Pumpkin pie or pecan pie, e.g.
21. *Plymouth ____
23. Seek damages
24. Light on one's feet
25. Like The Beatles
28. Certain blast's origins
30. *What tom said
35. Iranian money
37. Precedes GPT
39. Water nymph
40. Wisconsin's western neighbor
41. One tenth
43. Mountain, in Germany
44. The Statue of Liberty island
46. Cat sound
47. Instinctive motive
48. 1970s dance clubs
50. Do like buffaloes
52. Distress acronym
53. Opposite of genuine
55. Bow or bolo
57. *Moisturizing kitchen tool
60. *Turkey prepared certain way
64. Bottom line
65. Pub offering
67. Alley cat, e.g.
68. Extreme suffering
69. International help, e.g.
70. Bullwinkle J. ____
71. Fitness facilities
72. July-August sign of Zodiac
73. More so than #12 Down

1. Not barefoot
2. Gender checkbox
3. Peters out
4. Loamy deposit
5. Form a queue (2 words)
6. Head and shoulders sculpture
7. Venomous snake
8. Civil rights organization, acr.
9. Whole number between -1 and 1
10. *Biscuit baker
11. *She took away the football from Charlie Brown
12. Mentally quick, e.g.
15. Put trust in (2 words)
20. Respond
22. Website address ending
24. Eminence
25. *Deep____, turkey prepared certain way
26. White condiment
27. Sheds tears
29. *Mayflower
31. Hindi courtesy title
32. Coffin holders
33. One of Florida Keys
34. Ruler sides, e.g.
36. Not of the cloth
38. Through, to a poet
42. Muse of love poetry
45. "Killing Me ____ with His Song"
49. Fraternity letters
51. Unwholesome atmosphere
54. Cattle enclosure in African village
56. Bar, legally
57. Unidentified aircraft
58. Niels Bohr's study object
59. Without, à Paris
60. Overhaul
61. *Turkey____, 5K run
62. "At ____!" military command
63. Indigo user
64. "You're it" game
66. Rest in state

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that’s italian!

by luigi coppola

Nonna’s purse



This indispensable accessory was part suitcase, part weapon.

The other day while working at the restaurant I saw an elderly woman who reminded me of my Nonna. She was taller woman, with gray hair probably set with Aquanet. She had that warm aura about her that made you feel safe. Oh, and she carried a purse about the size of a small suitcase.

That purse is what flooded my mind with memories of Nonna. She had everything you can imagine in that arm-strapped suitcase: tissues, aspirin, first aid kit, sewing kit, safety pins, gum, crackers, small bottle of olive oil, cough drops, rosary beads, toys, comb, brush, minibible, nail file, old wallet, sweater, hard candies, cookies, Brioschi, head of garlic, and of course the ever present rain bonnet.

I’ll never forget how heavy that arm-strapped suitcase was. It must have been 20 pounds or so. She always held it in the crook of her arm with a coat of some sort on one side of it. I can picture that smile of hers when she looked at you. Almost a half laugh. She would come close to you and lightly smack you on the cheek, then kiss you on the other cheek and squeeze your face.

I remember once when I was little someone tried to rob it from her. He ran up and tried to grab it from her. Nonna

looked at him with fire in her eyes. That poor slob got hit so hard with that arm-strapped suitcase he was almost knocked out cold. Once he realized he picked the wrong person, he started to run. But not quite fast enough for my Nonna, who was surprisingly quick. As he was running away, my Nonna hit him again and again. I can vividly picture him trying to get away as he was getting socked and remember laughing so hard it hurt.

My Nonna wanted to make sure he remembered her, so she kept hitting him. After he finally got away, Nonna, turned around straightened herself out and acted as if nothing had happened. She saw me laughing came over and smacked on the cheek as she was laughing herself.

Nonna was tough. Enjoy the recipe of my favorite dessert she would make, Struffoli.

Nonna’s Struffoli
Ingredients

- 2 cups of all-purpose flour
- 1 packet vanilla powder
- pinch of salt
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon brandy
- 3 large eggs + 1 egg yolk (slightly beaten)

1 tablespoon grated orange zest
2 tablespoons corn oil
Corn oil for deep frying (about 2 cups)
Honey (about 1 cup)
Strips of orange zest
Sprinkles

Method

In a large bowl whisk together the flour, vanilla powder, salt and sugar.

In the middle of your dried mixture, make a well and add the eggs, brandy, grated orange zest and 2 tablespoons of oil. Blend the wet ingredients well with fingers.

Begin working the dry ingredients with your hands, into the wet and continue until a dough forms.

Lightly knead the dough (about 5 minutes) until it is uniform.

Let the dough rest covered in plastic wrap for about an hour.

Working with a small piece of dough at a time (golf ball size), roll it out into 1/2" diameter logs and cut into 1/2" pieces.

Heat the 2 cups of oil in a deep non-stick pan until it reaches 350 degrees F.

Gently lower the cut pieces of dough into the oil. Keep moving them around in the oil so they cook on all sides. Note the dough will almost double in size as it fries.

Allow them to turn golden brown all

over then remove them from the oil with a slotted spatula and let them drain on a paper-towel lined pan.

Continue rolling, cutting, and frying the remainder of the dough (keep the unrolled dough covered in plastic wrap).

When all the dough has been fried, empty the remaining oil from the pot, gently wipe out with a paper towel and add the honey. Let the honey get heated till it is of a thinner consistency. Place all the struffoli and orange zest into the honey and stir until they are completely coated. Remove with a slotted spoon.

