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REMEMBERING 9/11: 25 YEARS LATER

Writing helps Beacon resident recall special times with son



Beacon resident Elaine Leinung stands next to the monument and salvaged portion of the South Tower of the World Trade Center at American Patriot Garden in the city of Beacon. Leinung's 22-year-old son, Paul James Battaglia, worked on the 100th floor of the North Tower on 9/11.

By Kristine Coulter Elaine Leinung will be holding a book signing for her book, "I Am Still Your Mother: Love Does Not End at Goodbye," and a conversation about grief, healing and hope on Thursday, Sept. 17 at Grinnell Library, 2642 E. Main St. in Wappingers Falls from 6-7:30 p.m. First, though, Leinung must get through the remaining days in early September. Leinung and her husband moved to

Beacon several years ago. Leinung saw the Patriot Garden with the 9/11 Memorial off Verplanck Ave. at Matteawan Road, when she and her husband were looking at possibly buying a house in Beacon. "I was very moved and very touched, even in Beacon they have a memorial. I was very happy about that," shared Leinung.

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Red Hook artist Richard Wambach prepared this special composite image for the Town of Stanford Fire Department and their special project for the 25th anniversary of the 9-11 tragedy. -Courtesy of Richard Wambach

Stanford 9/11 Memorial comes to life for 25th remembrance

By Jim Donick For the 25th remembrance of the tragic attacks on the World Trade Center, the Town of Stanford is going all out to prepare their annual memorial to that national nightmare. Very importantly, they have also included the young people of the community to play a major role, both in preparing the memorial and also in competing in a special essay contest. On the hillside in front of the town hall will be 2,955 flags to recall each person who died that day. Additionally, and spe-

cial to this year, there will be ribbons attached to round cork name tags on the fence. Those tags will each have the name of one of the victims. This is an addition for this year, and co-chairman Ed Zick notes that it is particularly meaningful. For the 25th anniversary the organizing committee decided to focus efforts heavily on local children. "We want to make this very real for them as well. This way the memory will stay alive," said Zick.

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Beacon Players' performance to honor all lost on 9/11

By Kristine Coulter They weren't born yet on that horrific day in September 2001 that changed America and the world, but students from local high schools will host "an evening you will never forget." The Beacon Players will present "September 11th From A High School at Ground Zero: With Their Eyes," on Friday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Seeger Theatre in Beacon High School, 101 Matteawan Rd., in Beacon. Along with Beacon High School students, there will be guest students

from other high schools joining the Beacon High School Players for this very special show that will honor the 25th anniversary of the terror attacks on the World Trade Center. Evangeline Santise is one of the participants. "I wanted to take part in this event because I believe that "With Their Eyes" discusses important topics that needs to be talked about," Evangeline stated via email. Gabriella Diaz, who is also taking part in the production, stated in an email, "I want to

be part of this 9/11 tribute to hopefully show through my character what the people at this time felt and give that emotion to the audience, highlighting the importance and tragedy it brought to the world." According to Giana Rodriguez, who will also be a part of the night's show, "I wanted to take part in this event because it was such a pivotal moment in history that deserves to be recognized by people of all ages. I wanted to find a place where I could respectfully honor the lives of those we lost while still having hope for the future, and this event is exactly that."

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The Beacon High School Players will perform "With Their Eyes," on Friday, Sept. 11 at Beacon High School. -Courtesy image

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This Friday, Sept. 11, it will be 25 years ago that Leinung’s eldest child, her son, Paul James Battaglia, 22, worked on the 100th floor of the North Tower on 9/11 when the World Trade Center was hit by terrorist attacks. Leinung said Battaglia had a “knack for numbers.” Paul worked for Marsh & McLennan. He interned with the company while attending Regis High School in Manhattan during his senior year. He attended and graduated from the State University of New York Binghamton. After graduation, his internship became a full-time position with the company. He was a risk consultant, she stated. While with the company, he kept a website, Battaglia.org of photos he took.

Leinung said her eldest child “was just a lot of fun.” She noted, “Paul was like born at 40.”

She recalled at that point in his life in 2001, “He was really in a good place. We had a lot of fun the night before. I have a lot of happy memories,” she said. Leinung said sometimes she was Battaglia’s “partner in crime.”

“He had a wicked sense of humor,” she said.

Battaglia’s mentor was Harry Taback, Leinung’s cousin, who was also lost in the World Tade Center attacks. He was 56 years old.

On that early morning in September 25 years ago, Leinung was at a conference. One of her colleagues said a plane hit the World Trade Center.

Leinung knew her oldest son was gone, she said. He had a meeting that day, Leinung recalled, and she knew Battaglia liked to be early for his meetings.

She was walking toward the World Trade Center covered with ash. Police officers were trying to turn people around. She made her way down to St.



A plaque at Patriot Garden in Beacon, which states: “New York American Patriot Gardens Paying Tribute to those Victims and Heroes of the September 11, 2001 Terrorist Attack.”

Vincent’s Hospital. Eventually she would make her way to the family’s Brooklyn home.

Grief, said Leinung, is cyclical. It comes at different times. Leinung noted that people, Americans especially, want everything finished and tied up in a nice bow.

Grief “is very rough but you learn to live with it,” she said.

Leinung complied all the messages and condolences she and her family received from people about Paul in the book “The Guest Book: In Memory of Paul James Battaglia.”

A description of the book states: “This book is a collection of messages, reflections, and memories shared on a website Paul created shortly before his death. In the days, months, and years following September 11, 2001, friends, family, and loved ones returned to that space to write—to grieve, to remember, and to stay connected. The entries appear as they were originally written, preserving the

voices, language, and immediacy of that time. Together, they form a living record of love, loss, and the enduring impact of one life. This book is offered in remembrance of Paul and in gratitude to all who took the time to share their words.”

Her younger son is putting on a reading in Manhattan on Sept. 10th about what he wrote regarding 9/11. Leinung is not sure if she will be in Manhattan on Sept. 11th though, she said. She has been writing things down for a while. It was three years ago, she remarked, when she realized, “I lost Paul longer than I had him. I had been writing things down a long time.”

In “I am Still Your Mother: Love Does Not End at Goodbye,” Leinung writes: “I was putting on mascara when I heard the front gate click. I thought, ‘If I’d been five minutes earlier, I could have ridden the train with him.’ I loved the feel of his suit against my shoulder, the scent of his cologne. But he walked too fast; I wouldn’t have caught him. Another train would



The pin with a photo of Paul James Battaglia worn by his mother, Elaine Leinung.

-Photos by Kristine Coulter

have come, but that wasn’t the point. I just missed one last ordinary moment.”

“America was supposed to be protected,” she said. Battaglia, and all the others that were lost and have since been lost, “were victims of war. They were civilian casualties of the war,” Leinung stated.

“Loss of life is forever...it’s permanent. It’s not that I don’t love my life, ‘cause I do love my life.” She added she has her husband, her two other children, has been blessed with grandchildren and had a great career as a nurse.

“But there’s this empty space. That’s just the way it is,” Leinung said.

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Beacon Players Director Anthony Scarrone, who was in New York City on 9/11, said, “For many students and audience members, September 11, 2001, exists primarily in textbooks, documentaries, and stories told by older generations. Those born after the attacks have no firsthand memory of the fear, confusion, and uncertainty that swept across the country, nor of the profound ways the tragedy altered American life. This event was created in response to that growing distance.”

Scarrone added, “Through theater, spoken word, and music, the production offers young people an accessible and emotionally meaningful way to encounter this history. Performance can transform facts into human experiences, inviting audiences to ask questions, develop empathy, and explore the events that followed 9/11, as well as the ways its consequences continue to influence our communities and the world.”

Giana stated, “People that take part in this event will walk away with a deeper understanding of just how unexpected this all was and to appreciate their day by day lives. While sometimes our daily tasks may seem boring, some would give everything to do what we take for granted.”

By taking part in this event, Gabriella remarked, “I’ve been able to really see the impact it had on this world and see the good hearts of many people who had helped each other in this hard time.”

For Evangeline, “taking part in this event has shown me how even though this horrific event left no person unscarred, people have the ability to come together to move forward and heal as a community.”

“Stories of volunteers, neighbors, families, and ordinary people offering help will reinforce the idea that even in moments of profound darkness, humanity can respond with care and strength,” remarked Scarrone.

“Together, the performance and exhibit seek to honor those who were lost while reminding audiences of what becomes possible when people stand together.”

Scarrone shared about the approach of each annual anniversary of that tragic day where so many were lost.

“The approach of each anniversary brings the experience back to me in ways that are both intimate and difficult to express. Having survived that day, I continue to carry memories of the people I lost, the scenes that remain sharply etched in my mind, and the knowledge that millions of lives were permanently changed. Gratitude is present alongside grief: I am thankful to have survived, and I recognize the responsibility and privilege of sharing what I remember. Certain moments remain extraordinarily vivid, including the disbelief of witnessing such cruelty and devastation unfold, the fear that seemed to reach every corner of the nation, and the uncertainty about what might happen next. Still, amid the horror, I remember an equally powerful response—the compassion, resolve, and solidarity that brought people together when the country was facing unimaginable loss,” he stated.

The Beacon Players director told about the hard work and dedication these students have put into this production.

“They have examined the historical record, listened to personal accounts, considered the human cost of the tragedy, and challenged themselves to perform material that is unfamiliar and emotionally demanding. Their preparation has required discipline as well as sensitivity, and they have approached every aspect of the work with maturity, thoughtfulness, and sincere respect for those whose lives were affected. By using spoken word and music to interpret these stories, they are helping carry the memory of 9/11 into the future and offering younger audiences a meaningful point of connection to an event they did not personally witness,” said Scarrone.

Evangeline commented, “People should attend to witness the hard work and dedication we put into this play and to participate in the remembrance of September 11th on its 25th anniversary.”

Gabriella explained, “I do believe people should attend this event because I believe it will give the audience an emotional feel of that time and see the importance of this day. And it gives a motivation to be part of the change in the world for the better.”

“People should attend because they will get a chance to see what exactly happened that day shown in a new light. We have worked on this with nothing but respect and admiration and when people attend this event they won’t just witness, they will learn,” said Giana.

Scarrone also mentioned, “An accompanying lobby exhibit will focus on the hope,

compassion, and resilience that emerged during the difficult days and months afterward. Although the display will recognize the enormous loss, grief, and suffering endured by countless individuals and families, it will also draw attention to the courage of first responders, the generosity of strangers, the unity of communities, and the perseverance of those who faced unimaginable challenges.”

It was noted that in light of the profound significance of this event, there will be no admission fee for the performance. Donations will be directed to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

Beacon resident remembered



At Patriot Garden in Beacon there is a memorial for Jupiter Yambem, a 41-year-old Beacon resident, and all the heroes who gave their lives on the morning of September 11, 2001. Yambem was a banquet manager at Windows on the World restaurant in Manhattan. The restaurant was on the 106th and 107th floors of the North Tower. Yambem was born in Manipur, India. At the age of 21 he immigrated to America.

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Heroes of 9/11

To the Editor:

They will come to the rescue in engines of red,
Not knowing of the danger that lies straight ahead.
Straight to the towers as fast as they might,
These brave men and women were first at the site.

Into the Towers with hoses in hand,
They rush up the stairways to save whoever they can.
Buildings afire with smoke everywhere,
Determined to go forward, they dare.

In so many minutes since they arrived,
Most of these men and women will not be alive.
The first Tower will crumble, the second one falls,
The bravest of the brave have made their last call.

So many have died who rushed to ground zero,
Magnificent they were, so many fallen heroes.
Forever, they will remain as a symbol of giving,
The ultimate sacrifice they made for us living.

The country today was awakened by terror,
It will live in our hearts, but we shall endeavor.
Death and destruction have come to us all,
They have threatened our freedom, but we will stand tall.

As the day goes on and the smoke starts to clear,
Our country will witness terror and fear.
The evil has come; they have struck the first blow,
You have threatened America, “You will reap what you sow.”

Leslie Pisaturo, 11/23/01
Town of Poughkeepsie

Recent news on victims services funding is just a ‘band-aid’

To the Editor:

Governor Kathy Hochul’s August 28 announcement of an additional \$36 million in funding for crime victim services is welcome news for survivors and the organizations that serve them. Family Services applauds the Governor for responding to advocates' concerns and taking action to address the severe funding reductions announced by the Office of Victim Services (OVS) in July.

The additional funding provides important relief, but it does not resolve the larger problem. Family Services, which initially faced a nearly 50% funding cut, has seen its tentative annual award increase from roughly \$440,000 to \$563,000. While that helps avoid some immediate service reductions, it still represents a 33% decrease from its current funding level of \$865,000.

Family Services’ crime victim services program is still not made whole. This is a Band-Aid, not a long-term solution. We still want our state government to address the underlying problems with the award process and explain how longstanding providers ended up facing cuts of this magnitude in the first place. This will have serious consequences for our organization, our victim services system, and the thousands of victims and survivors who rely on these services each year.

