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## Eight Ketcham baseball players sign collegiate letters of intent



Roy C. Ketcham High School baseball players are seated in front of banners for their college teams. From left are, Josiah Figuereo, Christian Maltais, Giancarlo Henry, Tyler Durkin, Nick Mondesando, Ensley Perez, Shane Finnigan and Chris Lupo. -Courtesy photo

**By Morgan E. Maier**  
To kick off Thanksgiving break, Roy C. Ketcham High School held a signing day for eight student-athletes committed to playing collegiate baseball. The milestone matches a program-high in commitments for a single class, as seven northeast schools will be thankful to welcome the Storm next fall.  
Decked in their respective school gear, Tyler Durkin, Josiah Figuereo, Shane Finnigan, Giancarlo Henry, Chris Lupo,

Christian Maltais, Nick Mondesando, and Ensley Perez celebrated their college commitments on Tuesday, Nov. 25. Friends, family, coaches, and Ketcham baseball alumni were in attendance to support the reigning Section 1 champions and last year's state finalists.  
"This is an incredible group of young men who have put so much time into their craft, and this day recognized that," said Ketcham head coach Pat Mealy.  
The Storm's postseason tear caught

eyes across the Empire State, with dominant pitching and defense pairing nicely with the devastating offense. The success symbolizes an ongoing legacy of Ketcham baseball, one that each class instills in the next. The Class of 2026's resume is rife with individual and team accolades. And there are still months to go before taking the diamond together one last time.

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## Municipalities to host holiday events Dec. 6, 7

**By Kristine Coulter**  
The holiday festivities continue this weekend as more municipalities hold their annual Christmas and Hanukkah events. Parades will also be held to celebrate the season.

### Christmas, Hanukkah events set in East Fishkill

The annual tree-lighting ceremony will be held in East Fishkill at the East Fishkill Community Center, 890 Route 82, on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 4:30-7 p.m. This is an event for residents and registration is required.  
Caroling will take place at 4:30 p.m. by members of 4th Wall Productions. Then one may visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus around 5 p.m.  
East Fishkill Recreation Director Bill Green said there will be some new games, roasting marshmallows, photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus, crafts "and a few surprises." Holiday music will be provided by Bob Martinson.

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The Village of Fishkill will hold a lights parade on Sunday, Dec. 7.

-Archive photo

## LaGrange sets Town Center hearing Dec. 10

By Alexander Tsahalis

The Town of LaGrange will be holding a special meeting of the planning board regarding the planned Town Center Project and the permits that have been requested. This meeting will also be a public hearing and give citizens a chance to have their voices heard.

The meeting and public hearing will be held at LaGrange Middle School on Dec. 10 beginning at 6 p.m.

The Town Center plan is being developed by Rieger Homes under the name BRH Land LLC. Rieger Homes is a developer based in Newburgh and has developed several properties in Dutchess County, including Beacon Knoll in Beacon, Cliffdale in the Town of Poughkeepsie and Hidden Glen at Millbrook.

The Town Center would be situated on roughly 194 acres of land bordered by Todd Hill Road, Lauer Road, and Route 55. According to the Final Environmental Impact Statement filed with the Town of LaGrange, the development would include retail/commercial space, homes, two club-houses/recreation areas, office space and a green area. Roughly 119 acres would be open space, with 105.1 acres left as natural space and 13.7 acres landscaped. The houses would be a combination of rented and owned homes, with 260 multi-family attached dwellings, 147 single-family detached homes, and 201 apartments, including ones over retail spaces.

The homes would house roughly 1,500 people, an approximately 10% increase over the current population. The development will be divided into two sections, referred to as Town Center-Business and Town Center-Residential, in the FEIS. New sidewalks are planned across both sections to improve walkability. Additional parking is also planned for the business area, capable of accommodating up to 997 vehicles. Several new roads will be built in the development, and the current plan is for many of the residential streets to be private and under the control of a homeowners' association. The HOA would also be responsible for snow removal and street maintenance. The buildings would be served by public water and sewer from the Town of LaGrange, with an estimated daily water usage of 200,000 gallons.

Several concerns have been raised regarding the project, with the main ones relating to wildlife impacts, increased traffic, and additional students in the Arlington Central School district. The wildlife located at the proposed development are the Indiana Bat and the Blanding's Turtle. The Environmental Impact Statement outlines plans to mitigate impacts on wildlife, including working with The Wetland Trust and the New York Department of Environmental Conservation.

Plans to help combat the increased traffic include widening Lauer Road and trimming vegetation to improve visibility. According to comments in the document that the developers responded to, the increase in students at the school should be offset by the additional taxes raised by the new buildings.

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“When players come into the program, they see the players that came before them and have no choice but to work to the highest level, or they will not be here long. This group of seniors now had an incredible group of seniors with the last few classes to really emulate - and they have carried the torch remarkably well,” said Mealy, who has led this program since 2001.

One player is set to reunite with a few former teammates at the next level - Mondesando, the major power-hitting pickup for Monmouth University. Mondesando is a state-ranked outfielder (#2 by Prep Baseball Report) who garnered All-Region honors in his junior season. He will reunite with 2023 state champion Ryan Mealy and 2024 alum Riley Weatherwax on the Hawks squad.

Perez, the Storm’s anchor at the backstop, will continue his career behind the

plate at SUNY Cortland. He joins an illustrious Dragons program, the reigning State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) champions. Maltais brings his infield talents and speed on the basepaths to Endicott College in Massachusetts.

Ketcham’s talented trio of right-handers will scatter across the tri-state. Lupo joins a Mountain Valley Conference powerhouse at Herkimer, a program that went to the NJCAA Division-III Final Four in 2025. Durkin, equal parts offensive prowess and pitch control, will hurl at St. Peter’s, a Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference rival of the Marist Red Foxes. Finnigan will take the mound at Manhattanville, backed up by Henry in the infield. Figueroa will continue developing as a dual force on the mound and behind it, an asset to the Fairleigh Dickinson Knights as both pitcher and shortstop.

“With this signing comes great responsibility in them to sharpen their tools even



Members of the Ketcham High School baseball team joined eight players as they signed letters of intent to play collegiate baseball next season.

-Courtesy photo

more and prepare for this upcoming spring like college baseball players. The program that we run here prepares our boys for college baseball and we will continue to do that,” added Mealy. “We take great pride in leaving no stone unturned.”

# Municipalities to host holiday events December 6, 7

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The rain date is Sunday, Dec. 7.

The inaugural Hannukah Celebration is set for Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 5:30 p.m., at the East Fishkill Town Hall, 330 Route 376. There will be the Menorah Lighting, said Green. He also noted those in attendance can partake in kosher doughnuts, latkes and chocolate.

“These two events allow people from all backgrounds to enjoy the holidays and meet their neighbors and have fun!” said Green.

**Wappinger schedules tree lighting, parade, calls with Santa**

The annual Tree Lighting and Celebration of Lights Parade will take place on Saturday, Dec. 6 at Brexel-Schlathaus Park, All Angels Hill Road, in the Town of Wappinger.

“Our Town of Wappinger Celebration of Lights Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting is a truly special way to kick off the holiday season, and we are excited to welcome residents

to our spectacularly decorated Brexel-Schlathaus Park. This event is about more than lights and decorations, and there’s a lot of that this year, it’s about neighbors coming together, celebrating community spirit, and creating memories with family and friends,” said Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini. “For those who have never attended before, this year is the perfect time to join us. From our second annual festive parade and the magic of seeing the tree and park illuminated to the joy on our children’s faces, it’s an experience that captures the warmth and togetherness of the season in a way that’s hard to describe until you’re there.”

There will be the Light Up Wappinger Decorating Contest on Saturday, Dec. 13 and Sunday, Dec. 14. Wappinger residents may decorate their homes or businesses by registering that address online with the Town, according to information about the event. Voting will open on Dec. 13 and Dec. 14. Some of the categories for prizes are Most Traditional, Most Creative, Best Use if

Inflatables and Best Neighborhood Spirit, according to organizers.

“The Celebration of Lights is just one of several holiday events offered throughout the season, each designed to bring our community together and remind us of the importance of connection, gratitude, and shared traditions. It is our hope that these events continue to strengthen the sense of hometown pride that makes Wappinger such a special place to live, not just during the holidays, but all year long,” remarked the supervisor.

Seniors in the town can register for the Holiday Luncheon at Villa Borghese, 70 Widmer Road, on Wednesday, Dec. 17. One must register to attend, according to Town officials. Contact the Senior Center at 845-297-3670.

For the little ones, there will be Letters to Santa, which will be through Sunday, Dec. 14. One can drop off the letter at the “Magical” mailbox at the Wappinger Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road. For those who drop off a letter for Santa to read, make sure

to include one’s return address, just in case he can send a letter back.

## Parade of Lights to take place in the Village of Fishkill

The Parade of Lights will make its way down Main St. in the Village of Fishkill at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7. The parade will include floats, trucks, cars, motorcycles and more. Line up for the parade is at 5:15 p.m. at Church St. and Main St.

Daniel Burke, who is organizing the parade, said there are more than 40 vehicles signed up for the parade this year. “Every year we’re trying to make [the parade] bigger and bigger,” said Burke.

The organizers began working on this year’s event at the beginning of October.

“I love that I am able to do this for the Village and for people who live in the community,” he said.

Burke offered thanks to Village of Fishkill Mayor Kathy Martin and the Village Board.

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**Tompkins Community Bank Delivers Over \$1,500 In Donations For Local Food Pantries**



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DC Sheriff's Office Youth Cadets raise \$10,000 for 'Hope for Holidays' program



The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Youth Cadet Program raised approximately \$10,000 worth of groceries, personal hygiene items and cash donations for Family Services on Saturday, Nov. 22 in Poughkeepsie.

-Courtesy photo DC Sheriff's Office

Approximately \$10,000 worth of groceries, personal hygiene items and cash donations were collected for Family Services by members of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Youth Cadet Program on Saturday, Nov. 22 at ShopRite on North Road in Poughkeepsie.

The cash donations will go toward Family Services Center for Victim Safety and Support "Hope for the Holidays Program." This program provides holiday gifts and festive meals to families and children during the upcoming holiday season.

The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Youth Cadet Program is a chartered Northeast Regional Law Enforcement

Education Association (NERLEEA) Youth Cadet Post that provides training and experiences in the field of Law Enforcement to Dutchess County youths. It is designed for Dutchess County Youth aged 14-20 who are interested in the criminal justice field.

The program runs during the school year and has an emphasis on developing an understanding of the roles and responsibilities for law-enforcement, as well as developing positive mentorships between our youth and advisors with an emphasis on the youth themselves becoming positive influences and role models within their respective communities.

Arnoff announces candidacy for NY Senate District 39

Social worker and small business owner Emma Arnoff has officially announced her candidacy for New York State Senate, District 39.

Arnoff is the owner of The Sensory Space located in Poughkeepsie that supports neuro-divergent children and their families through play therapy and psychotherapy.

"My top priorities will be driving down our cost of living," said Arnoff. "That means expanding mental health services, advocating for housing that's affordable, and taking on the corporate monopolies such as Central Hudson, that are taking advantage of working families across the Hudson Valley."

Arnoff aims to use her experience as a local business owner and social worker to address the issues that Hudson Valley families are facing on a daily basis. "I have seen firsthand how the growing expenses of daily life are impacting my clients and the bottom line of my small business. We need new leaders who will work diligently to find new ways of supporting local business growth and bringing costs down for our community."

Arnoff added, "From raising my children here to running a business that serves families in need, I've built my life here in the Hudson Valley. Now, I'm running to ensure that those same families won't get left behind." Emma lives in Lagrange with her husband, Dan, and their twins, Miles and Henry.



Emma Arnoff

-Courtesy photo

Senate District 39 includes parts of Dutchess, Orange, and Putnam counties including the towns of Poughkeepsie, Lagrange, Union Vale, Beekman, Pawling, Fishkill, East Fishkill, Wappinger, Montgomery, Newburgh, Philipstown, Putnam Valley, and the cities of Beacon, Poughkeepsie and Newburgh. In 2024, former Democratic Senate Candidate Yvette Valdes Smith came within 2,074 votes or less than 1.5% points of ousting Rolison.

This Senate district is one of three in the state that was won by Presidential candidate Kamala Harris but held by a Republican incumbent Senator, making it a top pick up opportunity for the New York State Democratic Senate Campaign Committee (NY DSCC).

'The Nutcracker' at Beacon High School

Ballet Arts Studio will present "The Nutcracker" at Beacon High School, 101 Matteawan Road., in Beacon, on Saturday, Dec. 13. There will be two performances, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Reserved seating, tickets are available online or at the door before each performance.

For more information, visit [www.balletartsstudio.com](http://www.balletartsstudio.com).

Democratic legislative majority selects leaders for 2026

During a Nov. 17 meeting of incoming Democratic County lawmakers, the new Democratic majority unanimously selected current Assistant Minority Leader Barrington Atkins (City of Poughkeepsie) to become Majority Leader and Legislator Kristofer Munn (Red Hook) to become Assistant Majority Leader for the 2026 legislative term.

The Democratic caucus also voted unanimously to support current Minority Leader Yvette Valdés Smith for Chair of the Legislature at the official chair vote in January.

Control of the 25-member Dutchess County Legislature flipped from a 15-10 Republican majority to a 15-10 Democratic majority following the

November election. This will be the first Democratic majority since the 2008-2009 term.

"Leader Valdés Smith helped make these electoral successes possible by working closely with all our members to ensure we focus on the people of Dutchess County," said Legislator Munn. "It is only natural that she should lead the Legislature to continue that work."

"Leader Atkins' has worked tirelessly for the residents of Dutchess County in his current position," said Valdés Smith. "Legislator Munn's energy, experience, and a long track record of supporting his fellow legislators make him a perfect fit to return to leadership."

"We have an amazing group of

legislators - both newly-elected and incumbent - with a diverse set of skills and experiences," said Munn. "I can't wait to see what we can achieve together."

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- Letters appearing on the Viewpoints page are the views of the writers alone and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Southern Dutchess News.

## Second request for debate

**To the Editor:**

This is my second request challenging retired FBI Agent Lance Ashworth to a public debate. The project he spent 16 years trying to destroy—Continental Commons—is now scheduled to break ground this spring, having secured final state and town approvals despite Ashworth’s own admitted “strangle and bleed” campaign against me. This debate is not about me or my development. It is about truth, history, and honoring the men who actually gave their lives for our country—especially as our nation approaches the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, a moment when truth and historical integrity matter more than ever. Once again, Ashworth refuses to debate. Instead of answering basic questions, he has launched a staged social-media campaign, cherry-picking outdated and discredited material in a desperate attempt to revive his false claim that my property contains a Revolutionary War soldiers’ cemetery. Here are the facts he never includes:

- New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) concluded there is no evidence of a Revolutionary War burial ground on my site.
- The Town’s archaeologist, hired to review all records, found no empirical evidence supporting Ashworth’s narrative.
- The New York State Supreme Court rejected Ashworth and the Friends of the Fishkill Supply Depot’s claims outright.
- The Town Historian—also president of Ashworth’s own organization—publicly acknowledged there is no proof of Revolutionary War burials on my land.

And most revealing:

- On October 6, 2025, in a sworn federal deposition, Ashworth admitted he does not know whether even a single Revolutionary War soldier is buried on my property.

