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Caricature artist Marlene Kryza loves to create fun for everyone



Caricature artist Marlene Kryza, a Hudson Valley transplant, is pictured working in her studio. At right, one of her subjects shows off his portrait during an event. In addition to her artwork, Kryza enjoys building relationships with a wide variety of individuals.

-Courtesy photos

By Morgan E. Maier

Whether the subject is monochrome, tied to a railroad, or a bird shedding colorful plumes in fear, Hudson Valley transplant Marlene Kryza's caricatures capture the side rarely seen off paper. Looking just above her left shoulder, one prepares to feel seen, while each brush stroke reveals a new layer.

A caricature can not exist without expectations for the exchange. Within

minutes, each side knows what the other wants. Will a dead silence blanket the session, or playful conversation? One person begs Marlene to destroy their face. The next wants nothing more than an uncanny resemblance.

Some people simply want to know about Marlene. The interaction becomes their gateway to finding out: "how does one become a caricature artist?"

The result is a permanent memento, a

moment preserved in time, or a relationship dynamic condensed into one representation. A husband's head fills more than one sheet; his proportionally shrunken wife is placed expertly within.

Live drawings at special occasions are a performance involving everyone - artist, subject, the line of patrons waiting for their moment in the hot seat.

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Wedding & Vow Renewal Ceremony set for Feb. 13 at The Chapel in Wappinger

By Kristine Coulter

Couples will make their vows or renew them, during the annual Wedding & Vow Renewal Ceremony in the Town of Wappinger on Friday, Feb. 13, from 10 a.m. to noon. The ceremony will not only highlight each couple's love and devotion to each other, but also the venue, The Chapel at Carnwath Farms Historic Site & Park, 81 Carnwath Farms Lane.

"Last year's Wedding & Vow Renewal Ceremony was met with such a warm and positive response. Couples and guests told us how special it felt to celebrate their love with friends and neighbors. It felt less like a formal ceremony and more like a true community celebration. Bringing our families together has been a hallmark of this Administration and a motivator for us to do more for you," said Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini.

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Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini will host the 2nd Annual Wedding & Vow Renewal Ceremony in Wappinger on Feb. 13.

-Archive photo

Beacon Police Chief: 'Working non-stop' investigating alleged assault case

By Kristine Coulter

City of Beacon Police Chief Thomas Figlia posted "a message" to the community on Jan. 30 about the alleged assault that occurred on Jan. 14 on Tioronda Ave. Figlia said in the two-page message on social media, the department has been working non-stop investigating the case. He noted he has received numerous emails and calls requesting updates about the case.

"I have been trying to respond to [emails, phone calls] individually because I prefer to answer the thoughtful questions I've received directly and personally. In light of the volume of requests I've received however, I thought it would be a help to offer this update to the community," stated Figlia, who said he has to be honest about his capacity to respond to each one and working on the investigation. He added he does not see these requests "as unreasonable in any way."

Figlia shared in his message to the community, "We have spent untold hours poring over evidence because the absolute best thing we can do for the community is to solve it. Members of the department are going to bed thinking about the case and waking up doing the same, I'm not telling you this for any other reason but to say that this is currently the absolute top priority of this police department."

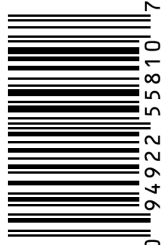
In fictional media, complicated cases take mere days to complete, wrote Figlia, noting the reality is they often take weeks, months or years. He shared about a 2022 murder case in Beacon in which arrests were made in 2025.

"As a lifelong Beacon resident and a parent of a young woman myself, I understand how upsetting this incident has been to everyone in the community," stated the chief. "While I wish I could share more, I always have to be extremely careful not to contaminate investigations or release information that could be harmful to victims."

Figlia offered assurance to the community that once he could "responsibly" share more information, he would. It was noted by the police department on social media that "Comments" were turned off "only because we cannot risk a comment relevant to the case being added and becoming evidence."

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“You get a souvenir, and it’s entertainment at the party. That’s more of a performance because people do not want to have awkward silence. It’s lots of yukking it up with people,” said Marlene, who has drawn at many a bar mitzvah, wedding, birthday occasion and even county fairs.

Marlene verbalizes through gestures and facial expressions. When she is enjoying the ride, you will know. If the track goes awry, you will also know. With the signature “mini golf face,” a theater mask complement to poker



From left, caricature artist Marlene Kryza entertains and works at her easel at the South Street Seaport in New York City and in her studio. Right, one of her subjects is amused by his caricature portrait.

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face, Marlene is a trained mime with a tangible prop: her marker.

Caricature is an art of trading - the spoken stamp of approval, “I’m going to borrow that,” inks a job well done. Styles are unique to each artist. Some sketch out their drawings, while others use animal features for flourish. Marlene creates each portrait on the spot, prioritizing the recognizable over the fantastical.

“I try not to sacrifice likeness for exaggeration, because you can exaggerate beyond a likeness. I think a really good caricature artist could do both brilliantly,” she said.

Beginning a journey

Love of illustration is not the only driving force behind the caricatures. A deep belief in the art has lived within Marlene since her youth. For her, summers at the fair meant caricatures over cotton candy. At her grandparents’ house, there lived a portrait of her grandma as a princess, and Grandpa the frog. Kissed by a damsel, man becomes amphibian. Written above him was an inside joke Marlene never understood. Still she studied each line, the blend of whimsy and grotesque revealing new details with every visit.

Marlene was drawn years later by a sign on her college campus that read CARICATURE ARTIST WANTED. Seated nearby was Deb, who would become Marlene’s first mentor. Life-changing caricature kismet ensued, as each offered what the other was seeking. Emboldened by the belief and an early-twenties zeal for testing unknown waters, Marlene took up the craft that very instant. It has hooked her for over 25 years.

The journey that sent her from Ohio to Denver, back to the Eastern Seaboard

near that New Jersey upbringing. New York City’s South Street Seaport brought Marlene’s first caricature kiosk. Every day she trudged her cabinet across cobblestones and dashed to get it inside at any sign of rain.

Marlene was magnetic for South Street employees, tourists, and native New Yorkers who crossed the stretch daily. Each traveled thresholds of being drawn, of feeling seen. Some beat cancer and completed a bucket list item. Others swapped strolls for a seat under Marlene’s umbrella, emboldened by the seaport’s open air expanse. The bustle brought one unexpected constant: regular customers making annual traditions at Marlene’s hand.

“I never really expected that to be a thing, people getting multiple caricatures, but there would be locals that would come every year for their caricature,” she said.

Fellow performers and clientele crept towards Marlene’s spot with childlike interest. She drew the New York City skyline thousands of times, seared “I Love NY” within her muscle memory. The drawings stay as memories of the first caricature setup, but also as a reminder of her growth as an artist. Since moving from Brooklyn to the Hudson Valley, Marlene travels New York’s fair circuit from April to October, drawing in counties from Dutchess to Delaware.

Always “lubricating the gears,” Marlene is constantly practicing the craft. She finds beauty in sharing the energy with young artists, seated with curiosity at her table. As many others did throughout her own journey, Marlene Kryza offers the artist’s chair. She gives a marker, statuesque gaze just above their shoulder, and a challenge.

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Assistant County Executive Ronald Hicks to retire from local government service

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino has announced the upcoming retirement from government service of Assistant County Executive Ronald Hicks. Hicks, who will officially retire May 1, has dedicated more than 30 years in public service across several layers of government, including the past decade in his current role.

Serino said, "Ron has been a tireless advocate for our neighbors, always working to make government accessible, accountable and efficient. His leadership in economic development and his dedication to making government more responsive have made Dutchess County a model throughout New York State. The impact of his work will reap positive benefits throughout our community for years to come."

Hicks, a fourth-generation Dutchess County resident, began a career of public service with a college internship with the Office of the Speaker of the New York State Assembly, where he had the opportunity to assist a frustrated and exhausted constituent find a solution to their difficult situation. This experience gave him a firsthand understanding of the power and influence of government to solve problems and in many cases be life-changing for individuals. The experience propelled a career in public service that included multiple leadership roles in both State and County government, including District Director for the late Assemblymember Eileen Hickey, Dutchess County Deputy County Clerk, Regional Director for former Gov. George Pataki and Regional Director for Empire State Development.

In 2012, he returned to Dutchess County Government to serve as Deputy

Commissioner for Strategic Planning & Economic Development and was responsible for transforming the County's economic development program. He forged strong and productive partnerships with community-based, economic, and educational organizations, and led the establishment of the County's Economic Development Advisory Council and the Th!nk Dutchess Alliance for Business. In 2015, he was appointed Assistant County Executive for Economic Development, serving as senior policy advisor aiding in the oversight and strategic planning of County departments, agencies and public authorities, including overseeing contracts and initiatives tied to employment, workforce, agribusiness, tourism and economic development.

Hicks' many other accomplishments during his Dutchess County Government tenure include:

- Consolidated and collocated the primary economic development organizations in Dutchess County to establish the Think Dutchess Alliance for Business;
- Established and managed the Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC);
- Oversaw the implementation of best practices, policies and measures that held the authorities accountable;
- Established a local workforce utilization policy;
- Oversaw the rebranding and business development of the County's airport as Hudson Valley Regional Airport (HVRA);
- Collaborated extensively with Dutchess Community College (DCC) for the creation of workforce development pipelines that provide residents



Ron Hicks

-Courtesy photo Dutchess County Gov't

with a low-cost pathway to high-demand careers, including the establishment of the school's Aviation Education Center at HVRA, which included a new \$14 million hangar, as well as DCC's Mechatronics Lab in Fishkill.

- Reduced Dutchess County's industrial vacancy rate from 14% to 2%;
- Increased the LDC's financing portfolio by more than \$1 billion; and
- Attracted more than 3 million square feet of commercial development.