Across New York, victim service providers are being asked to meet increasing needs while navigating funding uncertainty and significant cuts. These organizations provide critical services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other crimes. When funding becomes unstable, providers struggle to retain experienced staff, maintain programs, and ensure that survivors receive timely support.

Equally concerning are the unanswered questions surrounding the OVS procurement process. Family Services and other providers continue to seek transparency about how applications were evaluated and funding decisions were made. Despite Freedom of Information Law requests, key details about the methodology remain unclear.

For organizations that have served their communities for decades, this issue extends beyond a single funding cycle. Family Services has provided victim services for more than 30 years, building essential infrastructure in the local public safety system.

Survivors deserve more than temporary relief. New York must ensure a victim services system that is transparent, stable, and sustainable, with adequate resources to support trusted providers and guarantee meaningful access to services. We urge state leaders to continue pursuing transparency, reexamine the procurement process, and fully restore funding so survivors can count on the support they need when they need it most.

Leah Feldman
Chief Executive Officer
Family Services

Rolison comments on restoration of funding for victims services organizations

To the Editor:

Following multiple calls for restoration efforts, Senator Rob Rolison released the following statement on the recently announced restoration of domestic violence services, rape crisis and child advocacy center funding:

“I am glad our voices were heard and that Governor Hochul is restoring funding for New York’s victim services organizations and child advocacy centers. From the moment these devastating cuts were announced, we made it clear they were unacceptable by writing to the Governor, while continuing to push for action at the State and County level.

These organizations are lifelines for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crimes, and they should never have been put in a position where critical services were at risk. This restoration is an important step and proof that speaking up matters. I will continue working to ensure our local providers are made whole and have the stable, reliable funding they need to continue their lifesaving work.”

Rob Rolison (R-39th district)
New York State Senate

Jury finds Wappingers Falls man guilty of aggravated unlicensed operation and DWI

Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi announced recently that John Spiegel Jr., 35, was found guilty of Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the First Degree, a Class E Felony, and Driving While Intoxicated with Two Previous Convictions of Designated Offenses Within 10 Years, a Class D Felony, following a jury trial.

District Attorney Anthony Parisi said, “Driving while intoxicated is not a victimless crime, it is a reckless choice that can have devastating and irreversible consequences. Mr. Spiegel had been convicted of impaired driving offenses before, had lost his privilege to drive, and yet once again chose to get behind the wheel while intoxicated. That repeated disregard for the law and the safety of others is precisely why we aggressively prosecute repeat DWI offenders.”

The charges in the Indictment stem from a traffic stop on June 21, 2025, on the Taconic State Parkway in the Town of

Milan. A New York State Trooper stopped Spiegel while he was traveling northbound near mile marker 72. During the traffic stop, the Trooper reported smelling an odor of alcohol coming from Spiegel. The Trooper asked Spiegel to exit the vehicle and perform standardized field sobriety tests. Spiegel refused to perform the tests. Spiegel further refused a chemical breath test. He was subsequently placed under arrest and transported to Rhinebeck State Police Barracks.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Fluck and Assistant District Attorney Chelsea Paglia of the Dutchess County District Attorney’s Office. The Honorable Karen Edelman-Reyes presided over the trial and scheduled sentencing for October 19. The defendant faces 2 1/3 – 7 years in state prison.

The Dutchess County District Attorney’s Office thanks the New York State Police for their work on this case.

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Memorial for Local 9/11 Hero



The Paul Tegtmeier Memorial is located at Hackett Hill Park in Hyde Park.
-Photo by Jim Donick

By Jim Donick
On Friday, Sept. 11, at 6:30 p.m., the Paul Tegtmeier Memorial Committee will host a 25th anniversary commemoration of the World Trade Center attacks at the Tegtmeier Memorial at Hackett Hill Park in Hyde Park.
A long-time volunteer in Hyde Park’s fire department, Paul Tegtmeier had only 18 months prior to the attack realized his dream to become a New York City firefighter. In New York he was a member of Ladder Company 46. On the

morning of September 11, 2001, Firefighter Tegtmeier was detailed to work a day tour with Engine 26. When the call came in, Engine 26 responded directly to the World Trade Center site. Tegtmeier and the crew entered Tower 2 (the South Tower) to ascend and operate on the fire floors. He perished when the South Tower collapsed. He was 41 years old.
This annual ceremony is held in memory of Paul A. Tegtmeier and all those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.

Local municipalities to commemorate 9/11

- The following municipalities have announced 9/11 Memorial Services.
- Town of East Fishkill**
Friday, September 11
6 p.m. Patriotic Concert
7 p.m. Remembrance Service
East Fishkill Community Center
890 Route 82
East Fishkill

Town of Fishkill
Friday, September 11
11 a.m.
Town of Fishkill Police Department
801 Route 52
Fishkill

Town of Wappinger
- Friday, September 11
8:30 a.m.
Sgt. Mark C. Palmateer 9/11 Memorial Park
Route 9 North & Old Hopewell Road
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Village of Fishkill
Friday, September 11
8:30 a.m.
Van Wyck Hall
1195 Main St.
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5:30 –8:30 p.m.
Mesier Park
Wappingers Falls

9/11 Memorial Service at New Hackensack

To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center in NYC, the Pentagon in Virginia and the downing of Flight 93 in Pennsylvania there will be a 9/11 Memorial Service Ceremony honoring the lives lost September 11, 2001, including the first responders who paid the ultimate sacrifice and those who continue to face health challenges from that day.
The ceremony will begin on Friday, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m. at the New Hackensack Fire District/Company Memorial, 217 Myers Corners Road, Wappingers Falls (rain or shine).
The ceremony is open to all. Refreshments will be served following the service. Please stay and meet the Firefighters.

County to host Patriot Day Memorial Ceremony on Sept. 11th marking 25th anniversary

Dutchess County Family Court Judge Tracy C. MacKenzie will host Dutchess County’s annual Patriot Day Memorial Ceremony on Friday, Sept. 11, at 8:30 a.m., on the steps of the Dutchess County Family Court building, 50 Market St., Poughkeepsie, as the nation marks the 25th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The service’s keynote speaker will be Retired FDNY Battalion Commander Keith E. Cartica and will include as a ceremonial flag lowering and a moment of silence to remember and honor those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001. All are invited to attend.
This ceremony has been annual tradition that began in 2002, on the first anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The event is hosted each year by Dutchess County Family Court Judges and includes remembrance of the Court Officers who lost their lives. The annual event is always well-attended by Dutchess County Government employees and local residents.

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Ex-Renegades playing key roles for Yankees

By Morgan E. Maier

Even if the Hudson Valley Renegades are out of the playoffs, they must be doing something right. Of the players who have taken the field for the New York Yankees in 2026, plenty of former Renegades are scattered across the field. Several High-A Hudson Valley alumni in particular have been key to the Bombers’ playoff contention.

First up is Cam Schlittler. The accolades keep coming for the fireball-slinging pitcher, who has amassed 200+ strikeouts, an All-Star nominee, and more in his first full MLB season. Once the South Atlantic League Pitcher of the Year, Schlittler has embraced his role as a top Yankee starter, and the team — and fans — are at ease when he takes the mound. If he finishes out the season as he’s played all season, he is an easy favorite for the American League’s top pitcher award.

Ben Rice is the undisputed MVP of the Yankees in the absence of Aaron Judge. Judge has been sidelined by injury since May 31, but the Bombers have remained in playoff contention. The key is Rice, who sees time at first place and designated hitter. New York has been hit with a smattering of other injuries, and Rice remains a constant slugger. He cooled a bit in summer after a red-hot start, but Rice is still cooking in his career year.



Pitcher Cam Schlittler, above, and outfielder Spencer Jones, right, are just two of the former Hudson Valley Renegades who are keeping the New York Yankees in the playoff hunt this season.

-Courtesy photos

The newest Yankees were teammates for a short time in Hudson Valley:



Elmer Rodriguez (Cruz) and George Lombard Jr. In nine Triple-A appearances between big league starts, Rodriguez posted a 2.13 earned run average. He most recently appeared against the Houston Astros on August 26. The Yankees won 9-3 in a game that was knotted at three in the

seventh inning.

Lombard sent shockwaves through baseball with a fiery debut series, including a home run and plenty of “did-you-see-that” plays at shortstop. Some say it’s Derek Jeter reincarnated. I’d say he’s just as fun of a player to watch as he was in Hudson Valley a short time ago.

Spencer Jones can make a great play in the outfield one inning, and turns heads on the warning track the next. Another Renegade alumni known for his slugging, Jones has seen ample playing time in the absence of the Yankees outfield trio: Judge, Cody Bellinger, and Trent Grisham.

Trade rumors swirled around catcher Austin Wells all summer, but since July he has shown New York that he’s exactly where he should be. On August 30, Wells launched two home runs in the same inning, becoming the sixth Yankee to reach the unusual milestone.

All of these players are homegrown Yankee prospects, farmed by the eagle-eyed scouts of a perennially-contending professional franchise. Fans suspect that we may be seeing the assembly of the Yankees’ Gen-Z Core Four. But who will be the Bronx’s next household name - or names? Only time may tell, but many Hudson Valley fans already have their picks.

RENEGADES ROUNDUP

So close! Renegades fall just short of playoffs as Greensboro advances

By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley Renegades entered the final week of the regular season on the cusp of postseason baseball. Yet as the Wilmington Blue Rocks started the series with two shutouts, it was soon clear that the season would be over after Sunday, Sept. 6.

The Greensboro Grasshoppers clinched the second spot of the North Division, while Hudson Valley and Wilmington battled for third place in the standings. Thanks to a five-game winning streak to boost their lead in the standings, Greensboro has dashed

Hudson Valley’s hopes once again.

The Renegades came up with a fight at the turn of the weekend, but their playoff hopes were dashed. The Labor Day celebration came early for the visiting team, who had their own shutout waiting for the Nationals’ High-A affiliate. The Renegades soared to a 7-0 shutout on Sept. 3, thanks to a few notable offensive performances. Willy Montero went 3-for-4 with an RBI single. Home runs came in threes in the seventh inning, leaving little doubt about the Renegades redemptive win.

Jackson Lovich knocked a home run

to score Montero and Robbie Burnett. Enmanuel Tejeda extended the lead to three with a home run. To no surprise on the Renegades’ side, David McCann also homered, a solo shot. Burnett, always accountable for getting on base, worked three walks.

Though 2026 ends in Wilmington, the Renegades have much to be proud of this season: a few record-setting home runs, fond farewells for the players promoted through the season, and a whole lotta fun, among many other notable moments.

See you next year!



David McCann was one of three Renegades to slug homers in a 7-0 win over Wilmington last week.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

County Executive, Sheriff promote positive school environments

As students across Dutchess County prepare to return to classrooms for the 2026-27 school year, County Executive Sue Serino and Sheriff Kirk Imperati remind the community that everyone plays a role in creating a safe, welcoming and respectful environment for children, both in schools and on the roads.

The County leaders are encouraging parents, educators, students and drivers to work together to help ensure every child feels supported, protected and ready to learn throughout the school year.

Serino said, “A new school year is a fresh start full of excitement and opportunity. When we choose kindness and respect, we help every student feel welcome, supported and ready to learn.

Together, we can give our children the confidence to grow, succeed and shine.”

Serino emphasized that strong relationships between families, educators and students are key to building positive school communities. By treating one another with compassion and understanding, she said, we can create environments where all students have the opportunity to thrive.

Imperati reminded drivers that keeping students safe extends beyond the classroom and into the community. As children walk, bike, ride buses and travel to and from school, motorists are urged to slow down, remain alert and follow traffic laws, especially during busy arrival and dismissal times.

Sheriff Imperati said, “The safety of our

students is a shared responsibility. Drivers must stay focused, follow the rules of the road and take extra precautions in school zones. Please slow down, watch for children crossing the street, follow the direction of crossing guards and never pass a school bus with its red lights flashing. A few extra seconds of caution can help prevent a tragedy.”

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Dutchess 4-H youth shine at 180th Dutchess County Fair

The 2026 Dutchess County Fair once again provided an incredible opportunity for 4-H youth to showcase the time, effort and dedication they have put into their projects throughout the year. More than 200 youth participated in 4-H shows, evaluations and activities during the 180th Fair, sharing everything from livestock and animal projects to demonstrations and other accomplishments. For many 4-H members, the Fair represents the culmination of an entire year of learning and hard work—and a chance to share what they have learned with thousands of fair-goers.

Several youth earned special recognition for their accomplishments. Grady Lyman had the opportunity to be interviewed alongside his dog, Tavin Pennock was named 4-H Elite Showman, and Maddie Sartori was recognized as the 2026 4-Her of the Year.

Beyond the shows and competitions, the Fair is about community. Throughout the week, the 4-H Team had the opportunity to meet countless families, answer questions and introduce new people to the opportunities available through 4-H.

