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

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

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

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

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

"We are excited to launch a program that strengthens the connection between our agricultural community and local classrooms," said Cassie Messina, Agricultural Educator of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society.

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

-Courtesy photo

Massive snowstorm hits local area



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

By Kristine Coulter

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

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

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

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

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

By Kristine Coulter

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

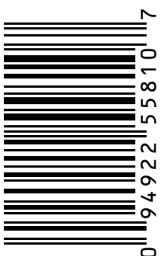
"Parks & Trails NY has been a vital partner to the Trust," said Neil Caplan, BCT Executive Director, said in a statement. "With \$297,550 in total support over the years, their funding has been instrumental in our mission to preserve and stabilize the Island's

historic structures." Caplan began the campaign to save Bannerman Castle in the 1990s. Bannerman Castle, located in the Hudson River between Beacon and Cold Spring, was constructed by military antiques dealer Francis Bannerman VI, who was born in Scotland and then lived in New York City. Bannerman, and wife Helen Boyce Bannerman, used the site on weekends and during the summer.

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

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A massive snowstorm hit the area earlier this week. The snow started falling on Sunday, Jan. 25. Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino declared a state of emergency and a travel ban. Pictured, clockwise from top left, vehicles covered with snow in Beacon. Snow falls onto trees in Beacon. A City of Beacon Highway Dept. truck plows De Soto Ave. in Beacon.

-Photos by Kristine Coulter



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

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

Town of Fishkill officials posted to take the advice of the Town of Fishkill Highway Department. There was a Snow Parking ordinance in effect from 6 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 25 until Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 5

p.m. It was also noted not to place or blow snow back into the roadways. Town Administrative offices were closed on Monday, Jan. 26.

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

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

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

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

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

On Friday, Jan. 23, it was posted to social media that the City of Beacon issued emergency snow parking restric-

tions for all City streets.

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

“Parking lots are being cleared, but due to the prohibition on parking on Main Street, the City will not tow from public lots until Thursday (Jan. 29) at 9 a.m. Thank you for your patience as we finish the [cleanup] from the storm.”

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The Ridge School is a New York State Board of Regents Accredited School, Not-for-profit organization located in Dutchess County, New York dedicated to the creation of a rich and positive setting for students who are not succeeding in their current educational placements. The Ridge School is a day school for students who are diagnosed with High Functioning Autism.

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

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

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

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

Information” area.

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

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

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

According to information from BCT, access to the “Wee Bay” and its gardens will also be improved. This improvement will allow visitors to take in the views of the Hudson River Fjord Trail and Trophy Point, from Pollepel Island, which Bannerman is also known. It was noted that Trophy Point and Hudson River Fjord will be accessible to anyone who can climb the 72 stairs from the dock up to where the trails begin.

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

BCT other good news

The BCT production of “DRACULA: The Journal of Jonathan Harker” was the winner of two 2025 Broadway World Regional Awards. Christan Conn won for Best Director of a Play. Best Sound was awarded to Brett Sandusky. The winners and nominees were congratulated.

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

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

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



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

-Courtesy photo Emma MacDonlad, submitted by BCT

Sheriff’s Office warns of posing as detective scam

The Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office warns the residents of Dutchess County and surrounding areas about scams that once again seem to be on the rise.

The latest scam involves the perpetrators posing as Detectives from the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office, in which they call and tell the victim that they failed to report for jury duty. The perpetrators will then attempt to solicit money to avoid the consequences for missing the fake jury duty.

The Sheriff’s Office would like to offer the following general tips to help people avoid these scams:

If you’re contacted by someone you don’t know asking for money, for any reason, it’s very likely a scam.

If you receive correspondence from someone that you don’t know and they instruct you to keep the matter confidential and not tell anyone about it, it’s most likely a scam.

Emails or text messages that contain misspelled words, grammatical errors, don’t

make sense, or are sent at odd hours – for example the middle of the night - are most likely scams.

Legitimate law enforcement would not attempt to satisfy a warrant or make promises to avoid prosecution by soliciting money. Law enforcement also does not contact people about jury duty.

If you receive an email or text about an order you didn’t place or asking you to send money call the company using a legitimate number. DO NOT follow the instructions in the email, click on any links in the email, or call the number provided in the email.

If someone you don’t know asks you to purchase merchandise, transfer money, provide bank information, provide remote computer access, enter a code, or click on a link given to you by them use caution as it is likely a scam.

Do not meet up with someone that you don’t know; if you’re asked to do this it is surely a scam, and it is very dangerous

as well.

If someone calls you and tells you that a relative has been hurt or is in jail, confirm it first before sending any money. Call other relatives or a legitimate law enforcement agency for confirmation before any money is sent. If they’re posing as a relative, try and contact that relative for confirmation.

Sending money overseas is especially risky; use extreme caution.

Ask the person for their call back number and ask to speak to their supervisor to confirm the info; if it’s a scam they will most likely hang up at this point and the number they give you will be bogus.

If a loved one has recently passed away be wary; in some cases perpetrators have even preyed on victims by searching through the obituaries and calling surviving loved ones. If you get calls from people you don’t know soon after someone passes away, be careful and confirm it before you send any money.

In some cases someone will call and tell

the victim that they’ve won money, but to “process the claim” they need to first send money. Beware this is most definitely a scam and don’t send any money – you should never have to pay money to claim a prize. If it seems too good to be true, it most likely is.

If there’s any doubt about a phone call/email/letter you’ve received contact the Sheriff’s Office before sending any money.

Scams tend to increase during the holiday season, so be especially alert for them during those times.

It is very important not to send any money to anyone that you don’t know until you’ve confirmed the situation through an independent source and feel comfortable with it. If it’s a scam once the money is sent it’s very difficult, and most times impossible, to get it back. If anyone thinks they may have been the victim of a scam they are encouraged to contact the Sheriff’s Office at 845-486-3800 or via the tipline at 845-605-CLUE or dcscotips@gmail.com.

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

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

“At Central Hudson, we understand that energy costs can be a challenge for many households,” said Lauren Preston, Chief Customer Services Officer. “The Enhanced Energy Affordability Program is designed to provide meaningful relief and help customers manage their bills more effectively. By enrolling, customers can take advantage of expanded benefits that make energy more affordable and accessible. We strongly encourage all eligible customers to sign up and experience

the difference this program can make.”

To qualify for EEAP, applicants must:

- Be an active Central Hudson customer with an active electric or gas account.
- Have a household income at or below 100% of State Median Income or Area Median Income. Income guidelines are available at www.CentralHudson.com/EEAP.
- Provide complete income documentation for all household members for the past month.

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

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

Eligible customers may apply for EEAP at

<https://cenhud.nyeeap.com/program>, or by calling 877-400-2501 for support.

Applicants will be required to submit:

- A Central Hudson bill from each of the last three months. Copies of bills may be downloaded at www.cenhud.com/en/login
- Proof of income for all household members from the past month, such as pay stubs, Social Security or pension statements, or self-employment records.

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

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

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Meeting dates for Glenham Fire District set

The following is a list of the year 2026 Regular Meetings of the Glenham Fire District. Meetings are being held at the Slater Chemical Firehouse, at 76 Old Glenham Road, n Glenham, in the Town of Fishkill.

The meeting dates are: February 4, March 4, April 8, May 6, June 3, July 8, August 5, September 2, October 7, November 11 and December 9.

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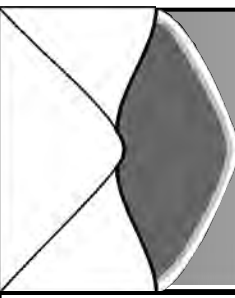
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- All letters must contain a name, hometown and phone number for verification and 300 words or less.
- Letters appearing on the Viewpoints page are the views of the writers alone and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Southern Dutchess News.

Well-deserved retirement for local doctor

To the Editor:

Not only my family, but our whole community is to suffer a most serious loss with the retirement of Dr. Edward Schneider. This is truly well-deserved retirement of our local general family practitioner, Dr. Edward Schneider who has been in practice for over 45 + years.

He has not only served my family; all of my children from birth, my husband Hugo, with heart disease and myself. Dr. Schneider has served the entire community of Wappingers Falls and surrounding area. As we all know, Dr. Schneider cannot be replaced!

Dr. Schneider is, possibly, the last doctor to make hospital visits to patients, and has continued to make “home visits” when needed, I even understand that when the doctor and Sheila (his wife) take vacation time for themselves, he can be found serving with Doctors Without Borders (or some similar organization in countries without sufficient medical protection.)

Dr. Schneider has been a truly wonderful family physician. He will see you when you are in need of medical care, he never rushes you out and will spend as much time as his patient needs. Doctor Schneider (Sheila, receptionist, secretary, assistant) “are like family” to me.

