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IN MEMORIAM

Remembering, honoring Fishkill historian Willa Skinner



Former Fishkill Historian Willa Skinner (left) accepts the "Martha Washington Woman of History Award" from Elyse Goldberg, Washington's Headquarters Site Manager, in 2015. Skinner died at the age of 98 on January 18.



Former Town of Fishkill Historian Willa Skinner stands near the plaque that was dedicated in her honor in 2018 in the Fishkill Town Hall.

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By Kristine Coulter
Former Fishkill Historian Willa Skinner died on January 18th. She just turned 98 on January 16th. Skinner was a former columnist for Southern Dutchess News and Beacon Free Press. Her column, "Wandering," educated people on the rich history of the area. "Journalist, columnist, historian, mother aunt, friend and mentor to many, passed away peacefully in hospice care at Vassar Hospital this morning (Jan. 18)," her family posted on Skinner's Facebook

page along with a portrait from Skinner's 97th birthday. "It is now the end of an era..." Willa was the Fishkill Town Historian for more than five decades. Wappinger Town Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini, said, "Willa Skinner was a true legend for all historians and journalists throughout the Hudson Valley. A true mentor and friend, I will never be able to fully express how much Willa meant to me and how grateful I am to her." *Continued on page 3*

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-Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini

Cuccia sworn in as East Fishkill police chief

By Kristine Coulter

Members of the East Fishkill Town Board approved the appointment of Derrick Cuccia, acting chief of police of the East Fishkill Police Department (EFPD), to police chief. The appointment took place during the Board's January 18th meeting at the East Fishkill Town Hall. "So very happy to see Derrick Cuccia become EFPD Chief. I am looking forward to working with him daily," said Town of East Fishkill Supervisor Nick D'Alessandro on Jan. 19. Cuccia told Southern Dutchess News he is honored to be chief. "Honored to lead the finest men and women in law enforcement who represent the East Fishkill Police Department." Cuccia has been acting chief since July 2023, according to East Fishkill Town Board minutes. Prior to Cuccia, Christopher Bellino was the top cop in East Fishkill. He was appointed chief in 2020. The town board members accepted Bellino's retirement letter in July 2023 and Cuccia was appointed acting chief. *Continued on page 2*



Derrick Cuccia is sworn in as East Fishkill Chief of Police by Judge Brian Rudner on Jan. 18 at the East Fishkill Town Hall. Pictured with Cuccia and Rudner is New York State Police Senior Investigator (Ret.) Bruce F. Cuccia, Derrick Cuccia's father.

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Chevron committed to 'open dialogue' on Texaco site

By Kristine Coulter

The former Texaco site in the Town of Fishkill is still on the market. Charles Fontenot, a public affairs advisor for Chevron, said Chevron "remains committed to an open dialogue with the community on developments at the site, as we held community meetings in July and October of 2023." He noted, "The strong turnout by the community for those meetings indicates the importance of the project and how much they care about the future of the site." Community meeting dates for 2024 have not been determined at this point, said Fontenot. "We plan on meeting with the community at least twice a year," he said. Confirmed dates for future meetings will be posted on Glenhammills.com.

According to information on the Glenham Mills website, "The property at the former Texaco Research Center in upstate New York is steeped rich in history. The 153-acre site, which is bisected by Fishkill Creek, a tributary of the Hudson River, was first home to a wool and saw mill erected on the property back in 1811. It grew significantly during the Civil War when it began manufacturing the blue serge cloth used for Union Army uniforms."

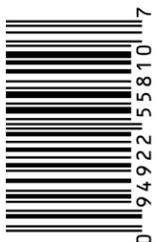
The information continued: "Texaco purchased the land and began developing the site in 1931, transforming the mill buildings down by Fishkill Creek into the original Beacon Laboratories. Over the course of the next 72 years, the complex expanded multiple times as it furthered its research, development, technical services and environmental protection work in support of the downstream petroleum and energy business."

A merger between Texaco and Chevron occurred in 2001. Two years later, according to information on the site, Chevron acquired the facility and closed it in 2003 to centralize research efforts at its locations in Richmond, California and Houston, Texas.

"A Community Advisory Panel (CAP) was formed in 2011 to facilitate dialogue between Chevron and the community. Meetings are held

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Cuccia sworn in as East Fishkill police chief



The East Fishkill Town Board and Judge Brian Rudner, (right) gather around newly appointed East Fishkill Police Chief Derrick Cuccia (third from left) during the East Fishkill Town Board meeting on January 18 in the East Fishkill Town Hall.



Newly appointed East Fishkill Police Chief Derrick Cuccia and East Fishkill Police Officer James Clarke Jr. were surrounded by members of the East Fishkill Police Department after they were both sworn-in during the East Fishkill Town Board meeting on Dec. 18 in the East Fishkill Town Hall.



East Fishkill Police Chief Derrick Cuccia (right) with recently hired East Fishkill Police Officer James Clarke Jr. on January 18 at the East Fishkill Town Hall.

-Courtesy photos

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Cuccia said his goal is to “be the model law enforcement agency.” The East Fishkill Police Department “has a rich history and we want to continue our part in making ‘East Fishkill a Great Place to Live,’” he noted. The new chief wants to “[e]nhance our level of transparency with the residents within our community in order to ensure they know their safety is our number one priority. As Chief, I want to make sure the members of this Department know they are fully supported at all times and establish this agency as the ideal place to work.”

D’Alessandro said, “He has worked his way through the ranks with our police department and has the confidence and admiration of all the men and women who work at the police department as well as the entire town board and residents. And when you have all these components in a police officer they are guaranteed to suc-

ceed and we will support him 100% as we do all our officers and employees.”

Also sworn in was East Fishkill Police Officer James Clarke Jr. The East Fishkill PBA posted on its Facebook page: “Officer Clarke will attend the Rockland County Police Academy in February and will soon be on the road proudly serving the residents of East Fishkill. He followed in his well-respected father’s footsteps and will now continue the family’s legacy of serving in law enforcement. Officer Clarke has all the essential qualities to excel as a police officer and we’re excited to have him on our team. We wish him a healthy, safe and successful career.”

The East Fishkill PBA also posted, “Chief Cuccia has worked his way through the ranks over the years as sergeant and lieutenant, and is a highly respected member of our police department. Having over 16 years of service, his experience and leadership abilities have proven that he will be the per-

fect fit for this department for many years to come and we are blessed to have him as our leader.”

Cuccia has been seeing the Department through the loss of Sgt. Daniel P. DiDato, who died while on duty in a single car accident on the Taconic State Parkway on December 18, 2023.

“The members of this police department are highly trained, and the best law enforcement has to offer. This agency was the first in Dutchess County to be accredited by New York State in 1992 which has engrained in our department a core belief of values toward our performance as law enforcement professionals. We want the residents to know we are out there 24-7, 365 days a year, with their safety in mind. I want the town residents to know I take great pride in being their Chief of Police and they can always depend on their officers for assistance, no matter what,” remarked Chief Cuccia.

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several times a year on the topics of the cleanup work and future use/redevelopment of the property. The CAP is comprised of a cross section of people from the Fishkill area, including some ex-Texaco employees, local politicians, government officials, neighboring school representatives and parents, local residents and environmental representatives," according to Glenham Mills information.

As far as any updated information on real estate prospects for the site, Fontenot responded, "Chevron continues to follow the regulatory process for remediation under the oversight of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. In the meantime, we continue to market the site to local and regional developers."

Asked what the next step in the process is, Fontenot replied, "We continue to work on Feasibility Studies, which are evaluations of remedial alternatives for various parts of the site. We are awaiting the issuance of a Proposed Remedial Action Plan from NYSDEC/NYSDOH based on the recent approval of Feasibility Study #1. A second Feasibility Study is currently under review with NYSDEC (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation)/NYSDOH (New York State Department of Transportation). A third Feasibility Study is currently being prepared."

Fontenot remarked, "Through volunteerism and donations Chevron continues to support the Dutchess Community Action Agency, Glenham Fire Department, Blodgett Memorial Library, and the Beacon City School District."

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Willa Skinner, who was the Town of Fishkill historian for more than five decades, was honored at a ceremony at the Fishkill Town Hall on May 18, 2018. Pictured, from left, are former Town of Fishkill Supervisor Bob LaColla, Historian Evan Pritchard, Dutchess County Clerk Brad Kendall, former Fishkill Historical Society President Steve Lynch, Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini, Skinner and Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino.

-Archive photo by Kristine Coulter

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Cavaccini added: "From preserving the Van Wyck Homestead from demolition to educating us weekly in articles and books she wrote on our region's fascinating history, for over 50 years she has been THE role model for all of us in sharing local history and making its significance known."

Skinner was with the Fishkill Historical Society (FHS), which she was a founding member in 1963.

Steve Lynch, who is a former president of the FHS and a tour guide for the Van Wyck Homestead in Fishkill since 2008, stated, "In 1958, the Snook Family moved out of the Van Wyck Homestead, and since they COULD NOT sell the house – which was over 200 years old and in need of major repairs – they boarded up all of the windows, and shut off the electricity and the heat, and the Homestead sat vacant in a remote area off Route 9 south of the Village of Fishkill with no other houses around it."

Skinner and another FHS founding member drove to Albany, Lynch recalled. He said while in Albany, they met with the head official of the New York State Department of Transportation and "told him about the 'Historic Significance' of the Van Wyck Homestead during the American Revolution ... that it served as 'Officers' Headquarters' from November 1776 until the end of the Revolutionary War in November 1783, and that there were over 2,000 soldiers [here] in Fishkill at the Fishkill Supply Depot encampment for several years."

Lynch continued: "Willa said that she had to show him around inside the Homestead with a flashlight since the electricity had been turned off and the windows were all boarded up in this 'Old Abandoned Farmhouse'! About a week later, he called Willa on the phone and said that OK – the Cloverleaf exit ramp will not be built – the exit ramp will be relocated to exit onto Route 9 on the west side of Route 9 – its present-day location. So, THANKS to Willa and about a dozen

members of the newly organized Fishkill Historical Society, the Van Wyck Homestead was preserved and eventually opened as a historical Revolutionary War site Museum!"

Skinner was instrumental in having a plaque near the location of Samuel Loudon's Revolutionary War print shop unveiled in Fishkill. The print shop produced the first copies of the New York State Constitution in April 1777.

Town of Fishkill Supervisor Ozzy Albra stated Skinner "was a great person. A great lady.

"She did a lot for the town. It is a great loss for the town," said Albra.

Arnold Restivo is the current historian for the Town of Fishkill. He said, "The research Willa did as the town historian is still in use today. Her files tell a story of a town rich in history. She was a treasure trove of knowledge and an invaluable asset to the Town of Fishkill. Her passion for history and dedication to preserving the town's heritage is truly admirable. Her contributions have helped improve the town and will be remembered for years to come."

"As the Local History Librarian at Blodgett, the church historian at Fishkill Reformed (where I succeeded Willa) and eventually as the Village of Fishkill Historian, I could always contact Willa with a question. She would gladly share her knowledge or point me somewhere else in an effort to find an answer. Always eager to learn something new, she never failed to be excited with me when I shared some new nugget of local history that I had discovered. Weeks before her death, she was still visiting the library, checking out thick volumes of history and biography to read," said Antonia F. Houston.

Skinner was awarded the "Martha Washington Woman of History Award" in 2015 by the Washington's Headquarters State Historic Site in Newburgh, Orange County. On the plaque, it stated: "Presented to Willa Skinner in recognition and appreciation of Her extraordinary contribution to the advancement of



Willa Skinner during the reading of Declaration of Independence held in the Village of Fishkill on July 4th, 2014. With Skinner is former Village of Fishkill Mayor James Miccio.

-Archive photo by Steve Lynch

Hudson Valley History through education, preservation, and promotion."

Denise VanBuren is the president of the Beacon Historical Society. Van Buren told Southern Dutchess News via email: "Simply put: Willa loved history. Fortunately for the rest of us, she also loved to research and to write, and so her body of published works will live on as her legacy.

"It's impossible to express how much historical information Willa possessed -- and more important: shared! She was the consummate local historian, always investigating new chapters and always willing to provide whatever help she could to anyone who inquired," VanBuren said.

VanBuren recalled, "Just last year, when she was 97, we spoke several times -- me always asking the questions, and Willa always supplying the answer, in her soft-spoken, happy-hearted way. I'm sure that I will pick up the phone to call her again -- how deeply sad it will be to then realize that we have lost this amazing woman and friend to so many. Even 98 years of Willa Skinner were not enough."

In 2018, former supervisor for Fishkill Bob LaColla honored Skinner with a plaque unveiled in the Fishkill Town Hall that honors Skinner for her more than 50 years as historian for the Town of Fishkill.

Skinner wrote "Remembering Fishkill," which was released in October 2008. She also wrote "Signal Fires in the Highlands."

Skinner attended New York University and earned a journalism degree. She taught at Dutchess Community College. She taught classes on tracing one's roots and local history.

The post from Skinner's relatives concluded: "Willa's Family looks forward to celebrating her long, productive and wonderful life, with all who knew and loved her."

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Fishkill Police Department answers calls 24/7

To the Editor:

At the first Fishkill Town Board meeting of 2024 (Wednesday, Jan. 3.), Supervisor Albra publicly shared a suggestion of his, to do away with the currently constructed Fishkill Town Police Department and replace them with a "full time" Police Department. I would like to remind Supervisor Albra, the Fishkill Town Police Department IS a FULL TIME Police Department. Their doors are open 24 hours a day/7 days a week. They answer calls 24 hours a day/7 days a week.

Our Police Department is made up of part-time members of the law enforcement community. Many of the members of this department are retired from their full-time career but prefer to continue working on a part-time basis. We also have younger members who are learning from the ground up. Fortunately for these younger members, they have the opportunity to learn from men and women who already have the experience to show them the ropes.

Supervisor Albra is in the process of negotiating a new PBA contract in Fishkill. I don't think threatening to dissolve the Fishkill Police Department from their part-time members and replacing them with a full-time department is going to help in any way with the current negotiations of the PBA contract. In fact, it's an insult to the men and women who are working here, serving the residents of Fishkill.

I reached out to the City of Beacon and the Town of East Fishkill and asked them to forward to me their 2024 budgets for their FULL-TIME Police Departments:

City of Beacon	\$ 7,122,252
Town of East Fishkill	\$ 7,273,892
Town of Fishkill	\$ 3,359,885

Ozzy failed to share with everyone who was going to fund his new, FULL-TIME Police Department.
John Forman
Member, Fishkill Town Board

Fishkill lieutenants should be allowed take-home cars

To the Editor:

I feel the continued subversion of the Fishkill Police Department by Supervisor Albra continued at the last board meeting which again I feel demonstrates his personal grudge against Police Chief Dworkin. I feel this continuing pettiness on the Supervisor's part is potentially endangering the citizens of Fishkill.

At the board meeting on September 9th, 2022, Mr. Albra himself presented as a motion a resolution to authorize assignment of take-home vehicles to FPD Lieutenants. The resolution was passed by a vote of 4-1 in favor, including Mr. Albra. In proper context, this allows the Lieutenants to respond directly to an accident/crime scene, rather than bringing their personal car to the police station, getting their police car and then proceeding to the scene, saving critical time to provide guidance.

Inexplicably, at the Board meeting of January 17th of 2024, brought up the discussion again about the take home Lieutenant's police cars. As Councilman Wrye pointed out, this was previously discussed. Mr. Albra asked about how many calls they went out on.

Mr. Albra, I would ask you this. If your family needed the FPD and the LT's guidance in an accident or emergency, does it matter how many calls they go out on as long as that critical time is shortened taking control of the scene, or for anyone's family possibly preventing a crime, or saving a life?

Also, you failed to grant the FPD \$280,000 for critical assets to keep the public safe in the last budget. Mr Albra, If you have an issue with the FPD, please work it out with the Chief and start making objective decisions rather than out of continuing spite at our expense, as you are in office to serve the best interests of citizens of the Town of Fishkill.

John Namerow
Fishkill

5 HV properties proposed for historic preservation

Five properties in the Hudson Valley are among 36 that Governor Kathy Hochul has recommended to the New York State Board for Historic Preservation for State and National Registers of Historic Places.

"These nominations reflect generations of community building, planning, and activities that give us a glimpse into our collective past as New Yorkers," Hochul said. "Identifying these resources and adding them to our historic registers expands our ongoing understanding of our shared history and are important reminders of the innovation, passion, and lived experiences of New Yorkers who came before us."

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Commissioner Erik Kulleseid said, "State and National Register listing can assist owners in revitalizing properties, making them eligible for various public preservation programs and incentives, such as matching State grants and federal and state historic rehabilitation tax credits. Nominations to the State and National Registers of Historic Places are opportunities for us to pause and recognize that every day we live with historic infrastructure that not only has a past but can and does have a future. In addition to the stories these places can tell, they are also valuable resources to consider for today, especially since communities throughout the state are interested in investing in their historic resources for revitalization projects, housing initiatives, and economic development."