Hicks said, "I am deeply thankful to County Executive Sue Serino. From the beginning, we connected through our shared values, a common commitment to public service and a strong ethical

foundation, something that is both uncommon and truly meaningful to me. Leaving government service is genuinely bittersweet, especially because I so deeply appreciated the chance to work by her side. We are aligned in what matters most, and beyond that, she leads with a level of empathy, sincerity and caring that is rare to find. It has been a true honor to serve the residents of Dutchess County, to work under Sue's leadership and to stand with an extraordinary team of colleagues I trust and respect."

As part of Hicks' retirement transition, Serino has designated Eoin Wrafter, Commissioner of Planning and Development, to support project facilitation and other Assistant County Executive responsibilities, with Deputy Commissioner Jennifer Cocozza assuming expanded oversight of the Planning Department's day-to-day operations.

“From day one, Ron has been a trusted part of my team, and I am fortunate to have had his wisdom, advice and leadership over the past two years. Although we will miss his guidance and insight daily, I’m comforted knowing he’ll continue to call Dutchess County home and am excited to see what the next chapter brings for my friend. I can’t thank Ron enough for his many years of dedicated service to the people of Dutchess County, and I wish him nothing but happiness and success in his well-deserved retirement from government service,” concluded Serino.

Dance at the Elks Lounge on Feb. 14

Get On Down at the Elks Lounge Dance Night on Saturday, February 14 at 7 p.m. at 900 Wolcott Avenue (Rt. 9D), Beacon. Attire is whatever suits your mood - from blue jeans to sparkles.

These dances are informal and even if you come alone, you can always find a friendly partner on the dance floor. Admission is \$15 and includes complimentary snacks, and a full cash bar.

For more information, call Rhoda at 845-765-0667 or email rhodaja@optonline.net.

Don't forget to clear snow from around fire hydrants



As you tackle clearing snow from walkways and driveways, don't forget to clear the snow and ice from around fire hydrants in a 5-foot radius. This extra bit of clean-up can make all the difference for first responders in a fire emergency.

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- 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.

Reader responds to State of the State article

To the Editor:

RE: “Hochul unveils ambitious agenda in 2026 State of the State” (January 21)

It was obvious from the first paragraph of this front page ‘story’ that the article had been written by a public relations person on the Governor’s staff, not one of your reporters.

A newspaper slanting their coverage to help their preferred candidate is nothing new. We, as a nation, long ago dismissed the idea that the media is dedicated to revealing and reporting the truth. Whether it is Fox News promoting Republicans or CNN, MSNBC, CBS, NBC, ABC, and others doing all they can to support Democrats, bias in the media is everywhere.

I have no problem that the SDN is working for the Hochul campaign and the Democrat party. What I do have a problem with is you have taken propaganda and masqueraded it as news.

It is insulting and misleading to present spin as reporting. If I want to read Hochul’s position, expertly spun to make her appear to be wonderful, I’ll go find it on her website.

You published a story that was written by someone who works for the subject of the story and didn’t disclose it. In your rules for letters to the editor it states, “The Southern Dutchess News will not be used as a vehicle to place misinformation.”

That rule should apply to the editorial content as well.

Matt Williams
Pleasant Valley

Editor’s note: The article on the Gov. Kathy Hochul’s State of the State address was a rewrite of an article sent by the Governor’s office to news outlets around the state. Our editors edited it for clarity and removed many adjectives and comments that ingratiated the Governor. Our goal was purely to provide information for our readers. Our papers do not endorse political candidates or office-holders – local, state or national.

Beale thankful as he begins 20th year on Wappinger Town Board

To the Editor:

Holding elected office for any period of time is a unique privilege. For me, it continues to be an incredible honor to have been re-elected ten times and starting my 20th year as an elected Councilman in our Great Town of Wappinger.

My sincere thanks to every single person in the First Ward who has supported me over two decades. For your trust and confidence, I say thank you.

William H. Beale
Councilman, Town of Wappinger

\$12,000 Agency Partner Grant allocated to 22 libraries in Dutchess County receive

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino has partnered with the Dutchess County Library Association to expand the eBook and audiobook collection available across all 22 libraries in Dutchess County with a \$12,000 Agency Partner Grant to give residents greater access to digital titles.

Serino said, “Libraries are a central part of our communities, opening doors to learning, comfort, and connection. The popularity of digital titles helps expand these connections, but are a costly challenge for our local libraries. I am thrilled to partner with the Dutchess County Library Association to help offset some of these costs and expand their collections—giving our neighbors more flexible opportunities to read, learn, and feel connected, wherever they are.”

eBooks and audiobooks continue to become more and more popular for book lovers, offering flexible options for busy schedules and accessible formats that accommodate different reading preferences and needs. However, eBooks and audiobooks create new challenges for local libraries as they are much more costly compared to print copies. To provide digital titles, the Dutchess County Library Association uses Libby, as user-friendly app. Under the Libby model, libraries must purchase special licensing to allow them to lend to multiple users. These licenses must be renewed periodically, or after a set number of checkouts, and ultimately cost libraries three to four times more than print editions of the same book. These higher costs can often limit the number of digital titles offered, leading to longer waiting times and reduced access for residents seeking high-demand titles.

With the Agency Partner Grant, Serino is helping expand DCLA’s digital collection, increasing access to hundreds of new titles. Current titles are available at <https://mhls.overdrive.com/> or by downloading the Libby app from the Apple or Google Play app store. A valid library card is required to sign in and access book titles within the Dutchess County library system.

Carol Bancroft, President of the Dutchess County Library Association said, “We are grateful to County Executive Serino and the County for providing the funding that makes the expansion of our digital collection possible. Their support is a meaningful and important step toward meeting the growing needs of our community and ensuring that everyone can access our titles that fits naturally into their lives”

Miles of Hope appoints new development director

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

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

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

The Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation is a public charity with a mission to fund support services, education and outreach for people affected by breast cancer within the nine counties of the Hudson Valley, New York. Founded in 2004, Miles of Hope has given away over \$4 million dollars to individuals and programs helping people with breast cancer pay their bills alleviating some of the financial and emotional burden of a breast cancer diagnosis.

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

Free File an option for many New York taxpayers

With the start of the 2025 income tax filing season under way, the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance announced that the Tax Department and the IRS will begin accepting and processing income tax returns. The deadline to file returns and pay any tax owed (or request an extension of time to file) is midnight on April 15.

Many New Yorkers are eligible to file their federal and New York State returns at no cost through the Tax Department website using Free File. Hundreds of thousands of New York State taxpayers take advantage of this truly free service each year, saving them on average \$269 in tax preparation fees.

Free File information is available in multiple languages on the Tax Department’s website, www.tax.ny.gov.

For information on gathering key documents to prepare and file income tax returns, the benefits of choosing direct deposit, and information on income tax credits, visit the Tax Department’s Income tax filing season resource center.

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Harlem Wizards to play at Beacon High School Feb. 13

By Kristine Coulter

The Harlem Wizards basketball team is headed back to Beacon! The game will be held at Beacon High School, 101 Matteawan Rd., on Friday, Feb. 13. The game starts at 7 p.m. Doors will be open at 6 p.m.

“People can expect a super fun night of basketball mixed with comedy. The Wizards are great at interacting with the audience and making everyone laugh. Each year the Wizards put on a different show, so there’s no need to worry if you have seen a game before. There’s always lots of laughs and exciting basketball,” said Dorothy “Dottie” DiNobile. DiNobile is the president of the Beacon High School (BHS) PTSO. The BHS PTSO, along with the Rombout Middle School PTSO, is sponsoring the game.

The last time the Wizards played at Beacon High School was in 2024. “The feedback was fantastic! Everyone loved seeing the teachers and staff get silly with the Wizards. It’s a huge community event,” remarked DiNobile.

For those who will attend the game, what can they expect from the event?

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She added, “Any student wearing a Harlem Wizard jersey can be a “Wiz Kid”



The Harlem Wizards will play a game at Beacon High School on Feb. 13. Members of the Beacon City School District administration and faculty will go up against the professional basketball team during the fun-filled evening. The event will be hosted by the Rombout Middle School PTSO, and the Beacon High School PTSO.

-Archive photos by Kristine Coulter

and join them on the court to warm up and make a grand entrance.”

The funds raised go to support BHS PTSO and Rombout Middle School PTSO initiative, said DiNobile. “This

includes offsetting costs of field trips and assemblies, fulfilling requests from teachers and clubs, and college scholarships,” she said.

One may purchase tickets now. DiNobile

noted the game is expected to be a sell out like two years ago.

For more information, go to <https://harlemwizards.com/schedule-tickets>.

WJHS students receive awards from Beacon Elks



Beacon Elks Lodge #1493 recently presented December Student of the Month Awards at Wappingers Junior High School. Students were chosen for their creativity, helping fellow students, great attitude and participation. The students received a certificate and gift card for their accomplishments. The Beacon Elks thanks Giacomo’s Pizza Cafe for sponsoring this event with them.

Pictured, first row from left: Alandra Price, assistant principal; Kaedyn Johnson, 7th grade; Frank DiBattista, 7th grade; Back row, from left: Terrence Thompson, principal; Richard Coelho, teacher; Cathy Oken, Youth Activities Chair; Jeanine McAuley, Exalted Ruler and Tonya Liberta, teacher.

-Courtesy photo Beacon Elks

Emergency appeal for blood donations extended

New York Blood Center (NYBC) and New Jersey Blood Services (NJBS) announced they are extending their blood emergency appeal for an additional two weeks after a historic winter storm brought blood donation operations across the region to a standstill, wiping out critical progress made in rebuilding the local blood supply.

Earlier this month, NYBC and NJBS declared a blood emergency as supplies reached critically low levels. While initial donor response helped stabilize inventories, the storm erased that progress almost overnight, creating an urgent and renewed need for blood donations.

NYBC and NJBS are urging all eligible blood donors, especially those with O-,

O+, and B- blood types, to give blood or platelets in the coming days to help stabilize the supply. All blood types are urgently needed. To view current eligibility guidelines or make an appointment, donors can call 1-800-933-2566 or visit nybc.org.