Place the struffoli on a serving dish and decorate with sprinkles.

Buon appetito!

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

Tree lightings in Beacon,
Wappingers Falls on November 29



Carmen Calderon is chairing the committee that is organizing the annual Holiday Tree Lighting & Parade of Lights in Wappingers Falls. The event is set for Nov. 29. The gazebo will be decorated for the festivities.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

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“We are excited to perform at the tree lighting! Our students who are in “BPAC Company” will be singing classic Christmas Carols such as “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas” and “Let It Snow!” This select-advanced group will be traveling to Atlanta in January to attend the Junior Theatre Festival, and is comprised of 22 talented teenagers from across the Hudson Valley,” said Kate Vander Linden, executive director and co-founder

of BPAC.

Vander Linden added, “We can’t wait to celebrate the season and our amazing community.”

Among the other local talent that are set to bring holiday joy to those in attendance are Grace Morea, Yanarella School of Dance, Ballet Arts Studio, School of Rock, Jonah Espinosa, Molly Lyons, and music provided by DJ Donovan Royall. The Beacon Scouts will sing as Santa arrives. The tree is scheduled to be lit at dusk (around

4:30 p.m.).

Parade, tree lighting in Wappingers Falls

The annual Holiday Tree Lighting & Parade of Lights will take place in Mesier Park in Wappingers Falls on Saturday, Nov. 29. The event will be presented by the Wappingers Falls Recreation Committee.

The festivities will include a lights parade. The line up for the parade begins at 4 p.m. at South Ave. (Route 9D)/ Elm St. The rain date is Sunday, Nov. 30.

The tradition of Santa arriving during the event will continue this year.

Carmen Calderon is the chair for the annual event. This year there will also be a handful of local vendors,

she noted.

“There will be hot chocolate, coffee, doughnuts, popcorn and cookies,” Calderon remarked.

The park opens at 5 p.m.

The parade kicks off at 6 p.m. Attendees can enjoy the procession as it works its way down South Ave. to Mesier Park.

Then, Santa will light the tree and take photos with those in attendance.

Events like this tree lighting are “about community and bringing people together,” Calderon said.

One may bring a new toy to donate for the Toys For Tots campaign.

“Elves” can still sign up to volunteer and help with this annual event. Visit <https://sites.google.com/view/holidaytreelighting/home>.

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‘Beacons of History’ honored by historical society



George Atkinson, pictured with his family, was this year’s Individual Honoree at the “Beacons of History” Awards on Nov. 6.

-Courtesy photos Beacon Historical Society

The Beacon Historical Society presented its annual “Beacons of History” awards on Nov. 6 to an individual and a business who have made substantial contributions to Beacon and helped to preserve its history and sense of community. It was the most successful installment to date of the nine-year tradition, raising more money to support the non-profit’s operations than ever before. More than 200 people attended the friend- and fundraiser at the historic Roundhouse event space. The 2025 recognition was presented to:

Individual Honoree:
George Atkinson

George still resides in the Locust Place home where he was born in 1927, drives his own car and participates in a local airplane club - all reasons to honor this spry and humorous 98-year-old gentleman. But his true importance shines through when discussing his hometown - for George has loved Beacon through its ups

and downs and remains a passionate advocate for a city that he has watched weather the Great Depression, fight (and win!) World War II, ride the Mount Beacon Incline Railway and close the Newburgh Beacon Ferry. (Just try to stump George on any Beacon history - you likely won’t get the best of his amazing memory and historical recall.) George graduated from the Spring Street School and Beacon High School, where he credits classes in its brand-new workshop for sparking his career as a machinist in local businesses such as Dutchess Tool during WWII. He is one of the Society’s most valuable and faithful volunteers and a living treasure trove of Beacon history, as displayed during a live “interview” during the night’s program.

Organizational Honoree:
The Roundhouse

In a superb example of adaptive reuse, The Roundhouse has converted one of Beacon’s most historic factory complexes



The Roundhouse was honored as this year’s Organizational Honoree. The MacAlpine family received the award.

into one of its most successful businesses. First developed in the early 1800s, the site has manufactured locomotives, knives, the first lawn mowers in America and a vast amount of other machinery and goods in more than 200 years of active use. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the property housed one of the city’s first factories, the Matteawan Manufacturing Company, forerunner (starting in 1864) of all hat-making factories in Beacon. Later the Mase Hat Shop, and later still, Braendly Dye Works, the complex saw several of its buildings razed in the 1980s due to safety concerns. Beginning in 2010, the McAlpine Family rescued the site and converted the remainder of the old factory and the Roundhouse property into a restaurant, luxury hotel, event space and artist lofts - preserving original elements where possible, repurposing materials found on site and collaborating with local architects and designers. Bob and Patti McAlpine accepted the award with their family members.

“We congratulate these worthy hon-

orees, and we are deeply grateful to the local businesses and residents who supported this event to celebrate Beacon’s past and future,” said Historical Society President Denise VanBuren, noting that it is the Society’s single largest fundraiser this year. “The proceeds will be used to assist our Society in preserving and promoting the history of Beacon at a time when our city is experiencing a great deal of interest and rebirth. We need to chronicle the stories of our community so that people better understand what makes this such a great place to live. Our mission has never been more important.”

The Beacons of History Awards event was sold out, but a video of it can be found on the Society’s website at www.BeaconHistorical.org under Past Events. The site’s Support tab also offers the opportunity to become a member.

For \$25 a year, members receive a monthly newsletter, invitations to special events and knowing that they are helping to save and celebrate the history of Beacon. All are welcome.

