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REMEMBERING PRESIDENT CARTER & HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

'I think every human being has within himself or herself a desire to reach out to others'

-Former President Jimmy Carter



President Jimmy Carter waves from Air Force One, May 17, 1977.

-Courtesy photo from Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum

By Kristine Coulter

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, the longest-living American president, died on Dec. 29, 2024 at the age of 100 at his home in Plains, Georgia. The official state funeral for the former president will be held on Jan. 9, a day that President Joe Biden has declared a national day of mourning. The funeral will take place at the Washington National Cathedral in Washington D.C. James Earl Carter Jr., who went on to serve in the U.S. Navy, was born on Oct. 1, 1924.

Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County employees and volunteers joined the world in mourning the death of the 39th president of the United States.

Maureen Brennan Lashlee, CEO of Habitat Dutchess told the Southern Dutchess News the day after it was announced that the former president died, "I did get to meet him at my first ever conference in 2013. He and Rosalynn came to speak. I met him as part of a group. It was a great honor, and I was very grateful for it."

The Carters, who were wed for 77



President Jimmy Carter makes remarks at a Habitat for Humanity project in New York City in 1985. The project would become known as the first Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project.

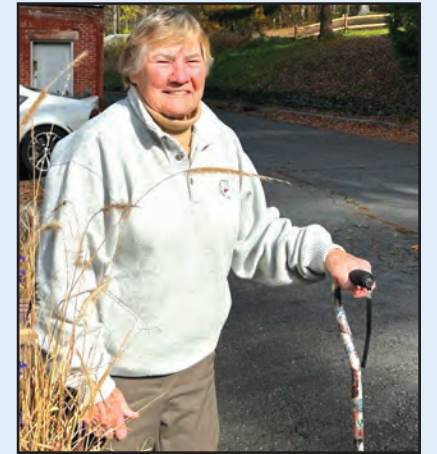
-Courtesy photo from Habitat for Humanity website

years until the former first lady's passing at the age of 96 in 2023, served Habitat by building houses across the world until 2019, it was stated.

President Carter served as a member of the international organization's board of directors from 1984-1987, according to Habitat Dutchess.

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DC Sports Hall of Fame honors trailblazer Zerbe



Pat Zerbe

-Courtesy photo

By Rich Thomaselli

She is an icon of women's athletics in the Hudson Valley.

There are arguably few coaches who have blazed more of a trail for female athletes in the area.

Pat Zerbe tops the list. And now she is being honored for all of her efforts.

Officials of the Sports Museum of Dutchess County said the curation of the Pat Zerbe Women's Room, an exhibit to celebrate generations of women in Dutchess County sports history, is being constructed.

"It's truly an honor," said the longtime Arlington High School and Dutchess Community College (DCC) tennis coach.

Zerbe has made an impact on local athletics and culture for decades. The museum will be collecting artifacts (photographs, equipment, newspaper clippings, medals/trophies, etc.) to display in the women's room.

It's not like she wasn't born for this.

Zerbe has spent the better part of the last half-century being a player, coach and trailblazer for women's athletics. She broke the gender barrier in the area at age 11 when she tried out for Little League Baseball at a time when most teams and accepted girls only for softball. Naturally, she downplays the achievement.

"I just wanted to play," she said.

She did much more than that, creating a legacy that few can match. That includes her time as the girls basketball coach at Arlington. This set the stage for a lifetime dedicated to breaking gender barriers in sports. Throughout her long association with Dutchess Community College and other local organizations, Pat has been a driving force in creating opportunities for women in Hudson Valley sports.

Her exploits and achievements and ability to set precedents are legendary. She has opened doors for hundreds. A scholarship in her name has been established at DCC.

Town of Fishkill board appoints Clark as police chief

By Kristine Coulter

The Fishkill Town Board held its reorganization meeting on Jan. 2. Jacqueline "Jackie" Bardini was sworn in at the beginning of the meeting as councilwoman. Discussions and votes were taken regarding police promotions and an agreement with the Police Benevolent Association (PBA).

Police Department discussions, promotions

During the meeting, held at the Fishkill Town Hall, Fishkill Supervisor Ozzy Albra recommended the appointment of Lt. Joseph Clark to the position of Town of Fishkill Police Chief. The resolution notes that the Police Chief serves at the pleasure of the Town Board. Clark will handle the day-to-day duties of the Police Department as needed and at his current salary, it is stated in the resolution.

Clark was appointed as Officer in Charge in Aug. 2024, after former Police Chief Keith Dworkin resigned in July 2024 and took the top cop position with another Dutchess County municipality.

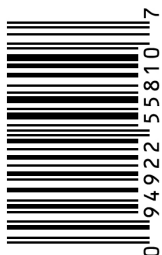
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Joseph "Joe" Clark, left, was sworn in as the Town of Fishkill Police Chief during the Fishkill Town Board meeting on Jan. 2 held in the Fishkill Town Hall. Jason Murtagh was promoted to Town of Fishkill Det. Sergeant.

-Courtesy photo Town of Fishkill

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REMEMBERING PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER 1924-2024

'I think every human being has within himself or herself a desire to reach out to others'



President Jimmy Carter and First Lady Rosalynn Carter work together on a Habitat for Humanity project.

-Courtesy photo from Habitat for Humanity website



President Jimmy Carter paints one of the many Habitat for Humanity houses he helped to build.

-Courtesy photo from Habitat for Humanity website



Egyptian President Anwar Sadat (from left), U.S. President Jimmy Carter, and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin make a three-way handshake at the signing of the Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty on the White House Lawn on March 16, 1979.

-Courtesy photo from The Jimmy Carter Library

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Jonathan Reckford, CEO of Habitat for Humanity International, explained in a statement, "President and Mrs. Carter began volunteering with Habitat for Humanity near their home in southwest Georgia, soon bringing worldwide attention to the need for decent and affordable housing. We are grateful for the incredible impact the Carters have had on Habitat and on the families who have benefited from their shining example. The Carters put Habitat for Humanity on the map, and their legacy will live on in every family we serve around the world."

Lashlee said in a statement emailed by Habitat Dutchess, "The local affiliate was incorporated at about the same time President and Mrs. Carter began their life-long commitment to Habitat homeownership. As we remember President Carter's servant leadership, we give thanks he chose to put God's love into action advocating for policies and resources to assure an opportunity for everyone to become a homeowner. He gave of his time, talent and treasure unselfishly and unceasingly."

According to Habitat Dutchess, the former president and his wife served as Habitat for Humanity's most famous volunteers for more than the 35 years and helped to build affordable housing with the organization.

"We are deeply saddened by President Carter's passing, and our prayers are with the rest of the Carter family," said Reckford.

In 1984, it was stated, the Carters began volunteering with Habitat in Americus, Georgia.

Carter, who served the country as president from 1977-1981, gave of his time on New York City's Lower East Side renovating an abandoned building in partnership with families in need of affordable housing, it was noted. That site became the first Jimmy Carter Work Project (later renamed the Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project).

It was announced on the Carter Work Project-Habitat for Humanity website,

"Please know that the 2025 Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project, taking place in Austin, Texas, on Oct. 26-31, is continuing as planned. We know President Carter wouldn't want it any other way."

In 2016, Habitat named President and Mrs. Carter as the inaugural Habitat Humanitarians.

The statement from Habitat Dutchess included the following remarks once stated by the late president: "I think every human being has within himself or herself a desire to reach out to others and to share some of our blessings with those who are in need." The remarks from Carter continued, "What's opened up that avenue for me and my wife and hundreds and thousands of others is Habitat for Humanity. It makes it easy for us to reach out and work side by side with the homeowner who's never had a decent house, perhaps. I haven't been on a Habitat project that I wasn't thrilled and inspired, and wept."

According to Habitat Dutchess, "Over the last three decades, the Carter Work Project has touched lives around the world by inspiring more than 108,000 volunteers across the U.S. and in 14 countries to build, renovate and repair 4,447 Habitat homes. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat has served more than 62 million people around the world."

Politicians react to former president's death

Rep. Pat Ryan (NY-18) posted to social media Dec. 30, "My heart is with the Carter family - I hope they find comfort in knowing President Carter lived his life truly to the fullest, always in service of the American people. May he rest in peace."

"My thoughts are with the Carter family during this difficult time. President Carter will long be remembered for his sincerity, decency, and compassion for his fellow

Americans. He extolled these virtues before, during, and after his presidency," Rep. Mike Lawler (NY-17) stated in a post on his Facebook page.

U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer stated on social media, "As we remember President Carter's extraordinary life, we also honor the countless lives he touched through his vision and generosity. My thoughts are with the Carter family and all those mourning this incredible man. May his memory be a blessing and an enduring reminder of what it means to truly serve."

The Democrat defeated President Gerald Ford in the 1976 presidential election.

Carter brought together the leaders of Egypt and Israel, Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin, while he was in office. The Camp David Accords were signed in 1978 and was a highlight of his time in office.

In 1980, Ronald Reagan, a former Republican governor of California, defeated Carter, in part due to the economy and the Iran hostage crisis.

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand stated in a statement on the death of President Carter: "President Jimmy Carter was a devoted public servant, a lifelong activist, and a prolific humanitarian. I am devastated to hear of his passing, but I know that his legacy will live on through the work of the Carter Center and the thousands of people he influenced throughout his life. My thoughts are with his family today." Gillibrand's statement concluded, "He will be deeply missed."

Carter won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002 for his humanitarian work.

Officials from the Town of Fishkill sent out a statement, which partially stated, "Pres. Carter lived a life that exemplified the principles of public service, humility and a genuine desire to help others. One of four American presidents to win the Nobel Peace Prize, his humanitarian achievements outside of politics are as noteworthy as his peacemaking efforts while president from

1977 to 1981. From the Camp David Accords to building houses for the poor well into his 90s, Pres. Carter's life was testament to his faith, his family, and his dedication to others."

A post on the Town of East Fishkill's Facebook page has an American flag with the words "In Remembrance of President Carter."

Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini posted to social media, in part, "President Carter's lifetime of service, compassion, and dedication to humanitarian efforts has left an indelible mark on our nation and the world. His commitment to peace, human rights, and the betterment of society will continue to inspire us all."

It was announced the flags outside of Wappinger Town Hall and in the town of Fishkill will be lowered to half-staff in honor of the former president.

Governor Kathy Hochul also announced that flags will be flown at half-staff in honor of President Carter.

"President Jimmy Carter embodied decency and integrity throughout his life of public service," Hochul said. "I'll never forget as a teenager meeting him in Buffalo. He was an inspiration to me and so many Americans. Our hearts are with the Carter family during this difficult time."

President Carter is survived by his children Jack, Chip, Jeff and Amy; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

On the Carter Project website, there is a Q&A with the former president.

The former president was asked, "What would you say to the next generation to help encourage them to serve? How does service impact our collective future?"

President Carter replied, "Enjoy your American freedom, and utilize it to expand your own opportunities and God-given talents as much as possible. You will find that these investments in helping others will always pay rich dividends."

Two funeral homes merge in Beacon

Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey and Libby Funeral Home & Cremation Services have merged. A press release on Riverview by Halvey's website reads: "Libby Funeral Home & Cremation Services will transition to Patrick Halvey at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey. All business will be conducted from the Riverview Funeral Home location at 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. The Libby location at 55 Teller Avenue will be closed."

Libby Funeral Home owner Matthew Fiorillo and General Manager Joseph Schuka, stated in the release, "This is the merging of two great legacy funeral homes in the city of Beacon. We have chosen Patrick and his team at Riverview Funeral Home because we trust them to continue caring for families with professionalism and to uphold our outstanding level of service. We

believe the families of Beacon deserve nothing but the best and made this decision because we know it will have a positive impact on them."

Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey is a third-generation business founded by Patrick Halvey's grandfather, John Halvey in 1933, it is stated in the release. Patrick Halvey relocated the business to its location overlooking the Hudson River in 2017. The brand-new facility is elegantly appointed and features one of the largest viewing rooms in the Hudson Valley, it is noted in the release.

"I have immense respect for the legacy and tradition of Libby Funeral Home. As a homeowner in Beacon with extensive community involvement, I welcome the opportunity to service all members of our city with the comfort and care instilled by my father and grandfather," said Halvey.

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Town of Fishkill board appoints Clark as police chief

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According to an email from Clark to Town officials, he started with the Town of Fishkill Police Department in May 2013. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2014 and then was designated Detective Sergeant in 2016. Clark stated in the email that he served in that position for eight years.

This follows an almost 23-year career in the City of Mount Vernon Police Department in Westchester County, which began in January of 1989. Clark noted he “served in various capacities” while a member of the City of Mount Vernon police force.

Clark noted he previously ran a field training squad.

“I was in charge of street crime and then narcotics,” he said.

Clark, at a previous department, supervised 46 detectives in general investigation, youth squad, and major case squad.

Councilman Brian Wrye stated Albra and he agreed they would go outside of the department to pick a police chief.

Wrye said this was “nothing against Clark.”

“I can’t vote for this. This is inappropriate,” said Wrye.

Councilman John Forman stated, “I have no problem with Joe Clark and I will be voting for Joe Clark tonight. However, I would like to know what changed. Ozzy, on several occasions, publicly at these meetings, has said he wanted to go out-

side the department.”

Albra remarked Clark is “doing an excellent job as chief and he deserves the position. Period.”

Why spend months looking for a chief, “when I got him right here,” said Albra.

Councilman Greg Totino said that every police officer he has spoken to thinks “highly” of Clark.

Bardini asked, “Why go out looking for somebody at this point?”

She continued, “If [we would be] looking for a new chief in the future, I would demand we advertise for the position. For now, I think Lt. Clark is qualified.”

Clark was asked by Wrye how long he plans to stay with the police force.

“I can’t honestly answer that question at this point,” replied Clark. “Do I have plans for my future? Yes, I do.”

Clark said “possibly, there is a chance” he might retire this year.

When asked by the Southern Dutchess News about Clark possibly retiring in the future, Albra replied, “That’s up to him. That’s his personal business.”

Wrye told the Southern Dutchess News, “Ozzy went back on the promise we made to each other which was to look outside the department for candidates to be our police chief. The purpose was to avoid any appearance of showing any favoritism. I held up my end.”

Albra noted Clark has closed more than 20 homicide cases as a detective in his career. Clark did not immediately respond to a request for comment on his appointment.



Jackie Bardini was sworn in as councilwoman during the Fishkill Town Board meeting in the Fishkill Town Hall on Jan. 2.

-Courtesy photo Town of Fishkill

Also discussed during the first meeting held by the board in 2025, Albra’s recommendation that Jason Murtagh be promoted to Town of Fishkill Det. Sergeant. Murtagh will handle the day-to-day operation of the Detective Division, it states in the resolution.

During the meeting, Murtagh told the board members he was “originally sworn in as an officer in the NYPD” and then transferred to the Mount Vernon Police

Department. He then transferred to the Village of Tarrytown Police Department in Westchester County, where he was the officer-in-charge of the midnight shift. He has served as patrolman and sergeant in the Fishkill department.

In an email from Dec. 2024, Clark stated that Murtagh has more than 25 years of experience as a law enforcement officer, beginning in 1999 when he joined the City of Mount Vernon Police Department. Clark notes in the email that Murtagh worked for the City of Mount Vernon Police Department for seven years as a full-time officer and then the Village of Tarrytown Police Department in 2006. In 2017, Murtagh joined the Town of Fishkill Police Department as a part-time officer. He was promoted to rank of sergeant in 2019, according to Clark.

“I believe that Sergeant Jason Murtagh, with his 25 years police experience, possesses the required qualifications, knowledge, and ability to perform the duties of Detective Sergeant with the Town of Fishkill Police Department,” Clark stated in the email to the board members.

The board also ratified the agreement with the PBA, which is until 2027.

Forman said, “This is a great contract for the police department and a lousy contract for the town.” He later said, “I’m voting for this contract. I just don’t think this is a great contract for the town.”

Totino said, “I supported this proudly six months ago and I will support it again tonight.”

The Agreement passed unanimously.