In the Hudson Valley properties recommended include the following:

• Main Mall Row Historic District (Boundary Expansion and Additional Documentation), Poughkeepsie Multiple Resource Area, Dutchess County – The Main Mall Row Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1982 as part of the Poughkeepsie Multiple Resource Area, a very early multiple property nomination that was based on a survey of the city of Poughkeepsie. This nomination is intended to add one building, 317 Main Street, to the Main Mall Row Historic District. The row is a striking grouping of stylish commercial buildings that stand within the central business district and illustrate the important role that merchants played in the city's economic history. The building at 317 Main is similar in period, scale, massing, materials, design, and function to the other buildings in the district and contributes to the architectural and historical significance of the listed district. In addition to adding information for 317 Main Street, this submission also includes an updated building list and new photos for the entire district.

• Standard Gage Company Plant, Dutchess County – This large, multi-section former industrial manufacturing complex is located in Poughkeepsie. Tenants included the internationally recognized Standard Gage Company, which made precision blocks and gauges and occupied the site for almost 80 years. The property consists of interconnected building sections, extensions, and additions, with the earliest construction dating to 1905. Its architecture represents best practices of industrial manufacturing building design and technology at the time for dealing with fire resistance, structural strength, vibration, natural light, and ventilation. The plant had a broad-reaching impact on the industrial growth and development of Poughkeepsie as the headquarters of several early twentieth-century industrial enterprises and served as an economic base for generations of residents.

• William H. and Mary M. Romeyn House, Ulster County – The 1853 William H. and Mary Romeyn House is an excellent example of an intact mid-nineteenth century Gothic Revival cottage that is strongly associated with the Picturesque Movement which swept much of the nation in the decades before and after the Civil War. This architectural movement marks a departure from earlier Neoclassical styles. Originally built by noted local architect Edward Brink, the cottage was expanded in 1870, 1889, and 1911 to better suit the needs of its inhabitants. These changes included the addition of rooms that were used by the Romeyn family to entertain guests and additional exterior architectural ornamentation, such as distinctive Neo-Grec style window surrounds. The front wraparound porch and an additional side door were also added in 1911 to enable Dr. E.E. Little, a well-regarded physician who owned the home, to admit patients easily into his home office. This cottage is an excellent example of mid-nineteenth-century domestic architecture and is the only surviving example in Kingston with such intricate features.

• Copake Railroad Depot, Columbia County – Located in the Town of Copake, the Copake Railroad Depot is a small, one-story wood-frame 1876 passenger station connected to a one-story 1913 freight house. It is an intact and increasingly rare example of a small, rural railroad station building in the Hudson Valley that illustrates the distinguishing characteristics of the rural depots built throughout the region into the early twentieth century. Built for the Rhinebeck & Connecticut Railroad Company, the no-frills passenger and freight station is one of only three of the company's surviving depots and the only one that has not been moved or substantially altered. It has wood-frame construction, original board siding, a gabled roof with deep overhanging eaves, Gothic-inspired motifs, and a strong association with its setting. The interior follows the classic plan for a railroad station by incorporating both passenger waiting and baggage storage areas, and many historic finishes survive. The Rhinebeck & Connecticut Railroad was an important means of transporting Hudson Valley farm products and other commodities to urban markets and it significantly bolstered the local dairy industry; it was also widely used by tourists for passenger service.

Wear bright colors when walking at dawn, dusk

To the Editor:

Regarding walkers, joggers, runners or even someone pushing a baby stroller, it would be a good idea to wear a bright-colored top (especially at dawn or dusk) when using rural streets in southern Dutchess. There are not many sidewalks, bike paths, or streetlights, to help one navigate safely with drivers or along roads.

Brigitte Amodeo
East Fishkill

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EPA lowers recommended screening levels for lead cleanup near playgrounds areas

By Kristine Coulter

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is lowering recommended screening levels and strengthening guidance for investigating and cleaning up lead-contaminated soil in residential areas where children live and play, according to an announcement made by the EPA on Jan. 17.

“As a result of lower screening levels, EPA expects to investigate more residential properties for potential cleanup under the Superfund law and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act,” states the announcement.

“Every family and child, regardless of their zip code, deserves to live without worrying about the life-long health effects from exposure to lead pollution,” said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan. “Today’s action ensures that EPA uses the latest, best available science to protect children living and playing near sites contaminated by lead in soil.”

According to the announcement by EPA, “EPA is lowering the screening level for lead in soil at residential properties from 400 parts per million (ppm) to 200 ppm. At residential properties with multiple sources of lead exposure, EPA will generally use 100 ppm as the screening level.”

“Our industry will continue to follow federal and state laws and regulations. We welcome the opportunity to discuss with the EPA its new guidance,” stated a spokesperson for US telecom via email on Jan. 18.

“There is no safe or acceptable level of lead for our kids, whether it comes from pipes or cables. Yet Verizon and AT&T are knowingly exposing your children and mine to toxic lead cables while refusing to take any responsibility. Yesterday’s EPA decision makes it even more clear: we need urgent action now,” said Congressman Pat Ryan in a statement on Jan. 18. “This is a serious and far-reaching public health matter, and we need to mobilize a robust response at all levels of government. I’m calling on Verizon and AT&T to disclose the locations of these toxic lead cables and commit to robust testing so we can fix this problem once and for all.”

Screening levels are not cleanup standards, it was stated. While this update will help EPA site teams make site-specific cleanup decisions to protect nearby communities, EPA makes cleanup decisions specific to each site, using site-specific factors, including risk factors and community input that can vary from site to site, according to officials.

Ryan’s office stated that in July, a national newspaper “found that there are more than 2,000 lead-sheathed cables across the United States, both aerial and underwater cables, that have not been addressed by either companies or by environmental regulators.” That finding included cables at Temple Park in the

Village of Wappingers Falls, as well as other sites across the state. Temple Park was closed during a portion of July 2023. Gov. Kathy Hochul announced on Aug. 1, 2023, the park could be reopened, after being temporarily shuttered.

While the guidance goes into effect immediately, EPA stated feedback from the public may be considered in any future updates to the guidance. One may submit written feedback on the guidance in the public docket (Docket ID: EPA-HQ-OLEM-2023-0664) for 60 days to March 17.

“The EPA’s change in guidance is long overdue, and reflects the urgency felt by experts across the public health industry. It is indisputably in the public’s interest for the telecom giants to reveal the locations of their lead cables both in New York and across the country so fulsome soil testing can occur,” said Dr. Jack Caravanos, Clinical Professor of Environmental Public Health Sciences at the NYU School of Public Health, in the statement from EPA.

“We will also continue to follow the science, which has not identified that lead-sheathed telecom cables are a leading cause of lead exposure or the cause of a public health issue. In fact, at each of the sites the EPA tested, it concluded that there are no immediate threats to the health of people nearby. We remain committed to our ongoing efforts to engage constructively and meet with the EPA on lead-sheathed cables, as our member companies have done going back to last fall,” remarked the US Telecom spokesperson.

In response to the original report, Ryan stated he wrote to Verizon CEO Hans Vestberg, AT&T CEO John Stankey and U.S. Telecom CEO Jonathan Spalter demanding answers as to the location of these lead cables and their plans for remediation.

According to Ryan, US Telecom’s response did not address either of these concerns. Ryan’s office said he then met with representatives of Verizon at his office in Washington D.C. This meeting did not lead to any further answers. To date, Verizon has refused to disclose the locations of these dangerous lead cables, according to Ryan’s statement.

Due to the lack of response, Ryan stated his team “worked with local linesmen to locate lead cables in the Hudson Valley. Ryan’s team and lead experts found lead cables across the Hudson Valley, including in Middletown, New Windsor and Poughkeepsie.”

Verizon released information about its aerial cable lead soil testing results of the Wappingers Falls location in 2023 that are consistent with the New York State Department of Health’s conclusion.

Village of Wappingers Falls Mayor Kevin Huber did not respond to an inquiry.

Hudson Gateway REALTOR® Foundation presents \$1,500 check to Abilities First



The Hudson Gateway REALTOR® Foundation recently presented a \$1,500 check to Abilities First. Pictured from left are Denisse DeLeon-Freytes, HG Realtor Foundation; Joann Parker, Abilities First in Cornwall; Maryann Tercasio, HG Realtor Foundation; Eria Mills, Abilities First and Carol McCann, HGAR Board of Directors member.

-Courtesy photo

FDR Museum to present film on Holocaust Remembrance Day

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum and the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County will present an International Holocaust Remembrance Day film screening of “Here Lived,” a film by Jane Wells at 2 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 26. The program will be held in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. This is a free public event, but registration is required. Visit jewishdutchess.org/events to register.

“Here Lived,” is the story of hidden children, murdered parents, and the stones that bring healing. Gunter Demnig’s Stolpersteine project provides a path from one of the most egregious wrongs of history, the Nazi reign of terror, to individual and community reconciliation.

When conceptual artist Gunter Demnig first conceived the idea of laying Stolpersteine (literal translation: stumbling stones) for Roma, Sinti and disabled victims of National Socialism in his native Germany, he never imagined his project would grow to become the world’s largest decentralized memorial. The Stolpersteine he crafted are, in theory, quite simple: concrete blocks measuring 10x10cm, topped with permanent brass plates that are hand stamped with the names and fates of victims of Hitler’s reign of terror. The stones are laid into the pavement in front of the last voluntarily

chosen residence of those murdered by the Nazis. They are deeply personal and draw attention to individual tragedies. They have now been placed in 30 countries across Europe and on May 23rd 2023 we filmed Gunter Demnig laying the 100,000th Stolpersteine.

The Netherlands, second only to Poland in the percentage of Jews murdered in World War II, is where the demand for Stolpersteine is greater than anywhere else in the world. It is here that the film is focused.

“Here Lived,” tells the story of the current Stolpersteine project, as racism, antisemitism, and autocracy are on the rise and another grim war is being fought in Europe. The film opens as Demnig lays his 100,000th stone in Nuremberg. It retraces his work, journey and impact, through the stories of families of Dutch victims: Ulrika Citron (daughter of a hidden child), Reini Elkerbout (a hidden child), Demnig’s Amsterdam apprentice Alexander Stukenberg, local and international politicians, volunteers, and even an American teenager Bella Leavitt. As their stories merge, we come to understand how the art project Demnig calls “social sculpture” has created a new way to help heal the Nazi horrors. And it does so on the eve of the 80th anniversary of the fall of their regime. This is one of the most unusual story-telling projects in history.

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Hoyt Carriageway Bridge restoration under way



Known as "The Point," the Hoyt house today is stabilized from further deterioration while it awaits restoration and a new purpose for its historic spaces.



This view of the snow-covered Hoyt Carriageway Bridge is from the entrance bridge at the Mills Mansion.

-Photos by Jim Donick

By Jim Donick

It's been many years since the Hoyt Carriageway Bridge in Staatsburg was open to allow access to the mansion and gardens that were home to Lydig Monson Hoyt and then to his family for several generations. If all goes to plan, the bridge should reopen this year.

A presentation to update the public on the project's progress is scheduled for Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Staatsburg Library.

In the early 1960s, the property was acquired by the New York State Office of Parks and Historic Preservation. In Hoyt's day the site was breathtakingly beautiful.

Once upon a time visitors to this magnificent home, called "The Point," on the river in Staatsburg arrived via a sylvan lane from the old Albany Post Road winding through the woods for just over a mile. Visitors then proceeded under a canopy of green provided by the trees that lined the route.

Upon entering the grounds they were presented with views of the Hoyt's house and gardens, both of which were designed by Calvert Vaux. Vaux is one of the giants of American park and landscape design. Though not always recalled in the popular understanding, the quiet and possibly shy Vaux was the co-designer, along with Frederick Law Olmstead, of New York's Central Park.

James F. O'Gorman, writing in the New York Times some years ago, reflected that Vaux "remains uncelebrated by all but specialists because he was an introvert who frequently joined gifted and outgoing associates. Although he had an equal -- if not upper -- hand in the design of Central Park and of Prospect Park in Brooklyn, as well as many other New York landmarks."

Vaux managed to leave his imprint up and down the river. His other big project here was his work at Frederick Church's Olana further north. Church imagined the entire property as some of his paintings come to life. Vaux worked with him to turn that dream into the reality that we still visit today.

The Staatsburg property with house and gardens is now integrated into the Mills Norrie State Park and can be accessed via the hiking trails therein. Up until 2015, it was also possible to access the park and the Hoyt House property by walking across the Hoyt's old carriageway bridge above the railroad tracks and arriving as visitors might have over a hundred years ago.

The current bridge was built in 1912 and replaced an earlier structure that had been put in place in 1855.

The bridge opened up the old carriage trails to hikers in the summer and to cross country skiers in the colder months. The Staatsburg community made good use of this much loved pathway until the Parks Commission concluded that the bridge had deteriorated to the point where it was no longer thought to be safe.

Members of the community, led by the enthusiasts of the Calvert Vaux Preservation Association (CVPA), have been steadfast and diligent in developing a plan to restore the bridge and its access to the park as a prelude to going even further. The longer range plan, after access via the bridge is assured, is to begin restoration of the house. (Ideas for the restoration of the house will await a future story.)

Today, the promise of reopening the bridge is coming closer to reality. The

restoration project is divided into four parts. The first part, repair of concrete on the lower portion of the eastern abutment, was completed in this past autumn. The earth beneath a portion of the abutment washed out over the years.

The second part, the replacement of the wooden decking, is the largest part of the project and should begin in the spring with completion planned to allow opening the bridge to hikers for the summer hiking season.

The third part of the plan will replace and enhance the fencing along the bridge. It will follow quickly upon completion of the decking.

The fourth part of the plan, further reinforcement of the eastern abutment, will come sometime after that.

Jon Lawson, the Chairman of CVPA, is enthusiastic and optimistic, though the project is far from simple. He notes that "the state park owns the walkway and the access. AMTRAK controls the railway right of way and the rails, though they are, in fact, owned by CONRAIL. Nobody seems to claim to actually own the bridge, itself. That said," he continues, "it doesn't keep all of these interests from expecting to review and approve the project."

It's complicated, but Lawson is comforted by the fact that "the Parks Commission in Albany is very supportive and AMTRAK has been very supportive as well."

Both sources of support bode well for success, though not necessarily for speed in the review process.

With help from a Hudson Valley Greenway grant, the CVPA engaged respected upstate New York-based engineer Peter Melewski to determine the

repairs needed to enable pedestrian use of the Staatsburg bridge.

Lawson has commented that "the engineering firm of Peter Melewski also did some of the engineering work on the Walkway Over the Hudson. They have been very supportive and their breadth of knowledge has made this effort progress more smoothly."

The initial engineering report was completed two years ago. Its conclusions were heartening. The bridge structure is in remarkably good condition. The steel structure is solid. One of the bridge piers needs some limited repair. Most of the wooden deck needs replacing and some of the underlying wooden stringers on the deck will also want replacing. Cost is expected to be in the neighborhood of \$200,000. This number has held well for the ensuing two years due to community support and assistance from local organizations and the state.

Additional support has come with a Parks and Trails Stewardship Grant of \$150,000. They proudly note "The Hoyt Carriageway Bridge repair project is supported with funding from the New York State Park and Trail Partnership Grants and New York's Environmental Protection Fund. The Park and Trail Partnership Grants are administered by Parks & Trails New York, in partnership with the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation."

Lawson and Dr. Jeffrey Anzevino of Scenic Hudson will outline the work to date as well as the next steps at the Feb. 8 meeting.

"These people will get to see how their donations have been put to good use," says Lawson. All are welcome.

CPCA to combat child trafficking through Enhanced Programming

In recognizing January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month, The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse (CPCA) announced that it has been granted nearly \$75 thousand from the National Children's Alliance (NCA) to expand programming, support research, and strengthen relationships with community partners in response to child sex trafficking and child sexual abuse materials (CSAM).

"Child sex trafficking is happening in every community, not just major cities, and we need to be having important discussions

with youth about this vastly underreported crime," said Marco D. Ingoglia, Executive Director for the CPCA. "While any child can be targeted by a trafficker, those who have experienced abuse, who lack support networks, or are marginalized by society are more at-risk. With youth spending more time online, this only creates additional concern."

The Domestic Trafficking Victims Fund (DTVF) through NCA is awarded to Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) who are doing work to support the devel-

opment, expansion, or enhancement of the full array of CAC services to victims of CSAM, including those victims of child sex trafficking.

The Personal Safety Program, a signature prevention program at the CPCA, is one of the key areas of focus in the grant. This program reaches Dutchess County students in grades Pre-K-8 and provides essential lessons utilizing Monique Burr Foundation's evidence-based curriculum that teaches youth how they can keep themselves safe from abuse and bullying.

The funds from the grant will allow the program to employ staff with emphasis on reaching all middle schools grades 6-8 in Dutchess County. Currently, the CPCA only implements lessons for some middle school grade levels due to limited staff.

"We have already seen success with the curriculum from the schools we are in," stated Ingoglia. "Our goal with the expansion is to connect with more teens and delve into further crucial conversations of healthy dating relationships, online safety, and trafficking."

High school freshman Cancer Awareness Hub wins Congressional App Challenge



Representative Mike Lawler congratulates the 17th District's winner for the Congressional App Challenge - high school freshman Bianca Jain.

-Courtesy photo

Representative Mike Lawler recently congratulated the 17th District's winner for the Congressional App Challenge - Briarcliff High School freshman Bianca Jain. Bianca's app, Cancer Awareness Hub, was inspired by the recent diagnosis of a community librarian with cancer. That revelation inspired her to think of ways she could prevent increases in cancer cases.