Annual Holiday Hoot at Howland Cultural Center Dec. 7

Jingle-bells and festival lights are revving up as the annual Holiday Hoot will take place Sunday, Dec. 7, at 6 p.m., starring internationally award-winning chanteuse Goldee B. Greene, and her talented friends. This popular event celebrates Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa for family fun. Piano maestro Tom McCoy is music director, and the ebullient Willa Bugnon is Mistress of Ceremonies. Justice McCray is stage manager. Program rings in the season with a rich assortment of music and spoken word, topped off by a community yuletide singalong, and general good cheer.

Entertainment includes X-tremes, “just a bunch-a hipster neighborhood ladies”

comprising Ms. Bugnon, Yaslyn Daniels, Fran DiSarro, GG, and Wendy Sanderson. Other acts are the LuvBugs, Kwanzaa Korner, Hanukkah poetry with noted scribe Joanne Grumet, shimmering gospel offerings by the acclaimed Souls United of the Hudson Valley, and more. A lucky raffle-winner will take home a gorgeous gift basket donated by Viscount Wines and Liquor. Adult and children refreshments will be on sale.

Howland Cultural Center is at 477 Main Street, Beacon. Admission: \$20/advance, \$25/door, \$10/kids.

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Obituaries

Deboarh A. Wolfe



Deborah “Debbie” A. Wolfe, a lifelong resident of Beacon, entered into rest on November 14, 2025 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center with her family by her side. She was 63 years old.

Born in Beacon on February 24, 1962, she was the daughter of the late Richard D. and Josephine DiPerno Malouf. She graduated from Beacon High School. On June 22, 1985 she married Christopher Wolfe. Chris survives at home.

Debbie dedicated 37 years of service to New York State DOC, starting as an Inmate Records Coordinator at Beacon Correctional Facility and working her way up to Regional Director of Inmate Records before her retirement in 2017. She enjoyed camping, taking road trips with her family, and spending time at her

Delaware beach house, where she created many happy memories with family and friends. Her greatest pride and joy were her grandchildren, whom she loved deeply. Even throughout her illness, Debbie continued to care for those around her. She found happiness in cooking for her family and friends, always making sure everyone felt welcomed and loved.

In addition to her husband, Christopher, she is survived by her daughter, Heather DelBianco and her husband, Mark; her son, Christopher Wolfe and his wife, Hannah; her grandchildren, Leah and Angelo DelBianco; her brother, Richard Malouf; her sisters, Jo-Marie VanBuren and Donna Trappe; her sister in law, Lisa Miller and her husband, Al; her nieces, Jennifer Wenzel, Kristen Sidebottom, Lauren Braun, Allison Tkachenko and Andrea Malouf; her nephews, Jason VanBuren, Bradley VanBuren and R.J. Trappe; her grand-dog, Rollie.

She was pre deceased by her parents, Richard and Josephine Malouf and also her mother and father-in-law, Ave Wolfe and Clarence Wolfe.

Family and friends gathered on Tuesday, November 18 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, November 19 at 10 a.m. at St. Joachim Church, 51 Leonard Street, Beacon.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you and appreciation to Dr. Godoy of NYOH Albany, the Hudson Infusion Center and the Dyson Infusion Center and Radiation Department for their care of Debbie.

Memorial donations in memory of Debbie may be made to the Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance, www.ocrahope.org.

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

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

Dutchess County to participate in STOP-DWI Thanksgiving Crackdown

Multiple law-enforcement agencies across Dutchess County will take part in a coordinated effort to stop impaired driving during the Thanksgiving holiday week. This concentrated campaign runs from Wednesday, Nov. 26 through Sunday, Nov. 30.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, “Let’s all help make the roads safer this holiday season, and please make a safe plan for getting home. We thank the dedicated men and women of law enforcement who work year-round to keep our roads safe for us all.”

The campaign is part of STOP-DWI’s broader “High Visibility Enforcement” initiative, supported by the New York Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee, and involves agencies across the state working together to reduce alcohol- and drug-related crashes during peak times.

According to the National Highway

Traffic Safety Administration, between 2019 and 2023, 868 people were killed nationwide in drunk-driving crashes during the Thanksgiving holiday period, making up about one-third of all traffic deaths during that time. In 2023 alone, 174 people died in crashes involving a driver with a blood alcohol level of .08 or higher over Thanksgiving; drivers ages 21 to 34 were involved in the largest share of deadly drunk-driving crashes that year.

The statewide enforcement effort also focuses on other times of year when dangerous driving is more common, including the winter holiday season, Super Bowl weekend, St. Patrick’s Day, Memorial Day and the busy summer months, the Fourth of July, Labor Day and Halloween. Drivers are encouraged to plan ahead and make safe choices, and STOP-DWI New York urges residents to download its mobile app, “Have a Plan.”

Women’s Parish Club to host annual Christmas Fair Dec. 6-7 in Beacon

The Woman’s Parish Club of St. Joachim-St. John the Evangelist Church will be holding our Annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, Dec.7 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the St. Joachim gymnasium, Leonard Street, in Beacon.

Start Christmas shopping at the Famous Jewelry Counter, and specialty tables:

New Christmas items, almost new items, baked goods, knitted goods, quilted place-mats, figurines and more.

There will be several raffle opportunities including: a Lottery Tree, a Wine Basket, money prizes, gift baskets and a 50/50. Face painting and a craft table will be available for children of all ages.

Breakfast and lunch will be available.

Maureen F. Guglielmo



Maureen F. Guglielmo, 77, a resident of Wappingers Falls and previously of Hopewell Junction for over 40 years, died on November 12, 2025 at MidHudson Regional Hospital surrounded by her family.