The Dutchess 4-H Team would also like to recognize the countless hours and energy provided by dedicated club leaders, volunteers, and partners, including the Dutchess County Fair who help provide opportunities for Dutchess 4-H Youth. Plans are already in motion for the 2027 Dutchess County Fair; watch out for your favorite 4-Hers in NY to return next year!



4-H youth take part in a dairy goat show during the 180th Dutchess County Fair. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

REMEMBERING 9/11: 25 YEARS LATER

Stanford 9/11 Memorial comes to life for 25th remembrance



The entire community is coming out to be a part of Stanford’s 9/11 Memorial. Last week, more than 40 people worked in a drizzly rain, hanging ribbons and name plates on the fence around Town Hall.

-Photos by Jim Donick

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Each of the classes in the Pine Plains Central School District took some of the names and students hand-wrote them, one at a time, until all 2,955 names had been written. Zick noted, “none of these kids had even been alive when the towers fell, and this exercise gives them a sense of the reality and the size of the event. This was accomplished by all of the grades, first through 12th, so some of them look like they were written by very young children and some beautifully done by some of the older ones. Everyone took part.” The names will be attached to ribbons and then hung on the fence in alphabetical order.

Julie Roberts, principal at Seymour Smith Intermediate Learning Center, said that her school did 1,400 of the name tags.

“At first,” she said, “this was just a project to make sure it was done right ... but then the enormity hit. These were all ‘somebody’s somebody’ and they became real people.”

Kirsten Fischetti, the principal of Cold Spring Early Learning Center, has the youngest students to have taken part. Students and teachers placed a great deal of importance on this program. They “wanted to do it right.” Her students came to understand the importance of writing these names on the tags. They came to understand that the more we say these names, the more these people’s memories will live on. Fischetti notes that they, too, came to understand that each one, like themselves and their own friends, was “somebody’s somebody.”

Chris Boyd, principal at Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School, reports that his students handled 1,500 of the name tags and, like the other schools, did it in the May time frame before school let out for the summer.

“Doing it in the spring,” he recalled, “gave them time to really process this memory and make it real.”

The now-annual event has special significance for the co-chair, Ed Zick. He’s a Stanford firefighter.

“Twelve hundred of our brother fire fighters died, and many are still dying now from the poisons they absorbed there,” he said. “We keep their memories alive.”

One local firefighter, a long time volunteer in Hyde Park, Paul Tegtmeier, had only recently joined the FDNY (Fire Department of the City of New York). He died in Tower 2.

The display is now in place. Flags are on the hillside, and name tags on the fence. At night, each of the nearly 3,000 flags will be lit by small tea-light candles that will shine through the night. Additionally, each night, the sky will be lit up with two searchlights pointing straight up as a reminder of the two towers that are no more.

The other major activity for the Pine Plains School District students was the essay contest. The Stanford Fire Company invited local students to submit essays reflecting on the events and aftermath of the 9/11 tragedy. The underlying theme was to be focused on the famous

Mr. Rogers’ advice in times of trouble: “Look for the helpers.” In other words, who tried to make things better? The students’ entries were divided into three groups based on grade.

The winners for each division were:
Grades 1 to 4 - Juliana Medick - Grade 3
Grades 5 to 8 - Juliet Morgan Shields - Grade 8
Grades 9 to 12 - Darren J. Morrey - Grade 12.

Each group was given an assignment on the topic of helpers after the tragedy of 9/11. The topics were of an increasing level of sophistication. The winner in each group will read their essay and receive a \$250 honorarium at the memorial service on the 11th of September.

On September 11th the memorial will begin early in the morning with members of the community reading aloud the names of each of the victims. At 7 p.m. there will be a memorial ceremony hosted by the Stanford Fire Department. All are welcome.

Win the Region’s Best: HV Credit Union announces Sip, Stay & Play Sweepstakes

Hudson Valley Credit Union (HVCU) has announced a Sip, Stay & Play Sweepstakes as part of its participation in this year’s Hudson Valley Wine & Food Festival. The sweepstakes will run from September 12 through September 19, giving participants the opportunity to enter for a chance to win one of three experiences celebrating the best of the Hudson Valley and beyond. The sweepstakes is open to individuals who are 18 years of age or older.*

Participants may choose to enter one

or more of the following prize drawings:

- Wildflower Farms Getaway Package featuring a two-night stay in a Bower Cabin, two 60-minute spa treatments, dinner for two at Clay (up to \$300), and applicable taxes.
- Culinary Institute of America Experience, including a \$500 gift card that may be used toward dining, classes, tours, and other eligible offerings.
- The Kartrite Resort & Indoor Waterpark Family Getaway, including a \$600 gift card that may be applied



toward accommodations and eligible resort experiences.

Individuals may enter online at hvcu.org/HVWFF, at any HVCU branch location, or at either HVCU booth during the Hudson Valley Wine & Food Festival. Entrants may submit one entry per prize drawing. All entry methods are treated equally.

The sweepstakes is part of HVCU’s larger initiative to bring the Hudson Valley to life at this year’s festival. Attendees can enjoy a build-your-own bouquet experience featuring locally grown blooms from Ulster County-based Hudson Wildflower Co., as well as complimentary samples of alcohol-infused ice cream from Orange County-based Toppings.

“Our commitment to the Hudson

Valley extends beyond financial services,” said Tina Ludwig, senior vice president, head of experience activation at HVCU. “It’s about investing in the people, businesses and experiences that make this region such a special place to live, work and visit. Through the Sip, Stay & Play Sweepstakes and our involvement with the Hudson Valley Wine & Food Festival, we’re proud to showcase local organizations and experiences that help make our region unique.”

One winner will be selected for each prize drawing through a random drawing conducted on or about September 21. Winners do not need to be present to win.

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Barrett announces \$75,000 funding for Dutchess Outreach

Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-Dutchess/Columbia) announced that she has secured \$75,000 for Dutchess Outreach. This funding will help Dutchess Outreach source locally grown food from farms in the 106th Assembly District and support the operation of the Farm Stand, a mobile food pantry program in the Town of Poughkeepsie.

For over 50 years, Dutchess Outreach has worked consistently to combat food insecurity in Dutchess County, providing fresh, local foods to those in need.

“Our Hudson Valley region is blessed with world-class farms that have fed our region for generations. As a longtime advocate for combatting food insecurity, I believe the solution starts in our own backyard – sourcing local food from our small and mid-sized farms to feed our communities,” said Barrett. “I am thrilled to secure \$75,000 in funding for Dutchess Outreach to purchase food from local farms here in the 106th

Assembly District and to continue supporting their successful Farm Stand in a Town of Poughkeepsie, a mobile food pantry that distributes thousands of pounds of food to local families.”

“We are incredibly grateful to Assemblymember Didi Barrett for this \$75,000 investment in our community. At a time when more families are struggling to afford healthy food and local farmers are facing tremendous economic pressures, this funding allows us to address both challenges at once,” said Renee Fillette, Executive Director of Dutchess Outreach. “This is exactly the kind of investment we need: one that strengthens families, supports farmers, and builds a more sustainable and resilient local food system. We are deeply grateful to Assemblymember Barrett for understanding that these issues are connected and for continuing to champion solutions that benefit the entire community.”



Assemblymember Didi Barrett, center, is pictured with staff members from Dutchess Outreach.

-Courtesy photo

County announces \$107,470 awarded though NYS’ Youth Sports and Education Opportunity funding

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino last week announced eight municipal and nonprofit organizations have been awarded a combined \$107,471 through New York State’s Youth Sports and Education Opportunity funding. The funding will expand athletic opportunities for local children ages 6 to 17 while encouraging healthy lifestyles, supporting academic achievement, preparing young people for future careers and strengthening community connections. Grant recommendations were developed by the Dutchess County Youth Board and Coordinating Council, comprised of community members and nonprofit representatives.

Serino said, “Every young person deserves the chance to learn, grow and thrive. Sports help young people build healthy habits, confidence, friendships and valuable life skills that can benefit them for years to come. We are thrilled to partner with these awarded organizations to provide a wide range of sports opportunities for our young people.”

Projects funded through the 2026-27 Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Funding program include:

City of Beacon, Beacon Swim Academy, \$10,977 – The City’s pool will host the popular Pool Swim Academy program throughout the month of July for several age groups: preschool, ages 5-7, and 8+, serving 80 young people; funds will be used for personnel costs.

Northern Dutchess Aquatic Club, Pre-Team and Dryland Training, \$16,374 – Offer training opportunities through two free, eight-week, pre-team sessions, a 12-week dryland training session for swimmers ages 6-13 and free dryland training for swimmers ages 14-18; funds will cover costs of swimming and dryland equipment, pool rental and personnel.

NY FLIGHT 845, Inc., NY FLIGHT Academy, \$18,000 – Provide free, structured open-gym basketball training, skills and drills training, as well as organized team activities, building basic skills for middle- and high-school students, as well as continuing Kingdom Classic Tournament; funds will be used for equipment, supplies, coaches and trainers.

Ramapo for Children, Experiential Social and Emotional Learning Retreats for Dutchess County Nonprofits and/or Schools, \$14,500 – Offer minimum of three experiential retreats for at least 80 young people from local schools and nonprofits, utilizing active, hands-on experi-

ences to strengthen social and emotional learning skills while encouraging physical activity; funds will be used for ropes course maintenance and repair, as well as personnel cost.

Town of Hyde Park, Learn to Swim Program, \$7,558 – Helps young people achieve life-long skills through instruction from certified American Red Cross Swimming Lesson staff, offering the opportunity to learn to swim and physical exercise in a fun, safe and positive environment; funds will be used for lifeguards and instructors.

Town of Red Hook, Town of Red Hook Recreation, \$20,000 – Provides five-week summer programs that offer 12+ different recreational programs to over 500 young people up to age 21 living within the Red Hook Central School District; funds will be used for personnel costs.

Town of Stanford, Teen Fitness Foundations, \$5,762 – After-school program for students in sixth through 10th grade, building lifelong fitness skills through structured, engaging sessions by providing inclusive opportunity for teens, especially those not involved in sports, to stay active, improve their health and build habits that support long-term wellness; funds will be used for sports equipment and fitness trainers.

Vassar College, Poughkeepsie Outing Club, \$14,300 – After-school program engages Poughkeepsie Middle and High School students in physical activity through structured outdoor programming to reduce barriers to outdoor recreation; funds will cover personnel cost and hiking equipment for the lending “library.”

Funding still available

A total of \$43,916 remains available through the YSEF grant program, for the program year Oct. 1, 2026, to Sept. 30, 2027, for local organizations that provide free sports opportunities to young people ages 6-17.

Eligible applicants should be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, other community-based organization, or a municipality with a federal identification number, operating in Dutchess County with the ability to meet the County’s insurance requirements. Organizations that have been awarded 2026-2027 YSEF funding are encouraged to apply for additional funding.

Please visit the Division’s NYS Office of Children and Family Services (NYS OCFS) Grant Funding webpage for more comprehensive information regarding this program and how to apply.

Events for Hudson Valley Climate Solutions Week announced

Hudson Valley Climate Solutions Week 2026 launches Sept. 12 - 20. Led by Sustainable Hudson Valley, the region-wide events series highlights the wide range of work being done to deal with climate change, emphasizing ways to get involved. This includes shifting the energy system to renewable sources with storage to stabilize the grid, shifting the use of materials from throwaway to circular, and adapting to the unpreventable impacts of climate change – from floods to droughts to fires.

Events will showcase private and public sector examples of climate leadership that invite participation, including:

- A Clean Power Expo at Red Hook’s beautiful Rose Hill Farm, creating a space where people can learn how to upgrade their energy systems while maximizing their savings by talking to experts, for free; chat with contractors, interact with the tech, and check out cars;
- An art exhibition at the Cunneen-Hackett Center in Poughkeepsie “What Comes Back: Renewal and Resilience,” explores sustainability through contemporary art; bringing together artists working across various mediums to examine how ecosystems, communities, and materials recover, adapt, and endure;
- Learning how Vassar College is pushing forward sustainability through an outdoor walking tour that showcases building decarbonization, waste reduction, and regeneration of the campus ecosystem; a space to learn about the rewards and challenges of pushing forth sustainability.

Highlighted on www.hvclimatesolutionsweek.org, events happening in Dutchess County also include:

- Innovative compost site tour in Rhinebeck showcasing a municipal and farm partnership and the use of hemp animal bedding as a compost feedstock;
- Team leader training for hosting “The Coolest Recycling Drive,” a model for collecting and properly recycling appliances containing refrigerants, a climate super-pollutant that is often ignored;
- A webinar on how to start a Repair Cafe, freeing communities from the energy waste of the throwaway economy;
- A webinar on how to get a job in the expanding field of sustainability with Bard Graduate Programs in Sustainability Director Eban Goodstein;
- A Lunch and Learn webinar on creating and implementing climate adaptation plans for communities, with Neil Bettez, Ph.D., Climate Adaptation Team Coordinator at the Hudson River Estuary Program;
- Native plant sale at Vassar College;
- Inspiring tour of one of the region’s most innovative green building and regenerative design models, the Omega Center for Sustainable Living & Eco Machine in Rhinebeck.