In light of recent updates to FDA guidance, more people than ever may now be eligible to give. Blood donors can give every 56 days, and platelet donors can give twice per month. To help prevent future shortages, NYBC and NJBS encourage donors to become All Seasons Lifesavers by donating once each season. NYBC and NJBS also offer additional donor loyalty programs that recognize consistent giving throughout the year.

Gillibrand announces candidates for service academies

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, announced her nominations for candidates from the Hudson Valley to three of the nation’s service academies: the United States Military Academy, the United States Air Force Academy, and the United States Naval Academy.

“It is my distinct honor to nominate some of the best and brightest individuals from the Hudson Valley to the nation’s service academies,” said Senator Gillibrand. “These young leaders have demonstrated exemplary academic achievement and dedication to their communities and nation. I look forward to seeing all that they achieve, and I thank them for their commitment to our country.”

A selection committee formed by Senator Gillibrand chose the nominees from a large group of qualified applicants. Decisions were based on criteria including academic record, leadership potential, and overall achievement. Final acceptance is determined solely by the service academies.

The United States service academies offer a first-class education as well as a chance for young people to serve our country upon graduation as commissioned officers in the United States armed services. This year, Senator Gillibrand nominated eleven candidates from the Hudson Valley to the service academies.

Claire Wagner, Poughkeepsie, United States Air Force Academy, was included in Senator Gillibrand’s nominees.

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Spackenkill boys go undefeated for January

By Morgan E. Maier

The first month of 2026 has come and gone for the county's winter sports teams. It has been 31 days of work, personal records and learning experiences in the pool, around the track and on the hardwood. Some personal bests in indoor track and field highlighted the waning days of January, while basketball's unstoppable squads flirt with perfection (records as of Jan. 31).

Spartans keep the clean slate - The Spackenkill boys' basketball team was undefeated in six January contests, scoring 77 points per game while allowing 45. The Spartans' tear comes at a critical turn of the season, with six games to go in the regular season. One match sits between the Spartans and an undefeated Division-III (Section IX) campaign. The team will close out the regular season on Feb. 19, visiting Onteora for one final divisional matchup.

Bombers soar at Section 9 - Always aiming for higher, whether its podium or personal records, Pine Plains earned a plethora of hardware at the Section 9 indoor track and field championships. National qualifiers Violet Bliss (#14 in NYS, 1M) and Daniel McPherson showcased their distance running and sprinting strengths. McPherson took 1st

in the 3200m and 2nd in the 1000m. Bliss had a pair of silver medals, in the 3000m and 1500m events. Both Pine Plains teams took top honors in the 4x400 relay. Michelle Blackburn, Bliss, Madison Jennings and Madison Williams earned 1st place in the girls' race. Sean Geiesler, Colin Stevens, Matthew Spada and McPherson took third overall in the boys' event. On January 11, Blackburn became the school record holder (1:42.02) in the 600m. She finished 3rd overall in the race at the Section 9 championships. Edelhthom Puido Palma had the Bombers on top in the field events, placing 1st in the weight throw, and second in shotput.

Vassar's Schoenegge makes D-III history - Down at Boston University on Jan. 30, Poughkeepsie was well-placed at the Terrier Classic. Haley Schoenegge, a junior at Vassar College, set the all-time Division-III record in the 1000m (1K) track event. Schoenegge's career-best, set a week earlier, had hardly hung in her record books before the Kentucky native crushed the mark - shaving nine seconds off among a field of athletes from Division-I and Division-II. Her 2:50.14 time earned an eighth place finish and marked the fastest D-III time in NCAA history.

Marist Women's Basketball 'Pink Game' to honor Miles of Hope on Feb. 7



Breast cancer survivors and Marist women's basketball team members join forces at half-time during the annual Pink Game, set this year for Saturday, Feb. 7. The event includes a fundraising raffle for Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation. -Courtesy photo

The Marist Athletics Department will host its annual Pink Game on Saturday, Feb. 7, when the women's basketball team faces Saint Peter's at 2 p.m. in McCann Arena at Marist University. Attendees are encouraged to wear pink to show their support for breast cancer awareness.

The game marks the 16th time the Marist Athletics Department will partner with Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation to promote the importance of breast cancer awareness in the Hudson River Valley. Proceeds from the evening's 50-50 raffle will benefit the Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation.

The executive director of the Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation, Pari Forood, has enjoyed having a close relationship with Marist.

"Every year, Marist sports teams play a pink game honoring breast cancer survivors and raising awareness for this disease," Forood said. "Miles of Hope funds support services, education and outreach for people affected by breast cancer within the nine counties of the

Hudson Valley and one of the reasons we are so successful is because of partners like Marist."

At halftime, the Marist Athletics Department and Miles of Hope will recognize breast cancer survivors with a special on-court ceremony. Survivors interested in taking part in the event should contact Assistant Athletics Director for External Affairs, Harrison Baker, via email at harrison.baker@marist.edu.

The first 500 fans to enter the arena will receive a free pink T-shirt to raise awareness in the fight against breast cancer. Visit <https://milesofhope.org/> for tickets and more information.

The Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) public charity established in March 2004. The mission of the foundation is to fund support services, education and outreach for people affected by breast cancer within the nine counties of the Hudson Valley, New York (Columbia, Dutchess, Putnam, Westchester, Rockland, and Orange, Ulster, Greene, and Sullivan counties).

Wedding & Vow Renewal Ceremony set for Feb. 13 at The Chapel in Wappinger

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This will be the second annual ceremony held just in time for Valentine's Day. Cavaccini will once again be officiating and leading the event.

Each couple participating in this complimentary two-hour occasion will receive cards to read. They will then be able to keep them as a souvenir of the day.

"The Chapel at Carnwath Farms Historic Site & Park is becoming one of our Town's top event venues. It offers the charm of a historic chapel with the comfort of a newly renovated indoor space, making it a perfect place for weddings, vow renewals, and so many other meaningful moments. Best of all, because it's a Town-owned facility, residents can enjoy a beautiful, elegant venue without the high cost you'd expect elsewhere. It's a wonderful way to celebrate life's special occasions right here at home," remarked the supervisor.

Couples who want to take part in the ceremony are asked to preregister.

They also should bring rings to exchange, and a marriage license application (in New York State, a couple must apply for a marriage license with a Town Clerk, and for this ceremony, no later than Wednesday, Feb. 11).

Couples may bring guests. There will be a champagne toast for 21 years and older, as well as light refreshments after the vow are exchanged.

"We've already seen great excitement for this year's ceremony, with several couples signed up and more continuing to register. It's been wonderful to see such a mix of newly engaged couples and longtime partners who want to renew their vows. The response so far has been very encouraging, and we're looking forward to welcoming everyone for what promises to be a truly special day," said Cavaccini.

The registration deadline is Monday, Feb. 9. Anyone who needs more information on requirements, or to make an appointment with the Wappinger Town Clerk, call 845-297-5772.

To register for the ceremony, visit TownOfWappinger.gov or call 845-297-2744.



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

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

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

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



Philip Bronzi

and Chief Information Officer at Rondout Savings Bank; Treasurer: Kathryn Seckler, Partner at RBT CPAs, LLP; Secretary: Joseph J. Hally, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs at Central Hudson Gas &



Marybeth G. Cale

-Courtesy photos

Electric. Patrick Paul, CEO/Executive Director of Anderson Center for Autism, said “These two Boards of Trustees, along with our Anderson Center International Board, include a

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

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

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

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

Town of Wappinger announces Recycle Center improvements, cost-saving initiatives

Town of Wappinger officials announced major operational improvements at the Town Recycle Center. The improvements are now fully implemented and expected to generate significant long-term cost savings while expanding services for residents, according to officials.

In 2025, the Town Board authorized the purchase of a Town-owned roll-off truck and new dumpsters, allowing the Recycle Center to transition to in-house operations and eliminate reliance on a costly third-party vendor. The roll-off truck was placed into service in January 2026 and is projected to save the Town hundreds of thousands of dollars over time.

As part of a comprehensive cost-savings implementation plan, the Town has also established new vendor partnerships that both reduce expenses and generate revenue. Through these partnerships, the Town now receives payment for scrap metal and electronic waste, including televisions and computers, while continuing to accept freon-containing items at no additional cost to residents.

Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini stated, “These operational changes fundamentally reshaped how the Recycle Center operates. By investing in Town-owned equipment and partnering with vendors who now pay the Town for materials, our cost-savings plan is fully in effect—allowing us to expand services while keeping rates affordable for residents.”

Third Ward Councilman Christopher Phillips added, “Last year, the Town made a smart decision to purchase a roll-

off truck along with new dumpsters. This represents a significant change in how the Town helps residents—both in reducing costs and improving how we assist them in disposing of different types of waste. We now generate revenue from scrap metal and electronics. I commend the Highway Superintendent, along with the Supervisor and Town Clerk, for steering us down this path. It is another way we are helping the residents of Wappinger.”

Fourth Ward Councilman Al Casella also praised the initiative. Casella stated, “The enhancements at the re-cycle center will benefit all residents. The roll-off truck was put in service in January 2026 and we will start to see some significant cost savings which allows the Town Board to keep rates flat again for residents for the 3rd year in a row. In addition, with the new re-cycle containers we bought, the scrap dollars will come back to the town and provide revenue. We also have a vendor that will take all electronics and pay the town which will provide another revenue source. This is just another example of the Town looking for ways to save money and improve services for the residents.”

In addition, the Town has expanded recycling options through a partnership with Helpsy, offering residents free curbside pickup or drop-off of unwanted clothing and textiles at the Recycle Center for permit holders.

For more information on Recycle Center permits, hours, accepted materials, and the Helpsy textile recycling program, please visit: <https://townofwappingerny.gov/recycle-center/>.

Dawn Scherer promoted to first senior vice president at Rhinebeck Bank

Dawn Scherer has been promoted to first senior vice president, chief technology officer at Rhinebeck Bank.

Prior to her promotion, Scherer served as senior vice president, information technology since 2012. In her new role, she will lead the Bank’s strategic technology initiatives, a foundational element of its corporate strategy going forward.