Born on December 24, 1947 in the Bronx, Maureen was the daughter of the late Francis and Kathleen (Faughnan) Natt. On October 19, 1968 at St. John the Baptist Church in Yonkers, she married the love of her life and highschool sweetheart, Michael Guglielmo who predeceased her in 2021 after 53 years of marriage.

Maureen retired as a manager from IBM, where she worked at both the Somers and East Fishkill locations. She

loved to travel, especially to the beach and cherished spending time with her many friends, some of whom she had known since childhood. Warm, social, and full of life, Maureen brought joy and laughter wherever she went.

Above all, she deeply loved her family and took immense pride in her grandchildren. She was a devoted supporter at all of their sporting events-her famous cheer, “woohoo” could be heard from the lacrosse field to the volleyball court, and most of all at the baseball field.

A lifelong lover of sports, Maureen not only cheered from the sidelines but also coached her own children’s soccer and baseball teams and served as a dedicated team mom for many others. Her enthusiasm, encouragement, and kindness touched everyone around her.

Maureen is survived by her children, Laura Santiago and her husband Ray of Pleasant Valley, Kara Romano and her husband Alex of Lagrangeville, Jon Guglielmo and his wife Jessica of Calabash, NC; her grandchildren, Raymond and Katherine, Michael and Kate Lynn, Ava, Christopher, Madison, and Jon Jr.; her brother Robert Natt and his partner Susan; her sisters-in-law, Joanne Natt and Lynda DiPressi; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband and parents, Maureen was also predeceased by her brother, Arthur Natt.

Calling hours were held on Sunday, November 16th at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. The Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, November 17th at St. Columba Church, 835 Route 82, Hopewell Junction followed by interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made in Maureen’s memory to the Dutchess County Office for the Aging, to support families who lack the resources or network to care for their loved ones during the final stages of life. Maureen was blessed with a devoted circle of family and friends who lovingly supported her when she needed it most, and she would want others to have that same care and compassion. Please visit Maureen’s Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Richard Carson



Richard Carson, 84, an area resident for over 52 years, died on November 19, 2025 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. He previously lived in Ossining, NY, Key West, FL, and Anchorage, AK.

Born on May 25, 1941 in the Bronx, Richard was the son of the late Donald and Eileen (O’Connor) Carson. He proudly served in the US Air Force. Richard retired from IBM after 30+ years of service.

An avid fan of the NY Giants, Knicks, and Yankees, Richard also enjoyed bowling. Richard was a season ticket holder of the HV Renegades since the inaugural season. He coached his daughters’ softball teams when they were young and played baseball himself. In retirement, he volunteered his time at the Castle Point VA Medical Center. More than anything, he was incredibly proud of his children and grandchildren’s accomplishments

and so loved his great grandchildren.

On January 15, 1964 in Anchorage, AK, he married Judith (White) Carson who survives at home after 61 years of marriage. He is also survived by his daughters, Teresa Paino of Poughkeepsie, Kelly DeNicolais of Poughkeepsie, and Suzanne Viafore of Fishkill; his grandchildren Kevin and Robyn Paino, Sean and Ashley Paino, Ashley DeNicolais, and Brett DeNicolais; his great-grandchildren, Eleanor, Keegan, Savannah, and Lucy; his brother, Donald Carson and his wife Ann; his sister-in-law, Roberta Carson; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Richard was also predeceased by his brothers, John Carson and Denis Carson.

Calling hours were held on Sunday, November 23 at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Monday, November 24 at St. Mary, Our Lady of the Falls Church, 11 Clinton Street, Wappingers Falls followed by burial at St. Mary’s Cemetery.

Donations may be made in memory of Richard to Castle Point VAMC. Please visit his Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.



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LEIGH WAGER, Clerk
Dutchess County Legislature
DATED: November 17, 2025
RESOLUTION NO. 2025180
RE: ESTABLISHING ZONE "029A" AND ZONE "029B" ZONES OF ASSESSMENT IN THE DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK

Legislators D'AQUANNI and GORMAN offer the following and move its adoption:

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature, by Chapter 592 of the Laws of 1991 (§1123, Public Authorities Law), created the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority ("WWA"), and established the Dutchess County Water District covering all the areas within the boundaries of Dutchess County, and

WHEREAS, WWA has proposed to construct a water main extension to connect the existing Hyde Park Regional Water System to the existing Dutchess Estates water distribution system in the Town of Hyde Park, and

WHEREAS, WWA's ability to provide the referenced water services is contingent upon the creation of the two Zones of Assessment in the Dutchess County Water District encompassing all the properties in the said water system which will support those customers in the Town of Hyde Park, and

WHEREAS, WWA has presented to this Legislature a notice of project pursuant to Section 1124 of the Public Authorities Law which outlines WWA's plan to establish Zones "029A" and "029B" Zones of Assessment in the Dutchess County Water District for the extension to the Hyde Park Regional Water System, located in the Town of Hyde Park, and

WHEREAS, this Legislature has before it a Map, Plan and Report entitled "Map, Plan and Report, Dutchess County Water District Zones of Assessment "029A" and "029B", which was submitted to it by the WWA with the Notice of Project pursuant to Section 1124 of the Public Authorities Law, and

WHEREAS, WWA proposes to enter into a Restatement of the Amended Service Agreement with Dutchess County (County), on behalf of the proposed Zones of Assessment "029A" and "029B" whereby the District will provide water services to the customers within the Zones