For 16 years, Ashworth has pushed a myth he cannot defend in court, in government filings, or under oath. Now he hides behind curated social-media posts, hoping emotion will replace facts. If he truly believes his claims, he should welcome a public debate—where every archaeological report, court ruling, and sworn statement is laid out for the community. So I ask again: Lance, will you debate me publicly—yes or no? As we approach America’s 250th year, our community deserves truth—not manipulated history and not fear-based social-media campaigns.

Domenic Broccoli  
President, Continental Commons

## 'Raise the Age' reforms needed

*Editor’s note: The following is a letter sent to Gov. Kathy Hochul from NYS Senator Rob Rolison.*

**Dear Governor Hochul:**

I write to bring your attention to the growing concerns regarding Raise the Age. Numerous law enforcement and media reports have noted the sharp rise in youth crime since 2018. While there are many factors contributing to this increase, it's clear that the Raise the Age reforms passed in 2018 are making our streets less safe - especially for our youth.

As a former law enforcement officer, I worked with juvenile offenders and helped them any chance that I could. I believe in restorative justice and agree with much of the reasoning behind “Raise the Age” reform. However, the status quo is in dire need of significant changes. Repeat offenders, those affiliated with gangs, and offenders using a deadly weapon need to be held accountable and cannot be immediately released back into our communities.

I’m respectfully requesting that you include common sense reforms to Raise the Age in your Executive Budget. I recently authored S.8531, legislation that gives more judicial discretion over the removal of cases to family court and makes illegally using or possessing a firearm an exception to a case being removed to family court. I believe any or all of the changes in my bill would go a long way to fixing the system and improving public safety. Thank you for your time and attention to this critical issue.

NYS Senator Rob Rolison  
39th District

## 22-year-old man indicted by grand jury for 16 counts of alleged unlawful surveillance

The Dutchess County District Attorney’s Office announced last week that Kyle Petrozzi, 22, was arraigned in Dutchess County Court on an Indictment returned by a Dutchess County Grand Jury charging Petrozzi with 16 counts of Unlawful Surveillance in the Second Degree, all Class E Felonies.

District Attorney Anthony Parisi stated, “This defendant’s alleged actions represent a serious invasion of personal privacy. No one should ever have to worry that a space as private as a bathroom is being monitored. Marist University responded quickly and worked closely with law enforcement throughout the investigation. We are grateful to the Marist community for their support and to the victims, whose cooperation was essential to the case.”

The alleged incidents charged in the Indictment occurred over a period between April 27 and May 10. Petrozzi, who was enrolled as a senior, is alleged to have set up surveillance cameras in gender neutral bathrooms throughout Dyson Hall. Several people, both men and women, were allegedly filmed inside the bathrooms. Petrozzi was set to graduate in May 2025 but was expelled due to the allegations, according to the D.A.’s Office.

The case was investigated by the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department and is being prosecuted by Deputy Unit Chief Nicholas LaStella and Assistant District



**Kyle Petrozzi**  
*-Courtesy photo Dutchess County D.A.’s Office*

Attorney Samantha Rios. Under New York’s bail laws, the charges in the Indictment are non-qualifying offenses, according to the D.A.’s Office. Judge Jessica Segal presided over the case and ordered the defendant to be released under probation supervision and to surrender his passport.

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

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## Open house for Route 52 and Route 82 intersection improvements in Fishkill

The New York State DOT will host an open house to present proposed improvements to the intersection of Route 52 and Roue 82. The preferred alternative would be a modern roundabout to replace the existing signage.

The open house is set for Thursday, Dec. 4, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52.

According to the DOT, the project benefits include reduce traffic congestion while enhancing overall intersection operations, enhanced safety for motorists and pedestrians, and provide streetscaping.

The construction would begin in the Spring of 2027 and expected to be completed in Spring of 2028.

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## EXIT Realty announces new team member

EXIT Realty Connections has announced that Siobhan Brosnan has joined its growing team of dedicated real estate sales professionals.

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## Celtic harp performance December 8

On Monday, Dec. 8, from 1-2 p.m., the Highland Harper, Candace L. Coates will be performing on the Celtic harp at the Reed Memorial Library, 1733 Route 6, Carmel, Putnam County.

Please check their website, <https://carmellibrary.org>, as registration for this special event may be required.



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FIRST OF TWO PARTS

Dutchess County at crossroads of the American Revolution



Three of a total of six retractable banners that reveal the centrality and importance of Dutchess County during the Revolutionary War. They are available for loan through DCHS.

Editor’s note: Six retractable banners, supported with a 2025 grant from Dutchess County government for activities celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States, or “Rev250,” are being published by the Dutchess County Historical Society (DCHS). There are two sets that can be loaned for periods of time depending on availability. They can be reserved through DCHS by email Bill Jeffway at [bill.jeffway@dchsny.org](mailto:bill.jeffway@dchsny.org) and viewed online at [dchsny.org/rev250-banners](http://dchsny.org/rev250-banners). Published here is the first of a two part summary of the history of local involvement in our nation’s founding as revealed by recent research.

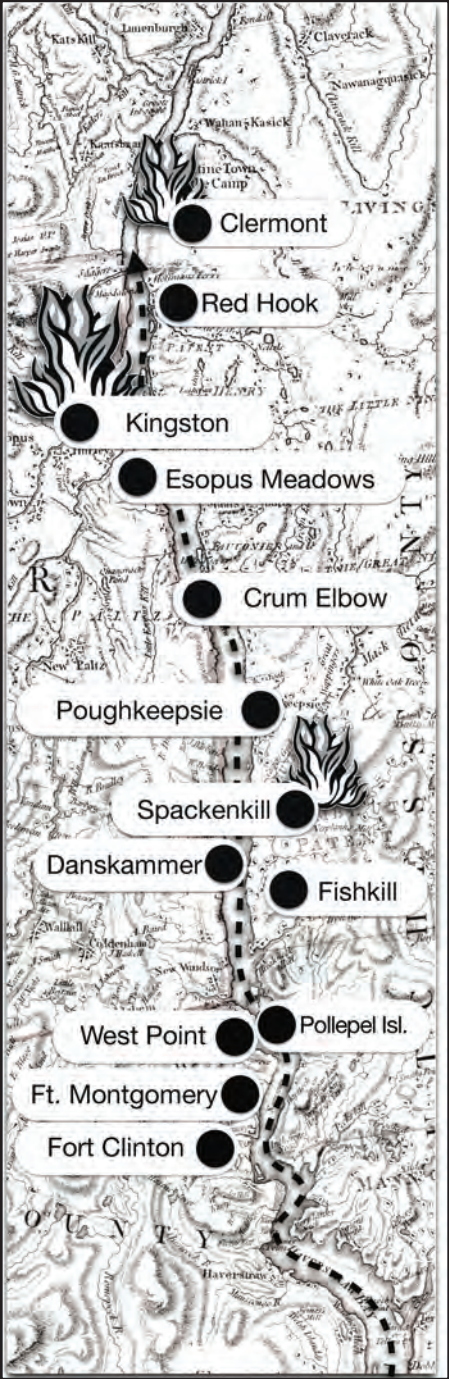
By Bill Jeffway

During the Revolutionary War, General George Washington described the military fortification at West Point-and the Mid-Hudson in general-as the key to the North American continent. The centerpiece of the northern campaign (1775-1778) involved the British seizing the entire Hudson Valley. They controlled Canada to the north, and by September 1776, occupied New York City to

the south. The mountains of the southern part of Dutchess County (today known as Putnam County) helped protect against incursion. The Fishkill Supply Depot was established just north of the mountains, opposite Washington’s headquarters at Newburgh. After the October 1777 British burning of Kingston, Poughkeepsie became the State Capital for the duration of the war. The full demands of war fell on all of Dutchess County’s people. Loyalists and Patriots targeted each other with barn burnings and murder. The influx of military forces (up to 3,000 at Fishkill alone), meant the Army required the crops, horses, and wagons of locals. Homes and churches were taken as quarters and hospitals. Iron mines and furnaces operated beyond capacity. Ultimately, the county met the demands of keeping the British at bay and contributed fully to the cause.

Choosing sides

Choosing sides was not easy in the Revolutionary War. It was a civil war where the “enemy” could be a neigh-



**War comes to Dutchess County! The October 1777 armed conflict in Dutchess County that lasted from the 6th to the 23rd, was the only local armed conflict. It was a remnant of the original three-prong British strategy that would have seen simultaneous approaches from the west from the Mohawk Valley, from the north from British Canada, and from the south from British occupied New York City. Among DCHS collections are the logs and ledgers of the British ships, requested of the British Admiralty in 1935 by then U.S. President (and local historian) Franklin Roosevelt. An example is among the images which appear on the banners.**

bor, an acquaintance, a relative or an in-law. At the beginning of 1775, Dutchess County was considered to be almost equally divided between Patriots and Tories, but by the spring the number of residents willing to rebel against England was beginning to increase. Still, by 1776 both John Adams and Alexander Hamilton felt that half the population of New York was Tory. While estimates vary as to the percentages it is widely believed that the Revolution was a war of thirds - 1/3rd Loyalists, 1/3rd Patriots, and 1/3rd unaffiliated. Some were described as occasional Patriots who switched allegiance based on changing circumstances.

Zephaniah Platt (1735-1807)

Originally from Long Island, Zephaniah Platt moved to Dutchess County before the Revolution. In 1775,

while serving as Poughkeepsie Precinct Supervisor, he was elected to the 2nd Provincial Congress. In March of that same year he and a few other firm, Whig Friends of Liberty erected a liberty pole with a flag emblazoned with the words “Congress and Liberty.” When the sheriff arrived and ordered it away, Platt threatened to “knock his brains out.” His hatred of the British was likely intensified by the 1778 death of his father who was imprisoned on a British “loathsome [sic] prison ship” where he contracted smallpox. A fairly large property owner in the county, he augmented his holdings by purchasing forfeited Tory estates after the war. In 1798 he resettled in, and helped found, the community of Plattsburgh. His former home still stands in Poughkeepsie at the intersection of Overlook and Old Degarmo Roads where the American Legion is located.

John Kane (1734-1808)

An Irish immigrant, John Kane was an early supporter of the Patriot cause, as appointed Colonel. In 1775 he was elected to the Provincial Congress. After the first year of War he switched sides, convinced that the cause was hopeless. A descendant wrote that he “became disgusted at an insult to his Patriotism, abandoned his property to confiscation [in 1777], and moved into British lines.”

For eight weeks in 1778 his 350-acre Pawling estate, Sharvogne, was used by General Washington as headquarters. Like many Loyalists, he removed to Nova Scotia after the war. In 1783 he received a pension from the British and eventually returned to live with his children in Upstate New York. A portion of his original home with a beautiful Federal era addition is owned and maintained by the Historical Society of Quaker Hill and Pawling.

Rev. John Beardsley (1732-1810)

The Rev. Beardsley came to Dutchess County in 1766 to serve as the Rector of Christ Church in Poughkeepsie and Trinity Church in Fishkill. Upon his ordination in England he swore allegiance to the King and felt that taking up the Patriot cause was a sin. As the Revolution took hold and his unwavering support of the King became apparent, several of his Patriot congregants sought permission for him to be able to leave Poughkeepsie. The request was granted but he was arrested as a Tory and his property was confiscated. On December 16, 1777 he removed with his family to New York City. Eventually he, like many others, made his way to New Brunswick, Canada where he served as the first clergyman to the local population. His former home in Poughkeepsie, known as Glebe House on Main Street, is owned by the City of Poughkeepsie and still stands.

The second and final part of this series will examine the many materials that locals had to provide in addition to military materials, such as food and clothing. We will profile some local persons who saw the American Revolution as a chance to launch millions of journeys toward personal freedom regardless of race, gender, faith or economic status.



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Dates for Support Connection groups in December announced

Below is a list of Support Connection’s Support Groups this December for those impacted by breast, ovarian, and any gynecological cancer.

Dec. 3: Breast, Ovarian and Gynecological Cancer Post Treatment Support Group, 7-8 p.m., via Zoom

Dec. 10: Offered Via Zoom – Ovarian and Gynecological Cancer Support Group, 7-8 p.m., via Zoom

Dec. 15: Breast Cancer Support Group- (Hybrid Format- In-Person and Zoom videoconference option) 7-8 p.m., at NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital, 1980 Crompond Rd., Cortlandt Manor, Westchester County.

They have other support groups for

women with breast, ovarian, or other gynecological cancers. For details, please visit the calendar.

Pre-registration is required for all groups. To register or to learn more, please call 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290. Support Group meeting location for in-person groups and/or Zoom login info will be provided to anyone who registers.

In addition to support groups, their professional Peer Counselors are available to provide unlimited one-on-one, individual support. Anyone dealing with breast, ovarian, or any other gynecological cancer can learn more by visiting their website: [www.supportconnection.org](http://www.supportconnection.org) or by calling toll-free at 800-532-4290.

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# Students tackle food insecurity through community fridge collaboration with Community Matters 2, Inc.



Oakwood Friends students went food shopping for the community fridge.

What started by students as a project to address food insecurity in their Literature of Direct Action class has grown into a community collaboration with Community Matters 2, Inc. – the Poughkeepsie Community Fridge. Since the fridge’s inception in 2022, Oakwood students have raised nearly \$10,000 through grants and their Go Fund Me page to support their neighbors in need.

Community fridges began to be used

during the COVID pandemic to distribute food without gathering large groups together. Community organizations have built several networks of fridges in the Hudson Valley, including in New Paltz, Kingston, and Beacon. The Poughkeepsie Community Fridge receives regular donations from groups like the Poughkeepsie Farm Project (PFP) and Poughkeepsie Friends Meeting, but it is also supported by individuals.



Oakwood students shop for the community fridge at Price Chopper in Poughkeepsie.

-Courtesy photos

According to research done by Poughkeepsie Plenty, an anti-hunger organization working to eliminate food insecurity locally, 1 in 4 households in the City of Poughkeepsie are food insecure by USDA standards, higher than the national average of 1 in 6. Even more worrisome, 1 in 10 households suffer from severe food insecurity, meaning they often go hungry.

Students meet weekly to shop for items that are in high demand for the fridge such as milk, eggs and non-perishables like rice, pasta and sauce. They also collaborate with one of the student

founders of the fridge, Kishi Oyagi '23, a junior at Vassar working with Vassar Hunger Action. Another partner is Hope on a Mission whose weekly street outreach in the City of Poughkeepsie includes packed sandwiches made by Oakwood students. The students also maintain a social media presence on Facebook and Instagram (@poughkeepsiecommunityfridge)

To learn more or support the fridge through donations contact Oakwood’s Community Fridge Faculty Advisor Julie Okoniewski at jokoniewski@oakwoodfriends.org.

# County officials’ collaborative efforts help residents in need

During this season of gratitude, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino expresses her appreciation for the many collaborators who came together to support vulnerable County residents when the federal shutdown delayed Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits earlier this month. Dutchess County Government stepped up to help provide immediate food resources to thousands of neighbors in need. That commitment continues as the County supports those impacted by the uncertainty surrounding the federal Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP).

Serino said, “When the federal government’s inaction threatened to let our neighbors in need go hungry or cold, Dutchess County moved fast. With our community partners, county departments, and my fellow County elected officials, we worked together to plan and take action with unprecedented speed, making sure our neighbors could feed their families and heat their homes. I am so grateful to all

who helped make it all happen.”