We can never thank Dr. Schneider enough! I hope they remain here in Wappingers! May God Bless you both ! Thank you very much for your care.

I suggest some kind of community celebration for the doctor.

Brenda VonBurg
Wappingers Falls

Meet with your Town Assessor to potentially reduce assessment value of property

To the Editor:

Did you know you can discuss and potentially reduce the assessment value of your property by meeting directly with your Town Assessor at no cost?

Recently, municipalities all over Dutchess County have been in litigation with third-party companies, who commence tax certiorari proceedings on behalf of county residents. These proceedings cost the taxpayers in court fees and overtime hours for town employees. Additionally, these third-party companies charge anywhere between 30%-50% commission on any money they save a resident, if they reduce the property’s assessment.

Would you opt for a minimum of 30% charge on your savings if you knew you could do this for free? Most likely not. These companies bank on you being too busy to handle this directly with your town assessor. If the assessor agrees that your assessment is too high, they can lower it for the next fiscal year.

A meeting with your assessor does not guarantee that your assessment will be lowered. If not, you still have the option of filing a Grievance with the Board of Assessment Review, which is the fourth Tuesday in May every year. You also have the right to eventually commence a tax certiorari proceeding. The Tentative Roll with any changes to your assessment comes out on or around May 1st each year and is available online and at the Town Hall.

It is our job as town employees to let residents know: There is a better way to address an issue with your property’s assessed value. Aside from the annual Grievance Day held by each town’s assessor’s office, residents are encouraged to contact us first before accepting a third party’s proposal to take the matter up on your behalf.

Town of Milan’s 2026 Grievance Day is held at Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan, NY 12571 between the hours of 10 a.m. – noon, 1 – 4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on May 26. We ask that you call ahead to schedule an appointment for that day, or you will have to wait in line.

Keep your money in your wallet! Call us first. 845-758-5133 Ext. 4

Pat Warren
Deputy Assessor
Town of Milan

Local flower shop founder celebrates 100th birthday

Theresa Morgan, a lifelong resident of Dutchess County, was born in Poughkeepsie on January 17, 1926. She spent her 100th birthday celebration with her daughter Rosemary, her son Steve, and many other family members and friends at Longobardi’s restaurant in Wappingers Falls. A great time (and great food) was had by all. After dessert trays and cake were served, Mrs. Morgan stood and thanked her guests for sharing her special day and then enjoyed reading her cards and opening her gifts.

Theresa opened Rosemary Flower Shop on Main Street in Wappingers Falls in 1949 and she continues to work the shop a few hours a week. She also spends time painting. Much of her work features scenes of Wappingers and Mrs. Morgan also does pet paintings and pastels based on a photograph. Rosemary Flower shop has many paintings and blank cards for sale in addition to her intricate Scherenschnitte (paper cutting). She would love to meet you. Check out her work on Facebook.



Theresa Morgan

-Courtesy photo

Joe Ely named new chairman for Ulster Savings Bank Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees of Ulster Savings Bank has announced the appointment of Joe Ely as its new chairman beginning in 2026.

Ely, who has chaired the Risk committee, the Audit committee, and served as a former chair of the Ulster Savings Charitable Foundation during his 14 years as a bank trustee, recently retired after serving in numerous engineering, program management, and executive roles in a wide range of other intensive technology businesses.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Hartford, and a Master of Science degree in Engineering Science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He previously held national and New York State securities and insurance licenses.

His professional involvement included membership in the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and the Project Management Institute (PMI). He has served as an advisor on the Payment Card Industry (PCI) Security Standards Council, the I-95 Corridor Coalition, and OmniAir payment interoperability. He was also granted a U.S. Patent.

Ely previously served on the Rhinebeck



Joe Ely

-Courtesy photo

Technology Committee and the Cable Franchise Board of Control. He’s been involved with other community organizations including the Southlands Foundation, Little League Softball, Neighbor’s Gun Club, Mensa, and Intertel.

Ely currently resides in Rhinebeck.

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“This program is a valuable addition to our existing agricultural education programs, giving students a hands-on link between their curriculum and understanding where their food comes from, while developing an appreciation for agriculture and the families who dedicate their lives to it.”

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

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

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

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



The Dutchess County Agricultural Society has launched an Agriculture in the Classroom program. The program allows for tailored hands-on educational experiences for K through 12 classrooms in Dutchess County.

-Courtesy photo

is done meeting all her school friends”

The “Adopt-A-Calf program aligns with the Society’s mission to promote agriculture through education. In 2018, the DCAS launched its Agriculture in the Classroom programming, providing tailored hands-on educational experiences for K through 12

classrooms in Dutchess County. At no charge to the school, an agriculturally related theme is brought alive monthly, making students aware of the importance of agriculture in their lives while aligning with current curriculum standards. Classes also have the opportunity for field trips to visit farms and

other agribusinesses.

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

Navigating menopause event set Feb. 26 at Starr Library

Amy Novatt, MD and Marybeth Cale, Certified Life and Health Coach have announced details of “Change is Inevitable: Courage and Confidence through Midlife Transitions.” The event will be held on Thursday, Feb. 26 from 7-9 p.m. at the Starr Library in Rhinebeck (downstairs / back entry to the building).

According to Novatt and Cale, the objective is to empower and educate women navigating perimenopause/ menopause. Dr. Novatt will lead an informative discussion that covers hor-

monal changes, menopause therapy, and body image, and Cale intends to facilitate activities designed to help guests consider what makes them thrive, and what action steps can optimize feelings of well-being.

Novatt, MD is a board-certified OB-GYN with more than 30 years of clinical experience. Her work centers on integrating women’s health with lifestyle practices that support wellness across the lifespan. She guides women through perimenopause, menopause, sexual health concerns, and the chal-

lenges of chronic medical conditions— both in clinical settings and through retreat-based programs. She is also the creator and host of GynoCurious, a global podcast exploring women’s health and the many ways we heal and are healed.

Cale is a National Board Certified Health and Wellness Coach and Certified Life Coach. Founder of Estuary Coaching, she offers individual and group coaching on a number of topics, including well-being, confident communication, empathic listening, stress management,

business development, and more. Cale is also a writer, publicist, and co-president of Cale Communications. In her free time, she serves as Chair of the Board of Trustees for Anderson Foundation for Autism, Chair of Anderson Foundation’s PR Committee, and Chair of Rhinebeck Rotary’s Community Health Committee (which works to address food insecurity and mental health and wellness locally).

Advance reservation and payment is required to attend the February 26th event, as space is limited. Visit estuarycoaching.com/packages to register.

County offers Recycle Coach app to make recycling easier for Dutchess residents

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino recently announced a new partnership with Recycle Coach, a free mobile and desktop app designed to help residents better understand what can and cannot be recycled, right from their smartphones or computers. The collaboration aims to avoid confusion about recycling, answer residents’ questions about recycling at any time of day and increase Dutchess County’s recycling rate.

The Recycle Coach digital platform offers several benefits to residents, including a handy search tool to learn how to properly dispose of household items – from aerosol cans to wrapping paper – as well as educational tips to reduce waste, reuse materials and recycle more effectively. Users of the mobile app can snap a photo of materials and learn how they can be correctly

recycled or disposed of.

Recycle Coach helps people avoid “wishcycling,” which occurs when people place items in recycling bins hoping they can be recycled, even though those items are not accepted by local recycling programs. This practice, while well intentioned, can create problems for recycling facilities and reduce the effectiveness of recycling efforts.

Other great features include the Recycle Coach blog which provides timely tips and information with topics like “What to Do with Unwanted Items after the holidays to start the new year off right.” There is also a Recycling for Kids section with activity packets for ages 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12.

Residents can access the Recycle Coach app directly through the County’s website at dutchessny.gov/solidwaste or download

it from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

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Dutchess County District Attorney Drug Task Force announces record-breaking year

The Dutchess County District Attorney’s Office Drug Task Force announced a historic year of aggressive, intelligence driven operations that directly targeted narcotic and dangerous drug traffickers across the county. In 2025, the Task Force executed more raids and made more felony arrests and conducted more covert narcotics buys than at any point in its 36-year history, a clear message that drug dealers will face swift and decisive consequences in Dutchess County.

“Our top priority is protecting the people of Dutchess County and saving lives,” said Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi. “The District Attorney’s Drug Task Force and law enforcement partners use intelligence-driven investigations and smart, strategic prosecution to disassemble drug networks and keep fentanyl and other deadly substances out of our communities. Every investigation, every arrest, and every seizure puts traffickers on notice if you deal drugs in Dutchess County, you will be identified, targeted, and held fully accountable under the law.”