“It’s rewarding to collaborate with my colleagues across the Bank to ensure that our technology positively impacts their ability to serve our customers,” said Scherer. “Whether it’s strengthening our resilience, protecting our customers, or helping the business grow in a sustainable way, it’s meaningful to be part of work that has a tangible impact.”

“Dawn’s experience and leadership will be instrumental as we modernize our infrastructure, enhance our digital capabilities, and enable scalable growth,” said President and CEO at Rhinebeck Bank, Matthew Smith.

A banking veteran of over 30 years, Scherer is a graduate of Marist University with a Bachelor of Science in Integrated Studies with a concentration in Systems Analysis and Design and Organizational Administration. In May 2022, she attended the Center for Creative Leadership and



Dawn Scherer

-Courtesy photo Rhinebeck Bank

received her certification for completing its Leadership Development Program.

Her volunteer endeavors include past service as a mentor for the Marathon Project, an after-school long-distance running program that pairs adult mentors with at-risk youth in participating school districts in the Hudson Valley. The Marathon Project is supported via the Council on Addiction Prevention and Education (CAPE) of Dutchess County, Inc.



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Chess players compete in 2nd PV Winter Swiss event



Sixteen chess players participated in the 2nd Annual Pleasant Valley Winter Swiss Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 15. Shawn Cimorelli from Milton took clear first place with a perfect 4-0 score. Bob Simmons of Millerton came in second on tiebreaks over Steve Diaz from Hyde Park, who finished third. Both had the same 3-1 score. All winners received trophies. Souvenirs were given to all the tournament participants.

Although the snowfall was light when the tournament began at 10 a.m., it never let up for the entire four hours of play. Thanks to the Pleasant Valley Library for hosting the event - in particular Linda Hanlon, the library programmer and Bethany Lowe, assistant to the director, who printed the flyers for the tournament.

The tournament director was Robert

Left, winners in the 2nd Annual Pleasant Valley Winter Swiss Chess Tournament included, front, Bob Simmons - 2nd place, Shawn Cimorelli - 1st place and Steve Diaz - 3rd place. In back are George Oliveras and Dean Tichy. The players in the back tied for 2nd - 3rd with 3-1 scores, but didn't qualify for trophies due to the tiebreak system. Above, competitors take part in the event at the Pleasant Valley Library.

-Courtesy photos

Wehrli from Salt Point. The Pleasant Valley Library Chess Club (1584 Main St (Rt 44)) meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday monthly. The players ages ranged from 8 to 80, as chess is a game that can be played for a lifetime.

Chief: 'Working non-stop' investigating alleged assault case

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Last month, the chief asked for the public's assistance by checking cameras for any footage on Jan. 14 of a "white male, wearing a black jacket or coat (not a puff coat), a black knit hat and blue pants or jeans. The suspect is further described as possibly being in his 30s-40s, approximately 5'11" with a medium build and having a brown, very close beard."

"I assure you, that we will, but until then we do ask for your patience as we work through this complex investigation," remarked Figlia.

Keep vigilant

People have asked what the City is doing and what one can do to increase their safety, according to Figlia.

"In addition to the investigative work that is in progress, our department has continued increased patrols focused in response to this incident. For individuals, the police cannot reasonably provide specific advice on when or where you are safe or not, as has been requested. The sad fact about crime is that, while it is comparatively quite low in Beacon, we

do know that it can happen anywhere at any time," said the chief.

Figlia suggested one practices as much vigilance as possible, reduce personal distractions and limitations to peripheral vision while out in public, display awareness of one's situation and surroundings and make it clear that one is aware.

Figlia suggested, at home "double-check all windows and doors are locked (if one wants them locked)." He also said to "trust your instincts." One should also "report any activity or individual" one may see as suspicious or dangerous, he said.

Regarding self-defense classes, the chief said those and any other personal safety decisions have to be made by each individual based on what they are comfortable with, within the law.

"I know that this is upsetting and frustrating and that neither the community, nor the members of this department, will be satisfied until this case is closed," said Figlia who said he hoped his message was helpful and thanked all those who reached out with information and cooperated and assisted with the investigation.

All tips on the case should be forwarded to 845-831-4111.

Vassar Brothers Medical Center named 'one of America's 50 Best Hospitals' by Healthgrades

Vassar Brothers Medical Center (VBMC) has been named one of America's 50 Best Hospitals by Healthgrades. This achievement, Healthgrades' highest honor for clinical excellence, places VBMC among the top 1% of hospitals nationwide for the 10th consecutive year.

In addition to this distinction for overall care, VBMC earned national and state recognition for exceptional patient outcomes in key service areas, including:

- One of Healthgrades America's 100 Best Hospitals for Cardiac Care.
- One of Healthgrades America's 100 Best Hospitals for Critical Care for two years in a row.
- #3 in New York for Critical Care.

Five-Star Recipient for treatment of coronary interventional procedures, heart attack, heart failure, sepsis, respiratory failure, COPD, pneumonia, and Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeries.

"These recognitions reflect the skill, compassion and unwavering dedication of every member of our team," said Susan Browning, President of Vassar Brothers Medical Center. "Year after year, our clinicians and staff deliver exceptional care to our community, and we are proud to once again be named among America's 50 Best Hospitals. Quality, patient safety and outstanding outcomes remain the foundation of everything we do."

VBMC's achievement is based solely on what matters most: patient outcomes.

To determine America's 50 Best Hospitals for 2026, Healthgrades evaluated risk-adjusted mortality and complication rates for more than 30 of the most common conditions and procedures at approximately 4,500 hospitals nationwide.

Healthgrades' analysis shows outcomes continue to vary widely between the nation's highest- and lowest-performing hospitals. If all hospitals performed similarly to America's 50 Best, an estimated 209,081 lives could have been saved between 2022 and 2024.* These findings show the importance of choosing a hospital with a proven record of excellence.

"This year's America's Best Hospitals list gives patients a clearer picture of where high-quality care is delivered most consistently," said Alana Biggers, MD, MPH, medical advisor at Healthgrades. "Patients can feel confident in their decision to seek care at Vassar Brothers Medical Center, an organization setting the standard for clinical excellence nationwide."

Consumers can visit Healthgrades' America's Best Patient Advocate Center to learn more about how Healthgrades identifies national leaders in quality and outcomes.

*Statistics are based on Healthgrades analysis of MedPAR data for years 2022-2024 and represent three-year estimates for Medicare patients only. Visit Healthgrades.com to view the complete 2026 America's Best Hospital Awards Methodology.

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Obituaries

Honorah ‘Honey’ Fleming Hinkle



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Honorah Hinkle, lovingly known as “Honey” to family and friends and “Noie” to her grandchildren. She left this world surrounded by love and care, leaving behind a legacy of kindness, creativity, and devotion to family and community.

Born in July 1941 to William Fleming and Honorah McCormack Fleming, Honey was the first of eight children. Growing up in a family that valued kindness and connection, she dedicated 32 years to teaching young children at Marlboro Elementary School, where she found deep gratification in shaping young minds.

After retiring, Honey embraced her lifelong love of art. She became an active member of the Hudson Valley Decorative Painters and several local artist groups, often

sharing her work at the East Fishkill Public Library. Her hand-painted Christmas ornaments became cherished keepsakes for family and friends—a tradition that reflected her creativity and her desire to bring beauty into the lives of others.

Honey also treasured time with friends. Whether gathered around a mahjong table, walking with companions, or joining exercise groups, she found joy in connections. Her faith was a cornerstone of her life; she was a charter member of the original Blessed Kateri chapel, which later became Saint Kateri Church in Hopewell Junction, NY—a community that remained close to her heart.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Charlie Hinkle; brothers Joe and baby Stephen Xavier; sister Beth (Jim) McGill; sister-in-law Susie Fleming; stepdaughter Betsy (George) Brandt; great granddaughters Skylar Rose Fitzpatrick and Maddie Farr. She is survived by siblings Bill (Lynn) Fleming, Marie (Chuck) Tattersall, Trudy Fleming, and Xav Fleming; stepdaughters Terri Farr, Dawn (Bobby) Fitzpatrick, Anne Hinkle and Jeannie Jackson; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and dozens of multi-generational nieces, nephews, and cousins who adored her.

Her family extends heartfelt gratitude to the compassionate staff and volunteers of Hudson Valley Hospice, the Hudson Valley Hospice House, and Dr. Edward Schneider and his wife Sheila for their exceptional care.

A celebration of Honorah’s life will be held at McHoul’s Funeral Home and Saint Kateri Church on Route 82 in Hopewell Junction, NY, at a date to be announced later.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Hudson Valley Hospice House, 542 Violet Avenue, Hyde Park, NY 12538 in view of the outstanding care provided to Honey.

Honey’s life was a beautiful testament to love, generosity, and creativity. She touched countless hearts and leaves behind a legacy that will continue to inspire all who knew her. Shortly before her passing, her brother Bill shared these words with her: “You are good. You are loving and loved. You are kind, compassionate, and generous. Now the best you can do is to keep being yourself. Honey, you have spread so much love.”

May her life be an example, her memory a blessing, and her spirit live on in the kindness we share with one another.

Richard Douglas Busacca



Richard Douglas Busacca (January 15, 1970 – December 22, 2025) of Boynton Beach, Florida, died unexpectedly at his home.

Born in Staten Island, New York, to Giovanni (John) Battista Busacca and Eileen (Keown) Busacca. Always special even his Baptism was unique as it was the first baptism held as part of the mass at Holy Family Church. Richard—known to most as Ricky—was raised in Red Oaks Mill, New York where he forged lifelong bonds with

his group of friends - a true brotherhood that time and distance never diminished.

Richard attended Kinry Road Elementary School, Van Wyck Junior High School, and Our Lady of Lourdes High School, where he studied football as passionately as academics. He played football at Lourdes and cherished both the experience and the lifelong friendships he formed there. He attended Marist University, where he became a trailblazer as the first amputee to play Division I football. Richard played nose tackle, linebacker, and backup kicker, and used his prosthetic leg to kick field goals which garnered national attention for his determination and perseverance. Numerous publications featured his remarkable journey. As a senior, the Marist football team went on to win the Division I MAAC Conference title and received the commemorative ring.