Aymar-Blair sworn in as Dutchess County Comptroller

A crowd of more than 150 people, including family, friends, elected officials, and community leaders, gathered at Tymor Park in Union Vale to support Dan Aymar-Blair as he took the oath of office as Dutchess County Comptroller on Saturday, Jan. 4. The event celebrated Aymar-Blair’s commitment to public service and the beginning of his tenure as Comptroller.

New York State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli administered the oath of office during the ceremony, which featured remarks from several distinguished speakers, including New York State Senator Michelle Hinchey, City of Poughkeepsie Mayor Yvonne Flowers, and Town of Poughkeepsie Supervisor Rebecca Edwards. The event was emceed by NYS Deputy Comptroller Robin Lois, who served as Dutchess Comptroller from 2018-2023. Sheriff Kirk Imperati called the Presentation of Colors by the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office.

Aymar-Blair brings over two decades of experience in municipal finance to the Dutchess Comptroller’s Office, including overseeing business operations for New York City Public Schools’ special education program, and serving on the Beacon City Council. He stepped down from both roles to dedicate himself fully to his responsibilities as Dutchess County Comptroller.

Reflecting on his new role, Aymar-Blair said, “I am deeply honored to serve as Dutchess County Comptroller and humbled by the trust the people of this County have



Dan Aymar-Blair took the oath of office as Dutchess County Comptroller on Saturday, Jan. 4. From left are County Clerk Brad Kendall, County Executive Sue Serino, Aymar-Blair and District Attorney Anthony Parisi.

-Photo by Mike Lawrie

placed in me. My job as Comptroller is to help County government work better, and that means improving efficiency-getting more public service from every public dollar. The people of Dutchess County want careful analysis and oversight, and I will go to every length to give it to them.

At a time when people are losing faith in institutions and government, Dutchess County has an opportunity to show that good people coming together and working hard to solve our shared problems is what good government is all about. I am excited to have the opportunity to work with County

Executive Sue Serino and my other colleagues to do just that.”

Comptroller DiNapoli said, “It was my honor to swear-in Dan Aymar-Blair today in Union Vale as he took the oath of office as the new Dutchess County Comptroller. I look forward to working with him to provide fiscal transparency and protect taxpayer dollars.”

Serino said, Aymar-Blair “joins a County Government team dedicated to serving our residents and protecting the tax dollars they entrust to us for vital programs and services. We look forward to working collaboratively with Dan to continue to provide transparency and accountability for all Dutchess County residents.”

Aymar-Blair will serve out the remainder of former Comptroller Robin Lois’ term. He has pledged to focus on enhancing financial oversight and transparency, as well as protecting Dutchess tax dollars.

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Federal government has not followed through on enforcement of immigration laws

To the Editor:

In his December 18 "Get Growing!" column, Mark Adams omits a couple important facts concerning the Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA). The IRCA's legislative compromise traded immediate amnesty for long term enforcement of our immigration laws. Unfortunately, the federal government has not followed through on enforcement.

The IRCA's sponsors, Senator Alan Simpson and Representative Romano Mazzoli acknowledged that funding for enforcement and border security has been insufficient. They also recognized the inadequacy of employer restrictions, allowing businesses to accept easily forged documents. The result has been a dramatic increase in illegal immigration, exactly the opposite outcome that President Ronald Reagan intended when he signed the IRCA into law. Hopefully, the incoming administration will step up border and workplace enforcement.

Employers have an alternative to easily forged documents. Ethical employers use the voluntary e-Verify program to confirm employment eligibility. Mandating use of e-Verify would plug the IRCA's documentation loophole. This would reduce greatly the availability of employment to illegal immigrants, reducing the incentive to sneak across our country's borders.

Richard Trent
Poughkeepsie

Lennon's 'Imagine' still rings true today

To the Editor:

For the coming New Year I would like to quote (my abridged version of) John Lennon's "Imagine."

Imagine there's no countries

It isn't hard to do
Nothing to kill or die for
And no religion, too
Imagine all the people
Livin' life in peace
You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will be as one
Imagine no possessions
I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger
A brotherhood of man
Imagine all the people
Sharing all the world
You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will live as one.

He finished composing this song in early 1971...over 50 years ago.

If we each do more than just imagine, or at least imagine even harder... just love.

Claudia Gorman
Poughkeepsie

Veterans receive holiday visitors for Christmas cheer



The Beacon Elks Lodge #6180 made a Christmas visit to see the Veterans at VA Castle Point Medical Center. Pictured are veterans and Elks, along with Santa. Prior to going on the unit at Castle Point, volunteer firefighters from Chelsea, New Hackensack, Dutchess Junction and Glenham fire departments and members of the Elks Lodge, with Santa and Elroy, drove around the campus with sirens, lights and horns on.

-Courtesy photo

HCC exhibition to feature Bannerman Castle, Towne Crier

The Howland Cultural Center (HCC) will present a special exhibition featuring artwork, photography, artifacts and memorabilia from two of Dutchess County's longest running and renowned cultural, arts and music organizations and venues, the Bannerman Castle Trust and the Towne Crier Café. Join them for a free public reception on Saturday, Jan. 11, from 1-3 p.m. Everyone is welcome to enjoy refreshments, chat with participating artists, and experience surprise musical guests.

The exhibition runs until Feb. 23rd, showcasing fine art paintings, watercolors, prints, photography, and classic posters by contemporary Hudson Valley artists. Most are available for purchase.

Bannerman Island and Castle, situated in the Hudson River between Beacon and Cold Spring, has been a source of inspiration for adventurers and preservationists

for over a century. The Bannerman Castle Trust, Inc. has received various awards, including two awards from Dutchess County Tourism: the 2023 Events Award of Distinction and the 2019 History Award of Distinction.

The Towne Crier Café is a key venue in New York's Hudson Valley entertainment scene, recognized with accolades such as the 2018 Dutchess County Executive's Award for Arts Business. For over fifty years, it has hosted diverse musical performances.

Gallery hours are most Saturdays and Sundays from 1-5 p.m., with weekday visits available by chance and by appointment. This special exhibition begins HCC's 2025 Gallery Season, showcasing the Center's commitment to art, culture, and history while celebrating the spirit of both of our 2025 Gala honorees.

Town of Poughkeepsie sets Job Fair on Friday, Jan. 10

The Town of Poughkeepsie will be holding a Job Fair on Friday, Jan 10 from noon until 3 p.m. at Town Hall, located at 1 Overocker Road.

Several departments will be offering on-the-spot interviews for many different positions, including seasonal, part time and full time.

Individuals interested in working for the Town of Poughkeepsie are encouraged to attend and come with their resume and enthusiasm.

If you have any questions, please email the Town's HR representative at econsiglio@townofpoughkeepsie-ny.gov.

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Community Foundations Awards \$179,500 to Dutchess Organizations in Community Grants



Representatives from grant recipients and Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley staff and board members are pictured at the Dutchess County Community Changemakers reception at the Inn at Historic Bellefield in Hyde Park.

- Courtesy photo from Community Foundations

Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley (CFHV) has awarded over \$179,500 in grants to Dutchess County non-profits, students, and organizations. This was part of more than \$350,000 in community grants given by the organization during its inaugural Community Changemaker gatherings in Dutchess, Putnam, and Ulster Counties.

The Dutchess County Community Changemaker gathering, held on December 12, 2024, at the Inn at Bellefield in Hyde Park, united fund holders and nonprofit grant recipients to celebrate collaboration and community impact. The funds, raised through the generosity of individual donors, fund holders, and donations from CFHV's annual Garden Party, were distributed to over 40 nonprofit organizations based in Dutchess County.

The missions of this year's CFHV grant recipients address critical needs in education, food security, health, justice, climate action, arts and culture, and animal welfare. CFHV President & CEO Laura Washington commended attendees, saying, "You all are the leaders, innovators, and advocates—the changemakers—who inspire us to make our community a better place."

"We are thrilled to support such a

diverse and innovative group of nonprofit partners," said Cristin McPeake, CFHV vice president of programs. "This year's recipients include both first-time awardees and longstanding partners, each driving meaningful change in our region."

One Dutchess County recipient, Hudson Valley Clubhouse, provides a supportive environment for individuals living with serious mental illness, helping them work, socialize, and find fulfillment. Executive Director Blaise Sackett summed up their approach: "Community is therapy." The CFHV grant will enable the organization to hire a second full-time employee to expand membership and address the growing need for social services in Poughkeepsie.

The Community Changemaker gatherings underscore the power of collaboration, generosity, and innovation in strengthening life in the Mid-Hudson Valley. CFHV Board Chair Bob Cotter encouraged attendees to help expand CFHV's reach, saying, "By connecting us with new nonprofits, we can continue to address critical needs and broaden our impact."

To discover how one can support the CFHV mission, explore the full list of 2024 Community Grant recipients, or apply for a grant, please visit CommunityFoundationsHV.org.

Beephan, EF Fire District commissioners announce release of fire apparatus settlement agreement

The East Fishkill Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners and Assemblyman Anil Beephan announced the release of the Fire Apparatus 39-46 Settlement Agreement, pursuant to FOIL (Freedom of Information Law) requests.

According to a press release from Beephan on Dec. 31, 2024, late last year, after extensive litigation, the East Fishkill Fire District reached a Settlement Agreement with Ferrara Fire Apparatus, the manufacturer, and Neville Fleet Sales, its retailer, for \$600,000. \$580,000 was received from Ferrara and \$20,000 was received from Neville. As part of the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the Fire District was requested to agree to confidentiality regarding the settlement terms to safeguard the parties' business interests. Acting in the best interest of taxpayers, the Board unanimously agreed to the terms of the Settlement Agreement under the guidance of legal counsel and with the oversight of a U.S. Magistrate Judge, recognizing the potential of additional costs and the uncertainties of a prolonged trial, according to a release from Beephan.

"All funds from this settlement have been accounted for and transparently recorded in the Fire District's monthly Treasurer's Report, and were deposited directly into the

District's Major Equipment Reserve Fund, as required by law," stated the Board of Fire Commissioners.

"We appreciate Assemblyman Beephan's patience as we navigated the legal complexities of this matter, which allowed us to fulfill his request for full transparency. The East Fishkill Fire District and its 200+ volunteers remain steadfast in its mission to serve the community with integrity and dedication."

Beephan thanked the district for their cooperation, stating: "My office pursued this matter at the request of several community members to ensure taxpayers had a clear understanding of how their money was being spent. The district's actions in releasing the final agreement are a win for our community, and I thank the district for their cooperation through this difficult matter. With this situation now in the rearview, it is time to pivot our focus to supporting our firefighters & EMS, who do an outstanding job serving East Fishkill, and they deserve our respect and gratitude."

Both parties reaffirm their shared commitment to transparency, accountability, and the best interests of the East Fishkill community. Together, they remain dedicated to ensuring responsible stewardship of public resources and providing exceptional service to the residents of East Fishkill.

Board of Fire Commissioners to meet January 8

The Board of Fire Commissioners of the Glenham Fire District will be holding a special meeting followed by the regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 8 at

7 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Slater Chemical Firehouse at 76 Old Glenham Road, Glenham, in the town of Fishkill.

Hochul proposes rail service investment on Hudson Line in 2025 State of the State

As part of her 2025 State of the State, Governor Kathy Hochul proposed a major investment in Hudson Valley rail service that would increase capacity, reduce delays, improve safety and cut potential travel times by up to 15 minutes each way for certain trips, as well as shorten "super-express" Metro-North Hudson Line trips to less than 90 minutes. The proposal includes planning, evaluation and design for a set of rail infrastructure capital improvements between New York City and Poughkeepsie, including projects such as a second track at Spuyten Duyvil, interlocking, signaling and trackwork at Croton Harmon, and capacity improvements at Poughkeepsie Yard. In addition, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) will execute a signaling redesign near Yonkers and climate resilience investments in the most vulnerable and highest ridership segments of the Hudson Line.

"Hudson Valley commuters deserve fast, high quality rail service they can count on, and the investments I am proposing we make today will drive transformational change for generations to come," Hochul said. "Over the coming years, these much-needed infrastructure improvements will allow us to modernize our rail system, increase connectivity, reduce travel time and strengthen economic connections across the region. With these proposals, we are laying the groundwork to deliver faster and more reliable rail service for suburban and rural commuters across the Hudson Valley and beyond."

As part of an allocation anticipated to be available for regional investments in its 2025-29 capital plan, the MTA will evaluate and design other potential rail improvements, such as adding a third track to the Metro-North Harlem Line or connecting Hudson Line service to Penn Station for a one-seat commute to Manhattan's West Side. In partnership with NYSDOT, the MTA will also establish a regional rail working group with New Jersey, Connecticut and rail partners, to promote better coordination on interoperability, ticketing, schedules and customer interfaces. This group will also develop plans to make travel by Metro-North or Long Island Railroad to MetLife Stadium as seamless as possible for the 2026 World Cup and explore future opportunities to further integrate regional travel.

Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou said, "Thank you Governor Hochul for proposing these major rail investments along the Hudson Line — which improve the communities and day-to-day lives of so many of us in the Hudson Valley. As a Beacon to New York City commuter for more than thirty years — and a rider on the "super-express" peak hour trains to Beacon — I know first hand the importance of frequent and fast rail service, which allows so many to earn a living at work and enjoy family life at home."

Building off a pilot program to enhance the reach of Metro-North west of the Hudson River with ticketing, ferry and parking incentives, New York will also

conduct a transit analysis with expert advisors to propose and evaluate additional recommendations to expand and maximize the impact of rail service and look at opportunities for other types of commuter transit for New Yorkers living west of the river and working in New York City. That analysis will include a major employer and destination review in Orange County, exploring options like shuttle bus service timed with Port Jervis Line trains to attractions like Woodbury Commons, Legoland, Storm King, Renaissance Fair, and Stewart Airport.

The announcement builds off major regional rail investments delivered during Governor Hochul's term, including the delivery of the LIRR Third Track and the historic opening of Grand Central Madison, which introduced new commuting opportunities on the LIRR, enhanced New York's regional connectivity, and expanded service by 40 percent.

State Department of Transportation Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez said, "Everyone deserves reliable, high quality passenger rail service, and Governor Hochul's targeted investments in the Hudson Valley rail network will significantly enhance the rail experience for thousands of passengers who rely on this service every day. When we invest in rail and transit, we are investing in environmentally friendly, dependable and safe modes of transportation. NYSDOT is proud to help spearhead these investments on our state-supported Amtrak services, and we look forward to partnering with the MTA on separate enhancements to Metro-North services along the Hudson Line rail corridor. New Yorkers deserve nothing less."

MTA Chair and CEO Janno Lieber said, "Metro-North is the economic backbone of the lower Hudson Valley, and these are smart targeted investments to protect its future and record-setting 98+ percent on-time performance. In the age of climate change, resiliency is especially important, and Governor Hochul has shown she gets it intuitively."

MTA Metro-North Railroad President Catherine Rinaldi said, "Weather-related events in recent years have shown the importance of climate resiliency on the Hudson Line, and we are thrilled by these upgrades which will enable continuing reliability of Metro-North service for the Hudson Valley. I greatly appreciate Governor Hochul's support for these improvements, which will support the economy of the Hudson Valley."

Poughkeepsie Mayor Yvonne Flowers said, "I'm excited to hear that Governor Hochul wants to invest in the Hudson Valley rail service between Poughkeepsie and New York City. The Governor's commitment to improve the connection between the City of Poughkeepsie and New York City means more opportunities for our residents, stronger support for our local businesses, a safer and faster commute to and from NYC. This investment helps our community thrive and stay connected in ways that matter."

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DC Toys for Tots reports gifts to 600 families for 2024

Toys for Tots of Dutchess County distributed gifts to over 600 families during the 2024 holidays.

Dutchess County Coordinator TJ Ashline reports that the number is up over 200 families from 2023. The total number of children was 2,037. He said that is over 20,000 toys, books, games, puzzles, bikes, etc.