Bianca's app was chosen by a panel of expert judges and will be featured on CongressionalAppChallenge.us. The winning app is also eligible to be on display in the U.S. Capitol, along with the winners from across the country.

Officially launched by the U.S. House of Representatives in 2015, the

Congressional App Challenge allows students to compete against their peers by creating an application (also known as an "app") for desktop/PC, web, tablet, mobile, raspberry Pi or other devices. It accepts any programming language, such as C, C++, Java, JavaScript, Python, Ruby, or "block code." The Challenge is designed to promote innovation and engagement in computer science. The Congressional App Challenge is open to all middle and high school students in the 17th Congressional District of New York.

New York's 17th Congressional District is just north of New York City and contains all or parts of Rockland, Putnam, Dutchess, and Westchester Counties.

Lourdes retires No. 20 jersey for pro player Maddy Siegrist



Maddy Siegrist had her No. 20 jersey retired by Our Lady of Lourdes High School in a ceremony at the Town of Poughkeepsie school.

-Courtesy photo

By Rich Thomaselli

One of the best girl's basketball players ever to come out of Dutchess County was recently honored by her former high school.

Maddy Siegrist had her No. 20 jersey retired by Our Lady of Lourdes High School in a ceremony at the Town of Poughkeepsie school.

She is the daughter of former Franklin D. Roosevelt and Marist College standout George Siegrist.

She is the fourth player in school history to have her jersey retired, joining Mylaine

Riobe - now Dr. Riobe - Karen Lounsbury and Jenna Viani.

Siegrist attended Villanova University and scored more than 3,000 points in her career.

"I followed Maddy's college career closely, and kept in close contact with her," OLL coach Al Viani said. "The ceremony was very special to me ... She was one of my favorite players at Lourdes."

Siegrist now plays professionally for the Dallas Wings of the Women's National Basketball Association.

Hochul announces school bus driver exemption for 'Under the Hood'

Governor Kathy Hochul announced a plan on Jan. 17 to remove barriers for perspective school bus drivers applying for a commercial driver license. At the Governor's direction, the DMV has implemented a federal waiver that allows school bus driver applicants to skip the engine compartment component, also called the "under the hood" component of the commercial driver license road test. This will make it easier to get a commercial license at a time when school bus drivers are desperately needed and is the latest in a series of actions directed by Governor Hochul to address the critical shortage of truck and bus drivers.

"The job of transporting and caring for our children is so important, and the need for more drivers throughout New York State is very real," Hochul said. "This simple change will encourage more New Yorkers to become school bus drivers - a chance for many to be a positive influence and help support our students, without sacrificing safety."

DMV Commissioner Mark J.F. Schroeder said, "Bus drivers are such an important part of our school system. Not only do they have the incredible responsibility of getting our children to and from school safely, but they're also often the first friendly face a student sees outside of their family as they begin their day. New York State values and appreciates our school bus drivers and hopes this step will help more people qualify to take these jobs and help shape the future of New York's children."

The "under the hood" exemption is allowed by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) to help States hire more bus drivers without sacrificing safety, as existing school bus inspection and maintenance standards continue to apply. During the road test, applicants are still required to perform the remaining elements of the Commercial Driver License (CDL) vehicle

inspection skills test. This new CDL classification, which is set to expire November 27, 2024, will restrict licensees to driving only school buses and only in New York State.

The steps interested New Yorkers should take to get a School Bus Only CDL are as follows:

First, you must have a New York State driver license (Class D, Class E, or Non-CDL C);

- Study the New York State Commercial Driver's Manual;

- Apply for a commercial learner permit (CLP) at a DMV office. You must pass a written knowledge test to receive a CDL permit with the school bus and passenger endorsements;

- Schedule entry level driver training. Read the Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) FAQ for more information;

- Prepare for your road test and practice with a supervising driver;

- Schedule your "Limited School Bus" road test (online or by calling the DMV Contact Center);

- Pass your "Limited School Bus" road test;

- Go to a DMV office to amend your license to reflect "S1" (school bus only) and "K" (intrastate only) restrictions.?

At the Governor's direction, in 2022, the DMV launched a program authorizing third parties to conduct commercial road tests, which has significantly increased the capacity for these types of road tests statewide. There are currently 27 third-party entities conducting commercial driver license road tests throughout the State. In addition, through cooperation with county-operated DMV offices, the State also increased testing capacity for written commercial permit exams across the State.

OLL boys learning new roles after loss of star performer

By Rich Thomaselli

The boys high school basketball season starts this week for Our Lady of Lourds High School.

Or should we say, restarts.

OLL started off the season at 9-0 with aspirations of a state championship run. Then star player Pat Fayghnan suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament injury and was lost for the season.

Now, 35-year head coach Jim Santoro has to start over and rebuild his team and restart the season. Fayghnan is a tough loss to overcome considering he was the Dutchess County Player of the Year last year.

But, in a sense, Santoro already remade his team prior to this year when he moved his two tallest players to the perimeter. Now the remaining Warriors have to accept new roles and new challenges for the remainder of this season.

In the preseason, Santoro said the team was suffering from a spate of selfishness "and I was pulling my hair out." This from a coach and a team who made the Section 9 championship game last season against Goshen.

In order to make sure the 6-foot-5 Fayghnan and 6-8 Zach Hart got the ball more and got better looks at the basket, the coach moved them to point guard and shooting guard from the inside.

"We went through a lot of struggles with it," Santoro said. "I had to be want with the kids and say to them, 'Look, You guys are not playing as a team. You don't recognize what the strength of our team is.'"

He paused and joked "Everybody thought I was nuts. I mean, I might look crazy, but I'm not stupid."

Soon, the Warriors did understand. OLL was rolling until the Fayghnan injury and consecutive losses. Time to remake the team again. Ironically, Santoro, at least subconsciously, might have been best prepared for the situation because not only is his standout player a senior, but he gave up swimming for the basketball court. Fayghnan is an accomplished swimmer who has already been offered a scholarship by Iona College.

"At first, we had no identity," Santoro said. "I mean, he's the best player in four counties. He's our point guard and our power forward and our big man all at once. Pat made a decision to give up swimming for basketball, and he has never regretted it."

Still, after all these years as coach, Santoro finds himself in a different spot.

"I've never been in this situation before," he said. "I never had a team where midway through the season, my best player went down."

OLL has the talent. Now they just have to learn their new roles.

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Miles of Hope celebrates 20th anniversary

2024 marks the 20th anniversary of the Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation. 20 years of helping people affected by breast cancer within the nine counties of the Hudson Valley. The Foundation provides a variety of support and services, including:

- financial assistance to breast cancer patients in treatment who need help with costs not covered by insurance;
- programs and services aimed at filling the gap between what is offered to breast cancer patients and what is forgotten;
- scholarships for high school seniors whose lives have been affected by breast cancer;
- programs like acupuncture, massage therapy, music, dance and art therapy for people in treatment for breast cancer; and
- events that encourage women to get into shape and embrace a healthy lifestyle with friendly competitions in women's sports tournaments.

"Since 2004, Miles of Hope has given away over \$3.2 million dollars for programs and services for people affected by breast cancer in the Hudson Valley," said Executive Director Pari Forood. "We are so very proud and honored to be one of the organizations helping to raise the quality of life in our region."

Forood noted, "The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in increased cancer mortality over the long term due to delayed diagnoses,

interruptions or alterations in potentially curative treatment, and the reality that some adults abandoned prior patterns of preventive care." She added, "Cancer is affecting everyone in our region, whether it is the patient or their family and friends. At Miles of Hope, we recognize that to help the patient is essential but to help the whole family is even better."

Almost a third of cancer patients have out-of-pocket health care costs totaling 10 percent or more of their family income; and roughly one in nine cancer patients have costs that exceed 20 percent of family income. As a result of such high costs, 11 percent of individuals with cancer reported an inability to pay for food/necessities while paying for cancer treatment.

"Cancer is a physically and emotionally taxing disease for both patients and their families. Almost 20 percent of families experiencing cancer reported its impact led to someone in the household to lose a job, change jobs, or work fewer hours," Forood said. "Any of these job changes can result in the loss of employer-sponsored insurance."

Noting that stress impeded recovery, Forood said, "Helping our Hudson Valley residents with financial emergencies while they are in treatment is fundamental to our mission. At Miles of Hope, the Medical Gap Care Fund helps people in treatment for breast cancer with a financial emergency. We step in and pay for rent, mortgage, heat, elec-

tricity, car payments, food, gas, transportation to and from treatment, insurance co-pays and medical treatment. If we can relieve some of the financial burden on a breast cancer patient, we can honestly say we have enhanced recuperation.

"When we started the Foundation in 2004, we decided to focus on four major areas of funding: a medical gap care program to step in and pay a financial emergency (i.e. rent, gas, food, heat, electricity) for someone in treatment; scholarships to high school seniors whose lives have been affected by breast cancer; peer-to-peer counseling connecting a newly diagnosed patient with a trained survivor; and a complementary medicine program offering alternative therapies like acupuncture, massage therapy and art, dance and music therapies to enhance recovery."

Miles of Hope holds three annual events: Annual Spring Brunch, Goals for Hope Women's Soccer Tournament, and the Hudson Valley Community Walk for Breast Cancer, as well as other smaller events to raise awareness and funds.

Foundation Co-Founder and Occupational Therapist Cathy Varunok said, "All of the sports competitions that we sponsor are designed to be a friendly message emphasizing the benefits of exercise to all women. They are not about winning or losing but about participating and recognizing that we can be proactive about our health."

Twenty-seven-year breast cancer survivor

and Foundation Co-Founder Dana Effron looks back to 20 years ago when the events and the Foundation were in their infancy: "We had 17 people walk with us on our first Community Walk and in October 2023 we had over 400. Miles of Hope is a dream come true for me as I know firsthand what is available to breast cancer patients and what is missing."

Varunok explained that Miles of Hope often times partners with area hospitals and non-profit organizations to fund programs for people affected by breast cancer.

"Aside from our annually funded pillar programs we have funded everything from a Music Festival in Kingston which had educational materials available, to yoga and exercise classes at Dutchess and Putnam County hospitals, to gas and food cards for families affected by breast cancer in Orange, Sullivan and Rockland, to summer camp for children of breast cancer patients and survivors," she said.

Forood summed it up: "While our events are fun and enjoyable, we always have to remember that the bottom line is that we are raising money for people who need our programs and help. It is great to be able to laugh and have fun on the soccer field but we always know that we are there when someone in the Hudson Valley needs us."

For more information, visit www.milesofhope.org.

Club Green Teen makes field stop at Beacon Police Department



Club Green Teen members are pictured in front of the Police Department. From left: Program Educator Emily Murnane, Chanel Dickey, Shea Tanaka, Kaylee Ortiz, Chief Sands Frost, Sadie Vasquez, Thalia Rodriguez, Officer Mortensen, Charlie Brittain, Crew Leader Messiah Gardner, Officer Lawrence, Program Manager Sam Brittain, and Crew Leader Desirae Smith. In front: Jude Williams and Antonio See. -Courtesy photo

Club Green Teen, the after-school offshoot of Cornell Cooperative Extension's Green Teen Beacon Program, was invited for a tour of the Beacon Police Department on January 5th. Participants included seven youth, ages 12-14, led by Crew Leaders Desirae Smith and Messiah Gardner. The Club was guided by Officers Lawrence and Mortensen through each room of the station. Highlights included visiting the holding cells, meeting Chief of Police Sands Frost, and the opportunity to sit inside a

police car. This visit is just the first in a series of eight field trips for Club Green Teen's winter session, which is focused on civic engagement and building community. Future destinations include Tompkins Hose Fire Station, the Howland Library, and City Hall. For more information and pictures of the visit, and updates about future activities, follow Green Teen Beacon on Facebook and Instagram!

2024 Glenham Fire District meetings announced

The following is a list of the 2024 Regular Meetings of the Glenham Fire District being held at the Slater Chemical Firehouse, at 76 Old Glenham Road, Glenham, in FIIskill. All meetings begin at 7p.m. and are open to the public.

February 7	August 7
March 6	September 4
April 3	October 2
May 8	November 13
June 5	December 11.
July 3	

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, will meet at the Town Hall, 330 Route 376, in Hopewell Junction, New York, in Hopewell Junction, New York, in said Town, on February 8, 2024, at 6:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing upon a certain map, plan and report, including an estimate of cost, in relation to the proposed increase and improvement of the facilities of the Route 52 Commercial Water District, in said Town, being the purchase and

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hearing said Town Board will hear all persons interested in the subject matter thereof.

Dated: Hopewell Junction, New York, January 24, 2024.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK

/s/ Peter Cassidy
Town Clerk

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01-03-2024	Wednesday	7:00 P.M Organizational
01-17-2024	Wednesday	7:00 P.M.
02-07-2024	Wednesday	7:00 P.M.
02-21-2024	Wednesday	7:00 P.M.
03-06-2024	Wednesday	7:00 P.M.
03-20-2024	Wednesday	7:00 P.M.
04-03-2024	Wednesday	7:00 P.M.
04-17-2024	Wednesday	7:00 P.M.
05-01-2024	Wednesday	7:00 P.M.
05-15-2024	Wednesday	7:00 P.M.
06-05-2024	Wednesday	7:00 P.M.
06-19-2024	Wednesday	7:00 P.M. canceled
07-03-2024	Wednesday	7:00 P.M.
07-17-2024	Wednesday	7:00 P.M. canceled
08-07-2024	Wednesday	7:00 P.M.
08-21-2024	Wednesday	7:00 P.M. canceled
09-04-2024	Wednesday	7:00 P.M.
09-18-2024	Wednesday	7:00 P.M.
10-02-2024	Wednesday	7:00 P.M.
10-16-2024	Wednesday	7:00 P.M.
11-06-2024	Wednesday	7:00 P.M.
11-20-2024	Wednesday	7:00 P.M.
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12-18-2024	Wednesday	7:00 P.M.

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Who needs blood?

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DCC recognizes first Cannabis Retail Management cohort

Dutchess Community College's new Cannabis Retail Management microcredential launched fall 2023. The inaugural cohort was honored at an end-of-semester ceremony held on the College's main campus last month.

New York's cannabis market is expected to generate \$4 billion over the next five years, despite the slow rollout. Last year, in anticipation of what this opportunity would mean for the state, SUNY awarded a three-year \$1 million grant to the Hudson Valley Education + Workforce Consortium (HVE+WC), a group of six community colleges led by SUNY Orange, to develop course offerings aligned with the skills employers need.

DCC faculty members Professor Mark Condon (Biology) and Assistant Professor Maureen Gittelman (Hospitality & Tourism) worked together with the Consortium and local industry professionals to develop the curriculum, which provides focused, comprehensive training to meet the demand.

Sixteen students – with interests ranging from retail to cultivation – went through the program. In addition to learning and building their professional networks, several said that their commitment to community and education were what drove them to study Cannabis Retail Management at DCC.

Angela and Stephanie Barone are a mother- and daughter-in-law duo who enrolled in

the program together. The family ran Hyde Park Brewing Company for 27 years and received their adult-use cannabis license in April.

"As we were getting organized and thinking about opening our dispensary, we really wanted to get equipped with as much knowledge as we could," Angela shared. "We want to be on the cutting edge and know the most up-to-date information."

Stephanie said, "Since it's such a new industry, we thought about how this certification from Dutchess could help us build our workforce. If I want my supervisors to take these classes, I want to know exactly what it is they're going to learn."

Timothy Mazyck, a 59-year-old student with more than 25 years of customer service and entrepreneurial experience, described the program as "fun and enlightening." "There's always something new to learn," he said. "Everyone in class gets along and comes together in a supportive community. I have 15 new friends who'll all be involved in different aspects of the cannabis industry."

The Cannabis Retail Management Recognition Ceremony brought together higher education and cannabis industry professionals – including DCC President Dr. Peter Grant Jordan, DCC faculty and staff, members of the Consortium and Johnny LeHane, co-founder and chief operating officer for Trimmr



Dutchess Community College's new Cannabis Retail Management microcredential launched was honored at an end-of-semester ceremony held on the College's main campus last month.

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Fishkill Town Board members discuss update on police accreditation

By Kristine Coulter

The Fishkill Town Board at its recent meeting discussed the police department accreditation and lieutenants taking home cars.

Councilman John Forman asked why Chief Keith Dworkin was not invited to talk about this topic of accreditation.

Town of Fishkill Supervisor Ozzy Albra responded, "You guys want an update on the accreditation."

He said what is to compete is a remaining 24 percent for accreditation and to see how long the remaining 24 percent until accreditation would take.

"Which is why he (Dworkin) should be standing here," it was noted by Forman.

Councilman Brian Wrye said, "I work with every department. I don't understand that (why chief was not asked to be here)."

"Why does the board need to ask him? Email him and ask him," Wrye remarked.

Albra replied, "I'm going to ask what's remaining and the time remaining."