Known for his tenacity and his gift with words, Ricky once said he would know he was successful “when nobody cares about my limb difference, when you are no longer treated differently. A lot of people didn’t grasp what I was doing. The whole point of this is trying to be equal.”

After graduating from college, Richard moved to Palm Beach County, Florida, where he continued his love of football by coaching the Boca Jets youth league team and St. Andrew’s High School. Possessing a larger-than-life personality and an unmatched ability to tell a great story, Richard put his talents to work writing advertising copy for Simply the Best magazine before spending the majority of his professional career with Northwestern Mutual. A devoted Notre Dame football fan, Richard could reliably be found on Saturdays enthusiastically shouting, “Go Irish!” at the television.

A true romantic, Ricky reconnected with a high school friend—his “angel in the hallway”—and married Renee Saenz Busacca. He was unabashed in his love and devotion to her and delighted in telling even total strangers the story of how they met. One look at his social media made it clear where his heart belonged.

Richard was a devout Roman Catholic and deeply valued attending Ascension Church, where he also volunteered his time.

Richard was preceded in death by his father, John Busacca. He is survived by his beloved wife, Renee Busacca of Boynton Beach, Florida; his stepchildren, Clay and Sabrina Mongon; his mother, Eileen Busacca of Poughkeepsie, New York; his sister Beth Dziminowicz and her husband Dave of Boynton Beach, Florida; his sister Christine Manning and her husband Patrick of Hopewell Junction, New York; his brother John Busacca and his wife Jeanny of Orlando, Florida; his nieces and nephews Alexandra Vittorini Walsh, Andrew Dziminowicz, Amanda Stephens, Claudia Busacca, and Johnny Busacca; his grandniece Salem Stevens; his grandnephew Dominic Vittorini Walsh; and his brotherhood of friends Christopher Mulvaney, Casey Taft, Steve Monaco and Mike Rooney.

In one article written about his football career as an amputee, Richard was aptly quoted as saying, “Football is like life. You are going to get hit, knocked down—it’s whether or not you get back up.”

On Saturday, February 7th at 10:00AM a funeral mass will be held at St. Martin de Porres Church, 118 Cedar Valley Road Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

David DeWoody



David DeWoody, age 90, a wonderful husband, father and grandfather, transitioned to his eternal reward at home on Friday, January 23, 2026 surrounded by love from his family and caregivers.

Born on June 27, 1935 in the Township of Irwin, Pennsylvania to his parents, Paul and Hannah (Cross) DeWoody; David grew up enjoying family life while learning to lend his assistance to neighboring farms during the summer, bringing in the hay while riding on the back of a tractor driven hay wagon.

A graduate of Franklin Senior High School, Dave briefly worked at the Joy Manufacturing Company as a draftsman before enlisting in the Air Force. He served for four years and was discharged as a Staff Sergeant after receiving their Medal of Good Conduct.

David married Carole End on July 11, 1958, and they headed to Tillamook, Oregon for six months until Dave received his discharge from the service. They enjoyed sixty-seven years of marriage together.

David attended Indiana Technical College and was hired by IBM in 1962. Over the years he became involved in the Boy Scout Program and enjoyed many hikes along the Appalachian Trail with his Troop. He developed a love of bowling and golfing and in 1966 became involved in a new church in the area, Community Baptist Church, where he and Carole were charter members.

He later became a member of the New Hackensack Reformed Church where he enjoyed making new friends and singing in their vocal choir.

A devout family man, he was able, with assistance from family and friends, to build an addition to their four-room house. The large front porch, added in 1992, was a gathering place for friends and family and a wonderful place to entertain.

After his retirement from IBM, he worked various jobs including Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home for which he was very qualified, as Dave had a compassionate nature which made him a natural for the position.

David was predeceased by his parents and his sisters, Edith McBryar and Marilyn Moffitt. His survivors include his wife, Carole; daughter Brenda Lee (HoMing); son, John, (Patty Speed); grandchildren, Joshua DeWoody, Oliver Lee, Raven Lee; and his brother, Robert DeWoody of Franklin, Pennsylvania.

A special thanks to Hospice of the Hudson Valley, for making his last days comfortable and for all the assistance they provided to the family.

As per his wishes, cremation has taken place with no services. Interment will take place at a later date.

Memorial donations in his name may be made to New Hackensack Reformed Church, 1580 NY 376, Wappingers Falls, New York 12590.

Arrangements are under the direction of Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 East Main Street in Wappingers Falls. To send a personal condolence, please visit our website at www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.

George H. Moran



George H. Moran, a longtime Village of Wappingers Falls resident, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his family on January 22, 2026; at the age of 95. He was born in Poughkeepsie, NY on July 29, 1930, son of the late William & Catherine Florence (Murray) Moran. George served in the United States Army and Army Reserve and received an honorable discharge.

On May 20, 1956, at St. Mary’s Church in Wappingers Falls, NY, he married Elizabeth C. Mucci, who predeceased him after 55-years. He was a longtime communicant of St. Mary’s Church.

George worked for IBM for 38 years in both Poughkeepsie and Fishkill in management positions, retiring in 1990. He

was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 1646 of Wappingers Falls, where he was a Third-Degree Knight. George was an honorary Life Member of the S.W. Johnson Fire Company in Wappingers Falls, where he was known for his venison chili for the company fundraisers. He also enjoyed gardening, which was another passion.

He served on the Village of Wappingers Falls Planning Board for many years.

George is survived by his son, George W. Moran and his wife Rosanne; his daughter, Marie DeAngelis and her husband Ralph; his three grandchildren, Michael DeAngelis, John DeAngelis and Erica (Patrick) McVeigh; and one great-grandson Grayson McVeigh. He is also survived by his three brothers-in-law: Bill (Anne) Mucci, John (Lorraine) Mucci, Daniel (Lily) Mucci as well as several nieces and nephews.

Along with his beloved wife Elizabeth and his parents, George was predeceased by his two brothers and two sisters: William Moran, Robert Moran, Sally Rose and Mary Anderson.

His Family received Friends on Wednesday, January 28th at the DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Thursday, January 29th at St. Mary’s Church 11 Clinton Street, Wappingers Falls, followed by interment in St. Mary’s Cemetery.

The Family wishes to give special thanks to the Accent Care team, for their most compassionate care given to their father.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes for memorial donation to be made to the St. Mary’s Church Food Pantry, 11 Clinton St., Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 or to Hudson Valley Hospice, 80 Washington St., Suite 204, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

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West Point Band’s 2026 Winter Concert Series runs through May

The West Point Band will present the 2026 Winter Concert Series, performances through May. Celebrate America’s 250th anniversary with the Army’s oldest musical organization, with concerts featuring everything from stirring patriotic works and timeless concert band classics to popular hits and showtunes. Join the West Point Band as they share the spirit of America and West Point with communities across the region. All performances are free and open to all.

“Standards: New, Old, and Borrowed” is an evening of music that weaves together classics and bold contemporary works. This West Point Band concert features exciting pieces by modern composers Jessica Meyer and Anthony Barfield, alongside “Hudson Granite,” an original work by the band’s deputy commander, Capt. Philip Tappan, inspired by the iconic stone architecture of West Point. Concert band classics include Percy Grainger’s “Molly on the Shore,” Darius Milhaud’s “West Point Suite,” and an arrangement of Claude Debussy’s “The Engulfed Cathedral.” Staff Sgt. Francisco Aisporna brings soulful warmth to Phil Collins’ “You’ll Be in My Heart,” and “You Raise Me Up,” wrapping up a concert that celebrates musical standards: new, old, and borrowed.

Join the West Point Band for two masterworks concerts, showcasing some of the most iconic and influential pieces in the concert band repertoire. From the technical brilliance of Robert Schumann’s “Konzertstück for Four Horns” to the expressive majesty of Richard Wagner’s “Elsa’s Procession to the Cathedral,” this concert is a showpiece of the West Point Band. Hear Percy Grainger’s “Lincolnshire Posy,” Gustav Holst’s “Second Suite in F for Military Band,” and William Schuman’s “Chester,” performed by an ensemble that helped shape

the concert band into the distinguished medium it is today. Of course, no band concert is complete without John Philip Sousa’s most famous march, “The Stars and Stripes Forever.”

Kick off America’s 250th anniversary with “Celebrate America,” a West Point Band concert dedicated to the sounds and songs of America. This program spans the wide breadth of American concert band music, from Morton Gould’s spirited “Folk Suite” and Charles Ives’ bold “Variations on ‘America,’” to arrangements of John Williams’ sweeping “Cowboy Overture” and Florence Price’s poignant “Adoration.” A cavalry salute honors military musical traditions, while Omar Thomas’ powerful “Come Sunday” offers a moving tribute to the Black American church. The concert concludes with the patriotic favorites “Of Thee I Sing,” “My Country ‘Tis of Thee,” and “God Bless America,” sung by Staff Sgt. Francisco Aisporna. Celebrate America with the West Point Band as we enter our nation’s 250th year.

Continue the West Point Band’s celebration of America’s 250th anniversary with “American Chamber Works.” This program begins with a brilliant trumpet fanfare by Ronald Lo Presti, then moves through a collection of intimate works for brass, winds, and percussion. Valerie Coleman’s “American Vein” offers rustic charm while Eric Whitacre’s “October” captures the peaceful, quiet beauty of autumn, and Christopher Swist’s second percussion quartet adds some excitement and virtuosity. The concert concludes with a nod to our home in the Hudson Valley with Edwin Frank Goldman’s spirited march “On the Hudson,” written by one of America’s great band composers.

Friday, Feb. 6, 6 p.m.
“Standards: New, Old, and Borrowed”



The West Point Band will perform its 2026 Winter Concert Series from February through May.