Created in 1989, the Drug Task Force has always been committed to saving lives by removing lethal substances from local communities. But 2025 marked a year defined by

relentless investigative pace, coordinated intelligence with precise execution, and a refusal to allow narcotic and dangerous drug dealers to operate with impunity. Working side by side with prosecutors from the District Attorney’s Office Violent Crimes and Dangerous Drug Unit, the Task Force continues to set operational standards for narcotics enforcement.

“Drug dealers are killing our residents with Fentanyl and other poisons,” said Drug Task Force Coordinator Adam Harris. “This year, we made it unmistakably clear: if you sell deadly drugs in Dutchess County, we will find you, we will dismantle your operation, and we will hold you fully accountable. These numbers are not statistics, the work done by the District Attorney’s Drug Task Force saves lives. Every warrant or raid, every arrest, every seizure is one less opportunity for a dealer to put Fentanyl and other dangerous drugs into the hands of our residents.”

2025 Results: A new level of accountability

37 search warrants and raids executed across Dutchess County targeting high risk drug operations.
75 felony arrests (Class A, B, and C) of

narcotic and dangerous drug dealers.
10 illegal handguns seized from individuals engaged in drug trafficking.
230 covert drug purchases conducted to identify, infiltrate, and dismantle distribution networks.

The Drug Task Force is composed of investigators and agents from multiple law enforcement agencies, each contributing specialized expertise to a unified mission:

Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office – 1 Supervisor, 3 Investigators
District Attorney’s Office – 1 Legal Secretary, 1 K 9 trained in narcotics detection
U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration – 1 Agent
City of Beacon Police Department – 1 Investigator
Town of East Fishkill Police Department – 1 Investigator
City of Poughkeepsie Police Department – 1 Investigator
Town of Hyde Park Police Department – 1 Investigator
Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department – 1 Investigator
Town of Fishkill Police Department – 1 Investigator

The Task Force extends its appreciation to the tactical and specialty units whose support was essential in executing high risk operations:

Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office
Emergency Services Unit (SWAT)
Poughkeepsie Joint SWAT Team
New York State Police Community Stabilization Unit

These partnerships allow us to move faster, strike harder, and operate with the precision these dangerous and critical investigations demand.

The Task Force emphasized that 2025 is not an outlier — it is the new baseline.

“We are not slowing down. We are not backing off. If you choose to sell narcotics in Dutchess County, understand this: we are coming” said Drug Task Force Coordinator Adam Harris.

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 emailing one’s tips to Drugtaskforcetips@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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

The case was investigated by the New York State Police and is being prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Anthony Kiser. Judge Karen Edelman-



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

Reyes presided over the case. Bail was set at \$75,000 cash, \$150,000 bond and \$500,000 partially secured bond. According to officials, Henion’s next court date is scheduled for Feb. 18.

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

Dutchess County man pleads guilty to causing death of his sister

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

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

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

The case was investigated by the New York State Police and is being prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Anthony DeFazio and Unit Chief Angela LoPane. Judge Jessica Segal presided over the case. Dedaj’s sentencing date is



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

set for March 26. The agreed upon sentence is 25 years in prison and 5 years of post-release supervision.

Transportation Planning Committee to meet on Jan. 28

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

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

Moving Dutchess Forward, and other planning efforts.

Join on the web by entering meeting ID: 292 820 773 310; Passcode: NL9Vv2Rc or call in (audio only) +1 516-268-4602; Phone Conference ID: 932 321 65#.

Dutchess County Soldiers receive promotions for NYS Army National Guard Service

Major General Ray Shields, the Adjutant General for the State of New York, announces the promotion of members of the New York Army National Guard in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership.

John Vicente of Arlington and assigned to Bravo Company, NY Recruiting and Retention Battalion, received a promotion Dec. 8, 2025 to the rank of private.

Lucas Lacken of Poughkeepsie and assigned to Bravo Company, NY Recruiting and Retention Battalion, received a promotion Dec. 16, 2025 to the rank of private first class.

Miguel Rodriguez of Wappingers Falls

and assigned to Bravo Company, NY Recruiting and Retention Battalion, received a promotion Dec. 22, 2025 to the rank of private.

Jonah Usher of Wappingers Falls and assigned to 1501st Quartermaster Company, received a promotion Dec. 26, 2025 to the rank of private first class.

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RCK graduate writes ‘The Pain Free Body’ book

By Kristine Coulter

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

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

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

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

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

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

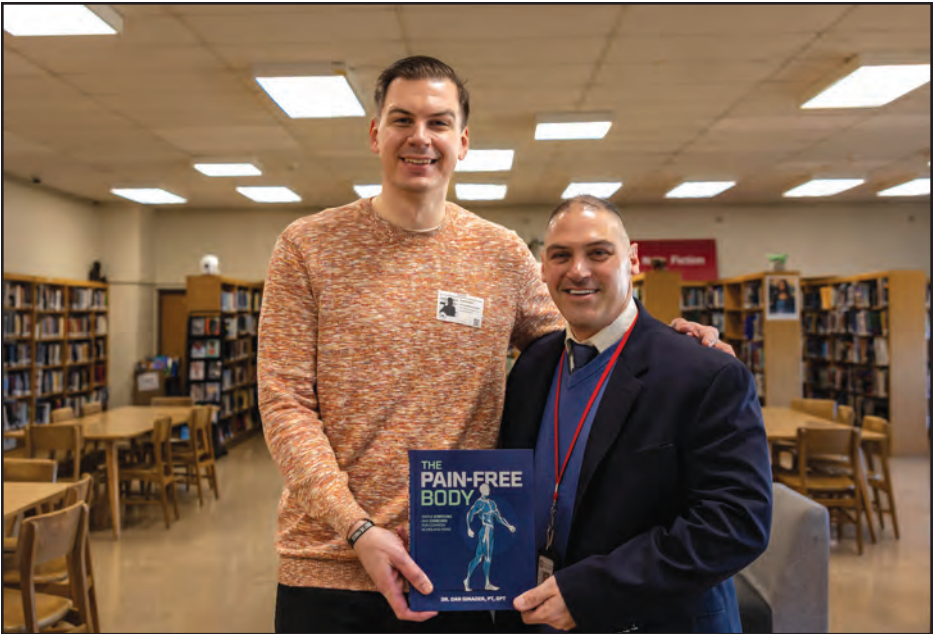
“They all work incredibly hard, are delightful to be around, and are so appreciative for the care because dance and Broadway are incredibly underserved when compared to more traditional sports. It’s been the joy of a lifetime,” he shared.

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

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

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

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



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

-Courtesy photo

(mostly) pain free.”

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

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

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

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

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

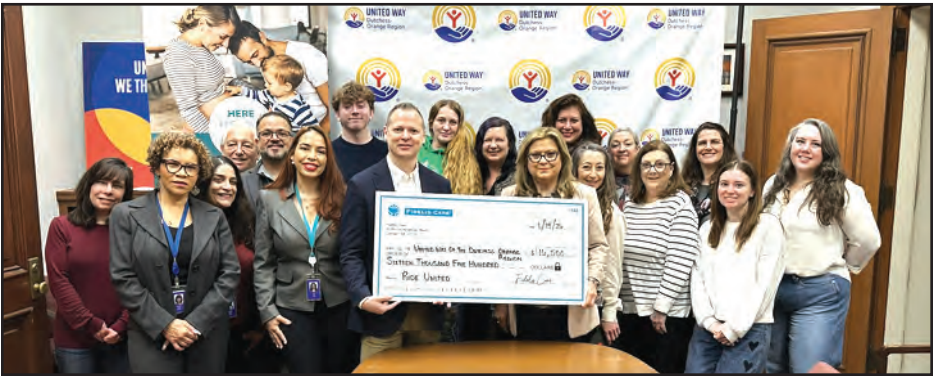
One can check out Ginader’s physical therapy videos on Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube @dr.dan_dpt.

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

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

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in the

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



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

-Courtesy photo

Beacon High hosts meet with wrestlers from 9 schools

By Morgan E. Maier

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Firefighters work to put out vehicle fire

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

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

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

It was stated that crews utilized multiple hand lines and master streams from the exterior the bulk of the fire was able to be knocked down, allowing crews to continue extinguishment operations from the interior. Due to the extensive damage to the structure, City of Beacon Fire Department was requested to the scene with their ladder truck to assist with fire suppression, according to McClusky. The Dutchess County Fire Investigation division was requested to the scene to assist in determining the cause and origin of the fire. Crews cleared the scene after seven hours, it was noted.