When November’s federal SNAP benefits were held up due to the shutdown, Dutchess County stepped in immediately, committing up to \$1.5 million, working with Dutchess Outreach, Inc. to mobilize a county-wide emergency food response with the weekly purchase of thousands of pounds of food locally sourced from area businesses and suppliers. Thousands of local families were provided fresh, nutritious food groceries at multiple emergency food distribution events organized by Dutchess Outreach and at food pantries throughout the county until SNAP benefits were restored.

The County’s quick, decisive action was made possible through the efforts of several key partners, including:

- Dutchess Outreach’s Executive Director Renee Fillette-Miccio, PhD, who leads the County’s Food Security Council, provided the necessary input on local need, informing the County’s determination to invest \$150,000 a week for food distribution during

the shutdown and worked with food pantries across Dutchess County.

Renee Fillette-Miccio, PhD, said, “I am thankful to County Executive Serino and our partners in Dutchess County Government for mobilizing the resources needed to provide steady, critical support for our food pantries. They listened to the realities on the ground and took swift, decisive action when thousands of families were at risk. This crisis also gave us the opportunity to demonstrate a more efficient and effective way to bring food to our neighbors - one that prioritizes local sourcing so we can support our local businesses at the same time. By purchasing from local farmers and suppliers, we moved fresh food quickly to those impacted by the federal government’s inaction on SNAP while reinvesting those dollars back into our community. It was smart, compassionate, and community-centered action, and we are deeply grateful to everyone who made it possible.”

- The Dutchess County Legislature, including Chairman Will Truitt and Minority Leader Yvette Valdés Smith, who worked in a bipartisan manner to swiftly authorize the financial commitment to fund this vital initiative with unanimous support.

most vulnerable neighbors when they need us most.” Valdés Smith said, “Dutchess County’s immediate mobilization of food and heating resources when local families were hurting shows how much can be accomplished when people work together. The speed and efficiency of this effort is testament to the strong partnerships we have here in Dutchess County.”

- The Office of County Comptroller Dan Aymar-Blair, worked with the Department of Planning & Development and the County Attorney’s Office for an expedited contract and payment process that allowed for immediate payment of the weekly food purchases. Aymar-Blair said, “The Comptroller’s Office was happy to be part of this collaborative effort. We took the necessary steps to be able to expedite the release of funds to pay for immediate food distribution, working together with the various county departments to help local families through a difficult time.”

The County is now using the authorized funding to assist those who have been impacted by the uncertainty surrounding HEAP, which has not yet opened for the winter heating season. The County has been providing emergency, one-time support for HEAP-eligible individuals who have no fuel or have had their home heating source shut off. In addition to these efforts, the County also re-established the “Dutchess Responds” fund through Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley for residents and businesses who want to make monetary donations to assist neighbors in need with food resources and home heating assistance.

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# Volunteers load 780 holiday trees for military families



**By Curtis Schmidt**

Donna Yurista doesn't like to be the center of attention, she just likes to volunteer and help out – especially when it comes to the annual “Trees for Troops” gathering at the Hahn Farm in Salt Point.

“Trees for Troops” provides free, farm-grown Christmas Trees to U.S. armed forces members in all branches of the military and their families through donations, sponsorships, grants and the work of many volunteers, both nationally and locally.

On Saturday, Nov. 29, Donna was right there in the cold and wind with approximately a hundred other volunteers, most from area volunteer fire departments. They tagged and loaded a total of 780 trees into a Federal Express trailer.

And when it came time to load the final tree, the honor went to Donna. Mind you, she had already carried more than a dozen trees to the trailer.

Donna is a Gold Star Mother. Her son, U.S. Marine Corps Captain Trevor Jon Yurista served two tours of duty in Iraq and another in Afghanistan. He died in Afghanistan on Oct. 27, 2008.

“This is not about me,” she said. “It’s about my son and his service to our country. I just like to take part and give back to my community.”

Donna, a former resident of Pleasant Valley, now lives in Highland. She is friends with Linda DiFrenza of the Salt Point Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary and is also connected with the Cady family of Pleasant Valley. Jeff Cady is the local Trees for Troops Coordinator and president of the Salt Point Fire Company.

“Volunteering is also about teaching the

younger generation about the value of helping out in the community,” said Donna. “They won’t learn unless we teach them.”

As such, she was happy to see several teenagers and younger members of the local fire departments helping out on Saturday.

Members of local volunteer fire departments assisting on Saturday included those from Pleasant Valley, Salt Point, Milan, Millbrook, Pine Plains, Red Hook, Castle Point and Glenham.

Volunteers from the local fire departments have been one of the keys to the growth of the “Trees for Troops” project.

In a 2019 interview, farmer Tom Hahn remembered the birth of “Trees for Troops” in the area. He’s the one who started it all. He recalls attending a New York State Christmas Tree Growers Association meeting in Syracuse. “They were looking for volunteers to start ‘Trees for Troops’ programs in different areas and I volunteered for this area,” he said.

Then, about three or four years later, he connected with Jeff Cady, who also brought connections with several other area fire departments.

“That was a godsend,” said Hahn. “It opened up a whole new world of donors. Most of the firefighters volunteered, but they all had connections, too. That’s when things really took off and it’s been getting bigger and better every year.”

He added, “The point is – everybody knows somebody. This is a great cause and most of the donors just needed to find out about it. The volunteer fire departments have played a huge role in spreading the word.”

Another big find in that particular area



Preparing to load the final tree during Saturday’s “Trees for Troops” effort at the Hahn Farm in Salt Point are, from left, local founder and host farm owner Tom Hahn, “Uncle Mike” Hansen of WRWD radio, Gold Star Mother honoree Donna Yurista, local coordinator Jeff Cady and Matt Cady of the Salt Point Fire Company and Assistant County Executive Gregg Pulver.

-Photos by Curtis Schmidt

was “Uncle Mike” Hansen with WRWD Radio who spread the word on the air waves.

On Saturday, Cady announced that this year’s major donor was again Williams Lumber and Home Centers with 250 trees. “We are deeply thankful to Kim Williams and her family,” said Cady. “Over the last three years, they have donated 550 trees to our cause.”

This year’s trees from the local effort will be sent to military families stationed at U.S. Marine Corps Camp at Lejeune, N.C., Fort Campbell Army Base, KY and the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla.

A full list of donors will be printed in the Northern and Southern Dutchess News in the coming weeks.



Volunteer Jeff Galm tags a tree before it is loaded on Saturday.

## Adoption Day celebrates children in safe, permanent homes



Dutchess County Court is a partner in adoption. Pictured (from left) are Family Court Judges Denise Wason and Joseph Egitto, as well as Family Court staff, during the Adoption Day celebration last month.

-Courtesy photo Dutchess County Gov't


National Adoption Month spotlights the importance of family and permanence for children. Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino joined the County’s Department of Community and Family Services (DCFS) and Dutchess County Family Court at a special Adoption Day Celebration event at the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum in Poughkeepsie last Friday, celebrating the year-round efforts to connect children with safe, nurturing, and permanent homes through adoption.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, “Every adoption is a story of hope, resilience, and unconditional love, and we are deeply grateful for Dutchess County’s adoptive families who provide love, safety, and stability to children in need. Our DCFS staff works with compassion and

commitment to make those connections possible and ensure every child has the opportunity to grow up in a safe and supportive home.”

From newborns to teens, children in Dutchess County who cannot remain safely with their birth families are given a second chance at stability and love, thanks to the dedication of DCFS staff and the generosity of foster and adoptive parents. Since 2023, DCFS has facilitated 31 adoptions – each a testament to how the department helps transform the lives of children and families they work with.

If one can open one’s heart and one’s home to a child who needs it, one can learn more about DCFS’ foster care and adoption programs at [dutchessny.gov/adoption](http://dutchessny.gov/adoption).




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# Holiday décor to highlight tours at Mount Gulian in December

**By Kristine Coulter**

Take a step back in time by visiting the Dutch Colonial home of the Verplanck family, known as Mount Gulian. The historic site's doors will be open for the annual Holiday Tours.

The following is the schedule for the tours: Wednesday, Dec. 10 through Sunday, Dec. 14 and Wednesday, Dec. 17 through Friday, Dec. 19. Tours will be offered at noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. each day. Organizers prefer it if one makes a reservation, but walk-ins will be accommodated if space allows. To make a reservation, call Mount Gulian at 845-831-8172 or email [info@mountgulian.org](mailto:info@mountgulian.org). Payment may be made on the day of one's tour.

"Visitors to Mount Gulian especially enjoy seeing the house in traditional Victorian Christmas décor. With the rooms lavishly decorated with fresh greens, an 8-foot Christmas tree from Sunny Gardens, and a kissing ball that hangs from the foyer's ceiling, our visitors often remark about the pleasant fragrance throughout the house. The tours are all indoors, and besides giving our usual house tours, we will talk about how the Verplancks merrily celebrated Christmas in the 1800s," stated Elaine Hayes, executive director of the site. Hayes noted that members of the



*The Dining Room is decorated for the holidays at Mount Gulian Historic Site. Holiday tours are being offered throughout this month.*

*-Courtesy photo Mount Gulian Historic Site*

Verplanck Garden Club, as well as Mount Gulian Board Trustees, staff and volunteers with the decorating of the home.

Added to the tours this will be some of Virginia Verplanck's century-old Christmas cards, from her personal scrapbook in the Mount Gulian collection, said Hayes.

"The winter holidays during Victorian times were, most importantly, times for family gatherings, sharing and reflection. People would travel long distances, sometimes in difficult weather and rough roads to be with friends and relatives. The Verplancks always had a Christmas tree, lit with little wax candles, even though a tree was not common at the time," Hayes explained.

Admission to the tours is \$15 adult; \$12 senior; \$8 youngsters (6-18 years of age). Admission for children under 6 years old and Mount Gulian members is free. One may sign up to become a Mount Gulian member.

For more information, go to [www.mountgulian.org](http://www.mountgulian.org).

Hayes stated, "Our Holiday tours are the highlight of the year, and many visitors return year after year. The Victorians basically invented the way Americans celebrate the holiday, so we try to blend our history and the modern celebration all in one fun visit. Come join us this season!"

Holiday Tours are made possible with the support of the Daughters of the Cincinnati.

## John Jay volleyball's second consecutive state tournament ends in pool play

**By Morgan E. Maier**

Facing up against Plainview-Old Bethpage at the NYSPHSAA volleyball state tournament, the John Jay Patriots had nothing more to lose. In their second straight state appearance, the Patriots were across the net from an undefeated Hawks team, who'd punched their ticket to the title game from which John Jay had already been eliminated. All was left for the Patriots was to leave it on the court together for the last time, and put their best effort against the eventual Class AAA state runners-up. The Hawks prevailed in the best-of-three match, but the Patriots were not downed easily.

In fact, the efforts improved as state pool play progressed. The Patriots' resisting opponents' threats to break away while playing to their own strengths. In three two-set matches against Lancaster, Shenendowa, and Plainview-Old Bethpage, the Patriots averaged more in each match than the previous. Lancaster held JJEJF to 17.5; Shenendowa allowed 21; and the Patriots tagged Plainview for 22 points in their final match. When the kills were landing just wide, the Patriots' defense kept them in each match, until the end.

Against the Lancaster Legends, John Jay was nearly perfect from the serve, earning a collective 15 points in 16 attempts (97.2%). Peyton Kellam had a pair of aces, Margaret Bojaczuk had one. Bella Cabrera swal-

lowed every serve she received, taking 15 without an error. With Shenendowa next on the slate, Margaret Bojaczuk had 56 touches on the ball, and zero errors. The rest of the team combined for 16 touches; none committed an error. In the final tangle with Plainview-Old Bethpage, the Patriots hot hands made the Hawks sweat. With no more to leave between the hardwood lines other than one last valiant effort, the Patriots stuck out twin 25-22 losses.

A Class AAA Section 9 title, regional championship, and plethora of career milestones in between, this squad has much to be proud of. The storied season was capped alongside some remarkable performances for all of New York to see.

The Patriot resilience will not be seen in the final score, but on the court itself. Soaking in the milestone moments as one of four teams left standing, John Jay played each point for one another. Sam Seymour especially left heart on the court, the junior proving ready to fill the leadership shoes of the seven-player graduating class. Each were instrumental in this title run in their own ways: Ella Vytykac, Jaeda Lisi, Mya Ibarra, Cabrera, Morgan Jackson, Lexie Ratsey, and Kellam. The group departs the program on an unforgettable season, leaving the court together one final time on the state tournament stage.

## Tompkins Community bank delivers over \$1,500 in donations for local food pantries



*From left are Glenn Wu, Ford Young, Jenna Mazzacone, Kristen O'Keefe, Alison Romano, Deborah Callaghan, Patty Scharf, Kimberly Chadwell, Carol Schmitz, Tim Russell, David Carey, Catherine Conrad, Arthur Micol, and Sue Musumeci, rounding up the donations.*

*-Courtesy photo*

For the second consecutive year, Tompkins Community Bank's (Tompkins) Acorn Community Alliance, the bank's team of community volunteers, supported local food pantries with more than \$1,500 in donated non-perishable food items, household essentials and personal hygiene products through its "Fill the Vault" donation challenge.

As families across the Hudson Valley continue to face food insecurity,

these contributions from Tompkins employees and customers will help Dutchess Outreach, Putnam Community Action Partnership and the Community Food Pantry of Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown in Westchester bridge critical gaps caused by delayed SNAP benefits.

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# F.W. Battenfeld & Son receives Dutchess County Executive’s Award for Overall Tourism Distinction during annual awards breakfast

Destination Dutchess celebrated the outstanding achievements of the local tourism industry at the 12th Annual Tourism Awards of Distinction breakfast, held Thursday, Nov. 13, at Locust Grove Estate in Poughkeepsie. The annual event recognized tourism-related businesses and individuals that have made exceptional contributions to Dutchess County’s vibrant visitor economy and enriched its reputation as a premier destination in the heart of the Hudson Valley.

Awards were presented in seven categories — Hospitality Service, Storytelling, Collaboration, Events, Accessible Hospitality, Newcomer, and the Dutchess County Executive’s Award for Overall Tourism Distinction, which was won by F.W. Battenfeld & Son. For almost 70 years, this family farm in northern Dutchess has continued to grow into an exceptional agritourism attraction, helping draw visitors from far beyond the community who not only want to enjoy cutting their own Christmas tree but to also have a unique and memorable holiday experience that often turns into a family travel tradition.

The special Mary Kay Vrba Spirit Award of Distinction was presented to Indira Naidu, Director of Sales & Marketing at the Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton Poughkeepsie. Naidu, a hospitality professional with more than 20 years of experience, was recognized for her leadership, creativity, and passion for promoting Dutchess County as a must-visit destination. Since joining the Hampton Inn & Suites team in 2024, it was noted, she has inspired her colleagues, strengthened community partnerships, and gone above and beyond to welcome guests with warmth and genuine enthusiasm.

“Our Tourism Awards of Distinction allow us to pause and celebrate the people and businesses that make Dutchess County shine,” said Melaine Rottkamp, president & CEO of Destination Dutchess. “For more than a decade, these awards have showcased the best of our tourism community — the innovation, collaboration, and heart that fuel our collective success. These, and all the past honorees, are the foundation of our destination.” She added, “Our team is extremely proud to help travelers discover Dutchess, inspiring them to visit and spend their travel dollars in our communities, which then benefits all our residents.”

