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Kyriacou: State of Beacon remains 'excellent'

By Kristine Coulter

Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou, who is entering his sixth year as mayor, gave his State of the City Address on March 3 at the Municipal Building. In a word, stated Kyriacou, "the State of the City remains excellent – we're extremely fortunate – with 2024 bringing a new central fire station and major investments, while maintaining our solid financial position."

"I'd like to use this as an opportunity to highlight our achievements in the past year and to outline our goals for the coming one," the mayor remarked.

"As I have said in prior State of the City presentations, my overall commitments to you as Mayor of our City include the following:

1. Financial Discipline: Minimizing property tax increases, which we have done by prioritizing city expenses, and finding non-property tax revenue sources.
2. Public Safety: Modernizing our fire-fighting infrastructure; attracting and retaining our first responders.
3. Infrastructure Investment: Continuing the ongoing modernization of our roads, sidewalks, water supply, and wastewater treatment.
4. Enhance Quality of Life: Invest in our parks, our recreation programs and other efforts that improve our day-to-day quality of life.
5. Climate Leadership: Staying a head of the curve making our community an environmentally sustainable one.
6. Good Government: Running a pro-



Mayor Lee Kyriacou called the central fire station "the largest accomplishment of 2024" during his State of the City address.

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fessional, effective and open government. He reviewed accomplishments in each of these areas in 2024, and the plans for 2025.

Get finances right, all else will come

"If you get this right everything else comes from here...Beacon's financial health remains the best it has been in decades," stated Kyriacou. He noted the Council passed \$35.9 million combined budget for 2025 and that the City's tax rate (homestead) fell to the lowest since 2009. The tax levy saw an increase of 3.8% from the last year, he added.

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Serino emphasizes 'Lives We Touch' at State of County

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino delivered the 2025 State of the County Address before hundreds of residents, business and nonprofit leaders, and elected officials at John Jay High School in East Fishkill, reinforcing her commitment to ensuring County government makes a real difference in the lives of residents.

Under the theme "The Lives We Touch," Serino reflected on the past year's achievements and announced multiple new initiatives aimed at improving the daily lives of seniors, veterans, children, first responders, farmers, business owners and families across Dutchess County.

"Everything we do in County government comes down to the people – the lives we touch through every decision, every dollar invested and every initiative launched," said Serino. "Whether we are helping seniors stay connected, ensuring families have access to childcare, or strengthening emergency response, our work is about real people. None of this would be possible without the dedicated County employees who work tirelessly to serve our residents and make Dutchess County a place where people feel supported and empowered."

The County Executive's Address focused on accomplishment and new initiatives in many areas including:

- Supporting Seniors



Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino -Archive photo

- Strengthening Emergency Medical Services and Public Safety
- Honoring and Connecting Veterans
- Investing in Agriculture
- Expanding Mental Health Services
- Empowering Youth
- Expanding Child Care Access
- Investing in Economic Development
- Expanding Housing Opportunities

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'Magical Purim' set for March 14 in Beacon

By Kristine Coulter

Celebrate a "Magical Purim" at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 14. There will be magic, crafts, an open bar, and buffet. Mentalist, "The Great Remy Connor," will entertain those in attendance with a mentalism show.

"We celebrate Purim to remember how the Jewish people were saved from a plot to destroy them, as told in the Book of Esther. The holiday marks the triumph of good over evil, with Queen Esther and her cousin Mordecai thwarting the evil plans of Haman. Purim is a time of joy and gratitude, expressed through giving charity, sharing food with others, and celebrating together in a festive atmosphere," explained Rabbi Shaya Itkin, with Chabad of Beacon.

Itkin described Purim as a "fun, festive occasion where we read the Megillah scroll, enjoy a celebratory meal, and experience true artistic joy."

"Purim is a time to experience joy and take a break from the craziness of everyday life. What better way to do that than

to be enthralled by an exciting magic and mentalism show?" asked Itkin.

"For the Purim event, they can expect some astounding close up magic and mind reading. We will predict people's actions long before the event, create a gift for a person who isn't even at the party, and even set a watch to someone's birth time. This magic is hyper-personalized to each participant, creating a beautiful atmosphere for magic and mystery," stated Connor in an email to Beacon Free Press.

The rabbi asked, "Are you happy?" For some, that may be a trigger word – "Of course, I'm happy!" "Wait, do I look unhappy?" "Did someone tell you something happened?" But in truth, happiness is attainable for everyone when we live our lives on a higher frequency. By connecting to community and spirituality, [one will] find that happiness starts to come naturally."

To find out more, email rabbi@chabadbeacon.com.

To RSVP to the Purim party, go to chabadbeacon.com/purim.



Chabad of Beacon will host "Magical Purim" on March 14. Pictured is the 2024 Purim event.

-Courtesy photo Chabad of Beacon

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"My 2025 Budget added two new revenue sources to help reduce pressure on property taxes – a 2% occupancy tax on hotels and short-term rentals, and a share of the state cannabis tax from dispensaries in the City," remarked Kyriacou.

Public safety 'with a great first responder team'

The mayor stated the City provides "a safe community with a great first responder team that provides rapid response times for police, fire and ambulance services."

According to Kyriacou, "Our largest accomplishment of 2024 was the on-time, on-budget opening of the City's new \$15 million fire station. After more than 20 years of studies and debate, involving far too many sites, I required the reuse of the 1980s Tompkins Hose firehouse, trimmed down to the essentials, and negotiated new sales tax revenue. This not only minimized property tax funding, but let us invest in an all-electric facility with geothermal heat, and in a beautiful and historically appropriate brick façade at the gateway to Main Street." The dedication of the firehouse took place Nov. 2024. Two former firehouse will be sold, he noted.

A civilian police dispatcher was added in 2024, he said.

Investment in infrastructure

More than \$40-million has been implemented or advanced in major capital investments for public facilities, touted the mayor.