Dworkin told Southern Dutchess New in an email on January 18: "To date, we have published 120 new policies tailored to meet the needs of the Town of Fishkill Police Department, staff and the community we serve. With 76% of policies developed and published, we have assembled and trained our accreditation team and are in the process of aligning our operations with accreditation standards so we may produce effective proofs of compliance. The time and effort involved to meet accreditation standards and become a New York State Accredited Agency demonstrates accountability to our community to build trust, insure officer safety and professionalism by implementing cutting edge best practices and improve operational efficiency."

Dworkin explained, "When I was appointed chief of police, I recognized the need to update department policy and procedures. In April of 2021, my police department collaborated with Lexipol to develop state specific policy content and provide continuously updated policy and procedures that are legally vetted. Our partnership with Lexipol not only provides policy content but also offers policy related training, accountability tools and accreditation support. This process was implemented to develop a

foundation for department operations and a path toward state accreditation. Although administrative duties take time away from key responsibilities, we recognized teaming with Lexipol would streamline policy development and keep us focused on our mission to serve and protect our community while building relationships with our residents, so we can better protect our community, our personnel and our agency."

Take home cars for police lieutenants

Also discussed was if police lieutenants should take home cars.

Albra asked, "Do you still want to provide that benefit?"

Wrye said, "I really don't understand. We went through this, and we had these discussions. We allowed it last year."

Albra said, "I don't plan on raising taxes."

Wrye said, "Why don't you email and ask him (Chief Dworkin) that?"

"We are in the process of calculating the number of incidents/emergencies Lieutenants have responded to since the new, modified take-home car procedure went into effect. I can offer you that information when the data has been compiled," Dworkin stated to Southern Dutchess News.

Albra said the next day that it should be when lieutenants are on call that the lieutenants are able to take home cars.

Forman said during the meeting, "You mentioned you're in the middle of negotiations with the PBA."

It was noted that insurance, gasoline, tolls would be paid by the Town.

"We're starting discussions," said Albra.

Wrye remarked, "You are making it an unnecessary issue out of nothing." He added, "We discussed this last year. What is the issue?" He added: "Why are you asking us? Have a discussion about it."

Dworkin explained, "Having take-home cars for police lieutenants enhances response times during incidents requiring their attention or emergencies. This ensures rapid deployment, allowing lieutenants to quickly reach the scene, coordinate resources, and manage situations effectively. Additionally, the immediate availability of a police vehicle can serve as a visible deterrent, contributing to public safety and the department's overall responsiveness."

Orange County man arrested on felonies by Dutchess County Drug Task Force

The Dutchess County District Attorney's Office Drug Task Force reports the arrest of Takai Jackson, 27, from the City of Newburgh, Orange County, for Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 3rd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd Degree with intent to sell, both class B felonies.

According to officials, the Dutchess County Drug Task Force has been conducting an ongoing investigation into narcotics being transported from Newburgh into the Poughkeepsie area. As a result of this investigation, Drug Task Force Agents identified Jackson and on Jan. 9, he was taken into custody in the Town of Poughkeepsie without incident. Fentanyl and cocaine were allegedly seized at the time of his arrest. The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit assisted at the scene. Jackson was transported to the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department where he was processed and held pending his arraignment on Jan. 10. Jackson was later arraigned in the Town of Poughkeepsie Court and released to the supervision of Dutchess County Probation, according to officials.

In this case, Jackson, it is alleged on multiple occasions was transporting a dangerous synthetic opioid (fentanyl) from Newburgh to Poughkeepsie. Fentanyl has been directly linked to hundreds of deaths in Dutchess County.

Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony P. Parisi stated, "I want the peddlers of these dangerous opioids to receive this message – Don't bring your poison to Dutchess County."

The Dutchess County District Attorney's Office Narcotics Bureau and the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department assisted the Dutchess County Drug Task Force during this investigation.

If anyone has information regarding this case or about any other individuals selling drugs in Dutchess County, you are urged to contact the Drug Task Force confidential tip line at 845-463-6040 or by sending an email to the following web address: DrugTaskForceTips@gmail.com As with any criminal case, the charges described above are merely an accusation and those individuals named in this release are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

City of Poughkeepsie resident arrested for criminal possession, intent to sell by Drug Task Force

The Dutchess County District Attorney's Office Drug Task Force announced the arrest of City of Poughkeepsie resident Joseph T. Anderson, 20, for Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 3rd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd Degree with intent to sell, both class B felonies. Additional charges are pending, according to the Drug Task Force.

The Dutchess County Drug Task Force has been conducting ongoing investigations into the sale of narcotics including fentanyl in the Dutchess County area. On Jan. 18, the Drug Task Force executed a search warrant at a residence on Harrison Street in the City of Poughkeepsie resulting in the arrest of Anderson, according to the Sheriff's office. This investigation and arrest were the result of ongoing collaboration between the District Attorney's Office Drug Task Force, City of Poughkeepsie Police Neighborhood Recovery Unit and the Hudson Valley Safe

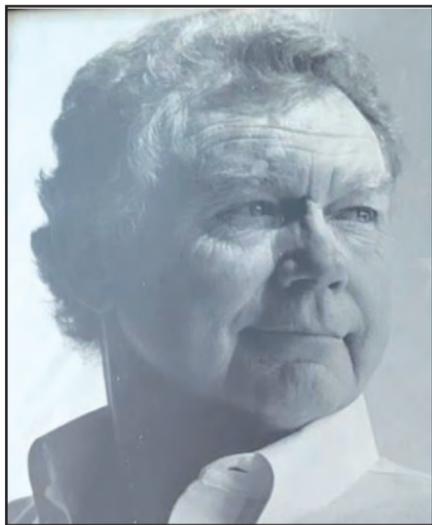
Streets Task Force. Anderson was arrested at his residence without incident, stated a press release. Fentanyl, numerous amounts of ammunition, a high-capacity drum style magazine for a Glock handgun and other handgun magazines were allegedly seized by the Drug Task Force. Anderson is being held pending arraignment in the City of Poughkeepsie Court.

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Obituaries

James Litchfield Horend



JAMES LITCHFIELD HOREND died on January 15, 2024.

Jim was born on May 23, 1931, in Dobbs Ferry, NY, to Charles W and Marjorie E (Taylor) Horend. He was the loving husband of Jean Brennan Horend and proud father of James L. Horend, Jr. and Kristine E. Horend-DeSalvo. Jim was predeceased by his sisters, Barbara Kelly and Diane Honzak. In addition to his wife and children, Jim leaves his son-in-law, James J. DeSalvo, his stepchildren, Jennifer A. Rosenwald (Brad Hill), Timothy E. Rosenwald (Deborah), and Marianne C. Rosenwald Boschen (Taug), and his step grandson, Bodhi T. Boschen.

Jim attended The Ardsley, NY, Public Schools and graduated in 1949. For a time, he apprenticed in the plumbing and

heating business and subsequently enlisted in the United States Navy in 1951, serving four years during the Korean War. He served aboard the destroyer, Alan M. Sumner, then became a hospital corpsman before his honorable discharge in 1955. He married Sonja Iversen, the mother of his children, in 1955; attended college, and graduated in 1958 with a BS from SUNY New Paltz. He received his MA in Science Education in 1968.

Jim spent most of his career in education, beginning with a teaching position in the Garrison, NY, school system. He retired in 1988 as Principal of The Glenham Elementary School in Beacon, NY. Jim served as Executive Director of Manitoga/The Russel Wright Design Center from 1988-1991 and subsequently served on the Board of Directors. In his retirement, he, along with his partner, Jean Brennan Rosenwald, served for 14 years as caretakers of the Putnam County Historical Society Foundry School Museum, now known as the Putnam Museum, in Cold Spring, NY. He served on the Board of Directors as Head of Building and Grounds.

Jean and Jim were married in 1999, at which time they moved to Cross River, NY. There, he served as president and member of both the Homeowners and Condo2 boards of their condominium complex. Jim derived great pleasure and satisfaction from teaching, especially concerning the natural world. He mentored young men and boys, helping them get a good sense of themselves and their adjustment to adult life. He loved cooking and nurturing his family and friends with good food. He adored sports, both the playing and the watching.

Memorial gifts will gratefully be received by Founders Hall, 193 Danbury Road, Ridgefield, CT, 06877, or Manitoga/The Russel Wright Design Center, PO Box 249, Garrison, NY, 10549.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Clinton Funeral Home-Cold Spring.

Late John Jay teacher, coach Kerri Roger was a 'beacon of light'

By Kristine Coulter

It was recently announced by John Jay High School Principal David Kedzielawa that Kerri Roger, a teacher and coach at the school, has died from esophageal cancer on January 11. Roger was 44 years old. There was a service for Roger last week on Jan. 16.

"It is with a heavy heart and deep sorrow that I share the sad news of the passing of one of our cherished educators, Kerri Roger," Kedzielawa stated in a letter to the JJHS community earlier this month.

Dr. Dwight Bonk, the superintendent for the Wappingers Central School District, stated to Southern Dutchess News: "Ms. Roger was a phenomenal person, teacher and coach! Her students were always her top priority. This is a huge loss for the John Jay HS Community and our District!"

According to her obituary, Roger "always had a special connection to every young person who needed one, especially those struggling in the classroom or at home." It was noted that Roger "had an enormous heart."

Roger was the daughter of teachers John and Susan Roger. Roger was predeceased by her mother.

Kedzielawa remarked, "Ms. Roger was an alum of John Jay Senior High School, class of 1997. She was a valued member of our Math Department for 21 years and a varsity coach for Field Hockey and Crew. Her passion and unwavering commitment to the success of our students was evident in every aspect of her work which left a lasting impact on countless students and colleagues alike."

Roger attended college at SUNY Geneseo. While an educator at John Jay, where she taught since 2002, she was a coach.

"She had a unique ability to connect with students, making the learning experience not only educational but also enjoyable," Kedzielawa stated.

One way she gave back was having her field hockey team volunteer with Friends



Kerri Roger

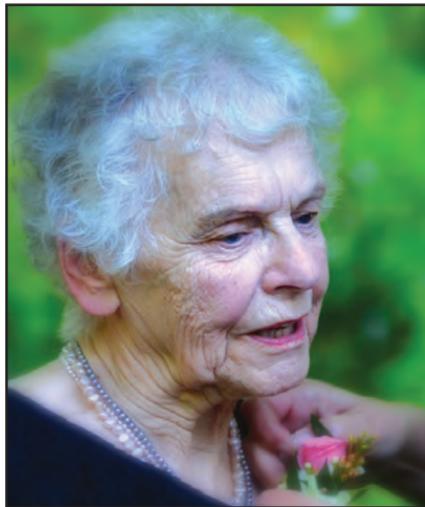
of Jaclyn (FOJ). The team would "adopt" a child who was receiving treatments for an illness. The organization was started by Denis Murphy, whose daughter Jaclyn had brain cancer when she was a child.

"The blessed years and fortune I had to be in Kerri's presence were literally life changing" Murphy stated via an email. "She was the ultimate advocate for our mission at FOJ improving the quality of life for children battling pediatric cancer. Whether it was at our annual FOJ gala, running half marathons or hosting a fundraiser, her light shined the brightest."

Murphy added: "Her smile was infectious and had the innate ability to make anyone feel warm and welcome no matter the situation."

"While she shaped many students' lives in the classroom, she "changed" more lives in our pediatric cancer community often with just her smile. Kerri was a beacon of light but today that light is a little dimmer without her," he said.

Willa E. Skinner



FISHKILL - Willa E. Skinner, a beloved Hudson Valley historian, author, journalist, columnist, mother, aunt, friend and mentor to many, passed peacefully on Thursday, January 18, 2024 while under hospice care at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie. She was 98.

Daughter of the late William and Bertha (Frering) Kretch, she was born in Manhattan on January 16, 1926. Willa was raised in the Bronx and graduated from Christopher Columbus High School. She earned a bachelor's degree from New York University's School of Journalism 1948.

Her family purchased a summer home in Fishkill in 1929, which Willa loved visiting throughout her childhood and into her adult years.

On October 2, 1949, she married Ivan A.

Skinner of Monticello, NY in the Bronx. In 1951, the couple became permanent residents of Fishkill, where they would raise their family. Willa was predeceased by Ivan in 1995.

Willa was a well-known devoted historian who authored several publications, appeared on many television programs, and was a freelance writer for various magazines and newspapers throughout the Hudson Valley and beyond. She served as the Town of Fishkill Historian for 53 years and in 2015 received the Martha Washington Woman of History Award.

She is survived by her daughter, Fern Franke of Beacon; her son, Matthew Skinner & his wife Cathleen of Guthrie, OK; her daughter, Eugenia Ballard & her husband Terence of Ulster Park; her grandsons Lt. Ian Skinner (US Army) and Jonathan Skinner & his wife Kaitlyn; several nieces and nephews along with their families; and many other loving relatives & friends.

In addition to her husband and parents, Willa was also predeceased by her sister, Lola Yellen.

Willa's family looks forward to celebrating her legacy - a long, productive and wonderful life - with all who knew and loved her.

Calling hours will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, January 26 at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. A funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 27 at the First Reformed Church of Fishkill, 1153 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. A graveside service will take place at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 29 at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9, Fishkill, NY.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Fishkill Historical Society, P.O. Box 133, Fishkill, NY 12524 (www.fishkillhistoricalsociety.org)

For online tributes, you can visit Willa's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Willa Skinner, Historian | 1926-2024 | A Brief Biography

In 1962 as the Fishkill Historical Society was forming, Willa and another FHS member drove to Albany to present their case to the Director of the Department of Transportation - their request to reconfigure the newly planned interstate highway (I-84) cloverleaf, and save the Van Wyck Homestead from imminent demolition.

When the NYS DOT Director arrived in Fishkill, Willa conducted a tour for him through what planners had listed as "abandoned farmhouse", with a flashlight, explaining that in early November 1776, General Israel Putnam knocked on the front door of the Van Wyck family's homestead.

"Per General George Washington's orders, I am commandeering your house as officers' headquarters."

As the Van Wyck family looked out across their property there stood 2,000 Continental Army soldiers with horses and cannons. Their home remained as Headquarters for 7 years, at which time the Treaty of Paris was signed by US and British representatives on September 3, 1783, ending the American Revolution.

This grass-roots movement of local residents against the decisions of the Federal Highway System and the New York State Department of Transportation - and Willa's personal appeal to the Director - preserved what is now the Van Wyck Homestead Museum for future generations.

Appointed as Town of Fishkill Historian in 1964, Willa was one of the founding members of the Fishkill Historical Society and an active member of the Dutchess County Historical Society, serving on the organization's publication committee.

She holds a journalism degree from NYU (Class of 1948) and was the author of Signal Fires in the Highlands, a Town of Fishkill history, and Remembering Fishkill, a collection of historical vignettes, with a supportive endorsement on the back cover by her friend Pete Seeger. She conducted classes on local history for area schools and colleges, retiring her popular weekly column "Wandering" with the Southern Dutchess News and the Beacon Free Press after more than forty-five years.

As a freelance writer and editor, Willa's published articles appeared in NY Alive, Hudson Valley Magazine, Dutchess Magazine, and Women's Day, to name a few.

Although Willa grew up in the Bronx with her sister, and both sets of grandparents nearby - they spent summers, beginning in 1929, in Fishkill at their paternal grandparents' "house in the country" on Osborn Hill Road, where an interest in the lore and history of the Hudson Valley took hold.

In commemoration of Ms. Skinner's 50th year serving as a beloved and much published Municipal Historian for the Town of Fishkill, she was honored numerous times throughout 2014 and beyond:

Willa was named 2014 recipient of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Local Government Historian Professional Achievement Award at the annual conference of the Association of Public Historians of New York State (APHNYS).

The Mount Gulian Historic Site, near Beacon NY hosted their 2014 gala with Guest of Honor, Historian Willa Skinner, who was escorted to the event on the arms of General George Washington and Field Commander Alexander Hamilton (extraordinary actors with American Historical Theater). Her dream come true!

Ms. Skinner read the Declaration of Independence from the steps of Van Wyck Hall, Main Street, Fishkill on July 4, 2014, continuing the Village of Fishkill's long-held tradition, as her work was honored with testimonials from the Town, County, the NYS Governor's Office, and numerous family members.

In February of 2015, Willa was recipient of the Martha Washington Woman of History Award, given by Washington's Headquarters State Historic Site each year to a woman who has made a contribution to the history of the Hudson Valley through education, promotion, or preservation.

In May of 2018, The Town of Fishkill surprised Willa with a tribute to her accomplishments - a well-attended ceremony, to include speakers from both government and historical organizations, culminating in the unveiling of a bronze plaque now installed in the lobby of the Town offices.

"When I was appointed town historian in 1964, I began a journey into the region's past and found that opening one door led to the opening of another, a never-ending journey but always enjoyable. I met real people and imaginary ones, heard stories handed down from one generation to the next no matter if they were embroidered or not as they were passed along, listened to tales told by natives and newcomers alike and shared them..." - Willa Skinner, Historian

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The construction of Great Bridges was a hallmark of 'The Gilded Age'

By Bill Jeffway

"The Gilded Age" just finished its second season on HBO and is the inspiration for a series of occasional articles in the coming months. If you have not seen "The Gilded Age," but intend to, there will be no spoilers, just general references showing parallels with local people activities at the time.