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino joined Rottkamp in congratulating the winners and finalists. “Our County is proud to be home to an exceptional community of tourism and hospitality professionals,” said Serino. “But tourism isn’t just about the places people visit, it’s an economic engine that supports local business, drives investment, supports jobs at all income and education levels, and enriches our residents’ quality of life. We’re grateful for the continued hard work and of these outstanding tourism businesses and all the work Destination Dutchess



The Dutchess County Department of History was the 2025 Winner of the Storytelling Award of Distinction.



Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, left, and President & CEO of Destination Dutchess Rottkamp present F.W. Battenfeld & Son with the Dutchess County Executive’s Award for Overall Tourism Distinction on Nov. 13.



The winners of the 12th Annual Tourism Awards of Distinction, which was held Thursday, Nov. 13, at Locust Grove Estate in Poughkeepsie.

-Courtesy photos Dutchess County Gov’t

**Storytelling Tourism Award of Distinction winner:** Dutchess County Department of History, Poughkeepsie  
Finalists included: Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Beacon; Tangent Theatre Company, Tivoli

**Accessible Hospitality Tourism Award of Distinction winner:** Fisher Center at Bard College, Annandale-On-Hudson  
Finalists included: Fishkill Farms, Hopewell Junction; Staatsburgh State Historic Site, Staatsburg

**Hospitality Service Tourism Award of Distinction winner:** John Mousseau, First Mate, Tour Guide, RV Estuary Steward Tour Boat, Bannerman Castle Trust, Beacon  
Finalists included: Joe Fakhoury, Vice President of Operations, River Link Hotels, Fishkill; Annemarie O’Brien-Camuso, Server, Simply Gourmet, Poughkeepsie/Uncle Sam’s Canteen at The Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home, Hyde Park

The Tourism Awards of Distinction were supported by diamond sponsors Hilton Garden Inn Poughkeepsie/ Fishkill and Marist University, and platinum sponsors Adams Fairacre Farms, Central Hudson, Changing Our World, Residence Inn and Courtyard by Marriott Poughkeepsie, Hampton Inn Fishkill, Homewood Suites Poughkeepsie, Mirbeau Inn & Spa, and Today Media. Guests at the breakfast enjoyed a locally inspired menu catered by Simply Gourmet featuring ingredients donated by area producers including Soukup Farms, Harney & Sons Tea, and J.B. Peel Coffee.

does to support them.”

A full list of finalists and winners can be found at [destinationdutchess.com/awards](https://destinationdutchess.com/awards). The 2025 Destination Dutchess Tourism Awards of Distinction winners are:

**Dutchess County Executive’s Award for Overall Tourism Distinction winner:** F.W. Battenfeld & Son (Battenfeld’s Christmas Tree and Anemone Farm), Red Hook  
Finalists included: Four Brothers Drive-In Theatre, Amenia; Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum, Poughkeepsie

**Newcomer Tourism Award of Distinction winner:** Curio Cabinet of the Hudson Valley, Poughkeepsie  
Finalists included: The Heartwood at

Vassar, Poughkeepsie; La Sorella, Fishkill

**Events Tourism Award of Distinction winner:** Wassaic Project, Wassaic  
Finalists included: Beatrix Farrand Garden Association (Beatrix Farrand Garden at Bellefield), Hyde Park; Innisfree Garden, Millbrook

**Collaboration Tourism Award of Distinction winner:** Quaker Meeting House Tour REV250 Project, Oblong Meeting House, Pawling; Nine Partners Meeting House; Millbrook; Creek Meeting House, Clinton Corners; Crum Elbow Meeting House, Hyde Park  
Finalists included: Peaceful Provisions, Beacon; Poughkeepsie PorchFest, Poughkeepsie

## Final report in 3-part series on open major capital projects released by Comptroller

The Dutchess County Comptroller’s Office has completed the third and final report in a three-part series dedicated to examining all open major capital projects. The first part was released in May 2022 and focused on major Department of Public Works Buildings and Parks projects over \$1 million. The second part, released in 2024, assessed the effectiveness of the County’s current capital project planning and methods of execution.

This third part of the capital projects audit series reviews the servicing of debt and capital project-related activities from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2024. Debt service payments are funded by using taxpayer dollars and allocated during the annual

budget process. In 2024, total debt service payments from the General Fund amounted to \$25 million, representing 4.5% of the County’s adopted budget. Of this amount, nearly \$15.8 million was applied to principal payments, reducing the County’s long-term debt obligations. \$9.2 million was used to cover interest expenses.

“I am pleased to announce the completion of this series of special reports and hope that the County utilizes our Office’s Findings and Recommendations in pursuit of making sure that our crucial and expensive capital projects continue to make the best use of taxpayer dollars,” said Comptroller Aymar-Blair.

The Comptroller’s Office would like

to thank the Department of Finance for their assistance in the preparation of this report.

The Capital Project Status Review, Pt. 3: Servicing Debt Special Report can be found on the Comptroller’s website.



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# Obituaries

Angelo N. Ferrara



Angelo N. Ferrara, a resident of the Village of Fishkill since 1956 and formerly of Peekskill, peacefully passed away on Friday, November 28, 2025, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. He was 97.

Born on February 9, 1928, to the late Joseph and Carmela (DeMarsico) Ferrara, Angelo grew up in Shrub Oak, NY. At Shrub Oak High School, he earned varsity letters in baseball, football, and basketball, serving as captain of two of those teams. After graduating, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he proudly served as a sharpshooter. He was honorably discharged from active duty in 1947 and was awarded the World War II Victory Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

Following his military service, Angelo

earned a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art in Manhattan.

He enjoyed a 35-year career with IBM, working at several Hudson Valley facilities, and retired as an Executive Manager in 1990.

A parishioner of St. Mary, Mother of the Church in Fishkill, Angelo served faithfully as a lector and eucharistic minister.

His commitment to public service included 14 years on the Village of Fishkill Board of Trustees, retiring as Deputy Mayor in 2021. He had previously served as Chairman of the Village Planning Board.

Angelo was also active in numerous civic organizations, including the St. Francis Hospital Board of Directors, Literacy Volunteers for Dutchess County, the Selective Service Board, the American Heart Association, and the United Way, where he had served as Chairman. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council #4065 and a charter member of the 4th Degree John Paul II Assembly #2917. He belonged as well to the American Legion Manny Bacon Post #1758, the John E. Grissy Gun Club in Union Vale, and the Stone Church Fishing Club in Hyde Park.

An avid outdoorsman, Angelo enjoyed hunting, fishing, hiking, and camping. He loved to travel with his wife, Rita, and especially cherished spending winters at their home in St. Thomas, USVI. He was also a loyal New York Yankees fan – despite never quite agreeing with the team's manager.

In his youth, Angelo was a skilled stock car driver who competed in racing events throughout the northeast. It was at one such race that he met the love of his life, Rita M. Bonacio. The two were married on August 31, 1952, in Cold Spring, NY, and were blessed with 73 years of marriage. Rita survives at home in Fishkill.

In addition to his wife, Angelo is survived by his daughter, Rene Kardas of Hopewell Junction; his son, Stephen Ferrara and his wife Kelly of Walkkill; his grandchildren, Tyler Kardas and his fiancée Erin, Benjamin Ferrara, and Sarah Mardis and her husband Samuel; his brother, Paul Ferrara and his wife Cathy; and many nieces, nephews, and other loving relatives and friends.

He was predeceased by his siblings and their spouses—Charles and Irene Ferrara, Anthony and Mae Ferrara, Felicia and Louis Tarantelli, and Joseph and Marie Ferrara—as well as his son-in-law, Edmund Kardas.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, December 4, 2025, from 3–7 p.m. at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, 1089 Main St., Fishkill, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, December 5, 2025, at 1 p.m. at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson St., Fishkill, followed by entombment at Fishkill Rural Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 ([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)) or the New York Foundling, Development Department, 590 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10011 ([www.nyfoundling.org](http://www.nyfoundling.org)).

Andrew Glen Boettcher



Andrew Glen Boettcher, a Fishkill resident since 1964, passed away on Monday, November 17, 2025, following a long illness surrounded by his family. He was 62.

Son of the late Benedict A. and Joan (Hopf) Boettcher, he was born in Orange, NJ on February 8, 1963. In 1982, Andrew graduated from John Jay Senior High School, where he was an active member of the school's basketball and baseball teams. He later received a bachelor's degree from Pace University in accounting.

Prior to his retirement, Andrew worked as a senior financial analyst at Verizon Communications in Westchester County. He previously

worked for Texaco Research company in Beacon, and Snapple Company.

An avid sports fan, he played in adult basketball and softball leagues. Drew was also an excellent sports photographer who took joy in photographing the New York Yankees and his siblings, nieces and nephews sporting events. Andrew actively participated in Fantasy Sports Leagues. He was an uncanny statistician who used his sports data expertise to design custom formulas and predict outcomes of various sporting competitions.

In addition to his passion for sports, Andrew also took great pride in his landscaping and gardening skills, having the nicest yard on the block.

Survivors include four siblings: Steve Boettcher & his wife Bonnie of Fishkill, Gregory Boettcher of Hopewell Junction, Pam Allgauer of Poughkeepsie, and Laura Boettcher of Beacon; his nieces and nephews: Erika Allgauer, Evan Allgauer, Shelby Boettcher, and Tyler Boettcher; in addition to countless other loving family members.

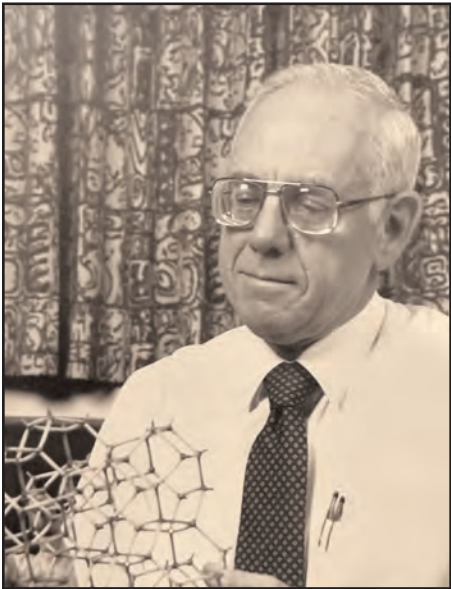
He was predeceased by his father, Benedict, on January 24, 2019; and most recently, his mother Joan, who passed away on October 30, 2025.

Calling hours will be held from 2:00pm to 4:00pm on Saturday, December 6 at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. A memorial service will begin at 3:30pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at [www.cff.org](http://www.cff.org).

For online tributes, visit [www.mchoulfuneralhome.com](http://www.mchoulfuneralhome.com).

John T. Nolan Jr.



After a long and happy life, John T. Nolan Jr., 95, passed away peacefully on November 25, 2025 at Taconic Rehabilitation and Nursing at Hopewell.

John was born in Boston on April 15, 1930 to John and Margaret Nolan. He graduated from Catholic University in 1951 with a BS degree in Chemistry and from MIT in 1955 with a PhD in Organic Chemistry. In 1955, he married Mary Sharkey of Galway and Roscommon, Ireland, and together they moved to Dutchess County.

He was employed at the Texaco Research Center in Glenham and retired in 1992 as Director of Strategic Research. Besides his career with Texaco, John had been active in a number of local community activities. He

was one of the original Directors of the Dutchess Community College Foundation and its first Chairman. Subsequently, he served as its Planning Chairman, responsible for developing its long-range plans. Other activities included being a Director of the Greater Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce, a chairman of the local Society of Plastics Engineers, a Chairman of the Texaco Research Society, a member of the Advisory Council of the Dutchess County Science Fair, and a tutor with the local Literacy Connections, helping students enhance their reading and math skills. He was a member of the American Chemical Society, Sigma Xi, and Phi Beta Kappa.

John was a devout Catholic whose faith was a big part of the man he was. It was reflected in how he lived his life and treated others. He was a member of St. Mary's Church in Fishkill, serving as a lector and Eucharistic minister. He was a former teacher and high school director of the CCD program at St. Mary's. In more recent years, he served as a Mass server at Mt. Alvernia Franciscan Retreat Center in Wappingers Falls. He served as a volunteer at St. Francis Hospital in the Pastoral Care Department.

In addition to his beloved wife, Mary, survivors include two daughters, Anne Winberg (Steven) of Alexandria, VA, and Margaret Smallin of Wappingers Falls, NY; two sons, Stephen Nolan (Diane) of Marlboro, NJ, and Michael Nolan (Maria) of Gaithersburg, MD; his daughter-in-law, Andrea Kent, of Southampton, NY; six grandchildren: Michael, Lindsay, Paige, and Sean Nolan, and Rebecca and Christopher Burns; two great grandsons, and one great granddaughter. He was pre-deceased by his son, John Nolan III, and son-in-law, Jerry Smallin.

John and his wife loved spending time on the beach at their condo in Hilton Head, SC, as well as their frequent travels around the country and world. He was devoted to his family, and spending time with them brought him the most joy.

Rest in peace, our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. You will be so very missed. May God give you peace and joy.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hudson Valley Hospice or Catholic Charities.

Thomas P. Byrnes



Thomas Patrick Byrnes, a Brooklyn born son of Ireland, was born on July 14, 1929, and recalled to God peacefully in his sleep on November 21, 2025, at the age of 96.

Thomas grew up during the Depression and did whatever work was available, delivering messages by bicycle, setting bowling pins, and serving as a barker at Coney Island during his high school years. Every few years he traveled with his mother, Hannah McHugh, to visit family on Achill Island, where he helped cut turf, learned the old songs, and gathered dillisk from the shoreline.

Thomas served as a Staff Sergeant in the Korean War before returning home

to start his career.

In 1955, he married the love of his life, Ann Clune Dillon, and together they settled in Poughkeepsie, New York, and raised six children: Thomas Jr. (deceased), Mary, Karen, Keith, Jeffrey, and Christopher. His devotion to his family was an inspiration to anyone who knew him.

After earning his degree, he began his career with IBM. He started as head timekeeper and later worked in management development and training. His work took the family to Stuttgart, Paris, and Hong Kong, moves that marked important chapters in their lives.

Thomas had a few personal interests his family remembers well. He kept a folder of roller coasters he hoped to visit one day and had a particular talent for spotting used-car bargains, often buying a car simply because he knew someone in the family could use it. He could also command a room with his engaging personality, singing, and storytelling.

After the passing of his wife and son in 2024, Thomas lived in Ellenville, New York, where his family cared for him in his final years.

He is survived by his five children, 15 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Family will receive their friends on Monday, November 24, 2025 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 E. Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Monday, December 1, 2025 at St. Mary's Church, 11 Clinton Street in Wappingers Falls. Thomas will then be laid to rest beside his wife and son at St. Mary's Cemetery, Wappingers Falls.

To send a personal condolence, please visit [www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com](http://www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com).



# Putnam Chorale to perform holiday concerts throughout December

**By Kristine Coulter**

Let music put you in the holiday spirit. The Putnam Chorale is presenting a series of concerts, “Shimmering Night, Songs of Mystery and Wonder.”

The first performance is set for Saturday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joachim Church, 51 Leonard St., in Beacon. Then on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 3 p.m., the performance will be in Carmel, in Putnam County, at St. James the Apostle Church, 14 Gleneida Ave.