"The other major project of 2024 was finally completing preparations for and the launching of the rehabilitation of Teller and Fishkill Avenues. This effort dates back to 2001, and had City Administrator Chris White not prioritized the time-intensive right-of-way acquisition process and the final engineering

design, we would have lost \$9 million in federal and state funding," stated Kyriacou. Work is more than half done and on time and should be done later this year, he said.

The Highway Dept. milled and repaved more than 20 streets, he said.

The Water Dept. has installed "smart meters," which began in 2024 and "modernized the City's aging sewer system with the construction of a new West Main pump station," said the mayor. This year, said Kyriacou, "we will replace the wastewater dewatering system, and aeration blower; we just completed its roof replacement at a substantial cost savings."

Spending on recreation and parks

"We continue to increase the programming budget and make capital investments in parks and recreation, as well as other aspects of our community's quality of life," he said.

The 100th anniversary of the Memorial Building on Main St. was celebrated with veterans, he said.

According to Kyriacou, "At the City's urging, Dutchess County Planning completed a feasibility study in late 2024 to convert the Beacon-Hopewell rail spur into a rail trail... We are encouraged that this study will build momentum for the next steps of engineering design and planning. I have made the Rail Trail my top priority for 2025 and beyond, and am excited at the prospect of a rail trail connecting our waterfront and Main Street to the 700-mile Empire State Trail system." He noted he testified his support for the proposed Fjord Trail (from Beacon to Breakneck Ridge).

Kyriacou remarked, "The State has recognized Beacon as a Pro-Housing Community, opening up funding options. Metro North is reviewing proposals to build housing on top of its north parking lot – this project would be fully consistent



Mayor Lee Kyriacou highlighted work with veterans, such as the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Veterans Memorial Building on Main St., during his State of the City Address on March 3.

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with current zoning, with 10% of units with below market rents. In addition, New York State has just announced that Beacon qualified for State funding for homeowners to build accessory dwelling units (ADU) under the Plus-One ADU program."

Beacon achieves Climate Smart Community status

"Beacon was one of the first (and one of only 15 of 1,600 local governments in New York) to achieve the State's highest Silver-Certified Climate Smart Community status – which gives us access to grants that fund additional sustainability efforts," said Kyriacou.

The composting program has increased with the number of composting totes, he said. He also noted the City plans on growing its all-electric and hybrid fleet in 2025.

Labor relations

"We have a strong collaborative relationship with our employees and three unions. In late 2024, we negotiated a new three-year contract with CSEA which covers half the City's workforce. In light of higher inflation in 2021 and 2022, this agreement provides a sizeable three-year salary increase. In 2025, the City will be negotiating new contracts with our fire and our police unions," acknowledged Kyriacou. He said the City will also continue to attract "strong and motivated candidates."

"I want to thank our City Council, the employees of the City, including our department heads, and our City Administrator, who make it all happen, as well as all the residents who volunteer their time for the City and the community in so many ways," said Kyriacou.



Sheriff's Office Division honors local war hero

Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati and Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Division members, along with veterans and other community members, attended the funeral service for Army Veteran Kenny Mari at the Fishkill Rural Cemetery in Fishkill.

Sheriff Imperati stated on social media, "It was my privilege and honor to attend the services for Army Veteran Kenny Mari. The outpouring of support from the community was a beautiful tribute to honor this local war veteran, and it shows just how special Dutchess County is."

Mari, of Montrose, passed away on Sunday, March 2. Mari, 77, was a war combat Army Vietnam veteran who had no family members in the area able to attend his funeral. Information was circulated via social media to allow the community to attend the service and recognize Mari's service to the country.

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22 BPAC students perform among international groups in California

By Kristine Coulter

Twenty-two students from Beacon Performing Arts Center (BPAC) participated in Junior Theater Festival West 2025 in Sacramento, Calif. last month. The students audition-only program was a 15-minute showcase of “13,” the Broadway musical by Jason Robert Brown, which was shown to a panel of Broadway judges. BPAC students were adjudicated at the festival and then selected to perform in the final awards ceremony - for more than 3,000 people, it was stated.

Kate Vander Linden, who is a co-founder of BPAC along with Jake Vander Linden and Tim Grady, stated that for many of the students, “this is the largest crowd they ever performed in front of [before].” BPAC students were one of seven groups who performed during the festival’s award ceremony. The festival included performers from 54 theater groups from around the world.

“The energy and talent of our students were truly inspiring,” said Jake, in a press release. “To be recognized on such a national level is a testament to their hard work, passion, and dedication to the arts. I couldn’t be more proud.” BPAC opened at 327B Main St. in Beacon in 2017.

“We were absolutely ecstatic when we heard the kids had been selected to perform at the awards ceremony! They poured their hearts and souls into their performance for the adjudicators, and as we left the room, it was clear that something truly magical had just happened in their performance,” remarked Kate.

Performers who take part in the festival were: Hazel Balogh, Atlas Baltz, Emily Bowen, Annabelle Carola, Genna DuQuesnay, Isabella Felidi, Olivia Giammatteo, McKenna Griffin, Davis Hamboussi, Anthony Landry, Owen

Leonard, Lilly Martin, Jamie Mastrantuono, Brandon Melendez, Isabella Molon, Kendall Pugliese, Milana Rivera, Jordyn Schwartz, Mira Sen, Caroline Sottile, Finnley Sullivan, and Janice Werba.

BPAC students who were awarded “Performance All-Stars” were Lilly Martin and Caroline Sottile.

Caroline said, “The experience was almost euphoric. Being around so many supportive kids with similar interests as you, you felt so seen and understood. When we were chosen to perform, I did not feel as nervous as I normally do when performing because of the inclusive and uplifting environment that was created.”

Caroline said her eyes were open to “how much talent” there is in this generation, both nationally and internationally.

The award for “Outstanding Performance by an Individual” was awarded to Anthony Landry. Anthony was “Evan,” a character described as struggling with balancing his home life and hardships of a young social life while navigating a move to a new high school at the age of 13. Anthony was one of eight performers selected out of thousands for the honor.