In the portrayal of the wealthy New York City aristocracy of the 1880s, the Astor family represents the old established wealth, and the Russell family, based on the Vanderbilt family, represents new wealth. It was a time when powerful men, and women, made a personal mark through large, iconic infrastructure involving construction of railroads and bridges. The opening of the Brooklyn Bridge in 1883 was featured as an important national event in the series. This article examines a parallel project locally: the opening of the Poughkeepsie Bridge, known today as the Walkway Over the Hudson, which opened in 1889.

At the time, such bridges were called "great bridges" and were seen as wonders of the world on the scale of the Egyptian pyramids. The Brooklyn Bridge was designed to serve horse and carriages and foot traffic, and the Poughkeepsie Bridge was designed to handle railroads.

The industrialist leading the charge for the Poughkeepsie Bridge in its earliest days was the businessman, and owner/operator of Eastman Business College - Harvey Eastman. He can be seen in an accompanying cartoon from DCHS Collections, where he dressed in the iconic top hat worn by the industrialists of The Gilded Age (and the banker in the Monopoly board game) as he lays out the list of massive economic benefits on the side of a pier to the bridge. One the other pier (not visible here in this edited version of the cartoon) is the name of Andrew Carnegie, one of the better known names who was supporting the project.

Eastman had built a highly successful business college that attracted students from around the world. He was at one time seen as the invincible business cham-

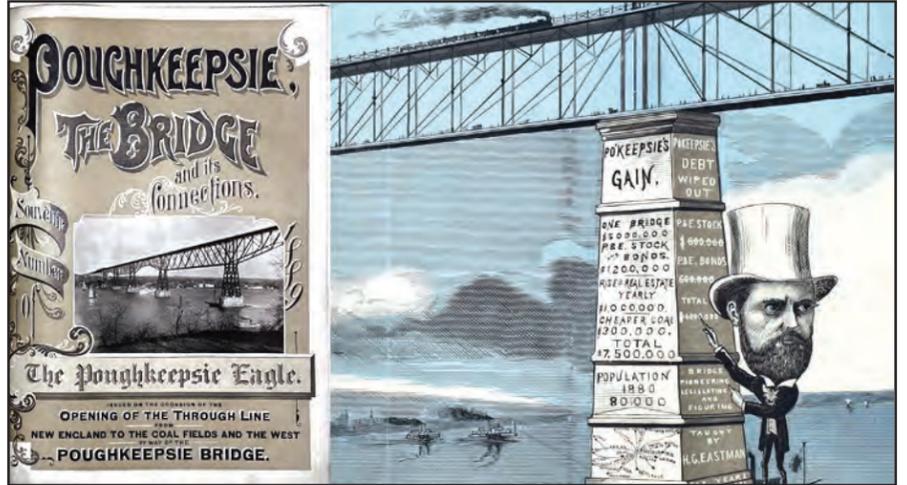
panion of Poughkeepsie, especially after the death of Matthew Vassar in 1868. His school had its own bank and issued its own currency. The Eastman Band was performing at every turn. His elaborate home and grounds (what is today Eastman Park) were the site of public gatherings. During the ambitious bridge period he became mayor and then New York State Assemblyman, all to advance the cause of Poughkeepsie's "great bridge."

The evolution of the Brooklyn and Poughkeepsie bridges was happening at the same time. Brooklyn was the third largest city in the U.S. after New York City (then consisting only of Manhattan and western Bronx) and Philadelphia. So, a horse and carriage and footpath bridge had a sizable waiting population. Brooklyn became part of New York City in 1898.

The transcontinental railroad made its historic connection in 1869. But, as seen in The Gilded Age, the competition for railroad routes was ruthless.

Although it met with accidents and difficulties, the evolution of the Brooklyn Bridge was a smoother process. A state charter for a suspension bridge connecting Manhattan and Brooklyn started the process in 1867. Construction began in 1870, the towers were completed by 1872, the wires started to be strung in 1877, and construction of the suspension structure started in 1879. The bridge opened in 1883.

By contrast, Eastman's effort to get a state charter was achieved in 1871, but the economic panic of 1873 created a failure in the company. By 1875, Eastman had successfully invited New England businessmen to participate and in November 1876 construction began again. Both bridges suffered significant accidents when first trying to sink what would become an underwater base pier. While the Brooklyn Bridge was able to carry on, a pier built just visible above water in 1877 in Poughkeepsie ended up languishing for a decade and became known as "the monument" to Harvey Eastman as he died in 1878. In October of 1886 work was begun for a third time and this time



This cartoon shows the early leader of the movement to build the Poughkeepsie Bridge, Harvey Eastman, who became Poughkeepsie Mayor and NYS Assemblyman as part of his effort to advance the cause. He is shown outlining the economic benefits of the bridge. Inset: the celebratory edition of the Poughkeepsie Eagle upon the bridge's opening in 1889.

-Courtesy of DCHS Collections

brought an opening of the bridge in January of 1889.

Original plans called for the creation of a suspension bridge in Poughkeepsie, the style of the Brooklyn Bridge, a depiction of which can be found accompanying this article from DCHS Collections. But those plans changed to a cantilever, deck, and truss bridge which involved more piers in the river.

Although the "great bridge" served its extraordinary purpose of connecting New England and Pennsylvania coal mines, and beyond, the evolution of the automobile in the 20th century reduced its role below anticipated expectations.

Both the Brooklyn and Poughkeepsie Bridges are now surrounded by all sorts of new and extraordinary technology.

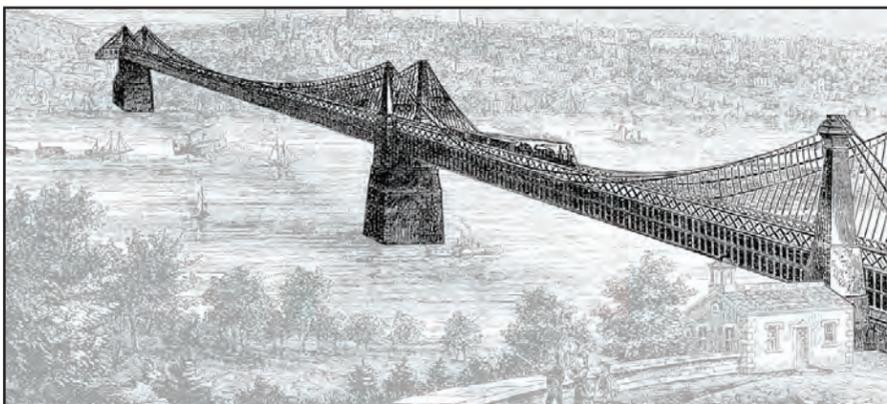
Although both continue to impress us even today, in their day they were even more exceptional as icons of personal and national power and wealth.

• Brooklyn Bridge: Total length: 6,016 feet. Span: Total longest span, 1,600 feet. 127 feet above the water.

• Poughkeepsie Bridge: Total length: 6,768 feet. Span: 7 spans, ranging from 201 to 548 feet. 212 feet above the water.



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The original design of the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge in the 1870s shows a suspension style construction similar to the Brooklyn Bridge that was never realized. This image looks from the west bank of the Hudson toward Poughkeepsie.

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by luigi coppola



Altar server

Luigi dreams of a traditional Italian pastry during mass.

When I was little, on Sundays I would sit in the pew and watch as my brothers got to be altar servers. I would make funny faces at them and try to get them to laugh. That is, I would until my father would catch me and give me a smack. When I was not making faces, I would fall asleep, until my father would give my hair a tug and wake me up. On top of all that, my stomach would be growling. We never ate before church. In those days you had to fast after your last meal the night before. However, in between funny faces, sleeping and growling, I would imagine how great it was to be up there on the altar helping out. I thought it was so glamorous.

When the day came that I was able to be an altar server, I never imagined how incredibly boring it actually was. I mean, so boring that I would fall asleep.

At the time we had a priest that was long-winded and foreign. Being a naïve wise-ass of 10 years, this was not a good combination. I already had problems staying awake during church when I sat in the pew, let alone sitting up on the altar. Not to mention when my eyes were open, I was yawning like a lion. Then on top of that, my little brother Vinny was making faces at me just like I used to do to my older brothers. This truly was a recipe for disaster.

All of these influences came together in the perfect storm during one fateful Sunday. As usual, my family sat in the first pew over to the left of the altar. Mom did this so she could keep an eye on me and watch me so I wouldn't fall asleep. After everyone was settled, the choir began to sing. That was my

signal to come down the aisle.

I'm carrying the cross and leading the way with Father behind me. We walk up onto the altar. I put the cross away and assume my position. Right away, Vinny starts making faces at me. I'm fighting laughing right at the start of the mass. Not a good sign.

After our bow to the altar, I proceed to my spot, to the right of our priest. I stand there with my hands crossed, facing my family, trying to look solemn. Father begins his prayers and not 10 seconds into it, my first yawn hits. I put up a good fight. I kept it discreet. Next comes the reading, which I liked because I always thought they were good stories. Vinny is hammering away, make faces until my father notices what is going on and smacks him. I laughed out loud, but hid it as a cough.

I'm still OK. I haven't done anything un-landish yet. I'm holding it all together so far. The readings and Gospel are done and it's time for Father's sermon. I know I'm dead, but there is nothing I can do about it. I sit down, determined not to fall asleep.

Father begins his sermon with a joke. When he says the punch line, everyone laughs but me. My mind has already begun to wander. He starts to get serious and begins his homily. Almost immediately, the yawning starts. I fought it best I could, but the yawns kept coming. Harder and harder until, I'm now yawning like a lion and not even caring what people are saying.

Every 10 seconds, I let loose with another lion-like yawn, sucking in all the air up on the altar making the candles flicker. I start to notice the flames bending to and fro as I

yawn harder and harder.

My eyes start to blink. First quickly, then they start to stay closed longer, only opening up when I yawn. Little by little, Father's voice starts to sound like the teacher on Charlie Brown, until, I'm out. According to my brother Vinny, I am now snoring instead of yawning with my head back and my mouth wide open. Mom is beside herself, unable to come wake me up. My head starts to bob forward and back. At first I startle myself awake. However, between each bob, I stay asleep longer. Until ... With the last bob, I started to lean forward a little.

At this point I'm dreaming of sfogliatelle, an Italian breakfast pastry that my Mom had made the night before. Vinny told me afterward that I was leaning a little, then a little more until ... I fell forward and out of my chair face first onto the altar floor.

Father looks to his left to see me fall down. He doesn't move, but continues to preach. Naturally, I wake up when I hit the floor. As I stood up and sat back down, trying to make believe that it didn't happen, I looked forward to see my brother laughing, my mother with her hands in front of her mouth and my father with the look of the devil in his eyes.

I knew I was dead. Needless to say, after mass, Father had a long talk with me, explaining that I needed to go to bed earlier so I would be ready for church. Me, the wise ass that I was, replied that it wasn't because of lack of sleep, it was because he was boring. I didn't mean it in a bad way, I was just stating a fact. Father just sighed and told me to put everything away.

I walked out of the church convinced that I was a dead man. I came out of the church to see that my father and uncle were talking. I slipped into the car without a word. My father, seeing that I'm in the car, says his goodbyes, got into the car and off we go home. I was waiting to get smacked or punished, but it never came. I wasn't even lectured. I was scared. I started thinking the worst.

The following week, my mother made me a cup of espresso before church. She set it in front of me, put a few spoonfuls of sugar and stirred it. She told me to drink it. When I told her that I couldn't have that before church, she told me because it wasn't food, it was OK. It would help keep me awake.

Sfogliatelle Ricce

Serves 4.

Ingredients

- PASTRY**
- 1 1/2 cups all purpose flour (add more if needed)
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1/2 tsp. salt
 - 1/2 cup cold unsalted butter, cut into cubes
 - 1 cup water (only use enough to make dough, you may not have use it all)
 - 3/4 cup butter melted

RICOTTA FILLING

- 1 lb. ricotta cheese
- 2 tsp. milk
- 1/4 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1-2 tsp. grated orange peel
- 1 dash ground cinnamon

Preparation

For Filling:

Combine ricotta, milk, vanilla, egg, sugar and grated orange peel. Store in refrigerator until ready to use.

For Pastry:

Sift together flour, sugar and salt in a bowl. Mix in cold butter using a food processor. Gradually add enough ice water to hold ingredients together. Toss on a lightly floured surface and knead for about 8 minutes or until dough is smooth. Cover and store in cool place for 30 minutes.

Divide dough into four equal parts. Roll out each piece with a rolling pin on lightly floured surface, making sheets about 20 inches long. Pull and stretch dough if need while rolling to make dough tissue-thin and transparent.

Brush each sheet with melted butter and place sheets on top of one another. When four sheets are piled together, brush top with melted butter. Let stand 5 minutes and then roll tightly as you would a jelly roll. Roll in waxed paper and set aside for 30 minutes or more in refrigerator.

With a sharp knife, cut roll in half-inch slices which will resemble narrow rolls of ribbon. Place on board or platter, cover with towel and side aside in cool place for 15 minutes.

Place each slice on palm of left hand; with right thumb on center of roll, gently press through slice so that it forms a ribbed cone. Make sure that ribs do not become entirely separated or the pastries will be too elongated.

Carefully work around cone with thumb and index finger until it is well shaped. 3-inches across mouth and a 1/2 inch tip (resembling a closed clam V-shaped) Press tip together.

Fill each cone with 1 heaping tablespoon of ricotta filling. Flatten cones gently between palms of hands. Place on lightly buttered parchment lined cookie sheet.

Bake at 375 degrees for about 30 minutes or until pastries are light golden color, crisp and filling is firm. Remove from oven and let cool. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

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



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Yoga at East Fishkill library on Jan. 30

Join yoga teacher Elaine Correa on January 30 at 6 p.m. at the East Fishkill Library, 348 Route 376, to practice yoga. The classes will include asanas sequences, breathing and relaxation techniques, and meditation guided. All levels are welcome. Please bring a yoga mat, a small blanket and wear comfortable

clothing. Practice will now meet the last Tuesday evening of the month.

Participation is limited to 15 and registration is required.

Please call the library at 845-221-9943 or use the online calendar to register at <http://www.EFLibrary.org>.

Photographers to gather in East Fishkill on Jan. 25

The Photography Club will meet at The East Fishkill Community Library on January 25 at 7 p.m. This group meets at the library on the fourth Thursday of each month. This group is composed of local photographers - both professional and amateur - who come together each month to share their love of the art of photogra-

phy, to explore new techniques and discover new software, applications and tools to enhance their art. The group is open to all interested individuals, drop-ins welcome.

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'Defining Lines' theme of MODfest at Vassar College

MODfest, Vassar College's annual tribute to the visual and performing arts, opens on January 25 and continues through February 4 on the campus in the Town of Poughkeepsie. Now in its 22nd year, MODfest features performances and exhibits by students, faculty, and guest artists. It is hosted by the Vassar College Music Department in collaboration with the Creative Arts Across Disciplines office. Some events require tickets and reservations, but all are free and open to the public.

The theme of this year's festival, "Defining Lines," invites audiences to examine, celebrate, and challenge the lines that exist between cultures, spaces, bodies, identities, and more.

"MODfest 2024 invites us to view things from different perspectives or consider what defines or separates people, places, and ideas," said MODfest Co-Director Tom Pacio. "A theatrical story of grief told through acrobatic movement, the relationship between the audience and dancers from a scientific perspective, and the impact of people's lives and their surroundings told through music are just a few examples of what awaits us in this year's festival. With exciting visiting artists from UPLift Physical Theatre, the creative team and performers of the new musical Shanghai Sonatas, and acclaimed dancers Baye & Asa (2023 Dance Magazine Award Winners) alongside our extremely talented faculty and students, there is something for everyone."

Shanghai Sonatas, a new theater work to be held January 28 at 2 p.m. in the Alumnae House, is based on first-person accounts. It tells the true story of musicians from Europe living in China during World War II who used their optimism, humor, and musical talents to survive, forging friendships with their Chinese neighbors who helped save their lives.

MODfest will also feature the work of two current Vassar students. In "Reciprocal Visions: Reimagining the

Dance," to be performed on January 25 in the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, cognitive science major Camryn Spero '24 will examine how the audience, the lighting, and sensational experiences physiologically change the dancers' realization of their performance. On January 26 and 27, The Game, a play written by Solomon Hess '24, will be performed in the Powerhouse Theater. The play tells the story of a white lacrosse coach who engages with a Native American friend to honor the origins of the game.

MODfest will also feature several musical performances, including a tribute by faculty musicians to MODfest co-founders Professor Emeritus of Music Richard Wilson and Adene Wilson '69. This year's concert will be held February 3 in Skinner Hall.

"We are thrilled to highlight our faculty and the music of Rogerson, Stravinsky, and Wilson in this year's honorary concert for Richard and Adene Wilson," said MODfest Co-Director and Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities Christine Howlett. "Thomas Sauer, piano, collaborates with guest violinist Grace Park on the music on Rogerson's Lullaby: No Bad Dreams, Stravinsky's Duo concertant, and Wilson's Eclogue for solo piano. The second half of the program features Stravinsky's iconic L'histoire du soldat, a fascinating tale of a soldier named Joseph who meets the Devil in disguise. Composed for seven instruments and a narrator, the music includes the influences of tango, waltz, ragtime, and klezmer instrumentations and textures, and even Bach. This piece is performed entirely by our brilliant Vassar faculty Drew Minter, narrator, Marka Young, violin, Daniel Merriman, bass, Ian Tyson, clarinet, Elisabeth Romano, bassoon, James Osborn, trumpet, Paul Bellino, trombone, Frank Cassara, percussion, and Eduardo Navega, conductor."