“This concert features ethereal contemporary and classical works that span the space between the earth and the celestial bodies of the sky, the stars and the moon. There is a holiday aspect to the songs, but you won’t hear traditional carols at this concert. The 80-person chorus will be accompanied by harp, cello and piano,” explained Katherine Gambino, a member and president of the Chorale.

Dr. Jason Tramm is the music director and conductor of Putnam Chorale.

The Chorale has grown under Tramm’s leadership, according to Gambino.

“In “Shimmering Nights,” we invite listeners to catch a glimpse of the hidden light that lives in quiet moments - the hush before dawn, the stillness of snowfall, the glow of wonder in the



Members of the Putnam Chorale will perform holiday songs during their concerts throughout December.  
-Courtesy photo Putnam Chorale

heart,” said Tramm in a statement. “As singers and accompanists come together, we hope to offer an experience both intimate and transcendent, a musical reflection on the mystery and beauty that surrounds us.”

What one would consider a “more traditional holiday concert” will take place at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 19. This concert will be held at the Graymoor Visitor Center, 1350 Route 9, Garrison, Putnam County.

Gambino remarked there will be songs like “Jingle Bells” and “Deck the Halls” that feature a jazzy rhythmic beat. “You’ll also hear classics like Vivaldi’s “Gloria” and the “Holly and the Ivy” and rousing spirituals like “See Dat Babe,” she said.

Other locations may be found on the website: [putnamchorale.org/next-event](http://putnamchorale.org/next-event). Senior reduced pricing is available, noted Gambino.

Tramm came up with the title of the

concert series “due to the nature of the music and lyrics in the program,” explained Gambino.

“The Chorale prides itself on offering audiences music performances of very high quality to local audiences. It enhances the community’s experience and allows the singers to learn and perform music of the highest caliber,” stated Gambino.

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by vicki frank day



# Chewy-crisp cookie

In the right hands, a craving can result in a delicious new recipe.

A craving, according to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, is an intense, urgent or abnormal desire or longing. Medical News Today says a food craving is a sometimes-uncontrollable desire for typically unhealthy foods. The reasons we have cravings can be hormonal, stress-related or emotional. Sometimes it's simply the body's way of telling you what you need.

I'm a firm believer in listening to cravings. Not overindulging, mind you, but occasionally giving in to them. Many is the time I've had a hankering for something, given in to it and known it was the right thing to do. Often, I think, it's what the heart and soul need. Feeling under the weather? Nothing chicken soup can't "cure." Bruised heart? Warm, gooey brownies might just do the trick. And more often than not, a good, old-fashioned grilled cheese sandwich is just the soothing comfort you need.

There have been many times for me that something I crave has turned into a go-to recipe. That was the case just the other day. I had a specific hankering for cookies, but not just any would do. What I craved were peanut butter cook-

ies, but with a crispy-chewy texture. The recipe I had was for soft ones, but that just wasn't what I wanted. So, I put on my thinking cap, perused the pantry and – voila! – a box of crisped rice cereal left over from my last batch of treats said 'Hey girl!' Perfect!

Before we get to it, a little, overly simplified lesson on baking chemistry. What makes the texture of a cookie? (I consulted a few sources, including America's Test Kitchen, to find out.) To be clear, texture is affected by numerous factors: the leavening agent used (baking powder (caker results) vs. soda), the type of flour, baking time and temperature, whole eggs or just yolks, etc. But for a basic explanation: If you like crisp cookies, the best way is to use low moisture white sugar. Another is to ensure the dough spreads while baking, so use melted butter rather than cold or softened butter. Baking at a lower temperature for a longer time also helps. For chewier cookies, which is what I wanted, brown sugar is key. Its color comes from its molasses content, making it moister (that's why you can, and should, pack it when measuring). Softened, rather than



Peanut Butter Crispie Cookies.

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melted, butter adds air and fluffiness to the dough when you cream it with the sugar, making the cookies rise as they bake. You'll still get cookies that spread, but they won't be as flat or crunchy but should have crisp edges. So, by using a certain combination of ingredients you can get the results you want, in this case chewy-crisp.

**PEANUT BUTTER CRISPIE COOKIES**

The simple addition of crispy cereal was just the thing and, I think, it puts these over the top. A sprinkling of potato chip crumbs made these not only crave-worthy, but downright addictive. I strongly recommend you try them!

**INGREDIENTS**

2 ¼ cups flour, sifted  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
½ teaspoon salt  
1 cup (2 sticks), butter, softened (I used salted butter)  
1 cup creamy peanut butter  
1 cup brown sugar, packed  
1 cup sugar  
2 eggs (preferably room temperature)  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
2 cups crisped rice cereal  
Crumbled potato chips

**METHOD**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line baking sheets with parchment paper.

In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda and powder and salt. Set aside.

In a large bowl, cream the butter,

peanut butter and sugars until smooth and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time. Add vanilla and mix just to combine. Stir in crispies.

Drop generous spoonfuls of dough onto prepared cookie sheets about 2 inches apart (they will spread a little). Sprinkle tops with potato chip crumbs pressing gently (without flattening the cookies) so the potato chip crumbs stick. Bake until golden brown, 10-15 minutes. (I actually had to bake my first batch a little longer). Cool on the cookie sheet several minutes before transferring to a cooling rack. They need to set up a bit first or they'll fall apart on the rack.

Makes about 36 cookies.

Cravings are very personal. Everyone's are different and often depend on specific circumstances. I think from time to time it's OK to give in to them. If doing so makes you happy or soothes your soul, a little indulgence might just be worth it, especially if it inspires a new favorite recipe to share. I'm not even sorry if I just gave you something new to crave. Enjoy!

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



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by mark adams



# Killing Ladybugs

Large numbers inside the home can be worrisome, but these invasive beetles have their good points.

No, this is not the title of the latest Bill O'Reilly thriller. When I saw a pesticide labeled "LadyBug Killer," I did a double take. Wait, isn't the ladybug New York State's official insect?" Can't a single ladybug eat 5,000 aphids? Don't ladybugs protect crops and garden flowers from pests? Then I remembered an October visit a few years ago to John Boyd Thacher State Park west of Albany. Crammed into the rock crevices along the Indian Ladder Trail I saw thousands of ladybugs looking for a place to overwinter. It turns out that a particular species of ladybugs, the so-called Asian ladybug, has become an invasive pest, swarming into people's homes as cold weather approaches.

Asian ladybugs (they are actually beetles) were introduced to the U.S. a hundred years ago to help control agricultural pests, which they do rather well. They multiplied quickly, thanks to their foul taste and odor, which repels birds. Eventually, they began to out compete the several species of native ladybugs for food and habitat. Ladybugs don't bite or sting, but then again neither do cockroaches. People just tend to freak out

when they see large numbers of insects inside their home.

Ladybugs go through a life cycle similar to butterflies. They hatch from tiny orange eggs, and start out as a larva that looks like a miniature gila monster. They take a few weeks to mature. Once inside your house, ladybugs will not multiply, because there is no food for the larvae. The only way they "multiply" is if more come in.

I personally am quite fond of ladybugs. I even majored in entomology (the study of insects) at Cornell University, before dropping out. So I called my entomologist friend Samantha Willden, who is currently an assistant professor of Controlled Environment Insect Ecology at Cornell. She studies ways to keep pests out of greenhouses and high tech indoor farms. I wanted to know how Samantha felt about killing Asian ladybugs – she calls them "harlequin beetles," because they come in a variety of bright colors. She says:

"Harlequin beetles are more aggressive and can out compete other lady beetle species for resources leading to reduced biodiversity. However, harlequin beetles could fill important ecological gaps in



A ladybug that is crawling.  
-Photo by Mark Adams

pest control where native predators are absent due to factors such as habitat disturbance. So there is not a clear cut answer on whether the harlequin beetle is 100% a bad actor in the environment. There's some nuance to this issue from a pest control perspective. They can be unwelcome guests in domiciles and there

are many excellent university extension guidelines for preventing them from taking refuge in your house. Regardless, we don't recommend widespread management of harlequin beetles because they are very much naturalized in our environment."

I suppose Samantha means that we should not try to exterminate the Asian ladybugs, in the same way we are trying to get rid of Asian long horned beetles or spotted lantern fly.

Live and let live.

The label on the bottle of Ladybug Killer also mentions the boxelder bug, an insect that attacks boxelders, maple and ash trees. These colorful creatures also seek shelter inside homes, sometimes in large numbers. I haven't heard about any redeeming qualities when it comes to boxelder bugs. But do they deserve to die?

Ask Bill O'Reilly.

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



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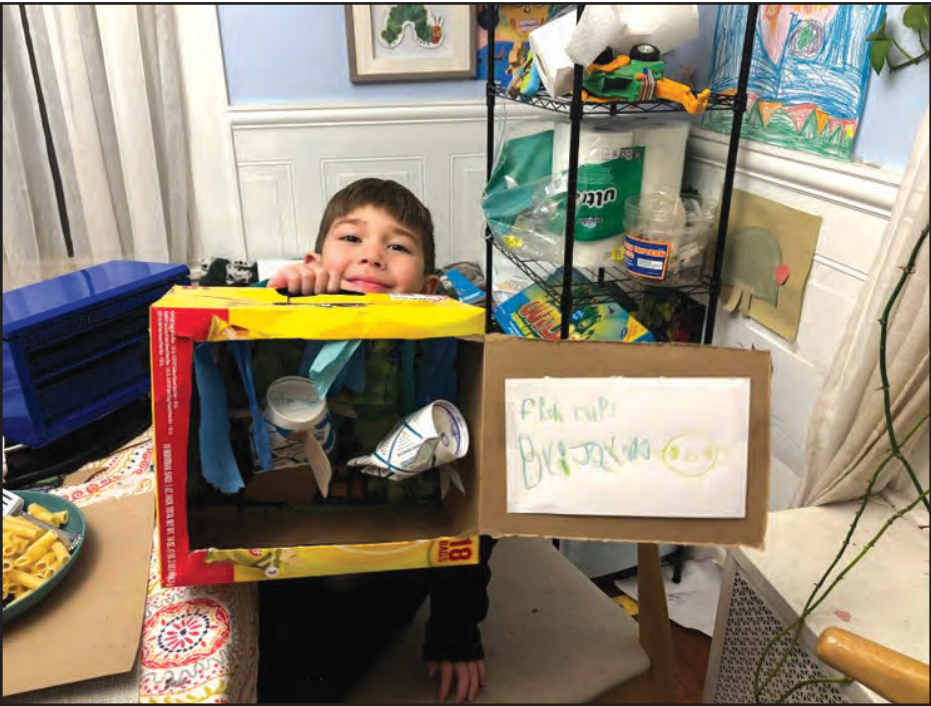
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# Serino announces ‘America Recycles Day Art Challenge’ winners



Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino applauds the winners and runners-up of the County’s second annual “America Recycles Day Art Challenge,” a creative initiative led by the Division of Solid Waste Management to educate students about recycling and inspire them to find new uses for everyday items that might otherwise end up in the trash.

Serino said, “Dutchess County is incredibly proud of the imagination and dedication shown by every student who took part in this year’s ‘America Recycles Day Art Challenge.’ By turning everyday items into meaningful artwork, our young creators are not only promoting environmental responsibility but also showcasing their amazing talent. Their creativity should be an example, reminding us all about the importance of caring for our environment.”

The art contest highlighted creative works crafted from recyclable and reusable materials, inspiring participants of all ages to think critically about sustainability and the value of recycling. Open to all school-aged students across Dutchess County, the contest drew entries from more than 40 young artists. The Division of Solid Waste Management has selected winners and runners-up in each of the following age categories:

**Kindergarten to 2nd Grade**  
Winner: Jameson Armstrong, 1st Grade, Overlook Primary School, “Fish Cups,” a sculpture focused on marine life made using cardboard, paper cups and paper.



Winners of Dutchess County’s second annual “America Recycles Day Art Challenge” included (above, left) Jameson Armstrong, 1st Grade, Overlook Primary School, “Fish Cups”; (above, right) Cynaii Fils, Sa’Mai McClinton and Jasim Lewis of Ms. Kathleen Orza’s 5th Grade class, Warring Elementary School “Protect Our Oceans to Protect Our Future”; Emma Tsang, 8th Grade, Van Wyck Junior High School, “Our Beautiful Marine Life.”

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**Winner:** Cynaii Fils, Sa’Mai McClinton and Jasim Lewis of Ms. Kathleen Orza’s 5th Grade class, Warring Elementary School, “Protect Our Oceans to Protect Our Future,” an underwater scene depicting ocean life, made using water bottles, tissue paper and other recyclable materials.  
**Runner-up:** Ryan Brown, 4th Grade, Homeschooled, “Giraffe Head,” made from paper bags, cardboard boxes and more to construct a wearable giraffe head.

**6th Grade to 8th Grade**  
**Winner:** Emma Tsang, 8th Grade, Van Wyck Junior High School, “Our Beautiful Marine Life,” a 3-D sculpture of a marine creature made entirely out of recyclable materials including tin foil, aluminum cans, paper and more. Emma was inspired to make this after seeing how much waste accumulated at her birthday party, and she wanted to spread awareness about how fish can mistake garbage for food.  
**Runner-up:** Loyette Henry, Sierra Sand and Zoey Sweeney of Ms. Shanon O’Hearn’s 7th Grade class, Tabernacle Christian Academy, “Recycling Saves Lives,” a depiction of the deep sea and how objects like plastic can harm ocean life, made from plastic water bottles, cardboard, newspaper and other recyclable materials.

**9th Grade to 12th Grade**  
**Winner:** Lexie Stephens, of Mr. Roberto Romani’s 10th Grade class, Spackenkill High School, “Untitled,” a 3-D sculpture of a life-sized electric guitar, amplifier and foot pedal made entirely out of cardboard, newspaper and more.  
**Runner-up:** Sophia Beeman, of Mr. Roberto Romani’s 11th Grade class, Spackenkill High School, Simon, a portrait of the artist’s aunt’s dog, Simon, whom she loves very much, made using newspaper, magazines, cereal boxes and other recyclables.

The Division of Solid Waste Management develops programs that help reduce waste and ensure the proper and safe disposal of discarded materials throughout Dutchess County. For more information on the County’s continuing recycling and sustainability efforts, residents can visit the Division of Solid Waste Management webpage via [www.dutchessny.gov](http://www.dutchessny.gov)

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The Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra has announced the annual holiday celebration, "Tidings of Joy," will take place on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 4 p.m. at Aquinas Hall on the Mount Saint Mary College campus in Newburgh, Orange County. This beloved seasonal tradition invites audiences to embrace the magic and warmth of the holidays through a festive musical journey.

Maestro Ger enthuses, "Over the years, the GNSO has explored an incredible treasure trove of seasonal music, from the sounds of the Renaissance all the way to today's modern hits — and everything in between! This year is no different; we're serving up a delicious smorgasbord of all your favorites, plus a few exciting new surprises just for fun. Get ready to enjoy the music magic!"

Adding star power to the celebration, the orchestra will once again welcome a brilliant lineup of guest vocalists, including acclaimed performers fresh from Broadway and the Metropolitan Opera. Their extraordinary artistry, combined with the orchestra's signature warmth and versatility, creates an irresistible holiday event that has become a hallmark of the region's cultural calendar.

Tickets will not be sold at the door. To secure one'sseats, please visit [www.newburghsymphony.org](http://www.newburghsymphony.org) or call 845-913-7157.