Anthony stated, “I believe you can learn so much just by watching live theater, and watching groups from all around the world just added to that experience. Every person in every group comes from a different background. It was very cool to see what everyone brought to the table. Each group worked so hard to get there, and it really showed during adjudications.”

The festival “was very informative,” according to Anthony.

Anthony’s parent, Jessica Landry, said, “This was an amazing experience. Being able to watch my kid be a part of something like this was so exciting.”



Twenty-two Beacon Performing Arts Center students performed among national and international groups in California last month.

-Courtesy photo BPAC

“Attending BPAC has been one of the best decisions of my life. My strength as a performer has definitely improved, but the biggest thing is my sense of self. I grew into a person who is not afraid to be bold and work hard to get the things you earn, which can be boiled down to the supportive and focused environment that is harnessed at BPAC. Jake, Kate, and Tim have a passion for teaching kids not only how to act, sing, and dance, but how to be better people, all by leading through example. I’m very lucky to call BPAC my home,” said Caroline.

Anthony stated, “BPAC has offered me so many incredible experiences. Working with so many different people there has helped me become a well-rounded person and performer. BPAC has offered me

unconditional support on and off stage. BPAC has given me lifelong memories and friendships.”

“Being honored at the festival was validating for Jake, Tim and I, and we hope the kids fully understand just how incredible and talented they are on a national scale. With the training and experiences BPAC offers, they’re honing their skills and getting ready for the next big steps in their journeys—whether it be to continue professionally in theatre or use the tools they learn in theatre in another path. Theatre is universal, and teaches empathy, collaboration, confidence, and discipline, and that’s what we ultimately hope they take from their time at BPAC!” Kate exclaimed.

Howland Cultural Center announces 4 new board members

The appointment of four new members to the Howland Cultural Center Board of Directors for terms beginning in 2025 has been announced.

Theresa Kraft, Board President, stated, “The Board is pleased to welcome this outstanding group of new members. Each one brings a unique background that will contribute to the Howland Center’s mission of preserving our historic building and thriving as a community hub for arts, culture, and history. We are excited to expand and diversify our Board as the Howland Center continues to broaden our program offerings and develop a future strategic plan.

The Howland Center hosted more than 425 events in 2024, featuring a unique blend of community-centered performances, rotating art gallery exhibits, screenings, and special productions as well as regular monthly events and classes. Programming highlights included the Howland Chamber Music Circle, Artichoke Storytelling Series, Nerd Night Hudson Valley, Howland’s Open Mic Night, LIT LIT Open Mic for Writers, annual Holiday Gift Show/Sale, history lectures, and special children’s and family-friendly programming. Classes and clubs included Kadampa Meditation, The Bridge Club, Tioronda Garden Club, kids after-school art, Mid-Hudson Music

Together, creative writing, music and financial literacy workshops, as well as private events.

The addition of the new board members increases the Board size to 11 members and follows several years of dynamic programming growth post-COVID as well as plans to launch a major capital improvement project to restore the building’s portico slated to begin in spring 2025.

The new Board members are: Terry Nelson, Lena S. Rizkallah, Brandy Burre and Elizabeth Barrett.

Terry Nelson is a native of New York City, began his career in film and television post-production in 1989. His roles have included videotape operator, administrator, editor, and voice actor, a field in which he still participates by occasionally accepting voice-over assignments. In 2013, Terry founded the Beacon Independent Film Festival, which ran successfully until its final event in 2019. In addition to his freelance copywriting work, Terry has been a writer and contributor for the music website ALBUMISM since 2015. In 2017, he was elected to the City Council of Beacon, NY, serving two terms until 2021. Currently, he is putting the finishing touches on his first novel, titled “How Did I Get Here?”

Lena S. Rizkallah is a ‘recovering attorney,’ speaker and storyteller with

more than 25 years in the financial services industry. Leading with education that promotes confidence, she works with individuals, families and business owners on financial planning and investment management to help them set goals and build a plan that provides the blueprint to reach these goals. Working with the biggest; JP Morgan, John Hancock, and Conte Wealth Advisors since 2019, could explain why she was Voted Best Financial Planner in the Hudson Valley by Chronogram Magazine in 2023. She produces the annual Women in Business Busting Barriers panel and co-hosts a monthly Money Speakeasy which provides women a space to discuss all things life, love and business centered around money.

Brandy Burre is a professional actor and educator at The Foundry Montessori and the Tioronda Learning Center. She appeared in the 2014 documentary “Actress”, which received a Gotham Award nomination. Originally from Ohio, Brandy holds both a BFA and an MFA in Acting. She began her career at Monomoy Theatre, performed at the Cincinnati Playhouse, and earned her Actor’s Equity card at the Contemporary American Theater Festival in West Virginia. Before moving to New York, she lived in Washington, D.C., where she

taught music and performed at Ford’s Theatre. Brandy had a recurring role in HBO’s “The Wire” and recently guest-starred on CBS’s “Bull”. She can also be seen in Diplo’s “Revolution” music video. A member of the Screen Actors Guild, she has been part of the Beacon community since 2007.

Elizabeth A. Barrett served as the Vice President of Communications & Marketing at the West Point Association of Graduates, where she was Editor of West Point magazine and managed all communications, including print, digital, and social media. Before this, she was the Senior Director of Marketing, Communications, and Events at Fordham University’s Graduate School of Business Administration. She also worked as the Director of Marketing and Communications at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute’s Lally School of Management and Technology. A long-time Beacon resident, Barrett has renovated and managed commercial and residential properties in the city and completed marketing projects locally for Tallix Art Foundry, Manitoga, Clearwater, and the Hudson Valley Philharmonic.

For those who are interested in becoming involved as a volunteer at the Howland Cultural Center, please contact information@howlandculturalcenter.org.

Drug Task Force: 5 arrested for alleged drug activity in area of Jones St. in Poughkeepsie

The Dutchess County District Attorney's Office Drug Task Force announced it has opened an investigation into narcotic and dangerous drug sales in the area of Jones Street in the Town of Poughkeepsie after receiving numerous complaints of drug activity in that area. In addition, overdoses were occurring in that area which accelerated the response from the Drug Task Force.

