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Working together is message of new Legislature Chair Valdés Smith

By Curtis Schmidt

Yvette Valdés Smith (D- Fishkill, Beacon) addressed residents of Dutchess County and the Legislature with a unifying message of working together after being elected as Chair during the Reorganization Meeting on Jan. 5.

Control of the 25-member Legislature flipped from a 15-10 Republican majority to a 15-10 Democratic majority in the November election. This will be the first Democratic majority since the 2008-2009 term.

"Swearing-in ceremonies serve as strong reminders that there is more that brings us together, than could ever drive us apart as Americans," said Valdés Smith. "Swearing to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of New York is a tradition and commitment that I hold in my heart and mind as a guiding principle."

In welcoming nine new legislators, she said, "I'm proud to say that we are a diverse body and come from wide ranging backgrounds. What we all have in common is our commitment to serving our neighbors, friends, family - no matter what party you belong to or don't belong to. We work for each of you. And we are here to listen, govern, and make our residents' lives better."

Valdés Smith also praised veteran members of the Legislature, saying "In my past two terms, we have accomplished a great amount of work together for the people of Dutchess County. We have accomplished much of that work in a bipartisan manner - through collaboration and respect. I am confident that we will continue and build upon that work as we deliver for every district across Dutchess. Together, we have kept property taxes low, fought a sales tax increase, increased our housing trust fund, and have invested in our Climate Smart goals."

Looking ahead, she said, "We have much to accomplish. We will make Dutchess a county that works for all - not just for some. We deserve affordable, safe, equitable and supportive communities throughout our great county. And we are committed to stewarding in an era of



Yvette Valdés Smith (D-Fishkill, Beacon) speaks at the Reorganization Meeting of the Dutchess County Legislature on Jan. 5. She was elected Chair of the Legislature, now controlled by Democrats for the first time since the 2008-2009 term.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

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Aymar-Blair takes Oath of Office in ceremony at FDR Museum

By Curtis Schmidt

For Dan Aymar-Blair, "a one-year term is a test and a three-year term is trust."

The Dutchess County Comptroller was referring to his recent re-election to the role as he addressed a large crowd at his Oath of Office Ceremony on Saturday, Jan. 10 at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Museum in Hyde Park.

Aymar-Blair defeated Gregg Pulver in the 2024 race for Dutchess County Comptroller and served the final year of the four-year term of Robin Lois, who resigned to become the state's deputy comptroller for local government and school accountability.

In November, he defeated Republican challenger Will Truitt to serve a regular term. His four-year term is shortened by one year (as are thousands of offices in NY) because local elections are moving to the even years.

After taking the Oath of Office administered by newly-elected Dutchess County Court Judge Kara Gerry, Aymar-Blair initially thanked his family members and commented, "That's the hardest part of this type of work - sometimes you have to put your most sacred priorities second."

He added, "I am pleased to work with Sheriff Kirk Imperati, District Attorney Anthony Parisi, County Executive Sue Serino and everyone who witnesses my commitment to the people of Dutchess County."

According to the Dutchess County website, the comptroller serves as both the chief accounting officer and chief auditing officer of the county, auditing "all county departments and outside agencies funded by the county."

Aymar-Blair said his role is "to assess, to study what we have learned and to do better in the future." He promised to serve the needs of the people of Dutchess County, innovate, lead and overcome challenges.

Guest speaker New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli called Aymar-Blair "an in-depth partner to help (county residents) navigate challenging times." He said federal cuts will be felt at the state level and local towns and counties and "we will be doing our best to minimize the effect of those cuts, but they will make it very difficult on all of us."

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Swearing-in ceremony held in Wappinger

By Kristine Coulter

The Town of Wappinger Inauguration Ceremony was held at Carnwath Farms Historic Site and Park on the evening of Friday, Jan. 2. Sworn in were Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini, Councilman William Beale, Councilwoman Heather O'Dell, Councilman Christopher Phillips, Councilman Al Casella, Dutchess County Legislator Kevin Giles, Dutchess County Legislator Alix Winsby and Dutchess County Legislator Robert Faust. Wappinger Town Justice Heather Kitchen also took the oath of office.

NYS Senator Rob Rolison led the ceremony. "What a wonderful evening here at Carnwath Farms in this beautiful hall, which is representative of the great Town of Wappinger and what we're about to do here tonight, the swearing in of our newly elected officials," remarked Rolison.

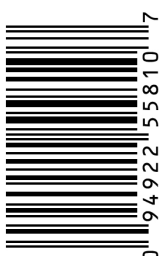
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The Town of Wappinger Swearing-in Ceremony was held on Jan. 2 at Carnwath Historic Site and Park in Wappinger.

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County Executive Serino welcomes Chair Valdés Smith, all legislators

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino gave the following statements following the 2026 Reorganization Meeting of the Dutchess County Legislature on Jan. 5.

“We congratulate each member of the Dutchess County Legislature, both newly elected and those returning, as they are sworn in tonight and begin the 2026 Legislative session. These 25 women and men represent 20 towns, eight villages and two cities, and we look forward to working together in our shared service to all the people who call Dutchess County home.

“Congratulations as well to Yvette Valdés Smith on her election as Chair of the Legislature. Together, we are marking an exciting moment in Dutchess County Government history - the first time women are serving concurrently as County Executive and Chair of the Legislature. I look forward to continuing our collaborative relationship as she steps into this new leadership role. I know we share a commitment to always serving with the best interests of our neighbors in mind.

“There is much work ahead and my experience has taught me that the best results come when we listen to one another and work collectively. My door is always open for the conversations and collaborations that build positive and productive partnerships and help to enhance the lives of our Dutchess County neighbors.”

Yvette Valdés Smith, left, new Chair of the Dutchess County Legislature, is pictured with County Executive Sue Serino.

-Courtesy photo



Working together is message of new Legislature Chair Valdés Smith



Dutchess County Legislators are sworn in.

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progress, growth and sustainability. Economic development will strengthen and grow as we invest in our communities. We have spoken to thousands of residents throughout our county, and the Message is Clear - the county must do more to support our working families, seniors, veterans, and those struggling with mental health. Affordability, housing, EMS and transportation must be addressed at every level of government and we as your legislators are committed to finding solutions and easing the burden so many of us have felt.”

She added, “My door will always be open, and I will serve as everyone’s Chair, and I’m grateful and honored to do so.

“Dutchess County, we hear you - We are here, ready to work for you.”



Yvette Valdés Smith, new Chair of the Dutchess County Legislature, speaks to residents and Legislators.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

Treybich confirmed as Counsel to Dutchess County Legislature

At the body’s January Organization Meeting, the Dutchess County Legislature confirmed Michael Treybich, Esq. as Counsel to the Dutchess County Legislature. Pursuant to the County Charter, the position of Legislative Counsel is appointed by the Chairman and confirmed by the full Legislature. Treybich is an attorney in private practice in the City of Poughkeepsie.

Treybich said, “It is my honor and privilege to put my skills to use on behalf of the Dutchess County Legislature and to serve the people of Dutchess County, my home.”

Chair Yvette Valdés Smith said, “Michael Treybich has the experience and deep legal expertise that is essential for the role of legislative counsel. In addition to his extensive knowledge and skills, he is also incredibly well respected in our community. Mr. Treybich will serve the Dutchess County legislature well, and we look forward to working with him.”

At the reorganization meeting, Legislators Michael Polasek (R-LaGrange) and John Metzger (R-East Fishkill) brought up a point of order related to the position of Counsel to the Legislature.

Polasek commented later, “We do not question Mr. Treybich’s qualifications, and our concerns were never about the individual appointed. Our concern is with process and precedent. The County Charter provides for a fixed five-year term for Counsel to the Legislature, and terminating a sitting counsel mid-term without articulated cause, findings, or due process raises serious institutional questions. The intent of the original law is clear: this position was designed to provide continuity and professional independence, not to turn over with changing political majorities. We also raised concerns that the Legislature acted without the benefit of independent legal advice due to an inherent conflict, and we proposed addressing the issue through a local law to bring clarity and long-term stability. While the resolution has passed, we believe this issue warrants further review so it does not repeat itself.”

Legislator Kristofer Munn (D-Red Hook, Tivoli and Rhinebeck) responded, “The charter language is clear: the legislative counsel serves ‘at the pleasure of the legislature’ as do the vast majority of legislative appointments. The suggestion that counsel could be terminated if there was some sort of cause or findings proves that point. The five-year term simply states how long he or she can act in that capacity without reappointment. In addition, NYS legal ethics give clients unfettered authority to choose their own attorney and it would be unethical for an attorney to try to remain where he is not wanted.”

Treybich’s 17 years of experience as an attorney includes acting as parliamentarian for and representing dozens of companies, condominium and coop boards in their governance, running annual meetings, and their commercial lawsuits; and municipalities, elected officials and candidates in election law matters. His clients have trusted him to deliver results in million dollar commercial cases and he has successfully sued and defended lawsuits by mortgage lenders and insurance companies who failed to meet their obligations.

Boil Water Notice lifted after water main break in Beacon

The estimated cost to fix a water main break that occurred in the Groverville area of the City of Beacon will cost around \$25,000, according to City of Beacon Administrator Chris White. The water system lost pressure due to a significant water main break on a 10-inch water main on Jan. 7, according to a Boil Water Notice posted on the City’s social media, as well as distributed on Jan. 8 via paper copy. The notice applied to Fishkill Ave. from Conklin St. to the City border at Prospect St., and included Meade Ave., De Soto Ave. and State St. Schools in the Beacon City School District were let out early on Jan. 7 while crews fixed the break. White said the water main was “roughly 90-100 years old.”

On social media, it was posted, “The City has completed emergency repairs to address the water main break along Fishkill Avenue, and water service is fully restored. The City is issuing a targeted boil water advisory for water customers along Fishkill Avenue from Conklin Street to the Town of Fishkill border, including all side streets.”

According to the Boil Water Notice, “when water mains lose pressure it increases the chance that untreated water and harmful microbes can enter [one’s] water.” The notice told residents and business owners to boil water for the next four days and they would be told when boiling water is no longer necessary.

It was added, on the social media post, “If you are experiencing discolored water, please run cold taps until water runs clear. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience. We also are grateful to our Water Dept. which went above and beyond today to address this emergency.”

Asked if there would be any other necessary work done to that water main besides the work that was done on Jan. 7, White replied there would be “[a]dditional water shut-off valves will be installed.”

Asked if the break had anything to do with the Fishkill Ave. project, White responded, “None.”

The boil water notice was lifted on Jan. 10.

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Aymar-Blair takes Oath of Office in ceremony at FDR Museum



Dan Aymar-Blair is sworn in as Dutchess County Comptroller by Dutchess County Court Judge Kara Gerry at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum on Jan. 10 in Hyde Park. He is pictured with members of his family.

-Photos by Curtis Schmidt

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He said Aymar-Blair will be “a voice for accountability and keep you informed of how money is used and being spent. He uses plain language to explain government accounting. He is a model for what being a comptroller is all about, a fiscal watchdog and an ethical compass, putting people first.”

Yvette Valdés Smith, newly-elected chair of the Dutchess County Legislature, said “In Dan, we have clarity and transparency, making sure your tax dollars are not wasted. Integrity is the cornerstone of good government. Dan is a win for all of the people of Dutchess. He is a true public servant.”