Ticket prices are: Balcony \$85, Center Reserved \$70, General \$60, Senior (62+) \$40, and Students (with current student ID) \$10.



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A&R Pizzeria,LLC, filed articles of organ-ization with the NY Secretary of State on 10/01/2025. In Dutchess County. Shannon Lopez is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. NY Secretary of Stateshallmailcopy ofprocesstoShannon Lopez at 19 E main street, Pawling NY 12564. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

HICKS CATTLE, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/9/2025. OfficeinDutchessCo. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 85 Primrose Hill Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12572, to which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of HUDSON VALLEY SUBLIME LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/16/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designat-ed as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o CKA Management, LLC, 611 Rt. 46 W., Ste. 108, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Kindfolio LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the NY Dept. of State on September 18, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County. NY Dept. of State designat-ed as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 16 Arnold Rd, Pough-keepsie NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LOLA'S PIZZA LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/10/2025. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-cess to Cappillino, Rothschild & Egan LLP, 7 Broad Street, Pawling, NY 12564, to which is also the prin-cipal business loca-tion. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Fieldstone Homestead Co LLC Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/18/2025. Office Location Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may

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be served. SSNY shall mail process to Stephanie Ciliberto, 185 Holmes Road Holmes, New York 12531. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Carso Services LLC Articles of Organiza-tion filed with the Sec-retary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/27/2025. 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 pro-cess to: 64 Noble Hill Drive, Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: To engage in any law-ful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the laws of the State of New York.

Notice of formation of NIZOLEKS LAWN CARE LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/03/25. 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, 23 PETERS RD HOPEWELL JUNC-TION, NY, 12533. Pur-pose: Any lawful pur-pose

Bear Daley LLC. Filed with SSNY on 10/21/2025. Office: Dutchess, SSNY des-ignated as agent for process & shall mail to 131 Pine Hill Road, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: any lawful

GIANNA'S HAIR LOUNGE LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/23/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail processto:The LLC, 7 Oak St, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

JBR RESIDENCES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/18/23. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 5 Kimlin Ct, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Registered Agent address: c/o Erwin Watson, 5 Kim-lin Ct, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Pretty Fake Cake LLC. Art. of Org. filed

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with the SSNY on 09/17/25. Office: Orange County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 64 Lattintown Road, Newburgh, New York 12550. Purpose of LLC: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of YARDWORKS NY LLC Articles of Orga-nization were filed with the Secretary of State on New York (SSNY) on August 18, 2025. Office Location: Dutchess County, New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of nay process to: YARD WORKS NY LLC, 1133 New York 22, Pawling NY 12564. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

O&G Property Group LLC, a domestic LLC filed with the SSNY on 10/15/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is des-ignated as agent upon whom process against LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail processtoc/o lrv-ing Gonzaga, Mbr, 32 Market Street, Wap-pingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose for LLC: any lawful.

NOTICE OF FORMA-TION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COM-PANY (LLC), Name: SAVOHOUSE LLC; Articles of Organiza-tion filed with the Sec-retary of State of New York (SSNY) on Octo-ber 28, 2025; Office Location: 4291 Al-bany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY 12538; Dutchess County; SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served; SSNY shall mail copy of process to 75 Delano Drive, Rhinebeck, NY 12572; Term: Until (Perpetual); Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

725 ROUTE 216 HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/15/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & luele, LLP, 1136 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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STANZA COMICS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/16/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 39 Howland Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of KINGFISHER STUDIO LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/27/25. Office: DUTCHESS County. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 982 MAIN ST, STE 4-193, FISHKILL, NY 12524. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Tax845 LLC filed w/ SSNY 10/28/25. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 2345 Rte. 52, Ste. 2L, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Any lawful purpose.

JDC Stormville LLC filed w/ SSNY 10/24/25. Off. in Dutchess Co. Pro-cess served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 72 Blueberry Ln, Stor-mville, NY 12582. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Anderson Hill Farm & Riding Instruction LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 9/16/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 193 Pleasant Ridge Road, Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: Any lawful purpose or activity.

Notice of Formation of Dutchess Prime Health Solutions, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/19/2025. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 827 State Route 82, STE 10-120, Hope-well Junction, NY, 12533. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity

JTC Realty Group LLC, a domestic LLC filed with the SSNY on 11/03/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is des-ignated as agent upon whom process against LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail processto c/o Jo-ann Campagiorni, Mbr, 20 Ned's Way, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose for

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LLC: any lawful.

Notice of Formation of Yobs Island Co. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/06/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as the agen of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to County Clerk, 22 Mar-ket Street, Pough-keepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Lara Simmons Speech-Language Therapy, PLLC filed w/ SSNY 10/27/25. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of PLLC & mailed to Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave, #101, Al-bany, NY 12206. The reg. agt. is Accumera LLC at same address. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of 1 PILGRIM LANE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/30/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designat-ed as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Al-bany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of STUDIO SOMER LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on November 4, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail processto: Getler Gomes & Sutton,, PC, 2 Executive Boule-vard; Suite 410, Suf-fern, New York 10901, also the Registered agent. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of T-REX SOLAR LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/04/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to PKF O'Connor Davies Family Office, Attn: Kenneth Kriegel, 500 Mamaroneck Ave., Ste. 301, Harrison, NY 10528. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

B E L I E V E WRISTBANDS, LLC, a domestic LLC filed with the SSNY on 11/5/2025. Office lo-cation: Dutchess County. SSNY is

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designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Shawn Scianna, 65 Robin Road, Pough-keepsie, NY 12601. General Purposes.

SONALISE LLC. Filed 10/27/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 426 Main St, Bea-con, NY 12508. Pur-pose: General.

A P E X INTELLIGENCE GROUP LLC . Filed: 6/21/24 . Office: Dutchess Co. Org. in WY: 06/07/2024. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to its principal of-fice: 1621 Central Ave., Cheyenne, WY 82001. Arts. of Org. filed with Chuck Gray, Herschler Bldg E Ste 100&101, Cheyenne, WY 82002. Purpose: General.

Edrex Fontanilla LLC. Filed: 10/23/25 . Office: Dutchess Co. Org. in DE: 10/22/2025. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to : PoBox 485, New City, NY 10956. Foreign add: Usacorp De Inc, 1811 Silverside Rd, Wilmington, DE 19810. Arts. of Org. filed with Charuni Pat-i-banda-sanchez, Secretary Of State Di- vision Of Corpora-tions, 401 Federal St, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: General.

V8 TRANSPORTS LLC. Filed 10/13/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Ray Soto, 17 White Oak Circle, Wingdale, NY 12594. Purpose: General.

B A L D E O PROPERTY'S LLC. Filed 9/12/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: David Baldeo, 42 Mandalay Dr, Pough-keepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: General.

FEEDHAUS LLC. Filed 10/3/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 1070 Us 9, Ste 207, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: General.

ORISHA LEGACY LLC. Filed 12/9/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent

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for process & shall mail to: 3 Neptune Rd, Ste P18, Poughkeep-sie, NY 12601. Pur-pose: General.

EMERALD MOON MEDIA LLC. Filed 9/29/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 124 Keith Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: General.

JMV BUILDERS, LLC. Filed 8/24/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Gil & Cantor, Pc, 2186 New Hack-ensack Rd, Pough-keepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: General.

Notice of Formation of KCM ESTATES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/23/2025. Office location: DUTCHESS County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 303 EAST 57TH STREET, APT 44E, NEW YORK, NY, 10036, USA Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Gallagher Estates 121, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/07/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designat-ed as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to James Gallagher, 7 Frances Ct, Hyde Park, New York 12538. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: COTA CONSTRUCTION, LLC, hereinafter "LLC". Registration filing date with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) was October 15, 2025. 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 be-half of the LLC to the registered agent, Besmir Cota, 5 W. Hook Road, Hopewell Junction, New York 12533. Purpose: any lawful purpose.



# Bardavon to host Joe Jackson’s North American tour kickoff

The Bardavon 1869 Opera House is proud to welcome Grammy-winning musician Joe Jackson for the first North American date of his 2026 tour on May 11, 2026. Fans can look forward to an evening of Jackson’s signature songs and performances in this historic venue.

Joe Jackson announces his new album, Hope and Fury, to be released worldwide on April 10, 2026. The album will be available

on CD digisleeve and LP gatefold (180g) and features nine tracks: Welcome to Burning-by-Sea, I’m Not Sorry, Made God Laugh, Do Do Do, Fabulous People, After All This Time, The Face, End of the Pier, and See You in September.

Tickets for the Bardavon show went on sale Nov. 14, and will be available at Bardavon.org, or Ticketmaster.

Artist and Bardavon Member presale

happening now! Bardavon Members can contact the Box Office to purchase tickets before they go on sale to the public this Friday.

The concert takes place at the Bardavon 1869 Opera House, 35 Market Street, Poughkeepsie. Patrons requiring ADA-accessible seating should contact the box office in advance.

Bardavon Presents is the nonprofit

organization that manages UPAC in Kingston and the Bardavon 1869 Opera House in Poughkeepsie. The organization is dedicated to preserving historic theaters and providing world-class performing arts and cultural experiences to the Hudson Valley community.

Bardavon 1869 Opera House is at 35 Market Street, Poughkeepsie. For more information, call 845-473-2072

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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, Pedro Antonio Garcia Velasco, 289 Church Street, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: 13 HOWARD STREET PROPERTY, LLC, hereinafter “LLC”. Registration filing date with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) was October 15, 2025. 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, Pedro Antonio Garcia Velasco, 289 Church Street, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of I.E.D.V.C, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/05/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Victor & Cam, 28 Darlene Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of VIOLET HILL TRADING, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/05/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Marc Chodock, 25 Hilee Rd., Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of VIOLET HILL MARKET, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy.

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of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/05/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Marc Chodock, 25 Hilee Rd., Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

K&N Cleaning Service LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/07/2025. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 3 Neptune Rd Poughkeepsie NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SB SELF STORAGE, LLC Articles of Organization for SB Self Storage, LLC, were filed with the New York Department of State on November 5, 2025. The Office Location is 2265 South Road, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, NY 12601. The Secretary of State for the State of New York is designated as the agent of SB Self Storage, LLC, upon whom process may be served. The Secretary of State for the State of New York shall mail a copy of any process served to: Mario C. Sardinha, 2265 South Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. The business purpose or nature of the business activity of SB Self Storage, LLC, is to engage in any lawful act or activity within the purposes for which limited liability companies may be organized pursuant to Limited Liability Company Law provided that the limited liability company is not formed to engage in any act or activity requiring the consent or approval of any state official, department, board, agency or other body without such consent or approval for us being obtained.

HHCTHird, LLC. Filed 10/13/2025. Office:

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Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 2794 NY 52, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. All lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of ARBOR SOLUTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/24/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 119 CREEKROAD, WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY, 12590. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC), Name: CallSphere LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on November 08, 2025. Office location: 27 Orchard Place Poughkeepsie Dutchess County, NY 12601. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The LLC address to which SSNY shall mail is 27 Orchard Place Poughkeepsie NY 12601. Term: Until (Perpetual); Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

HHC Holdings, LLC. Filed 10/13/2025. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 2794 NY 52, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. All lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Hudson Valley Running LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/30/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Zen Business Inc., 41 State Street, Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Allergen Scout LLC. Articles of Org. filed with NY Sec. of State (SSNY) on 10/27/2025. Office:

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Dutchess County. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2 Demelis Drive, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Rock Solid Trail Contracting, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on November 3, 2025. Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process on the LLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, P.O. Box 139, Copper Harbor, MI 49918. Purpose: to engage in any activity within the purposes for which a limited liability company may be formed.

Haley & Sullivan llc filed with SSNY 11/15/25 off in Dutchess co process served to SSNY desig as agt of llc and mailed to the llc 506 leetown rd Stormville ny 12582 any lawful purpose

Ward Vehicle Storage, LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect’y of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/16/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 462 Traver Rd, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: any lawful act.

Red Hook Lake House LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect’y of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/31/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 61 N Parsonage St, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of TELOIV LLIH LLC

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Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/13/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Marc Chodock, 25 Hilee Rd., Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (“LLC”). 34 CROSS STREET LLC with its principal business location at Dutchess County, New York, filed Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York on November 18, 2025. The Secretary of State of New York has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The LLC address to which the Secretary of State of New York shall mail process is 15 Lookout Road, Fishkill, NY 12524. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed.

Reliable Hands Home Repair LLC Articles of Org filed w/NYS Dept of State (SSNY) 11/11/2025. Located in Dutchess County, Benjamin F. Patterson agent of LLC whom process may be served. Process mailed to 158 New Hackensack Rd, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful activity

Notice of formation of Precision Climate & Power, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/18/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 22 Losee Road, Wappingers Falls, New York 12590. Purpose: Any lawful activity or purpose.

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Notice of Form. of 1605 ROUTE 9 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/14/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 1605 ROUTE 9, WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY, 12590. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Paramount Lacrosse LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/4/25. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Paramount LLC, 3 Wilbur CT Poughkeepsie NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

R HOUSE LEASING, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 11/18/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 33 Blueberry Lane, Stormville, NY 12582. Purpose: any lawful.

C. PETKOV CHIROPRACTIC, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/17/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 17 Glen Pond Dr., Ste. 2, Reed Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: To practice Chiropractic.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY VICTORIA A. SIBALICH DENTAL PLLC has filed Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State on November 12, 2025. Its office is located in Dutchess County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served and a copy of any process will be

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mailed to The PLLC, 89 Kensington Lane, Poughkeepsie, New York 12603. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which professional service limited liability companies may be organized under Section 1203 of the New York Professional Service Limited Liability Company Act.

Delano Agency, LLC filed w/ SSNY 11/18/25. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 14 Amherst St, Red Hook, NY 12571. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Beacon Speech Therapy PLLC. Arts of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/24/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 369 Main Street, PO Box 103, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

APPLE RIDGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/24/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Mary Eleanor Brushwood Revocable Trust, 24 Dockside Lane, PMB 249, Key Largo, FL 33037. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Enso Therapeutic Horticulture LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Dept. of State (SSNY) on Nov. 13, 2025. 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: 1315 Anandale Rd., Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.



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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY  
Request for Proposals:  
AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT FOR TOWN HALL

Dated: November 13, 2025  
SECTION I - INTRODUCTION AND INTENT OF RFP:  
The Town of Pleasant Valley is soliciting proposals from qualified vendors to supply and install audio-visual equipment for the new Town Hall, 1903 Route 44, Pleasant Valley, NY. Copies of the RFP are available at the Town Clerk's Office, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569 and on the town's website at: [www.pleasant-valley-ny.gov](http://www.pleasant-valley-ny.gov). Sealed proposals will be accepted until **December 1, 2025** at 12:00 noon at the Town Clerk's Office, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Proposals shall be submitted on the attached forms furnished by the Town and shall be submitted in a sealed envelope identifying the Contractor's name, the RFP title, and the RFP due date on the face of the envelope. Submission of a proposal signifies the Contractor's agreement that its proposal and the content thereof are valid, and all pricing submitted with the proposal shall remain in effect for the contract period.