According to Executive Director Melissa Everett, “This annual outpouring unites and strengthens the amazing movement of innovators taking direct action to roll out cleaner technologies and more regenerative practices. More than ever today, it’s on us. There is excitement as well as determination among us.” Climate Solutions Week brings neighbors, innovators, artists and organizers together to share what’s working. According to project lead Kiara Carman, “Together, we imagine and invent what’s next - local, hands on, and scalable. However you show up, you’re part of the momentum toward regional solutions and community.”

Learn more at www.hvclimate solutionsweek.org.

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Obituaries

Alan Piciacchio



Alan Piciacchio, 59, of Fishkill, NY, formerly of Farrell, PA, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, August 22, 2026.

Alan was born January 3, 1967, in Sharon, PA to Isadore and Irene (Yevchak) Piciacchio. He was a 1985 graduate of Farrell High School and was Class President and Valedictorian. Following high school, he attended Penn State University earning a BS and MS in Ceramic Science and Engineering and remained a proud Nittany Lion. While in college he belonged to the Delta Upsilon fraternity, later serving as Historian. He authored a 130-page book celebrating his fraternity's 100-year anniversary in 2011. He shared strong camaraderie and love with his DU brothers.

Alan began an outstanding career with IBM in NY, starting as a Process Engineer, and rising through the ranks of the IBM

Academy of Technology. Following 30 years with IBM, his division was divested and became Kyndryl. Alan achieved the rank of Distinguished Engineer as Data Engineer, Manager of Integrated Service Management, and VP of Operations Architecture. In 2024, Alan became Chief Executive Officer & Founder of a consulting firm named Alanytics. He worked with Apex Engineered Products as Chief of Staff and VP of Sales Solution Engineering. Throughout his educational and work careers, he obtained numerous professional awards, certifications, licenses, and several patents.

Alan freely gave much of his time to volunteer efforts, serving the Streamside Knolls Homeowner Association as President and Vice-President; the INFORMS Analytics Society of NJ as President; and the Beacon youth Soccer Club as Secretary, Treasurer, and Fundraising Volunteer. He also co-founded a local soccer league for adults, the United Football Club of Beacon.

Alan never forgot the town that raised him: Farrell, PA. He recently served as President of the Adhoc committee, working to promote the city. He spearheaded a fund-raising event for the local library where he spent many hours during his childhood. He was proud to be inducted into the Farrell Alumni Hall of Fame in 2015. His love for all things Farrell, and his classmates from & was evident.

The most important thing to Alan was his family. He loved his children unconditionally, and he was the best soccer, swim, and dance dad, and their biggest cheerleader from the sidelines. He was dog-dad to his beloved pets, Roxie, Penny, and Rocket. They took many hikes up Mt. Beacon to watch the sunrise. Alan also enjoyed skiing, basketball, and volleyball. Alan may not have realized how many lives he touched, and the impact he made on people. He always noticed people for who they were, making them feel seen and valued. He was upbeat, warm, kind and funny, a one-of-a-kind guy you would hope to come across. His humor was witty and sometimes off the wall and quirky. He even tried his hand at stand-up comedy in New York City and locally in Beacon, NY. His prolific sense of humor often made him the life of the party.

Alan is survived by his son Justin and daughter Vanessa. He is also survived by his brother Louis (Sharon), sister Janet Puhak, and sister Celeste, who is one of his favorite people on earth. He leaves behind many beloved nieces and nephews, who mourn the loss of their "fun uncle". His great-nieces and nephews had the privilege of getting to know him. He also leaves many extended family members. The family wishes to thank the hundreds of Alan's friends, classmates, former coworkers, DU brothers, fellow Nittany Lions, and soccer pals who have reached out to tell funny Alan stories, and to mourn his passing.

Alan was preceded in death by his parents and his brother-in-law Bill Puhak. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Alan's memory to the agency that provides services for his sister Celeste; Whole Life Services, Inc. 1565 E. State St. Hermitage, PA 16148 and to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Hudson Valley / Westchester 199 Water St. 11th Floor New York, NY 10038 <https://supporting.afsp.org/campaigns/AlanPiciacchioMemorialFund>.

His Family will gather to remember and celebrate with Friends on Saturday, September 12, 2026 from 3:00 - 7:00 PM at DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY. A Celebration of Life will be held a later date in Western PA and Interment at St. Anthony's Cemetery, Hermitage, PA. Messages of sympathy, stories and photos can be shared on Alan's Memorial Page: www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

Andrew Whitson



Andrew Whitson, 79, known to many as "Wildcat Whits," passed away on September 1, 2026, surrounded by family and friends.

A lifelong resident of Beacon, Andy was the son of the late Herbert and Ruthie Whitson and brother to Nancy Handley and to the late John Whitson.

Andy served as a Sea Bee in the United States Navy in the Vietnam War before beginning a 20+ year career with IBM. Retirement from IBM hardly marked the end of his working life. In the years that followed, his resume took a few unexpected turns: phlebotomist, owner of his own limousine route and finally, school bus driver. If nothing else, Andy was never afraid to try his hand at something new.

Andy was a member of the Hawthorne Caballeros Alumni Corp., a distinction he

carried with him his entire life. If you knew him for any length of time, there's a good chance you heard him declare, "But I'm a Caballero!" He was an active member of St. Rodco's and the Elks Club, and a volunteer firefighter with Tompkins Hose Fire Company. Andy was also one of the original coaches of the Beacon Soccer League, coaching not only his own children but generations of young players throughout the community.

He lived on his own terms. He never met a casino he didn't like, enjoyed playing softball in the Beacon softball league, watching the Yankees, and had a particular passion for performing the songs he grew up with, whether or not the occasion remotely called for a performance. He loved tropical destinations and once the New York winters rolled in, he was more than ready to head south.

Survivors include his wife, Georgea Whitson; his daughter, Michelle Morrow; his son, Evan Whitson and daughter-in-law, Erin; his bonus daughter Sue Wiand (Keith Wiand) and his grandchildren, Ewan Davidson, Mace Morrow, Maddox Morrow and Simon Whitson; bonus granddaughters, Allison Frost (Derek Frost) and Abby Wiand; as well as many lifelong friends and extended family members, all of whom knew better than most that life with the Wildcat and his shenanigans was rarely uneventful.

Family and friends gathered on Friday, September 4 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. Members of the Elks held services, and Military Honors followed.

Wherever he is now, we hope he's on a hot streak and taking song requests. Memorial donations in memory of Andy may be made to Hudson Valley Hospice. To send a personal condolence, please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

Elizabeth Anne Jordan



Elizabeth Anne Jordan, affectionately known by her family and friends as 'Liz / Betty', passed away on August 27, 2026, surrounded by family and friends. She was born to William and Lillian Humphries on May 25, 1947 in Queens, NY.

Elizabeth graduated from John Adams High School and SUNY New Paltz. She worked as an admissions counselor at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, NY; for over 30 years, where she also taught courses and led countless clubs, organizations, and events over the years.

Liz is survived by her partner, Stephen Wilantewicz (and family) of Wappingers Falls, NY; daughters Wendy Jordan of

Wappingers Falls, NY and Holly (Robert) Avella of MD; granddaughters, Avery and Rylie; sister Valerie Heller of Westhampton Beach, NY; and brother Robert (Jocelyn) Humphries of Hopewell Junction, NY; as well as her beloved nieces, cousins, and many lifelong friends.

Her Family gatherer and received Friends on Saturday, September 5th at the DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 E. Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY; where a Prayer Service was offered. A Private Cremation followed, and interment will be at the discretion of her family. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

NDH launches Elizabeth Thompson Care for the Caregiver Program

Northwell Health's Northern Dutchess Hospital has launched a transformative new initiative - The Elizabeth Thompson Care for the Caregiver Program, providing critical resources and support to caregivers across the Hudson Valley. The groundbreaking program is made possible by a generous \$300,000 gift from the Thomas Thompson Trust and additional philanthropic contributions, resulting in over \$500,000 raised to date to strengthen caregiver services at the hospital.

This endeavor directly addresses the emotional, physical and financial strain faced by an estimated 110,000 family caregivers in Dutchess, Columbia and Ulster counties. According to recent studies, nearly 60% of family caregivers find themselves in high-intensity situations. Northern Dutchess Hospital's own Center for Healthy Aging has seen demand for caregiver support increase, with roughly half of all mental health visits focused on caregiver concerns.

"Through my years of caring for patients and my own personal experience, I've witnessed just how much love, energy and sacrifice caregivers pour into supporting others," said Dr. Andy Wilson, president of Northern Dutchess Hospital. "Too often, caregivers carry that responsibility quietly and without enough support of their own. Seeing The Elizabeth Thompson Care for the Caregiver Program take shape is incredibly meaningful because it recognizes the vital role caregivers play and reminds them that they are not alone."

Born into poverty and entering domestic service as a housekeeper at just 13 years old, Elizabeth Rowell Thompson never forgot her humble beginnings, even after marrying Boston businessman Thomas Thompson and later inheriting considerable wealth as a result of a trust her husband established. Elizabeth was an advocate for those facing hardship, particularly working women with children.

After Thomas' death, she gave generously to the communities of Rhinebeck, NY, and Brattleboro, VT. where she had homes. For more than a century, the Thomas Thompson Trust has carried that mission forward. Elizabeth's enduring legacy of recognizing and supporting those striving to care for themselves and their families serves as the direct inspiration for this new program.

Carrying that legacy forward and building on the proven success of Northern Dutchess Hospital's Center for Healthy Aging, which has offered caregiver support since 2012, The Elizabeth Thompson Care for the Caregiver Program will significantly expand and integrate support across inpatient, outpatient and community settings. Led by Allison Gould, LCSW, the program will provide coordinated, comprehensive services including:

- Supportive counseling for caregivers and their families
- Support groups
- Educational workshops
- Volunteer caregiver coaches
- Resource referrals
- A quiet space for caregivers to decom-



Representatives of The Elizabeth Thompson Care for the Caregiver Program include, front from left Chaplain Jody Spiak, Manager Patient Experience Jennifer Sinnott and Manager Caregiver Program Allison Gould. In back are Assistant Manager Guest Services & Patient Experience Matthew Murray and NDH President Andy Wilson, MD.

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"Caregiving is one of the most challenging experiences a person can face, and something that no one should have to go through alone," says Allison Gould. "We have seen the difference that caregiver support interventions make. Time and again, caregivers have shared that support groups, counseling, and resource navigation services have been invaluable as they traverse the caregiver's journey. We are thrilled to now be able to expand these essential services to reach caregivers across our hospital's service areas and throughout the community. Our program is for everyone, at every stage of the caregiving experience."

To ensure broad impact, the program will actively collaborate with a robust network of partners. Within Northern Dutchess Hospital, this includes spiritual care, patient experience, case management and various clinical departments like oncology and primary care. Beyond the hospital setting, key partnerships extend to county health departments across the region, including the Alzheimer's Association, County Offices for the Aging and local organizations such as Rhinebeck at Home and Red Hook Responds, ensuring integrated support and wide community reach.

The Northern Dutchess Hospital Foundation will continue fundraising efforts to expand the program's reach in the years ahead. Future goals include creating a dedicated center, where caregivers can gather, learn and connect as well as establishing an endowment to sustain the program's operating costs through current and legacy gifts. For more information or to support the program, contact the Northern Dutchess Hospital Foundation at 845-871-3176.

For more information about caregiver support services, contact 845-871-3392 or email ndhcaregivercenter@nuvancehealth.org.

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Creative Living

Family Fun Day at Sensory Stepping Stones on Sept. 13



The 6th Annual Family Fun Day will be held at Sensory Stepping Stones on Sunday, Sept. 13 in East Fishkill.

-Courtesy photo

By Kristine Coulter

The 6th Annual Family Fun Day will be held from noon to 4 p.m. at Sensory Stepping Stones on Sunday, Sept. 13.

“The idea grew from our desire to create a welcoming, judgment-free event where families could enjoy activities, movement, and fun together, all while giving back to the community,” explained Jennifer Colucci, one of the organizers, via email.

There will be vendors, raffles, food trucks, live music, animals and more.