During the course of this investigation, on March 3, Drug Task Force Agents began purchasing fentanyl and cocaine at that location. Drug Task Force Agents apprehended Joseph Napolitano, 35, for allegedly selling fentanyl and cocaine to Drug Task Force Agents on multiple occasions near 7 Jones Street in the Town of Poughkeepsie.

Upon taking Napolitano into custody, Drug Task Force Agents and the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Unit (SWAT) with the assistance of the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department executed a search warrant at 7 Jones Street resulting in a total of 5 arrests. According to the Drug Task Force, the following suspects were arrested:

Joseph Napolitano, 35

Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd Degree with intent to sell, a class B Felony.

Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 3rd Degree, a class B Felony. Napolitano was later arraigned in the Town of Poughkeepsie Court and released

and ordered to report to probation pursuant to current NYS Law.

Atrayu Felix, 29, - Wanted by the NYSP for narcotics related offenses. He was later turned over to the NYSP.

Shane Turner, 31, - Wanted by the NYSP for narcotics related offenses. He was later turned over to the NYSP.

Jasmine English, 19, - Wanted by the NYSP for narcotics related offenses. She was later turned over to the NYSP.

Robert Cann, 30, - Wanted by NYS Parole. He was later transported to the Dutchess County Jail pursuant to the warrant.

The Drug Task Force states it will aggressively focus on locations where communities and neighborhoods are victimized by narcotic and dangerous drug dealers who prey on vulnerable community members. The Drug Task Force was assisted by the Town of Poughkeepsie Police with this investigation.

As with any criminal case, the charges described above are merely an accusation and those individuals named in this release are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

If anyone has information regarding this case or about any other individuals selling drugs in Dutchess County, you are urged to contact the Drug Task Force confidential tip line at 845-463-6040 or by sending an email to the following web address: Drugtaskforcetips@gmail.com.

County to participate in St. Patrick's Day Weekend Stop-DWI March 13-18

Law-enforcement agencies throughout Dutchess County will participate in a special enforcement effort to crack down on impaired driving during St. Patrick's Day weekend, beginning Thursday, March 13 and concluding Tuesday, March 18. Various municipal law enforcement agencies will join agencies across the state in this coordinated effort to target those who put lives in danger.

County Executive Sue Serino said, "If you're including alcohol in your St. Patrick's Day celebration, please arrange for a safe ride home. Dutchess County is fortunate to have dedicated law enforcement officers who work hard to keep us safe every day. This holiday weekend, they will continue their efforts to protect motorists by keeping impaired drivers off our local roads."

St. Patrick's Day has long been linked to a rise in impaired driving incidents. From 2016 to 2020, for example, drunk-driving crashes during the holiday period claimed the lives of 287 people nationwide, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Studies indicate that high-visibility community engagement campaigns can lower impaired driving fatalities

by up to 20 percent. Sobriety checkpoints are a vital tool in increasing awareness of the issue.

The St. Patrick's Day crackdown is one of many statewide high visibility community engagement campaigns promoted by the New York State STOP-DWI Association. In addition to this crackdown, statewide STOP-DWI engagement campaigns also target Super Bowl Sunday, Memorial Day weekend, July 4th, Labor Day weekend, Halloween, Thanksgiving and the holiday season in December.

Although STOP-DWI initiatives across New York have significantly reduced alcohol- and drug-related fatalities, too many lives are still lost due to crashes caused by impaired drivers. The STOP-DWI High Visibility Community Engagement Campaign uses prominent, well-publicized efforts to further decrease instances of drunk and impaired driving.

Drivers can help to make a difference by having a sober plan. Motorists can download the mobile app, "Have a Plan," and be able to find a safe ride home www.stopdwi.org/mobileapp.

Beacon Police Blotter

The following is from the City of Beacon Police Department.

Feb. 2: Auto Accident- Grove Street- Officers responded to a call for an Auto Accident. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Feb. 2: Harassment- Wilson Street- Caller reported being harassed by an individual. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Feb. 3: Unattended Death- Beacon- Officers responded to a call for an Unattended Death. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Feb. 4: Animal Complaint- Main Street- Caller reported that his dog was hit by a car. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Feb. 4: Erratic Driver- Main Street- Caller reported a person who was attempting to pass her on Main Street. Would like the incident documented. Report on file.

Feb. 4: Larceny- North Chestnut Street- Caller reported losing his wallet and that there are unauthorized charges on his account as a result. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Feb. 5: Harassment- Main Street- Caller reported harassment by someone known to her. Report was taken.

Feb. 5: Assault- Fishkill Avenue- Caller reported being assaulted by someone known to him. Report taken. Caller wants incident documented at this time.

Feb. 6: Intoxicated Subject- Main Street- Ferhat Iddir, 62, of Beacon, was charged with DWI 1st, Miscellaneous Vehicle and Traffic violations.

Feb. 7: Larceny- Main Street- Kenneth C. Whitted, 57, of Beacon, was charged with 3 counts of Grand Larceny 4th & Petit Larceny.

Feb. 8: Unattended Death- Beacon- Officers responded to a call for an Unattended Death. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Feb. 10: Identity Theft- North Avenue- Caller reported being a victim of Identity Theft.

Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Feb. 10: Auto Accident- Main Street- Francesca LeClerc, 22, of Beacon, was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operates Motor Vehicle 3rd & Miscellaneous Vehicle and Traffic violations.

Feb. 12: Intoxicated Subject- Verplanck Avenue- Kyle D. Davis, 25, of Beacon, was charged with DWI & Miscellaneous Vehicle & Traffic Violations.

Feb. 12: Parking- Van Nydeck- Officers responded to a call for a vehicle that was covered with snow and parked for over 48 hours. Report taken. Vehicle impounded.

Feb. 13: Auto Accident- Main Street- Caller reported damage to her vehicle as a result of a hit-and-run accident. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Feb. 17: Assault- Fishkill Avenue- Melvin A. Grant Jr., 26, of Beacon, was charged with Assault 2nd & Criminal Possession of a Weapon 4th.