Additional speakers included NYS Assemblymember Didi Barrett and Dutchess County Legislator Brendan Lawler. Dr. Edward L. Hunt, pastor of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, provided the invocation; County Veteran Services Director Adam Roche led the Pledge of Allegiance; Sarah-Grace White sang the National Anthem; members of the Marine Corps League of Dutchess County Carmen Ramputi Detachment 861 handled the Presentation of Colors, and the emcee



New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli offers remarks during Dutchess County Comptroller Dan Aymar-Blair's swearing-in ceremony in Hyde Park on Jan. 10.

was Nedra Patterson Thompson, majority leader of the Poughkeepsie Common Council.

Democratic Caucus set for Jan. 24 in Wappingers Falls

Notice is given to all enrolled Democrats in the Village of Wappingers Falls a meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 24, at 2:30 p.m. at W. T. Garner Firehouse, 25 W. Academy St., in Wappingers Falls.

The purpose is to select and nominate candidates for the Village Board of Trustees from Wards 1, 2, and 3.

Doors will open at 2:30 p.m. and one must sign in before 3 p.m. when doors close.

All Democrats enrolled in the Village of Wappingers Falls are eligible and encouraged to attend, it was noted.

East Fishkill officials sworn in for new term

By Kristine Coulter

Town of East Fishkill Supervisor Nick D'Alessandro was sworn in for another term on Thursday, Jan. 8. Also taking the oath of office were Councilman Tom Franco, who co-founded the Town's Hometown Heroes program and crested Hometown Connections, and Councilman Emanuele Marinaro, a member of the Town's Economic Development Committee and longtime local business owner. Franco and Marinaro were each elected to another term on the East Fishkill Town Board.

Among those in attendance were County Executive Sue Serino, Assemblyman Anil Beephan Jr. Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati, Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi, and Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini.

D'Alessandro remarked, “As Town Supervisor, it's an honor to welcome you here tonight (Jan. 8). This ceremony is about public service, commitment and the people who stepped forward and put their name on the ballot and said ‘I want to do the work.’ Now, let's be honest, anyone who runs for public office deserves a round of applause for bravery alone. And maybe a little concern for our mental stability, because it's a tough world out there.”

D'Alessandro, who ran unopposed, added, “Elections matter. They give our residents a voice. They shape our direction and remind us that government doesn't belong to the elected officials, it belongs to the people.”

Among the East Fishkill officials present Councilwoman Marianne Flores, East Fishkill Police Chief Derrick Cuccia, and East Fishkill Receiver of Taxes Ann Goldsmith

“Grant that they may be enabled by your powerful protection to lead our community, here in this wonderful County of Dutchess, the Town of East Fishkill with honesty and integrity,” said Father Michael McLoughlin, from St. Columba Church, during the ceremony.

With the trust of the voters “comes real responsibility,” stated D'Alessandro. The supervisor thanked all the public officials' families for their support.

The Town is strong because of “safe neighborhoods,” and finances are managed “responsibly,” D'Alessandro said during his remarks.

“We're strong because when challenges come to us, we work together,” said the supervisor.

“East Fishkill is a steady town,” said D'Alessandro, who thanked County Legislators John Metzger, who represents Dutchess County Legislature District 12, and Kevin Giles, who represents Dutchess County Legislature District 13, before they were sworn in. The Town is also represented in the Legislature by Steve Caswell, and Chris Rolison, both of whom were unable to attend the ceremony.

The supervisor offered thanks to Highway Superintendent Ken Williams and the highway crews. Williams was sworn in for another term. The East Fishkill Highway Department is responsible for 529 Town roads and 417 lane miles of road. The department also maintains the highway, town and police vehicles, it was noted.

The supervisor offered thanks to fire commissioners and firefighters. Christopher Jodlowski, a 24-year resident of the Town and member of the East Fishkill Fire District for 20 years, took the oath for East Fishkill Fire Commissioner.

“I'm deeply grateful to the residents of the East Fishkill for placing your trust in me again as your supervisor. I do not take that trust lightly. Government isn't about titles - it's about results,” said D'Alessandro.

“When you're doing the right thing, when you're asking hard questions, and when you're willing to stand up for your community, not everyone will agree with you, but that's okay, right? We have to do what's right for the people,” said D'Alessandro.

The supervisor talked about his faith, saying he is a devout Catholic. His faith, he said, teaches to serve others before self.

The years ahead will bring challenges, but “East Fishkill, we have never shied away from hard work,” he said.

Fjord Trail environmental impact statement completed

The Notice of Completion of the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (FGEIS) for the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail (HHFT) was published by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), it was announced on Jan. 7. The FGEIS includes responses to all comments received during the public review period. The review period was from Dec. 4, 2024 through Mar. 4, 2025.

“OPRHP's Notice of Completion of the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement is a significant milestone for the Fjord Trail project. We are grateful to everyone who took the time to review the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement

(DGEIS) and submit comments. We are especially appreciative of NYS Parks as lead agency for conducting such a thorough and deliberative review,” said

Peter Mullan, HHFT President and CEO.

“The diligence and care that State Parks has taken in preparing the FGEIS reflects our shared commitment to honoring, protecting, and stewarding the extraordinary natural resources in the Hudson Highlands while providing safe access to this landscape to people of all ages and abilities. This document will meaningfully inform the Fjord Trail project as we move forward,” said HHFT Executive Director Amy Kacala.

The document can be reviewed at <https://hhft.org/>.

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Public service is about improving people’s lives

The following is a letter written by Assemblyman Anil R. Beephan Jr. to his colleagues about public service.

To my colleagues in public service:

Congratulations to each of you as you take the oath of office and begin this new chapter of leadership. Regardless of party or ideology, I am proud to call you partners in government, united by a shared responsibility to serve the people who placed their trust in us.

I have never believed in prioritizing politics over people. Our residents expect—and deserve—leaders who are willing to work together, listen thoughtfully, and focus on solutions rather than divisions. I look forward to collaborating with each of you in that spirit as we address the issues that matter most to our communities.

We have no shortage of work ahead. From the urgent need for affordable and reliable energy, to finally designating EMS as an essential service, to confronting our housing crisis and rising medical costs, the challenges before us are significant—but not insurmountable when approached with cooperation and good faith.

Public service is about outcomes, not headlines. It is about improving quality of life, strengthening our communities, and ensuring that government works for the people it serves. I am eager to work alongside you to advance policies that reflect those values and deliver meaningful results for our residents.

Once again, congratulations, and best wishes as you begin your term of service. I look forward to the work ahead and to what we can accomplish together.

Anil R. Beephan Jr.
New York State Assemblyman, District 105

Investing in our community: The lasting power of local giving



By Laura Washington

As we begin a new year, many of us are planning for the year ahead. During these conversations, the importance of investing in our community has never been clearer. Here in the Hudson Valley, local giving is a year-round commitment and a critical investment in our regional resilience.

Your Role – Supporting the Causes That Matter to You - When you give locally, you:

- Keep essential services running during the toughest months of the year.
- Support nonprofits that provide food, shelter, childcare, education, and mental health care.
- Strengthen the volunteer networks that hold our communities together.
- Help build long-term systems that ensure our towns and cities remain livable, equitable, and vibrant.

Local giving offers something uniquely rewarding: the ability to see the impact of your contributions. You can meet the organizations you support, witness the change your dollars help create, and take pride in knowing your generosity strengthens the place you call home. An Invitation to Belong - One key insight from the conversations I have been having since joining Community

Foundations of the Hudson Valley stands out: “Service isn't a transaction. It’s an invitation to belong.”

As we turn the calendar and look ahead to the year before us, I invite you to embrace that sense of belonging, not only through your charitable gifts but also through your presence, partnership, and belief in the Hudson Valley’s potential.

Think of your recent giving and your commitments for the year ahead as:

- A vote of confidence in the Hudson Valley’s future.
- A commitment to equity and opportunity for all our neighbors.
- A gesture of belonging in a region where we rise or fall together.

Whether you contribute to a local nonprofit, volunteer your time, or collaborate with us at CFHV to build long-term community investments, your generosity shapes the narrative of who we are and who we can become.

As we start this new year, I invite you to invest where you live. Together, we can ensure that the Hudson Valley remains not just a home, but a place where every family, child, and community can thrive.

Laura Washington is President and CEO of Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley.

‘So many of our worries are specters of our own creation’

To the Editor:

My father died 8 years ago this month. Although we weren’t as close as we might have been, I find myself missing him more as the years go by. Perhaps sadder memories melt with time, leaving the happier ones to shine. Maybe as I have gotten older, life has humbled me, and I look less harshly on his shortcomings now that my own have become so exposed. I don’t know.

As I stand by his grave, I think of all the worries, stress, fears and anxieties that weighed him down at times, now forgotten and buried with him. I gaze about his neighbors and realize they too shared many of the same troubles. How unimportant they all seem now, though at the time they robbed them of their peace. No one cares now, certainly not those in the grave, but it does seem strange to me that those things which so often haunt us are so quickly and easily forgotten.

There’s a lesson in all this. So many of our worries are specters of our own creation. How silly to dwell on them.

Rest in peace, Dad. There are no more bills, no more restless nights, no more worries.

It’s advice we who stand on the other side of the grave would do well to take.

Jeffrey Mahoney
Hyde Park

Thank you to all who have donated to help the people of Ukraine

To the Editor:

With Russia's tremendous escalation of attacks on heat, power and water as temperatures in Kyiv plunge below zero, I want to remember and thank the Stanford Fire Company and their clothing, jacket, and sleeping bag drive back during that first winter of full scale war.

Thank you to everyone who donated--those items are saving lives still.

Mark Lagus
Town of Northeast

Village of Wappingers Falls Republicans to meet Jan. 27

The Village of Wappingers Falls Republican caucus meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. at Johnson’s firehouse, 5 School Street, in Wappingers Falls.

The agenda will include nominating candidates for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Wards in the Village of Wappingers Falls.

Board of Health to meet on January 15

The Dutchess County Board of Health will be holding the regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, Jan. 15, at 4 p.m. at the Dutchess County Department of Health, at 85 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 106, in the City of Poughkeepsie. One may participate via Microsoft Teams by calling 1-516-268-4602 and entering the Conference ID number: 933 903 82#.

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Beacon City Council members take oath

By Kristine Coulter

The City of Beacon Swearing-in Ceremony took place at the Veterans Memorial Building on Main St. on Sunday, Jan. 4.

Terry Nelson, who formerly represented Ward 1, hosted the ceremony.

Nelson remarked to those who were about to take the oath of office, “I commend you all for stepping up to the plate and serving us.”

Pastor John E. Perez, of the Family Transformation Church, gave the opening Invocation and closing Benediction during the ceremony. Perez gave thanks for those who are stepping forward to represent the city.

“May they listen deeply, especially to those voices too often overlooked,” he remarked.

Mayor Lee Kyriacou offered remarks. “Congratulations to our candidates who will soon be sworn in.” He offered thanks for their community service.

The mayor noted he has been in community service for almost 30 years and “the motive in every case was community service,” he said about those who have previously served, adding “try to remember that.”

Kyriacou mentioned his parents and how he learned from them hospitality.

Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson thanked the outgoing elected officials for their service to the community and asked those in attendance to give them a hand. Those City of Beacon Council members were George Mansfield, Pam Wetherbee, and Jeff Domanski, as well as County Legislator Nick Page.

“To the newly elected officials, you’ll be

surprised to find out how many of your neighbors watch the City Council meetings.” said the assemblyman. He noted, he is looking forward to working with them and his door is always open to them.

Yvette Valdés Smith was sworn in for Dutchess County Legislature District 16.