“This event has something for everyone! Spend a beautiful fall day outside with us, enjoying live music, delicious foods, shopping with small businesses, meeting your neighbors, and learning about different local organizations that support our community. We have over 50 vendors, ranging from local artisans, to nonprofit organizations like Wayfinder Adventures and the Friends of Carnwath Farms, to small businesses that offer travel services, jewelry, handcrafted goods and delicious baked goods,” said Colucci. “Food trucks like All Skew’d Up (also one of the event sponsors) and Frozen Fun ice cream truck, first responders like the Dutchess County Sheriff’s office, along with live music from CN Productions (who donate their time and services to this event every year!), animals from Cedar Hill

Ranch, reptiles from Wild and Bright, Inflatable games, balloon animals, face painting, live performances from the John Jay High School Proscenium Disney-inspired Prince and Princesses, and incredible raffle baskets from the John Jay Cheerleading program- we truly have something for everyone! Come learn, explore, discover, laugh and enjoy the day with us!” The event will be held rain or shine.

“Our mission is to bring a fun and exciting day to our community, while helping to raise awareness and funds for a local charity as well. Last year our event benefited Angels of Light. This year, proceeds benefit James’s Warriors - a not for profit organization that provides resources to those affected by suicide through public awareness and education. They aim to bring change to the way mental health is perceived, reduce the stigma surrounding it, and prevent suicide. Donna Thomas, the founder of this organization, will be joining us that day as well,” said Colucci.

Sensory Stepping Stones is at 1906 Route 52 in East Fishkill.

For more about James’s Warriors, visit jameswarriors.org.

If you or someone you know is in crisis, call or text 988.

Free ‘Patriotic Park Jam’ Concert set Sunday, Sept. 13 at Bowdoin Park

County Executive Sue Serino and the Office of Veterans’ Affairs, in partnership with Mental Health America of Dutchess County’s (MHADC) Veterans Programs, will again show the County’s appreciation to local veterans with a free Patriotic Park Jam concert on Sunday, September 13 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the bandshell at Bowdoin Park in the Town of Poughkeepsie.

The live music event will feature performances from The Funky Plantains and G.I. Jam, among others. The concert will be open to all, with no registration needed to attend. Attendees are encouraged to bring a picnic, lawn chair, and blanket and enjoy some great live music.

County Executive Sue Serino said, “Our Parks and our veterans are part of what makes Dutchess County such an amazing place to live. We are excited to celebrate the service of our veterans with an afternoon of great free entertainment at beautiful Bowdoin Park! So, grab your lawn chair and pack a picnic to join us for a wonderful day

with friends, family, and fun.”

Veterans’ Affairs Director Adam Roche said, “I know from working with our local veterans, that these events mean a lot to them, and they feel the love. We are grateful to our community partners at MHA of Dutchess County for helping bring these two bands to Bowdoin Park to honor our local men and women. We can never thank our brave service members and veterans enough for all they have done for our nation.”

The concert will feature the funk and rhythmic grooves of the Funky Plantains, a musical group supported by MHADC’s Fox Program; classic rock, Motown, and R&B hits from the 1960s through the 1980s from G.I. Jam, a local band comprised of active or retired service members; and other local performances.

For more information on Dutchess County’s Office of Veterans’ Affairs, visit dutchessny.gov/veterans or call 845-486-2060.

Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation

**By Nate Smith
Recreation Director**

Join the Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation Department and the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department at Stanley Still Park this Saturday, Sept. 12 between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. for our annual Bike Rodeo. Children of all ages are welcome to try out our bike challenge course to practice bicycle safety, complete riding skill stations, learn hand signals, and receive a completion prize (while supplies last).

For more information please give us a call at 845-485-3628 or go to poughkeepsieny.myrec.com.

Stop by to see us at the Annual Arlington Street Fair on Raymond Avenue from noon - 6 p.m. on Sept. 19.

**Senior Center News
By Ruta Ronis**

For the Poughkeepsie Senior Center

Good news! Our Senior Center (SC) at 14 Abe’s Way will be open on Saturdays, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. beginning Sept. 19th, The Center is still open Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Our “So Long Summer Dance Party” featuring Soul City Groove is set for Tuesday, Sept. 15th starting at 11 a.m. Pre-registration is required. For details please stop by at the SC or give us a call at 845-462-0265.

If interested, you will also need to sign up now for a time slot for the Vaccine Clinic at our SC on Thursday, Sept.17th from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. That’s the same morning you can have “Coffee with a Cop.” Councilmembers Greg Freeman (Ward 1) and Barbara Laird (Ward 2) will be available for a chat at our SC on Monday, Sept.21st beginning at 1:15 p.m.

Loretta is having another “Mini Masterpieces” session on Friday, Sept.11th at 10 a.m. The Scrabble Meet-Up will take place at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 22nd, and Blank Slate at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 24th. There will be a Watercolor Workshop with Eileen at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept.22nd.

Please sign up in advance if you would like to participate in any of these “activities. Our full SC Calendar is available at the SC or online at poughkeepsieny.myrec.com.

EFCL Book Club to meet September 24

The EFCL Evening Book Group meets East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376, on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss this month’s book

“Crucible” by John Sayles. Copies of the book are available within the Library system. All are welcome to come and join in the discussion of this work.

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Bug-eyed nuisance



Spotted lanternflies have Mark singing the blues.

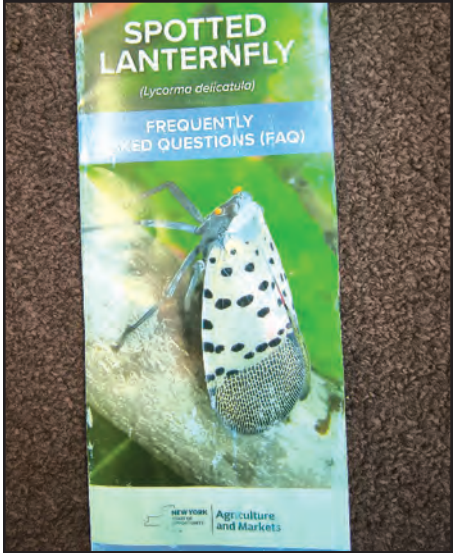
*“Spotted Lanternfly Blues”
By Mark Adams*

*I woke up this morning! And what did I see?
A strange sticky substance on my heavenly tree.
I stood at the window rubbing my eyes.
Oh, lordy, please don't tell me it's those spotted lanternflies.
I can't believe, I can't believe that it could be true.
Oh, lordy please don't tell me, I've got the spotted lanternfly blues.
Went out to my vineyard with a bottle of wine.
Those colorful creatures were all over the vines.
I drank down the bottle and I started to dream --
A giant spotted lanternfly was comin' after me.
I can't believe, I can't believe that it could be true.
Oh, mama, don't you leave me.
I've got the spotted lanternfly blues.
Now the summer has ended, they've all disappeared.
At first I was thinking I had nothing to fear.
But they laid their egg masses, little pellets of clay.
Those lantern flies are tellin' me they'll be back again some day.
I can't believe, I can't believe that it could be true.
I'm down and out in Poughkeepsie.
I've got the spotted lanternfly blues.*

By now, I don't have to tell you what a spotted lanternfly is, unless you've been living under a rock, or anywhere west of the Mississippi River. The Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardener booth at the Dutchess County Fair was swamped with questions about spotted lanternflies. In a nutshell – they don't bite, they won't cause much damage in the garden unless you are growing grapes, they are a nuisance on their favorite tree – ailanthus, or tree of heaven, which is a fast-growing junky invasive species, dripping honeydew (which they “excrete,” to put it politely) all over your car. And putting to rest a persistent rumor, no, they do not land on woodchucks and suck their blood.

Spotted lanternflies are actually giant leaf hoppers. According to Google's Gemini AI, the New York Department of Environmental Conservation has “mandated” that people kill spotted lanternflies on sight. I asked Gemini what they mean by “mandated.” It turns out that the mandate serves as an official civic directive rather than a law. Private citizens cannot be fined for failing to kill a spotted lanternfly on their property.

Whew. I was getting worried. I'm sure that various cameras and satellites have observed me not killing them. I fact, I think spotted lantern flies are kind of cute, although they do have a rather inscrutable visage. If I stomped on them, I would create a hazardous slippery



Above: The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets publishes an informational brochure on the spotted lanternfly.
Right: The spotted lanternfly's meal of choice is the ailanthus, or tree of heaven.
-Photos by Mark Adams



mess on my front porch.

And our kitten would have one less “toy” to chase.

If you are so inclined, you can buy Captain Jack's Spotted Lanternfly Eliminator, made from clove oil. Or Harris Spotted Lanternfly Killer, a powerful synthetic pyrethroid insecticide. Or you can just wait until our native birds learn to eat them. Meanwhile, enjoy the show, and buy some spotted lanternfly jewelry – earrings, neck-

laces and amulets.

And type in “Spotted Lantern Fly Blues Mark Adams” on YouTube to hear my song, accompanied by Jeff Sherban and Vito Petrocitto, recorded at Tavern 23 in downtown Poughkeepsie.

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

WFBPA to host luncheon, mingle and headshot events

By Kristine Coulter

The Wappingers Falls Business and Professional Association (WFBPA) will host a variety of events in September.

First up is the WFBPA Quarterly Luncheon on Wednesday, Sept. 16.

The luncheon will recognize local change makers.

Jackie Muller, president of the WFBPA, explained, “We posted several calls to action across social media and through our WFBPA newsletter. Members and community members alike could nominate someone to receive this award. The Board of Directors reviewed and voted on recipients.” This year they will present Cheryl Chianese, Todd Bowen, and Christina “Chris” Contelmo the Community Change Makers Awards.

Chianese, from the Melanie Chianese Foundation, worked tirelessly to change

laws around domestic violence on the County, State and National level. Chianese was nominated by Muller, LCSW from Dynamic Intervention Wellness Solutions.

Muller stated to Southern Dutchess News via email, “What sets Cheryl Chianese apart is her extraordinary ability to transform personal tragedy into meaningful action that creates lasting change for others. Following the devastating loss of her daughter, Melanie, Cheryl chose not to be defined by her grief. Instead, she became a powerful advocate for victims of domestic violence, dedicating herself to raising awareness, supporting survivors, and pursuing systemic change.

“Through her tireless advocacy, Cheryl has helped influence legislative changes across New York State, with her efforts now reaching the federal level in

Washington, D.C. Her work has amplified the voices of those impacted by domestic violence and contributed to important conversations about prevention, protection, and accountability. Cheryl's courage, resilience, and unwavering commitment to helping others exemplify the spirit of a true Community Change Maker. She has transformed her pain into purpose, ensuring that Melanie's story continues to inspire action, foster awareness, and create safer communities for countless individuals and families. Her leadership serves as a powerful reminder that one person's determination can create meaningful change at both the local and national levels.”

Bowen was nominated by the Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls and Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County. As told to Southern Dutchess News, the following is what was shared about Bowen: “What sets Todd Bowen apart is that his commitment to service is not limited to one organization or one type of volunteer work. He has made service a central part of both his professional life through Habitat for Humanity and his community leadership through Rotary.”

Doreen Shephard, who nominated Contelmo from Meals on Wheels, stated in the nomination, according to WFBPA, wrote: “Christina has dedicated countless years to making Wappingers a better place. She was part of the committee that helped establish the WFBA, helping to bring local businesses and community members together. She is also a member of the Wappingers Historical Society and the Catholic Daughters, giving her time and energy to organizations that strengthen and preserve our community. Perhaps most importantly, Chris has been a dedicated part of Meals on Wheels for an incredible 50 years.”

The event is set for noon at the Knights

of Columbus, 2660 East Main St., in Wappingers Falls. Jen Musci of NBT Bank is sponsoring the event. RSVP at <https://wfbpa.org/luncheon200499>.

Ready to mingle? Then attend the September Mingle on Friday, Sept. 18 at 5:30 p.m. The festivities take place at the Chelsea Yacht Club, 22 Front St., in Wappingers Falls.

Muller described the event as “our ,onthly opportunity for members and members curious to network with other small businesses and community members to learn and share information with one another about businesses, opportunities, and initiatives as well as let us know what is important to them. Each month a member will host the space for the event. The WFBPA provides catering and the business itself provides beverages or cash bars. People curious about local business, looking to network for their business, opportunities, internships, etc. should come.” She noted attendees should bring business cards, and they will have a chance to learn about the yacht club.

RSVP at <https://wfbpa.org/networkingmingles>.

Attend Headshots & Happy Hour at the Knights of Columbus on Thursday, Sept. 24, from 4-7 p.m. Tara Cirigliano Photography will be available.

“Headshots are important because they are often the face of your business and personal brand. A well-done professional headshot offers a genuine snapshot of who you are, helping people recognize, remember, and connect with you,” shared Muller.

She continued, “It's more than a selfie or a cropped photo. A professional image communicates credibility, confidence, and professionalism, while still allowing your personality to shine through.”