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- West Point Concert Band
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Wednesday, Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m.
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Paramount Hudson Valley Theater
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Sunday, March 8, 2 p.m.
“West Point on the March”
West Point Concert Band
Eisenhower Hall Theatre
655 Pitcher Rd, West Point, NY
- Friday, April 10, 7 p.m.
“Celebrate America”
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Tai-Chi program at EFCL on Feb. 17

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The first half hour class is a demo and Q&A and the second half is participation. Please wear comfortable shoes and clothing. The program meets the third Tuesday of the month and is limited to 10 participants. Register through our online calendar at <http://www.EFLibrary.org> or call the Library at 845-221-9943.

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Creative Living

Snowstorm creates interesting scenes



Last week's snowstorm blanketed the area in a sea of white. The scenes, clockwise from top left are remnants of a corn field on the Salt Point Turnpike, a decorative barrel at Hackett Farm Supply provides a measuring tool, a waterfall on the Salt Point Turnpike, huge icicles at a plaza on Rt. 44, the Salt Point Cemetery and mountains of snow at Hackett Farm Supply.

-Photos by Curtis Schmidt at courtesy photo



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

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

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

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

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HUDSON VALLEY NATURALIST

by Francine Wizner

It's 'Tree O'Clock' somewhere



Community gathers for Tu Bishvat festivities at Schomre Israel in Poughkeepsie.

Country artist Alan Jackson sang, “It’s only half-past twelve, but I don’t care. It’s five o’clock somewhere.” Frustrated with the long workday, Jackson knew that only part of our Earth can be illuminated at once; it’s sunset in another place. The performer’s home in Nashville, just like here, is in the Eastern Standard Time Zone. (So, if it’s 12:15 p.m. in Dutchess County, it’s 5:15 p.m. in London.)

Time is measured by rotation and revolution, but it’s all about the tilt!
Earth’s rotation is demonstrated every 24 hours with the cycles of day and night. Our planet also completes a revolution around the sun in a year. But unless you are an astronomer or regularly observe celestial bodies with your telescope, the most obvious sign of Earth’s orbit is the seasons. Yet, if it weren’t for axial tilt, there would be no seasons! The tilt is what causes



A blindfold tasting has been part of previous Tu Bishvat festivities at Schomre Israel.

-Photos courtesy of Rabbi Shlomo Krasner, Congregation Schomre Israel

Earth’s hemispheres to receive differing amount of sunlight throughout the year. An Earth that sat straight would be one with constant climates at the different latitudes. A constant climate everywhere would alter many aspects of life, especially agriculture. Cultural practices worldwide would be effected since rituals, traditions, and holidays are tied to the seasons.

Arbor Days aren’t always in April
Fortunately, Earth is tilted about 23.5 degrees from the plane of its orbit around the sun. Because of that, Februaries in our locale produce cold winters. We won’t celebrate Arbor Day till planting season in April. In contrast, Villanueva de la Sierra in Spain has moist winters. They will celebrate Arbor Day, Feb. 17.
Tu BiShvat, also called Jewish Arbor Day or “New Year for Trees,” likewise occurs in January or February of (our) Gregorian Calendar. The festival is observed on the 15th of the Hebrew month of Shevat. That is when most of Israel’s winter rains have fallen, signaling the spring season and the beginning of a new fruit-bearing cycle.

Rabbi Zalman Sandhaus is the Rabbi at The Pardess Center for Jewish Life, which operates a farm and seasonal kosher market in Hopewell Junction. Rabbi Sandhaus shared some philosophy behind Tu BiShvat: “A person can be compared to a fruit tree. Our values are like roots. When they are strong, we are resilient to adversity. Strong values allow us to grow and become ‘fruitful’ by doing good deeds, which may make a positive impression on others and inspire them to do the same.”

Other Arbor Days occur differently across the globe. In Egypt, the January 15th day coincides with the country’s mild winter climate. South Africa celebrates Arbor Week at the beginning of September, their springtime. Cambodia’s and Mexico’s July Arbor Days were established by political decrees. Australia has two separate celebrations in July to encourage people to collaborate in tree planting across the country.

The first Arbor Day
A granite marker in the Spanish village of Mondoñedo commemorates the world’s first documented tree planting celebration in 1594. In 1805, Villanueva de la Sierra had its first tree-planting festival, in conjunction with Carnival Tuesday (the last day of feasting before the start of the Christian fasting period of Lent). In 1872, the first Arbor Day, as it known today, began in the plains of Nebraska. People were encouraged to plant trees for windbreaks,

fuel, building materials, and shade. Arbor Day has since become globalized.

No original ideas; only original adaptations

Tree-planting days and traditions tied to religious or cultural practices predate those documented “firsts.” India’s National Festival of Tree Planting was initially celebrated in 1947, yet the custom is related to ancient scriptures of Hinduism, which teach that trees are sacred and that deities reside in them. Similarly, the Shinto and Japanese cultures (10,000 BCE – 300 CE) included beliefs in gods that are thought to inhabit trees and sacred forests. Tu BiShvat began nearly 2,000 years ago. Jewish farmers used the date to mark the age of their fruit trees; religious laws forbade the eating of the fruit before the tree’s maturity.

Rabbi Shlomo Krasner of Congregation Schomre Israel in Poughkeepsie described Tu BiShvat as a day to bless agriculture for contributing to our livelihood and health. At Schomre Israel, Tu BiShvat is celebrated in original ways! They have hosted classes such as fruit carving and candy making, DIY sushi, and citron liqueur. They have served a “miracle fruit bar,” 100+ kinds of exotic fruits and nuts, cheese and grape juice pairings; as well as hosted blindfolded weird exotic tastings.

The temple’s way of celebrating “New Year for Trees,” as well as all of the observances of “Arbor Day” around the world, share something with the song “It’s Five O’Clock Somewhere”: They are all Original Adaptations. The version of the song you are most used to hearing, recorded by Jackson and Jimmy Buffet, was written by other musicians, was a common phrase before the song was written in 2003, and was a quote attributed to Red Skelton in 1959.

Arbor Day is globally varied and locally specific. Whatever version of it was first celebrated is open to debate. The holiday is about practical environmental action that is adapted to the ecological needs of each regional climate. It might not be “tree o’clock” here, but it is somewhere.

Francine Wizner is a native of the Hudson Valley. She grew up in the Catskills of Greene County and spent over 3 decades teaching in Ulster County. She creates science-themed instructional materials and books, as well as being a Citizen Scientist in the management of her current home in an enchanted woodland of Dutchess County.

Find her at <https://medium.com/@wiznerf>, <https://substack.com/@gkatzchronicle>, and <https://www.pleasantvalleyeaplelodging.com>.

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by mark adams



Ghosts I have known

Mark recalls spirits he has encountered, both near and far.

I don't believe in ghosts; at least I didn't, until the evening of January 12.

Sue has always believed in spirits, fairies and angels. So wherever we go, we book a ghost tour, from San Francisco to Saint Augustine and everywhere in between. On a Jack the Ripper tour in London, we peered down Hanbury Street looking for ghosts, and instead saw about 25 other Ripper tours in progress. In Medellin, Colombia, a Pablo Escobar tour took us to the famous Drug Kingpin's grave and to the roof of the building where he was shot. In Bogota, on a bicycle tour to Evita's grave, Sue's bike got stolen, so she stole a different one. When we returned it, the tour operator didn't notice the difference.

Poughkeepsie resident (and famous musician) Billy Beehler is an amateur ghost hunter, using an electromagnetic field meter and a spirit box to search for paranormal activity at the old Hyde Park train station. Before he moved to Cocoa Beach, Billy talked me and Sue into taking a particular ghost tour in San Francisco where the leader levitated a haunted hotel room key. It actually worked! And there were a few other attractions to visit while we were there – for example, we rented a car to drive down Lombard Street.

Saint Augustine was especially frightening, with the old jail, where prisoners killed each other to get more food, water and space. Pawley's Island, South Carolina is home to the Gray Man, who walks the beach before a storm. Gettysburg, Savannah, Albuquerque and of course, Salem, Massachusetts are all haunted. At the Andrew Jackson Hotel in New Orleans, which I later found out was once an orphanage, I was relaxing on the balcony when a bunch of people in the street started pointing up at me. Turns out it was a ghost tour, and they thought I was a ghost! Or the time at Van Dieman's Land in Tasmania that Sue saw orbs on the trees where the prisoners were hanged. The orbs even showed up on her photos.

I guess every city, town and village has a story. In the Hudson Valley, we have tons, starting with the Headless

Horseman in Sleepy Hollow, all the way up to Schuyler Mansion in Albany, where 14 skeletons were found buried on the property. Here in Dutchess County, we have Rhinebeck's Beekman Arms, the oldest continuously operated hotel in America. Sue and I stopped there for dinner last Friday to collect some ghost stories.

The ghost tour, which we took a few years ago, hasn't been held since 2019, but the ghosts still linger in the wine cellar. Server Grace Hanna told us that she's seen glasses fly off tables, lamps turn on and off, heard boots marching and knows about a "shadow person." Former employee Catherine Larkin used to smell pipe smoke (she says it's different from cigar or cigarette smoke, maybe Virginia cherry) in the upstairs office. Could it be the ghost of Aaron Burr, as he was plotting to kill Alexander Hamilton?

The ghost at Fiddler's Bridge is perhaps Dutchess County's most famous spirit. Our iconic local musician Vito Petrocchio heard the victim fiddling and wrote his song "Fiddler's Bridge Road." Vito also told me about the dungeon at the Rogers/Crumwold estate where supposedly dozens of people died, creating an entire haunted neighborhood where he grew up on Rogers Drive in Hyde Park (the mansion almost burned down a few weeks ago).

Last January 12, Sue and I booked a night at the Richard King suite in the Mengers Hotel, San Antonio. Richard King owned the largest ranch in America when he died in his bed at the Menger on April 14, 1885. The hotel kept his suite exactly as he left it, except they installed a giant flat screen TV at the foot of his four poster bed (they also changed the mattress). Sue tells me that ghosts don't like electronics, which must be true, because the TV went blank in the middle of an episode of "Forensic Files." After that, the ghost messed up Sue's computer, while she was trying to type the article I'd written to send to Southern Dutchess News. She got all riled up, which got me mad, and led to a big argument (about what? I don't remember). So we're sitting there in the King Suite,



Above: This historic marker explains the tale behind the name of Fiddler's Bridge Road in Clinton. Right: The haunted wine cellar at Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck. -Photos by Mark Adams



arms crossed, not talking to each other, no TV, no internet, silently stewing.