Some donors of monetary funds and or time and goods included the following: American Legion Post #178, Sons of The

American Legion #178, Dutchess Fairview Firefighters, Golden & Golden Building Company, DS home services, Adams Fairacre Farms, Madison's Pizza of Pleasant Valley, Tomato Cafe of Fishkill, 97.7 The Wolf CJ & Jess Morning Show (Townsquare Media), Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County and Dutchess County Long Rifles - 4H shooting sports club.

Ashline thanks all those who contributed and goods for the 2024 holiday season.



Dutchess County Toys for Tots coordinator TJ Ashline, left, is pictured with children and parents from Home School Heroes during the 2024 holiday gift drive. This distribution took place at Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County on Rt. 44.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

DAV donates to local food pantry



Members of Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Castle Point Chapter 144 recently donated three truckloads of food that was purchased at Hannaford in Wappingers Falls. The food was donated to the Castle Point food pantry.

-Courtesy photos DAV Chapter 144



Excelsior Scholarship application for spring term open through Feb. 2

Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) recently announced the opening of the spring 2025 Excelsior Scholarship application. Eligible students planning to enroll full-time in a SUNY or CUNY two- or four-year college or university in the spring 2025 term can apply. The Excelsior Scholarship allows eligible full-time students to attend a SUNY or

CUNY tuition-free. "The Excelsior Scholarship transforms lives by making higher education more affordable and accessible for students across New York State," Hochul said. "I encourage every eligible New Yorker to apply for this scholarship to pursue their higher education goals and build a brighter future for themselves, their family, and their community."

To be eligible for the spring Excelsior Scholarship, applicants must meet eligibility requirements, including but not limited to the following criteria:

- Have an adjusted combined federal household income of \$125,000 or less;
- Be entering college in the spring 2025 term;
- Plan to attend a SUNY or CUNY two- or four-year college full-time;
- Agree to live in New York State and not be employed out of state for a duration equal to the number of years you received the scholarship.

"There is a place at SUNY for every New Yorker, and we are committed to delivering an exceptional educational experience at an affordable price. With the invaluable support of the Excelsior Scholarship, New York State's Tuition Assistance Program, and other financial aid, 52% of in-state SUNY students attend one of our 64 institutions completely tuition-free. This is made possible through the incredible efforts of Governor Kathy Hochul and our legislative partners."

CUNY Chancellor Félix V. Matos Rodríguez said, "As part of our efforts to help current and prospective students access financial aid by completing their FAFSA and TAP applications, we are also encouraging eligible students to apply for robust New York State opportunities like the Excelsior Scholarship, which has already enabled thousands of CUNY students to attend college tuition-free and provided a pathway for them to pursue and achieve their dreams. We thank Gov. Hochul for her strong commitment to keeping the many benefits of higher education accessible and attainable to all New Yorkers."

To be eligible for the Excelsior Scholarship, students eligible for federal aid must complete the FAFSA and New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) applications or apply through the New York State DREAM Act. The TAP application can be accessed through the New York State Aid link at the end of the FAFSA. Students who already submitted their FAFSA and missed the link can apply at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

NY HESC President Dr. Guillermo Linares said, "I want to thank Governor Hochul for recognizing the importance of investing in higher education and its role in shaping the future of our state. Her commitment to ensuring that every student has a fair shot at an affordable education is transforming lives and creating opportunities."

SUNY Chancellor John B. King Jr. said,

Launched in 2017, the New York State Excelsior Scholarship provides students with the opportunity to attend SUNY and CUNY colleges and universities tuition-free. By removing financial barriers, the program aims to make higher education more accessible to middle-class families. For more information or to apply, visit hesc.ny.gov/excelsior.

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Family support, variety of interests abound with Stony Ground club

By Kaeleigh Banda
Southern Dutchess News intern

Stony Kill Farm and Common Ground Farm partnered seven years ago to create Stony Ground, an expansive general interest 4-H club. The kids learn about livestock, beekeeping, gardening, art, entomology, rabbits and more. The range of things to learn about makes Stony Ground a popular club to join.

Stacey Lynch-Adnams and Kim Pennock are the current co-leaders of the club. The club has around 30 members ages 5-19 making it one of the largest clubs.

Lynch-Adnams said community connections create valuable experiences for the kids.

"4-H is really about making you the best you can be, being compassionate toward others and giving back to your community because you're working with so many different people," Lynch-Adnams said. "Being a part of Stony Kill Foundation and being on Stony Kill Farm there are about 20,000 people that come through the property every year."

The club also gives back to the community through community service. They went to the Maple Celebration at Sharp Reservation in 2024 to fundraise and provide waffles for people to eat. Stony Ground has also done clean-up projects at the Beacon waterfront.

Stony Ground creates a club space for every kid with any interest in 4-H. Lynch-Adnams said she is grateful that the club is rooted in family and appreciates the support the families provide.

"Most of the time the parents are there working with their kids or they're at the meetings and they always help at all of the events and fundraising we do," Lynch-Adnams said. "It's a very family-oriented type of a program and it really sets these kids up for a very successful future."



Community connections create valuable experiences for youth involved in the Stony Ground 4-H club. Courtesy photo

Impact PR & Communications rings in New Year with addition of Westerra Credit Union to client roster

Public relations and marketing firm Impact PR & Communications, Ltd. (IPR&C) is kicking off 2025 with the announcement of Westerra Credit Union joining its client roster. As agency of record for the Colorado-based credit union, Impact PR & Communications will spearhead an awareness campaign to strengthen its brand messaging, distinguish it from its competitors, and showcase its heritage as a teacher-founded organization through community connection and earned media stories. The newest client signifies an ever-deepening of the agency's expertise in the banking, credit union, financial advisory and investment sectors.

"Westerra has a storied heritage and legacy in Colorado, and we are delighted to partner with Impact PR & Communications to help shine a light on what we do and how we do it differently," said Nicole Andrushko, vice president of

marketing, Westerra Credit Union. "We recently worked with the IPR&C team on a project and the creativity and chemistry was apparent, so this seemed like a perfect next step."

Impact PR & Communications, which celebrated its ten-year anniversary last year, has a long history of representing financial institutions throughout New York, Pennsylvania and South Carolina. Westerra Credit Union's addition to the roster makes it the agency's first client based in the Rocky Mountain region.

"I, along with our team, am energized about the collaboration with Westerra Credit Union and the mission of bringing awareness of this community-minded company to a larger audience," said Filomena Fanelli, CEO and founder, Impact PR & Communications. "Like us, Westerra values meaningful personal relationships and we look forward to helping them grow that impact."



The team from the public relations and marketing firm Impact PR & Communications.

-Courtesy photo Impact PR & Communications, Ltd.

Rombout Middle School administration announces students on 1st quarter honor roll

The following students have been named to the honor roll at Rombout Middle School in the Beacon City School District for the 1st quarter of the 2024-25 school year.

Principal's Honor Roll 6th Grade

Logan Alvarado, Maya Ariel, Kevin Boyle Jr, Haley Brandstrom, Dylan Brown, Amadou Ceesay, Adeline Clark, Emmett Coleman, Frances Coulon, Rana Craig, Grace Daley, Iris Dotson, Alden Emich, Evan Eraca, Aoibhinn Fehilly, Audrey Fisher, Linnea Gabel, Margo Gentle, Kariana Gonzalez, Orly Gropen, Samoya Haye, Zavier Hazim, Mia Hernandez, Oliver Jackson, Morgan Jamin, Makenzie Kiernan, Ania Krasikova, Dean Macaluso, Samuel Mack, Sonja McCollum, Jack McGrath, Eliza Montanez, Camille Murphy, Evan Pantojas, Atticus Perez, Anya Piester, Luna Punsoda-Drew, Mosammat Rahman, Acadia Rodriguez, Emily Rottenkolber, Phoebe Roy, Gisella Sanchez, Sabine Schenck, Elan Stim-Fogel, Fiona Suckow, Alejandro Suscal-Sinchi, David Verdesi, Leo Virgadamo, Madelyn Westlake, Delanie Winther

7th Grade

Lucinda Arginsky, Leo Aymar-Blair, Sirah Bah, Olivia Bellis, Preston Bennett, Amaziah Buffin, Daniel Calderon, Lucas Campos, Kamillah Corte-Illescas, Ali Cosentino, Gianna Cruz, Sofia Cruz, Dean Cumming, Trey Davis, Nathan Domanski, Amelia Emich, Julianna Gannon, Alicia Green, Asher Hetling, Sarai Horne, Kai Illa-Hanca, Charlie Jelliffe, Jonah Landahl, Regan Laug, Jonah Lipman, Kai Mason, John McKay, Mikayla McMahon, Ava Morgan, Daniel Mulligan, Qahtan Murshed, Asa Partlow, Maya Pellegrin, Tavin Pennock, Avery Persico, Colten Powlis, Ian Ramkalawon, Jack Reeves, Aaliyah Ridore, Lorenzo Saiset, Roberto Sampson, Emmylou Shay, Anna Sheehy, Madeline Smith, Olivia

Spiecker, Victoria Squilla, Kevin Vogrincic, Braden Webster, Zuri Yeboah

8th Grade

Natalie Allen, Brayden Arroyo, Luna Ayers-Uekawa, Fiona Burke-Smith, Ethan Cason, Connor Coldrick, Sebastian Concepcion, Kylie Ebeling, Lilah Fisher, Alice Gabel, Jordan Garzon, Edith Giunta, Manasvi Gupta, Silas Hayes, Samih Jabar, Samantha, Johnson, Davia Kelleher, Julian Khan, Pixie Kimberg, Vivienne, Lipari, Anthony Lopez, Celest Marshall, Noah Montoya-Gutierrez, Suvi O'Shea, Dominick Pulcastro, Dion Qelaj, Zbigniew Rybak, Ashley Senior, Sauravi Shrestha, Silas, Stampleman, Anita Vigeant

High Honor Roll 6th Grade

Uday Alaji, Henry Allee, Ember Allred, Christian Alzate, Amelie Aquino-Collins, Daisy, Bernacchia, Caiden Burks, Maximus Burton, Elijah Cherubini, Anthony Constantino, Zoey Darcy, Arianna Diaz, Savannah Dick, Maxxum Digneo, Mirella Digneo, Bryan Flores-Urzuza, Samara Friedman-Quinn, Lucas Genao, Nyomi-Navii Gillman, Carlos Gonzalez Jr, Allayna Graham, Francesca Guido-Taylor, Alyssa Keels, Nahlia Kelland, Elijah Macaluso, Caleb Martel, Jake Maxaner, Peter Miozzi, John Murphy-Araya, Cassidy O'Sullivan, Timothy Perez-Sample, Arron Pittman, Ella Posey, Vincent Pulcastro, Julian Romero, Ryleigh Russak, Aaron Shrestha, Jackson Simonetta, Naomi Simons, Orion Sinift, Mason Soltish, Mateo Spaccarelli, Ava Spence, Macon Stadler, MacKenzie Thorpe, Ariya Valverde, Olivia Velazquez, Finn Woolston, Rufus Zimmerman

7th Grade

Nia Abonyoh, Alexis Aduamah, Even Aquino, Mikaela Arce, Erick Arpi, Myla Ballard, Walter Bean, Jessiah Beckwith, Parker Bennett, Aiden Berry, Marley

Brooks, Mateo Buckland, Ninalyse Caccamo, Madison Clark, Angel Cruz, Gia Del Bianco, Camron Dennis, Meera Diebboll Riley DiTata, Liam Elwood, Riley Elwood, Hudson Faust, Joi Finley, Mia Gombiner, Matilda Hoffman, Luis Jimenez-Bueso, Jayden Kasmaei, Ciel Koerner, Luca Lentini, Max Mawson, Damien Mayers, Mason McNair, Sophia Milam, Conal O'Sullivan, Jaxson Pultz, Mary Rinaldi, Annalise Saiz, Sean Sanders, Audrey Savage Jr., Ethan See, Lucas Simms, Bryce Smalls, Angelina Soria, Joscelyn Sweat, Yidoen Tenzin, Elliot Trabka, Justinas Turner, Louisa Virgadamo, Nathanyel Walden, Henry White

8th Grade

Lorelei Aakjar, Sarp Bagriyanik, James Bailey, Vivianna Bailey, Hazel Balogh, Alyanna Bembridge, Amaya Bravo, Matthew Browne, Jack Bunker, Teaghan Burks, Madison Carr, Ivy Cohen, Shuprova Das, Gabriela Diaz, Elodi, Duquesne, Willow Faiella, Grace Fleming, Jayme Fuentes, Carolina Guerra, Lucien Guido-Taylor, Weston Hetrick, Nahlia Keane, Miles King, Ileana Lawrence, James Mack, Ralph Marinaccio IV, Auwaab Mohammed-Murtada, Sarah Pillcurima-Panama, Noah Postolan, Tallix Roan, Jonathan Saraceno, Landon Soltish, Sophia Spiconardi, George Stadler, Ryan Sulca, Sherley Tacuri, Daniel Tschang, Everett VanCott, Emery Vergolina, Marina Winters

Honor Roll 6th Grade

Nana Adusei, Mackenzie Alicea, Alexander Arroyo, Madison Bostock, Bryce Brown-Rohan, Jacob Bustamante-Cruz, Violet Costello, Chloe Daniels, Cooper Figlia, Catalynn Figueroa, Arielle Franklin, Matthew Gonzalez Jr., Roan Haley, Dylan Herrera-Duran, Eivan Hetling, Milania Hubbard, Lev Martin, Benjamin McDowell,

Maxwell McKinnon, Madyson Mericle, Kezia Nditsi, Danny Nivicela-Jarama, Jesus Perez Jr., Madeline Richardson, Christian Robinson, Arvin Roci, Ezekiel Rodriguez, William Rupp, Jose Santiago, Amaree Smalls, Sebastian Smith, Scott Solano, Jariel Solis, Max Staab, Madison Tanaka, Liam Velazquez-Benitez, Atyana Whitfield, Elijah Williams, Aaliyah Wright, Skyler Zingone-Redfield

7th Grade

Evelyn Barreto-Llivipuma, Troy Burch, Ayden Clarke, Adran Conklin, Mason Cruz, Mia Cuautle, Theodore Culler, Radcliffe Dunne, Markus Figueroa, Avery Fisher, Nicholas Gill Jr., Elias Havers, Phillip Johnson, Mario Jovel, Zeev Korman-Bennis, Tajah Lindsay Johanna, Marquez, Patrick McEvoy, Charles Montleon, Azhane Moultrie, Kyran Patino- Albarracin, Scarlett Ragone, Ella Reyes, Naomi Rivera, George Russey, Leilani Sanchez, Margaret Schall-Wharton, Hailey Seddon, Alahni Segarra, Isabella Sherilla, Ledion Shtanaj, Ava Thompson

8th Grade

Janaly Alvarado, Elaina Alvarez, Riley Anderson, Shannon Anzovino, Sadie Bottone, Hawken Brickman, Marcus Brooks Jr., Julian Carpio, Ava Casanova-Flippin, Lily Cheyne, Chase Christman-Evans, Sofia Dunay, Braedan Eraca, Shaniya Evans, Natalia Garcia, Jack Garrett, Ronza Ghazzawi, Eli Gilleo, Emmett Havers, Nathan Hayden, Grace Just, Connor Kuhhorn, Isabella Lopez, Michael MacDougall, Katalina McBride, Michael Medina, Alicia Miller, Elena Moleano, Divine Morris, Madelyn Newcomb, Yailin Novas-Perez, Ace Owen, Negatu Price, Leela Ramdeen, Sanaa Richardson, De'Jaun Rigby, Sophia Romero, Cadence Ross, Mia Tapia, Ellamarie Vasquez, Joshua Velazquez, Lily Vogrincic, Ja'mir Williamson, Callie Winther, Colin Witkowski.

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No Strings Attached concert on January 11 in East Fishkill

A concert presented by No Strings Attached will take place at the East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376, in East Fishkill on Saturday, Jan. 11 at 10:30 a.m. No Strings Attached is Bingham University's only Disney/Broadway a cappella group. This program will have limited seating - but standing room will be available; first-come, first-serve. This special program is sponsored by the Friends of the East Fishkill Community Library.