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at rates established by WWA, and

WHEREAS, the Map, Plan and Report identify the parcels to be included in each of the Zones of Assessment, describes the infrastructure to be used to provide water service, and provides the estimated annual cost for water service for the typical property in the proposed Zones of Assessment herein, and

WHEREAS, the first-year annual customer cost to the typical single-family home is estimated to be One Thousand, Three Hundred Twelve and 00/100 (\$1,312) dollars, and

WHEREAS, this Legislature conducted a public hearing on this proposal on October 14, 2025, and heard all persons interested, and

WHEREAS, the establishment of said Zone "029A" and Zone "029B" Zones of Assessment will ensure an economical, efficient water system for the properties within the service area, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby waives the notice provisions of Section 1124 of the Public Authorities Law and by this Resolution consents to this project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined that the properties and property owners within the proposed Zone "029A" and Zone "029B" Zones of Assessment are benefited thereby and all the properties and property owners benefited are included with the proposed Zone "029A" and Zone "029B" Zones of Assessment, and it is in the public's interest to create the Zone "029A" and Zone "029B" Zones of Assessment, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Zone "029A" and Zone "029B" Zones of Assessment in the Town of Hyde Park as aforementioned and more particularly described in "Attachment A" attached hereto is hereby established, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon full compliance with all the requisite statutes and laws applicable to its adoption and promulgation.

RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

ATTACHMENT A COUNTY WATER DISTRICT ZONE OF ASSESSMENT "029A" TAX PARCEL LIST

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LEIGH WAGER, Clerk
Dutchess County Legislature
DATED: November 17, 2025
RESOLUTION NO. 2025182
RE: ESTABLISHING ZONE "030" ZONE OF ASSESSMENT IN THE DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK

Legislators D'AQUANNI and GORMAN offer the following and move its adoption:

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature, by Chapter 592 of the Laws of 1991 (§1123, Public Authorities Law), created the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority ("WWA"), and established the Dutchess County Water District covering all the areas within the boundaries of Dutchess County, and

WHEREAS, WWA has proposed to construct a water main to connect the existing Hyde Park Regional Water System to the existing South Cross water distribution system in the Town of Hyde Park, and

WHEREAS, WWA's ability to provide the referenced water services is contingent upon the creation of the Zone of Assessment in the Dutchess County Water District encompassing all the properties in the said water system which will support those customers in the Town of Hyde Park, and

WHEREAS, WWA has presented to this Legislature a notice of project pursuant to Section 1124 of the Public Authorities Law which outlines WWA's plan to establish Zone "030" Zone of Assessment in the Dutchess County Water District for the extension to the Hyde Park Regional Water System, located in the Town of Hyde Park, and

WHEREAS, this Legislature has before it a Map, Plan and Report entitled "Map, Plan and Report, Dutchess County Water District Zone of Assessment "030", which was submitted to it by the WWA with the Notice of Project pursuant to Section 1124 of the Public Authorities Law, and

WHEREAS, WWA proposes to enter into a Restatement of the Amended Service Agreement with Dutchess County (County), on behalf of the proposed Zone of Assessment "030" whereby the District will provide water services to the customers within the Zone at rates established by WWA, and

WHEREAS, the Map, Plan and Report identifies the parcel

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to be included in the Zone of Assessment, describes the infrastructure to be used to provide water service, and provides the estimated annual cost for water service for the typical property in the proposed Zone of Assessment herein, and

WHEREAS, the first-year annual customer cost to the typical single family home is estimated to be Eight Hundred Ninety-Two and 00/100 (\$892) dollars, and

WHEREAS, this Legislature conducted a public hearing on this proposal on October 14, 2025, and heard all persons interested, and

WHEREAS, the establishment of said Zone "030" Zone of Assessment will ensure an economical, efficient water system for the properties within the service area, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby waives the notice provisions of Section 1124 of the Public Authorities Law and by this Resolution consents to this project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined that the properties and property owners within the proposed Zone "030" Zone of Assessment are benefited thereby and all the properties and property owners benefited are included with the proposed Zone "030" Zone of Assessment, and it is in the public's interest to create the Zone "030" Zone of Assessment, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Zone "030" Zone of Assessment in the Town of Hyde Park as aforementioned and more particularly described in "Attachment A" attached hereto is hereby established, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon full compliance with all the requisite statutes and laws applicable to its adoption and promulgation.

RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

ATTACHMENT A COUNTY WATER DISTRICT ZONE OF ASSESSMENT "030" TAX PARCEL LIST

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Legislature of Dutchess County will meet on the 4th day of December at 6:30 pm, in the Legislative Cham-

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bers, 22 Market Street, 6th Floor, Poughkeepsie, New York for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget of said county for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and on the Capital Improvement Program of said county for the years 2026 through 2030.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that copies of said Tentative Budget and Capital Improvement Program are available at the Office of the Budget Director, Sixth Floor, County Office Building, Poughkeepsie, where they may be inspected or procured by interested persons during regular business hours. Pursuant to Section 359 of the County Law, the maximum salaries that may be fixed and payable during said fiscal year to the members of the Legislature and to the Chairman thereof respectively are hereby specified:

MEMBER, COUNTY LEGISLATURE, 20 MEMBERS \$28,050
MAJORITY/MINORITY ASSISTANT LEADER, COUNTY LEGISLATURE \$37,230
MAJORITY/MINORITY LEADER, COUNTY LEGISLATURE \$46,410
CHAIRMAN, COUNTY LEGISLATURE \$55,590
LEIGH WAGER, CLERK
DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-64-25