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

Thanks was offered to the on-scene units Hughsonville Fire Department, Protection Engine Co. #1, Village of Fishkill Fire Department, Slater Chemical Fire Company, Hopewell Hose Fire Company #1, Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Town of Fishkill Police Department, Rombout Fire Company, Inc., Castle Point VA fire Department, City of Beacon Fire



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

Department and Standby units New Hamburg Engine Co. 1, New Hackensack Fire Company, Village of Wappingers Fire Department. Appreciation was also given to Momma’s Towing for assisting with the removal of the car from the garage.

Donors sought during severe blood shortage

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

ly serious for types O, A negative and B negative blood.

High flu activity in nearly every state may be sidelining donors, slowing efforts to rebuild the Red Cross national blood supply. At the same time, hospitals already feeling the strain of the worst flu season in nearly 20

years are now also forced to triage critical blood products. Without immediate action, patients who count on transfusions — including trauma victims, mothers in childbirth and people with sickle cell disease or cancer — face serious risk.?

Book an appointment to give blood by

using the Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

As a thank-you to donors for helping tackle the blood shortage, those who come to give through Feb. 28, will receive a \$20 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. See RedCrossBlood.org/Heart for details.

Postal Service seeks help keeping access to mailboxes clear of snow

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

Any amount of snow can cause a dangerous situation for mail carriers and oth-

ers. Keeping a clear path to and around mailboxes will help mail carriers continue consistent delivery as well as keep them safe from potential slipping and/or injuries.

The Postal Service is issuing the following snow removal tips:

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

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

- Walkways should be cleared of snow and ice, allowing enough traction to avoid slips, trips or falls.
- Steps and handrails should be kept clear of ice and snow and in good repair to avoid injury to letter carriers or others.

- Overhangs should be free of snow and ice as well to reduce the risk of falling debris.

Customers with questions or comments about their mail service can contact the Postal Service at 1-800-ASK-USPS (1-800-275-8777) or by clicking on Contact Us at the bottom of the Postal Service’s USPS.com homepage.

Obituaries

Rosemary T. Fontaine



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

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

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

Rosemary had a special way of making people feel welcomed and loved. Whether

through her comforting words, her gentle smile, or the care she showed in everyday moments, she left a lasting impression on all who knew her. Her family was her greatest pride, and her love will continue to live on through them.

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

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

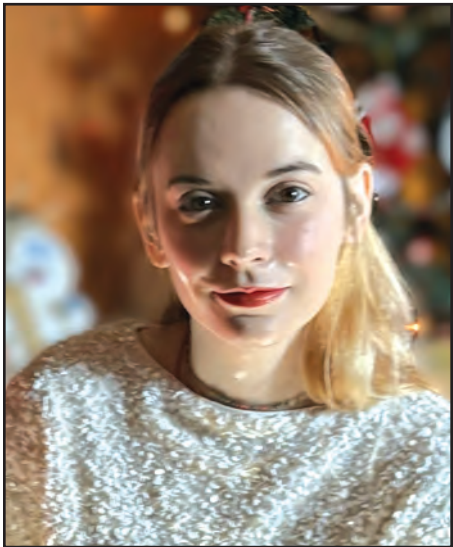
In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Hudson Valley Hospice at www.hvhospice.org.

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

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

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

Crystal Noel Ciachin



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

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

Creative Living

County Players to present Aaron Sorkin's 'A Few Good Men'

Performances run February 6-21

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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Textile workshop set for February 4

Textile Conservation will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 4 at Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, 1168 Rte. 55, Lagrangeville for Skylkill, a local chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America. The Chapter will present Meredith Wilcox-Levine, curator of the Textile Conservation Workshop in South Salem, NY.

Wilcox-Levine will be showing textile pieces and sharing how she does

museum quality conservation, cleaning, mounting as well as research on clients' personal pieces.

This program begins at 12:30 p.m. Join other needleworkers for fun and learning beginning at 10am or come for this program only beginning at 12:30.

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love to cook

by vicki frank day



Lemon Olive Oil Cake

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

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

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

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

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

The ingredients across the board were pretty much the same otherwise, but the amounts of each varied greatly, so I came up with my own based on my baking experience. I wouldn’t change a thing with this lemon version. If you like

a sweeter cake, you could make a lemon glaze for the top and/or serve with a dollop of whipped sweetened mascarpone, but I prefer the simple perfection of it without all that. Plus, the lovely top “crust” is part of its charm, and a sweet glaze would alter that, but to each his own. I imagine a lemony glaze would also offset the olive oil flavor, which might be preferable for some.

Lemon Olive Oil Cake

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

Note: You will need a round cake pan for this, preferably 9-inch with 2-inch depth. A shorter pan will not hold all the batter and will overflow as it bakes. You may have to serve it straight from the pan: I greased and lined mine with parchment but the cake didn’t release from the pan, which was fine. It rose just to the top of the pan, nice and flat without a rounded top. You could certainly use a spring-form pan but will want to wrap the bottom and up the sides with foil to prevent leaking and check it after 50 minutes for doneness.

Ingredients

- 2 cups flour (I used all-purpose), sifted
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup olive oil (I used extra virgin but opt for a light variety if you want less olive taste)
- 2 eggs
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- Zest from 1 lemon (it works best to zest



Lemon Olive Oil Cake sliced and ready to enjoy.

-Photo by Vicki Frank Day

- the lemon before juicing)
- ½ cup fresh lemon juice (from about 2 lemons, depending on size)
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 1 cup milk

Method

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
In a medium bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt together to blend well. Set aside.
In a large bowl, whisk olive oil and eggs together. Add sugar, lemon zest and juice, vanilla and milk and whisk to combine.
Add the flour mixture, half at a time, and whisk just to combine. Avoid over-mixing for the best texture. The batter will be loose.
Pour into prepared pan. (It should come to within half an inch of the top). Bake until risen, set and golden brown on top, 55-60 minutes. Not sure if it’s

done? Insert a toothpick in the center. If it comes out clean or with a few moist crumbs clinging to it, it’s done. Cool slightly before dusting top with confectioner’s sugar. Enjoy immensely.

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

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

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

Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation

By Nate Smith Recreation Director

For upcoming events and activities, as well as summer employment opportunities, please go to poughkeepsieny.myrec.com and follow us on Facebook.

Senior Center News By Ruta Ronis

For the Poughkeepsie Senior Center
Hard to believe that the first month of 2026 is almost over! We hope all is going well for you. Besides our regular hours, M - F 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., we are now also open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Membership for Town of Poughkeepsie residents 55+ remains free. Non-resident membership is \$50 for the year.
Want to have some fun as you relieve some stress or anxiety? Then sign up now for our free one hour “Drum Circle” happening on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 2 p.m. at our SC at 14 Abe’s Way. No experience

is necessary.
There’s never a dull moment when you can enjoy some “Afternoon Delight. No, not that kind! It’s the music group “Afternoon Delight” that will delight everyone at our Valentine’s Party on Tuesday, Feb.10 beginning at 11 a.m. You do need to sign up now at our SC and let us know what kind of pizza you will want for your lunch (\$5 one slice/\$8 two slices). It wouldn’t be right to not have some sweets as well, so there will be a Dessert Buffet. Please feel free to bring a dessert to share.
Thursday, Feb. 5 - Celebration for all February birthdays, with cake for everyone
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that’s italian!

by luigi coppola



‘Shopping with Pop’

A trip to buy strawberries has an unexpected twist.

The other day I went to the grocery store to buy fruit for the restaurant. I needed some strawberries for a dessert I was making. I was in a hurry, so I was walking very fast with my head down. I come around the corner and nearly ran into my father, who was shopping for home.

Pop looked at me with a big smile.

Pop: Whea Luigi! Ima so happy to see you!

Me: Hi, Pop!

Pop: Listen, I need you to pick me up a few things, okay?

Me: But, Pop, I’m in--

Pop: OK. I need 1 1/2 bananas

Me: What? 1 1/2? What?

Pop: Yeah, just break it off. I do it all the time.

Me: Pop, you can’t do that.

Pop: Why? Youa pay by the pounda, no?

Me: It’s not right.

Pop: Itsa OK. Nonja you worry. OK, then getta me two apples anda five grapes.

Me: What? Huh?

Pop: Whatsa matter for you.

Me: Five grapes?

Pop: Yeah. You getta five grapes and put them in a little bag. Oh. Maka sure you use double bags. Thisa way I cana put the broccoli di rabe ina the freezer.

Me: What? Huh?!

Pop: Thena I wanta the ... Come si chiama (How is it called)? Cachi.

Me: Persimmons?

Pop: Yeah! Geta me four.

Me: Four? Don’t they come in a box of six?

Pop: Yeah, so? OK, Imma gonna wait right here for you.