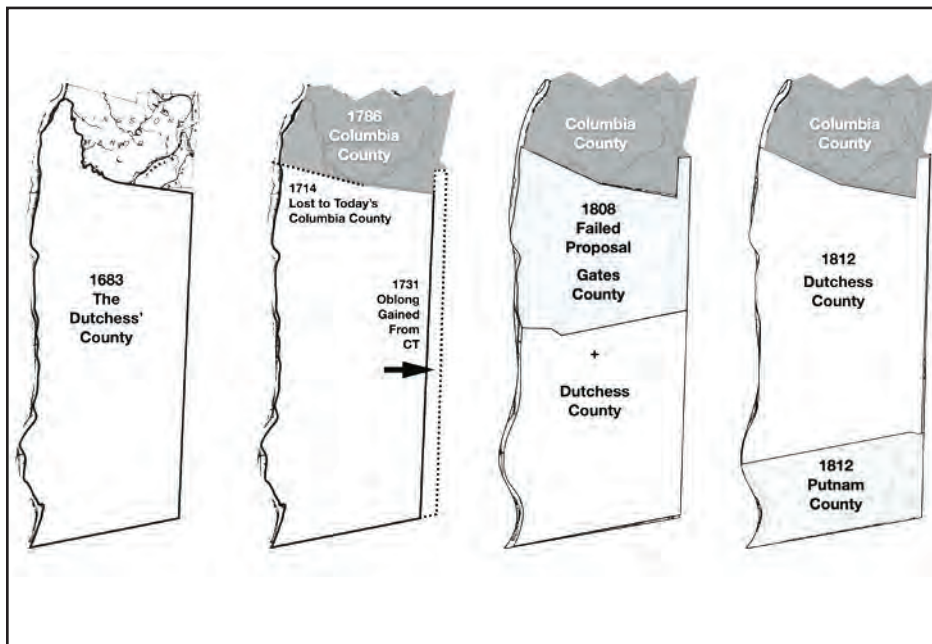
The group sings music from "The Phantom of The Opera," "La La Land,"

"Hadestown," and even the "Hunchback of Notre Dame!" They have performed in Disney World in the Spring of 2019 and hope to return again this Spring. This past summer, they recorded their "Hunchback of Notre Dame" medley that will be released on Spotify very soon. They are currently on the 2025 Winter Tour in order to fundraise for more musical endeavors in the near future. One may find the group on Instagram (@nsabing) or YouTube for more information.

Call the library at 845-221-9943 for more details.



The evolving shape of Dutchess County



Above left to right: 1. The original 1683 boundary of “The Dutchess’s County.” 2. Dotted lines show where land was ceded, and where it was gained. 3. An 1807 to 1808 campaign to create a new county, Gates County, in the north, failed. 4. The issue was finally settled in 1812 with the creation of Putnam County.

-Courtesy images

By Bill Jeffway

Over time, New York State has lost a few counties from early, over-ambitious land claims, and gained many. Dutchess County was named for the Dutchess of York and was created along with a total of twelve counties by the English in 1683. The total number of counties today is sixty-two. What are the dynamics that give us the physical boundaries and characteristics of our county today? In particular, why do we have the border we do, and why is the county seat Poughkeepsie? The size, shape, and names of New York’s counties were affected by many things, among them the location of rivers and streams that tended to attract settlement and economic development and other topographical features like hills, hollows, swamps and rocky terrain. Then there was the impact of the overlay of early patent lines, the early system of granting large land rights, sometimes in the form of a Manor with a Lord, as in what is today’s Columbia County.

Many are aware of the antiquity of our Dutchess County, going back to the time when we honored members of the British Royal family! But many may be surprised to learn that the only border that remains as originally laid out in 1683 (aside from the Hudson River) is the few miles that form the northern border of Pine Plains (see illustration).

Originally called “The Dutchess’s County” right after the British had taken over from the Dutch, the name was shortened soon after. At the same time, other counties with very British names were created, many of which you will recognize because they remain today: New York (Manhattan), Queens (NYC), Kings (Brooklyn), Richmond (Staten Island), Albany, Orange, Ulster and Westchester and Suffolk.

New York State lost Duke’s County when Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket

claims were lost to Massachusetts in 1691. Gloucester and Cumberland counties were lost after 1777 as what would become the State of Vermont pushed back on New York land claims, creating the borders that exist today. But obviously the gains far outweigh the losses!

The basic function of the management of justice through a sheriff and courts remains from the days one thousand years ago when the shire system emerged in England.

The old rule of thumb was that a trip to or from the county seat to the far reaches of a county should not involve more than a same day return trip. This was of course in the days of horses, carriages and dirt roads that could travel 5 to 10 miles per hour under good conditions.

Original borders

Changes from the original 1683 border were driven by a variety of reasons. The original border followed further north along the irregular Roeliff Jansen Kill and went south to include all the towns that are in Putnam County today. This explains why Dutchess’s Town of North East and Putnam’s Town of South East are named as relative points within Dutchess County.

The first adjustment came in 1714 when Robert Livingston, First Lord of Livingston Manor, complained of the inconvenience and petitioned to have his 160,000-acre manor operate within just one county, rather than across two. The Dutchess border originally extended up to the Roeliff Jansen Kill. Most of the manor was in Albany County, while the irregular area that includes what are today the towns of Germantown and Livingston was in Dutchess.

The next change was an addition in 1731. New York and Connecticut had a longstanding border dispute but settled on allowing Connecticut to have the



Above left to right: The Dutchess of York at the time. Dutchess County is one of a handful of early counties that have retained their original honoring of the British Royal Family. Revolutionary War General Horatio Gates ended up not having a New York County named for him. His fellow patriot, General Israel Putnam, had the honor bestowed in 1812.

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“panhandle” town of Greenwich, while New York got a long vertical strip of land called the Oblong between the two counties.

The only question after that became one of sub-division. Dutchess County was essentially settled around the Wappinger Creek and the Fish Kill which extend up like fingers in a hand from where they empty into the Hudson at Wappingers and today’s Fishkill/ Beacon, respectively. The main population centers were Rhinebeck, Poughkeepsie/ Wappinger, and today’s Fishkill/ Beacon.

Poughkeepsie was settled at a much smaller creek, the Fall Kill, but was dead center north/south along the Hudson. One of the reasons for its choice in the early 18th century must have had to do with it being essentially in the middle of the county. When the British burned the then capital of New York State at Kingston in 1777, the State started operating out of Poughkeepsie, directly across the river. This only added more to Poughkeepsie’s prominence. It was the site of the 1788 US Constitutional Convention, where New York State ultimately agreed to endorse the U.S. Constitution and become part of the United States.

There apparently had been discussion about whether to have a subdivision for some time.

In the first half of the 18th century there emerged a civil division in thirds at first called wards, then precincts. This reflected the fact that there was a lightly populated north, a relatively heavily populated middle, and a less populated mountainous south.

The County Courthouse was completely destroyed by fire in September of 1806, which launched what became a chaotic, contradictory, unpleasant and divisive campaign to not rebuild in Poughkeepsie between 1807 and 1808.

The county that almost was: Gates County

Not surprisingly, led by the highly regarded Van Wyck family of Fishkill, there was an effort to break off the northern portion and create a new county

which would be named for Revolutionary War General Horatio Gates. Then the middle and southern portions – including what are today Putnam County towns, would remain Dutchess County. County seats would be at Stanford or Rhinebeck in Gates County, and Fishkill in Dutchess County. This became known as the Division political movement against the Anti-Division movement.

Among a vote of freeholders in April of 1807, a referendum showed little support for the concept, especially within Dutchess County. There was virtually no support in the towns of Poughkeepsie, Washington, Armenia, and Beekman. Stanford was split 50/50. The greatest enthusiasm was from voters in Fishkill in support of Assemblyman Theodorus Van Wyck.

There was strong support in all the towns that are today in Putnam County, but Rhinebeck was the only town in the north that had a strong preference for division.

In 1807 the pro-division bill passed the Senate 16 to 13, but failed in the House losing 47 to 46, with only one of the several members from Dutchess voting in the affirmative (Van Wyck). Further attempts in 1808 also failed.

In 1809 the Assembly passed a bill to construct a new courthouse at Poughkeepsie; and so the issue was settled that Poughkeepsie would be the county seat of Dutchess County, regardless of any subdivision.

Just a few years later, in 1812, the State created the County of Putnam as we know it today. Perhaps because of the distraction of the War of 1812 and more pressing matters, there was far less controversy about this division. General Gates ended up not having a county named for him. That honor ended up going to General Israel Putnam.



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Obituaries

Henry A. Hochlowski



POUGHKEEPSIE AND WAPPINGERS FALLS - Henry A. Hochlowski, life-long resident of Poughkeepsie and Wappingers Falls passed away peacefully on December 29 at Hudson Valley Hospital in Cortlandt Manor with family at his side. He was 99.

Henry was born on September 03, 1925 in Poughkeepsie to Anna and Josef Hochlowski. He attended and graduated from St Joseph parochial schools and Poughkeepsie High School.

Henry had many challenges in his life: His father passed away when Henry was an infant; he grew up during the great depression as one of 10 siblings; his appendix burst when he was 7 but he recovered after several months; In December of 1943 during World War

II (age 18) Henry joined the U.S. Army Yankee Division 104th Infantry Regiment. He entered combat in September, 1944 shortly after D-day in France. Following several weeks of fierce combat during the Lorraine Campaign, Henry and members of his L company were captured by German forces and Henry remained a Prisoner of War for the final 6 months of World War II.

On April 27, 1951 Henry married the love of his life, Dorothy DiDomizio and they remained happily married for 67 years until Dorothy passed away in 2018.

Henry worked at IBM in Poughkeepsie in Manufacturing and Manufacturing Engineering for 42 years, retiring in 1990. Known as Butch to his family and Hank to his friends, he excelled in many sports. He is an inductee to the Dutchess County Fast Pitch Softball Hall of Fame. He was an avid golfer for most of his adult life and enjoyed being in the first group to set out for a round of golf early in the morning. He was fond of the New York Giants and the Army West Point football team, for which he was a season ticket holder for over fifty years.

First and foremost, Henry enjoyed family. He would enjoy building jigsaw puzzles with his siblings or playing a game of pinochle. He especially enjoyed raising his three sons with his wife, teaching them sports and strong values. He coached for the Polish Club baseball team in Poughkeepsie and later for the Little League and Senior League baseball teams in Wappingers falls in the 1960's. He often spent time with his siblings and their families during the holidays. He enjoyed time with his sons' families including his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Henry was predeceased by his parents, his wife and all nine of his siblings: Vincent, Frank, Walter, Jan and Joseph Hochlowski, H. Jean Johnson, John and Chester Gronkowski and Victoria Zamudio.

Henry is survived by his three sons, Barry Hochlowski of Delaware, Warren Hochlowski (Kathy) of Poughkeepsie and Michael Hochlowski (Doreen) of Maryland, grandchildren Tara and Kalyn Hochlowski (Tom) of Poughkeepsie, Carolyn Hochlowski of Wappingers Falls, Rebecca Hochlowski of Fishkill, Tyler Hochlowski of Delaware, Natasha Purdum (Geoff) of New Jersey, and Jason Hochlowski of Maryland, great-grandchildren Braedon and Alana Purdum of New Jersey and many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the many people who have assisted in Henry's care as his age progressed.

We would also like to thank his many friends at the Wappingers Falls VFW who made him feel welcomed.

Calling hours were held on January 2nd at the Delehanty Funeral Home in Wappingers Falls. A mass of Christian burial was held on January 3rd, at St. Mary's Church in Wappingers Falls.

In lieu of flowers, please consider doing a random act of kindness for a veteran.

Peter John Varco



EAST FISHKILL- Peter John Varco, 35, a lifelong area resident, died unexpectedly on December 23, 2024 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center.

Peter was born on August 19, 1989 in Rhinebeck. After graduating from John Jay High School, he attended Dutchess Community College followed by Mount St Mary College where he studied business. After college he became a butcher by trade and loved learning new things whenever he could. Peter loved working with his hands and he was so smart. He could strike up a conversation with anyone about anything. Above all, he loved his family.

Peter enjoyed volunteering for Hunters Helping the Hungry and at Stony Kill Foundation where he could use his skills and give back to his community.

Peter's family and friends will always remember him for his kindness and patience. He was always up for a good

laugh. He is survived by his mother, Helen (Wagner) Nichols; his father, Peter A. Varco and his wife Janine; his partner, LuTena Davis and her son Lennex; his siblings and their spouses, Heather and Andrew Bush and Bryan and Jenn Conti; his nieces and nephews who thought the world of him and he loved beyond measure, Madelyn, Nathaniel, Luca, Savannah, and Grayson; many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends; and his furry companion, Xena, the Warrior Princess.

Visitation was held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction on Friday, January 3rd with a funeral service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hunters Helping the Hungry or at Stony Kill Foundation.

Please visit his Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

James V. Norris



WAPPINGERS FALLS - James V. Norris, a 3-year resident of Wappingers Falls and former longtime Beacon resident, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on December 24, 2024. He was 67 years old.

James was born in Detroit, Michigan on July 30, 1957, the son of the late James Stanley and Inez Mallett Norris. On November 20, 1998 in LaGrange, NY he married Yvonne Campbell. Mrs. Norris survives at home.

James, better known as Jim, was currently employed for the last 30 years by IBM as a Research & Development Lab Manager. His love for computers made work a place he spent a majority of his time. Jim loved to work but mainly because he knew work allowed him to be a great provider. Jim cherished and took

honor in being a provider. Providing was a precious priority always on Jim's heart and mind. Outside of work, Jim's focus was spending time with his wife, who he loved to take cruises with, and other family.

In addition to his wife, James is survived by his daughter, Dorie Janine Norris of LaRogue, North Carolina; his son, Warren Norris of Poughkeepsie; his step-daughter, Danielle Smith of Beacon and husband Anton Smith; his step-son, Samuel Lunsford V of Newburgh; his sister, Wanda Norris Richard and her husband, Charles Richard of Plainfield, IL; his six grandchildren, and niece and nephew and great nieces and nephews.

Jim was predeceased by his son, James Norris, Jr. Family and friends gathered on Tuesday, December 31 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A funeral service was held at the funeral home.

To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

Michael R. Pardee



WAPPINGERS FALLS - Michael R. Pardee of Wappingers Falls entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, December 31, 2024 peacefully at home. He had recently celebrated his 60th birthday.

Son of the late Edward C. and Dorothy I. (Messerich) Pardee, he was born on December 27, 1964 in Beacon, New York. He married his best friend and the love of his life Patricia Ann Doyle on a beautiful summer day on July 2, 2005 in Fishkill, New York.

Mike was a huge fan of Jethro Tull and other bands such as Led Zeppelin and Judas Priest. Mike lived for his music and played and collected various musical instruments with a particular passion for stringed instruments. Mike wrote, recorded, and produced his own music, was a professional comedian and loved science fiction, British comedy, camping, and nature. He was well known and appreciated for his quick-witted comedic banter. Michael also enjoyed working as a Customer Support Specialist

for RQI Partners in Wappingers Falls.

In addition to his wife, Patricia, he is survived by his children, Amandalee Dornada Shafer (Timothy) of Gradyville, KY and Matthew R. Doyle of Hopewell Junction; brother, Kenneth E. Pardee (Sheila) of Davenport, FL; sisters, Karen L. Kussel of Poughkeepsie and Tammy M. Pardee of Wappingers Falls; grandchildren Jewlie, Dominic, A.J., and Kaelyn; great-grandchild, Persephone; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mike's family and friends will gather for a celebration of life on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. A funeral service will be held at the conclusion of visitation at 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Michael's name to the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley, www.regionalfoodbank.net.

For directions or to send a personal condolence, please visit www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.

Brenda Mary Lane



WAPPINGERS FALLS - Brenda Mary Lane, a Wappingers Falls resident, passed away on Monday December 23, 2024. She was 58 years old.

Brenda was born in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn on March 26, 1966. She obtained her bachelor's degree from Marist College. She was an auditor for different companies throughout the years in the local area. She was a CPA for many years as well.