Focus on Photographers at Howland Cultural Center in Beacon



"Focus on Photographers" will take place at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., in Beacon. The artists are Pulitzer Prize-winner William Snyder and renowned photojournalist David Burnett. Curators Larry Kerschberg and Ronnie Beth Sauers invite all to join them as well as Tony Cenicola, Pierce Johnston, William A. Loeb, Jane Soodalter and Sandra Belitza-Vazquez.

The show runs most Saturdays and Sundays through Feb. 25. (Closed Jan. 28 and Feb. 18 for concerts.) Admission is free, but contributions are always appreciated.

-Courtesy photo by William Snyder

Books and Badges at Blodgett Library on Jan. 27

During Books and Badges, attendees will have an opportunity to hear local police officers read books at Blodgett Memorial Library on January 27 at 1:30 p.m. The library is at 37 Board St. in the Village of Fishkill.

There is also another Books and Badges event scheduled for February 17.

Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation

By Janet McHugh
Recreation Director

Only 55 days until spring and we have an array of activities scheduled already. What will your children be doing during spring break? We have the answer. They can join us for our popular technology camp hosted by Minds in Motion. The camp takes place March 25-29 for children ages 8-12. Two sessions, pick one or both either Crime Scene Investigation or build a Code & Control Robo-dozer. Nominal cost and tons of educational fun. Check out the details on our website and register early, space is limited.

Our annual Spring Fest is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, taking place on the campus of Vassar College from 1- 3 p.m. It's going to be fun for the whole family with music, food, games, activities, and much more. Free admission. Mark your calendar!

CLUB CLASSIC SENIOR
CENTER NEWS
By Ruta Ronis

WOW! Mother Nature woke with a real bang! The mild winter may be over but the activities at our Senior Center continue daily. Come by on Tuesdays and Exercise with George. Enjoy conversation and discussions during our Wednesday Friendship Circle. For those of you looking to express your creativity we offer Watercolor Painting on Thursday mornings, and the Crafty Crafters meet on Friday mornings. You can also sign up for various Yoga sessions and Zumba Gold. Our Billiard Room is always open, and

there are card and game players in the house every day.

The Town Assessor, Jennifer Mund, will be here on Jan. 25 at noon to explain the new guidelines for the STAR program. She will also discuss the many exemptions available that you may not be aware of. Bring your tax return or statements if you have particular questions. She will be making time to speak personally to those with questions after the presentation. Club Classic will be presenting Central Hudson's presentation "How to Save on your Energy Bill" on Jan. 26 at noon. There will be a Q&A after, so have your questions ready for the Central Hudson representative.

We've planned a fantastic Coach BUS TRIP for April 18 to enjoy the musical "Beautiful, The Carole King Story" at the White Plains Performing Arts Center. The show begins at 11 a.m., and afterwards we'll head over to The Brazilian Steak House for a one-of-a-kind dining experience. This trip is open to adults only. Sign-up for both town and non-town residents has begun, and full payment is due at registration.

We are adding new events and activities every day, so check our calendar on the homepage of our website at www.PoughkeepsieTownRec.com.

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Married couple Alessio Bax, Lucille Chung to perform in Beacon on Jan. 28

The Howland Chamber Music Circle will present the second concert of its winter Piano Festival, the piano duo of Alessio Bax and Lucille Chung. They will perform on January 28 at 4 p.m. at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon. To purchase a ticket, visit howlandmusic.org. The Howland

Cultural Center is at 477 Main Street. The concert will be followed by a reception with refreshments where concertgoers can meet and greet the musicians. All ticket holders are encouraged to attend.

New to the 2023–2024 season, is a pricing structure to include music

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

The real-life marriage of two great concert pianists, Alessio Bax and

Lucille Chung, has resulted in one of the leading piano duos of their generation.

The duo first appeared in a 2020–2021 streaming music series ALIVEmusica. Bax and Chung are each acclaimed as soloists, having played in the great halls of Europe, Asia and the United States. Together, Bax & Chung have performed in major festivals and concert halls around the world; in 2008 alone, they logged 20,000 miles by train as they toured their four-hand Pétrouchka across the far reaches of Stravinsky's homeland. Bax and Chung are members of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center — both individually and as a four-hand duo. Their program in January includes works by Mozart, Poulenc, Debussy, and Piazzolla.

Since 1993, the Howland Chamber Music Circle has been bringing world-renowned musicians to perform for Hudson Valley audiences in Beacon.

For more information on this performance or the Howland Chamber Music Circle, visit www.howlandmusic.org.

this week's puzzle solutions

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This week's answer

2	1	6	9	3	7	8	4	5
5	9	3	4	8	6	2	7	1
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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: 95 Clark Street Holdings LLC Articles of Organization filed in the Department of State of New York on 12/13/2023 Office Location: Dutchess County Principal Business Location: Dutchess County, NY Purpose: Any and all lawful business activities Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 95 Clark Street Holdings LLC, 12 Bowman Drive, Greenwich, CT 06831

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Notice of Form. of AM SQUARED, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/29/2023. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 33 DEW DROP LANE, HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY 12533. Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Qualification of J FITZGIBBONS HOLDINGS LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/06/23. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/02/07. Princ. office of LLC: 131 7th Ave., Ste. 201, NY, NY 10011. 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. DE addr. of LLC: 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State - Jeffrey W. Bullock, 401 Federal St., Ste. 3, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

DRIVE BY DESIGN LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/15/23. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Theresa Quarataro, 2 Dock St., Hyde Park, NY 12538, which is also the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of TW Wood Designs, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/24/23. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY

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shall mail process to the LLC, 16 Bell Air Lane, Wappingers Falls, New York 12590. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

TURN DOWN THE CROWN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/13/23. 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, 11 Spring Street, Newburgh, NY 12550. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

DENTAL DUO PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/12/23. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, c/o Stenger, Diamond & Glass, LLP, 1136 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Dentistry.

A&a Wood Products, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 11/29/2023. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 108 Traver Rd Pleasant Valley NY 12569. Purpose: any lawful

249 MAIN BEACON 105, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/13/2023. 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, 429 Lake Drive, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Bloom Cannabis LLC (the "LLC"). Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on December 11, 2023. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy to: The LLC, 15 Flagler Road, Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Lumen 8 I LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 12/13/2023. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 67 Overlook Ave,

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Beacon, NY 12508. General Purpose

18 Homan Rd LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/30/2023. 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: The LLC, 18 Homan Rd, Stanfordville, NY 12581. Purpose: any lawful act.

FOUR POINT INDUSTRIES LLC. Filed 10/17/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 29 Woodlawn Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Ste 202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.

LPMIV LLC. Filed 11/21/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Lee Paul Myers Iv, 7 Hawk Ln, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: General.

Simba Africa Expeditions LLC. Filed 8/24/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Tonyce Consulting Lc, 5 Apple Tree Dr, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: General.

917 RIVER ROAD LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/19/2023. 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, Ste 2, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Mavambo Cleaning Services LLC. Filed 8/23/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Tonyce Consulting Lc, 5 Apple Tree Dr, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: General.

WITH GOD'S HELP DESIGN & BUILD LLC. Filed 8/27/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 412 Ruskey Ln, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Ste 202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.

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SHEFFIELD FARM APARTMENTS LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/4/2023. 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: The LLC, 208 Quaker Hill Rd, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: any lawful act.

A D A P T I V E DECISION-MAKING HOLDINGS, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 12/12/23. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 242 MAIN STREET #269 BEACON, NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful

Notice of Formation of Stirling Homes LLC. Filed with SSNY on 12/07/2023. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 10 Broadway Lane, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful.

Alpha Home Solutions ll LLC. Filed with SSNY on 12/19/2023. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 139 N Brewster Rd Brewster NY 10509. Purpose: any lawful

The Daley Method LLC. Filed with SSNY on 12/19/2023. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 65 Golf Course Rd Craryville NY 12521. Purpose: any lawful

Kingston Land Co., LLC. Filed with SSNY on 12/20/2023. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 3 Garden Street Rhinebeck NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful

Miller Vacation Properties LLC. Filed with SSNY on 12/19/2023. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 270 Camby Rd Verbank NY 12585. Purpose: any lawful

Notice of formation of Quetzal Home Construction LLC (the "LLC"). Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on December 8, 2023. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be

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served. SSNY shall mail a copy to: The LLC, 229 Myers Corners Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name of the LLC is: DeCarlo Entertainment LLC Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/16/2023. 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, 20424 Emilie Lane Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

CSS Hydro Excavation, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 12/15/2023. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 13 Miron Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. General Purpose

4232 Albany Post LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 12/19/2023. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 207 Washington St, Ste. 101, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. General Purpose

DOGTOWN CONSTRUCTION, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/20/23. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 24 McKinley Ln., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LOLA'S EASTDALE LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/19/23. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 7 Broad St., Pawling, NY 12564, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

MAMASBOYZ LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/19/23. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 7 Broad St., Pawling, NY 12564, which is

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also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

T47 TRANSPORTATION LLC. Filed 10/27/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Zamiel Howell, 5710 Cherry Hill Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: General.

Notice of Formation of 140 Sunset Trail LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/18/23. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 3 Intl Dr., Fl. 3, Rye Brook, NY 10573. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is Matthew Schimenti, 3 Intl Dr., Fl. 3, Rye Brook, NY 10573. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Wright Essentials by Ari LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/13/23. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1018 Main Street #26, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: any lawful.

BB PROPERTIES UNLIMITED LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/28/2023. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Gabrielle Feilen, 97 Broadway, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

173 KENNEL HOLDING LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/28/23. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to The LLC 173 Kennel Rd Amenia NY 12592. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Qualification of Pawling Engineered Products LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/15/23. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/22/11. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St. Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is CT Corporation System, 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful activity.

135 Mill LLC. Filed with SSNY on 12/27/2023. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 35 Main Street Ste 401 Poughkeepsie NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: D.E.Arpi's, LLC, hereinafter "LLC". Registration filing date with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) was December 19, 2023. Principal office location is Dutchess County, New York. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it or served upon it on behalf of the LLC to the registered agent, Gorky Oswaldo Arpi-Lema, 82 Dogwood Road, Apt. 1, Hopewell Junction, New York 12533. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

BUBBLY GIRLS PARTY RENTALS, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/05/23. 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, 20 Summer Street, Dover Plains, NY 12522. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Mane to Tail Equine Wellness, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 11/29/2023. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 58 Hillcrest Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. General Purpose

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Meme's Property, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 11/1/2023. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 847 Route 376, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. General Purpose

Special Cloth Alumni, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 10/20/2023. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 224 Church St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. General Purpose

Notice of Formation of AEV ENTERTAINMENT LLC. Arts of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/23/23. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 638 Hortontown Road, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: any lawful activity.

DANOLAR ENTERPRISES LLC. Filed 11/9/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 50-54 Charles Colman Blvd, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: General.

SERENE SURROUNDINGS L.L.C.. Filed 8/23/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Roberta Mcginley, 59 Point St, New Hamburg, NY 12590. Purpose: General.

Notice of Qualification of WVD PROPERTIES, LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/27/23. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/29/23. Princ. office of LLC: 442 5th Ave., #1108, Manhattan, NY 10018. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: c/o CSC, 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808-1674. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., #4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of Karen Gates Consulting, LLC. DBA Gates Consulting, LLC filed with SSNY on 12.09.2023 Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1 Salem Court, Poughkeepsie New York, 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

KRISTIN'S PET CARE LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/03/2024. 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, 41 Forest Drive, Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Notice of Formation of 350 China Cat LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/22/23. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 6383 Mill St. unit 567, Rhinebeck, NY, 12572. purpose: any lawful act or activity.

PERPARA LLC. Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/28/23. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Elizabeth Vulaj 24 Cypher Lane, Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: Any lawful.

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of Benny's Nice Slice LLC (hereinafter the Company) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on December 20, 2023. The office of the Company is located in Dutchess County, New York. The Company has designated the Secretary of State of New York as its agent upon which process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail copy of any process against the Company is 20 South Maple Avenue, Miller-ton, NY 12546. The purpose of the Company shall be to conduct any lawful business or activity whatsoever, as permitted by applicable law.

METSASERIES LLC.

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Arts. of Org. filed w/ SSNY 12/13/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: PO Box 352, Staatsburg, NY 12580. Purpose: Any lawful.

Notice of Formation of Enchanting Balloons of the Hudson Valley LLC filed Articles of Organization with the New York Department of State on 12/22/2023. Office location: Dutchess County. The New York Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and is directed to forward service of process to United States Corporations Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228; The Post Office Address to which the Secretary of State shall mail copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon the Secretary of State by personal delivery is 7 Chiappardi Pl, #B, Beacon, NY 12508 Purpose: any lawful activity

Soul Sanctuary By Sophia Lcsw, PLLC. Filed with SSNY on 12/29/2023. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process and shall mail to: 33 Henry Street Beacon NY 12508. Purpose: Licensed Clinical Social Work

68 Wms LLC. Filed with SSNY on 1/4/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 85 Charles Colman Blvd. Pawling NY 12564. Purpose: any lawful

AHUMADA GROUP LLC. Arts of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/28/23. 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, 104 E Main Street, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Hudson Valley Remodeling Services, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/14/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Scott Hapeman, 202 Ridgeline Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity

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Notice of Formation: The Iron Furnace, LLC Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY 10/4/23. Location: Dutchess County SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Caldwell M. Welles, PO Box 1179 Millbrook, NY 12545. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation: Sprout Creek Holdings, LLC Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY 10/4/23. Location: Dutchess County SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Caldwell M. Welles, PO Box 1179 Millbrook, NY 12545. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

30-32 Cobblestone Road, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed 10/26/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 30-32 Cobblestone Rd, Wappingers, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful

MVPP Properties LLC. Filed with SSNY on 01/09/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 1891 County Road 83, Pine Plains, NY 12567. Purpose: any lawful.

8 Loudon Dr Unit 15 LLC. Filed with SSNY on 01/08/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 57 Barrett Hill Road, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: any lawful.

Westmont Farm LLC. Filed with SSNY on 12/11/2023. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: PO Box 108, Amenia, NY 12501. Purpose: any lawful.

Notice Of Formation of 1590 Route 9G LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/27/2023. 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 her is 641 Traver Road, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose of

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LLC: To engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York.

Notice of Formation of FROST FAMILY PROPERTIES LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/26/23. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 9 Rte 82, Fishkill, NY 12524. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is Rachel Frost, 9 Rte 82, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Hudson River Payments LLC. Filed 1/6/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. for process & shall mail to: 11 Robinson Gdns, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purp: any lawful.

Notice of Qualification of 1946 Realty, LLC. The fictitious name is 1946 Realty Holdings, LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 1/8/24. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/4/23. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. List of names and addresses of all members available from SSNY. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is CT Corporation System, 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

MB 133 Holdings LLC. Filed 12/14/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 27 Windwood Rd, Brookfield, CT 06804. Purpose: Any lawful.

All Sport Real Estate LLC, App of Auth. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/9/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 17 Old Main St, Fishkill, NY 12524. General Purpose.

All Sport Health & Fitness LLC, App of Auth. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY)

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50 JUDSON STREET LLC. Arts of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/22/23. 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, 50 Mountain Lane, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Alexandra Linardakis, RN, PLLC. Arts of Org. filed with New York Secy of State (SSNY) on 1/4/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. List of names and addresses of all original members available from SSNY. SSNY shall mail process to: 4232 Albany Post Rd, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: registered professional nursing.

WILLIAMS TOWING AND RECOVERY LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 1/12/24. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 10 Hamilton Rd., Hopewell Junction, NY 12533, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

AZAADI LLC is a fashion design business. Filed 11/10/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY designated agent for process & shall mail to 29 Skyview Dr. Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Zen82 LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/9/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 12 Michael Dr, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. General Purpose

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Community Foundations HV welcomes Washington as new President & CEO

Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley (CFHV) has selected returning Hudson Valley resident Laura Washington to serve as the regional charitable organization's President & Chief Executive Officer, effective Feb. 1.

Washington was selected after a seven-month long, nationwide search led by Kittleman & Associates, an executive search firm dedicated exclusively to recruiting leaders for nonprofit organizations. She most recently served as Chief Communications Officer and Vice President for Strategic Partnerships at the New-York Historical Society. Prior to that, she held a senior leadership role at the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, where she established and led the organization's inaugural communications function.

CFHV delivers community leadership and strategic philanthropy to inspire and celebrate local charitable giving in the Mid-Hudson Valley region. Partnering with its generous donors, CFHV addresses current and emerging community needs

through effective grantmaking to improve the quality of life for all, and by offering technical assistance to help nonprofits operate more effectively.

Charles "Chip" Simon, Chair of the CFHV Board of Trustees, said: "The entire Board of Trustees congratulates Laura and looks forward to her professional leadership, especially in light of our desire to expand CFHV's community impact throughout the Hudson Valley. We were immediately impressed with her background in strategic planning, communications, and successful grant campaigns. When we considered that she's also a graduate of Vassar College, we knew she was the perfect match to serve our board, staff, and community partners."