So I go over the fruit aisle and I get everything he asked for, including the 1

1/2 bananas double bagged, and I run back put everything in his cart, give him a kiss goodbye and run out to my car. I zip back to the restaurant and run inside and ... I forget the strawberries! That man has a way of confusing me.

At least I can tell you the recipe for the strawberry dessert I was going to make.

Strawberry Chocolate Bruschetta

Ingredients

6 slices crusty Italian bread
10 oz. semi sweet chocolate
10 oz. Strawberries, diced
1/2 cup pistachio nuts, coarsely chopped
2 oz. Grand Marnier liqueur

Method

Preheat the broiler and toast one side of the bread. Remove the bread, add chocolate to each slice and return to the broiler until chocolate is melted.

Add diced strawberries, pistachio nuts and sprinkle Grand Marnier.

Serve with espresso

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.

Volunteer with the Frederick W. Vanderbilt Garden Association

The Frederick W. Vanderbilt Garden Association is looking for volunteers to perform all tasks required to plant and maintain the garden. No gardening expertise is needed, we will train as we work. You need to be eighteen years old or older and be able to perform, at minimum, basic

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The Association, also, offers a “Greeter

Program” on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. At least two volunteers are needed for each afternoon. No gardening involved. The Greeter volunteers encourage visitation to the formal garden through the provision of self-guided tour brochures and explanation of the garden emphasizing the volunteerism involved in

the garden maintenance and the need for community support through monetary donations.

One is welcome to work as often and on any days that suit one’s schedule. For further information, e-mail volunteers@vanderbiltgarden.org or visit our website at <http://www.vanderbiltgarden.org>.

Boat America Course set for January 31

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

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

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

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

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

East Fishkill Recreation

**By Bill Green
Recreation Director**

Gamblers! We still have openings for our February 15 trip to Resorts World Catskills Casino. The fee is \$50 and includes round trip Coach Tours transportation, tip for driver, \$25 free slots play and a \$15 food voucher. Non- residents may attend. Give us a call.

Red Wing Park lifeguards and Summer Counselors can find application forms online.

Our 2026 East Fishkill Recreation Guides will be going to the printer the end of this month. When completed the Guides will be available in Town Hall, the East Fishkill Library, the East Fishkill Community Center, the Davis House and

many local businesses.

Signups for our two concerts, buffet and gambling trips to Resorts (June-Summer Nights – “Grease”) and (September – “Teenage Dreams 50s - 60s”) will be in late March. We are planning a trip to Yankee Stadium and a trip to Citi Field this summer. Complete info will be in the Rec Guides.

Our trip to the Paramount in Peekskill to see the very entertaining The Doo Wop Project is set for Saturday, April 25. If you missed this show last year, make plans to attend. Signups will be in February.

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

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

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

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF LOPEZ, BARK & SCHULZ LLP. Certificate of Registration filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/07/2025. Office Location: Dutchess County. LLP formed in California (CA) on 4/24/2017. SSNY designated as agent of LLP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 30 East Market Street, Rhinebeck, NY, 12572. Certificate of Formation filed with the CA Secy of State, 1500 11th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Principal office and authorized officer in CA: Michael Lopez, 300 Spectrum Center Dr., Suite 1550, Irvine, CA 92618. Purpose: law firm.

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

11 Howard LLC. Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/18/2025. Office

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location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to: 45 Briarcliff Ave, Poughkeepsie Ny 12603 Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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

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

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

BAHADUR 1 REALTY LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/31/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1 Troy Ln., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Notice of Formation of 116 Franklin Street LLC. Art of Org. filed

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

Notice of Formation of Hometown Lawn, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/11/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Adam Menz, 28 Cornell Avenue, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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

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

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

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DD Investor Group LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 4/3/25. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which

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the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him is 504 Haight Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York 12603. Purpose of LLC: To engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York.

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

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

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

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

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

Notice of Form. of MB MEDICINE PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/10/2025. Office location:

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Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to P.O. BOX 163, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12602. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of HF Main Street Development Manager LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on December 17, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC at c/o 11 Garden Street, Suite 101, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful activity.

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is 37 Century LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 30, 2025. New York office location: 1395 Boston Corners Road, Village of Millerton, County of Dutchess and State of New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: 37 Century LLC, 1395 Boston Corners Road, Millerton, New York 12546. Purpose/Character of business: Any lawful business purpose permitted under the New York Limited Liability Company Law. This notification is made pursuant to Section 206 of the Limited Liability Company Law.

Notice of Formation of Exit 67 Designs LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/23/25. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 5 Appletree Dr., Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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

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

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

Notice of Formation of Nosy By Nature Consulting and Investigative Services LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/10/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Nosy By Nature Consulting and Investigative Services LLC, 51 Creek Road, Suite 1208, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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

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

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

DeCandia Turf Solutions LLC Notice offormationofLimited Liability Company ("LLC"), Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 1/12/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail any such process served to 6 Kitteridge Place, Beacon NY 12508. General purpose: to engage in any act or activity for which a LLC may be organized under the NY LLC Law.

T&C PROPERTIES UNLIMITED LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of StateofNY11/4/2025. Off. Loc. : Dutchess Co.SSNYdesignated as agent upon whom processagainstitmay be served. SSNY to mailcopyofprocessto TheLLC,POBox404, Wingdale, NY 12594, USA. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

BARAT HOLIDAY LLC filed Arts. of Org. with theSect'yofState of NY (SSNY) on 11/14/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 Deer Hill Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: anylawfulact.

Green Tree Holiday LLC filed Arts. of Org. with theSect'yofState of NY (SSNY) on 11/14/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designatedasagentofthe LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 Deer Hill Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: anylawfulact.

Notice of Form. of Past N' Perfect, LLC Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/22/2025. Office Located in Dutchess

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Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 1629 Main Street Pleasant Valley Ny 12569 Purpose: General

NoticeofFormationof WILDCAT HOLLOW DEVELOPMENT, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/08/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Marc Chodock, 25 Hilee Rd., Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of VIOLET HILL CAPITAL,LLCArts.of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/08/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Marc Chodock, 25 Hilee Rd., Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

NoticeofFormationof JD Fire Sprinkler Solutions, LLC.Art.of Org.filedwithNYSecr-etaryofState(SSNY) on Dec 5, 2025. Of- fice of LLC located in Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served, and SSNY shall mail a copy to Northwest Registered Agent LLC at 418 Broadway STEN Albany, NY 12207. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful business activities permitted under NYS law.

NoticeofFormationof SDB Solutions, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/13/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 21 Van Ness Road, Beacon, NY, 12508. Purpose:to engagein any lawful business.

NoticeofFormationof Effective Dynamic Consulting LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on November 18, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process maybeserved.SSNY shall mail process to 3 Hook Rd, Unit 12, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

NoticeofFormationof Ro-Lin Fields LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/18/2025.

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Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may beserved.SSNYshall mail process to: 418 Broadway, STER, Albany, NY, 12207, USA. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Neon Heart Productions LLC. Art. Of Org. Filed with SSNY on 11/12/2025. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may beserved.SSNYshall mail process to: 418 Broadway, STER, Albany, NY, 12207, USA. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NoticeofFormationof Hudson Valley Life Coaching LLC. filed with SSNY on 1/14/2026.Office location: Dutchess County SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process-maybeserved.SSNY shall mail process to PO box 140 Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

A M P E D E L E C T R I C A L C O N T R A C T I N G LLC. Filed 12/18/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Business Filings Incorporated, 187 Wolf Rd, Ste 101, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: General.

RIVER VALLEY T E C H N I C A L IMAGING LLC. Filed 11/10/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to:NicholasK.Golembiewski, 36 Tree Line Ct,Fishkill,NY12524. Purpose: General.

NoticeofFormationof GXB Precision Tree. LLC.CareArt.OfOrg. filed with SSNY on 01/06/2026. Office Location: Dutchess County . SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom processagainstitmay beserved.SSNYshall mailprocessto:pobox 42 Billings,NY 12510 .Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 60 Florence NY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/19/2025. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom processagainstitmay be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him

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is 60 Florence Avenue, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose of LLC: Toengageinany andallbusinessactiv- ities permitted under the laws of the State of New York.

228 MANSION STREETLLC.Arts.of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/14/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it maybeserved.SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 72 Old Mamaroneck Road, White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: Anylawfulpurpose.

NoticeofFormationof CMME LOGISTICS LLC. Art/Org filed 1/1124. Ofc loc Dutchess Cty. SSNY desig. agent for svc/proc&shallmailto 136 N ELM ST, BEACON, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Spaccarelli Prophecy Hall Holdings, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/15/26. Of- fice: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 320 River Rd S, Wappingers, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful

NoticeofQualification of REVSTAC CONSULTING LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/07/26. Office location: Dutchess County.LLCformedin Massachusetts (MA) on 05/18/21. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it maybeserved.SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543.MAaddr.ofLLC: 2B Cragmore Rd., Newton, MA 02464. Cert. of Form. filed withSecy.oftheCom- monwealth,OneAsh- burtonPl.,Boston,MA 02108. Purpose:Any lawful activity.