When Brenda wasn't working, she was shopping. She also loved to cook for her family and hosted many gatherings at her home. She enjoyed trips to Long Beach Island in New Jersey for many years with family and friends. She had an infatuation with animals, especially her Yellow-Lab mix, King, whom she loved and cared for greatly. She loved to garden as well.

Survivors include her sons, Christopher & Ryan; her father John McCormack; her brother John & his wife Maureen; her sister Eileen; her nieces Laura Kumor & Amy

Tierney; her great nephews Oakley & Mason; and her dog, King.

She was predeceased by her mother Barbara (Barrett) McCormack on April 10th of 2024. Calling hours were held on Sunday, December 29, at McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. A service took place at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Juvenile Diabetes (https://www2.breakthrough1d.org/site/Donation2?2376.donation=form1&idb=603102340&df_id=2376&mfc_pref=T0) or to the Dutchess County SPCA (<https://www.dcsPCA.org/donations>, 636 Violet Ave, Hyde Park, NY 12538).

For online tributes, please visit www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Creative Living

Mid-Hudson Library System Board awarded 2024 Velma K. Moore Award

The Mid-Hudson Library System (MHLS) Board has been awarded the 2024 Velma K. Moore Award from the New York Library Association (NYLA). This fifteen-member board, made up of volunteers from around the Hudson Valley, was chosen for the award due to their leadership in supporting MHLS to become the first public library system in the country to be certified under the Sustainable Library Initiative's Sustainable Library Certification Program.

The board's work to achieve this certification included creating new policies, procedures, and facility plans to ensure the organization is making strong decisions for the future that respect not only the finances of the organization but also result in strong environmental stewardship and respect for social equity and public health.

"It is wonderful to see our board, a group of committed, diligent, and good-humored trustees, recognized for setting a wonderful model for the 6,000+ trustees of the state, and thousands of library trustees across the country" said Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, MHLS Executive Director.

Actions taken as part of the certification resulted in the development of The Library of Local program with a new partner, the Partners for Climate Action Hudson Valley. This program funded community resilience hubs at fifteen member libraries which feature specialized collections on climate solutions with a special emphasis on food security; seed libraries; tool lending libraries; and tar-



Pictured are the Mid-Hudson Library System Board of Trustees and staff. The Mid-Hudson Library System (MHLS) Board was awarded the 2024 Velma K. Moore Award.

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geted programs designed to help bring community members together to solve issues in their communities that are exacerbated by climate change.

The Board also engaged in facility operational decisions related to purchasing, hospitality, landscaping, renewable energy, and material management. Each

has been optimized to ensure the organization is prioritizing human health and the responsible use of natural resources in decision making while ensuring funds are spent wisely on behalf of our stakeholders. The most recent example of this effort is the new solar panel system on the MHLS office building which will gener-

ate 75% of electrical needs from the sun thanks to a subsidy from Central Hudson leveraged with funds from the State Aid for Library Construction Program.

This award was established to honor the memory of Velma Moore, one of the charter members of The New York State Association of Library Boards (NYSALB), now the Library Trustees Association Section (LTAS) of NYLA. Mrs. Moore worked actively for the improvement of library services in New York State from 1947 until her death in 1961. She served two terms as president and was a member of the NYSALB Board from its establishment and, for 33 years, she was also a Trustee of the Kenmore Public Library near Buffalo, New York. The Award was originally established in 1962 with a gift from the Moore family and carries a \$1,500 prize.

While MHLS was the first public library system certified, they are not the last! Both the Suffolk Cooperative Library System and the Ramapo Catskill Library System have followed suit and become certified, and three others are pursuing certification: Clinton-Essex Franklin Library System, North Country Library System, and the Southern Tier Library System. There are more than 200 public, academic and school libraries across North America now involved in this certification program with 45 having completed the program including the Highland Public Library and Kinderhook Memorial Library in the Hudson Valley.

Fishkill Recreation

By Lauren McMenamin
Assistant Recreation Director

Cheerleading: Children in these high energy classes learn far more than just core cheer concepts and techniques; they also explore their personal expression, agility, rhythm, and teamwork. It is a great way to build self-confidence and nurture the desire to share happiness with others! Join Skyhawks on Mondays in January. This program is open to ages 2-5. Limited space available! Visit our website for more information and to register, www.FishkillRecreation.com.

Holiday Paint Night w/ The Artist's Corner: Artists of all ages are invited to participate. Come as a family, with friends or paint solo! Painters will paint on an 11x13 canvas. For Valentine's Day-Feb. 6, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Visit our website for more information and to register, go to www.FishkillRecreation.com.

Cooking Classes for Kids: Children ages 9-15 will learn kitchen safety and sanitation, cooking equipment, organization, how to read a recipe, and how to measure ingredients. Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Visit

our website for more information and to register, www.FishkillRecreation.com.

Little Explorers: Dive into a morning filled with purposeful stations designed around a theme. Children will have the opportunity to explore at their own pace and learn through hands on exploration, on January 19th, February 9th and March 8th. Visit our website for more information and to register, www.FishkillRecreation.com.

Little Rascals: We are excited to bring back our popular Little Rascals program! The gymnasium at the Recreation Center is turned into a giant playroom for our little ones to run free. There are pedal cars, parachutes, slides, bouncy houses, tunnels, and much more! Little Rascals is open on Thursday mornings from 10-11:30 a.m. The fee is \$5 per child and parents get to play for free! Remember that everyone must wear sneakers. Must pre-register at www.fishkillrecreation.com.

Contact Lauren for more information, 845-831-3371.

Visit our website for more information and to register, go to www.FishkillRecreation.com.

Blood drive set for Jan. 10

Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by American Legion Post 203 is set for Friday, Jan. 10, from 1-5 p.m. The blood drive will take place at the Veterans

Memorial Building, 413 Main St., Beacon. Donors are asked to please use entrance on Teller Ave.

East Fishkill Recreation

By Bill Green
Recreation Director

Plans are underway for some fun bus trips in 2025. We have already booked two summer visits to the Forestburgh Playhouse in the Catskills and we're working on a trip to Yankee Stadium to see the SOTO-less Yankees play and a visit to Citi Field to see the SOTO-plus Mets perform. Jets-Giants Super Ball tickets have been cancelled! Gamblers - we plant to visit Saratoga Raceway in August and five Casino trips throughout the year. Complete info will be in the 2025 East Fishkill Rec Guides.

Our first bus trip in 2025 is on Sunday, Feb. 2 when we visit resorts Catskills Casino to make our first 2025 donations. The fee is \$40 which includes round trip

Coach Tours transportation, tip for driver and \$25 free slots play and a \$15 Food Voucher. Sign up now!

We are offering Co-ed Volleyball Clinics for grades 2-5 on Sundays at John Jay High School, 2012 Route 52, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. starting this Sunday, Jan. 12 - Feb. 16.

The fee is \$75 for residents and \$85 for non-residents. You may register online. Spots are limited.

Our Winter Basketball Leagues are going strong. Games are played on Saturdays and Sundays at Gayhead Elementary, Van Wyck Junior High School and John Jay High School.

If you have any recreation questions or concerns, please call 845-226-8395 or email recreation1@eastfishkillny.gov.

'Relics in Situ' on Jan. 8

Behind the Scenes at the Victoria and Albert Museum on Jan. 8, at the Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, 1168 Rte. 55, Lagrangeville. Skyllkill, a local chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America (EGA), presents a program by Erin Harvey Moody and Christy Gordon Baty of "Relics in Situ," research on early modern needlework to learn about

the lives of women and how they contributed to their world. Join other needleworkers for fun and learning beginning at 10 a.m. (bring one's morning project and bag lunch) or, come for this program only beginning at 12:30 pm.

For more information visit www.facebook.com/SkylkillIEGA or email EGASkylkill@gmail.com.

that's italian!

by luigi coppola

Happy New Year!



Luigi shares some memories from his youth.

As the new year begins, I am flooded with thoughts of my childhood. Some memories good, some bad, but always funny.

Buying sneakers at Grand Union

That's right, at the grocery store there was a basket of sneakers. Each pair had a piece of plastic holding them together. Mom would make us try them on and shuffle around to see if the fit correctly. She would then kneel in front of us and tell us to "Standa dritto (straight)" and she would feel the tip of the sneakers to make sure there was enough room for our feet to grow.

Trying on jeans in the aisle

Barker's was our local department store in Hyde Park. They carried everything from lawnmowers to bicycles to jeans and everything in between. Barker's is where we would go to get Levi jeans. Mom would make us try on jeans right in the middle of the aisle. She would say, "No one is watching you." Then she would make us bend down to make sure there was enough room in the seat of the pants. Once satisfied, she would tell us to put our other pants back on. As we got older we got smart, and put on our older brother's loose-fitting shorts in order to streamline the process.

Going to buy school shoes

We were growing so fast that Mom would wait until the last possible minute

to buy school shoes. We went to a little Italian cobbler on Market Street next to the Bardavon. It was called Defalco shoes, and Mr. Defalco would measure our shoes, check our arches and track our growth. He would then fit us with shoes that would last us the whole year and fit us until the next summer.

Buying clothes at Schwartz

On Main Street in Poughkeepsie there was a store called Schwartz which was about a block from the original [Coppola's] restaurant. Since we wore school uniforms, that's where Mom would take us for our school pants, shirts and ties. We would have to go to the husky section because we were too big for kid clothes, yet too small for adult clothes. Lucky us. However, there were dressing rooms at Schwartz so we didn't have to try on clothes in the aisle. There was a little Italian tailor who would come and measure us and hem the pants for us. We would get one regular pair of pants and one pair of corduroy for the winter.

Getting a hair cut. We would go to Mr. Sosta's in Hyde Park to get our haircuts. Mr. Sosta would give Vinny and me the same haircut. Mom would always ask to make our hair shorter so it would last longer. Afterward, she would give Vinny and me a quarter to give to Mr. Sosta as a tip, and he would give us each a lollipop.

Getting our before-school physical. Each year we would go to Children's Medical

Group for our physical. Yes, they were around back then also. We would get checked, poked, prodded and measured. We would always ask how much we grew from last year. Right before our appointment was completed, we got our annual vaccinations; however, we were then allowed to get a prize from the treasure box.

Eating Pasta with Asparagus

Well you get the idea. Everyone had their dish that they remember. This was mine.

Penne with Asparagus

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 ounces thinly sliced prosciutto, cut into thin ribbons
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced green garlic or scallions, white and pale green parts only (about 4)
- 2 medium cloves garlic, minced
- 1 pound asparagus, cut on a bias into 1 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 2 ounces grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, divided
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon grated zest plus 1 tablespoon juice from 1 lemon, divided
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh chives
- 1 lb. imported penne pasta

Directions

Set a large pot of salted water over high

heat. Meanwhile, heat olive oil in a large skillet or slope-sided saucepan over medium-high heat until shimmering. Add prosciutto and cook, stirring, until mostly crisp, about 2 minutes. Add scallions and garlic and cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add asparagus and cook, tossing and stirring frequently, until asparagus is just starting to turn tender, about 2 minutes.

Add heavy cream and half of Parmesan. Cook, stirring, until cream thickens and coats the asparagus pieces, about 4 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Add penne to now-boiling pot of water, stir gently, and cook for about 7 minutes total or until the penne is still firm but not hard. Drain and add penne, lemon juice, half of lemon zest, chives, and 2 tablespoons of cooking water to saucepan with sauce and bring to a hard boil, stirring gently. Add more pasta water to thin sauce to desired consistency. Serve immediately, topped with lemon zest and additional Parmesan cheese.

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

New signage installed in Dutchess County parks



New signage has been installed at Dutchess County parks. The new signs were installed last month. New Parks Director Brian Coons, right, checked them out as he made the rounds meeting Parks staff recently with Assistant Parks Director Serge Nalywayko.

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Latin Dancing at the Towne Crier on Jan. 23

A Night of Latin Dancing will be presented by Beacon Dance Beat on Thursday, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m. for dining), at the Towne Crier Café, 379 Main Street, in Beacon. Fall in love with the exciting and sensuous rhythms of Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Reggaeton and much more played by DJ Rhoda. Song requests are welcome.

There is a full menu and bar service available before and during the dance. Admission is \$10, which can be paid at the door. For reservations, please call the Towne Crier at 845-831-5500. For further information about the music, or for a special song request, please contact Rhoda at 845-765-0667 or rhodaja@optonline.net.

HUDSON VALLEY NATURALIST

by Francine Wizner



Hang on to your Halloumi! National Cheese Lover's Day is Jan. 20



Dutchess County cheese, fruit, and crackers.



Cheese on pizza at an unnamed Dutchess County Store.

Early farmers who discovered cheese in 8000 BCE used it as a dairy preservative, since cheese does not spoil as quickly as milk. But, by the 20th century, global trade necessitated an even longer shelf life. This spurred the invention of ultra-processed cheeses like Velveeta.

Interestingly, the Hudson Valley Town of Monroe was where Velveeta was invented. The original Velveeta recipe was made by blending leftover pieces of cheddar, Colby, and Swiss, along with an emulsifier to create a smooth texture. However, today's Velveeta, produced by Kraft Foods, is a "pasteurized prepared cheese product" containing whey and milk protein concentrates, not substantial amounts of

real cheese, according to FDA standards.

Making cheese is a process
Cheese is made from acidified milk. Agents such as vinegar, bacteria, or citric acid lower the pH of the creamy liquid. Acidifying milk separates its component curds (clumps of casein proteins) from the whey and controls the growth of undesirable bacteria. Some cheeses are curdled only by acidity; many other cheeses are curdled further with the addition of enzymes. Enzymes cause the milk proteins to clump into more solid curds. Those curds are then cut to encourage the release of more whey. The liquid whey is then drained off and the curds are pressed into the desired shape to form cheese. The cheese type depends on fac-

tors like the milk used; the amount of acidification, cutting, and salting; and the length of the aging process.

Cheese is an 'udder' scientific marvel

Cheese making organisms such as *Lactococcus lactis*, *Streptococcus thermophilus*, and *Penicillium roqueforti* are examples of beneficial bacteria. *Lactococcus lactis* produces lactic acid, which helps to curdle milk. It is used in making cheddar, cottage cheese, and many others. *Streptococcus thermophilus* contributes to the acidity and flavor development in cheeses like mozzarella. *Penicillium roqueforti* creates the characteristic blue veins and pungent flavor in blue cheeses.

Cheese contains fat and water that are held together by a network of proteins. In cooler temperatures, the fat is solid, but it becomes more pliable with warmth. Some cheeses are "meltier" than others. Younger cheeses like mozzarella and brie melt better than grating cheeses like Parmesan or Pecorino-Romano. But even "melty" cheeses will cook off their water content in excessive heat. If that happens, you'll notice the tough casein floating in grease, meaning that the protein structure shrunk so much that it could not contain the fat.

Maybe you've noticed a greasy slick on top of an overcooked pizza or a

lasagna in the past. Scientifically, the proteins have denatured. Seek out your favorite science teacher to explain what causes that to happen!

Dutchess County milk and cheese

Although Velveeta contains milk, it no longer lists cheese among its ingredients. You can, however, buy whole-some milk from Dutchess County Dairy cows. And you can buy cheese produced here, as well!

Dairy farms can be found in Millbrook, Amenia, Fishkill, Millerton, and Pine Plains. I recently tried some local artisanal cheeses that were delicious. Seek out a local fromager for a Hudson Valley Nibble or head to your own fridge for schmear of cream cheese on a bagel and celebrate National Cheese Lover's Day.

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

Find her at <https://medium.com/@wiznerf>, <https://substack.com/@gkatz>, <https://www.pleasantvalleymaplelodging.com/>.

County Players sets auditions

Auditions for the following shows will be held at the County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 West Main St., Wappingers Falls.

Sunday, Jan. 12, and Monday, Jan. 13, 7 p.m.
"Big Fish The Musical"

Book by John August
Music and Lyrics by Andrew LIPPA
Directed by Michael J. Frohnhoefer
A fantastical musical adventure inspired by a father's incredible stories. Based on the celebrated novel by Daniel Wallace and the acclaimed film directed by Tim Burton, "Big Fish" tells the story of Edward Bloom, a charming traveling salesman who lives life to its fullest, and then some. Overflowing with heart and humor, "Big Fish" is the extraordinary story that reminds us why we love going to the theatre. A buoyant feel-good show for the whole family.