2026 Chevrolet Tahoe with Security Package

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd day of December 2025 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-46-25

DCTC Traffic Count Program

Proposals must be submitted electronically through the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System (BidNet Direct) Portal on or before 2:00 p.m., December 17, 2025. Specifications, proposal forms and submittal instructions may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-63-25
Legal Services for the Elderly Program
Proposals must be submitted electronically through the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System (BidNet Direct) Portal on or before 2:00 p.m., December 12, 2025. Specifications, proposal forms and submittal instructions may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

DUTCHESS COUNTY NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess, New York, has duly adopted Resolution No. 2025184 on November 10, 2025, published herewith, and is **SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM**. Any petition requesting a referendum on such resolution must be presented to the Clerk of the Legislature no later than 45 days from the date of adoption.
LEIGH WAGER Clerk
Dutchess County Legislature
DATED: November 17, 2025
RESOLUTION NO. 2025184
RE: ESTABLISHING ZONE "031" ZONE OF ASSESSMENT IN THE DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK
Legislators D'AQUANNI and GORMAN offer the following and move its adoption:
WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature, by Chapter 592 of the Laws of 1991 (§1123, Public Authorities Law), created the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority ("WWA"), and established the Dutchess County Water District covering all the areas within the boundaries of Dutchess County, and
WHEREAS, WWA has proposed to construct a water main extension to connect the existing Hyde Park Regional Water System to the proposed North Park Water distribution system in the Town of Hyde Park, and
WHEREAS, WWA's ability to provide the referenced water services is contingent upon the creation of the Zone of Assessment in the Dutchess County Water District encompassing all the properties in the said water system which will support those customers in the Town of Hyde Park, and
WHEREAS, WWA has presented to this Legislature a notice of project pursuant to Section 1124 of the Public Authorities Law which outlines WWA's plan to establish Zone "031" Zone of Assessment in the Dutchess County Water District for the extension to the Hyde Park

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Regional Water System, located in the Town of Hyde Park, and
WHEREAS, this Legislature has before it a Map, Plan and Report entitled "Map, Plan and Report, Dutchess County Water District Zone of Assessment "031", which was submitted to it by the WWA with the Notice of Project pursuant to Section 1124 of the Public Authorities Law, and
WHEREAS, WWA proposes to enter into a Restatement of the Amended Service Agreement with Dutchess County (County), on behalf of the proposed Zone of Assessment "031" whereby the District will provide water services to the customers within the Zone at rates established by WWA, and
WHEREAS, the Map, Plan and Report identifies the parcel to be included in the Zone of Assessment, describes the infrastructure to be used to provide water service, and provides the estimated annual cost for water service for the typical property in the proposed Zone of Assessment herein, and
WHEREAS, the first-year annual customer cost to the typical single family home is estimated to be One Thousand, Four Hundred Seventy-Three and 00/100 (\$1,473) dollars, and
WHEREAS, this Legislature conducted a public hearing on this proposal on November 10, 2025, and heard all persons interested, and
WHEREAS, the establishment of said Zone "031" Zone of Assessment will ensure an economical, efficient water system for the properties within the service area, now therefore, be it
RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby waives the notice provisions of Section 1124 of the Public Authorities Law and by this Resolution consents to this project, and be it further
RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined that the properties and property owners within the proposed Zone "031" Zone of Assessment are benefited thereby and all the properties and property owners benefited are included with the proposed Zone "031" Zone of Assessment, and it is in the public's interest to create the Zone "031" Zone of Assessment, and be it further
RESOLVED, that the Zone "031" Zone of Assessment in the Town of Hyde Park as aforementioned and more particularly described in "Attachment A" attached hereto is hereby established, and be it further
RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon full compliance with all the requisite statutes and laws applicable to its adoption and promulgation.
RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to permissive referendum.
ATTACHMENT A
COUNTY WATER DISTRICT ZONE OF ASSESSMENT "031"
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DUTCHESS COUNTY NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess, New York, has duly adopted Resolution No. 2025186 on November 10, 2025, published herewith, and is **SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM**. Any petition requesting a referendum on such resolution must be presented to the Clerk of the Legislature no later than 45 days from the date of adoption.
LEIGH WAGER Clerk
Dutchess County Legislature
DATED: November 17, 2025
RESOLUTION NO. 2025186
RE: ESTABLISHING ZONE "032" ZONE OF ASSESSMENT IN THE DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK
Legislators D'AQUANNI and GORMAN offer the following and move its adoption:
WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature, by Chapter 592 of the Laws of 1991 (§1123, Public Authorities Law), created the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority ("WWA"), and established the Dutchess County Water District covering all the areas within the boundaries of Dutchess County, and
WHEREAS, WWA has previously constructed a water main extension from the existing Hyde Park Regional Water System to the existing Pinebrook Water distribution system and has proposed to construct a water main extension on Rothkranz Street in the Town of Hyde Park, and