“It is an incredible honor to serve the incredible city,” said Valdés Smith.

Molly Rhodes took the oath to represent County Legislature District 18.

Rhodes told those in attendance, “We would not be here without you.”

Lastar Gorton was sworn in to represent Ward 1 residents.

Zack Smith took the oath to represent residents in Ward 2.

Ward 3 residents will be represented by Sergei Krasikov, who was sworn in during the ceremony.

Carolyn Glauda took the oath and is now the Council Member for Ward 4 residents.

Amber Grant and Paloma Wake were sworn in to serve again as at-large council members.

The elected officials were sworn in by City of Beacon Judge Gregory Johnston.

Presentation of the Colors & Pledge of Allegiance was led by Scout Troop 1 of Beacon and Girl Scout Troops of Beacon.

Melvin Tunstall III sang “Lift Up Every Voice & Sing.”

The National Anthem was sung by Anastasia and Sophia Kyriacou.

Newly sworn in City of Beacon elected officials made comments during the Mon., Jan. 5 meeting in City Hall. That was the first meeting of the year with the new council members.

Gorton said anyone who has any concerns



From left: Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou, Ward 1 Council Member Lastar Gorton, Ward 4 Council Member Carolyn Glauda, Ward 3 Council Member Sergei Krasikov, At-Large Council Member Paloma Wake, Dutchess County Comptroller Dan Aymar-Blair, Ward 2 Council Member Zack Smith, Dutchess County Legislator Molly Rhodes, Dutchess County Legislator Yvette Valdes Smith, NY State Assembly Member Jonathan Jacobson. (Not pictured At-Large Council Member Amber Grant).

-Courtesy photo City of Beacon

should feel free to contact her.

“I’m very excited and happy to be here,” she said.

Smith thanked those who offered suggestions.

Krasikov said he is “very happy to be on this side of the table.” He thanked everyone who supported him.

Glauda stated there is an open seat on the Traffic Safety Committee, which she was

previously served on.

“I just wanted to say it’s an honor to be here for my fifth term,” remarked Grant. She said she is excited to work with the new council and welcomed them.

Those who were sworn in for the Council faced no opposition on the ballot. The Mayor position was not on the ballot in November.

Przytula welcomed by fellow Fishkill Town Board members

By Kristine Coulter

Donald Przytula was welcomed as the newest Town of Fishkill Board member. Councilwoman Jacqueline Bardini was welcomed back to the Board at the Board’s Jan. 7 meeting at the Fishkill Town Hall.

Councilman Greg Totino said, “I would like to welcome our new colleague.”

Councilman Brian Wrye remarked to Przytula, “I also want to welcome you.”

Wrye said he looks forward to working with Przytula.

“You and I had a good meeting today,” Wrye said to Przytula.

Przytula said to his fellow board members, “I just want to say thank you for welcoming here today. I hope, over the next couple years, I earn the trust the town has put in me and elected me to this position. Thank you very much.”

Town of Fishkill Supervisor Ozzy Albra

thanked former Councilman John Forman. He said Forman played an instrumental part “in us getting our parks, infrastructure” up to par.

Albra also thanked former Town Clerk Becki Tompkins, who ran for Town Board.

Albra welcomed Przytula. “Don is one of the many people who loses his first election and the second time they get it.” Wrye and Totino won their first election, noted Albra. Three (Albra, Bardini and Przytula), lost their first election, Albra mentioned. “If you lose,

try, try again and you’ll eventually succeed,” suggested the supervisor. The Supervisor position was not on the ballot in November.

Albra welcomed Cooper Leatherwood, the new Town Clerk.

“Thank you, Cooper for all your hard work and dedication to the town,” remarked Albra.

Przytula was named delegate for Association of Towns of the State of New York’s 2026 annual meeting in Feb.

Swearing-in ceremony held in Wappinger

Continued from cover

Judge Nicholas Maselli swore in the officials.

“We ask you to be with us this evening, as we celebrate, those Lord, who you have ordained to lead our community,” said Dr. Edward L. Hunt, pastor of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. He added, “Help us to be a community of oneness.”

Beale was sworn in to office for another term to represent Ward 1.

O’Dell took the oath for the first time to represent those residents in Ward 2.

Phillips took the oath for another term. He represents Ward 3 residents.

Ward 4 will be represented by Casella again, who took the oath of office during the ceremony.

Giles took the oath to represent District 13.

Giles said he has great memories at Carnwath Farms. Giles thanked his family members, offered appreciation to his mom for his work ethic.

“Most of all I want to thank the residents of Wappinger for this honor,” said Giles. He said he would enhance the quality of life for the Wappinger residents.

Winsby was sworn in to represent residents in Dutchess County Legislature District 14.

Faust was sworn in to represent District 15 again.

Cavaccini, who faced no opposition this past election on the ballot, was sworn in for his second term.

He said he was filled with gratitude and pride.

“This is a huge milestone for our town, not just at this site but how we operate our town moving forward. Rehabilitating and reimagining the places we have had for years,” said the supervisor. He noted the recent time capsule that was planted for the 150th year of the town.

Cavaccini’s remarks included the mention

of the Town’s new community center at Brexel-Schlathaus Park.

“Our goal remains simple and steadfast-to make Wappinger a place that you are proud to live,” said Cavaccini. He said he wants Wappinger to be a place to thrive, where one can put down roots and enjoy benefits of a government that works for the residents. He thanked all the Wappinger employees.

Michele Baez, “our resident singer,” said Rolison, sang the National Anthem.

Wappinger Scouts from Pack 140 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

“I wish you nothing but the best in your positions,” said Rolison.

Arlington wrestlers win, Presidents show strength at Highland tournament

By Morgan E. Maier

Though only one team was victorious at the Highland High School round robin wrestling tournament, each of the 10 attending programs displayed their strongest talents on Saturday, January 10. Reigning Section 1 champion Arlington and the emerging Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidents scored a barrage of statement wins and top finishes, capped by the Admirals’ win in the team tournament.

Led by captains Antonio Quinones and Dylan Rodrigue, who earned their weight class titles in rapid succession, Arlington scored 250 team points for the tournament win. Senior Dennis Byrne kick-started the momentum in the final stage with a third place finish in the 126-pound class.

“My team is on a mission. They know when they’re at a winnable tournament from a team standpoint. They have a great mindset, they’re out there trying to get pins. The ultimate reason we’re here [at the Highland tournament] is to get mat time, learn lessons, to get better as the season goes on,” said Arlington head coach Dave Grafmuller following the tournament’s third round.

Chase Mulvany took first in the 110-pound final over John Jay’s Pharoah Wright, 13-2.

Zavier Durandisse took on another Wappingers wrestler, Sami Shahid, securing gold and 18 points for his Admirals team with the fall at 4:07. Liam Tompkins outlasted reigning Section 9 champion Jacob Declair with an 8-0 win. Antonio Quinones followed by securing first place in the 157-pound group at 1:55. Abdur Deonarayan took second and fourth in the 215-pound group.

Talan Rampolla came third in the 103-pound weight class after an impressive pool play performance, including one especially gritty, come-from-behind victory to earn a placer (top six) position.

“They’re really buying into making their opponents work for everything, so they can be on the mat longer, they can learn more, and hopefully end up with the win,” added Grafmuller of his team’s mid-tournament performance.

Different than the normal wrestling bracket, the round-robin style offers an opportunity to face unknown teams and opponents, and further grow from each second of experience.

The Roosevelt wrestlers displayed their aggressiveness, as noted early by head coach Eric Scuitto.

“I see a lot of excellent hand fighting. We’re taking lots of good risks, we’re seeing

it, and we’re immediately taking the shots and wrestling in better positions. A lot of confidence today, a lot of grit, and a lot of resilience in tough situations,” said Scuitto.

Scuitto was pleased with his team’s opening performance, as they won 11 of 13 first round matches. The team that once appeared at the very Highland tournament with a handful of overall wins ended tied for fifth place with the hosting Huskies. The growth is palpable, the potential undeniable for this program.

The individual performances, including 11 placers (top six finishers), highlighted

the Presidents’ tournament. Brennan Paul, Malakhi Sellers, and Dillon Scott took a team-high third place in their respective weight classes. Paul got the pin in 3:22, while Sellers went the distance in a dominant 18-1 performance. Cingston Lambert took 6th in the 190-pound class, pinned by Arlington’s Griffen Realmuto.

“It’s nice to be back in the action. We were at some really challenging tournaments, the Mid-Hudson Tournament and Eastern States, so it feels good to come to a tournament that we can all compete in, and know that we’re right in the mix,” added Scuitto.

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1776: The launch of journeys of the working class

By Bill Jeffway

The July 4, 1776 Declaration of Independence announced the creation of a nation based on a radical premise at the time: that all men are created equal and possess unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. This stood in stark contrast to the European world most colonists had come from—a world of an inherited monarchy (and inherited poverty) with its fixed economic and social ranks.

The promise of equality was heard by many as including economic fairness and equal economic opportunity. They challenged the new nation to dismantle the old systems that kept wealth, land, and power in the hands of a few, and started to remove the barriers that made poverty permanent.

Yet long before 1776, those old systems were deeply rooted locally.

With the 1706 creation of the Little Nine Partners Patent to the north, just over a dozen wealthy men owned and controlled virtually all the land in what was or would become Dutchess County. This is just less than a century after the 1609 arrival of Henry Hudson on behalf of the Dutch.

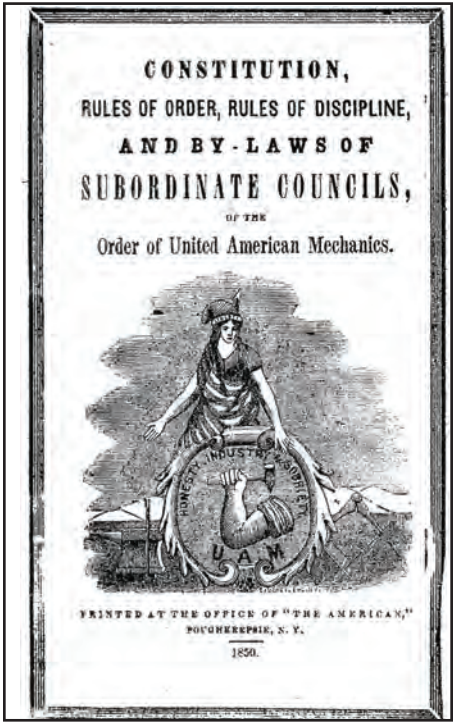
Four years later, in 1710, more than twelve hundred impoverished German Palatine immigrants—the largest single migration to the colonies up to that time—settled at what is now Germantown, on Livingston Manor, then making up northernmost Dutchess County. They arrived with hopes of economic fairness and opportunity. Instead, they found the same European feudal system.

Under this system, a great landowner held full title to the land and leased farms to tenants in exchange for annual rents, often paid in wheat or fowl. The tenant could improve the farm buildings and land, but never own them. Because voting rights were tied to property ownership, this system excluded most working class and farmers from political power. Without ownership, there was little chance to build lasting wealth.

On top of this, the Palatine settlement's original economic purpose—producing tar and turpentine from pine trees for the British Navy—failed immediately because the local pines were the wrong species.

Grievances and uprisings

Violent tenant uprisings in the 18th century in the Philipse Patent in what was then southern Dutchess (today's Putnam County), and in both the 18th and 19th centuries at Livingston Manor, reveal just how deep and persistent these grievances were. Although the American Revolution swept away the legal titles of lords and manors, it did not immediately eliminate the



In 1850, Dutchess County had a disproportionately high concentration of councils of the Order of United American Mechanics with groups organized in Poughkeepsie, Rhinebeck, Hyde Park, Fishkill Landing, Schultsville (Clinton), and Pine Plains.

landlord-tenant system itself.