SUMMONS—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 GS MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2022-RPL2, Plaintiff, -against- MARSHALL A. HEADLEY, IF HE BE LIVING AND IF HE BE DEAD, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW, NEXT-OF-KIN, DISTRIBUTEEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS AND PARTIES HAVING OR CLAIMING, UNDER, BY OR THROUGH MARSHALL A. HEADLEY, BY PURCHASE, INHERITANCE, LIEN OR OTHERWISE, ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN; NEW YORK

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STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, Defendants - Index No. 2025-52210 Plaintiff Designates Dutchess County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject premises is situated in Dutchess County. To the above named Defendants—YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance upon the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the date of service or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. If you fail to so appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. That this Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated October 23, 2025. 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 (U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR GS MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2022-RPL2) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Thomas R. Davis J.S.C. Dated: October 23, 2025 Filed: October 24, 2025. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 156 South Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Dated: May 5, 2025 Filed: May 7,

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2025 Knuckles & Manfro, LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Mark R. Knuckles, Esq., 120 White Plains Road, Suite 215, Tarrytown, New York 10591 Phone: (914) 345-3020  
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS  
**M o r t g a g e d P r e m i s e s:**  
360 ROSSWAY RD, PLEASANT VALLEY, NY 12569  
**District: , Section:** 6563 & 6562, **Block:** 03 & 01, **Lot:** 123044 & 093981  
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST Plaintiff, vs. LISA WILSON, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTTEE TO THE ESTATE OF CURTIS WILSON; HEIDI SEELBACH, COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE OF DUTCHESS COUNTY, ADMINISTRATOR TO THE ESTATE OF CURTIS R. WILSON; JULIE A. WILSON, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTTEE TO THE ESTATE OF CURTIS WILSON; ZOE WILSON,, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTTEE TO THE ESTATE OF CURTIS WILSON, if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of

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whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA — INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, "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 \$264,000.00 and interest, recorded on April 13, 2007, in Instrument Number 01 2007 5181 and in Liber 01 2007 5181 at Page 01 2007 5181, of the Public Records of DUTCHESS County, New York., covering premises known as 360 ROSSWAY RD, PLEASANT VALLEY, NY 12569.**  
**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**

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**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: September 29th, 2025  
ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Attorney for Plaintiff  
Stuart Frame, Esq.  
900 Merchants Course, Suite 310  
Westbury, NY 11590  
516-280-7675  
  
SUMMONS—SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF DUTCHESS—LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff, -against- JOSEPH F. TURNER, AS ADMINISTRATOR C.T.A. AND SPECIFIC DEVISEE OF THE ESTATE OF MARY ELIZABETH TURNER A/K/A MARY FLANNERY A/K/A MARY TURNER, IF HE BE LIVING AND IF HE BE DEAD, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW, NEXT-OF-KIN, DISTRIBUTEEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS AND PARTIES HAVING OR CLAIMING, UNDER, BY OR THROUGH JOSEPH F. TURNER, BY PURCHASE, INHERITANCE, LIEN OR OTHERWISE, ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SOUTHERN DISTRICT), Defendants - Index No. 2025-50910 Plaintiff

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Designates Dutchess County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject premises is situated in Dutchess County. To the above named Defendants—YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance upon the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the date of service or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. If you fail to so appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. That this Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated November 3, 2025. 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 (LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Thomas R. Davis, J.S.C. Dated: November 3, 2025 Filed: November 3, 2025 The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 15 Rymph Blvd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Dated: February 19, 2025 Filed: February 21, 2025 Knuckles & Manfro, LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Mark R. Knuckles, Esq., 120 White Plains Road, Suite 215, Tarrytown, New York 10591 Phone: (914) 345-3020  
  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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**NOTICE**  
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-43-25  
Inmate Telephone and Tablet Services  
Proposals must be submitted electronically through the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System (BidNet Direct) Portal on or before 2:00 p.m., December 19, 2025. Specifications, proposal forms and submittal instructions may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.  
  
**REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE**  
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-50-25  
On-Call Commercial / Industrial Electrical Services  
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 16th day of December 2025 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 BIDS NOTICE**  
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-54-25  
Vehicle Body Repair Services for Dutchess County Public Transit  
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 18th day of December 2025 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.



# Students named to first-quarter honor roll at WJHS

The Wappingers Junior High School administration announced the following students are on the 1st quarter honor roll.

### High Honor Roll 7th Grade

Benedict Afreh, Kareem Bahti, Owen Bakke, Ryann Barry, Natalie Behari, Rafaela Belesaca Yunga, Harvin Bhangoo, Eva Black, Elliot Bohlinger, Skylar Boland, Alexandra Borsch, Lucy Borsch, Christopher Burton, Parker Calderin, Valerie Carbajal, Eva Carino, Noah Ceasarine, Ariel Cioli, Michael Colon, Lyiam Constable, Kara Copit, Adara Cornell, Leonaldo Corporan, Davnic Cotterell, Evelyn Credo, Anthony Crossman, Jasmine Cruz, Kimberly Cruz, Bradley Cuadrado, Cristian Cuadrado, Joseph Cunha, Emilia Czauz, Kevin Dabhi, Zack Davis, Alivia DeMeo, Stephanie DeTomaso, Chelsea Delamater, Jake Detweiler, Sahib Dhaliwal, Frank DiBattista, Lucas DiSciorio, Sophia Diamond, Mia Diaz, Olivia Dobkowski, Dislenny Dominguez, Helena Dooley, Abygail Downes, Riley Drew, Timothy Drew, Grace Duchi, Ariana Eglit, Salma Elbadawy, Sophia Ellsworth, Darius Erema, Hayden Feldman, Jakob Ferine, Aiden Ferreira, Kendra Fiati, Kaylee Flynn, Jacob Franconi, Lucille Frank, Alana Gafoor, Adiel Garavito, Iliona Gaxherri, Rita Gaxherri, Willem Geldof, Olivia George, Giovanni Gesmundo, Jurnee Getter, Japneet Gill, Lilia Giuliano, Kaylee Giusti-Chudkosky, Laila Goble, Ronan Gollins, Zahara Gomez, Juan Gonzalez, Layla Graziano, Brandon Griffin, Brianna Guananga Torres, Ethan Haas, Emmy Haase, Salvatore Halvey, Parker Hansen, Ryan Hart, Austen Haskell, Viviana Hicks, Lucas Hocutt, Bryce Howard, Laila Hughes, Liam Hynes, Lia Izazaga, Ian Jackson, Cameron James, Jewelisa Jenkins, Aria Jerrick, Ayven Johnson, Kaedyn Johnson, Emma Jordan, Kyleen Jordan, Ometh Kariyawasam, Antony Kassas, Avnoor Kaur, Gabriella Kennedy, Simra Khan, Leia King, Melody King, John Kostenko, Lorelei Kozak, Abigail Laughlin, Cierra Laureano, Katherin Leon Sigcho, Ryan Lococo, Joell Lopez, Alison Lucente, Brooke Mallozzi, Camila Marrero, Eli Martello, Amy Martinez, Travis Martorello, Isabelle Masek, Dylan Matos, Carter May, Kylie May, Morgan McClelland, Autumn McCollum, Kelly McGann, Michael McKeehan, Victor McNeight, Mia McReynolds, Raylyn Merritt, Ethan Meyer, Emmett Miklos, Dylan Mogrovejo, Sofia Morales, Luna Morocho, Abdul Muhaimin, Ashlynn Murray-Simons, Zoey Mylie, Mary Nash, Aubrianna Nedialkov, Sebastian Nestel, Gwyneth Otto, Timothy Pantelis, Vivaan Patel, Brendan Pedrozo, Daniellys Perez,

Luke Pinto, Athena Portman, Maurice Pryce, Daniela Quezada, Michael Quilter, Reese Rappazzo, Jannessa Ras, Quinci Revange, Tristan Ridenhour, Axl Rivera, Erick Rivera, Abigail Rogers, Aubree Rolls, Angelina Rosado, Logan Rosado, Emily Sabillon Perez, Grace Salvati, Alyza Santiago Hernandez, Peyton Santos, Leslie Sari-Maita, Olivia Schetter, Anne Schiller, Sara Schneck, Savannah Schuka, Jamison Sciortino, Angad Sekhon, Leila Sen, Mason Seymour, Aaliyah Shanley-Blackman, Zachariah Shrestha, Emily Shuster, Lillian Shuster, Kian Siddique, Jonah Simmons, Grace Smith, Michael Sotanski, Gavin Staskowicz, Joseph Steeprock, Dominick Sullivan, Jaxon Sunwall, Amina Susso, Amy Tenesaca-Chavez, Noah Torres, Jonathan Torsiello, Kennedy Treybick, Bianca Triano, Alexander Trivero, Ernest Vash, MaryKate Veeneman, Maddasynn Velazquez, Serena Velez, Valerie Villa, Dev Vora, Greyson Ward, Gabriel Waxman, George Weldon, Kiyan White, Liam White, Kayla Whitney, Meghan Wighton, Elijah Wilson, Thea Winsby-Bisi, Pavelas Wirszyla, Alexis Zagami, Caleb Zangerle, Evangeline Zanin, Roslyn Zhang, Bryce Ziemer, Layla Zolotas, Levi Zrodowski

### 8th Grade

Nylah AbouShanab, Abigail Agosto Martinez, Gianna Agosto, Carlos Alvarez, Mayson Alvarez, Kenley Amendolia, Sofia Anemelos, Jeffrey Angelo, John Samuel Annabi, Nicholas Antalek, Alana Antonucci, Luca Arcuri, Kassidy Balaguel, Owen Baller, Brooke Barrett, Kenley Barron, Joseph Battista, Karina Baychoo, Troy Behnken, Angelica Bennett, Nyasa Bennett, Victoria Bergman, Daniel Boamah, David Boamah, Adam Boussalham, Ashlinn Brenner, Jaylah Brown, Molly Brown, Ava Buchtman, Julia Buchtman, Jacob Buland, Marc Bustamante, Skiegh Butler, Kacey Caguana, Lucas Calabro, Angelina Camey, Marco Cardoso, Giovanni Celli, Anna Cerniglia, Gianna Cerone, Charles Ceru, Stephanie Cevallos-Perez, Ryan Chatlos, Justin Cheung, Raecsa Chhipa, Elizabeth Cilley, Allie Cinquegrana, Peyton Cinquegrana, Christopher Collura, Reynalda Corporan, Declan Coxen, Aiden D'Amico-Sullivan, Lorelei De Luccia, Marea De Luccia, Brielle DeGroat, Hunter Deputhod, Viviana Diamond, Sophia Dominguez, Winter Donaldson, Maximus Dotoratos, Michael Drago, Yassin Elbazar, Robert Ferris, Kyle Ficker, Charlene Figueroa, Carlos Flores, Bridgit Foley, Jayden Gonzalez, Saanvi Gor, Joshua Gordineer, Armani Green, Adam Guallpa, Sean Gunther, Kasidy Hamel, Bria Hamilton, Jacob Hartford,

Gabriella Haun, Lillian Henson, Carys Huen, Zion Hunt, Ava Ignatz, Michael James, Zachary Jimenez, Hayden Johanson, Emily Johnson, Leah Johnson, Khaliya Jones, Bekim Kaba, Madelyn Kennedy, Gianna Ketchum, Olivia Kirsch, Jude Kolachik, Liam Konieczny, Nathan Koretsky, Brycen Korz, Xavier Kowaliw, Alexander Krajewski, Ardit Kurtishi, Leah Leveque, Patrick Licari, Maria Liebler, Luke Lomas, Nicholas Lombardo, Kristina Lopez, Melanie Lopez, Sophia Luz-Guzman, Yaretzi Macedonio DelaCruz, Alexys Magarelli, Zaynab Malik, Savannah Manning, Sophia Manning, Kyle Marquez, Brenden Marshall, Abigail Massey, Sophia May, Keegan McClay, Joel-James McFarlane, Camryn McMaster, Angelica Medina, Jacob Mercedes, Yvoanna Miranda, Ava Montaruli, Giorgia Montgomery, Penelopy Morris, Zoe Mortimer, Madison Mugnano, Gautham Murali, Griffin Murphy, Hannah Nagy-Makai, Dilynn Nichols, Stephen Obligado, Skyla Orellana, Sydney Orlando, Nicholas Ortega, Anastasia Pardee, Sabrina Patino, Cassie Perez, Emma Perrone, Shakur Peterson, Kayleigh Petrillo, Annabella Petrocelli, Hyde Pinto, Jake Ponzini, Lucus Potthast, Jordan-Anthony Powell, Marina Pratt, Josue Quezada Auquilla, Anthony Quilter, Lucas Quitoni, Samiyah Rajcumar, Sebastian Ramirez, Naomi Ramirez Perez, Raymond Renzo, Eduardo Resendiz Vazquez, Elyzabeth Reyes, Aaron Ricketts, Jazmine Rolle, Elise Romero, Amy Rosario-Cabreja, Wesley Rote, Ryan Roy, Sarah Rubin, Delaney Rundle, Jordan Sawahneh, Angelina Sanchez, Erick Sari, Taylor Schoenberg, Tyler Schwartz, Mishti Shah, Mark Silano, Zack Simmons, Ashley Skeahan, Cassandra Smith, Matthew Sperling, Conner Stuart, Evelyn Suarez, Matthew Sucharski, Lynda Sucuzhanay, Carmelo Tagliaferri, Aubrey Tandler, Mila Turner, Stephanie Uday, Miles Ulloa, Taylor Vaught, Luke Veeneman, Kylie Vega, Ria Vekaria, Della Velez, Jeremiah Velez, Kelli Venditto, Antonia Virgadamo, Magdalena Virgadamo, Ilana Werner, Summer Whitcomb, Benjamin Whitted, Maria Williams, Sean Youngman, Karina Zhang, Erika Zhinin

### Honor Roll 7th Grade

Rylan Alimonti, Eyan Blalock, Dominick Brunner, Said Calderon Mendoza, Anthony Carinci, Addison Carmen-Serwatka, Amir Carmona, Anthony Castillo, Luis Castillo, Elijah Cintron, Colin Cohen, Barry Connelly, Jairus Contant, Jaxon Coogan, Reed Corazzini, Julie Coronel, Emmitt Cortes, Jasiel Cruz, John Curran, Jahdane

Desouza, Liam Dolan, Liam Eglit, Gavin Emanuele, Zachary Fallon, Devin Fortier, Liviana Fowx, Michael Fragoso, Riley Gilardo, Kimoya Grant, Devin Greene, Gabriel Hartman-Mastro, Leah Henriquez, Gabriel Herrera, Benjamin Jones, Mustafa Khleifat, John Kirkwood, Luke Lenahan, Terra Lutz, Ayden Martinez, Logan McCormack, Alia Neal, Sariah Newkirk, Tuyet Nguyen, Jackson O'Dell, Benjamin Oviedo, Sabrina Palazzolo, Addison Pan, Edward Pavone, Benjamin Reyes, Robert Ring, Scarlett Ritholz, Juan Rodriguez, Joseph Rosati, Aiden Santiago, Alexander Santinho, Liam Sapio, Joselyn Semedo, Noah Seunarine, Abhinav Singh, Autumn Skeahan, Rylie Skerritt, Olivia Smallwood, Christina Striplet, Logan Toscano, James Trosa-Hooten, Alexander Uber, Chloe Vasconez, Joseph Vega Martinez, Anna Viscusi