Feb. 19: Larceny- Rombout Avenue- Caller reported that items were stolen from her home. Report filed. Investigation conducted.

Feb. 19: Trespass- South Avenue- Adam P. Lagomarsini, 26, of Beacon was charged with Assault 3rd.

Feb. 20: Landlord/Tenant- Dewindt Street- Caller wanted to report a Tenant/Landlord Dispute. Report taken.

Feb. 22: Fight- Main Street- Officers responded to a call for a fight. Report taken.

Feb. 25: Lost Plate- North Street- Caller reported Lost Plates. Report taken.

Feb. 25: Harassment- North Avenue- Caller reported he experienced online harassment from an individual known to him, in an effort to extort money. Caller just wants incident documented at this time. Report taken.

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Smiling at 100: Elisabeth Krauss recalls thrills, enjoying every minute

By Curtis Schmidt

Elisabeth Krauss (Woodward) has an infectious smile. She loves life, spending time with family and friends, traveling, reading, listening to classical music – and oh yes – shopping.

She's been doing that and much more for just over 100 years. Elisabeth was the honoree at her 100th birthday party at the Terraces at the Brookmeade Community in Rhinebeck on Friday, March 7.

Cherishing the event, she asked everyone to wait a few minutes so she could apply red lipstick before making her grand entry.

Elisabeth was born to Catherine and Walter Woodward in Richmond, Indiana. She attended Earlham College where her father was a political science and history professor. He was also editor of a Quaker periodical entitled "The American Friend." She was an English major and worked as a media professional.

She met the love of her life, Mitchell Krauss, at radio station WFLN in Philadelphia and they were married on July 4, 1957. Mitchell's career of 45-plus years as a news correspondent and executive took the couple to New York, Egypt and other worldwide locations.



Elisabeth Krauss is all smiles at her 100th birthday party on March 7 at the Terraces at the Brookmeade Community in Rhinebeck. In back are her daughter Jennifer, son David and his wife Becky.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

Mitchell, who passed in 2022, worked with the likes of Walker Cronkite, Dan Rather, Daniel Schorr, Charles Collingwood and others. Elisabeth was

right there beside him through it all and said, "Those were exciting times."

In an interview with the Northern Dutchess News in 2018, Elisabeth said, "We had a lot of common interests and with all of the news, there was always a lot to talk about. It was all about love and respect. I have always found him to be very caring and a lot of fun to be around. And I just love that great radio voice."

Retirement brought the opportunity to travel for Elisabeth and Mitchell. Their adventures included several trips to France and other European countries and driving journeys across the U.S. several times with many impromptu stops along the way.

Some of Elisabeth's favorite locales included Gloucester, Mass., Sedona, Ariz., Monument Valley National Park in Utah and Albuquerque, NM. She loved to shop for native American Indian and antique jewelry.

She has a passion for classical music and romantic movies, with one of her favorites being "Sweethearts" with Nelson Eddy and Jeanette MacDonald.

She and Mitchell were married for 63 years and Elisabeth said, "We didn't miss anything!"

Local artist looks back at Renaissance-themed show at Adams Fairacre Farms

By Kristine Coulter

Local artist Judith Campanaro recently took part in Adams Fairacre Farms Renaissance-themed garden shows. The shows were held earlier this month.

"I've attended the flower and garden show with my friend Daisy DePutod for several years, quietly painting in a corner. We typically sketched or worked with watercolors. This year, inspired by my "Contemporary Spring" series, I wanted to create a larger piece live during the show. I contacted the manager at Adams Poughkeepsie and proposed setting up an easel and large canvas to paint, enriching the show's artistic atmosphere and providing a unique experience for the audience. The manager welcomed the idea, and it proved to be an enjoyable experience for everyone," explained Campanaro.

How did Campanaro come up with "Contemporary Spring?"

"I'm enrolled in Arts Mid-Hudson's "Create a Body of Work with an Accountability Coach" workshop, led by Tilly Strauss. We each committed to creating a body of work around a chosen theme. My theme was "Contemporary Spring," [which was] explored through painting. I'm drawn to the beauty of flowers and the hopeful feeling of springtime, and I'm expressing this through abstract and impressionistic paintings, giving the work a contemporary feel," she explained.

Campanaro said the flower and garden show at Adams in Poughkeepsie (other shows were also held at the various locations) transformed the familiar space into "something truly magical."

She added, "There were fun displays like hobbit houses, royal courts, castles, and even an enchanted forest! It was spectacular. I painted during the show and met so many wonderful people. We talked about my work sparking discussions about techniques and artistic inspiration. Several children engaged with me eager to share their own creative passion. Surrounded by beauty, creativity, and community, the day unfolded into a truly enchanting experience," noted Campanaro, who said she wanted to create a larger piece for the show.

"Painting at the garden show was a resounding success, sparking engaging conversations with a diverse audience. Visitors were curious about my techniques and the medium I use, with several inquiries about future exhibitions. Despite the abstract nature of my work, many, especially children, enjoyed interpreting the pieces, often connecting them to specific flowers. I had fascinating discussions with healthcare workers about art's therapeutic qualities, connected with a photographer I plan to feature on my blog, and even shared a moment with a patron over her rose plant and the shared joy we found in both real and painted



Above: Pictured from left, Rachel Hutami, Doris Alamo and artist Judith Campanaro during the show.

Right: artwork by Judith Campanaro at Adams Fairacre Farms' recent show.

-Courtesy photos



flowers. The entire experience reinforced the power of art, in any form, to connect people and evoke happiness, from the simplest bloom to its artistic representation," said Campanaro.

Thankfulness is what she would like to express to the local Hudson Valley community members, said Campanaro.

"Moving here from California three years ago to be closer to my children, even as a senior citizen, has been a truly enriching experience. The welcoming spirit, particu-

larly within the art community, has been remarkable. I've found a wonderful sense of acceptance and collaboration among artists of all ages, a genuine willingness to share and support each other's creative endeavors. My art has flourished here. A special thanks to Adams for embracing my work and providing this opportunity to share it. The Hudson Valley's rich culture, history, and strong sense of community make it a truly special place, and I feel fortunate to be a part of it," she said.