“Notice of Formation of Tom White Dog Training And Behavior LLC” Art. of Org. filed Sec’y of State on 1/6/2026. Of- fice:DutchessCounty SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 29 Friendly Way Stormville, NY 12582 Purpose: Dog Training

NOTICE OF FORMATION BREV SW LLC hasfiledArticlesofOr- ganization with the Secretary of State on January 16, 2026. Its

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office is located in Dutchess County. TheSecretaryofState has been designated as agent upon whom processagainstitmay be served and a copy of any process will be mailed to 89 Kensington Lane, Pough- keepsie, New York 12603. The purpose of the LLC is any law- ful activity.

NoticeofFormationof Limited Liability Com- panyArticlesofOrga- nization of Mahaffey Cattle Company LLC (hereinafter the Com- pany) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on Janu- ary 15, 2026. The of- fice of the Company is located in Dutchess County, New York. The Company has designated the Sec- retary of State of New York as its agent upon which process against it may be served. The post of- fice address to which the Secretary of State shallmailacopyofany process against the Company is 484 Old Route22,Amenia,NY 12501. The purpose of the Company shall betoconductanylaw- fulbusinessoractivity whatsoever, as per- mitted by applicable law.

Notice of Formation of ELBOW CREEK TWO, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of StateofNY(SSNY)on 01/16/26. Office location: Dutchess County.Princ.officeof LLC: 241 Hudson St., Hackensack, NJ 07601. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Cor- poration Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Pur- pose: Any lawful activity.

VALDINA TELLER ENTERPRISESLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/13/26. 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, 42 Teller Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NoticeofFormationof Distillery Stay LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY)onJanuary8, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC at c/o 284 State Route 23, Claverack, NY 12513. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Formation of 356VERBK, LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/14/2026. Office loc.: Dutchess County. The princi- pal business address is 356-358 Verbank Rd., Millbrook, NY 12545. SSNYisdes- igned as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Jes- sica Ariel Pesco, 395 Leonard St.,Apt. 522, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Aura Flooring LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/30/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been des- ignedasagentofthe LLC upon whom processagainstitmay be served and shall mail process to: c/o TheLLC,79WDorsey Ln, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: any lawful act.

JPB CONSULTAS, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 01/09/2026. Office lo- cation: Dutchess County. SSNY is des- igned as agent upon whom process against the LLC may beserved.SSNYshall mail process to the LLC, PO Box 833, Beacon, NY 12508. General Purposes.

ADK Mountain View Properties, LLC filed w/SSNY 1/12/26. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 111 Barkit Ken- nel Rd, Pleasant Val- ley, NY 12569. Any lawful purpose.

KLZ GROUP, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/14/26. 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, 40 Galle Lane, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: Anylawfulpurpose.

Notice of Formation of VALLEY TECHNOLOGIES GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/6/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. Principal business location: 1 HOLLYBERRY DR, HOPEWELL JUNC- TION, NY 12533. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it maybeserved.SSNY shall mail process to: 1 HOLLYBERRY DR, HOPEWELL JUNC- TION, NY 12533. Any

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lawful purpose.

LF8 LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/15/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been des- igned as agent upon whom process against the LLC may beserved.SSNYshall mail process to: The LLC, 1 Jordan St, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Reg Agent: U.S. Corp. Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Ave., Ste 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

TEMPLE BUILT LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/08/2026. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may beserved.SSNYshall mail process to: The LLC, 1 Jordan St, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Reg Agent: U.S. Corp. Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Ave., Ste 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Notice of Form. of JKMR PROPERTY GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/19/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom processagainstitmay be served. SSNY mail process to PO BOX 585, AMENIA, NY 12501. Any lawful purpose.

NoticeofFormationof Small Batch Sisters LLC.Arts.ofOrg.filed with SSNY on 1/18/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY desig- nated as agent of LLC upon whom process againstitmay be served. SSNY shall mail process to Meghan Dolan, 3 Fowlerhouse Rd, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 . Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of D&K AUTO PERFORMANCE LLC. Articles of Orga- nization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 24, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been des- igned as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it maybeserved.SSNY shall mail a copy of process to 75 Honey- well Ln Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, Plaintiff -against- Ivan Stephens a/k/a Ivan R. Stephens unknown heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming, under, by or through said defendant, who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in and to the premises described herein, the complaint herein, Kerryann Stephens a/k/a Kerryanne Stephens as Heir of the Estate of Ivan Stephens a/k/a Ivan R. Stephens, I. S. as Heir of the Estate of Ivan Stephens a/k/a Ivan R. Stephens, Hollian Jada Stephens as Heir of the Estate of Ivan Stephens a/k/a Ivan R. Stephens if living and if he/she be dead, any and all persons who are spouses, widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienor, heirs, devisees, distributees, or successors in interest of such of the above as may be dead, and their spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residences are unknown to Plaintiff, Saniya M. Stephens as Heir of the Estate of Ivan Stephens a/k/a Ivan R. Stephens, Jaden Stephens as Heir of the Estate of Ivan Stephens a/k/a Ivan R. Stephens, T. S. as Heir of the Estate of Ivan Stephens a/k/a Ivan R. Stephens, United States of America acting through the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, United States of America - Internal Revenue Service, "John Doe", (Refused Name), Richmond Hill Association, Inc. Keldon O. Decoteau, Defendants. Index No.: 2025-51533 Filed: 12/22/25 **SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS** Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your

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Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the attorneys for the plaintiff within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service; or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York; or within sixty (60) days if it is the United States of America. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. **NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT** THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$343,660.00 and interest, recorded in the office of the clerk of the County of Dutchess on July 01, 2022 in Doc. 01-2022-53599, Page covering premises known as 12 Bayberry Circle, Fishkill, NY 12524. There is relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. **NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME** **If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.** **Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.** **Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.** **YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.** Dated: Bay Shore, New York December 19, 2025 Frenkel, Lambert, Weisman & Gordon, LLP BY: Karen Sheehan, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff 53 Gibson Street, Bay Shore, New York 11706 (631) 969-3100; Our File No.: 01-098935-F01

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCB-01-26. NAME OF PROJECT: Oakley Street Housing Support Center. Project Description: The conversion of existing building to a housing support center, work including selective demolition, reconstruction, alterations to electrical, plumbing, HVAC systems, and ADA/code compliance of existing building. The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities." For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public Works at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. All Addenda will be posted on Bid-Net Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids for the above project will be received by: Christopher Sterbenz, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 on or before 11:00 AM Friday, February 27, 2026, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be attended through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids

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read aloud via Teams, will need to call into the phone number listed below. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 960 202 43# Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Questions will be accepted by the close of business Friday February 20, 2026 and emailed to Christopher Sterbenz at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. The anticipated start of construction is April 13, 2026; the anticipated substantial completion date is May 30, 2027. Failure to meet these dates may result in liquidated damages. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2026000467. Starting December 30, 2024: NYSDOL Contractor and Subcontractor registry requirements. View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable, and NYSDOL Contractor Registry requirements. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS RECEIPT OF BIDS: Separate sealed bids on enclosed forms prepared by the Engineer will be received by the Town Clerk Office at the Town of Milan, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan, New York until 11:00 A.M. (local Time) on Friday, March 6, 2026 for

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MILAN CULVERT REPLACEMENT BUNDLE PROJECT BATTENFELD ROAD AND TORRE ROCK ROAD Town of Milan Dutchess County, New York For the construction of replacing both the existing Battenfeld Road culvert and the Torre Rock Road culvert. Bids received after 11:00 A.M. (local time) Friday, March 6, 2026 will not be accepted or considered. Sealed bids will be publicly opened by the Town Board and read aloud at 11:00 A.M. (local time) on Friday, March 6, 2026 at the Town of Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan, New York 12571. The Information for Bidders, Specifications, and other Contract Documents may be reviewed at the offices of the Town of Milan, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan, New York 12571, and at the office of KC Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C., 15 Governor Drive, Second Floor, Newburgh, New York 12550. Drawings and other Contract Documents will be available on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 and may be obtained ONLY at the Town Hall upon deposit of \$50.00 per set. Deposit made by check shall be made payable to the Town Clerk. Said deposit shall be totally refunded to the unsuccessful Bidder(s) who includes a proper Bid deposit. Refunds shall be made only if plans are returned in good condition (intact and unmarked), within thirty (30) days following the bid opening. Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check or Bid Bond in the amount of five (5%) percent of the base Bid in the form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. The Bid Deposit shall be made in Certified Check from the Bidder or in a Bid Bond on the form of said Bid Bond attached to the Specifications or similar and be drawn payable to the Town of Milan. No Bidder may withdraw a Bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. **To all prospective Bidders, there will be a strongly recommended pre-bid meeting on Wednesday, February 4, 2026.** The pre-bid meeting will take place at 9:30 A.M. at the Town of Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan, NY. It is recommended that all bidders familiarize