"I've always been inspired by the generosity evident in so many people in our region. That spirit gets passed down from generation to generation, and is needed now more than ever," said Washington. "I am honored to lead the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley and I am committed to championing our counties with unwavering enthu-

siasm as I collaborate with our dedicated Board of Trustees, staff, donors, nonprofits, and philanthropic partners to ensure that ours is a thriving community for everyone."

A native New Yorker, Washington has close ties to the Hudson Valley where her family resided for several decades. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Vassar College, a Master of Science in Strategic Communications from Columbia University, and is a graduate of the Council on Foundations' Career Pathways program. Washington serves locally on the board of Historic Huguenot Street as Chair of the Education and Programming Committee and has volunteered with multiple nonprofit organizations, including Brooklyn Org's SPARK Prize selection committee, the New York Regional Selection Committee for the Marshall Scholarship, and has been a review panelist for the National Endowment for the Humanities.



Laura Washington

-Courtesy photo

East Fishkill Recreation

By Bill Green
Recreation Director

East Fishkill Children's Summer Camp registration begins Monday, March 4 for residents. You may register online or at the Davis House.

Our new East Fishkill Recreation office is now at 4 Anne Avenue up the Street from Frankie's Superette.

Our 2024 East Fishkill Recreation Guides are at the printer and should be available next week. Information on all our recreation programs, special events, facilities, including Red Wing Park and

all activities including a list of Summer Concerts and bus trips can be found in the Guide. Rec Guides will be available in Town Hall, the East Fishkill Library, the East Fishkill Community Center, the Davis House and many local businesses.

All recreation programs using the Wappingers Schools are cancelled when schools have an early dismissal or when they cancel their after-school activities.

If you have any recreation questions or concerns, please call 845-226-8395 or go to Recreation1@eastfishkillny.gov.

Fishkill National Guard soldier receives new rank

Major General Ray Shields, the adjutant general for the state of New York, announced the recent promotion of members of the New York Army National Guard in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership.

Anne Mojica from Fishkill, and assigned to the 102nd Military Police Battalion, received a promotion November 15, 2023 to

the rank of sergeant.

Army National Guard promotions are based on a Soldier's overall performance, demonstrated leadership abilities, professionalism and future development potential.

These promotions recognize the best qualified Soldiers for a career in the New York Army National Guard.

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Atrani LLC. Filed with SSNY on 12/22/2023. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 1 Spackenkill Rd Poughkeepsie NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful

Dutchess Eri LLC. Filed with SSNY on 1/8/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 123 Butts Hollow Rd Millbrook NY 12545. Purpose: any lawful

Town Gourmet Market, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 1/10/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 10 Gay Street Po Box 1709 Sharon Ct 06069. Purpose: any lawful

North East Plaza, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 1/10/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as

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agent for process & shall mail to: 10 Gay Street Po Box 1709 Sharon Ct 06069. Purpose: any lawful

M.M. Collective, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/14/24. 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, 3 Hubert St. Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

ABC A BIT OF COMMUNICATING, SLP PLLC, a Prof. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/01/2023. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The PLLC, 135 Clove Branch Road, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: To Practice Speech Language Therapy.

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SOPHIA SIERRA BRIDAL STUDIO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/12/24. 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, 10 Briarcliff Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Mountain View Home Inspection LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/16/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 3294 Route 82 Verbank NY, 12585. Purpose: any lawful

East Fishkill Commons LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/15/2024. Cty:

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Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 3 S. Ohioville Rd, New Paltz, NY 12561. General Purpose

The Best Hot Soup Ever LLC, filed Arts. Of Org. with SSNY on 12/13/23. Date of Formation on 1/1/2024. Office location: Dutchess SSNY design. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Mail process to: Sean Frawley, 157 Shamrock Hills Drive, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Any lawful purpose.

EMW Consultants LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/11/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 70 Penny Rd, Pawling, NY 12564. General

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Purpose Arlington Building Supply LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/18/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Blake Fahy, 30 N Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. General Purpose

Notice of Formation of CLEAR TOUCH MGMT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/20/23. Off. Loc.: DUTCHESS. SSNY desig. agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 1849 South Road #1042, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful business 7159819.

OnDeck InfoTech LLC filed 01/01/2024. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent

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for process & shall mail to 28 Cathy Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Any lawful purpose.

Green Sleeves IP Holdings LLC. Filed 1/18/24. Dutchess County SSNY. desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 14 E Market St 2-5 Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: intellectual property holdings.

BIRCH & CLOVER, LLC. Art. of Org. with the SSNY on January 16, 2024. 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, 832 Wolcott Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508, Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Pinebrook Hopewell LLC, App of Auth. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/18/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY

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desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 17 Old Main St, Fishkill, NY 12524. General Purpose.

Pinebrook 1264 Hopewell LLC, App of Auth. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/18/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 17 Old Main St, Fishkill, NY 12524. General Purpose.

Pinebrook 1252 Hopewell LLC, App of Auth. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/18/2024. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 17 Old Main St, Fishkill, NY 12524. General Purpose.

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STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

MIDFIRST BANK, Plaintiff, vs. ELIZA SANNEH, if living, and if she be dead, her respective 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 who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in and to the premises; KEMO M. SANNEH A/K/A KEMO SANNEH, if living, and if he be dead, his respective 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 who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in and to the premises; BOARD OF MANAGERS OF BEECHWOOD SOUTH CONDOMINIUM; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; and "JOHN DOE" and "MARY DOE," (Said names being fictitious, it being the intention of plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein.) Defendants.

Filed: 12/18/2023 Index No.: 2023-50163 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 2710 South Road, Unit F7 Poughkeepsie, (Town of Poughkeepsie) NY 12601 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may answer or appear

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within sixty (60) days of service hereof. 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 for the foreclosure of: Mortgage bearing the date of September 2, 2008, executed by Eliza Sanneh, married, and Kemo M. Sanneh, married to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. to secure the sum of \$133,941.00, and interest, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Dutchess County on September 5, 2008 in Document No.: 01-2008-9523. That JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association duly assigned said Note and Mortgage to MidFirst Bank by Assignment dated January 28, 2019 and recorded on February 5, 2019 in the Office of the Clerk of Dutchess County in Document No.: 01-2019-50202A. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the Mortgaged Premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the County in which the Mortgaged Premises is situated. Section: 6161 Block: 77 Lot: 099034 DATED: November 22, 2023 Rochester, New York 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. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFOR-

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MATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. SCHEDULE A LEGAL DESCRIPTION The Unit known as Unit No. F-7 (hereinafter called the "unit") in the Buildings known as Beechwood South Condominium in the Town of Poughkeepsie, County of Dutchess and State of New York, (hereinafter called the "property") designated and described as Unit No. F-7 in the Declaration establishing Beechwood South Condominium, made by the Grantor under the Condominium Act of the State of New York (Article 9-B of the Real Property Law of the State of New York) which declaration is dated 4/05/88 and recorded in the Office of the County Clerk, Dutchess County, New York, on 4/06/88 in Liber 1793 cp 99 (hereinafter called the "Declaration") and which unit is also designated as Tax Lot No. 14-6161-77-099034 on the Floor Plans of the Buildings and filed in the Office of the Clerk, Dutchess County, New York on 4/05/88 Clerk's Minutes 1988/1339. The land on which the Building containing the unit is located (and on which the other Buildings forming a part of Beechwood South Condominium are located) is described as follows: ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Town of Poughkeepsie, County of Dutchess and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the easterly side of Albany Post Road (Route 9) the said point being the northwesterly corner of the herein described parcel and the southwest-erly corner of lands now or formerly of Trocino, thence along the southerly line of lands now or formerly of Trocino, Elmendorf, Brunner, Layman, Montz, Torell, Schoch, Landsberg, Terwilliger and Kelly, the following courses and distances: South 75 degrees 58' 50" East 204.28 feet, South 76 degrees 12' 20" East 245.19 feet, South 75 degrees 18' 50" East 124.95 feet, South 76 degrees 15' 30" East 39.95 feet and South 74 degrees 58' 50" East 127.67 feet to a land now or formerly of Simons, thence along said lands, South 17 degrees 55' 10" West 338.09 feet, North 75 degrees 46' 50" West 128.55 feet and South 18 degrees 03' 10" West 42.82 feet to

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lands now or formerly of Swenson; thence along lands, North 75 degrees 49' 40" West 164.35 feet and South 17 degrees 58' 30" West 35.12 feet to lands now or formerly of Envoy Plaza Inc., thence along said lands, North 75 degrees 52' 10" West 449.62 feet to the easterly side of Albany Post Road (Route 9), thence along the easterly side of Albany Post Road, the following courses and distances: North 17 degrees 44' 50" East 167.75 feet, North 18 degrees 04' East 209.10 feet, North 17 degrees 44' 10" East 30.39 feet and North 21 degrees 52' 00" East 9.61 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING. TOGETHER with an undivided .95196% of interest in the common elements of the property described in said Declaration (hereinafter called the "Common Elements"); TOGETHER with an easement for the continuance of all encroachments by the Unit on any adjoining units or common elements now existing as a result of construction of the building, or which may come into existence hereafter as a result of settling or shifting of the building, or as a result of repair or restoration of the building or of the unit after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty or after a taking in condemnation or eminent domain proceedings, or by reason of an alteration or repair to the Common Elements made by or with the consent of the Board of Managers, so that any such encroachments may remain so long as the Building shall stand. TOGETHER with an easement in common with the owners of other units to use any pipes, wires, ducts, cables, conduits, public utility lines and other Common Elements located in any of the other units or elsewhere on the Property and serving the unit. TOGETHER with the appurtenances and all the estate and rights of the Grantor in and to the Unit. TOGETHER with and subject to all easements of necessity in favor of the Unit or in favor of other Units or the Common Elements. TOGETHER with an easement for the exclusive use of any patio or balcony to which there is a direct access from the interior of the Unit.

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YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF DUTCHESS MIDFIRST BANK, Plaintiff, -vs- QUEVAS K. LEWIS, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF NADINE LEWIS AKA NADINE K. LEWIS, DECEASED, AND INDIVIDUALLY; Any unknown heirs to the Estate of ZACHARY S. LEWIS, next of kin, devisees, legatees, distributees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, trustees, executors, administrators or successors in interest, as well as the respective heirs at law, next of kin, devisees, legatees, distributees, grantees, assignees, lienors, trustees, executors, administrators or successors in interest of the aforesaid classes of persons, if they or any of them be dead, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiff; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; DUTCHESS CENTER FOR REHABILITATION & HEALTH CARE; VERONICA LEWIS; and "JOHN DOE" and "MARY DOE," (Said names being fictitious, it being the intention of plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein.) Defendants.

Filed: 12/21/2023 Index No.: 2022-50940 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 15 McKinley Lane Poughkeepsie, (Town of Poughkeepsie) NY 12601 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by per-

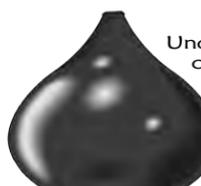
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sonal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you 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 for the foreclosure of: Mortgage bearing the date of February 27, 2009, executed by Nadine Lewis to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), in the nominee for Union Federal Mortgage Corporation, A New York Corporation to secure the sum of \$206,045.00, and interest, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Dutchess County on March 13, 2009 in Document No 0120091744. That Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as Mortgagee, as nominee for Union Federal Mortgage Corporation duly assigned said Note and Mortgage to MidFirst Bank, a Federally Chartered Savings Association by Assignment dated January 14, 2022 and recorded on January 19, 2022 in the Office of the Clerk of Dutchess County in Document No 01-2022-50075A. There is sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the Mortgaged Premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the County in which the Mortgaged Premises is situated. Section: 6162 Block: 15 Lot: 652366 DATED: December 13, 2023 Rochester, New York 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

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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. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. SCHEDULE A LEGAL DESCRIPTION ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Poughkeepsie, County of Dutchess and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: on the North by Lot No. 15; East by the lands of George Morgan; South by Lot No. 13, and West by Fallkill Avenue as laid down on a map filed in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office entitled, "Map of lots near College Hill for sale, being a part of the property of the Hon. George Morgan", the lot hereby conveyed being fifty feet by one hundred and fifty feet, being Lot No. 14 on said map. FOR CONVEYANCE ONLY BEING THE SAME PREMISES CONVEYED TO: Nadine Lewis, who acquired title by a deed from Nadine Lewis, individually and Catherine E. Lewis, as to a Life Estate Interest, dated July 29, 2004, recorded November 24, 2004 in Doc# 02-2004-12760. TOGETHER with all the right, title and interest of the party of the first part, of, in and to the land lying in the street in front of and adjoining said premises. Premises: 15 Mc Kinley Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 aka 5 McKinley Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 Tax Parcel ID No.: Section: 6162 Block: 15 Lot: 652366 Premises: Mailing Address 41 Fallkill Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

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Who needs blood?
Under normal circumstances, every two seconds someone in America will need a blood transfusion. Blood transfusions are used for trauma victims - due to accidents and burns - heart surgery, organ transplants, women with complications during childbirth, newborns and premature babies, and patients receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or other diseases, such as sickle cell disease and thalassemia.



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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS INDEX NO. 2023-50897 Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS as the place of trial situs of the real property SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 22 WRIGHT BOULEVARD, HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY 12533 Section: 6358, Block: 04, Lot: 921290

N A T I O N S T A R MORTGAGE LLC Plaintiff, vs. **ROBERT R. BURNS, JR.**, if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants.

To the above named Defendants YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30)

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days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT OF THE ABOVE CAPTION ACTION IS TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE TO SECURE THE SUM OF \$179,000.00 AND INTEREST, RECORDED ON DECEMBER 13, 2004, IN DOCUMENT NUMBER 01-2004-31974, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK., COVERING PREMISES KNOWN AS 22 WRIGHT BOULEVARD, HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY 12533. The 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. DUTCHESS County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

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 the mortgage company will not stop the 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: December 28th, 2023

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Attorney for Plaintiff

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Matthew Rothstein, Esq. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310 Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675

NOTICE OF 2024 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 2024.

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 anytime from the receipt of bill to February 29, 2024 without penalty. Payments made March 1, 2024 through May 31, 2024 incur a two percent (2%) penalty. Payments made from June 1, 2024 through September 3, 2024 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 September 3, 2024. After September 3, 2024, 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

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ny.gov. Dated: January 11, 2024 Signed: Lee Anne Freno, Receiver of Taxes, Town of Wappinger

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS-SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF DUTCHESS - BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES I TRUST, Plaintiff, - against- CRYSTAL GONZALEZ, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF NORMA JONES AKA NORMA H. JONES; SCOTT CLARK, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF NORMA JONES AKA NORMA H. JONES ANY AND ALL KNOWN OR UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF NORMA JONES AKA NORMA H. JONES, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; SHORE HAVEN CIVIC ASSOC., INC.; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; DUTCHESS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, Defendants - Index No. 2022-80035 Plaintiff Designates Dutchess County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject action is situated in Dutchess County. To the above named Defendants - 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 Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded. That this

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Supplemental Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated January 2, 2024. **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 the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. **YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES I TRUST) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.** The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Christi J. Acker, J.S.C. Dated: January 2, 2024 Filed: January 3, 2024. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 5 Birch Drive, Holmes, NY 12531. Dated: September 27, 2023 Greenspoon Marder LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Raspreet Bhatia, Esq., 590 Madison Avenue, Suite 1800, New York, NY 10022 P: (212) 524-5000 F: (212) 524-5050 No Service by fax) Service purposes only: Trade Centre South 100 W. Cypress Creek Road, Suite 700, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 P: (888) 491-1120 F: (954) 343-6982

EXTENDING LOCAL ORDERS 1, 2 & 3 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 5/2023 EXTENSION TO DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDERS DECLARED BY DUTCHESS COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Please take notice that on January 18, 2024 at 12:00 am., pursuant to Article 2B of the New York State Executive Law, Article III of the Dutchess County Charter and Administrative Code Section 3.05, Acting Dutchess County Executive William F. X. O'Neil extended Local Emergency Order #1, Local Emergency

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Order #2, and Local Emergency Order #3 in furtherance of Executive Order No. 5 of 2023, dated May 18, 2023. The text of the declaration of state of emergency and local emergency orders is available at www.dutchessny.gov.

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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 2024 and I will attend at the Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524, from January 22, 2024, Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM, 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 February 29, 2024 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 1st day of June, 2024. Signed: Katherine Buneta Receiver of Taxes Dated: January 17, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: I Catherine Gill, the undersigned Collector of Taxes for the Town of Milan, 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 Milan for the year of 2024. I will be collecting taxes at the following place and time listed below: **MILAN TOWN HALL:** Collection of taxes will be at the Milan Town Clerk's Office, 20 Wilcox Circle in the Town of Milan from today to February 29, 2024 - Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM or by mail anytime - excepting Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. **FURTHER NOTICE:** The taxes may be paid on or before February 29, 2024 without charge or interest. All taxes received after

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such date, there shall be added interest 2% if paid on or before March 31, 2024 and an additional 1% 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.