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JP Farm Amenias LLC. Filed with SSNY on July 22, 2026. Office: Dutchess, SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 22 Old State Route, Amenia, NY 12501. Purpose: any lawful

STORMY ROSE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/13/26. 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, c/o Rose Iebba, 11 Sean Drive, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: KJB Parsonage, LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 29, 2026 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: Lindsay J. Bazos, 831 Bulls Head Rd., Rhinebeck, NY 12572 Purpose: Any lawful act or activity

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Notice of Formation of Willow Creek Signs LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on July 20, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 9 Ridge Rd. Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of UNITED WE WATCH LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/29/26. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 40 Meadow Brook Ln., Wingdale, NY 12594. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SAY SO STUDIO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 07/10/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Catrinel Bartolomeu, 1080 Wolcott Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Woodland Mountain, LLC. AO filed with SSNY on 7/20/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 15 Hawthorn Ct, Fishkill, NY 12524. Any lawful purpose.

P U M P K I N PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/03/26. 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, 264 Nine Partners Road, Clinton Corners, NY 12514. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

194-196 WEST KERLEY CORNERS ROAD LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 7/27/2026. Off. Loc. : Dutchess Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail

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copy of process to The LLC, 185 West Kerley Corners Road, Tivoli, NY 12583, USA. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of Dutchess Donuts & Creamery LLC. Dutchess Donuts & Creamery, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 6/17/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 847 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

N I N E TWENTY FOUR PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/03/26. 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, 50 East 89th Street, 16E, New York, NY 10128. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Barberan Platforms LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 13, 2026. 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 the LLC at: 2 Russ Place, Wappingers Falls, NY, 12590. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Strongman CPR & Training LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 19, 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 any process to: P.O 25, Holmes, NY 12531. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the laws of the State of New York.

H U D S O N RIDGE NURSE PRACTITIONER IN ADULT HEALTH, PLLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/29/2026. Office: Dutchess County. Principal business location: 1401 Rt 52,

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Suite 104, Fishkill, NY 12524. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The PLLC, 31 Thistle Ln, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Nurse Practitioner in Adult Health.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ELITE FEMME STRATEGIES LLC Articles of Organization filed with the New York State Department of State on June 18, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, PO Box 75, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. The LLC has designated LegalZoom USCA, Inc., 45 Main Street, Suite 238, Brooklyn, NY 11201, as its registered agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Vesper Educational Consulting LLC Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on July 27, 2026 Office location: Dutchess County SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 105 Kelly Rd Red Hook NY 12571 Purpose: any lawful purpose

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: MYHOME P R O P E R T Y HOLDINGS LLC, hereinafter "LLC". Registration filing date with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) was January 7, 2024. Principal office location is Dutchess County, New York. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it or served upon it on behalf of the LLC to the registered agent, Elaine Suderio and David Miller, 23 Marshall Drive, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Raretruss LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on August 9, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has

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been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 52 Mohawk Trail, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Form. of Cllr Consulting Group LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/4/2026. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 46 FRANCES DRIVE, HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY 12533. Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LONGEVITY STRATEGIES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 25, 2026. Office location: 300 Westage Business Center Drive Suite 130, Fishkill, 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 any process to: 300 Westage Business Center Drive Suite 130, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of CMF ELECTRIC LLC Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on April 6, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County at 15 Hornbeck Road, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12603. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 15 Hornbeck Road, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12603 Purpose: To provide electrical contracting, installation, repair, maintenance, and related services.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MY LITTLE COCOON, LMHC, P.L.L.C. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 3, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the PLLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to 2 Lagrange Avenue, Suite 214, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: to practice the profession of licensed mental health counseling.

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Notice of Form. of Art2behuman LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/4/2026. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 311 HUNNS LAKE ROAD, STANFORDVILLE, NY 12581. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of 114 Mill Road LLC (the "LLC"). Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on August 10, 2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 128 Mill Road, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of 194 Karwacki Road LLC (the "LLC"). Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on August 10, 2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 128 Mill Road, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Valley Ledge, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 08/12/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 2 Rombout Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of formation of Basically Needed It LLC Art. of org. filed with SSNY on 6/22/26. Office: Dutchess County. Legal Zoom designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC to 45 Main Street suite 238 Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the laws of the State of New York.

Notice of Formation of PAUL BRANDOW FAMILY LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/20/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be

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served. SSNY shall mail process to Paul Brandow, 487 Butts Hollow Rd., Dover Plains, NY 12522. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of ANNE BRANDOW FAMILY LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/20/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Original addr. of process was; Anne Brandow, 487 Butts Hollow Rd., Dover Plains, NY 12522, however, as amended by Cert. of Amendment filed with SSNY on 08/10/26, SSNY shall mail process to Ann Brandow, 487 Butts Hollow Rd., Dover Plains, NY 12522. As amended by Cert. of Amendment filed with SSNY on 08/10/26, name changed to ANN BRANDOW FAMILY LLC. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of KERNL LABS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/19/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Republic Registered Agent Services Inc., 54 State Street, Ste 804, Albany, NY 12207. Registered agent upon whom process may be served: Republic Registered Agent Services Inc., 54 State Street, Ste 804, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of CATSKILL BAIT COMPANY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/04/26. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 19 Acacia Dr., Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Putnam Chorale to perform ‘An American Tapestry’ program on Sept. 19 in Beacon

The Putnam Chorale Summer Ensemble will present a stirring new program to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Beacon on Saturday, Sept. 19 at 3 p.m. “An American Tapestry,” presented under the direction of Maestro Jason Tramm, traces the musical history of the United States from its earliest colonial roots to the soaring patriotic anthems of the 20th century.

“Through music, we trace the arc of freedom,” said Tramm. “The repertoire reflects liberty, the American experience, and our shared heritage—featuring both rediscovered works and beloved classics like *Battle Hymn of the Republic* and *God Bless America*.”

The journey continues with Randall Thompson’s powerful Testament of Freedom, set to the words of Thomas Jefferson. Spirituals such as Deep River and Roll, Jordan, Roll honor America’s African American musical heritage, before the program culminates in Wilhousky’s thrilling *Battle Hymn of the Republic*.

AnnMarie Griffith, Regent of the Melzingah Chapter, NSDAR said, “We are thrilled to partner with the Putnam Chorale for this special celebration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. This is a meaningful musical program that celebrates our shared American history and heritage. We look forward to welcoming the community for what promises to be a wonderful afternoon of music, history, and patriotism.”

This American Tapestry concert is presented in partnership with the Daughters of the American Revolution, Melzingah Chapter and will take place at the Veterans Memorial Building located at 413 Main Street, Beacon. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$12 for seniors and students, and children 12 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased in advance at <https://events.ticketleap.com/tickets/putnamchorale/an-american-tapestry> or at the door.

For further information, send an email to: contactus@putnamchorale.org.

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PRUNTY DENTAL, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/11/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, c/o Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & luele LLP, 1136 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Dentistry.

Notice of formation of SQUIDDLE LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/18/26. Office in Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, PO BOX 342 BEACON, NY, 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: RDG Tax Advisory LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on: September 24, 2025 Office Location: Dutchess County Designation: SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Service Address: SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to: 58 Huber Road Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 Purpose: Any lawful purpose or activity.

Notice of Formation of HOWARD MULTIMEDIA VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/24/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may

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reserved.SSNYshall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 20 Darlene Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Batista Repairs LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York on August 20, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served upon the LLC to: Batista Repairs LLC 290 Noxon Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the laws of the State of New York.

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of August 26, LLC (hereinafter the Company) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on July 8, 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 c/o Registered Agents Inc., 418 Broadway, Ste R, Albany, NY 12207. The purpose of the Company shall be to conduct any lawful business or activity whatsoever, as permitted by applicable law.

Notice of Formation of Nonsilebo LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/20/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY

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shall mail process to Nonsilebo LLC, 31 Thompson Ter, Wappingers Falls NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Maple Ridge Land Management LLC Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on July 29, 2026 Office location: Dutchess County has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 134 Spackenkill Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of ELB Fitness LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on July 29, 2024. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as an agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 55 Maurerbrook Drive Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: Fitness Coaching and Instruction.

Notice of Formation of Andren Plumbing and Heating LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the NYS Department of State (SSNY) on June 18, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County at 27 Beechwood Circle, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. (SSNY) has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. (SSNY) shall mail a copy of any process to: 27 Beechwood Circle, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: All aspects of plumbing and heating LLC. LNYS0561811

Notice of Qualification of DBH HUDSON VALLEY CONCESSIONS, LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/13/26. Office

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location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 07/08/26. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: CSC, 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State of DE, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ET TA EVENTS, LLC has been formed as a limited liability company (LLC), with an office located in Dutchess County, by filing Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State (NYSS) on April 8, 2026. NYSS is designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. NYSS will mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her to 5 Falconer Street Beacon, NY 12508. The purpose is to engage in any lawful business practice.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The Posie Stand, LLC filed Articles of Organization with the NY Department of State on August 19, 2026. Its office is located in Dutchess County. Its purpose is any lawful business. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served, and a copy of any process shall be mailed to: 113 Charles Colman Blvd, Pawling, NY 12564.

52 FOUNTAIN PLACE LLC. Arts. of

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Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/24/26. 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, 56 Overhill Road, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Villa Vero LLC Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. Of State (SSNY) on Aug. 25, 2026 Office Location: Dutchess County SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 96 N Grand Ave. Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 Purpose: to engage in lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: Tamed by Tayler LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/25/2026. 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 any process to: c/o Taylor Long, 18 W Market St, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Anchor Strategy & Navigation LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 25, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be mailed. SSNY shall mail process to: 2517 Route 44, Salt Point, NY 12578. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

SIGMA HOME SERVICES LLC filed

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Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/26/2026. 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, 4 Delavergne Ave, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful act.

LJM ROUNDHILL ROAD PROPERTIES LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/5/2026. 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 Levine & Levine, PLLC, 2 Jefferson Plaza, Ste 100, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful act.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Lou's Home Services LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/09/2026. 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 any process to: 612 Cherry Hill Dr., Arlington, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of DREAM TEAM HOME & COMM SERVICES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/29/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as the LLC's agent for service of process SSNY shall mail process to: 4 Cavelo Rd, Hopewell, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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186 Howard Avenue LLC, a domestic LLC filed with the SSNY on 9/01/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Treybich Law, P.C., 272 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose for LLC: any lawful.

Americana Holiday, LLC filed w/ SSNY 6/11/26. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 782 Huntington Dr Fishkill, NY 12524. Any lawful purpose.

Bangall Lane, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 09/01/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 366 Overlook Road, Millbrook, NY 12545. Purpose: any lawful.

21 East Main St, LLC Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on August 27, 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, 36 Slocum Road, Beacon, New York 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of formation of Tri State Land Service LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the New York Department of State on 08/21/2026. Office location of the LLC is located in Dutchess County, New York. Legal zoom has been designated as agent of Tri State Land Service LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Secretary of State should mail a copy of process to 228 Park Ave S #830779 New York NY 10003 purpose: Any lawful purpose

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S U M M O N S Supreme Court of New York, Dutchess County. GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GV TRUST 2025-1, Plaintiff -against- UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTES OF THE ESTATE OF IDA GUDENZI-RUESS; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SOUTHERN DISTRICT) O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE" said names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, or any of the known defendant's unknown heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the premises being foreclosed herein, Defendants Index No. 2026-52215. Mortgaged Premises: 12 Eldridge Lane, Redhook, NY 12571 Section: 6272 Block: 11 Lot: 555601 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above captioned action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECTIVE of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a reverse mortgage to secure \$442,500.00 and interest, recorded in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office on December 5, 2007, in Document Number 01 2007 16462, covering the premises known as 12 Eldridge Lane, Redhook, NY 12571. The relief sought herein is a final judgment directing sale of the premises de-

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scribed above to satisfy the debt secured by the reverse mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is located. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO, LLP 1325 Franklin Avenue, Suite 160 Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE - SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF DUTCHESSES - RHINEBECK BANK, Plaintiff - against - FRANKOIS WEIGEL, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on July 22, 2026. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in the rear lobby of the Dutchess County Courthouse, 10 Market Street, City of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York on the 30th day of September, 2026 at 3:30 PM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Red Hook, County of Dutchess and State of New York. Premises known as 300 W. Market Street, Red Hook, NY 12571. (Section: 6172, Block: 00, Lot: 682869) Approximate amount of lien \$567,071.79 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 2024-52999. Mark A. Siesel, Esq., Referee. Stein, Wiener & Roth LLP At-

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torney(s) for Plaintiff 1400 Old Country Road, Suite 315 Westbury, NY 11590 Tel. 516-742-1212 WEIGEL-81219 Dated: July 27, 2026 During the COVID-19 health emergency, bidders are required to comply with all governmental health requirements in effect at the time of sale including but not limited to, wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing (at least 6-feet apart) during the auction, while tendering deposit and at any subsequent closing. Bidders are also required to comply with the Foreclosure Auction Rules and COVID-19 Health Emergency Rules issued by the Supreme Court of this County in addition to the conditions set forth in the Terms of Sale. Auction Locations are subject to change.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST, -against- CHARMALINE CARTER, ETAL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Dutchess on March 2, 2026, wherein U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST is the Plaintiff and CHARMAINE CARTER, ETAL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction in the REAR LOBBY OF THE DUTCHESS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 10 MARKET STREET, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12601, on October 6, 2026 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1519 EAST NOXON ROAD, LAGRANGE, NY 12540; and the following tax map identification: 6560-04-969228. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWN OF LAGRANGE, COUNTY OF DUTCHESS AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 2022-