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WHEREAS, WWA's ability to provide the referenced water services is contingent upon the creation of the Zone of Assessment in the Dutchess County Water District encompassing all the properties in the said water system which will support those customers in the Town of Hyde Park, and
WHEREAS, WWA has presented to this Legislature a notice of project pursuant to Section 1124 of the Public Authorities Law which outlines WWA's plan to establish Zone "032" Zone of Assessment in the Dutchess County Water District for the extension to the Hyde Park Regional Water System, located in the Town of Hyde Park, and
WHEREAS, this Legislature has before it a Map, Plan and Report entitled "Map, Plan and Report, Dutchess County Water District Zone of Assessment "032", which was submitted to it by the WWA with the Notice of Project pursuant to Section 1124 of the Public Authorities Law, and
WHEREAS, WWA proposes to enter into a Restatement of the Amended Service Agreement with Dutchess County (County), on behalf of the proposed Zone of Assessment "032" whereby the District will provide water services to the customers within the Zone at rates established by WWA, and
WHEREAS, the Map, Plan and Report identifies the parcel to be included in the Zone of Assessment, describes the infrastructure to be used to provide water service, and provides the estimated annual cost for water service for the typical property in the proposed Zone of Assessment herein, and
WHEREAS, the first-year annual customer cost to the typical single family home is estimated to be One Thousand, Four Hundred Two and 00/100 (\$1,402) dollars, and
WHEREAS, this Legislature conducted a public hearing on this proposal on November 10, 2025, and heard all persons interested, and
WHEREAS, the establishment of said Zone "032" Zone of Assessment will ensure an economical, efficient water system for the properties within the service area, now therefore, be it
RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby waives the notice provisions of Section 1124 of the Public Authorities Law and by this Resolution consents to this project, and be it further
RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined that the properties and property owners within the proposed Zone "032" Zone of Assessment are benefited thereby and all the properties and property owners benefited are included with the proposed Zone "032" Zone of Assessment, and it is in the public's interest to create the Zone "032" Zone of Assessment, and be it further
RESOLVED, that the Zone "032" Zone of Assessment in the Town of Hyde Park as aforementioned and more particularly de-

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scribed in "Attachment A" attached hereto is hereby established, and be it further
RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon full compliance with all the requisite statutes and laws applicable to its adoption and promulgation.
RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to permissive referendum.
ATTACHMENT A
COUNTY WATER DISTRICT ZONE OF ASSESSMENT "032"
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND SPECIAL USE PERMIT DUTCHESS MANOR - SITE REDESIGN AND RESTORATION PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Chapter 150, Sections 150-97B., 150-109 and 150-137 of the Code of the Town of Fishkill, the Town of Fishkill Planning Board (Planning Board) will hold a Combined Public Hearing on **Thursday, December 11, 2025 and continued on January 8, 2026, both 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**

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52, Fishkill, NY 12524 for the proposal known as Dutchess Manor - Site Redesign and Restoration identified as Tax Map Parcel No. 5953-00-620222, consisting of 6.63 acres located at 263 NYS Route 9D in the RB (Restricted Business) and AQO (Aquifer Protection Overlay) Zoning Districts and Tax Map Parcel No. 5953-00-603192, consisting of 5.63 acres located at 14 Coris Lane in the R-2A (One-Family Residence District) and AQO Overlay Zoning Districts for the following approvals:
- **Site Development Plan Approval and Special Use Permit Approval** (Town Code Chapter 150, Sections 150-97B. and 150-109) - to restore the existing Dutchess Manor building and to renovate it for use as staff offices and a visitor center. The Applicant is further proposing to add a public rest house structure and reconfigure and improve the existing parking lot and landscaped areas to support the existing trail system in the Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve, thereby helping to alleviate existing parking shortages that occur at frequently utilized trailheads along the NYS Route 9D corridor. There will be no changes to the existing building or uses at 14 Coris Lane, where the Hudson Highland Fjord Trail, Inc. staff offices are currently located.
- **Historic Structures and Site Regulations - Certificate of Appropriateness** (Town Code Chapter 150, Section 150-137) - to alter the Dutchess Manor, which is located on the National Register of Historic Places.
The Applicant is also seeking a Rezoning Approval from the Town Board to rezone the parcel located at 14 Coris Lane, identified as Tax Map Parcel No. 5953-00-603192 from R-2A to RB.
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
Debbie Colonna, Planning Board Secretary

HUDSON VALLEY NATURALIST

by Francine Wizner



Tryptofacts and Tryptofantasies:

Have a Sleepy Thanksgiving!

After eating a Thanksgiving meal, have you felt like the button on your pants is going to burst and you need to lie down and take a nap? If you’ve had a few holiday dinners where you’ve felt tired after, you may have made a connection between eating turkey and sleep. You might have even learned that a chemical in turkey called tryptophan causes drowsiness.

Tryptophan

Tryptophan is an essential amino acid, and it must be obtained from the diet. It is among the less common amino acids, but it plays important structural and functional roles. Tryptophan helps to “anchor” proteins within the cell membrane. Like all amino acids, it is one of the building blocks of proteins, but it also has non-protein functions. For example, tryptophan is used by the body to produce the neurotransmitter serotonin (which controls mood), the hormone melatonin (which controls sleep), and the nutrient niacin (vitamin B3) (which helps convert food to energy).

Tryptophan & serotonin

Because tryptophan is ultimately converted into the neurotransmitter serotonin, it has been proposed that consumption of tryptophan may improve depression symptoms. Tryptophan is currently sold over the counter in the US (after being banned 1989-2005) as a dietary supplement for use as an antidepressant and sleep aid. Federal law does not require dietary supplements to be proven safe to the FDA’s satisfaction before they are marketed. Further, manu-



Above: Turkey gets unfairly associated with inducing drowsiness following the Thanksgiving feast. Contrary to popular belief, the tryptophan content in turkey is typical of many other protein sources (200-300 mg per 3 oz serving).

-Photo by Francine Wizner.



Left: The real culprit is an over-indulgence of carbohydrates, in conjunction with tryptophan, which can trigger sleepiness.