"Big Fish" is presented through special arrangement with TRW Plays. trwplays.com.

Details at <https://countyplayers.org/shows/auditions/>

Sunday, Jan. 19
CP2 Mini-Festival Auditions

CP2 Readers Theatre offers an exciting opportunity for actors, directors, and audience members to experience theater in a fresh way, with full dramatic readings of selected plays. No costumes, no sets, no props, and the actors perform with scripts in hand. These shows are an incredible opportunity to experience great theater stripped to its essence: the play-

wright's words.

Details for both auditions are at <https://countyplayers.org/cp2-auditions/>

"Witch" at 1 p.m.

By Jen Silverman
Directed by Kit Colbourn
A charming devil arrives in a quiet village to bargain for the souls of its residents. Elizabeth should be his easiest target, having been labeled a "witch," but her soul is not so easily bought. Unexpected passions flare, alliances are formed, and the village is forever changed. An inventive retelling of a Jacobean drama, this sharp, subversive fable debates how much our souls are worth when hope is hard to come by.

"Witch" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. concordtheatricals.com

"The Burdens" at 3 p.m.

By Matt Schatz
Directed by Matt Andrews
Adult siblings Mordy and Jane have a problem. Their centenarian grandfather is an emotional and financial burden on the family, and he just won't die. Scheming almost entirely via text messages, the siblings hatch an outrageous plan to relieve themselves of their family's burdens and their own.

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serious number of transactions. At EXIT, we set a very high threshold to qualify for awards, and it's so impressive, especially in this shifting market, to see our people rising to the occasion. We're so proud of their dedication to EXIT and the industry," shared EXIT Realty Co-Chair Tami Bonnell. EXIT's Sapphire Circle is one of the company's most distinguished awards, acknowledging agents for their sustained production and dedication to their field. This achievement places Drake among the

brand's top-performing advisors, celebrated for their resilience and elevated standards, even in today's shifting market. Each year, in alignment with the brand's convention, EXIT Realty Corp. International acknowledges exceptional performance and celebrates the achievements of their company's many high performing associates across the United States and Canada. Bonnell, along with corporate executives Founder and Chairman, Steve Morris, U.S. CEO, Craig Witt, and Canadian CEO, Joyce Paron, pre-

sented awards to those in attendance during the much anticipated awards ceremony, one of many highlights during EXIT's three-day event. In addition to recognizing top performers, the convention featured keynote addresses from company leaders, peer-led sessions, and insights from special guest speaker and Author, Hal Elrod, and brought together associates from across North America for networking, knowledge sharing, and professional development.

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SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 31 Mansion Dr, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of LDL cleaning services LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/12/24. Office location: Dutchess county. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 43 Fallkill rd #2, Hyde park, New York, 12538. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of GOLDEN RAHA PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/19/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to H A R I T H A D E V I K O O N A P A R E D D Y, 37 HOFFMAN RD, HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY, 12533, USA Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

QUARRY PINES LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/9/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 95 Knollwood Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

LOLAKAS HORSE CARE LLC. Filed 10/28/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Northwest Registered Agent Llc, 418 Broadway, Ste N, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: General.

Cake Dealer LLC. Filed 11/25/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 113 Woodlea Rd, Salt Point, NY 12578. Purpose: General.

SANTA ANA TACOS DISTRIBUTORS LLC. Filed 10/2/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Tomas Santos, 1988 Ny-9d, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: General.

Notice of Formation of Primestone Construction LLC.

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Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/04/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to LLC 18 Lynne rd, Hopewell JCT, NY 12533. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Flora Folkways LLC. Art of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/10/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designates as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 30 Fallkill Rd, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

CLASSIC TOUCH NAIL SALON LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/4/24. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1107 Violet Ave, Hyde Park NY 12538, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

GLUON LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/04/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 65 Susie Boulevard, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Marcie Nolletti Real Estate LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/06/2024. Office located in Dutchess County, NY. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail a copy of process against the LLC to 526 Stormville Mountain Road, Stormville, NY 12582. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

U.S. REALTY COMMERCIAL, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 11/3/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail: 25 Market St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Connecting for Change, LLC, Art. of Org. Filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 8/22/24. Office in Dutchess County. SSNY desig. Agent of

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LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to United States Corporation Agents, Inc., located at 7014 13th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 982 Main Street, Ste. 4-198, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

SALT POINT FARMHOUSE LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/09/2024. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Amanda N. Miller, 6370 Mill Street, Suite 1, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

SCOTT SEAMAN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/06/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 5 Alperet Drive, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

11AM LEGACY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/26/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 11 Arthur Road, Holmes, NY 12531. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

2245 SOUTH RD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/02/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Sukhmani Singh, 2245 South Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Rodec, LLC. Arts of org. filed with SSNY on 8/20/24. Office location: Dutchess county SSNY shall mail process to 7 Sherwood lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Qualification of RIVERVIEW LANDSCAPE HOLDINGS LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of

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NY (SSNY) on 12/09/24. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 09/13/24. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Provide landscaping services.

Cats Hill Farm LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/4/2024. 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, PO Box 151, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

HUDSON SOLAR SOLUTIONS LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/4/2024. 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, PO Box 151, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of formation of a NY limited liability company Name: LIFESTYLED CARE LLC articles of organization Domestic liability company. Filer: LegalZoom. Com, Filing date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was November 23, 2024. Office location: Dutchess County. United States Corporation Agents INC. has been designated as agent of LLC upon home process against, it maybe served and SSNY shall mail copy to: 7014 13th Ave Suite 202 Brooklyn NY 11228 USA Purpose: any lawful activity

Notice of Formation: Stotz Drafting LLC. Per NY LLC Law Sec. 206. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY): 12/03/24. Office Location: 291 Route 9D Beacon, NY 12508, Dutchess County. United States Corporation Agents, Inc. is designated as

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agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process so served to: United States Corporation Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any Lawful Activity.

HIGHT CAPITAL PARTNERS LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/24/2024. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corey Hight, 79 Red-tail Pass, Amenia, NY 12501. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Notice of Formation of HELIX SOLUTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/26/24. Office location Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail the process to HELIX SOLUTIONS LLC, 104 ALEXANDER LANE, WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

JL SQUARED HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/16/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 387 Hooker Avenue, Suite 5, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

TRANSFORM PROPERTIES, LLC. Filed 12/12/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Carlos Carrillo, 3 Westview Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: General.

BUILDING SOLUTIONS EAST LLC. Filed 6/4/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Samantha Lou Jones, 64 Ward Rd, Salt Point, NY 12578. Purpose: General.

Beacon Hills Acupuncture, PLLC. Filed 11/20/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 13 Joy Place, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Acupuncture.

Notice of Formation of ONEILL GROUP

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HENSONVILLE, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/18/24. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 24 Dutchess Landing Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Radovich Training Company, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/16/2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process is: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue Suite 202 Brooklyn NY 11228 Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

M I K A ROTTENBERG LLC filed with the SSNY on 12/05/2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 416 Cedar Hill Rd., Tivoli, NY 12583. Purpose: any lawful.

Notice of Formation of Prestige Dance Factory LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/02/24 Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 123 N Cross Rd, La-Grangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

LINQ STRATEGIES LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/19/24. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 6 Hogan Dr., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

SLAND LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/19/24. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 5 Laf-fin Ln., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Sister duo to perform on 2 pianos during Howland Chamber Music Circle for piano festival on January 12 in Beacon

The Howland Chamber Music Circle (HCMC) opens its 2025 piano festival with the Cann Duo, a pair of sisters on two pianos, at the Howland Cultural Center on Sunday, Jan. 12 at 4 p.m. Following the concert, audience members can meet the musicians and enjoy complementary refreshments. All ticket holders are invited to the reception.

To purchase a ticket, visit howlandmusic.org. The Howland Cultural Center is at 477 Main Street in Beacon.

Kimberly and Michelle Cann, "darlings of duo pianists," perform a wide range of multi-cultural repertoire throughout the United States of America and have been fostering increased appreciation for the arts in their local communities. They began performing as the Cann Duo in 2010, long after each had made her respective orchestral debut at age 13.

Kimberly received her degree from the Eastman School of Music, and has since been the visiting Professor of Music and Artist-in-Residence at Northern Caribbean University (JA).

Michelle studied at the Cleveland Institute of Music and is now on the fac-

ulty of the Curtis Institute. They have performed around the globe - together, as soloists and as members of chamber and orchestral ensembles. Michelle has championed the compositions of Florence Price, playing premieres with the Philadelphia Orchestra and other notable ensembles.

For HCMC's concert, the Cann Duo's repertoire will include works by Felix Mendelssohn, JS Bach, Beethoven and Ravel, as well as a work the sisters commissioned and will premiere by composer Michael Leibowitz.

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

Since 1993, the Howland Chamber Music Circle has been bringing musicians to perform for Hudson Valley audiences in Beacon. For more information on this performance, the Howland Chamber Music Circle, or to purchase tickets, please visit www.howlandmusic.org.



The Cann Duo, sisters Kimberly and Michelle Cann, will perform the first show in 2025 of the piano festival by the Howland Chamber Music Circle at the Howland Cultural Center on Jan. 12 in Beacon.

-Courtesy photo

Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. at the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum on Jan. 20

Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. at the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum open on January 20. The day will be filled with creativity and history.

Special activities include a "Dolls of Dreams" activity where children will have the opportunity to create dolls that represent themselves, attaching them to the Freedom Bell. Additionally, kids will write their dreams on colorful strips of paper and add them to the cloud, creating a vibrant rainbow underneath.

Also, there is a section above the book nook shelf featuring books and images about historical African Americans. This collection aims to shine a light on the remarkable achievements and contributions of African Americans throughout history. FREE with museum admission.

The Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum is at 75 North Water St. is Poughkeepsie.

For more information, visit mhdm.org or call 845-471-0589.

Aging with Grace set for Jan. 15

Come join the Aging with Grace program at the East Fishkill Community Library on Wednesday, Jan. 15. This program meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 4-5 p.m. in the Cross Room. Local resident and educator Carole Penner will lead this group; drop-in and all are welcome to attend.

As one ages, a view of the world changes from thinking one may have all the time in the world to accomplish things, to a more limited view of how much time one may have left on this planet. When one retires from a life of work, one sometimes are puzzled and frustrated, one may develop a different relationship with time and how to make our days meaningful. One also may feel that one doesn't want to burden children and friends with the many thoughts that are circling our brains daily, thoughts that may be hard to accept, negative thinking, loss of control and mainly fear.

In Aging with Grace, one will have the opportunity to share those feelings and concerns in a safe, friendly, and welcoming atmosphere.

Carole Penner has been a Special Education teacher for the past 35 years. She has an M.A. in Educational Theatre from New York University, an M.S. Ed. in Special Education from the City University of New York, a Graduate Certificate in Restorative Practice and is currently studying for a Masters in Restorative Practice at the International Institute for Restorative Practice in Bethlehem, PA. Her training includes certification as a facilitator for Restorative Circles and as a Trainer for Restorative Practice. As a person of advanced years, Carole is interested in the important conversations regarding the aging process and how they affect quality of life.

Visit eflibrary.org or call the library at 845-221-9943 for more information.

Practice Tai Chi on Jan. 21

Come and join us at the East Fishkill Community Library on Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. for a free program Tai Chi for Beginners with Scott Grimes. Hopewell resident and certified Tai Chi instructor Scott Grimes will present this free hour-long demo and class of the basic principles of Tai Chi. Tai Chi is a practice of low impact gentle movement exercise. Scott has been practicing Tai Chi since 1996 and

is affiliated with World Tai Chi since 2009. The first half-hour class is a demo and Q&A, and the second half is participation. Please wear comfortable shoes and clothing.

The program meets the third Tuesday of the month.

Limited to 10 participants. Register through our online calendar at <http://www.EFLibrary.org> or call the Library at 845-221-9943.

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Notice of formation of 20 CLOVER WAY LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/17/24. 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, 20 CLOVER WAY POUGHKEEPSIE, NY, 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of CENTER FOR CREATIVE ACTION STRATEGIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/26/2024. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 91 BROADWAY, HOPEWELL JUNC-

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TION, NY 12533. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of NOEMA IN ITSELF, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/21/2024. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 226 ALL ANGELS HILL RD, WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY 12590. Any lawful purpose.

La Ecuatoriana, LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/22/2024. 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, 621 Sheafe Rd, Lot #5, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Pur-

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pose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of North Star Site Development LLC. Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/26/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 5 N Parlman Rd, La-grangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of 1432 Route 9D Wappingers LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11-27-2024. Office location: 1432 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls NY County of Dutchess. SSNY is designated

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as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to: 26 Mill Plain Rd, Danbury CT 06811. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name of the LLC is: Baths By Schnorr. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: 11/01/2024. The County in which the Office is to be located: Dutchess. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: 4 Marshall Road, Suite 159, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any

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lawful activity.

HAIRLAB BY KALYN NICHOLE LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/29/19. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Kalyn Hochlowski 39 Claudia Ln Poughkeepsie NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of The Tator House LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/23/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 88 Ackert Hook Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. The name and

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address of the Reg. Agent is Steven Cornacchini, 88 Ackert Hook Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Hudson Valley Payments LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/17/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Eric Dillon, 1003 Main St Apt 2, Fishkill, New York 12524. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

652 Quaker, LLC filed w/ SSNY 12/24/24. 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.

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EAGLE I BOOKS LLC. Filed 9/13/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Andrea Infelice, 126 Sterling St., Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: General.

49 - 51 MARKET ST. POK LLC. Filed 4/24/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o ThuyLe, 17 Salk Dr., Highland, NY 12528. Purpose: General.

Benessere Family Health NP PLLC. Filed 12/16/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 207 Washington St Ste 202, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: NP in Family Health.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY PLEASANT VALLEY, NEW YORK CADY FIELD BASKETBALL COURT 1.2.3.

General Notice

The Town of Pleasant Valley (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

CADY FIELD BASKETBALL COURT CONTRACT NUMBER 2170.01

Sealed bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall located at 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York 12569 until Friday, January 24, 2025, at 12:00 PM local time.

The Project includes the following Work: The Town has developed final designs and construction drawings for the removal of an existing tennis court and the installation of a new basketball court at Cady Field, located at 1554 Main Street in Pleasant Valley.

* Remove existing asphalt surfacing, chain link fencing, and associated tennis court equipment. The tennis court subbase will be re-used.

* Install new basketball court surface and associated equipment, erosion control, sidewalk, a segmental retaining wall, chain link fencing and gates, and site restoration with lawn.

* An existing water well will be decommissioned in accordance with Dutchess County Department of Health (DOH) requirements. Lump Sum Bids are requested for the following Contract: Contract 1 - General Construction

Obtaining the Bidding Documents

To become a Registered Plan Holder and to obtain electronic copies of the Contract Documents, please visit the MJ Engineering, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Land Surveying, P.C. Plan Room located at http://www.mjteam.com/bids.

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Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website. The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

MJ Engineering, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Land Surveying, P.C. 21 Corporate Drive, Clifton Park, NY 12065

Douglas Gerber, PLA, 518-371-0799 EXT 357, dgerber@mjteam.com

Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 am to 4 pm.

Deadline for questions is 4:00 pm on Thursday, January 16, 2025.

Pre-bid Conference

A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 12:00pm at Cady Field located behind the Town of Pleasant Valley Town Hall at 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York 12569.

Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required. Instructions to Bidders

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

Prevailing Wages

The Bidders must comply with New York State Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rate Schedule. Bid security in the amount of 5% of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The successful Bidders will be required to furnish a performance bond and a payment bond, each in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price.

Attention of Bidders is particularly called to the requirements for ensuring that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

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are to be separately sold by the Contractor to the Owner prior to incorporation into the project, pursuant to the provisions of the Contract. These taxes are not to be included in the bid.