In Dutchess County, the last major remnant of this structure survived until 1889, when 28 farms totaling 4,000 acres in the Little Nine Partners Patent were finally sold off at auction. Many tenant farmers could not afford to buy the farms their families had been on for generations.

Still, by the time the Declaration of Independence was published, expectations of fairness and opportunity were already in the air. In this period, the term "mechanics" was used broadly to describe the entire working class: artisans, laborers, and tradesmen.

On May 29, 1776, just weeks before the Declaration of Independence, Lewis Thibou, chairman of the General Committee of Mechanics of New York City, presented what became known as the Mechanics' Declaration of Independence, demanding justice from those "whose dominions have been made rich by our commerce." The country's founding documents were being literally adopted and used to advance working class rights.

Progress came slowly and unevenly. In



This image is from the Poughkeepsie Journal Building, built in the 1940s. Founding father Benjamin Franklin was frequently invoked by the 19th century mechanics movement as the ideal of the working man, in this case, a printer. The movement argued that through virtue, sobriety and frugality, any man can rise to leadership positions in the nation.

-Images courtesy of DCHS Collections

New York State, property requirements for white male voters were finally eliminated with the 1822 constitution, but were retained for Black citizens until the 1870 adoption of the 15th US Constitutional Amendment made them illegal.

Imprisonment for debt was abolished in 1831. Child labor laws requiring three months education of children emerged in 1836.

Ideas from reformers

Early reformers included radical voices, such as Frances Wright. She argued that inherited wealth itself should be abolished. In her vision, every person would begin life with equal resources. Children would be educated uniformly, even removed from their families, to prevent inequality from reproducing itself. These ideas were too extreme for most Americans—but they reveal how deeply some people believed the social order itself needed to be rebuilt.

A local man, Rhinebeck's Nathan Darling (1802–1866), cast an important vote in 1830 in the burgeoning labor movement in New York City to push the effort to a more moderate middle ground. Born into deep poverty, Darling moved to New York City and worked as a house painter. In 1830, he became a delegate in the organized mechanics' labor movement at a critical moment. When the movement was at risk of being defined by proposals that were too radical to win broad support, Darling cast a pivotal vote that helped shift the program toward achievable political and economic reforms. That moderation allowed the workingmen's movement to grow rather than fracture. Darling later went on to a successful military and political career and built the 1858 home that still stands today.

The Working Man's Advocate of October 19, 1844 reported on a meeting in the town of Clinton at Salt Point. Labor advocates argued at the gathering that Dutchess County contained "7,000 landless slaves," explaining that in Dutchess County for every one landowner, there are seven who are landless.

The moral urgency behind the movement remained unmistakable. In 1845, the Working Man's Advocate declared: "The right of an oppressed and down-trodden man to labor and enjoy what it produces, must finally triumph!" The article asked, in anguish, why "these savage hovels" stood beside "vast and gorgeous palaces," and why ignorance persisted amid supposed provisions for education. The writer was standing at a place overlooking what was Livingston Manor and northern Dutchess County.

Education itself became one of the great battlegrounds. The long struggle to establish free public education culminated in a statewide system by the 1860s. This was preceded by efforts to create free circulating libraries and reading rooms to make knowledge accessible to all.

In 1849, Jesse Torrey Jr. announced that Poughkeepsie would serve as the base for his American School Library, a national effort to push away the dominant use of British schoolbooks for American children. It is most revealing that the appendix to his 1828 book, "Mental Museum for the Rising Generation," includes the Declaration of Independence, the US Constitution, and his own plans for free circulating libraries—clearly seeing them as parts of the same democratic project.

By the time of the American centennial, progress had been made. But the emerging industrial age was bringing a whole new set of workplace challenges. Meaningful child labor laws were still a generation away. But the journeys to working class equality and economic fairness have clear roots in the 1776 American Revolution's promise.



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County Clerk's Record Room temporarily relocated starting Jan. 15

Starting Thursday, Jan. 15th, the Dutchess County Clerk's Record Room and Requisition Desk will be temporarily relocated to the third floor of the County Office Building (COB) at 22 Market Street in Poughkeepsie. The facilities, currently located on the second floor, will close to the public at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 14th for the move and will reopen on the 3rd floor at noon on Thursday, Jan. 15th. Signage will be posted directing visitors.

The temporary relocation is part of ongoing work in the COB on a multi-year, build-

ing-wide HVAC improvement project. During construction, which is anticipated to continue through the summer, there may be delays with accessing paper records or record retrieval. Many Dutchess County land and legal records are available 24/7 online at <https://www.dutchessny.gov/countyclerk>. Dutchess County Supreme Court records are also available online at the New York State Courts Electronic Filing (NYSCEF) website.

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4-H youth show dedication as programs thrive through Winter

By Jim Barey, CCEDC
4-H Program Manager

Wintertime in the Hudson Valley: many mourn the loss of sunlight, the lack of warmth, and the difficulty moving through snow and over ice. One group of dedicated youth will continue to grind right through the cold: Dutchess County 4-H members! While others are warming themselves by the fireplaces, 4-H members are making their own warmth by quilting or sewing or suiting up in coveralls and tromping through snow to care for different animals. While the world rests in winter, 4-H keeps going.

Many in Dutchess County associate 4-H with the fantastic displays and excellent sportsmanship that their 4-H members bring to the annual Dutchess County Fair. What they may not realize is 4-H programming occurs year-round! In 2026, Dutchess 4-H Educators are gearing up for county level events such as 4-H Club Officer Training, Club Leader Forums, Public Presentations, and 4-H Winter Day-Camps. 4-H members are finishing woodworking projects, showing cattle and hogs, identifying insects, and running for club offices to prepare for a great year ahead.

Staying indoors this winter, the Clover Crew 4-H club members are hard at work building and creating. In a quote from their secretary, Daisy, "The club received pallets from the (Dutchess County) fairgrounds and each member repurposed them into a different

project depending on what they thought would be a cute decoration or something helpful for their family." Daisy also wrote about making a key holder for her father and his employees to utilize.

Moving out to the barns, Mia Serino, a first year 4-H member of the Here Comes the Beef 4-H club, reported on the opportunity to exhibit beef cattle on a broader scale. Mia attended the Battle at Berkley livestock shows in Berkley County, West Virginia, learning the ins and outs of showmanship, fitting, and ringside sportsmanship. These skills will bolster Mia later this year as she works with her own animals to prepare for a busy show season in New York. Mia commented "The judges at this show were extremely knowledgeable, giving exceptional reasons for their placing in the classes, as well as the ring help who made figuring out when you go in the ring and what class is going on a little less stressful."

No matter the age or project, all 4-H members deserve some off-season down-time. But the commitment that each of them showed just in the month of December, is nothing short of admirable. From palettes to pigs, and key holders to cows, Dutchess 4-H members work through the winter, to better themselves and their world around them.

For more information on 4-H events and upcoming workshops, reach out to the Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County 4-H Team at ccedc4h@cornell.edu, or call 845-677-8223.

Parade, program to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on January 19

By Morgan E. Maier

To honor the message of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Springfield Baptist Church and Southern Dutchess Coalition (SDC) announce the 47th birthday celebration. The lineup of events to observe and honor Beacon’s community and the service of Dr. King welcomes people of all backgrounds, cultures, and races.

On Jan. 19, the historic church, at 8 Mattie Cooper Square in Beacon, will hold a meaningful observation and no-cost opportunities for the wider community to connect. Not just with one another, but also the message of Dr. King. In “Keeping the Dream Alive,” the celebration honors his everlasting legacy.

Participants should expect a day of fellowship, according to executive chairperson Jennifer Baker-McClinton. Government officials will be in attendance, including Mayor Lee Kyriacou and Beacon City School District

Superintendent Dr. Matthew Landahl. The “Keeping the Dream Alive” student essay contest submissions will also be presented.

Beginning with a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m., attendees can share a meal with their community neighbors before the 11th annual Martin Luther King Jr. parade at 9:30 a.m. Parade participants are encouraged to bring banners, flags, and posters that express messages of peace and inspiring commitments to love. Singing of Negro Spirituals and songs of parade founder Pete Seeger highlight the celebration, as the Southern Dutchess Mass Choir will again perform.

Guest preacher Rev. Barbara Williams will lead the 10:30 a.m. celebration service, which includes prayers to unity and a special presentation to this year’s SDC Honorees. This year’s honorees are: L’Quette Taylor, Gahiji Manderson, The 84 Diner, Junior

Dabashi, and Ruth E. Anderson.

Taylor, a Poughkeepsie native, has organized community cleanup days and youth leadership initiatives with the nonprofit Community Matters 2. He further established NextGen Career Connections to provide impactful professional opportunities, plus programs for mentorship and financial literacy. Manderson has promoted firearm safety and education for the BIPOC community as the co-founder of the Hudson Valley Nubian Gun Club. An educator in the Beacon City School District, he further advocates for young people’s mental health, emotional support, and career opportunities.

The 84 Diner, owned by Tony Trigonis and Anthony Moustakas, is a staple in the local community and is a constant supporter of the SDC and its programs. Dabashi fundraises for nonprofits and volunteers for food pantries and veteran support programs. He is

deeply involved with community organizations, including I Am Beacon and the Beacon Islamic Center. The owner of three businesses, Anderson has established Taking it to the Streets, which feeds, clothes, and educates the Homeless in her Fishkill community while prioritizing their dignity. She is an esteemed Bible instructor, and shares her encouragement and entrepreneurial experience with youth in seminars.

After the service, a lunch will be provided free of charge to take out or eat in the church dining room. Since its conception 47 years ago, the celebration has been held at Springfield Baptist Church. Established by Beacon community members, including McClinton’s late mother, Barbara Baker, the birthday celebration for Dr. King serves as a yearly reminder to commit to unity and equality.

The snow date for the event is Feb. 16.

DC Veterans office to host outreach events

The Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs recently launched Operation: Mobile Outreach. A Veterans Services Officer is visiting local communities to help every veteran, especially those recently discharged, as well as family members and caregivers, navigate the extensive, and often overwhelming process of applying for benefits from the VA, State and

Dutchess County.

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Upcoming events:

- Thursday, Jan. 15, 5-7 p.m.
Marine Corps League Post 861
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- Saturday, Jan. 24, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Veterans Town Hall with VA Hudson Valley & MHA Dutchess Veterans Programs

American Legion Post 1302
55 Overlook Road, Poughkeepsie

- Friday, Jan. 30, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Building
413 Main St., Beacon

Visit dutchessny.gov/veterans for more information.

Obituaries

Eugene T. Trifilo



Eugene T. Trifilo, a lifelong local area resident, passed away peacefully with his son by his side on Monday, December 29, 2025, in Middletown, NY. He was 84.

Son of the late Frank J. and Penelope (Cristo) Trifilo, he was born in Newburgh, NY on July 26, 1941. Gene graduated from Beacon High School and then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, serving our nation until he was honorably discharged from service in 1961.

For many years, he co-owned and co-operated Gene & Sandy’s, Trifilo’s Office Supplies and Beacon Taxi with his wife Sandra.