-Photo by B. Richards

facturer’s claims about their product do not need to be proven accurate to the FDA before they are marketed. Potential side effects of tryptophan supplementation include nausea, diarrhea, lightheadedness, headache, dry mouth, blurred vision, sedation, euphoria, and involuntary eye movements.

Tryptophan & turkey

Tryptophan is present in most protein-based foods. It is particularly plentiful in oats, milk, yogurt, meat, poultry, seafood,

nuts, seeds, legumes, and chocolate! Contrary to popular belief, the tryptophan content in turkey is typical of many other protein sources (200-300 mg per 3 oz serving). The quantity of tryptophan in a given protein is also dependent upon where the cut was obtained (e.g., breast vs thigh), as well as how it was prepared (e.g., frying vs roasting). The recommended dietary allowance of tryptophan for most adults is 250-425 mg per day.

Tryptophan in the body

When you consume protein, your body

breaks it down into its constituent amino acids. These amino acids dissipate into the bloodstream, but when they reach the blood-brain barrier they hit a bottleneck – the amino acids compete to get through the barrier. Under normal conditions, this competition makes it unlikely that enough extra tryptophan will enter the brain to significantly boost serotonin levels. But there is an exception.

The holiday meal: Gluttony

If you consume a lot of carbohydrates (potatoes, stuffing, pie), your body boosts its insulin production. Among its other functions, insulin selectively removes certain amino acids from the bloodstream. But it doesn’t remove tryptophan. Therefore, tryptophan has less competition from other amino acids so more of it can get through the blood-brain barrier. Once tryptophan is converted into serotonin, the pineal gland in the brain further metabolizes the serotonin into melatonin, making you sleepy.

Many people gorge themselves at the Thanksgiving table. During the resultant digestive process, the body diverts as much as fifty percent of its blood to the small intestine to maximize absorption of calories and nutrients. That means there is less blood available for physical activity. Furthermore, most traditional Thanksgiving meals are high in fat and protein, which slows digestion even further.

“Feast-induced drowsiness” is the result of a heavy meal rich in carbohydrates, which indirectly increases the production of melatonin in the brain, and thereby promotes sleep. Any big meal containing tryptophan and lots of carbohydrates can trigger sleepiness—not just turkey.

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this week’s puzzle solutions

1	6	5	3	4	2	9	8	7
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2	1	9	6	8	5	7	4	3
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCH-2025-09
NAME OF PROJECT: Replacement of County Bridge No. S-13 Cold Spring Road (CR 53) Town of Stanford. Project Description: Replacement of County Bridge No. S-13 Cold Spring Road (CR 53) Over Wappinger Creek, Town of Stanford. The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnet-direct.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnet-direct.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RFPOpportunities." For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public Works at

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dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above-mentioned address. All Addenda will be posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids for the above project will be received by: Lorraine Grant, Contract Specialist Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) 626

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Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 on or before 11:00AM Friday, December 19, 2025, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be attended through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud via Teams, will need to call into the phone number listed below. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-

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ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 778 470 579# Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and

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the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Questions will be accepted by the close of business Monday December 15, 2025 and emailed to Lorraine.Grant@dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. The anticipated start of construction is March 15, 2026; the anticipated substantial completion date is Sep-

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tember 4, 2026. Failure to meet these dates may result in liquidated damages. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #:2025014149 Starting December 30, 2024: NYSDOL Contractor and Subcontractor registry requirements. View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

Wonderland of Lights starts Nov. 28 at DC Fairgrounds



The Dutchess County Fairgrounds presents a Winter Festival highlighting the Wonderland of Lights drive-thru Light Show.

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The Dutchess County Fairgrounds presents a Winter Festival highlighting the 5th annual Wonderland of Lights drive-thru Light Show.

The Fairgrounds has joined with North Pole Productions, celebrating its 25th Anniversary producing memorable experiences for thousands of families throughout the United States.

The Drive-Thru Light Show has become a family tradition for many of our friends and neighbors. The month-long celebration of Holiday Magic will begin on November 28th and run until December 28th. The event will span the Dutchess County Fairgrounds located at 6636 US-9 in Rhinebeck.

Tammy Peters, President of North Pole Productions said, “We are happy to once again be working with the team of professionals at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds. Our 5th Annual Drive-Thru Light Show will have many new light displays and offer something for the young and ‘the young at heart.’ We look forward to welcoming families back for another unforgettable year.”

A portion of the proceeds will benefit The Make-A-Wish Foundation.

For schedule and to purchase tickets visit our website: thewonderlandoflights.com

Firefighter’s Museum of Dutchess County holds Fourth annual Bowling Fundraiser



The Firefighter’s Museum of Dutchess County held their Fourth annual Bowling Fundraiser tournament on Sunday, Nov. 16. A total of 21 teams participated in the event. They included the following teams: DCVFA, Hillside Lake Fire Company 2 teams, Hughsonville FD 2 teams, Millbrook FD 4 Teams, PCVFA, Pleasant Valley FD, Rombout FD 2 teams, Slater Chemical FD 4 teams, Stanford FD Team Fisher, Team Russell, and the Wicoppee Fire Company. The event was successful, and funds were secured to support the Museum. Winners were Selena Virtuoso from Slater Chemical Fire Department for top female score, Mike Doherty from Carmel Fire Department for top male score, and Team Russell (pictured above) for highest team score.

A big thank you offered organizers to the Association of Fire Districts of Dutchess County for supplying the pizza and soda and Spins Bowling for their great support, especially Bob and Breanna Sample. Thanks also to all, along with the Officers of the Firefighters Museum of Dutchess County, who came out to support the Museum.

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