### 8th Grade

Jacob Abbatiello, David Aboagye, Scarlett Adamson, Joseph Allen, Isyss Alonso, Shelton Alston, Solenny Alvarez Izaguirre, Montserrat Aquino-Martinez, Lucas Arias Orellana, Juliet Ayende, Nicholas Barrett, Ryan Bianco, Emma Bock, Karli Boehm, Michele Bravo, McKenna Brennan, Dalayna Briggs, Evan Brinkerhoff, Nicholas Brown, Mia Cabrera, Steven Camilo Jr., Evelyn Carchi, Emma Cavalluzzi, Leila Charles, Jahshua Claudio, Reagan Coffman, Deegan Colligan, Amanda Colon, Chase Crookston, Dylan Cruz, Aiden Curtis, William DeLisle, Giancarlo DeVivo, Connor DerBoghossian, Kristen Ellis, Brithany Enriquez Sanchez, Justin Espinoza, Graeson Farrell, Anthony Fasce, Noah Ferreras, Yanuel Flores, Dylan Gleason, Atziri Gomez, Sophia Gonzalez, Adam Gregory, Koltan Griggs, Heidi Guaraca, Matthew Hanby, Walter Hernandez, Lyla Higgins, Leanora Ibrahim, Amy Jimenez, Makayla Jordan, Amanda Jovel Alvarez, Gabriela Keys, Ellie Kovalsky, Nicholas Kovalsky, Henzil Lawson, Mia Lewis, Peyton Lopez, Allison Loughran, George Macancela, Jack Mahlmeister, Camila Matute, Gerald Mazzaresse, Messiah McCallop, Colin McKinney, Sophia Milam, Anthony Morocho, Kelly Nugra, Sebastian Olmo, Dylan Paccha, Tate Patterson, Emily Paulino, Isabella Pickering, Shelsea Quiroz Felipe, Sanaii Redcross, Michael Reyes, Gabriel Robbins, Isabella Rodriguez-Martinez, Dylan Rossi, Micah Roth, Peter Santillan, Carmine Simms, Aurora Simone, Angelica Travis, Leonard Varella, Thomas Varella, Cieralyn Vargas, Taylla Vasser, Nirvana Vilela Farge, Caden Ward, Abigail Watson, Charlotte Watson, Isabella-Luna Winus, Isaac Zolotas

<div>Legal Notices</div> <div><p><b>VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS WATER BOARD REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WENLISS TANK REHABILITATION</b></p><p><b>VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS</b></p><p>Proposals are sought and invited by the Village of Wappingers Falls Water Board for engineering services to rehabilitate one (1) water tank located at Wenliss Terrace in the Village of Wappingers Falls. Sealed Proposals will be received by the Village Clerk, John Karge, of the Village of Wappingers Falls, until 12:00 PM on December 10, 2025. All proposals must be in a sealed envelope and clearly marked "Proposal for Engineering</p></div>	<div>Legal Notices</div> <div><p>Services for Wenliss Tank Rehabilitation". The proposals will be opened and read aloud on December 10, 2025 at 12:00 PM with a contract award on December 15, 2025 at 3:00 PM at Village Hall, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Copies of the RFP may be obtained from the Office of the Village Clerk: 2582 South Avenue Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 (845) 297-8773 x5 jkarge@wappingersfallsny.gov The Water Board expressly reserves the right to waive any irregularities in a particular proposal, or to accept any proposal or reject any and all proposals, or to award any or all items, as the interest of the Village of Wappingers Falls may require.</p></div>	<div>Legal Notices</div> <div><p>By order of the Water Board, Village of Wappingers Falls, New York.</p><p>By: John Karge, Village Clerk</p><p>Village of Wappingers Falls</p><p>2025</p><div>REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE</div><p>The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-62-25 Inmate Clothing and Supplies Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 23rd day of December 2025 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid</p></div>	<div>Legal Notices</div> <div><p>forms may be obtained by visiting our website <a href="http://www.dutchessny.gov">http://www.dutchessny.gov</a>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.</p><div>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TOWN OF WAPPINGER DUTCHESS COUNTY</div><p><b>PLEASE TAKE NOTICE</b>, the Town of Wappinger Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the <b>9th day of December, 2025</b> at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger Falls, NY pursuant to Section 240-37 of the Zoning Law of the Town of</p></div>	<div>Legal Notices</div> <div><p>Wappinger to consider the following area variance: <b>Appeal No.: 25-7865 (Area Variance) Lisa &amp; David Perantoni</b>: Seeking an area variance Section 240-37 of District Regulations in an R-20 Zoning District. -Where <b>20 feet</b> to the side yard (left) property line is required, the applicant can provide <b>3' 1"</b> for the construction of a 25' x 26' garage, thus requesting a variance of <b>16' 9"</b>. The property is located at <b>12 Dana Place</b> on .55 acres and is identified as <b>Tax Grid No.: 6158-02-905653</b> in the Town of Wappinger. All interested persons will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Wappinger at the public hearing as stated above.</p></div>	<div>Legal Notices</div> <div><p>Signed: John Lorenzini, Chairman</p><p>Zoning Board of Appeals</p><p>Town of Wappinger</p><p>November 25, 2025</p><div>PLEASANT VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT NOTICE OF PERMISSIVE REFERENCE</div><p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Fire Commissioners of Pleasant Valley Fire District at a Special Meeting held on November 24, 2025 duly adopted a Resolution as abstracted below pursuant to Town Law § 176 (23), subject to permissive referendum: <b>BE IT RESOLVED</b>, that the Board of Fire Commissioners of Pleasant Valley Fire District as the owner of a certain 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe Command Vehicle</p></div>	<div>Legal Notices</div> <div><p>with lighting and electrical package has determined that such vehicle is no longer necessary for any Fire District uses or purposes and further designates such vehicle as surplus with an estimated value in excess of \$20,000; and <b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b>, that the Fire District is authorized to sell, convey, transfer, or otherwise dispose of said vehicle for consideration in an amount satisfactory to the Board of Fire Commissioners. This resolution is subject to a permissive referendum. Dated: November 24, 2025 Board of Fire Commissioners Pleasant Valley Fire District Jennifer Broas, Secretary</p></div>
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# Wappingers CSD showcases the Power of Project-Based Learning at NYSSBA Convention



Tara Koehler presenting alongside John Sammon.

-Courtesy photos Wappingers CSD



Left to Right: John Sammon, Tara Koehler, Cheryl Migatz, Marie Johnson, Peggy Kelland and Dr. Dwight Bonk

At the annual New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) Convention, Wappingers Central School District STEAM Professional Development Specialists Tara Koehler and John Sammon highlighted how authentic, community-connected Project-Based Learning (PBL) transforms classrooms into hubs of civic engagement, STEAM innovation, and student empowerment. By connecting learning to real audiences and community challenges,

schools bring the NYSED Portrait of a Graduate competencies—critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and citizenship—to life. Community partnerships were a key part of this effort. Through Maria Fareri Children’s Healthcare Services, students created digital science and literacy resources designed to comfort young patients. The Habitat for Humanity “Every Can Counts” initiative promoted sustainability and service as students

recycled aluminum cans to help fund home construction. Collaborations with Central Hudson Gas & Electric inspired students to develop STEM-based innovations that enhance energy efficiency and community safety. Educational leaders explored frameworks for identifying local challenges, forming cross-sector partnerships, and integrating AI tools for brainstorming, reflection, and storytelling. Grounded in the Wappingers Central School District’s commitment to innovation, access, and

workforce development, participants were called to expand PBL ecosystems, elevate student work through public exhibitions, and leverage AI and community partnerships to sustain meaningful, student-driven impact. Koehler and Sammon were joined by Superintendent Dr. Dwight Bonk and Board of Education (BOE) President Marie Johnson, BOE Vice President Cheryl Migatz, and Trustee Peggy Kelland.

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## East Fishkill Recreation

**By Bill Green  
Recreation Director**

Our Christmas tree-lighting party is this Saturday, Dec. 6 from 5-7 p.m. at the Community Center. Get photos and meet Santa and Mrs. Claus in our beautifully decorated holiday tent. Join the carolers at 4:30 p.m. and enjoy musical fun with Bob Martinson throughout the night. There will be some crafts, some games, hot chocolates, refreshments and a few holiday surprises. Join the fun!

A Hanukkah Menorah lighting party has been scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 5:30 p.m. in front of Town Hall. Get some chocolate “gelt” and enjoy

some latkes, doughnuts and hot drinks. All ages are invited.

Our East Fishkill’s Men’s Basketball League and our Co-Ed Volleyball League are both cancelled at Van Wyck when there is a school closing or an early dismissal. Our Adult Tuesday Night Volleyball is back. Games will now start at 7:15 p.m.

We’re working on the 2026 Rec Guides. If your organization or business is interested, give us a call.

Games in our four Youth Basketball Leagues begin this weekend.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call 845-226-8395 or email [Recreation1@eastfishkillny.gov](mailto:Recreation1@eastfishkillny.gov).

## this week’s puzzle solutions

9	1	2	4	7	8	3	6	5
3	8	6	1	2	5	4	7	9
4	5	7	6	3	9	8	1	2
2	1	8	9	3	6	5	4	7
4	6	2	3	7	9	1	5	8
1	5	9	4	7	3	6	2	8
8	2	6	3	4	7	9	5	1
4	5	1	6	2	9	7	3	8
9	3	2	7	6	1	8	4	5
1	4	7	2	8	5	3	9	6
6	8	5	4	9	3	1	2	7

This week's answer  
SUDOKU

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A	I	N	U	C	U	T	L	E
L	I	D	E	L	I	E	S	T
E	A	C	R	E	R	C	P	H
R	I	E	R	F	A	N	C	I
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R	S	A	R	N	I	E	B	O
T	S	L	E	T	A	R	T	I
E	P	U	L	S	E	P	E	A
P	O	U	R	E	L	F	B	O

Sugun solution

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

Sugun solution

## Dance at the Elks Lodge on Dec. 13

Get On Down at the Elks Lounge Dance Night on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m., at 900 Wolcott Avenue (Rt. 9D), Beacon. Lose oneself to an exciting mix of R&B, Latin, Soul, Funk, Disco, Rock, Reggae, Hip-Hop and more, played by DJ Rhoda. These dances are informal and even if one comes alone, one can always find a friendly partner on the dance floor. Admission is \$15 and includes complimentary snacks, and a full cash bar.

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3			1			4	6	
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		4	5			6		
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**Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.**

# Suguru

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The heavy lines indicate areas, called cages, from one to five squares in size. Fill each cage with unique digits, counting up from 1. So for example a 2-square cage contains the numbers 1 and 2; and a 5-square cage contains the numbers from 1 to 5. Adjacent (touching) squares, even ones that touch diagonally, may never contain the same number.

## THEME: NURSERY RHYMES

## ACROSS

1. Type of haircut, pl.
5. Tiny helper
8. \*What rain does in famous nursery rhyme
12. What accomplices do
13. Ring like a bell
14. Sign of life
15. Lascivious look
16. Pretentiously artistic
17. Tiny island
18. \*Bring her back! (2 words)
20. Nicholas II of Russia, e.g.
21. Inmate with life sentence
22. \*One for Sorrow (Two for \_\_\_\_)
23. Melville's "Pequod," e.g.
26. More fancy
30. Request for tailor
31. Encoded message
34. Land measure
35. Omit
37. \*Hush-a-bye, baby. \_\_\_\_ still"
38. Take a base
39. Hokkaido native
40. Veal serving
42. Beehive State native
43. What Cupid did (2 words)
45. \*Tip me over!
47. Lt.'s inferior
48. Plant louse
50. "Pay as you earn" tax system
52. \*How do your ears wobble? (3 words)
56. Sacha Cohen's middle name
57. Render speechless
58. Medley
59. Apathetic
60. Not tanned
61. Nearly
62. Bird's groomer
63. It's open to interpretation
64. #57 Down, pl.

**DOWN**

1. It's soothing
2. Do as directed
3. British Broadcasting Corporation, colloquially
4. Take a leisurely walk
5. Chill-inducing
6. Procrastinator's word
7. \*What the old lady swallowed
8. \*She's been to London to visit the Queen
9. Paella pot
10. \_\_\_\_-friendly
11. Expose to moisture
12. One way to cook fish
14. Mountain climber's spike
19. Brother's daughter
22. \*Who stole the cookie from the cookie \_\_\_\_?
23. Semolina source
24. Sunny prefix
25. Kind of acid
26. Perceive by touch
27. Frost over (2 words)
28. One of the Muses
29. Find new tenant
32. \*What Jack Horner pulled out
33. Not miss
36. \* \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_, he had ten thousand men
38. Beer garden mug
40. Post-Soviet Union alliance, acr.
41. C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, flammable gas
44. With regard to, archaic
46. Software plug-ins
48. Rose oil
49. Young chicken
50. Window glass
51. Geometric calculation
53. Buy and resell
54. Baltic capital
55. Sounds of amazement
56. Baby's apron
57. Self-care resort

## CROSSWORD

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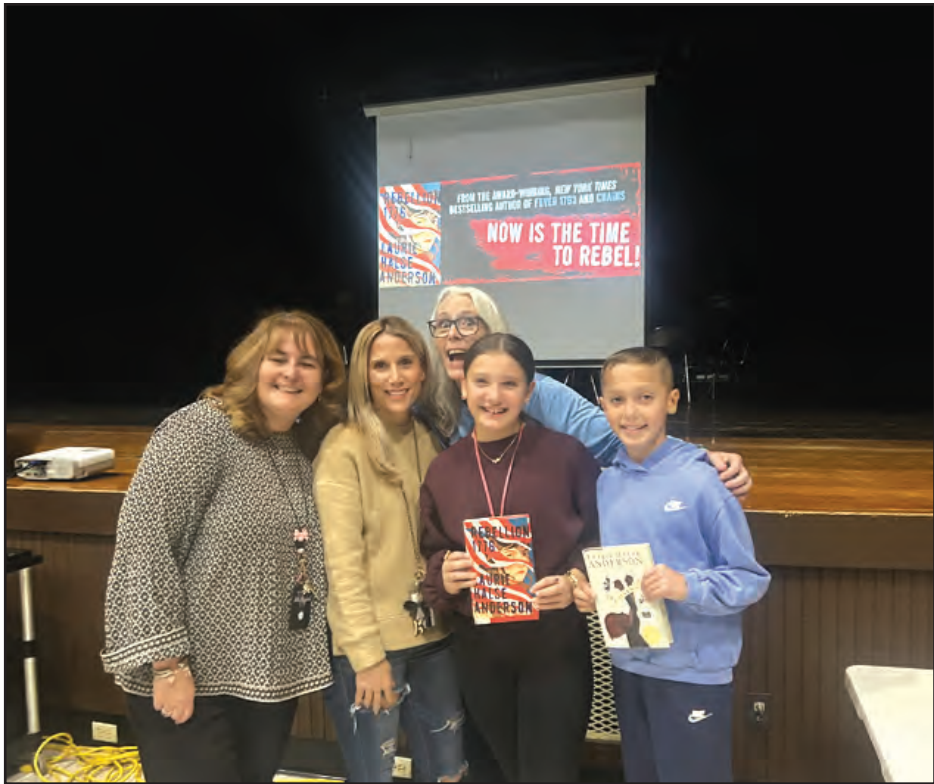
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# Author visits Van Wyck Junior High School students



Van Wyck Junior High School, in the Wappingers Central School District, participated in the Poughkeepsie Public Library’s Big Read. Students were treated to a visit by best-selling, award winning author Laurie Halse Anderson recently. Among Halse Anderson’s works are “Rebellion 1776” and “Catalyst.”

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