Gene was a communicant of St. John - St. Joachim Parish in Beacon and life member of the Beacon Elks Lodge. He cherished his prized Beechcraft Musketeer and piloted countless flights from Hudson Valley Regional Airport

with family & friends. Throughout his life, he raised several German Shepherds: Pepper, Lucky, Toby, and Heidi. He was also an avid New York Yankees fan, especially during the postseason, and always enjoyed sharing magic and card tricks with everyone. Eugene loved stand-up comedy and enjoyed napping during his son Gene’s set only to wake up and enjoy the many outstanding headliners Gene Jr. worked with over the years.

On November 22, 1959, he married Sandra A. Murphy at St. Mary, Mother of the Church in Fishkill, NY. Gene was predeceased by Sandra in 2017.

He is survived by his son, Eugene J. Trifilo, of Glenham, NY; his grandchildren: Sonya, Chelsea, Sean, Gabe, Peter, Jay, Melissa, Marc, and Nikita; his six great-grandchildren; his daughters-in-law: LeAnn Trifilo, Eris Belew, Patti Dragon Trifilo and Jessica Loran; his siblings-in-law: Donna & David Bamond, Patricia & Richard Roza, Doreen Murphy, and Bernadette Murphy; as well as many nieces, nephews, and countless other loving family members.

In addition to his wife and parents, Gene was also predeceased by his son, Frank Trifilo; his son, Mark Trifilo; his daughter, Staci Trifilo Elan; his brother, Samuel Trifilo; and his brother-in-law, Edward Murphy.

Calling hours were on Friday, January 9 at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Saturday, January 10 at St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 Willow Street, Beacon, NY.

Donations in Gene’s memory may be made to Evergreen Minds, Inc., PO Box 586, Fishkill, NY 12524 or by visiting www.evergreenminds.org.

William Clarence Rumble



William Clarence Rumble, 82, of Wappingers Falls, NY died peacefully on January 8, 2026 surrounded by his loving family at Taconic Rehabilitation and Nursing at Hopewell. He succumbed to an illness stemming from his rescue and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center following the attacks on September 11, 2001.

Bill was born on May 21, 1943 in Bronx, NY and was the son of Clarence Lincoln Rumble and Edwina Greenfield Ham(m). He was a proud citizen with a 300-year American Heritage. He was descended from several large early immigrant families including the Rumble and Reber families of Schuylkill County, PA, the Hamm family of Columbia County NY, and the Greenfield family of Middletown, CT. His great-grandfather was Colonel Edwin Truman Greenfield, a Civil War colonel and a renowned inventor with dozens of electrical patents filed around the world. “Billy” was the youngest of nine children. He was proud of his big family, including his twenty-five nieces and nephews.

After graduating from The New York School of Printing in 1961, he joined the Brotherhood of New York City Ironworkers where he had a 50-year career as an active member of Local 46. He always enjoyed pointing out to family and friends the many skyscrapers he worked on. One of his proudest moments as an ironworker was the December 1970 topping-off ceremony of the World Trade Center’s north tower when a steel column with the American flag was placed on top making it the world’s tallest building at the time. During the immediate days following the September 11 attacks in 2001, Bill was part of the ironworkers’ bucket brigade, a human chain formed by ironworkers, construction workers, and other volunteers at Ground Zero, passing buckets of debris and remains to help clear the site. He will always be remembered for his bravery and dedication to this heroic effort.

Bill had a strong passion for playing billiards and in his early days he was a patron of many pool halls in The Bronx. In 1972, when he moved his family from The Bronx to Wappingers Falls, he insisted that his new home have a commercial-grade regulation pool table. After bringing decades of entertainment, laughter, and joy to the family, that pool table still stands in its original place.

In April of 1965 he married the love of his life, Monica Ann Broderick, who survives at home. Also surviving are his son, Bill Rumble of Fishkill, NY and his daughter, Carole Rumble of Wappingers Falls, NY. He was predeceased by his eight siblings who he adored immensely; Edwin, Charles, and Raymond Weiler, Ann Cerezo, Joan Brando, Patricia Gavaris, Barbara Schmidt, and Dorothy Weiss.

Family and friends may call on Friday, January 16 from 2-6 PM at McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, 1089 Main St., Fishkill NY. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, January 17 at 10:00 AM at St. Mary, Mother of The Church, 106 Jackson St., Fishkill, NY.

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Creative Living

‘Crazy’ exhibition at BAU Gallery in Beacon



Pictured is Leslie Fandrich’s “Chaotic Mistress,” 2024, textile, 70 in. x 65 in. x14 in.

“CRAZY,” an exhibition featuring the work of 31 female-identifying and non-binary artists that creates a safe space for rage, protest, and performance, will be shown at BAU Gallery. Guest-curated by Jaime Ransome, the exhibition will open Saturday, Jan. 10, and run through Sunday, Feb. 8. Together the 55 works are across media: painting, photography, installation, light art, video, perform-



Jaime Ransome is the guest curator for BAU’s “Crazy” exhibition, which runs from Jan. 10 until Feb. 8.

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Bacile Scholarships awarded



An awards luncheon was recently held at the Blue Fountain Restaurant in honor of the 2025 recipients of the Italian Center’s Dr. Victor Bacile Scholarships. Each scholar received a \$3,000 award. Honored at the event were: Emily Civitano, daughter of Bob and Roberta Civitano, Brianna Giangrasso, daughter of Piero and Karen Giangrasso and Gabriella Rado, daughter of David and Jeanine Agnolet Rado. Civitano is a 2024 graduate of John Jay Senior High School and attends Clemson University, Giangrasso graduated from Our Lady of Lourdes High School in 2023 and attends Boston University, Rado is a 2024 graduate of John F. Kennedy Catholic Prep and attends the University of Notre Dame. Since inception, the Fund has awarded 132 scholarships valued at more than \$179,000. Pictured, from left, Vince Corona, Bacile Scholarship Fund, Honorary Trustee, Emily Civitano, Gabriella Rado, Brianna Giangrasso and Bacile Scholarship Fund President, Paul Waldbillig.

-Courtesy photo

ance, and sculpture. The exhibition, according to BAU Gallery, confronts the centuries-old stereotype that expressive, opinionated, intelligent women are “crazy” by making space for authentic responses to the contemporary world and presenting those emotions as fine art. Inspired by Afropunk art movements and feminist punk music, CRAZY showcases art that embraces maximalist self-expression as a method of personal and political advocacy. “Curating this exhibition was a true passion project,” Ransome said. “I hope it will allow ‘girls’ to arm ourselves with the knowledge that there are more like us out there, building on the idea set out by the Riot Grrrls of the early ‘90s that with just a zine or concert or an art show, strong, smart, creative femmes can finally find each other. We’re stronger in numbers, and I just want every ‘girl’ to come out, see the show, and meet people.” Karen Allen, president of BAU Gallery, said, “The gallery invited Jaime to imagine and curate an exhibition specifically for our first show of the new year, and she delivered a powerful exhibition that is both inspiring and incredibly timely. As an alternative artist-run space, BAU has always been dedicated to experimentation, inclusiveness, and out-of-the-box creative production, and CRAZY does all that. We’re thrilled to help realize Jaime’s vision and offer the community a place for new art, critical dialogue, and deep connection.”

East Fishkill Recreation

**By Bill Green
Recreation Director**
Lifeguards and Counselors – application forms for this summer are now available online. Last call for information for our 2026 East Fishkill Recreation Guides. Information on all our recreation programs, special events, facilities, including Red Wing Park and our Youth Summer Camp will be included. Rec Guides will be available in late February in the East Fishkill Town Hall, the East Fishkill Library, the East Fishkill Community Center, the Davis House and many local businesses. We are now signing up residents for our first 2026 trip on Sunday, Feb. 15 to Resorts Catskills Casino. The fee is \$50 and includes round trip Coach Tours transportation, tip for driver, \$25 free slots play and a \$15 food voucher. Signups for our two concert, buffet and gambling trips to RESORTS (June–Summer Nights –Grease) and (September –Teenage Dreams 50’s –60’) will be in late March. We are also going back to the Paramount in Peekskill for a return visit to see the very entertaining “Doo Wop Project.” If you missed this show last year, make plans for this April for a fun trip down memory lane with these talented musicians. Details to follow. If you have any recreation questions or concerns, please call 845-226-8395 or go to Recreation1@eastfishkillny.gov.

love to cook

by vicki frank day



Healthy and happy

Lentil Pilaf is a hearty, nutritious and satisfying winter dish.

We’re just far enough into January that it’s safe to write about eating healthier without it seeming like a New Year’s resolution. In years past I’ve made known the fact that I’m not a firm believer in them, but that’s not to say I’m opposed to anyone who does. It’s just I know myself well enough that I’m not apt to stick to any resolutions I might make in the throes of fresh-start zeal, no matter how good the intentions.

I’m actually writing about healthy eating because, after the holidays’ mass consumption of rich, decadent foods, my body is craving lighter, fresher meals because High Cholesterol has moved in and it’s time for her to pack her things and go. The other day, a tossed salad was just what I needed to kick things off, but because it’s so cold outside I’m now wanting warm comfort. Usually, for me, that means The Big Three: pot pies, cheesy gratins and pasta in cream sauce; but they traditionally don’t fit the healthy bill, so it was time to put on my thinking apron.

I thought it logical to start by substituting ingredients in The Big Three to lighten them up but, much like drinking non-alcoholic wine, it just wasn’t the same and only served to remind me that what I wanted was the real thing. So then I made a mental list of my favorite non-salad healthy foods, which included salmon, lentils, ground turkey, nuts, avocados, root vegetables and bitter greens. Putting all of those together would be delicious, but I chose just a few inspired by a fond memory.

Once upon a time, my sister and I shared an apartment. We were working for a landscaper at the time and not only were in great shape but also had access to some great fresh produce generously given to us from clients’ gardens. We also had a small garden patch of our own, so vegetables were always on the menu. But woman cannot live on vegetables alone (well, those hard-working women couldn’t), so a favorite go-to meal for us was lentil pilaf with sauteed beet greens on the side, which was my starting point. Sadly, I did not have beet greens, but I did have arugula, so I made a side salad with a bright lemon-olive oil dressing, which was the perfect contrast to lighten up the hearty pilaf and rich salmon.

The lentil pilaf we made back then was a boxed Near East product, which has since been discontinued. That meant that, if I wanted it, I had to come up with a

recipe on my own based on what I remembered. A little research and experimentation helped get me the results I wanted: a healthy, hearty dish to feel good about.

LENTIL PILAF

When researching the best way to include lentils in this recipe, it was widely suggested that they should be parboiled before adding to the rice to ensure they’re fully cooked, so that’s what I did. Once cooked, they’re added to a skillet with uncooked rice and the broth added does the rest. In my excitement I forgot how much rice and lentils expand when cooked, so this makes a LOT of pilaf. If you like it as much as I do that isn’t a problem, because it’s a great side for a salmon dinner and there’s leftovers for lunch the next day or two. If you won’t use it within a few days or don’t have a crowd to feed, you might want to cut the recipe in half. Make it vegetarian by swapping out chicken stock for vegetable broth. You can use brown rice instead of long-grain white, but it may need longer cooking time. A note on rice: you should always rinse it under cold water until the water runs clear. This removes any dust and dirt but also washes away excess starch for fluffier cooked rice. You will need a large skillet with a lid for this.