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53972. Bruce Bozeman, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS USAA FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, -against- CLAUDIA D. HECKERT, AS TRUSTEE OF THE DOLAN FAMILY IRREVOCABLE TRUST, DATED MAY 31, 2017, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND ANY SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE, ETAL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Dutchess on September 8, 2025, wherein USAA FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK is the Plaintiff and CLAUDIA D. HECKERT, AS TRUSTEE OF THE DOLAN FAMILY IRREVOCABLE TRUST, DATED MAY 31, 2017, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND ANY SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE, ETAL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction in the REAR LOBBY OF THE DUTCHESSES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 10 MARKET STREET, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12601, on October 8, 2026 at 2:30PM, premises known as 10 NEVILLE ROAD, WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY 12590; and the following tax map identification: 132800-6358-03-423213. ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL, DUTCHESS COUNTY, STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 2024-50476. Gerald Geist, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for

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Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-88-26 Processed or Natural Material Sand - Winter Abrasives Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 24th day of September 2026 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-90-26 Mental Health Outpatient Treatment and Rehabilitative Services (MHOTRS) Proposals must be submitted electronically through the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System (BidNet Direct) Portal on or before 2:00 p.m., September 14, 2026. Specifications, proposal forms and submittal instructions may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCH-2026-15 NAME OF PROJECT: Traffic Signal Installation CR 93 at Spook Hill Road Project Description: Traffic Signal Installation CR 93 at Spook Hill Road. The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained

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from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities." For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public Works at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. All Addenda will be posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids for the above project will be received by: Matthew Quilty, Contract Specialist Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 on or before 11:00AM Friday, October 02, 2026, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be attended through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud via Teams, will need to call into the phone number listed below. We ask that you call in at least

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three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 990 606 382# Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Questions will be accepted by the close of business September 24, 2026 and emailed to Matthew Quilty at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. The anticipated start of construction is November 09, 2026; the anticipated substantial completion date is September 3, 2027 and final completion date is September 17, 2027. Failure to meet these dates may result in liquidated damages. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2026024693 Starting December 30, 2024: NYS DOL Contractor and Subcontractor registry requirements. View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

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NOTICE OF SCHOOL TAX COLLECTION – WAPPINGERS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL IN DUTCHESS COUNTY
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Ann Goldsmith, the undersigned Receiver of Taxes of the Wappingers Central School District, Town of East Fishkill, County of Dutchess and State of New York, having duly received the Tax Roll and Warrant for the collection of Taxes for the Wappingers Central School District for the school year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, and will attend (only for collection of taxes for the above town) at the East Fishkill Tax Office, 2464 Route 52, Hopewell Jct., NY 12533, from September 14, 2026 through October 30, 2026, Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm, for the purpose of receiving the Taxes assessed upon such rolls. Check or money order is to be made payable to East Fishkill Receiver of Taxes, and mailed to the above address. No collections will be made on Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays. Tax office information shall be obtained by calling 845-221-2160, September 2026 through October 2026, or via the website at www.taxlookup.net. Tax Rate for District per \$1,000 Full Market Value Homestead is \$12.773432 and Non-Homestead \$17.130783.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that taxes may be paid on or before October 13, 2026 without penalty. On all such remaining unpaid taxes after October 30, 2026 at which time unpaid school taxes will be turned over to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance, Poughkeepsie, NY, to be re-levied on the 2027 land tax bills with an added seven (7%) percent.
Dated: September 1, 2026
Ann Goldsmith
Receiver of Taxes
Town of East Fishkill

LEGAL NOTICE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Special Meeting will be held by the Hughsonville Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners on Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting of the Hughsonville Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners is

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scheduled for Wednesday, September 23, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are open to the public and will be held at the Hughsonville Fire House located at 88 Old Hopewell Road, Wappingers Falls, New York 12590. This notification is being given to the news media pursuant to the provisions of Section 94 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York. By Order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hughsonville Fire District. Respectfully submitted, Kim Flower
Fire District Secretary

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

INDEX NO. 2015-51883
Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS as the place of trial situs of the real property
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
Mortgaged Premises:
64 MEADOW WAY, HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY 12533
Section: 6456,
Block: 08,
Lot: 789847
MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
HEIDI SEELBACH, AS PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF THERESA BONAMICI AND RAY PERRONE AKA RAYMOND ANTHONY PERRONE JR., AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE TO THE ESTATE OF THERESA BONAMICI; ANTHONY PERRONE AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE TO THE ESTATE OF THERESA BONAMICI; DONNA PERRONE-SCOTT AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE TO THE ESTATE OF THERESA BONAMICI; JESSICA PERRONE AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE TO THE ESTATE OF THERESA BONAMICI; JACQUELINE JOHNSON A/K/A JACQUELINE PERRONE AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE TO THE ESTATE OF THERESA BONAMICI; RACHEL PERRONE AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE TO THE ESTATE OF THERESA BONAMICI;
Defendants.
To the above named Defendants
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within

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AUGUST BONAMICI, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THERESA BONAMICI; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES TO THE ESTATE OF AUGUST BONAMICI, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THERESA BONAMICI, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; WILDFLOWER HILLS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; LVNV FUNDING LLC A/P/O CITIBANK; ASSET ACCEPTANCE, LLC; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC DBA IN NY AS MIDLAND FUNDING OF DELAWARE, LLC, A/P/O CITIBANK; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; JOHN BONAMICI,
Defendants.
To the above named Defendants
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within

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sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.
NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT
THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$487,500.00 and interest, recorded on August 07, 2007, in Document Number 01200711010, of the Public Records of DUTCHESS County, New York., covering premises known as 64 MEADOW WAY, HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY 12533.
The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.
DUTCHESS County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.
NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME
If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action.
YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.
Dated: April 5, 2026
ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
Christina Bruderman, Esq.
900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310
Westbury, NY 11590
516-280-7675

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCB-15-26: NAME OF PROJECT: Roof Replacement Project for the Dutchess County Public Defender's Office, 45 Market Street, Poughkeepsie. **Project Description:** Complete Roof Replacement at 45 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County Public Defender's Office. The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities." For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public Works at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. **All Addenda will be posted on BidNetDirect (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids are due on or before 11:00 AM, Wednesday, October 7, 2026,** and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. **Bids for the above project will be received by: Caroline A. Miller, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike, 1st Floor Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be attended through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Any**

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one who wishes to hear bids read aloud via Teams, will need to call into the phone number listed below. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) **Conference ID: 324 046 710#** Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. **Questions will be accepted by the close of business Wednesday, September 30, 2026,** and emailed to Caroline Miller at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. **The Walk Thru is scheduled for Friday, September 18, 2026, at 11:00 am at the Public Defender's Office, 45 Market Street, Poughkeepsie. All Bidders are encouraged to attend the Walk-Thru in order to submit Bids for this RFB. Pre-Registration preferred but not required. Pre-Register by 4:00 PM, Thursday, September 17, 2026. This RFB may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #2026025893. IMPORTANT: Starting December 30, 2024: NYS DOL Contractor and Sub-Contractor Registry Requirements.** View Bid Specifications regarding the **APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable.** The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

NOTICE OF 2027 SCHOOL TAX

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COLLECTION WAPPINGERS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TOWN OF WAPPINGER, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Lee Anne Freno, the undersigned Receiver of Taxes for the Wappingers Central School District, Town of Wappinger, County of Dutchess and State of New York, have duly received the Tax Roll and Warrant for the collection of taxes for the Wappingers Central School District for the school year July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I will attend at Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, in said Town of Wappinger from September 14, 2026, through October 30, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on each day, excepting Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, for the purpose of receiving the taxes listed on said roll. Tax information may be obtained by calling the tax office at (845) 297-4342 or by visiting the Town's website at townofwappingerny.gov.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that taxes may be paid via dropbox, in person, online or by mail. Check or money order is to be made out to Lee A. Freno, Receiver of Taxes.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that taxes shall be paid on or before October 13, 2026, without interest. On all taxes received after such date, there shall be added interest of two percent (2%) through October 30, 2026.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of law, no payments will be accepted at this office after October 30, 2026. After October 30, 2026, unpaid school taxes will be returned to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance, to be re-levied on the 2027 Town and County tax bill with seven percent (7%) interest.
Dated: September 4, 2026
Signed: Lee Anne Freno,
Receiver of Taxes,
Town of Wappinger

‘What Comes Back: Renewal and Resilience’ group exhibition at Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center in Poughkeepsie

The Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center will showcase an array of thought-provoking and captivating Art Exhibitions in its galleries during September and October 2026. Featured in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar Street in Poughkeepsie, from Sept. 1 to Oct. 30, will be painter and illustrator Liliana Washburn. At 12 Vassar Street there will be a group exhibition curated by artist Barbara Todd on sustainability entitled “What Comes Back: Renewal and Resilience” from Sept. 1 to Oct. 20, in the Reception and Hancock Galleries. From Oct. 21 to Oct. 30, Grace Smith House will bring “The Clothesline Project” exhibition (not suitable for children due to subject matter of explicit subject matter on T-shirts) to the Reception and Hancock Galleries.

Free Public Art Opening Reception will be held on Friday, Sept. 11, from 5-7 p.m. for Liliana Washburn and the artists participating in the group exhibition. The Grace Smith House will hold their reception on Thursday, Oct. 22, from 6-8 p.m.

Barbara Todd is a freelance photographer, fine art photographer, and digital artist based in the Hudson Valley. Her curated group exhibition explores sustainability through contemporary art and brings together artists working across various mediums to examine how ecosystems, communities, and materials recover, adapt, and endure.

“The exhibition takes its title from a simple observation: after loss, disruption, or depletion, something inevitably returns -- a forest regrows, a community rebuilds, a discarded object finds new purpose,” explained Todd. “This group exhibition gathers artists whose work embodies that idea in different ways with some pieces confronting environmental

urgency addressing themes such as resource scarcity, biodiversity loss, and a changing climate and other works of art that are built entirely from reclaimed, recycled, or repurposed materials.”

Todd is a founding member of the Artists' Collective of Hyde Park, where she currently serves as Vice President, overseeing marketing, website maintenance, and social media for the organization. She is a Board Member of Arts Mid-Hudson chairing the Development Committee, is Program Manager for Sustainable Hudson Valley and was Secretary for Art Along the Hudson. Since 2012, she has exhibited her work in numerous group and solo shows, several juried, throughout the Hudson Valley. She is a two-time participant in the juried Art in the Loft show in Millbrook and was the first artist to exhibit in the Poughkeepsie Common Council Chambers—an ongoing exhibition space made possible through Arts Mid-Hudson's partnership with the City of Poughkeepsie.

The Grace Smith House “Clothesline Project” is a visual display of t-shirts created by survivors of domestic violence or their loved ones. Each shirt is designed to represent a particular victim's experience. This emotional expression is part of a national movement to bear witness to these experiences, help those impacted with the healing process, and educate, document, and raise our community's awareness of the extent of domestic and sexual violence problems. Grace Smith House is the custodian of the largest collection of T-shirts in Dutchess County. There are over 400 shirts spanning back over the past 40 years. In the past, shirts have been displayed at the New York State Police Troop K headquarters; Dutchess County Sheriff's Office;



“What Comes Back: Renewal and Resilience” group exhibition will be held from at Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center in Poughkeepsie. Pictured is artwork by Liliana Washburn.

-Courtesy image from Cunneen-Hackett

Poughkeepsie Galleria; Betsy Jacarusso Gallery in Rhinebeck; and Gallery 40 in Poughkeepsie.

The Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar Street is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Hancock Gallery and Reception Gallery at 12 Vassar Street are open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. but visitors should

stop by 9 Vassar Street first or call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at 845-486-4571 for access. The 12 Vassar Street Galleries are also open during events at the VBI Theatre. Visit the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center website at cunneen-hackett.org for more information on the artists exhibiting their work in the Visual Art Galleries.

Shredding event at East Fishkill Community Library on Sept. 20

The East Fishkill Community Library will be hosting a shred event serviced by On-Site Confidential Shredding on Sunday, Sept. 20, from 9:15 a.m. - noon. Read below for the details of the event:

PLEASE COME AT 9:15 a.m. Do not come any earlier as the truck has to setup and this will make the line and process quick and smooth for everyone.

Located in the parking lot (this will be a

drive-through event).

- Bins will be provided by On-Site Confidential Shredding where you will place your boxes or bags to have your papers shredded.
- Limit is 3 standard paper storage boxes or garbage bags
- Don't worry about staples, paperclips, sealed envelopes, file folders
- Make sure there are no plastics or elec-

tronics (CDs, DVDs, batteries, hard drives), 3-ring binders, or anything else mixed.