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: Town of Pleasant Valley By: Mary Beth Muir Title: Town Clerk Date: December 30, 2024

NOTICE OF TAX COLLECTION 2025 TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY, NEW YORK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that I, Mary Beth Muir, the undersigned Collector of Taxes of the Town of Pleasant Valley, County of Dutchess and State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Pleasant Valley for the year 2025, and that I will attend at Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, in the said Town of Pleasant Valley from today to February 28, 2025 at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon on TUESDAY and THURSDAY and FRIDAY collection hours will be 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

MONDAY and WEDNESDAY 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon. MARCH, APRIL and MAY collection hours will be 9 o'clock in the forenoon to 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon with the exception of FRIDAY collection hours will be 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon, except SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS and LEGAL HOLIDAYS for the purpose of collecting the taxes listed on the said roll.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that taxes may be paid on or before February 28, 2025 without charge or interest. On all taxes received after such date, there shall be a 2 percent added interest if paid on or before March 31, 2025 and an additional 1 percent for each additional month or fraction thereof thereafter until such taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid taxes to the county treasurer pursuant to law.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of law the tax roll of the Town of Pleasant Valley will be returned to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance on the 1st day of June, 2025.

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County Commissioner of Finance on the 1st day of June, 2025.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, a reminder of unpaid taxes will be sent on or before May 01, 2025. A fee of \$2.00 will be added to your tax bill during the full month of May.

DATED: January 1, 2025 Mary Beth Muir Tax Collector Town of Pleasant Valley

SUMMONS FOR RELIEF (Petition Served) IN THE PROBATE COURT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA OF GREENVILLE C. A. No: 2023-GC-23-00167/168 IN RE: Nellie Ruth Dennis Diddra Leamon Petitioner,

Nellie Ruth Dennis, Pamela Joyce Dennis, Cheryl L. Dennis, Shirley A. Thomas, Vernon Dennis, Jr. Respondent, TO THE RESPONDENT ABOVE NAMED:

You are hereby summoned and required to answer the Petition in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said Petition on the subscriber at his offices, 601 E. McBee Avenue, Suite 104, Greenville, S.C., within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Petition within the time aforesaid, the Petitioner in this action will apply to the Court for a default judgment for the relief demanded in the Petition.

ASHMORE LEAPHART RABON & PROVENCE, LLC By: R. O'Neil Rabon, Jr. Attorneys for Petitioner P. O. Box 10766 601 E. McBee Avenue, Suite 200 Greenville, SC 29603 (864) 271-2594 December 16, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE

The Rombout Fire District will hold their monthly meetings on the Second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM. The meeting will be held at the Rombout Fire District Headquarters, 901 Main Street, Fishkill. The District Workshop will be on the Monday preceding the meeting, which will also be at 7 PM at District Headquarters. All meetings are

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open to the public. Jill Muller, Fire District Secretary

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF FISHKILL Local Law No. [Introductory] of 2024 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Town Board of the Town of Fishkill, New York, will hold a Public Hearing at Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52 Fishkill, New York 12524, on January 15, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon after as the matter may be heard to consider Local Law No. (Introductory) of 2025, Introducing a Local Law to Amend Town of Fishkill Town Code Regarding Accessory Apartments. The Town of Fishkill will make every effort to ensure that the public hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or accommodations should contact the Town Clerk.

By Order of the Town Board Town of Fishkill Becki Tompkins - Town Clerk

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Town of East Fishkill is Requesting Proposals from Licensed Engineers and Architects to act as Project Manager and provide all requested information for a FEMA FMA Grant to Elevate 2 Homes in the Town of East Fishkill. Requested information includes, but is not limited to, (1) an itemized Cost Estimate including line items to elevate 2 homes, (2) a proposed construction schedule including all appropriate and essential line items consistent with the scope of work, (3) documentation to support that the structures will be elevated in compliance with ASCE 24-14 (or latest edition), FFRMS, and local ordinances, (4) documentation from a qualified professional to support that the structures can be safely elevated and (5) a final construction inspection and a final elevation certificate. Additional information may be requested by contacting Danielle Angyal at (845) 221-2427, ext. 240 or by email at angyal.d@eastfishkillny.gov. Proposals are due by January 31st, 2025.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF FISHKILL ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TOWN OF FISHKILL PLANNING BOARD

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APPEAL OF THE TOWN ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S DETERMINATION DIGITAL MONUMENT SIGN - ZBA APPLICATION NO.: ZB24-004

TIMELY SIGNS FOR HERITAGE FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION 1476 ROUTE 9D

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Fishkill will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, commencing at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible in the Francois R. Cross Meeting room located in the lobby of the Town of Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY in the matter of the Town of Fishkill Planning Board's request that the Zoning Board of Appeals reverse the Town Zoning Administrator's determination pursuant to Town Code § 150-179 because (1) the proposed electronic digital message board is prohibited by Town Code § 150-143(D)(5), and (2) a variance is required to legalize the proposed non-compliant digital monument sign.

The land affected by this application is shown generally on the Tax Map as Section 6055, Block 01, Lot 081625, located at 1476 Route 9D, consisting of 1.3± acres in the GB (General Business) Zoning District in the Town of Fishkill.

All interested persons will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Fishkill at the public hearing, as stated above.

By Order Of The Zoning Board of Appeals Of the Town of Fishkill, New York Debbie Colonna, Secretary

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Fishkill, Mayor and Board of Trustees will be holding a Public Hearing at Van Wyck Hall, 1095 Main Street, Fishkill, NY 12524 on Monday January 6, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF LOCAL LAW TO CHANGE SPEED LIMIT FROM 30 MPH TO 25 MPH ON BEDFORD AVE FISHKILL, NY 12524 Dated: December 30, 2024 Board of Trustees Village Clerk

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP FOR JANUARY 16, 2025

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that

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the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill will hold a special Town Board Workshop on January 16, 2025 at the East Fishkill Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY.

The Town Board Workshop will begin at -5:00PM on January 16, 2025 and will be conducted for a Professional Consultants Presentation. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD PETER J. CASSIDY, TOWN CLERK JANUARY 8, 2025 EAST FISHKILL, NY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-02-25

Part 820 OASAS

Stabilization and Rehabilitation Beds Proposals must be submitted electronically through the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System (BidNet Direct) Portal on or before 2:00 p.m., February 11, 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 PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-05-25

EISEP Consumer Directed Fiscal Intermediary

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., January 24, 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.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION HUGHSONVILLE FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Section 38.00 of the Local Finance Law and Section 179 of the Town Law, a special election of the qualified voters of the Hughsonville Fire District in the Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County, New York, will be held on February 11, 2025, at the Fire House at 88 Old Hopewell Road, in Wappingers Falls, New York, in the Fire District, between the hours of 6:00 o'clock P.M., and 9:00 P.M., Prevailing Time, for the purpose of voting by ballot on the adoption or rejection of the following resolution:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED DECEMBER 11, 2024.

A RESOLUTION OF THE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OF THE HUGHSONVILLE FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A PUMPER TANKER FIRE TRUCK AND RELATED APPARATUS, AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$1,503,077, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,253,077 BONDS OF THE FIRE DISTRICT AND EXPENDITURE OF \$250,000 FROM THE FIRE DISTRICT'S CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR EQUIPMENT TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hughsonville Fire District in the Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County, New York (the "Fire District"), as follows:

Section 1. Acquisition of a Pumper Tanker Fire Truck and related apparatus for the Hughsonville Fire District in the Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County, New York, including incidental improvements and expenses therefor, is hereby authorized at an estimated maximum cost of \$1,503,077.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the plan for the financing of such specific object or purpose is by the issuance of \$1,253,077 bonds of the Fire District, hereby author-

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ized to be issued therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, and the expenditure of \$250,000 from the Fire District's Capital Reserve Fund for Equipment. Such expenditure of \$250,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund is hereby authorized.

Section 3. It is hereby further determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is twenty years, pursuant to subdivision twenty-seven of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. The faith and credit of the Hughsonville Fire District in the Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in the Fire District, a tax without limitation as to rate or amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Fire District Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Fire District Treasurer, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the Hughsonville Fire District in the Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the Fire District Treasurer and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted or impressed thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Fire District Secretary.

Section 7. The powers and duties of advertising

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such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, including private sale of the bonds, are hereby delegated to the Fire District Treasurer, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as he or she shall deem best for the interests of the Fire District; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, he or she shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the Fire District Treasurer shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 8. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the Fire District by the facsimile signature of its Fire District Treasurer, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the Fire District), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the Fire District Treasurer. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the Fire District not to impose and collect from registered owners of such bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and con-

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tains such recitals in addition to those required by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Fire District Treasurer shall determine.

Section 9. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 -2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 10. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Fire District is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in full in Southern Dutchess News, which is hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Fire District for such purpose, together with a notice of the Fire District Secretary in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 12. This resolution is adopted subject to the approval of the qualified voters of the Fire District a special election of the Fire District to be held on February 11, 2025.

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The polls will be kept open for the purpose of voting during the aforesaid hours and the proposition will be in substantially the following form, to-wit:

PROPOSITION

Shall the bond resolution entitled: "BOND RESOLUTION DATED DECEMBER 11, 2024. A RESOLUTION OF THE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OF THE HUGHSONVILLE FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZ-

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ING THE ACQUISITION OF A PUMPER TANKER FIRE TRUCK AND RELATED APPARATUS, AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$1,503,077, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,253,077 BONDS OF THE FIRE DISTRICT AND EXPENDITURE OF \$250,000 FROM THE FIRE DISTRICT'S CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR EQUIPMENT TO PAY THE COST THEREOF," duly adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fire District on December 11, 2024, be approved?

Dated: Wappingers Falls, New York
December 11, 2024

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE HUGHSONVILLE FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK

By Kim Flower
Fire District Secretary

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION

TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL IN DUTCHESS COUNTY

TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Ann Goldsmith, the undersigned Receiver of Taxes of the Town of East Fishkill, County of Dutchess and the State of New York, having duly received the Tax Roll and Warrant for the collection of Taxes for the Town of East Fishkill for the Year January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. I will attend at the East Fishkill Tax Office, 2464 Route 52, Hopewell Junction, New York, from January 2, 2025 through May 31, 2025, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the taxes assessed upon such rolls. Check or money order is to be made payable to **East Fishkill Receiver of**

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Taxes, and mailed to the above address. No collections will be made on Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays. Tax Office information shall be obtained by calling (845) 221-2160, or via the website at www.taxlookup.net.

Tax Rate for District per \$1,000 Full Market Value

County	\$ 2.169134
Town	\$ 2.667811
Fire	\$ 0.670599
Library	\$ 0.198275

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that taxes may be paid on or before February 28, 2025 without penalty. On all such remaining unpaid taxes after said February 28, 2025, two (2) per centum will be added through March 31, 2025, three (3) per centum through April 30, 2025, and four (4) per centum, plus two \$2 through May 31, 2025. Effective June 1, 2025, unpaid taxes will be turned over to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance, Poughkeepsie, New York.

Dated: December 30, 2024
Ann Goldsmith
Receiver of Taxes
Town of East Fishkill

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: I Catherine Gill, the undersigned Collector of Taxes for the Town of Milan, County of Dutchess, and State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Milan for the year of 2025. I will be collecting taxes at the following place and time listed below:

MILAN TOWN HALL: Collection of taxes will be at the Milan Town Clerk's Office, 20 Wilcox Circle in the Town of Milan from today to February 28, 2025 - Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM or by mail anytime - excepting Saturdays, Sundays and

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holidays. FURTHER NOTICE: The taxes may be paid on or before February 28, 2025 without charge or interest. All taxes received after such date, there shall be added interest 2% interest if paid on or before March 31, 2024 and an additional 1% for each additional month or fraction thereof thereafter until such taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid taxes to the county treasurer pursuant to law.

FURTHER NOTICE: that a reminder of unpaid taxes will be sent on or before May 15th, 2025. A fee of \$2.00 will be added to your tax bill during the full month of May.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: Pursuant to the provisions of the law, the Tax Roll of the Town of Milan will be returned to the Dutchess County Commission on the 1st of June 2025.

Catherine Gill
Milan Tax Collector

PUBLIC HEARING - PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Milan Town Board will hold a public hearing on 1/20/2025 at 6:50 pm on Local Law No. 1 of 2025 amending Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter 183 of the Code of the Town of Milan increasing the exemptions for senior citizens and persons with physical disabilities. Said hearing will take place at the Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan, NY.

PUBLIC HEARING - PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Milan Town Board will hold a public hearing on 1/20/2025 at 6:55 pm on Resolution No. 1 of 2025 for property tax exemption for volunteer firefighter and volunteer ambulance service member. Said hearing will take place at the Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan, NY.

By order of the Milan Town Board
Catherine Gill, Town Clerk

No Kiddin

Free Wooden Pallets
at Southern Dutchess News - 84 East Main St., Wappingers Falls
297-3723 - Ask for Andy

'Shrek The Musical' now at The Center in Rhinebeck

CENTERstage Productions will present "Shrek The Musical" on weekends through Jan. 26 at The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck. "Shrek The Musical" is a Tony Award-winning fairy tale adventure based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film. CENTERstage's production is directed by Emily Woolever, with musical direction by Matthew Woolever and choreography by

Jordan Stroy. Featuring all new songs from Jeanine Tesori ("Thoroughly Modern Millie," "Caroline, or Change") and a side-splitting book by David Lindsay-Abaire, "Shrek" brings all the beloved characters you know from the film to life on stage and proves there's more to the story than meets the ears. "Once upon a time, there was a little ogre

named Shrek..." And thus begins the tale of an unlikely hero who finds himself on a life-changing journey alongside a wisecracking Donkey and a feisty princess who resists her rescue. Throw in a short-tempered bad guy, a cookie with an attitude and over a dozen other fairy tale misfits, and you've got the kind of mess that calls for a real hero. Luckily, there's one on hand ... and his name

is Shrek. Performances will take place on Fridays & Saturdays at 8 p.m. and on Sundays at 3 p.m. There will be two Saturday matinees at 3 p.m. on Jan. 11 and 18. Tickets are \$29 and available by calling 845-876-3080 or visiting www.centerforperformingarts.org. The Center is at 661 Route 308 in Rhinebeck.

Nerd Nite set for Jan. 10

A new Nerd Nite Hudson Valley will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 10. Three fun - yet informative - visual presentations about our music pathology, Man Vs.

Machine and Rabbit Holes. Attendees will hear from Dr. Táhirih Motazedian, associate professor of music theory at Vassar College; Kevin Maher, host of "Kevin

Geeks Out," a variety show; and Emily Menez, "Slackjaw" editor and writer for CBS, "Funny or Die," M"cSweeney's." Refreshments are available. It's \$15 at the

door if available or get advance tickets for \$10. The Howland Cultural Center is at 477 Main St. in Beacon.

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RESOLUTION TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS VEHICLE BY SALE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 176(23) of the Town Law, the New Hackensack Fire District, Town of Wappinger, County of Dutchess, State of New York, does hereby declare that its 2005 E-One 1500/1000 pumper, with associated equipment and apparatus having 26,397 miles and 2244.5 hours is no longer necessary for the uses and purposes of the New Hackensack Fire District; and

WHEREAS, the fire district has advertised the sale of the vehicle and has received one offer to sell the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the fire district proposes to accept the proposal from Command Fire Apparatus and dispose of said vehicle by accepting the offer from Command Fire Apparatus; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners believes that such offer will achieve the best reasonable value for this vehicle;

N O W THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the New Hackensack Fire District is authorized to dispose of its 2005 E-One 1500/1000 pumper with associated equipment and apparatus of the New Hackensack Fire District according to proposal from Command Fire Apparatus; and IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the acceptance of this proposal for sale will achieve the best reasonable value for this vehicle; and IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution

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shall not take effect until thirty (30) days after its adoption, or until approved by an affirmative vote of the majority of the duly qualified voting electors of this Fire District; if a petition, as prescribed by Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law, is duly filed with the Secretary of this District protesting against such Resolution and requesting a referendum as is prescribed in said section of said law. Dated: January 8, 2025

Lori McConologue, Secretary BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS NEW HACKENSACK FIRE DISTRICT

SUMMONS
Index No.:
2024-53469
D/O/F: 07/26/2024
Mortgaged
Premises:
114 Rombout
Avenue
Beacon, NY 12508
SBL#:
5954-35-791831-00
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

HUDSON VALLEY CREDIT UNION F/K/A HUDSON VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,

Plaintiff, -against-
JOHNNIE J. HERRING, JR.;
CARMELA BUGGS;
CAPRICE HERRING;
NEW YORK STATE COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION AND FINANCE;
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE;
ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF MICHELLE HERRING A/K/A MICHELLE M. HERRING AND ANY OF HER SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST; "JOHN DOES" and "JANE DOES", said names

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being fictitious parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises, corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises, Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE: 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 to the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RE-

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SPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

The following notice is intended only for those defendants who are owners of the premises sought to be foreclosed or who are liable upon the debt for which the mortgage stands as security.