INGREDIENTS

- ¾ cup lentils (I used brown lentils)
- Olive oil (for the skillet, about 2 tablespoons)
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 carrots, peeled and chopped (1-2 cups worth)
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup uncooked long grain rice (like Basmati), rinsed under cold water
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 cups chicken broth or stock (you may need to add ½ cup more as it cooks)
- Cumin, cinnamon and coriander to taste (start with ½ teaspoon of each – you can always add more)
- A squeeze of fresh lemon juice
- Chopped fresh parsley (optional)

METHOD

Place the lentils in a sieve and rinse well with cold water. Put them in a medium saucepan and add water to cover by 2 inches. Add ½ teaspoon salt. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low and simmer, 10-15 minutes (no more or they get too mushy. I cooked mine for 12 minutes.).



Lentil Pilaf served with salmon and arugula salad. -Photo by Vicki Frank Day

Drain and set aside.

In a large skillet, heat the olive oil. Add carrots and onion and sauté until onions start to brown and carrots are just tender, 5 -10 minutes. Stir in garlic, salt and pepper. Add uncooked rice and cook for about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add lentils, stir and cook 5 minutes more.

Add chicken stock, spices and lemon juice and stir to mix. Cover and cook over medium-low heat until rice is done, 15-20 minutes. Check after 15. If it seems dry, add a little more stock, cover and cook a few minutes more.

Add more seasonings to taste. Sprinkle with fresh parsley and serve. Makes 6-8 side portions.

Tasting lentil pilaf again after so many years was as comforting as it was delicious. It was admittedly not quite the same as I

remember, I think because I don’t know what the packaged variety used for seasoning. But it’s easy enough to tweak it and play with spices to suit your taste (and mine). Served alongside salmon pan-seared with olive oil, salt, pepper and fresh orange juice and a baby arugula salad was just what I wanted: warm, flavorful comfort that made me feel good inside and out. No cheese or cream sauce necessary! Enjoy!

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

Tai Chi class on Jan. 20 in East Fishkill

A free program Tai Chi for Beginners with Scott Grimes will be held at the East Fishkill Community Library m 348 Route 376, on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 6:30 p.m. Hopewell resident and certified Tai Chi instructor Grimes will present this free hour-long demo and class of the basic principles of Tai Chi. First 30 minutes of the class will be a demo and Q&A and the second half is participation. Please wear comfortable shoes and clothing.

The program meets the third Tuesday of the month.

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Key of Q singers celebrate 10th anniversary with concerts

Key of Q, an auditioned group of LGBTQ+ and allied a cappella singers, celebrates a decade of harmony, pride and community with a series of concerts titled “It’s About Time.” Set Jan. 16-18 at venues in Beacon, New Paltz and Kingston, the chorus explores the many ways we experience the elasticity of time - how we spend it, save it, waste it, and watch it fly - through inventive vocal arrangements and storytelling.

Formed at the beginning of 2016, Key of Q focuses on mostly-modern secular music in four-part harmony. Common themes within selected music include equality, love and celebration of identity in its many forms.

The first concert is set Friday, Jan. 16, from 7 to 8 p.m., at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., Beacon. The next, on Saturday, Jan. 17, from 7 to 8 p.m., will be held at The Hudson Valley LGBTQ+ Community Center, 300 Wall Street, Kingston. The third performance will take place on Sunday, Jan. 18, from 2 to 3 p.m., at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 90 Route 32 South, New Paltz.

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by mark adams



The King Ranch

A re-routed vacation to Texas finds Mark and Sue visiting the largest working agricultural operation in the country.



Cattle at the King Ranch in Texas are Santa Gertrudis, a breed produced by crossing longhorns with Brahmans and Shorthorns.



Mark and Sue booked the same room at the Menger Hotel in San Antonio where Capt. Richard King – founder of the King Ranch – died. It's said King's ghost walks the halls of the hotel.

-Photos by Mark Adams

“The ghost of Richard King still walks the halls of the Menger Hotel.” So said our tour guide Karen Knight, as we crossed Alamo Plaza under a full moon. After an aborted attempt to vacation in the South American country Suriname, Sue and I ended up in San Antonio, Texas. Always interested in agriculture, we decided to check out the King Ranch, the largest working agricultural operation in the country, bigger than the state of Rhode Island.

First, we stayed at South Padre Island for a few days, which is sort of the Fort Lauderdale for Midwesterners. We even met some folks from Alaska, after I became famous for taking a dip in the tumultuous Gulf of Mexarica. One morning we drove an hour south to Brownsville, for a quick visit to Mexico. Sue and I were surprised how easy it is to walk over the border and back, at least for people with U.S. passports. On a Tuesday morning, we parked our car on the street across from the Port of Entry, putting four dollars into the four-hour parking meter. Then we paid one dollar each to walk across the bridge over the surprisingly skinny Rio Grande River (it looked more like Wappingers Creek). The pueblo of Matamoras was bleak—the only open store was a 7-11.

At a fairly nice restaurant above a parking garage, I drank a bottle of Modelo especial while Sue braved a Coke Zero poured over Mexican ice. I tried to engage the waiter in political conversation. Not surprisingly, he was reluctant to voice an opinion. Just a shrug of the shoulders. Heading back an hour later, we stood in line just long enough to play “Delta Dawn” on my phone (“all the folks ’round Brownsville say she’s crazy”). We just

walked past the border patrol. I’ve been subjected to more screening at the Mid Hudson Civic Center.

The King Ranch was established in 1853 by Captain Richard King (he was a steamboat captain) who lived a hardscrabble life before amassing a fortune running steamboats along the Rio Grande during the Mexican-American War (1846-1848). When King bought the ranch, it was already home to wild longhorn cattle. These iconic longhorns were well suited to survive the harsh arid conditions of southwest Texas—they could survive several days without water—but their meat was tough and tasteless. King set about improving the breed by crossing the longhorns with Brahman and Shorthorn cattle, finally creating the Santa Gertrudis, ideal for warm weather beef production. Nowadays, half of the 10,000 head on the ranch are sold for breeding purposes, and the other half for steaks. Interestingly, our guide Marlette Richardson told our group that the King Ranch closed down its slaughterhouse twenty years ago when government regulations made it too complicated to operate – and this is on a 10,000 head ranch! What does this say about the problems our Hudson Valley farmers are experiencing when it comes to beef processing?

The King Ranch is also famous for its horse breeding operations, specializing in quarter horses, although it did raise the thoroughbred Assault, the 1946 triple crown winner.

Looking to the future, King Ranch (now partly owned by Taylor Sheridan of “Yellowstone” fame) is branching out into crops – 70,000 acres of cotton and sorghum, hunting expeditions, a saddle shop, dozens of John Deere dealerships,

and a turf grass company (odd for a ranch that is experiencing a ten-year drought). Agritourism is a tiny addition; only eight people were on the only tour of the day. The Ranch’s herd of longhorn cattle is maintained as a tourist attraction.

At the age of 61, Captain King traveled to San Antonio to see his doctor. He died of stomach cancer in his bed at the Menger Hotel. But his ghost lives on.

Amazingly, Sue and I were able to book the same room during our stay in San Antonio. The bed is still there! Sue believes in ghosts. We’ll see what happens tonight.

Stay tuned.

Mark Adams is an agricultural advisor to the Dutchess County Executive, Dutchess County B.O.C.E.S. and Cornell University.

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Any lawful purpose.

GPM RED HOOK LLC.Arts.ofOrg. filed with the SSNY on 12/01/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 7270 South Broadway, Suite 10, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

16CHERRYST.,LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/04/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 176 Turk Hill Road, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

WAPPINGERS FALLS NY PROPERTY MANAGEMENTLLC. Filed 7/13/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. as agent for process & shall mail to: 70 Widmer Rd, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: General.

27 MILL STREET LLC. Filed 11/19/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. as agent for process & shall mail to: 5MadonnaDr, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: General.

3 MACFARLANE ROAD LLC. Filed 11/17/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. as agent for process & shall mail to: Michael Sherwood, 2 Sunset Ct, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Registered Agent: Jd Cpa Pc, 3 Nancy Ct, Ste 5, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: General.

DECESARE DIRT WORKS LLC. Filed 2/15/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. as agent for process & shall mail to: Po Box 681, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave , Ste 202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.

DONE HOMES & INTERIORS LLC. Filed 11/10/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. as agent for process & shall mail to: 49 Harrisons Trail, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: General.

GRADY BOY, LLC, filed with the SSNY on

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9/22/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Grady Boy, LLC, c/o Efraim Roalrrev. Trust, 11 Raymond Ave., Ste. 32, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MOONSHINE & CO NY LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the New York Department of State on December 3 2025 for Moonshine & Co NY LLC. The office of the LLC is located in Dutchess County New York. The New York Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served upon him or her to ZenBusiness Inc 41 State Street Suite 112 Albany NY 12207. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed in the State of New York.

Notice of Form. of ANDREW M. TIESS, LLC.Arts.ofOrg. filed with SSNY on 12/02/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 11 APPLE SUMMIT LANE, LAGRANGEVILLE, NY, 12540. Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Nuevilla LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/5/2025. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him is 13 Charles Street, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose of LLC: To engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York.

Notice of Formation of Skin Serenity LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/18/25. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the

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LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to Lena Gudmundsen, 102 Saint George Ct. Hurley, New York, 12443. Purpose of LLC: to provide esthetician services, skincare treatments, beauty services, and any related lawful business activities

90 WALDEN EXT, LLC Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on December 8, 2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 492 Main Street, Beacon, New York 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of TREDEGAR HOLDINGS ONE, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/03/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of HF Main Street Owner LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on November 25, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC at c/o 11 Garden Street, Suite 101, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Balanced Insight, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on New York (SSNY) on October 31, 2025. Office Location: Dutchess County, New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC at c/o 11 Garden Street, Suite 101, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: 93 SMITH TOWN ROAD LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on

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December 11, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County, NY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The LLC address to which SSNY shall mail process is 6847 Route 9, Rhinebeck NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Saigon Pho VN LLC filed w/ SSNY 12/10/25. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desg. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 2 Carmella Rd, Highland, NY 12528. Any lawful purpose.

C O C O N U T RESEARCH LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/09/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Briget Caramangna, 41 Mason Circle, Unit 5, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Rouse + Co Properties LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/10/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 6417 Montgomery St, Ste 1, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of AKV Ventures, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/25/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 465 Main St Apt 10 Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION of LOPEZ, BARK & SCHULZ LLP. Certificate of Registration filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/07/2025. Office Location: Dutchess County. LLP formed in California (CA) on 4/24/2017. SSNY designated as agent of LLP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 30 East Market Street, Rhinebeck, NY, 12572. Certificate of Formation filed with the CA Secy of

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State, 1500 11th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Principal office and authorized officer in CA: Michael Lopez, 300 Spectrum Center Dr., Suite 1550, Irvine, CA 92618. Purpose: law firm.

Notice of Formation of LUCIANO E SELLS LLC. Art/Org filed 11/25/25. Ofc loc Dutchess Cty. SSNY desg. agent for svc/proc & shall mail to 22 FLANNERY AVENUE APT D, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

11 Howard LLC. Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/18/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to: 45 Briarcliff Ave, Poughkeepsie Ny 12603 Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Gina Rossomando-Wood LLC. Arts of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/20/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Gina Rossomando-Wood LLC 271 Esopus Way, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. LegalZoom (United States Corporation Agents, Inc) 7014 13TH AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11228 is designated as registered agent. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

TIME AND STYLE LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 8/11/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 9 Colonial Dr., Wappingers Falls, NY 12590, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

SMART MEASURE LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/19/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 72 Stanford Rd., Millbrook, NY 12545, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

BAHADUR 1 REALTY LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/31/25. Office in

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Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1 Troy Ln., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

PALOIL LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/15/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 34 Victor Dr., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Shanks Property Maintenance LLC. Filed with SSNY on 12/11/25. Office: Dutchess, SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 45 Daheim Road , Millbrook, NY 12545. Purpose: any lawful.