Then a strange thing occurred. Then, guess what? It so happens that January 12 was the 100th anniversary of my dear mother's birth. Her ghost must have challenged Richard King's ghost and defeated him. The TV suddenly came

back on, the computer booted up, and Sue and I flew into each other's arms.

Now I believe in ghosts.

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

East Fishkill Recreation

By Bill Green
Recreation Director

We still have a few openings for our February 15 trip next week to Resorts Catkills 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.

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

Our 2026 East Fishkill Recreation Guides should be available the end of this month. When completed the Guides will be avail-

able in Town Hall, the East Fishkill Library, the East Fishkill Community Center, the Davis House and many local businesses.

Signups for our two concert, buffet and gambling trips to Resorts (June- Summer Nights -Grease) and (September -Teenage Dreams 50s -60s) will be in late March.

Our trip to the Paramount in Peekskill to see the "DOO WOP PROJECT" is set for Saturday, April 25. Signups will be next week.

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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, Hope-well Junction, NY 12533. The reg. agt. is Vincent Direnno at same address. Any lawful purpose.

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

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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 desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 2 JAY LANE, HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY 12533. Any lawful purpose.

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

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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 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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

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

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

Notice of formation of Wellena Cleaning and Organizing

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

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

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

DeCandia Turf Solutions LLC Notice of formation of Limited 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 it 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 State of NY 11/4/2025. Off. Loc. : Dutchess Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, PO Box 404, Wingdale, NY 12594, USA. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

BARAT HOLIDAY LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State

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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: any lawful act.

Green Tree Holiday LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State 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: any lawful act.

Notice of Form. of Past N' Perfect, LLC Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/22/2025. Office Located in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 1629 Main Street Pleasant Valley Ny 12569 Purpose: General

Notice of Formation of 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, 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 JD Fire Sprinkler Solutions, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with NY Secretary of State (SSNY) on Dec 5, 2025. Office 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 STE N Albany, NY 12207. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful business activities permitted

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under NYS law.

Notice of Formation of 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 engage in any lawful business.

Notice of Formation of 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 may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 3 Hook Rd, Unit 12, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Ro-Lin Fields LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/18/2025. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 418 Broadway, STE R, 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 be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 418 Broadway, STE R, Albany, NY, 12207, USA. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of 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 may be served. 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

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desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Nicholas K. Golembiewski, 36 Tree Line Ct, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: General.

Notice of Formation of GXB Precision Tree. LLC. Care Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/06/2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: po box 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 process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him is 60 Florence Avenue, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose of LLC: To engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York.

228 MANSION STREET 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, 72 Old Mamaroneck Road, White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of CMME LOGISTICS LLC. Art/Org filed 1/11/24. Ofc loc Dutchess Cty. SSNY desig. agent for svc/proc & shall mail to 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. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 320 River Rd S, Wappingers, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful

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Fun at the DMV

Pop takes a couple of wrong turns when trying to register his car.

I recently had to go to the DMV to get a new license. It reminded me of when Pop went to the DMV to register his car.

Pop: Luigi listen, I gotta geta the car registered.

Me: That’s easy Pop; you can just mail it in.

Pop: No, Ia waited to long and itsa gotta be done in two days.

Me: You want me to go do it for you?

Pop: No. Ima gonna go. Is it ina the same place.

Me: Yeah, Pop, right on Market Street. But Pop, you’ve got to make an appointment now.

Pop: Nonja you worry. Ima gonna be fine.

Me: Pop, you gotta make an appoint-

ment.

Pop: Yeah. Yeah. Whatta you thin, Ima the olda man?

Two hours later he walks back into the restaurant.

Me: Wow! That was fast! How did you do it so fast?

Pop: I noa getta done. I waited a half hour just for a the parking space. Ia tried to go inside and the girila shea yella at me. I tolda her, Ima old. Shea tells me I have to make an appointment.

Me: Oh, God. Then what happened?

Pop: She let me inside and there were no a lotta people there. So I tried to walka up to the desk and they yelled at

me to get a ticket and waita my turn. I said Ima old. They no care. I wenta to taka the ticket and I push all kinds ofa buttons and I get 5 tickets. The guard hea yellsa ata me. I askda hima for help. I tolda him Ima old man and he told me I hava to waita my turn.

Me: So what did you do?

Pop: I saida some things in Italian and hea understood me. He yella at me, so Ia left.

Me: That lasted two hours?

Pop: No. I lefta the parking lot and I mada the right. Did you know itsa one way?

Me: Oh, God.

Pop: The police hea stopsa me. I said Ima sorry. Ima old. So he yellsa at me. I

turna the car around with all the other cars yelling and push their horns.

Me: That lasted two hours?

Pop: No I wenta up Main Street and Ia maka the right downa a Liberty Street. You know that ita no a street? Ita only a sidewalk now?

Me: Oh, God. So what happened?

Pop: The sama policeman he come over and hea starta yelling ata me again. I tella him Ima old. He giva me a ticketa.

Me: So then you came here?

Pop: Yeah. Hersa the registration anda the ticketa. Cana you do it for me?

Me: Yeah Pop no problem. (I look at the registration) Hey, Pop? What month is it now?

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Notice of Qualification of REVSTAC CONSULTING LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/07/26. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Massachusetts (MA) on 05/18/21. 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. MA addr. of LLC: 2B Cragmore Rd., Newton, MA 02464. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of the Commonwealth, One Ashburton Pl., 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. 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: 29 Friendly Way Stormville, NY 12582 Purpose: Dog Training

NOTICE OF FORMATION BREV SW LLC has filed Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State on January 16, 2026. Its office is located in Dutchess County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served and a copy of any process will be mailed to 89 Kensington Lane, Poughkeepsie, New York 12603. The purpose of the LLC is any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of Mahaffey Cattle Company LLC (hereinafter the Company) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on January 15, 2026. The office of the Company is located in Dutchess County, New York. The Company has designated the Secretary of State of New York as its agent upon which process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company is 484 Old Route 22, Amenia, NY 12501. The purpose of the Company shall be to conduct any lawful business or activity whatsoever, as permitted by applicable law.

Notice of Formation of ELBOW CREEK TWO, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/16/26. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of 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 Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

VALDINA TELLER ENTERPRISES LLC. 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

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Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Distillery Stay LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on January 8, 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.

Formation of 356 VERBK, LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/14/2026. Office loc.: Dutchess County. The principal business address is 356-358 Verbank Rd., Millbrook, NY 12545. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Jessica 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 designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 79 W Dorsey Ln, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: any lawful act.

JPB CONSULTAS, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 01/09/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is des-

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ignated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall 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 Kennel Rd, Pleasant Valley, 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: Any lawful purpose.

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 JUNCTION, NY 12533. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1 HOLLYBERRY DR, HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY 12533. Any lawful purpose.

LF8 LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/15/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall

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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 be served. SSNY shall 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 desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to PO BOX 585, AMENIA, NY 12501. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Small Batch Sisters LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/18/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may 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 Organization filed with the Secretary of State of

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New York (SSNY) on January 24, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to 75 Honeywell Ln Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws

Nuvantura LLC filed w/SSNY 1/21/26. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 83 Stream Ln, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Any lawful purpose.

100 SOUTH AVENUE LLC Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on January 22, 2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 20330 Passagio Drive, Venice, Florida 34293. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LF Bossier Haynesville, LLC filed Art. of Org. with the Sec’y of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/23/2026. 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.

FIRESIDE WOOD PRODUCTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on

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01/27/26. 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, c/o Jake Demasi, 43 Raceway Drive, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of HVEC NEWCO, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/28/2026. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 600 MAMARONECK AVENUE #400, HARRISON, NY, 10528. Any lawful purpose.

HOWLING HOLLOW FARM LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/14/2025. 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: The LLC, 2006 Clove Rd, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: any lawful act.

5926 RT 9 LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/30/2025. 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: The LLC, PO Box 785, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

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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 citizens 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

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-09-26 Car Wash Services Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 24th day of February 2026 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchess.ny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

TOWN OF FISHKILL, NY NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL RFP 2026-01

Request for Proposal
The Town of Fishkill Highway Department is soliciting Request for Proposals (RFP) to paint two (2) buildings and three (3) storage containers. Included in the RFP are photographs of the buildings and storage containers to be painted. The Town of Fishkill will not purposely eliminate any company from bidding, however, there are specifications that must be met. Taxes should not be reflected as the Town of Fishkill is tax exempt. **Effective 9:00 AM, Monday January 26, 2026, a Request for Proposal (RFP) may be obtained either in person at Town Hall**

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or electronically by emailing the Town of Fishkill Project Facilitator Joe DeFrancesco at jdefrancesco@fishkill-ny.gov. Therequestor / proposer must provide the legal company name, address, telephone number, representative name and email address when either picking up in person or via email. Any and all questions, clarifications, or requests shall be provided in writing to the Town of Fishkill Project Facilitator Joe DeFrancesco via email at jdefrancesco@fishkill-ny.gov. All questions, clarifications, and requests, together with answers, if any, will be provided to all firms that have indicated an interest or intention to submit statements. However, the names of any firms submitting any questions, clarifications, or requests will not be disclosed until after the deadline for submitting Proposals. The Town reserves the right to respond or not respond to any questions, clarifications, or requests. The data herein is provided without warranty or representation as to accuracy. Each proposer is directed and encouraged to make any and all examinations independently; to verify any and all examinations independently, and not to rely solely on the information stated herein, which is to be used only as a general guide. **Sealed proposals will be accepted until Wednesday March 11, 2026 at 1:00 P.M.** at the Town of Fishkill Town Clerk's Office, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524 and will be opened on the same day. No proposals will be accepted after the appointed time. No other distribution of proposals will be made by the Proposer. All Proposal copies must be signed in ink and in longhand by an official authorized to bind the Proposer. The Town of Fishkill reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, with or without cause. Awarding of the contract will take place at a regular monthly meeting of the Town of Fishkill. Should your firm be interested in submitting a proposal, submit the signed and sealed proposal with the requested / required information in the RFP, marked on the outer envelope **as: Highway Department Garage Painting Project.** Mail or deliver to: Cooper Leatherwood, Town Clerk Town of Fishkill