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THIS ACTION MAY BE DEEMED TO BE AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFF. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED AS A RESULT OF THIS ACTION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE THE STATE ENCOURAGES YOU TO BECOME INFORMED ABOUT YOUR OPTIONS IN

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FORECLOSURE. IN ADDITION TO SEEKING ASSISTANCE FROM AN ATTORNEY OR LEGAL AID OFFICE, THERE ARE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT YOU MAY CONTACT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT POSSIBLE OPTIONS, INCLUDING TRYING TO WORK WITH YOUR LENDER DURING THIS PROCESS. TO LOCATE AN ENTITY NEAR YOU, YOU MAY CALL THE TOLL-FREE HELPLINE MAINTAINED BY THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES AT 1-800-342-3736 OR VISIT THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE AT <http://www.dfs.ny.gov>.

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO STAY IN YOUR HOME DURING THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME UNLESS AND UNTIL YOUR PROPERTY IS SOLD AT AUCTION PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE.

REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN YOUR HOME, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY AND PAY PROPERTY TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW.

FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS BE CAREFUL OF PEOPLE WHO APPROACH YOU WITH OFFERS TO "SAVE" YOUR HOME. THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO

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WATCH FOR NOTICES OF FORECLOSURE ACTIONS IN ORDER TO UNFAIRLY PROFIT FROM A HOMEOWNER'S DISTRESS. YOU SHOULD BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL ABOUT ANY SUCH PROMISES AND ANY SUGGESTIONS THAT YOU PAY THEM A FEE OR SIGN OVER YOUR DEED. STATE LAW REQUIRES ANYONE OFFERING SUCH SERVICES FOR PROFIT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WHICH FULLY DESCRIBES THE SERVICES THEY WILL PERFORM AND FEES THEY WILL CHARGE, AND WHICH PROHIBITS THEM FROM TAKING ANY MONEY FROM YOU UNTIL THEY HAVE COMPLETED ALL SUCH PROMISED SERVICES.

\$ 1303 NOTICE

The name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed: Hudson Valley Credit Union f/k/a Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union.

Unless you dispute the validity of the debt, or any portion thereof, within thirty (30) days after receipt hereof, the debt will be assumed to be valid by the herein debt collector.

If you notify the herein debt collector in writing within thirty (30) days after your receipt hereof that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, we will obtain verification of the debt or a copy of any judgment against you representing the debt and a copy of such verification or judgment will be mailed to you by the herein debt collector.

Upon your written request within 30 days after receipt of this notice, the herein debt collector will provide you with the name and address of the

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original creditor if different from the current creditor.

Note: Your time to respond to the summons and complaint differs from your time to dispute the validity of the debt to request the name and address of the original creditor. Although you have as few as 20 days to respond to the summons and complaint, depending on the manner of service, you still have 30 days from receipt of this summons to dispute the validity of the debt and to request the name and address of the original creditor. TO THE DEFENDANTS, except THE ESTATE OF MICHELLE HERRING A/K/A MICHELLE M. HERRING: The Plaintiff makes no personal claim against you in this action.

Dated: July 25, 2024
Hours, etc.
HANDEL & CARLINI, LLP

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Anthony C. Carlini, Jr., Esq.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
1984 New Hackensack Road
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Tel. No.
(845) 454-2221

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114 Rombout Ave.
Beacon, NY 12508
Carmela Buggs
114 Rombout Ave.
Beacon, NY 12508
Caprice Herring
114 Rombout Ave.
Beacon, NY 12508
New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance
Harriman Campus Road
Albany, NY 12226
Internal Revenue Service
All Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Personal Representatives of Michelle Herring a/k/a Michelle M. Herring And Any Successors in Right, Title And Interest

West Point Band to perform Winter Concerts beginning this month

Members of The West Point Band have announced the 2025 Winter Concert Series. Join them across the Hudson Valley and throughout the Northeast beginning this month for unforgettable performances featuring the Army's oldest musical organization. Audiences can look forward to a diverse selection of music, ranging from traditional band repertoire and Sousa marches to patriotic tunes and beyond. Prepare to be inspired and delighted by the world-class musicians of the West Point Band. All performances are free and open to all. Visit westpointband.com for the latest information, or follow the band on Facebook, Instagram and X.

With three performances in February, the West Point Band's concert "Dance With Me" is an evening of music inspired by the rhythms of dance. The concert features classics like James Reese Europe's lively "Castle House Rag" and Rachmaninoff's sweeping "Symphonic Dance No. 1," alongside "Hip Knot," an original composition by the band's Deputy Commander, Capt. Philip Tappan. Staff Sgt. Francisco Aisporna brings vocal charm to Michael Bubl 's "Haven't Met You Yet" and "Sinatra in Love," while Staff Sgt. Patrick Sikes shines in Oscar Navarro's "Concerto for Clarinet." This dynamic program promises a celebration of music that moves us all.

In March, join the West Point Band for "West Point on the March," an exploration of the most classic American military musical genre: the march, featuring some of Sousa's best-known works alongside lively selections like "Americans We" and Ethel Smyth's anthem of women's suffrage, "March of the Women." The West Point Brass Quintet

will showcase the powerful music of a New Orleans funeral, followed by stirring pieces inspired by the 1963 March on Washington, including Bob Dylan's "When the Ship Comes In" and "Blowin' in the Wind." The concert wraps up with the unforgettable movie marches from "Indiana Jones" and "The Music Man."

"American Tapestry" celebrates the composers who have called America home, whether by birth or choice, blending cultural influences to create something uniquely and beautifully American. This program highlights the rich diversity of our musical landscape, featuring Leonard Bernstein's inspiring "Make Our Garden Grow," Percy Grainger's "Lincolnshire Posy," and Chen Yi's vibrant "Dragon Rhyme." Dana Wilson's "The Avatar" highlights the bassoon's depth and versatility, performed by featured soloist Sgt. 1st Class Briana Hoffman, while Morton Gould's playful "Yankee Doodle" adds a touch of Americana. Join us for an evening of music that honors the artistry, unity, and cultural richness that define America.

Saturday, Jan. 25, 2 p.m., Nanuet
Academy Wind Quintet
Nanuet Public Library
149 Church St.

Saturday, February 8, 2 p.m., Beacon
Regimental Brass Quintet
Howland Public Library
313 Main St.

Friday, Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m., New Paltz
"Dance With Me"
West Point Concert Band
Old Main at SUNY New Paltz



The West Point Band will perform a Winter Concert Series beginning this month. -Courtesy photo West Point Band

Old Main, Tricor Ave.

Saturday, Feb. 15, 2 p.m., West Point,
"Dance With Me"
West Point Concert Band
Eisenhower Hall Theatre
655 Ruger Road

Saturday, March 8, 2 p.m., West Point
"West Point on the March"
West Point Concert Band and West
Point Brass Quintet
Eisenhower Hall Theatre
655 Ruger Road

Tuesday, March 11, 7 p.m., Troy
"West Point on the March"
West Point Concert Band and West
Point Brass Quintet
Experimental Media and Performing
Arts Center at Rensselaer
50 8th St.

**Saturday, March 29, 7 p.m.,
Annandale-on-Hudson**
"American Tapestry"
West Point Concert Band
Fisher Center at Bard College
60 Manor Ave.

Are you raising a grandchild, young relative or child of a family friend in the absence of the biological parents?
Then you're a Kinship Caregiver!

Want to keep your family healthy and safe?
NYS Kinship Navigator can help.

NYS Kinship Navigator provides information, referral and assistance with financial needs, legal options, school enrollment, kinship law and other resources.
Help is just a phone call away.
877-454-6463
TTY: NY Relay 711 or 800-421-1220
nysnavigator.org

Registration for DC Parks Winter Programs opens

Residents of all ages looking for fun and educational things to do this winter can look forward to Dutchess County Parks' lineup of naturalist programming. Popular sessions will return this year, including indoor archery and painting classes for adults. Registration for all programs is available at Dutchessny.gov/parks.

Winter Naturalist Program Schedule
Weekend Public Archery sessions begin Saturday, Jan. 11, at Bowdoin Park inside the community auditorium. The program consists of five classes, held on Saturdays, with various time slots offered. The sessions, each an hour long, are designed for individuals ages 9 and up with any level of archery experience. Basic hands-on archery skills are taught, as well as bow and arrow safety. Cost is \$70 per person and includes all five classes and equipment. Limited to 12 participants per time slot.

Register at www.DutchessNY.gov/

ParksEducation.
Dates: Jan. 11, Jan. 25, Feb. 8, Feb. 22 and March 8
Time Slots: 8:30-9:30 a.m.; 10-11 a.m.; 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; 2-3 p.m.; 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Adult Park Palette Art Series is a learn-to-paint series for adults of all skill levels. Sessions will be held at Bowdoin Park's Maple Knoll Lodge from 6-7:30 p.m. and cost \$12 per class, which includes supplies. Limited to 12 participants per class and registration is required.

Dates: Tuesday, Jan. 21; Tuesday, Feb. 18; Monday, March 3;
Weekday Archery and Junior Survival sessions are also available by appointment; call 845-298-4602 for reservations. Updates on winter sledding at Bowdoin Park will be shared on the Dutchess County Parks hotline, (845-298-2607, and Facebook page.

To learn more about Dutchess County Parks, visit www.DutchessNY.gov/Parks.

this week's puzzle solutions

This week's answer

SUDOKU

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

D	E	C	O	N	E	O					
R	E	P	L	I	C	A	N	T			
O	G	R	E	I	D	E	S				
O	D	O	R	C	O	M	A				
N	E	R	E	I	D	I	T	A	L	I	A
A	P	E	L	A	D	I	D	A			
M	O	S	S	Y	U	K	E				
E	X	I	T	U	N	E	A	S	E		
S	Y	N	A	P	S	E					
R	U	E									
A	A	R	O	N							
S	E	T	S	I	N	C	E	P	T	I	O
C	O	P	R	A	D	I	R	E			
A	L	I	E	N							
L	E	D									
E	A	R	S								

Sudoku solution

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

Amateur, professional photographers to meet

The Photography Group will meet at the East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376, on Thursday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m. This group meets at the library on the fourth Thursday of each month. Local photographers - both professional and amateur- come together each month to share their love of the art of photography.

Call the library at 845-221-9943 or for further information, go to eflibrary.org for more information.

Correction

In the Dec. 25 Crossword puzzle, the answer to 36 down (Scarlet O'Hara's home) is "Tara."

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		7		4				
	9		5		1	2		7
			2				3	1
2			7			9	5	

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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

5					
				5	1
	4				
		2		3	

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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: SCIENCE FICTION

ACROSS

1. Le Corbusier's art
5. *"The Matrix" protagonist
8. Captures
12. Funkiness in the air
13. Vegetative state
14. Capital of Vietnam
15. Fairy tale villain
16. Beware of these in March
17. Spiker and Sponge of "James and the Giant Peach"
18. *Bioengineered humanoid in "Blade Runner"
20. The Beehive State
21. Burn with coffee, e.g.
22. Tire meas.
23. Sea nymph
26. Salad dressing option
30. *Pierre Boullé's Cornelius
31. Hoity-toity
34. Back arrow key
35. Covered with sphagnum
37. Tiny Tim's guitar
38. Allegro _____, in music
39. Sign of escape
40. Apprehension
42. Emergency responder, acr.
43. Neuron junction
45. Sleeping sickness vector
47. *Katniss Everdeen's sister
48. Hammerin' Hank
50. Tennis "innings"
52. *2010 film starring DiCaprio
56. Meat of coconut
57. Desperate
58. Karl of politics
59. *1979 film starring Sigourney Weaver
60. Fail to mention
61. Bo Peep's females
62. *"Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep" author
63. Was ahead
64. *Spock's are pointy

DOWN

1. Point of entry
2. Side of a ruler, e.g.
3. S or C follower, in business
4. Two-word threat
5. Relating to node
6. Make corrections
7. Kiln for hops
8. *Captain Nemo's submarine
9. Tolstoy's Karenina
10. This and that
11. Bro's sibling
13. Droning insect
14. Niger and Nigeria language
19. In an unfriendly manner
22. Parent org.
23. "He named _____"
24. Strong adhesive
25. Pine juice
26. Original thought
27. Garment enlarger
28. *"The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" author
29. Neil Diamond's "Beautiful _____"
32. *Frank Herbert's famous novel
33. "I Like _____" 1950s campaign slogan
36. *"Where no man has gone before" TV series
38. "The Tortoise and the Hare" author
40. "It's no _____!"
41. Beale of Memphis, e.g.
44. South Korean port
46. Main dish
48. Japanese cartoon art
49. Like thick smoke
50. Solo, pl.
51. Long narrative poem
52. Worshiped one
53. Minnesota's southern neighbor
54. Last word on radio
55. Famed loch
56. Rogue or rascal

CROSSWORD

1	2	3	4			5	6	7		8	9	10	11		
12						13				14					
15						16				17					
18				19						20					
				21						22					
23	24	25						26				27	28	29	
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Beacon Sloop Club to present ‘Chopping Wood – Pete Seeger w/ David & Jacob Bernz’ on Jan. 16



Jacob, left, and David Bernz, a father-son team, perform in Beacon.



David Bernz, right, with the late activist and folk singer Pete Seeger.

-Courtesy photos

The Beacon Sloop Club’s 2025 Lecture Series will present “Chopping Wood – Pete Seeger w/ David & Jacob Bernz,” part book reading and part sing-along, on Thursday, Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Beacon Sloop Club. The presentation was derived from conversations between David Bernz and Pete Seeger, who died in 2014.

This is an opportunity to hear Seeger’s own words. Minimally edited to preserve Seeger’s trademark cadence, the book is punctuated by historical images and additional commentary by David Bernz, as well as remembrances from other musicians and

friends and a foreword by Arlo Guthrie.

All are invited to listen in as Seeger unabashedly shares historical and family stories; tells of learning the banjo, traveling with Woody Guthrie, and finding commercial success with The Weavers; explains how he wrote books and put together songs; delves into controversial subjects like communism and the Peekskill Riots; and highlights those he admired and respected, including Bruce Springsteen, who honored Seeger with his Seeger Sessions album in 2006.

Seeger and David Bernz share the heavy

lifting as they tackle subjects such as the 1965 Newport Folk Festival, Pete’s relationship to Greenwich Village, and the need for copyright reform. Together, they describe how Seeger put his worldview into practice in his local community, and how he lived with local hero status in later life.

David and Jacob Bernz are a father-son team of folksingers and songwriters hailing from Beacon. David Bernz’s performance ensembles have included “Dave, Perry, Rande, “Stone Soup” and “Work o’ the Weavers” and he has released CDs with each. David Bernz has also received two

Grammy Awards producing CDs for Pete Seeger including Best Folk Album 2008 and best children’s album 2010. Jacob is a prolific young songwriter with five CDs of original material. Combining many influences into a genre all his own, Jacob Bernz’s delivery is uniquely poetic and personal, together they weave a tapestry of songs old and new.

The lecture is free. The Beacon Sloop Club is at 2 Red Flynn Dr., Beacon.

For more information, visit www.beaconsloopclub.org or call 845-463-4660, 914-879-1082.

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