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Searching for fireflies in Beacon on March 20

The Beacon Sloop Club's 2024 Lecture Series will present "Searching for New York's Rare Fireflies w/ Katie Hietala-Henschell and Matt Schlesinger," at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 20 in Beacon.

Fireflies are iconic insects that have undergone notable declines from light pollution, habitat loss, and pesticides. Little is known currently about the status and distribution of many of New York's fireflies. In 2022, the New York Natural Heritage Program (NYNHP) and State Parks began a multi-year survey effort to identify rare and at-risk species in parks throughout the state. NYNHP's Katie Hietala-Henschell and Matt Schlesinger will present some preliminary findings from this effort, which will help direct management activities to best maintain firefly populations and will inform statewide firefly conservation.

Katie joined NYNHP in 2021 as a Zoologist, primarily conducting rare animal surveys on State Lands and in



Katie Hietala-Henschell

State Parks. She is leading the Dark Skies for Fireflies project to survey rare



Matt Schlesinger

fireflies in New York State Parks. Katie also assisted with Bumble Bee species

identification and specimen processing for the Empire State Native Pollinator Survey (ESNPS). Through various projects her survey work contributes to our understanding New York's biodiversity. Katie has a B.S. in Applied Ecology and her M.S. in Forest Ecology and Management from Michigan Technological University.

Matt Schlesinger is NYNHP's Chief Zoologist, overseeing wildlife conservation and inventory projects ranging from beetles to birds to baleen whales. Matt has a Ph.D. in Ecology from the University of California, Davis, a Master's in Natural Resources and Environment from the University of Michigan, and a B.A. from Wesleyan University. He is Adjunct Assistant Professor at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

The free event is set for the Beacon Sloop Club, 2 Red Flynn Dr., Beacon.

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

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Get poultry tips and more at Hackett Farm Supply on March 20



Shelly Facto of Poulin Grain will provide information on feeding laying hens, meat birds, turkeys and more at Hackett Farm Supply on March 20

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It's time to "Come Talk Poultry" hosted by Hackett Farm Supply on Thursday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Guest speaker Shelly Facto from Poulin Grain will be on hand to provide to discuss care management, nutrition and tips for happy, healthy birds. Facto has over

40 years of experience in feeding laying hens, meat birds, turkeys and more.

Refreshments will be served. Call 845-266-3494 to register early.

Hackett Farm Supply is located 2297 Salt Point Turnpike in Clinton Corners at Exit 58 on the Taconic State Parkway.

HCMC to present Daedalus Quartet on March 23 in Beacon



The Howland Chamber Music Circle (HCMC) continues its 2024-2025 chamber series with the Daedalus Quartet. The Quartet will perform at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon on Sunday, March 23.

-Courtesy photo from HCMC

The Howland Chamber Music Circle (HCMC) continues its 2024-2025 chamber series with the Daedalus Quartet, at the Howland Cultural Center on Sunday, March 23 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.

The Daedalus Quartet has established itself as a leader among the new generation of string ensembles. The Quartet won the top prize in the Banff International String Quartet Competition in 2001, and this year, is returning to HCMC for their 10th performance in our venue. Impressing critics and listeners alike with the security, technical finish, interpretive unity, and sheer gusto of its performances, the Quartet has been described as "insightful and vibrant," "luminous" (The New York Times)...with a "silvery

beauty" and a "magic that hushed the audience."

Daedalus has performed in all the great concert halls around the world, collaborating with other noteworthy musicians, and teaching at leading music schools. The Quartet has also been noteworthy for their commissioning of new works by composers within and outside the norms. At HCMC, Daedalus will play quartets by Haydn and Bartok, as well as one by composer Debra Kaye, whom HCMC commissioned in the past to write her "Howland" Quartet for our 25th anniversary. For this concert, Daedalus will perform Kaye's First Quartet, which the Daedalus has recorded..

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

Soccer brotherhood a big plus for Wappingers Falls native Ofori

By Morgan E. Maier

At age 15, Curtis Ofori, who attended Roy C. Ketcham High School, swept the New York soccer world as the youngest signee in Red Bulls II history. But as the youngest of five brothers, he's used to being the kid in the crowd.

At the Red Bulls' home base in New Jersey, Ofori is just hours away from home in Dutchess County. He was barely a teenager when he first joined the Red Bulls U13 team, continuing a soccer journey that took him to Harrison, NJ, to Italy and under the bright lights of Major League Soccer (MLS).

Now 19, Ofori is in his third professional season with Red Bulls II, on loan from the Red Bulls first team. As an under-25 homegrown player for New York, he is protected from the upcoming MLS expansion draft.

In the final nine minutes of the Red Bulls II's March 7 season opener Ofori, a listed fullback, subbed in at the striker position. Red Bulls II held on to a 1-0 win over Atlanta United 2. In three seasons with Red Bulls II, Ofori has tallied two goals and two assists over 25 games.

Ofori attributes success to family members who were behind him at every step of the way. As a coach, Ofori's dad spread a love of the game, and Ofori watched sideline to sideline as his brothers were on the field. Years of older brotherly advice has defined a resilience in the youngest Ofori's career. From his first days as an athlete, Ofori's brothers have been in his ear - watching him grow, leading by example, helping him make the best solutions. They've seen Ofori through each adversity, injury recovery, and

learning opportunity.

"That older brother mentality will never die for them," Ofori said.

When they are both in Wappingers, Ofori trains with his brother Ben, who is just a year older. The two shared many a soccer field as young players as Ofori played up in Ben's age group. For those 90 minutes, the teammate role transcended family ties. While it was a positive experience sharing both surname and club name, Ofori says that brotherhood didn't always matter once the first whistle blew. "On the field we just try to push each other, and try to make each other 1% better in the best way possible," Ofori said.