Isiko LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/01/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 41 State St., Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose of LLC: Providing education, entertainment, publishing, products, and services for personal development.

Notice of Formation of R+Consulting Group LLC.Arts.ofOrg. filed with SSNY on 10/14/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to: The LLC , 13 N Clover st. Apt 1, Poughkeepsie 12601 USA Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

RONCALLO FARM, LLC.Arts.ofOrg. filed with the SSNY on 12/16/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 233 Grape Hollow Road, Holmes, NY 12531. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

‘Mary Poppins’ flies into Rhinebeck

CENTERstage Productions presents “Mary Poppins” now to Feb. 1 at The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck.

This musical is based on the stories of P.L. Travers and the Walt Disney Film; with original music and lyrics by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman, book by Julian Fellowes, plus new songs and additional music and lyrics by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe. It was co-created by Cameron Mackintosh and is directed by Duane Joseph Olson, with musical direction by Russell McCook and choreography by Maria Coppola with Haley Swetz.

The jack-of-all trades, Bert, introduces us to England in 1910 and the troubled Banks family. Young Jane and Michael have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Using a combination of magic and common sense, she must teach the family members how to value each other again. Mary Poppins takes the children on many magical and memorable adventures, but Jane and Michael aren't the only ones upon whom she has a profound effect. Even grown-ups can learn a lesson or two from the nanny who advises that “Anything can happen if you let it.”

Performances are on Fridays at 8 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$29 and available at www.centerforperformingarts.org or by calling the Box Office at 845-876-3080.

The role of Mary Poppins will be played alternately by Emily Holland and Emma Hempel (visit the website to see who is featured on which dates). Dennis Wakeman as Bert, Kate Worthey as Winifred Banks, Brian Kuchciki as George Banks, Harriet Luongo as Jane, Jack Ranieri as Michael, Mary Dallari as The Bird Woman, Kaeli Heffner as Miss Andrew, Thomas Iorio as Robertson Ay, Wendy Urban-Mead as

Mrs. Brill, Lisa Lynds as Miss Corry, and Anthony Carl as Neleus. Featuring Abby Anspach, Mary Kate Barnett, Natalie Bunta, Kelsey Christiana, Leah Conklin, Courtney Constantino, Kiara Daniello, Maggie Dolan, River Garcia, Lily Garcia, Molly Gilman, Gabby Licari, Christine McCarthy, Kim McConville, Duane Olson, Sr., Ben Parish, Izzy Ricks, Howie Riggs, Dan Santos, David Shakopi, Lou Simone, and Eve Vuleau.

The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck is at 661 Route 308.

DC Works Feb. 2 at East Fishkill library

DC Works will be at the East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376, on Monday, Feb. 2, for One-on-One Job Ready Sessions from 10 a.m. to noon.

DC Works (formerly Dutchess One

Stop Career Center) professionals are experts in their field, although they are not head-hunters and cannot guarantee employment. One-on-one sessions with DC Works professionals will help you

develop your job search direction.

One may reserve a half-hour session at <http://EFLibrary.org>, click on the calendar and register for the time slot you prefer or call 221-9943 ext. 225 for

more information.

Limited to 10 participants. Register through the online calendar at <http://www.EFLibrary.org> or call 845-221-9943.

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CC TYRANO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/15/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, P.O. Box 16, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

SHANLEY HVAC, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/15/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 16 Panessa Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of 116 Franklin Street LLC. Art of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/18/2025. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 116 Franklin Street LLC, c/o Gellen Law PLLC 271 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any and all lawful business activities.

Notice of Formation of Hometown Lawn, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/11/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Adam Menz, 28 Cornell Avenue, Red

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Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of MJ NEW PALTZ REALTY, LLC, Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on December 16, 2025. The office location is in Dutchess County, SSNY is designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 2265 South Road, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Purpose for all lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of All Seasons Home Services LLC, filed with SSNY on 10/30/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail the process to All Seasons Home Services LLC, 68 Rhone Ridge Dr, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

DiRenno Fabrication LLC filed w/ SSNY 12/15/25. Exist Date: 1/1/26. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 1 Duhamel Dr, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. The reg. agt. is Vincent Direnno at same address. Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DD Investor Group LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 4/3/25. Of-

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Location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him is 504 Haight Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York 12603. Purpose of LLC: To engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York.

Notice of formation of Serroukas Hospitality, LLC art. of org filed with SSNY on 9/26/25 office location Dutchess County SSNY designated as agent for service of process SSNY shall mail process to 35 Theresa CT, Lagrangeville NY 12540. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of LOT 2 VERBAN LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/23/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

TL Energy Holdings, LLC filed Art. of Org. with the Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/17/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall

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mail process to: The LLC, 139 West 82nd Street, Apt. 6C, New York, NY 10024 Purpose: any lawful act.

LF Energy Holdings, LLC filed Art. of Org. with the Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/17/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 139 West 82nd Street, Apt. 6C, New York, NY 10024 Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Form. of GSD - HOPEWELL JUNCTION, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/24/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 2 JAY LANE, HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY 12533. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of MB MEDICINE PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/10/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to P.O. BOX 163, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12602. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of HF Main Street Development Manager LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on December 17, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of

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LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC at c/o 11 Garden Street, Suite 101, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
The name of the LLC is 37 Century LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 30, 2025. New York office location: 1395 Boston Corners Road, Village of Millerton, County of Dutchess and State of New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: 37 Century LLC, 1395 Boston Corners Road, Millerton, New York 12546. Purpose/Character of business: Any lawful business purpose permitted under the New York Limited Liability Company Law.

Notice of Formation of Exit 67 Designs LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/23/25. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 5 Appletree Dr.,

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Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

FEZZI PINE PLAINS LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/05/2026. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Amanda N. Miller, 6370 Mill Street, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

NORTHSIDE TRIVIA LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/05/2026. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 853 Old Quaker Hill Road, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

6562 LLC. Filed with SSNY on 12/30/2025. Office: Dutchess, SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 101 Rainbow Drive, #5673, Livingston, TX 77399. Purpose: any lawful

Notice of Formation of Nosy By Nature Consulting and Investigative Services LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/10/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Nosy By Nature Consulting and Investigative Services LLC, 51 Creek Road, Suite 1208,

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Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of Wellena Cleaning and Organizing Services L.L.C. with Article of Organization filed with NYSS on December 31, 2025. The office of the L.L.C. is located in Dutchess County, NY. The NYSS has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail any process to 88 N Clove Rd, Verbank. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Gassho Paws LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/31/25 Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Zen Business Inc. at 41 State Street, Suite 112 Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of Mike Silvestri Service Solutions LLC. Articles of Organization filing date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was: 9/23/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 4 Pepper Lane, Fishkill New York 12524. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws.

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NOTICE OF TAX COLLECTION 2026 TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY, NEW YORK PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that I, Mary Beth Muir, the undersigned Collector of Taxes of the Town of Pleasant Valley, County of Dutchess and State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Pleasant Valley for the year 2026, and that I will attend at Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, in the said Town of Pleasant Valley from today to March 2, 2026 at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon on **MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY. FRIDAY** collection hours will be 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon. **MARCH, APRIL and MAY** collection hours will be 9 o'clock in the forenoon to 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon with the exception of **FRIDAY** collection hours will be 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon, **except SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS and LEGAL HOLIDAYS** for the purpose of collecting the taxes listed on the said roll. **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that taxes may be paid on or before March 2, 2026 without charge or interest. On all taxes received after such date, there shall be a 2 percent added interest if paid on or before March 31, 2026 and an additional 1 percent for each additional month or fraction thereof thereafter until such taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid taxes to the county treasurer pursuant to law. **TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that pursuant to the provisions of law the tax roll of the Town of Pleasant Valley will be returned to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance on the 2nd day of June, 2026. **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, a reminder of unpaid taxes will be sent on or before May 01, 2026. A fee of \$2.00 will be added to your tax bill during the full month of May. **DATED:** January 1, 2026 Mary Beth Muir Tax Collector Town of Pleasant Valley

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, Plaintiff -against- Ivan Stephens a/k/a

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Ivan R. Stephens unknown heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming, under, by or through said defendant, who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, Kerryann Stephens a/k/a Kerryanne Stephens as Heir of the Estate of Ivan Stephens a/k/a Ivan R. Stephens, I. S. as Heir of the Estate of Ivan Stephens a/k/a Ivan R. Stephens, Hollian Jada Stephens as Heir of the Estate of Ivan Stephens a/k/a Ivan R. Stephens if living and if he/she be dead, any and all persons who are spouses, widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienor, heirs, devisees, distributees, or successors in interest of such of the above as may be dead, and their spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residences are unknown to Plaintiff, Saniya M. Stephens as Heir of the Estate of Ivan Stephens a/k/a Ivan R. Stephens, Jaden Stephens as Heir of the Estate of Ivan Stephens a/k/a Ivan R. Stephens, T. S. as Heir of the Estate of Ivan Stephens a/k/a Ivan R. Stephens, United States of America acting through the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, United States of America - Internal Revenue Service, "John Doe", (Refused Name), Richmond Hill Association, Inc. Keldon O. Decoteau, Defendants. Index No.: 2025-51533 Filed: 12/22/25 **SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS** Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the attorneys for the plaintiff within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclu-

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sive of the day of service; or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York; or within sixty (60) days if it is the United States of America. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. **NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT** THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$343,660.00 and interest, recorded in the office of the clerk of the County of Dutchess on July 01, 2022 in Doc. 01-2022-53599, Page covering premises known as 12 Bayberry Circle, Fishkill, NY 12524. There relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. **NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.** Dated: Bay Shore, New York December 19, 2025 Frenkel, Lambert, Weisman & Gordon, LLP BY: Karen Sheehan, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff 53 Gibson Street, Bay Shore, New York 11706 (631) 969-3100; Our File No.: 01-098935-F01

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL IN DUTCHESS COUNTY TAKE NOTICE THAT

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I, Ann Goldsmith, the undersigned Receiver of Taxes of the Town of East Fishkill, County of Dutchess and the State of New York, having duly received the Tax Roll and Warrant for the collection of Taxes for the Town of East Fishkill for the Year January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. I will attend at the East Fishkill Tax Office, 2464 Route 52, Hopewell Junction, New York, from January 2, 2026 through May 31, 2026, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the taxes assessed upon such rolls. Check or money order is to be made payable to **East Fishkill Receiver of Taxes**, and mailed to the above address. No collections will be made on Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays. Tax Office information shall be obtained by calling (845) 221-2160, or via the website at www.taxlookup.net. Tax Rate for District per \$1,000 Full Market Value County \$2.110826 Town \$2.581105 Fire \$0.657892 Library \$0.189638 TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that taxes may be paid on or before February 28, 2026 without penalty. On all such remaining unpaid taxes after said February 28, 2026, two (2) percentum will be added through March 31, 2026, three (3) percentum through April 30, 2026, and four (4) percentum, plus two \$2 through May 31, 2026. Effective June 1, 2026, unpaid taxes will be turned over to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance, Poughkeepsie, New York. Dated: December 29, 2025 Ann Goldsmith Receiver of Taxes Town of East Fishkill

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-05-26 Fast Trac Cargo Trailers Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 22th day of January 2026 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>, se-