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF FISHKILL ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILLOW LAKE PARTNERS GROUP, LLC

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Fishkill will continue the Public Hearing on **Tuesday, February 17, 2026, commencing at 7:00 PM 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** to consider the following area variances 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:
1. A 21.3' front yard setback from the front road centerline for the proposed Valet Check Out Building Connection, where 75' is the minimum required front yard setback from the road centerline in the R-40 Zoning District. Said variance will result in a 53.7' front yard setback.
2. A 22.2' front yard setback from the front lot line for the proposed Valet Check Out Building Connection, where 75' is the minimum required front yard setback from the front lot line in the R-40 Zoning District.
3. A front yard setback to allow parking to be located in the front yard for the proposed Valet parking lots, where parking is not permitted in the front yard.
4. A 15' wall height variance, where 6' is the maximum wall height permitted. Said

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variance will result in a 21' wall height variance.
5. A construction on steep slopes variance to allow disturbance of approximately 0.11 acres of 55.87 acres of existing steep slopes, less than 20% of the total site, where new construction shall avoid areas of steep slopes. Willow Lake is the subject of a Site Development Plan Approval and a Special Use Permit Approval by the Town of Fishkill Planning Board, which is identified as Planning Board Application No. PB25-001.
The lands affected by this application is shown generally on the Tax Map Parcel No. 6255 00-432320, located at 4-16 Willow Lake Drive, consisting of 92.82 acres in the R-40 & R-4A Zoning Districts; Tax Map Parcel No. 6255-00-472382, located at 138 Van Wyck Lake Road, consisting of 10.98 acres in the R-40 & 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.
All interested persons will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Fishkill at the public hearing as stated above.
By Order Of The Zoning Board of Appeals Of the Town of Fishkill, New York
Debbie Colonna, Secretary
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TOWN OF WAPPINGER DUTCHESS COUNTY
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Town of Wappinger Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the **10th day of February, 2026** at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger Falls, NY pursuant to Section 240-37 of the Zoning Law of the Town of Wappinger to consider the following area variance:
Appeal No.: 26-7867 (Area Variance)
Gregory Garner: Seeking an area variance Section 240-37 of District Regulations in an R-40 Zoning District.
-Where **50 feet** to the rear yard property line is required, the applicant can provide **31.8 feet** for the construction of a 448 sf shed, thus requesting a variance of **18.2 feet**.
The property is located at **46 Hillcrest Court on .92 acres** and is identified as **Tax Grid No.: 6257-02-**

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938852 in the Town of Wappinger. All interested persons will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Wappinger at the public hearing as stated above.
Signed:
John Lorenzini, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals
Town of Wappinger
January 27, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF WAPPINGER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Wappinger will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the 9th day of February, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Town of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, New York, at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard as to whether the Town Board of the Town of Wappinger shall adopt a proposed Local Law Of 2026 entitled "A Local Law Amending Chapter 217 of the Town Code of the Town of Wappinger Relating to the Expiration and Final Approval of Subdivision Plats."
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the proposed Local Law are available for review and inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, New York.
Dated: January 28, 2026
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER
JOSEPH P. PAOLONI, TOWN CLERK

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Dated: January 28, 2026
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER
JOSEPH P. PAOLONI, TOWN CLERK

The Annual Meeting of the Pleasant Valley Cemetery Association will be held in the parlor of the First Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Pleasant Valley, NY on February 17, 2026 at 7:00 PM for the election of three (3) Trustees and for the transaction of any additional business that may be brought before the Board.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls will conduct a **PUBLIC HEARING** on the 25th day of February 2026, at 6:00 P.M. at Village Hall, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, New York. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider repealing the current Snow Ordinance and the Village Board is seeking public comment on whether or not it should be repealed.
Dated: ____, 2026
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS
JOHN KARGE, VILLAGE CLERK

Resolution Introducing Local Law Amending Chapter 221 Of The Town Code Of The Town Of Wappinger Entitled "Taxation" By Adding Section 221-IX Entitled "Exemption For Permanently And Totally Disabled Military Veterans"

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Wappinger has determined that it is appropriate and in the public interest to consider amendments to Chapter 221 of the Town Code of the Town of Wappinger entitled "Taxation" to ensure that local law is consistent with and supportive of state-authorized property tax exemptions for qualified veterans;

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and WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law § 458-a(11) authorizes municipalities to adopt a local law providing a full exemption from real property taxation and special district levies for the primary residence of permanently and totally disabled military veterans who meet the eligibility criteria set forth therein; and WHEREAS, it is the intent of this proposed Local Law to amend Chapter 221 of the Town Code of the Town of Wappinger entitled "Taxation" by adding a new Section 221-IX entitled "Exemption for Permanently and Totally Disabled Military Veterans," to provide a full exemption from Town and special district charges, assessments, and special ad valorem levies for real property used as the primary residence of a permanently and totally disabled military veteran who meets the eligibility criteria set forth in New York State Real Property Tax Law § 458-a(11); and WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to provide an opportunity for public comment prior to consideration of adoption of said Introductory Local Law, in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Home Rule Law; BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County, New York, as follows: That pursuant to the provisions of Municipal Home Rule Law § 20(5), a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Wappinger at the Town Hall, located at 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, New York, on the 23 day of February, 2026, at : 7:00p.m., to consider enacting **Introductory Local Law No. ____ of 2026**, entitled: A Local Law Amending Chapter 221 of the Town Code of the Town of Wappinger Entitled "Taxation" by Adding Section 221-IX Entitled "Exemption for Permanently and Totally Disabled Military Veterans"; and be it further RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town of Wappinger is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of the time and place of said public hearing at least ten (10) days prior thereto in the official newspaper of the Town of Wappinger.

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23. Composure under strain

26. More distant

30. Thompson of "Some Kind of Wonderful"

31. Ubiquitous deciduous tree

34. Genealogical plant

35. Poetic feet

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38. The Romanovs, e.g.

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43. *SoFi _____, Super Bowl LXI venue

45. *Last year's Super Bowl winners

47. Web robot

48. Tesla Roadster with Starman location

50. a.k.a. podagra

52. *The only NFL team with perfect season

55. Plant-based laxative

56. Symphony member

57. "No _____ for you!"

59. No gains without them

60. Retired, abbr.

61. Field worker

62. Bohemian

63. Not Miss or Ms

64. Poker amount

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1. Bro to bro

2. Speedy steed

3. Chuck Berry's "_____ Over Beethoven"

4. Rainbow color

5. *Santa Clara's _____ Stadium, Super Bowl LX venue

6. Beside, archaic

7. Titanic's frozen enemy

8. *Team with most Super Bowl appearances

9. Fencing weapon

10. Charitable contributions

11. Hi-_____

13. Garden shelter

14. Unhealthy atmosphere

19. Little hills

22. P in m.p.g.

23. Mark Twain to Samuel Clemens

24. Lively

25. Vampire of Greek mythology

26. *One of two teams to win while hosting Super Bowl

27. Long fishing line

28. Like haunted house

29. What the defense does?

32. High school dressy affair

33. Romanian money

36. *Super Bowl LX halftime show headliner (2 words)

38. Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young: "_____ Your Children"

40. Egyptian boy king, for short

41. Long jump

44. I to Greeks, pl.

46. Rob Marshall's 2005 movie "Memoirs of a _____"

48. On the wagon

49. Land parcels

50. *Shoulder pads and cleats

51. "Put a lid _____!"

52. College dwelling

53. High part of day

54. Edible fat

55. Facial site

58. *Charlie Puth and Brandi Carlile, _____ game stars

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BAU Gallery announces February exhibitions

The following exhibitions can be seen at BAU Gallery in Beacon from Saturday, Feb. 14–Sunday, Mar. 8. An opening reception is set for Saturday, Feb. 14, from 6–8 p.m.

Gallery One Fernando Martinez: To(2)o Meaning

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

Born in Argentina, Fernando Martinez uses wood and ceramics as base materials, often incorporating metal, plastic, string, and glass to create narratives about the effects of time and use, and the sacred and profane. A finalist in the Ceramics Monthly Emerging Artist 2025 edition, he is a graduate of SUNY Purchase. Martinez lives and works in Port Chester.

Gallery Two Rachel Dove and Dan Munkus: Material Systems

This two-person exhibition examines the utility, impact, and aesthetics of often-unseen external and inner systems. Dove, a ceramic artist, is drawn to the hidden

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

An artist and educator specializing in ceramics and textiles, Rachel Dove earned a BFA from the Columbus (Ohio) College of Art & Design and an MFA from the University of Tennessee. She attended Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture in 2007. A 2025 resident artist at Watershed Center for the Ceramics Arts, Dove has exhibited regionally in both juried and invitational shows and is an adjunct ceramics instructor at Suffolk County Community College. She lives and works on Long Island. Dan Munkus has a BFA from the University of California Berkeley and an MFA in Performance and Interactive Media Arts from Brooklyn College. Currently pursuing an MA at Columbia University Teacher College, Munkus lives and works in Peekskill.

Beacon Room Gallery Artists: Small Works

This show of photography, drawing,



BAU Gallery in Beacon opens announces February exhibitions. Artwork, from left, Rachel Dove, “Deflection,” 2025, ceramic stoneware, 10.5 in. x 6 in. x 4 in. Dan Munkus, “Float,” 2025, charcoal on paper, 30 in. x 22 in.
-Courtesy images BAU Gallery

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

careful examination.

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

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