- Event ends at noon or until truck is full

Go to the website at eflibrary.org for more details or call the library at 845-221-9943.

This shredding event program is entirely funded and made possible by The Friends of the East Fishkill Community Library. The Friends of the

East Fishkill Community Library is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) fund-raising advocacy organization that formed to enhance the mission of the Library. The Friends mission is to inform and engage the community as to the library's resources, services, and needs. If you're interested in becoming a Friend or to see what they do, the Friends meet at the Library on the third Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m.

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NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS INDEX NO. 2026-52930 Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS as the place of trial situs of the real property SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 1959 CLOVE ROAD, LAGRANGEVILLE, NY 12540 Section: 6760, Block: 00, Lot: 45890 ----- FAREVERSE LLC I/L/T/N FINANCE OF AMERICA REVERSE LLC Plaintiff, vs. EDNAC. BONK, if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or whomayclaimtohave an interest in, or gen-	eral or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees,	committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants. ----- To the above named Defendants YOU ARE	HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale	proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$382,500.00 and interest, recorded on August 26, 2020, in Document Number 01-2020-52691, of the Public Records of DUTCHESS County, New York., covering premises known as 1959 CLOVE ROAD, LAGRANGEVILLE, NY 12540. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mort-	gage described above. DUTCHESS County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the sum-	mons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: September 1st, 2026 ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Attorney for Plaintiff Matthew Rothstein, Esq. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310 Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675

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16. Without illumination
17. Harland David Sanders' title, abbr.
18. Abhorrence
19. * Theater, Emmys venue
21. *2026 Emmy Awards host
23. Fah follower
24. Like a certain eagle
25. Grill master's acronym
28. Aussie's neighbor
30. Kick the bucket
35. Look angry
37. Opposite of riches
39. Holiday spirit spreader
40. Soprano's song
41. Introduction
43. Flocculant, for short
44. Queen Elizabeth's favorite dog breed
46. Dog command
47. * show, like nominated "Jimmy Kimmel Live!"
48. Works dough
50. Highest volcano in Europe
52. "I agree"
53. Winter woe
55. Publisher's revenue source, pl.
57. **"Euphoria" Lead Actress nominee
61. *Most nominated series for 2026 Emmys (2 words)
65. Love, in Paris
66. Don't waste
68. Ottoman Empire VIP
69. Carried a torch
70. Biochemistry acr.
71. Scrabble pieces
72. Editor's "let it stand"
73. " or nothing"
74. Kind of peak

DOWN

1. Fish a.k.a. porgy
2. European sea eagle
3. Velum, pl.
4. "The Iliad" and "The Odyssey," e.g.
5. Did the test again
6. Quarterback's downfall
7. *Network/streamer with most nominations for 2026 Emmys
8. Chinese Checkers predecessor
9. Dry riverbed
10. Type of cuckoos
11. Middle Eastern market
12. Type of cotton fiber
15. Vast multitudes
20. Bird sound
22. Matterhorn, e.g.
24. Biased
25. *Nominee Jason Bateman's " Rabbit"
26. B on Mendeleev's table
27. One-twentieth of a ream
29. W in VFW.
31. Huck Finn's escape
32. Embedded design
33. Fur shawl
34. *Jean Smart's nominated comedy
36. Sitar music
38. *Assigned spot in #19 Across
42. Myna, alt. sp.
45. Driver's license alternative (2 words)
49. Sushi sauce
51. Experts
54. "Little House on the Prairie" protagonist
56. "The rain in falls mainly on the plain"
57. Nukes
58. What exhaust pipes do
59. Opposite of all
60. Simon and Gurfunkel, e.g.
61. Bluish green
62. Robinson Crusoe's turf
63. Short for Theodora
64. *Nominated Mark Ruffalo's drama series
67. *Connor Storrie's nominated show, acr.

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The value of things we can see and touch

By Bill Jeffway

Addressing the topic, “The Value of Local History,” Lewis Mumford spoke to members of the Dutchess County Historical Society who gathered at Troutbeck in Amenia one hundred years ago, on September 15, 1926. They came to hear this thirty-year-old young man, already an emerging national writer, address what might seem a simple question to an audience that needed no convincing. But putting an answer into words is harder than it looks, and a century later we benefit from his having done so. We also see how Mumford’s advocacy of local history fit with larger philosophical discussions about history at the time, including George Santayana, the source of the famous quote in 1905, “those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”

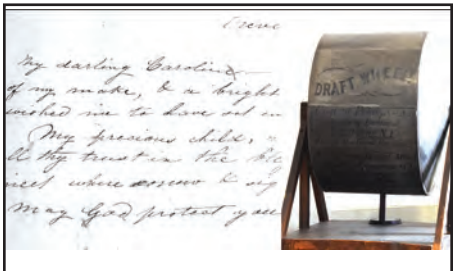
The recent discovery of one of Mumford’s books signed by Santayana in December of 1926 as he gave it to a friend, is an example of Mumford’s argument that the things that we can see and touch have a unique power to ignite the imagination.

In 1926, Mumford published what became one of his most significant books, “The Golden Day.” In it, he was amplifying Santayana’s thinking that an active engagement in learning about our past was the only way to have human progress. In “The Golden Day,” Mumford confirmed his alignment with Santayana saying about history, “When we are integrated [with our past] we grow like the tree; the solid trunk of the past and the cambium layer where life and growth take place.”

Mumford would go on to become one of the most influential American writers on cities, architecture, technology, and the relationship between people and the places they create. But on that September afternoon in Dutchess County, he turned his attention close to home.

Mumford and his wife were at the Amenia estate of Joel and Amy Spingarn, the progressive reformers who would become the Mumfords’ own neighbors once the couple bought a house nearby. Troutbeck was no ordinary country retreat: it was the site of the Amenia Conferences of 1916 and 1933, pivotal gatherings at which the NAACP’s early leadership shaped the strategy of the emerging civil rights movement (See Julia Hotton, DCHS 2022 Yearbook). Mumford’s message to the historical society that day is no less relevant now.

“The things that we can see and touch are those that awaken our imagination,” Mumford told his audience, contrasting them with “scenes and incidents one has taken solely out of books and secondhand



Above left to right: Among the powerful things we can “see and touch” in DCHS Collections is the December 21, 1840 letter to two-year old Caroline Clowes (who would go on to be the famous painter) from her mother who died three days later on Christmas Day. In the letter, Elizabeth Clowes tells her daughter to “trust in the Lord.” The draft wheel used in Poughkeepsie in 1863 during the Civil War when the volunteer effort was no longer adequate to carry on what became America’s deadliest war. Names on cards were pulled from a small door in the back.

accounts.” That distinction may be the simplest explanation of why local history matters. History can easily become abstract. We memorize dates, wars, presidents, legislation, great national movements.

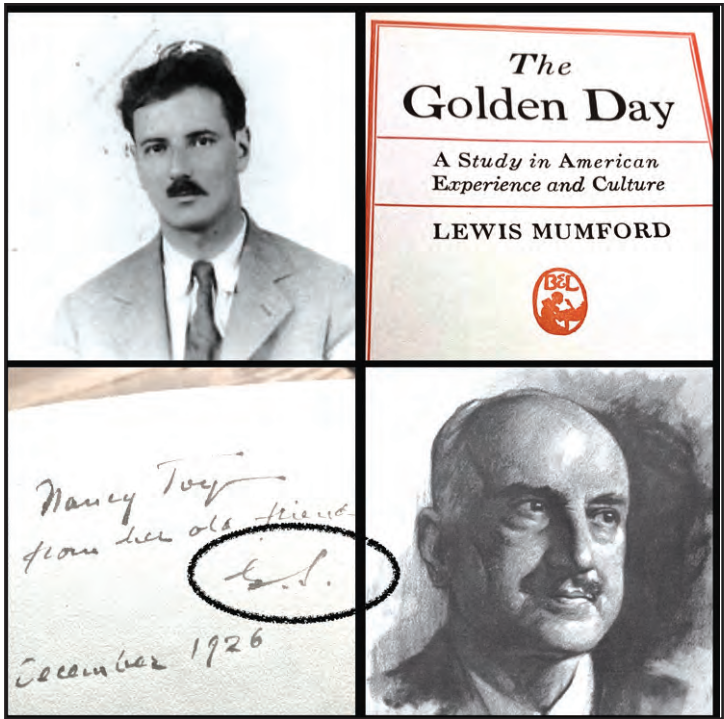
Then, suddenly, the distance between past and present begins to collapse. The person was here. The road was traveled. The words were written by an actual hand. You feel a connection not possible in any other way.

That was not an argument against books or scholarship – Mumford was himself a formidable scholar. But he argued that the physical evidence around us gives history an immediacy that books alone cannot. He saw this clearly at Troutbeck, where the surrounding landscape of Amenia offered evidence of successive generations: family names, houses, roads, architectural styles, traditions, and stories. A historian, he suggested, could use fragments like these much as a naturalist uses a handful of bones to reconstruct a much larger creature.

That leads to his second important idea: local history is not “less” than national history. Quite the opposite.

Mumford argued that when we examine a particular community carefully, its history inevitably leads outward. War, slavery, emancipation, industrialization, and changing ideas about government all eventually leave their traces somewhere. National history happens locally.

A law may be passed in Albany or



Above top left to right: Photo of Lewis Mumford around the time of his September 1926 Troutbeck address and the title page of his book *The Golden Day* published the same year. In his book Mumford expressly refers to the historian George Santayana who famously wrote in 1905, “those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” Above lower left to right: In December 1926 Santayana inscribed a copy of Mumford’s book and gave it to a friend [DCHS Collections]. Also, in December 1926 Santayana wrote to Mumford making several critical points about this writing.

-Archives at Indiana University, Indianapolis].

Washington, but its consequences arrive at somebody’s doorstep. A war discussed in histories of presidents and generals eventually means a particular young man leaves a particular farm.

Mumford described great events as waves moving across the country and leaving something behind in individual communities. That metaphor remains useful today. The American Revolution left its deposit here. So did slavery and abolition, immigration, and the shift from an agricultural to an industrial economy. The struggle for women’s rights, the arrival of the railroad and the automobile, two world wars, and the civil rights movement can all be found in Dutchess County, if we take the time to look.

Local history, then, does something more important than provide colorful anecdotes to decorate the national story. It changes our understanding of that story.

There is another part of Mumford’s argument that feels especially apt on its hundredth anniversary. He treated remembering the past and imagining the future as inseparable acts, not opposite ones. A community with a sense of its own past has a sense of continuity. It understands that people came before, made choices, succeeded, failed, built things, destroyed things, solved problems and created new ones, and that we are doing precisely the same thing for the generations that will follow. We are not standing outside history. We are somewhere in the middle of it.

That idea may have even greater relevance in 2026 than it did in 1926. We live increasingly in a world that is instantaneous, digital, and geographically unmoored such that we had to create a new word: the “deep fake.” Artificial intelligence can search, reconstruct, and interpret enormous bodies of material, and millions of historical documents can be consulted without leaving home. Those are remarkable opportunities. But they also make Mumford’s distinction more important, not less. A digital image of an eighteenth-century document is useful; it is still different from standing before the document itself. A photograph of an old house conveys information. Walking through its doorway conveys something else. Reading that an event happened at a particular place gives us knowledge. Standing there can awaken imagination – and imagination is essential to historical understanding, because his-

tory gets understood through the eyes and ears we have developed from our own unique, personal experience. This is how different people can take different lessons looking at the “same” history.

Perhaps that is part of why Mumford’s address has endured. The Dutchess County Historical Society published “The Value of Local History” in its 1927 Yearbook, and it has been reprinted and cited ever since. Its message was never simply that communities should celebrate themselves or collect charming stories about earlier days – Mumford explicitly warned against that kind of narrow local pride. The deeper purpose of local history was self-knowledge.

“The Golden Day” made much the same argument about the country as a whole and it found real readers among the very people it examined. A first edition of Mumford’s book survives, inscribed by “G.S.” (Santayana himself), to Nancy Toy, a friend from his Harvard years, and dated December 1926 – the same month Santayana wrote to Mumford directly to discuss the book. The item offers a small, tangible thread connecting the philosopher who diagnosed America’s divided culture and need to embrace history, the book that answered him, and the valley where Mumford first tried the argument out on his neighbors.

By understanding one place deeply, we begin to understand larger places. By understanding people who lived before us, we become better equipped to understand people whose experiences differ from our own. And by recognizing that the landscape around us is filled with evidence of earlier lives, the seemingly remote past becomes personal.

A century after that gathering at Troutbeck, Mumford’s most enduring lesson may also be his simplest: history is not somewhere else. It happened here and it is vitally important if we want to improve generation to generation. The local things we can still see and touch can help us imagine it.



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By Bill Green
Recreation Director

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