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lecting "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-16-26 Aging Health Promotion and Development Contractor 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., January 26, 2026. 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.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-08-26 Implementation and Facilitation of the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Framework 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., February 3, 2026. 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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING BOARD TOWN OF WAPPINGER DUTCHESS COUNTY, NY Project Name: Casa Amigos Restaurant Location: 1515 Route 9 Application: No.: 25-3510 **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, the Town of Wappinger Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing on the **21st day of January, 2026**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wap-

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pinger Falls, NY pursuant to Article IX, Section 240-87 of the Town Law, on the application of **25-3510 – Casa Amigos Restaurant – Amended Site Plan (formerly Odyssey Diner)**: To discuss an amended Site Plan Application. The applicant is proposing a small addition to be constructed to the formerly Odyssey Diner in an HB Zoning District on 1.29 acres. The property is located at **1515 Route 9** and is identified as **Tax Grid No.: 6158-04-572057** in the Town of Wappinger. **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that the Planning Board has not made a determination of significance pursuant to State Environmental Quality Review Act and hereby reserves its right to make such determination after the conclusion of the public hearing. All interested persons will be heard by the Planning Board of the Town of Wappinger at the public hearing as stated above. Signed: Bruce Flower, Chairman Town of Wappinger Planning Board Date: January 6, 2026

NOTICE OF 2026 TOWN AND COUNTY TAX COLLECTION TOWN OF WAPPINGER, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Lee Anne Freno, the undersigned Receiver of Taxes for the Town of Wappinger, County of Dutchess and State of New York, have duly received the Tax Roll and Warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Wappinger for the year 2026. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I will attend at Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, in the said Town of Wappinger from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on each day, excepting Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, for the purpose of receiving the taxes listed on said roll. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that taxes may be paid via drop box, in person, online or by mail. Check or money order is to be made out to Lee A. Freno, Receiver of Taxes. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that payment may be made any time from the receipt of bill to March 2, 2026, without penalty. Payments made March 3, 2026, through June 1, 2026, incur a two percent (2%) penalty.

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Payments made from June 2, 2026, through August 31, 2026, incur a four percent (4%) penalty. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Section 987 of the Real Property Tax Law provides that after the interest free period for payment of taxes elapses and taxes remain unpaid, the tax collecting officer is required to send a notice of unpaid taxes to the owner. The expense of this notice is a two-dollar (\$2.00) charge which is added to the parcel. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of law, no payments will be accepted at this office after August 31, 2026. After August 31, 2026, the tax roll of the Town of Wappinger will be returned to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance. Information may be obtained by calling the tax office at (845) 297-4342 or by visiting the Town's website at townofwappinger.ny.gov Dated: January 9, 2026 Signed: Lee Anne Freno, Receiver of Taxes, Town of Wappinger

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Town and County Tax Collection – Town of Fishkill, County of Dutchess **TAKE NOTICE THAT I, KATHERINE BUNETA**, Receiver of Taxes for the Town of Fishkill, County of Dutchess and State of New York, have duly received the Tax Roll and Warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Fishkill for the year 2026 and I will attend at the Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524, from January 21, 2026, Monday through Friday from 9:00AM - 3:30PM, for the purpose of receiving taxes listed on the said rolls. No payment will be received on Saturdays, Sundays, or on legal holidays. **TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, TAXES MAY BE PAID BEFORE March 2nd, 2026 without charge of penalty. On all such remaining unpaid taxes after such date, penalty will be added as follows: March 2%, April 3%, and May 4%. **TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that pursuant to the provisions of the law, the tax roll of the Town of Fishkill will be returned to the Commissioner of Finance of the County of Dutchess on the 3rd day of June, 2026. Signed: Katherine Buneta Katherine Buneta Receiver of Taxes Dated: January 11, 2026

College Notes

MANCHESTER, NH - Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Fall 2025 President's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point

average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Anthony Silvestri of Poughkeepsie

Sasha Elting of Poughkeepsie
Heather Matos of Poughkeepsie
Jonathan Arnfield of Poughkeepsie
Elainah Spence of Poughkeepsie
Nicole Nesheiwat of Poughkeepsie
Stephen Hulbert of Poughkeepsie
Daniel Cruz of Wappingers Falls
Lucas Stoffel of WappingersFalls
Kayla Taylor of Wappingers Falls
Vincent Kennedy of Wappingers Falls
Malaika Miller Smith of Wappingers Falls

Napthali Lawrence of Wappingers Falls
Cindy Urena of Wappinger Falls
Robert Zakhary of East Fishkill
Stephen Maitre of East Fishkill
Matthew Greges of East Fishkill
Jacqueline Maguire of Fishkill
Alloura Malizio of Fishkill
Kristopher Savastano of Beacon

‘The First Lady’ topic of afternoon book club on Jan. 14 in East Fishkill

The EFCL Afternoon Book Club will meet at the East Fishkill Community Library on Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2026 at 1 p.m. to discuss this month’s selection “The First Lady” by James Patterson. Copies of the book are available within the Library system. All are welcome to come and join in the discussion of this work.

The library is at 348 Roue 376 in East Fishkill.

this week’s puzzle solutions

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This week's answer
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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given the Legislature of Dutchess County will be holding public committee meetings for the following committees on January 15, 2026 at 5:30pm: **Public Safety, Budget, finance and Personnel and Family and Human Services.** The meeting agenda can be found at: <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/County-Legislature/County-Legislature-Meeting-Agenda.htm> The public has the right to attend the meeting at the Dutchess County Legislative Chambers located at 22 Market Street, 6th floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Greg Totino Deputy Clerk Dutchess County Legislature

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given the Legislature of Dutchess County will be holding a public meeting of the whole on January 20, 2026 at 6:30pm. The meeting agenda can be found at: <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/County-Legislature/County-Legislature-Meeting-Agenda.htm> The public has the right to attend the meeting at the Dutchess County Legislative Chambers located at 22 Market Street, 6th floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Greg Totino Deputy Clerk Dutchess County Legislature

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**TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD
TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 101/2026
RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF TOWN BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2026**

BE IT RESOLVED, that subject to the schedule set forth below the regular meetings of the Pleasant Valley Town Board will take place on the third (3rd) Monday of each month for the year 2026 at 7:00 PM in the main meeting room of the Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that subject to the schedule set forth below the Town Board Workshops will take place on the first (1st) Monday of each month for the year 2026, at 7:00 PM in main meeting room, and that special meetings will be scheduled and advertised by posting the announcement on the front door entrance of the Town Hall, with notification to the press (time permitting); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2026 meeting dates are as listed below:

January 5	Re-Organizational Meeting
January 21 (Wed)	Regular Meeting
February 2	Workshop Meeting
February 18 (Wed)	Regular Meeting
March 2	Workshop Meeting
March 16	Regular Meeting
April 6	Workshop Meeting
April 20	Regular Meeting
May 4	Workshop Meeting
May 18	Regular Meeting
June 1	Workshop Meeting
June 15	Regular Meeting
July 6	Workshop Meeting
July 20	Regular Meeting
August 3	Workshop Meeting
August 17	Regular Meeting
September 9 (Wed)	Workshop Meeting
September 21	Regular Meeting
October 5	Workshop Meeting
October 19	Regular Meeting
November 2	Workshop Meeting
November 16	Regular Meeting
December 7	Workshop Meeting
December 21	Regular Meeting

And;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any changes to the above-mentioned schedules will be posted at the Town Hall entrance as necessary, with notification to the press.

DATED: January 5, 2026
ROLL CALL:

Councilwoman Borland	<u>X</u>	_____
Council woman Chapman	<u>X</u>	_____
Councilman Degan	<u>X</u>	_____
Councilman Rifenburgh	<u>X</u>	_____
Supervisor Albrecht	<u>X</u>	_____
Carried.		

MOTION: Councilman Rifenburgh
SECOND: Councilwoman Chapman

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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.

THEME: ON THE FARM

ACROSS

1. Laura Ingalls' notebook
6. Boozier
9. Biblical pronoun
13. Sacred text, to some
14. "Fat chance!"
15. Afrikaners' ancestors
16. Cake spread
17. Chowd down
18. Clear the blackboard
19. *Barn chore
21. *John Deere, e.g.
23. Nirvana's "Come as You ____"
24. Spasm of pain
25. Broadband access overseer, acr.
28. Mark for omission
30. Recessed space
35. "____ and the Real Girl," movie
37. "Shoot!"
39. E in baseball box score
40. Oil org.
41. Intelligent
43. A mixture or medley
44. Children's respiratory disease
46. Foggy view?
47. Politicians, for short
48. In a sympathetic manner
50. Ski hill ride
52. Maiden name indicator
53. Bald eagle's nest
55. Repeated Latin dance step
57. *a.k.a. harvester
61. *Opposite of pasture
65. *Common varieties are yellow, red and white
66. Tall tale
68. Smooth, in manner
69. Audience's approval
70. "____ at ease"
71. Stomach sore
72. Caribou or moose
73. Soldier's bed
74. Harsh

DOWN

1. *Separate cream from milk
2. Locus, pl.
3. Seed coat
4. Form of Japanese poetry
5. Encircle
6. Deep pile carpet
7. *Cereal grass
8. Sorority letter
9. Cleopatra's necklace
10. Thermostat option
11. Guesstimate phrase (2 words)
12. Olympic cast-out, e.g.
15. Charles Darwin's vessel
20. Must-haves
22. Ribonucleic acid, acr.
24. Fine
25. *Group of chickens
26. Birthplace of Caprese
27. Oedipus' successor
29. *Baby sheep
31. *____ rotation
32. Acrylic fiber
33. Bridal veil fabric
34. With a jagged margin
36. Gulf War missile
38. *Pasture-raised chicken's morsel
42. Vanish without this?
45. Lamentation
49. Japanese capital
51. Rh in Rh disease
54. Indiana Jones' find, e.g.
56. Not a minor
57. For boys and girls
58. Popular fairy-tale beginning
59. Stephen King's "The Green ____"
60. *Male pig
61. Abe Lincoln's hat material
62. Tatted cloth
63. Done
64. Seaside bird
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Wappingers CSD honors law enforcement



In honor of Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, Wappingers CSD Superintendent Dr. Dwight Bonk recognized the seven agencies that serve the District: the New York State Police, the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, and our town and village agencies: the Town of East Fishkill, the Town of Fishkill, the Town of Poughkeepsie, the Village of Fishkill, and the Village of Wappingers Falls.

"I truly value the relationships that we have built with our law enforcement agencies," Dr. Bonk said. "We work collaboratively with one common goal: to create a safe and secure environment for our staff and students that fosters optimal teaching and learning for all."

Dr. Bonk expressed his gratitude to Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati for his invaluable support of the district's Safe Schools Initiative. "By pairing an increased law enforcement presence with a significant expansion of student mental

health services, we are creating the safest school environment possible—one where our students and staff can learn, thrive, and ultimately reach their highest potential," he said.

"I want to thank Dr. Bonk and the District for recognizing all law enforcement for their hard work and dedication to our community," said Sheriff Imperati. "Our relationship with the District is extremely strong, and we remain committed to the safety and security of students and staff. I look forward to continuing our work together."

Throughout the district, individual schools collaborated with their PTAs to honor and celebrate the officers in their buildings, who don't just play a key role in keeping our schools safe: they also serve as role models and offer students a safe place to reach out for help. Wappingers CSD, it was stated, is proud to honor the valued law enforcement partners, today and every day.



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Members of the Wappingers Central School District recently recognized law enforcement in honor of Law Enforcement Day.

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