FURTHER NOTICE: that a reminder of unpaid taxes will be sent on or before May 15th, 2024. A fee of \$2.00 will be added to your tax bill during the full month of May. **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE:** Pursuant to the provisions of the law, the Tax Roll of the Town of Milan will be returned to the Dutchess County Commission of Finance on the 1st of June 2024. Dated: January 18, 2024

Catherine Gill Milan Tax Collector

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 21 WESTAGE RADIOLOGY CENTER AMENDMENT TO SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Section 150-97.B of the Code of the Town of Fishkill, a public hearing will be held by the Planning Board of the Town of Fishkill on Thursday, February 8, 2024 in the Francoise R. Cross Meeting Room (Main Meeting Room at Town Hall), 807 Route 52, Fishkill, New York, beginning at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, in the matter of an applicant's request to amend the existing Site Development Plan Approval for the conversion of the existing 5,618 SF Ruby Tuesday building to a radiology center, to construct a 1,848 SF expansion to the east side of the building and to construct a 933 SF expansion to the west side of the building to accommodate radiology equipment. The parcel for this proposal is located at 21 Westage Drive, is identified as Tax Map Parcel No. 6255-00-007635, and consists of 1.68 acres in the PSC (Planned Shopping Center) Zoning District.

All interested persons will be heard by the Planning Board of the Town of Fishkill at the public hearing to be held as aforesaid. Email comments may be submitted in advance to dcolonna@fishkill-ny.gov for those unable to attend the public hearing. By Order of the Planning Board Of the Town of Fishkill, New York **Debbie Colonna, Planning Board Secretary**

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Vineyard Ave, Highland, NY, 12528 King Street Rehab, 787 King St, Rye Brook, NY, 10573 L'Dor Adult Home, 156 W Clarkstown Rd, New City, NY, 10956 Lutheran Care Center at Poughkeepsie, 965 Dutchess Tpke, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12603 Martine Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing, 12 Tibbits Ave, White Plains, NY, 10606 Middletown Park Rehab & Health Care Center, 121 Dunning Rd, Middletown, NY, 10940 Montgomery Nursing and Rehab Center, 2817 Albany Post Rd, Montgomery, NY, 12549 New Paltz Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing, 1 Jansen Rd PO Box 909, New Paltz, NY, 12561 Northeast Center for Rehabilitation and Brain Injury, 300 Grant Ave, Lake Katrine, NY, 12449 Northern Manor Multi-care Center, 199 N Middletown Rd, Nanuet, NY, 10954 Northern Metropolitan RHCF Inc., 225 Maple Ave, Monsey, NY, 10952 Northern Riverview Health Care Center Inc., 87 S Route 9W, Haverstraw, NY, 10927 Northern Westchester Hospital Transitional Care Unit, 400 E Main St, Mount Kisco, NY, 10549 Nyack Ridge Rehabilitation & Nursing Center, 476 Christian Herald Rd, Valley Cottage, NY, 10989 Putnam Nursing & Rehab Center, 404 Ludingtonville Rd, Holmes, NY, 12531 Putnam Ridge, 46 Mt. Ebo Rd North, Brewster, NY, 10509 Renaissance Rehab & NCC DBA Hyde Park NH, 4975 Albany Post Rd, Staatsburg, NY, 12580 Roscoe Regional Rehab & RHCF, 420 Rockland Rd, Roscoe, NY, 12776 Salem Hills Rehab & Nursing Center, 539 Rte 22, Purdys, NY, 10578 Sans Souci Rehab & Nursing Center, 115 Park Ave, Yonkers, NY, 10703 Sky View Rehabilitation & Health Care, 1280 Albany Post Rd, Croton-on-Hudson, NY, 10520 Sprain Brook Manor, 77 Jackson Ave, Scarsdale, NY, 10583 Sunrise of Crestwood, 65 Crisfield St, Yonkers, NY, 10710 Sunrise of Fleetwood, 500 N Columbus Ave, Mount Vernon, NY, 10552 Sunrise of New City, 233 N Main St, New w City, NY, 10956

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Sunshine Children's Home and Rehab Center, 15 Spring Valley Rd, Ossining, NY, 10562 Tarrytown Hall Care Center, 20 Wood Ct, Tarrytown, NY, 10591 Ten Broeck Center for Rehabilitation & Nursing, One Commons Dr, Lake Katrine, NY, 12449 The Chelsea at Greenburgh, 715 Dobbs Ferry Rd, Greenburgh, NY, 10607 The Eleanor Nursing Care Center, 419 North Quaker Lane, Hyde Park, NY, 12538 The Emerald Peek Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 2000 East Main St, Peekskill, NY 12566 The Enclave at Rye Rehabilitation & Nursing Center, 1000 High St, Port Chester, NY, 10573 The Grand at Pawling, 9 Reservoir Rd, Pawling, NY 12564 The Grove at Valhalla Rehab & Nursing Center, 61 Grasslands Rd, Valhalla, NY 10595 The Paramount at Somers Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 189 Route 100, P.O. Box 445, Somers, NY, 10589 The Pavilion at Pine Valley, 661 N Main St, Spring Valley, NY 10977 The Pines at Poughkeepsie Center for Nursing and Rehab The, 100 Franklin St, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12601 The Willows at Ramapo Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 30 Cragmere Rd, Suffern, NY, 10901 Tolstoy Foundation Rehab & Nursing Ctr, 100 Lake Rd, Valley Cottage, NY, 10989 Vassar-Warner Home, 52 S Hamilton St, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12601 Waterview Hills Rehab & Nursing Center, 537 Route 22 # 257, Purdys, NY, 10578 Westchester Center for Rehab & Nursing, 10 Claremont Ave, Mount Vernon, NY, 10550 Willow Gardens, 60 Willow Drive, New Rochelle, NY, 10805 Willow Towers Assisted Living, 355 Pelham Rd, New Rochelle, NY, 10805 Taconic Rehabilitation and Nursing at Beacon, 10 Hastings Dr, Beacon, NY, 12508 Taconic Rehabilitation and Nursing at Hopewell, 3 Summit Ct, Fishkill, NY, 12524 Taconic Rehabilitation and Nursing at Ulster, 1 Wingate Way, Highland, NY, 12528 Yorktown Rehabilitation & Nursing Center, 2300 Catherine St, Cortlandt Manor,

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NY, 10567 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS INDEX NO. 2022-53833 Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS as the place of trial situs of the real property SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 361 SINPATCH ROAD, WASSAIC, NY 12592 Section: 7164, Block: 00, Lot: 615900 WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTION ONE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-2, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-2 Plaintiff, vs. JOY COLE-JOHNSON, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTTEE TO THE ESTATE OF FINEASE RAPHAEL; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTTEES OF THE ESTATE OF FINEASE RAPHAEL, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or whom may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; ADVANTA NATIONAL BANK; JOHN DOE S/H/A JOHN DOE #1 "JOHN DOE #2" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last eleven names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occu-

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pants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants. To the above named Defendants YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$548,250.00 and interest, recorded on January 30, 2006, in Document Number 01 2006 1735, of the Public Records of DUTCHESS County, New York., covering premises known as 361 SINPATCH ROAD, WASSAIC, NY 12592. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment di-

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recting the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. DUTCHESS County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county. 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 the mortgage company will not stop the 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: December 22nd, 2023 ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Attorney for Plaintiff Eric Sheidlower, Esq. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310 Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Please take notice that the Town Board of

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the Town of East Fishkill will conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm at 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction to Consider an Update to The Town Code Regarding Defense and Indemnification. Any person wishing to be heard by the Town Board on this matter should be present at the above date and time. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD PETER J. CASSIDY, TOWN CLERK Dated: January 24, 2024 Town of East Fishkill, New York LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF FISHKILL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Fishkill, New York, will hold a Public Hearing at Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52 Fishkill, New York 12524, on February 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon after as the matter may be heard on Glenham and Blodgett Water District Consolidation The Town of Fishkill will make every effort to ensure that the public hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or accommodations should contact the Town Clerk. By Order of the Town Board Town of Fishkill Cooper Leatherwood Deputy Town Clerk



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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 103A/2024 RE: AMENDING THE 2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley annually establishes the paid holidays for those employed by the Town in accordance with Section 801 of the Town of Pleasant Valley Employee Handbook; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the paid holiday schedule for 2024 is as follows: New Year's Day Monday, January 1 Martin Luther King Day Monday, January 15th Presidents' Day Monday, February 19th Good Friday Friday, March 29th Memorial Day Monday, May 27th Juneteenth Wednesday, June 19th Independence Day Thursday, July 4th Labor Day Monday, September 2th Columbus Day Monday, October 14th Veterans' Day Monday, November 11th Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 28th Day after Thanksgiving Friday, November 29th Christmas Wednesday, December 25th Floating Holiday Add On MOTION: Councilman Rifenburgh SECOND: Councilwoman Adams DATED: January 8, 2024 ROLL CALL: AYE NAY Councilwoman Adams X _____ Councilman Degan X _____ Councilman Rifenburgh X _____ Supervisor Albrecht X _____ Carried.

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ACROSS

1. Village People's "____ Man"
6. Certain tray content
9. Little bit, in Mexico
13. Ammo in a quiver, sing.
14. Geological Society of America
15. Young eel
16. Song of praise
17. Snowy ____ or great horned
18. Must-haves
19. *Strait between Russia and Alaska
21. *Smallest of the Great Lakes
23. Crime scene evidence
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25. Consumer-protecting org.
28. Skiing helmet manufacturer
30. Mother-of-pearl, pl.
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39. Like Raphael's cherubs
40. Face shape
41. Tie with a morning coat
43. Dwarf buffalo
44. Short version
46. "At ____, soldier"
47. Supposed giant Himalayan
48. Drool
50. Swimming hole
52. D.C. V.I.P.
53. Jim Acosta's announcement
55. *Baltic ____
57. *0° latitude
61. *Bay east of India
64. Cuban dance
65. John Keats' "To Autumn," e.g.
67. Fortune teller's card
69. Jeered
70. China's drinkable export
71. Bird-related
72. Dick and Jane's dog
73. "Slippery" tree
74. Lean, past tense

DOWN

1. *Atlas page
2. Speedy steed
3. First Nation nation
4. Squirrel away
5. Possessing
6. Full of excitement
7. *Opposite of NNE
8. Sainly rings
9. Guilty, e.g.
10. Last word on walkie-talkie
11. Ghana money
12. Guesstimate phrase (2 words)
15. Catch in a snare
20. Nigerian money
22. A Bobbsey twin
24. Steel on boots, pl.
25. *Inlet in Norway
26. Abalone seeker
27. Olden day calculators
29. *Compass ____
31. TV personality Aiken
32. Ancient Scandinavian characters
33. What actors do
34. *Iberian Peninsula country
36. Serb or Croat
38. Comme ci, comme ça
42. Past or present
45. Group of five
49. Actor DiCaprio
51. Like floss
54. "That's all she ____"
56. Tequila source
57. Work units
58. Wisecrack
59. Rounded protuberance
60. Aid in crime
61. Show pleasure
62. Cantatrice's offering
63. Student aid
66. *Tierra ____ Fuego
68. Big bang maker, acr.

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Mid-Hudson Love INC receives donation from Spectrum

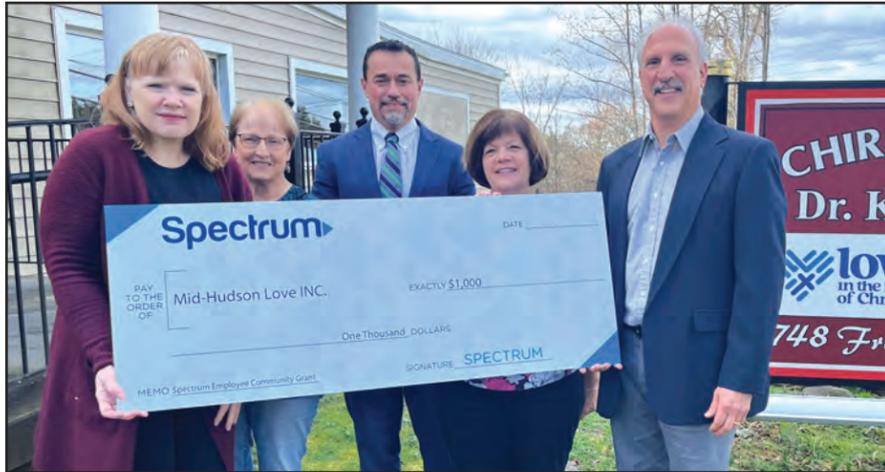
“We are energized and optimistic about this new year,” said Love INC Executive Director John Marrine. “We are welcoming six new community members to our Board of Directors, Spectrum has given Love INC a Community Grant of \$1,000, and the Dutchess County Community Grants Fund of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley approved our application for funding a much-needed technology upgrade.”

In 2023, Love INC Board Member Michael Mauro alerted Mid-Hudson Love In the Name of Christ to the Spectrum Employee Community Grant program. Mauro has been with Spectrum for eleven years and currently holds the position of Director of Sales. “I am passionate about investing time and energy into my community to make it a better place,” said Mike. “Love INC is an amazing organization that I feel blessed to be a part of.” The organization plans to use the \$1,000 Spectrum grant with the recently approved Dutchess County Community Grants Fund support of \$3500 to purchase new computers for the office and a data management system to track the

work of their many volunteers.

The Mid-Hudson Love INC Board of Directors welcomes six new members to the governing body, each bringing a wealth of expertise and fresh perspective. New members are: Karen Gioia (Hyde Park), retired dental assistant, Greg Higgins (Poughkeepsie), retired IBM employee and retired United Methodist pastor, Curtis Hoskins (Poughkeepsie), retired IBM project manager, Eugenia Jones (Highland), litigation paralegal/managing clerk supervisor, Leighann Lusito (Poughkeepsie), ENL teacher, Karen Olson (Pleasant Valley), owner of Blueberry Hill Galleries. “We look forward to working with this dynamic group of leaders,” commented Marrine.

Mid-Hudson Love In the Name of Christ is a network of local churches that works with local agencies assisting individuals experiencing poverty. Love INC has a team of 180 volunteers that handle phone requests for help, deliver much-needed resources, and offer life-skills classes. For more information or assistance, call 845-471-0102 or visit www.mid-hudsonloveinc.org.



A check from Spectrum was received by (from left) Charissa Danielson, Coordinator of Client Services, Linda Fulton, Volunteer, Michael Mauro, Spectrum Employee and Love INC Board Member, Patricia Owen, Volunteer, and John Marrine, Executive Director.

-Courtesy photo

Friends of the Walkway receives grant to create plan for next phase of growth

The Friends of the Walkway nonprofit organization has been awarded a \$33,740 matching grant from the Environmental Protection Fund’s Park and Trail Partnership Grants program to build a comprehensive strategic plan that will guide the organization for the next five to seven years. The Friends of the Walkway will raise an additional \$15,000 in matching funds to complete the project, for a total budget of \$48,740.

Since Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park opened in 2009, Friends of the Walkway’s fundraising efforts have largely centered on building critical park amenities and infrastructure like bathrooms, welcome centers, pavilions, interpretative signage, and lighting. As the Walkway’s era of large-scale capital improvements winds down, the Friends of the Walkway have identified expanding its programming and community engagement activities as a top priority to maximize park’s impact as a resource for residents and as a leading tourist destination in the Hudson Valley. “This vital funding from Parks & Trails New York will help us chart the course for how to best create a meaningful experience for the more than 600,000 people that visit the Walkway each year,” said Lori Robertson, Executive Director, Friends of the Walkway. “We look forward to engaging a diverse group of stakeholders over the coming months to form a plan that is inclusive, unifying, and ultimately beneficial to all that step through our gates.”

The grant is one of 27 awards totaling \$1.8 million for organizations dedicated to the stewardship and promotion of New York’s state parks and historic sites, trails, and public lands. The grants will be matched with private and local funding and will support projects to strengthen Friends groups and enhance public access and recreational opportunities.

The Friends of the Walkway are essen-

tial partners helping to maximize the value of Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park. The dedicated group raises private funds for capital projects, manages a robust volunteer program, provides educational programming, and promotes public use through hosting special events. To learn more about how individual support can improve the Walkway Over the Hudson and the communities of Poughkeepsie and Highland, visit walkway.org.

The Park and Trail Partnership Grants are administered by Parks & Trails New York, a statewide non-profit organization, in partnership with the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation and the Department of Environmental Conservation.

“Behind many of our favorite outdoor experiences—hikes, picnics with our family, bike rides—there is a hard-working local organization making that experience possible,” said Paul Steely White, Executive Director, Parks & Trails New York. “These amazing grassroots organizations do so much with elbow grease, expertise, and volunteerism... but they also need the critical financial assistance our Park and Trail Partnership Grants provide. We are proud to work with OPHRP to ensure these groups, and the crucial work they do for our public lands, are supported in the benefit they provide for our communities. We are proud we’ve helped enable what literally amounts to billions of breathtaking experiences every year in our parks, greenway trails and other public lands.

This year’s cohort of PTPG grant recipients are all pursuing different projects—from trail restoration at Hook Mountain to the installation of an ADA kayak launch at Point au Roche—but they all add up to a healthier, happier New York just in time for the NYS Parks Centennial celebration.”

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