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themselves with the plans prior to the pre-bid meeting so that questions and concerns can be addressed. Bidders are to promptly notify the Engineer of any errors, omissions, conflicts and/or ambiguity in the contract documents. No oral interpretations of the meaning of the Plans, Specifications, or other Pre-Bid Documents will be made to any prospective bidder. All requests for interpretations are to be in writing, addressed to KC Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C., 15 Governor Drive, Second Floor, Newburgh, New York. To be given consideration, requests for interpretation must be received at least seven (7) days prior to the date fixed for the opening of Bids. Any and all such interpretations and any supplemental instructions will be in the form of written Addenda to the Specifications which, if issued, will be provided to the prospective Bidders, not later than three (3) days prior to the date fixed for the opening of Bids. Addenda will be issued by email to the bid document holders. All addenda so issued shall become part of the Contract Documents. The first addenda will include bid document holders list and pre-bid meeting attendee list. **OWNERS RIGHTS RESERVED:** The Town of Milan, hereinafter called the Owner, reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and to waive any formality or technicality in any Bid in the best interests of the Owner and in accordance with the Law. **STATEMENT OF NON-COLLUSION:** Bidders are required to execute the Non-Collusion Bidding Certificate, in the form attached to the Specifications, pursuant to Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York. Bidders are also required to comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Law as set forth in Article 15 of the Executive Law of the State of New York. The Town of Milan is exempt under the Tax Law of New York State, Article 28 – Part III, and is exempt from payment of Sales and Compensating Use Taxes of the State of New York on all materials which are incorporated into work pursuant to the provisions of the Contract. These taxes are not to be included in the Bid under New York State Tax Law, Article 28, Part III. This project is subject New York State Pre-

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vailing Wage Rates. The work required by this Contract shall consist of furnishing all labor, equipment, materials, supervision, and performing all work necessary to complete the project as herein described. The work generally includes but is not limited to the following: 1. Battenfeld Road Culvert: a. Replace an existing 60-inch diameter corrugated metal pipe with 8ft high by 15ft-9in wide by 36ft long aluminum box culvert with a natural bottom, concrete footings, and with new headwalls and wingwalls. 2. Torre Rock Road Culvert: a. Replace an existing 45-inch diameter corrugated metal pipe with 5ft high by 9ft wide by 47ft long precast concrete box culvert with new headwalls and wing walls. b. Raise the roadway by approximately 1 foot at the culvert crossing is proposed to accommodate the larger culvert size. Approximately 300LF of Torre Rock Road is proposed to be raised. c. Reestablish northerly ditch with new 12-inch diameter corrugated metal pipe and riprap as per plan. 3. Pavement restoration, including full depth pavement and top course milling and paving. 4. Replace approximately 325LF of guide rail along Battenfeld Road and approximately 215LF of guide rail along Torre Rock Road as per the plans. 5. Protect the existing stream channels and provide temporary bypass pumping of the streams as shown on the plans. 6. Provide erosion and sediment control measures per the plans. 7. Provide site clearing and restoration as per the plans. 8. Provide maintenance and protection of traffic. 9. Coordinate with the Town of Milan, NYSD-DEC, and local utility companies to maintain and protect the project area and maintain services during construction. This notice is issued in the name of the Owner, the Town of Milan, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan, New York 12571. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN OF MILAN By: William Jeffway, Supervisor Date: January 28, 2026

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-17-26

Security Guard Services

Proposals must be submitted electronically through the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System (BidNet Direct) Portal on or before 2:00 p.m., February 10, 2026. Specifications, proposal forms and submittal instructions may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Notice: The Milan Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on February 16, 2026, at 6:55 p.m. concerning proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2026, entitled, "Local Law Amending Town Code Chapter 183 (Taxation)" pursuant to Article 16 of the N.Y. Town Law. This Local Law will take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State. Complete copies of the proposed Local Law are available at the Town of Milan Town Clerk's Office for inspection during regular business hours. All interested persons and cit-

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izens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposals at the Public Hearing to be held at the Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan, NY. By order of the Milan Town Board, Ingrid Kulick, Town Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FRESHWATER WETLANDS/WATERCOURSE/WATER BODY PERMIT FISHKILL MEDICAL PARK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Chapter 82, Section 82-9E. of the Code of the Town of Fishkill, the Town of Fishkill Planning Board (Planning Board) will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible in the Francois R. Cross Meeting Room located in the lobby of the Town of Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524 for a Freshwater Wetlands/Watercourse/Water Body Permit for the proposal known as Fishkill Medical Park, identified as Tax Map Parcel No. 6255-00-255525, consisting of 9.93 acres and Tax Map Parcel No. 6255-00-468570, consisting of 37.84 acres located on Snook Road in the R-40 Zoning District to conduct a regulated activity within a Town Wetland Buffer Area.

A Wetlands/Watercourse/Water Body permit approval

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is required for three (3) small areas of wetland buffer disturbance (Area A – 0.03 acres; Area B – 0.07 acres; and Area C – 0.03 acres) shown on the Fishkill Medical Park Grading Plans (Sheets G-1, G-2 and G-3) on file in the Town of Fishkill Planning Department. The total wetland buffer disturbance of 0.13 acres was determined in the SEQR (NYS Environmental Quality Review Act) Negative Declaration, adopted by the Planning Board on November 18, 2025, to be a minor disturbance given the area of wetland buffers left untouched on the site and the absence of any disturbance to the wetlands on the site. The Planning Board adopted a Resolution of Preliminary and Conditional Final Approval - Site Development Plan and Special Use Permit and a Resolution of Preliminary and Conditional Final Approval - Subdivision on December 13, 2025.

All interested persons will be heard by the Planning Board of the Town of Fishkill at the public hearing to be held as aforesaid. For any persons unable to attend the public hearing, email comments may be submitted in advance to dcolonna@fishkill-ny.gov.

BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FISHKILL, NEW YORK
Debbie Colonna, Planning Board

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Secretary

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN, SPECIAL USE PERMIT AND FRESHWATER WETLANDS/WATERCOURSE/WATER BODY PERMIT WILLOW LAKE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Chapter 150, Sections 150-97B. and 150-109 and Chapter 82, Section 82-9.E of the Code of the Town of Fishkill, the Town of Fishkill Planning Board (Planning Board) will hold a Combined Public Hearing on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible in the Francois R. Cross Meeting Room located in the lobby of the Town of Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524 for the proposal known as Willow Lake identified as Tax Map Parcel No. 6255-00-432320, located at 4 - 16 Willow Lake Drive, consisting of 92.82 acres, in the R-40 and R-4A Zoning District; Tax Map Parcel No. 6255-00-472382, located on Van Wyck Lake Road, consisting of 10.98 acres, in the R-40 and R-4A Zoning Districts; and Tax Map Parcel No. 6255-00-359445 located on Van Wyck Lake Road, consisting of 1.74 acres in the R-40 Zoning District for the following approvals and permit:

Site Development Plan Approval

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and Special Use Permit Approval (Town Code Chapter 150, Sections 150-97B. and 150-109) - for the adaptive reuse of several existing structures and amenities and for the construction of new improvements to include overnight motel accommodations for guests comprised of 32 semi-attached motel structures (64 units each approximately 600 SF in size) and 16 fully detached motel structures (each approximately 950 SF in size), accessory facilities including a restaurant with outdoor seating areas, a large event space designed for group dining and special occasions, a welcome building, a small building serving as a trail head for on-site hiking, a spa building, a fitness building, an accessory flex building, hiking trails, parking and all other necessary site improvements.

Freshwater Wetlands/Water Body Permit (Town Code Chapter 82, Section 82-9E. - for proposed disturbance within the Town of Fishkill regulated Water Body/Watercourse 50 foot buffers.

All interested persons will be heard by the Planning Board of the Town of Fishkill at the public hearing to be held as aforesaid. For any persons unable to attend the public hearing, email comments may be submitted in advance to

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dcolonna@fishkill-ny.gov. BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FISHKILL, NEW YORK
Debbie Colonna, Planning Board Secretary

Please Take Notice that the Planning Board of the Town of East Fishkill will continue the public hearing on the 17th day of February, 2026 at 6PM in the East Fishkill Town Hall, located at 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY, or as soon thereafter as the matter may come on to be heard, in the matter of the application of the Montage at East Fishkill project for the granting of Preliminary and Final subdivision approval for a proposed cluster subdivision with 122 residential lots on a 385.5 acre parcel, as shown on maps prepared by Day & Stokosa Engineering, 3 Van Wyck Lane, Wappinger Falls, New York, 12590, dated December 22, 2025, and Preliminary and Final Major Subdivision Plat prepared by Colliers Engineering, 18 Corporate Woods Blvd., Suite 400, Albany, NY 1221, dated October 24, 2024 as filed in the office of the Town of East Fishkill Planning Department, and which site is located on Route 52 being described as a 385.5 acre tax parcel identified as #6556-00-802836. All parties in interest and citizens will be heard by the

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Board at said public hearing scheduled at said time.

LEGAL NOTICE
Please take notice that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Wappingers Falls will hold a public hearing on February 3, 2026, at 7:00 pm, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at Village Hall Courthouse, 2582 South Road, Wappingers Falls, NY, on the application submitted by Saff Holdings Inc., Tariq Mahmood, (Owner and Applicant), for property having an address of 67 South Remsen Avenue (Grid # 6158-18-378043). This property is located in the Residential (R) Zoning District. This applicant is seeking an area variance from §151 of the Village Code attachment 3, table 5, which requires 100 feet, where 97 feet is being provided to permit the subdivision of the parcel to allow for the construction of a new home on the new parcel. A copy of this application is on file in the Planning and Zoning Department and is available for inspection when the Department is open, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. The telephone number is 845-297-5277. All interested persons may appear in person, by agent, or by attorney, and all will be heard. Date: January 23, 2026

The deadline for Legals is every Monday @ 12 noon for a Wednesday Publication* *When a public holiday falls on a Monday the deadline becomes Friday at noon.

MRC to host Women’s Safety Awareness Night Feb. 19

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) of Dutchess County and the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department will offer the popular Women's Safety Awareness Night seminar on Thursday, Feb. 19, starting at 6pm at the Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response campus, at 392 Creek Road,

Poughkeepsie. The event is free to attend, but registration is required as seating is limited. Registration is available online at DutchessNY.gov/WomensSafety or by emailing mrc@dutchessny.gov.

Designed to encourage and empower women, while raising awareness of common safety measures that can be

taken to minimize risk, Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department instructors will share tips for participants to better understand the important role their instincts and gut reactions play as well as how to identify and avoid potentially dangerous situations, how to make a safety plan and decrease

the odds of becoming a victim of a crime.

Dutchess County MRC hosts various trainings for members and non-members alike throughout the year. For more information about the MRC, including how to sign-up to volunteer, visit dutchessny.gov/mrc.

this week’s puzzle solutions

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This week's answer
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Sudoku solution

1	3	1	2	1	3
4	2	4	3	5	2
5	1	5	2	4	3
3	2	3	1	5	1
1	4	5	4	3	2
5	2	1	2	1	4

Sudoku solution

Virtual soup-making class set for Feb. 19

The Dutchess County Library Association (DCLA) will present "Warming Winter Soups with Holly Shelowitz," a virtual event taking place on Zoom on Thursday, Feb. 19, at 6 p.m.

Get cozy this winter with delicious soups focused on nutritious ingredients and maximum flavor. Throughout the class, one will receive lots of helpful information, time-saving tips and knife skills to make it easier to get dinner on the table and lunch in your bowl.

Patrons from any library in Dutchess County are welcome to attend, but registration is required to receive the Zoom link. Check with one's local library for more information.

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THEME: WINTER OLYMPICS

ACROSS

1. Pinch to save

6. Brownie

9. Lady, in Madrid

13. Proprietor

14. Romanian money

15. Iraqi money

16. Coffee shop order

17. *Before 1998 only they played Olympic hockey

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

19. *Most decorated country in Winter Olympics

21. *_____ of Hamill Camel fame

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

24. Assistant

25. _____ of war

28. Sushi wrapped in nori

30. Oblong cream puff

35. Singles

37. Manure, e.g.

39. Soil for cultivation

40. Bon Jovi hit "Have a _____ day"

41. "Encore!"

43. Don't go

44. Bumpkin

46. Poet Pound's first name

47. Rodeo Drive tree

48. Sense of alienation and isolation

50. Similar

52. Toast option

53. *Misha, 1980 Russian Olympics Mascot was one

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

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

61. *Overall Olympic curling medal leader

64. Bikini _____ in the Marshall Islands

65. Zodiac sign

67. Pasture

69. Boundary lines

70. Government Printing Office

71. Rocky ridge

72. Singer Tori

73. Farm layer

74. *1964 and 1976 mountainous Olympic location

DOWN

1. Honda CR-X del _____

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

3. Enthusiastic about

4. Part of MGM

5. From the 1930s, e.g.

6. Abounding with certain trees

7. Bruce _____ of karate fame

8. Fundus, pl.

9. Aeneas' lover

10. "Don't bet _____!"

11. Lye formula

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

15. Do like Tarantino

20. Pleasant smell

22. Schiller's "_____ to Joy"

24. Real _____ of Seville

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

26. "For better or worse"?

27. GEICO's mascot

29. *Olympic toboggan

31. Speech defect

32. Place for worship

33. *2026 Winter Olympics location

34. Mother Goose creation

36. Give an impression

38. Michael Douglas' dad

42. Nigerian money

45. Slandorous statements

49. Snake-like fish

51. Dairy choice

54. Frustration, in a comic book

56. Grocery store section

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

58. Big-ticket _____

59. Japanese zither

60. Saloon selections

61. Colloquial "Follow me!"

62. Widely hunted ruminant

63. Kind of sax

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

68. Penn.'s neighbor

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From 1776: The voices of indigenous peoples heard locally

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This is part of an ongoing series of DCHS findings that look at the launch of countless local journeys inspired by the 1776 American Revolution as we approach its 250th anniversary. At the time, the American promise of freedom and equality was a radical experiment. When we look at local Indigenous communities, we find that their ambition to maintain vital, dynamic, and discreet communities across generations past, present and future has consistently involved addressing land rights issues.

Some contemporary examples of today’s communities may be found at www.dchsny.org/rev250-indigenous.

But first, here is some context from the Revolutionary period itself.

Many people are familiar with the great American Patriot Daniel Nimham who was originally from southernmost Dutchess County, today’s Putnam County. His motivation to join the Patriot rather than the British cause may have stemmed from his failure to get what he felt was just treatment from the British.

In 1767, he traveled to England to argue his case to the British Secretary of State and Lords of Trade, who turned down his appeal. He died in battle in the Revolution in 1778. Had he lived, he no doubt would have faced the same obstacles with the



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

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new United States that he faced in trying to have his land rights issues resolved with Colonial New York.

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



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

sought their support.

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

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

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

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

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

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

One-hundred and ten years after the launch of the American Revolution, the Dutchess County Peace Society had its

annual gathering for thousands on August 1, 1886 in the Town of Clinton’s Wiley’s Grove. The group’s leadership emerged from local Quaker husband and wife Charles and Amanda Deyo.

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

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

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

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

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



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America: Songs of Patriotism, Protest, and Praise at Blodgett Library in Fishkill

America’s democracy is based upon the freedoms of speech and religion as part of its cornerstone. This program presents Patriotism, Praise, and Protest as part of the vital fabric that weaves our differences into our distinct strength. Key hymns, noble anthems of patriotism, and tunes of solidarity as well as resistance make this a worthy program celebrating our union. This unique sound, provided by Alex Prizgintas and his amplified cello, will be part of the Blodgett Library, Broad St., in Fishkill on Friday, Jan. 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Classically trained, he employs non-classical tools like distortion, delay, and the iconic “wah-wah” guitar pedals symbolic of 1960s Rock n’ Roll bands-all in conjunction with a looping station. Equally comfortable with intimate and stadium settings, Alex is able to craft his own wall-of-sound through his 1,000 watt amp. Accompanied by a narration that reveal some of the back stories of

baroque, jazz, folk, and Rock n’ Roll classics, he immerses his audience in a journey through musical history.

Those familiar with Alex’s work on the cello might be surprised to learn that he graduated summa cum laude in both an undergraduate degree from Marist College in regional history and a graduate degree from Marist in public administration, in addition to serving as president of the Woodbury Historical Society and town historian of Woodbury in Orange County, NY.

“I tend to have two audiences; those who know me as a cellist and those who know me through my lectures on topics of regional history. My bifurcated interests certainly keep me busy developing new stories to share about our Hudson River Valley as well as expanding my concert programs that strive to keep audiences engaged, enlightened and hopefully entertained.”

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