Now continuing their soccer journeys miles away, two of the five Ofori brothers are connected by more than the name across their backs. When Curtis joined Red Bulls II, he changed his number from 14 to 24, as New York legend Thierry Henry famously wore #14. Unbeknownst to his little brother, Ben also chose to wear #24 for the Penn State University Nittany Lions.

In seven seasons since his first academy year, Ofori has seen the other side where teammates become brothers to lean on. In years sharing a side, players grow comfortable with one another.

Red Bulls forward Serge Ngoma has been by Ofori's side from academy to the first team; even their families link up at each other's houses. As both tri-state natives navigate professional careers as young men, they'll always know they started it all together. "It's another brother to lean back on," Ofori said. "Even if you go separate paths, I know that's a friend I will have for the rest of my life."



At age 19, Curtis Ofori is in his third professional season with Red Bulls II in Major League Soccer.

-Courtesy photo

Two Mechatronics Lab Open Houses in Fishkill

First open house set for March 18

Dutchess Community College (DCC) invites prospective students to explore career-focused training at its upcoming Mechatronics Lab Open Houses at the Center of Excellence for Business, Industry & Innovation in Fishkill. Sessions will be held on Tuesday, March 18, and Wednesday, May 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The Mechatronics Lab provides hands-on training in advanced manufacturing, electrical systems, clean energy, automation and more—equipping students with highly transferable skills that prepare them for careers in high-demand fields. These skills are essential for maintaining and repairing equipment in industries such as aviation, energy, distribution and advanced manufacturing. During the open houses, attendees can:

Tour the state-of-the-art Mechatronics Lab and explore cutting-edge equipment

Meet instructors and staff who will explain diverse training options and career pathways in the Hudson Valley

Learn about flexible programs and opportunities, including:

- Certified Production Technician Plus (CPT+) – Starts April 3

- Manufacturing Pre-apprenticeship Program – Starts April 7

- Entry-level SACA Industry 4.0 certifications

- Skills-focused training in areas such as AC/DC electricity, motors, motor controls, pneumatics, mechanical drives, hydraulics, and more

Funding and scholarships

Developed in collaboration with local employers, DCC's training programs align with industry needs, ensuring graduates are ready to enter the workforce. Instructor Mike Sikula, who teaches in the pre-apprenticeship program, emphasizes the strong demand for skilled workers and the benefits of a technical career:

"Mid-Hudson Valley manufacturers are looking for reliable, responsible employees, and those who have basic skills will be more in demand," he said. "These are not just jobs—they are career paths that can lead to financial freedom, personal satisfaction and opportunities for personal growth."

Register for the Mechatronics Lab Open House at www.sunydutchess.edu/labopenhouse. For more details, email workforce@sunydutchess.edu or call 845-431-8900. To sign up for training programs or learn about scholarship opportunities, contact laraine.kautz@sunydutchess.edu or call 845-431-8905.

Reserve a seat for Central Hudson outreach for 60+ forum

If one is a Dutchess County older adult (60+) and Central Hudson utility customer looking to make your energy budget last, Central Hudson outreach personnel will be at the OFA Friendship Center in Poughkeepsie (114 Delafield St.) on Thursday, April 3 at 2:30 p.m., to help older adults understand the available assistance programs, along with energy usage and safe-

ty information.

Seating is limited, and required reservations can be made by calling OFA during business hours (weekdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.) at 845-486-2555. Reservations cannot be accepted by voice mail or email.

The event is geared toward savings rather than complaints about the cost of utilities.

Serino emphasizes 'Lives We Touch' at State of County

Continued from cover

The 2025 State of the County Address event opening program also highlighted County Executive Serino's emphasis on Dutchess County's young people, as well as the various educational opportunities available to them.

Dr. Dwight D. Bonk, the Wappinger Central School District Superintendent of Schools, welcomed those in attendance. John Jay High School senior Ava Dvorak sang the National Anthem; members of the Roy C. Ketcham High School Step Team shared their dance art with a performance, entitled "Formation;" and junior Sophia Puglia, a member Future Business Leaders of America, the Renaissance Club and student government at John Jay, introduced County Executive Serino. A longtime champion of Dutchess County's older adults, County Executive Serino invited the

Evergreen Chapter of Sweet Adeline's International, which performed "God Bless the U.S.A. (Proud to be an American)". The event also brought together those who protect and counsel the community: County Sheriff Kirk Imperati led guests in the Pledge of Allegiance; and Rev. Dr. Edward L. Hunt, Pastor of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Wappingers Falls, offered the invocation.

"County government is at its best when it's working for the people," concluded Serino. "From expanding mental health services to creating more childcare opportunities, our focus is always on the people we serve. The progress we've made is just the beginning, and I know we will accomplish even more in the year ahead."

The video and full text of the State of the County Address will be available on the Dutchess County's website at dutchessny.gov.

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Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley provides Emergency Medical Services Student Scholarships

Latest awards push John T. Sloper grants given to over \$700,000

Channeling the philanthropic mission of the John T. Sloper Fund, Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley (CFHV) has recently awarded a total of \$40,000 to Dutchess Community College students to support the costs of their paramedic certification.

Since the John T. Sloper Scholarship Fund's inception, CFHV has granted a total of \$60,000 to students to support their education, each year awarding \$10,000 to four students, helping future emergency personnel complete their paramedic certification programs, honoring the late Mr. Sloper's legacy and commitment to saving lives.

John T. Sloper was the founding partner of the Sloper-Wilen Ambulatory Service, the leading rescue vehicle in Dutchess County, and one of the first in the area to promote the installation and use of automated external defibrillators (AED) at local nonprofit organizations. In 2005, after the ambulatory service was sold, the John T. Sloper Committee established a permanent endowment with CFHV in his honor with \$1 million, with the intent of supporting and enhancing the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) field in the region and encouraging residents to enter into the field.

Over the past 20 years, the John T. Sloper Community Fund has awarded more than \$700,000 to support over 130 local organizations in the installation of AEDs, training, and the acquisition of critical lifesaving medical equipment in Dutchess and Putnam counties. Thanks to CFHV's expert steward-

ship, the fund has grown larger than it was at its inception in 2005 and is well-positioned to continue supporting the training of emergency medical service providers.

"Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley is proud to carry forward John Sloper's commitment to public safety and community well-being, ensuring that aspiring paramedics have the resources they need to save lives in the Hudson Valley," said Laura Washington, president and CEO of CFHV. "The Fund stands as a testament to the power of good stewardship and our dedication to community health. Looking ahead, we are committed to ensuring that the Sloper Fund continues to provide meaningful resources while leaving an enduring impact and legacy for generations to come."

"To honor Mr. John T. Sloper and his legacy to the local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) that continue to faithfully serve our communities, our Board of Directors is thrilled to support these students as they pursue their education and certifications to become practicing paramedics," said David O'Brien, John T. Sloper Community Fund representative. "Our Board of Directors applauds their hard work in becoming the next generation of EMS professionals. We can't wait to see them succeed in their careers."

In addition to the scholarship fund, the John T. Sloper Community Fund has distributed funding to students and organizations alike, including the American Red Cross in



Recent John T. Sloper awardees include from left, Harold Green, Meagan Giaino, Bernadette Cekuta (Coordinator of Emergency Service Programs at Dutchess Community College), Kemar Rookwood and Mathew Nowicki.

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Northeastern New York, Brewster Police Department, Dutchess Community College Foundation, Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, Family Services, Inc., Grace Smith House, YMCA of Central and Northern Westchester, Zio Episcopal Church, and more.

Any student or non-profit organization based in, performing work in or attending school in Dutchess or Putnam County is eligible to apply for a scholarship to

support their education in the EMS field or for a grant to purchase an AED in Sloper's memory.

To discover how you can support the CFHV mission, explore the full list of John T. Sloper Fund grant recipients, or apply for a grant for yourself or for your organization, please visit CommunityFoundationsHV.org.

get growing!

by mark adams



FFA goes to Albany

Students speak with legislators about agricultural issues.

Natalie Shultz supervised the arrival of a newborn calf at 2 a.m. last Monday night. Six hours later she was in Albany talking her state senator into supporting agricultural education.

Five students from Rebecca Cossa's B.O.C.E.S. Agriculture class - Brianna Smith, Laci Campbell, Caylee Cuccia, Natalie Shultz and Tobias Bingham - along with teacher Michael White, joined New York Farm Bureau for an all day trip to the state capitol, where we met with legislators to advocate for, and in many cases, against, legislation that would impact farmers. The five students are all members of FFA, the national student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership.

Natalie, a junior at Dover High School, is president of the B.O.C.E.S. Chapter. Caylee, a junior at F.D.R., is vice-president.

Farm Bureau is a member-supported federation with a mission to serve and support agriculture. Our annual trip to Albany coincides with the adoption of the state budget, so we can try to get funding for agricultural research and education.

Legislators love to talk with students. Our first stop in the Legislative Office Building was the office of state Senator Rob Rolison. When Natalie introduced herself and mentioned that her dad is a fire fighter, there was an immediate connection - Rolison spent years on the Poughkeepsie police force, and is good friends with fire dispatcher Dan Shultz. That opened up a conversation about funding for FFA, which has been cut down

from last year's budget. The students are advocating for an increase.

Next stop was Assembly Member Didi Barrett, a long-time supporter of research, education and the environment. We chatted about some of the projects the students are working on. Laci is exploring the efficacy of different probiotics for horses. The Farm Bureau members - me, Sue, Mark Doyle, Mandy Dykeman and Ervin Raboy - urged Didi to shoot down pending legislation that would put New York farmers out of business, for example the "Temp Act" possibly mandating that workers would go home if the day time temperature was above 80 degrees.

Assemblyman Matt Slater represents parts of Putnam County. Our local Dutchess/Putnam/Westchester Farm Bureau chapter, especially Brewster farmer Ervin Raboy, asked Slater to assist the few remaining Putnam County farmers who are having trouble with the local government, whose definition of what qualifies as a "farm" contradicts the reality of modern farming. For example, beekeepers are farmers.

Finally, we visited Assemblyman Anil Beephan. He just got back from a tour of Green Haven Correctional Facility, trying to understand the issues behind the current prison guard strike. Sue brought up the Farm Viability Institute, a critical originator of agricultural research, whose funding has been slashed. In recent years, F.V. I. Has worked with Cornell University to revitalize the New York apple industry.



Sen. Rob Rolison (center) welcomed the group that included Farm Bureau's Mandy Dykeman; students Natalie Shultz, Caylee Cuccia, Brianna Smith and Laci Campbell; and teacher Michael White.

- Photo by Mark Adams



Students (from left) Brianna Smith, Laci Campbell, Caylee Cuccia, Natalie Shultz and Tobias Bingham traveled to Albany with the Dutchess/Putnam/Westchester Farm Bureau to speak with Assembly Member Didi Barrett (third from right) and other local legislators on important agricultural issues.

This was the first visit to the state capitol for the FFA students. Natalie Shultz, who plans to study embryology at Texas Tech University, called the trip an "important experience," and was surprised that the legislators were quite "laid back, and not stuck up." Tobias Bingham found a "personal connection," and felt that the politicians listened, and spent more time with us than

he'd expected. Teacher Mike White said, "The kids felt great about the experience, and they got to find out how it feels to make a difference."

Let's hope they do. Mark Adams is an agricultural advisor to the Dutchess County Executive, Dutchess County B.O.C.E.S. and Cornell University.

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love to cook

by vicki frank day



Lovely leftovers

Pork tenderloin transforms into three delicious meals.

Leftovers. The very word evokes sadness, disappointment and even loathing for some. Sure, it's practical to not waste food but not everyone's a fan, and I get it. But what if I told you to actually plan to have leftovers so you can make several different meals this week, none of which seem left over at all? Could we still be friends?

For the last year or so I've been back in the cooking groove in a big way. I've been loving the challenge and discipline of coming up with weekly menus while stretching my grocery dollars and making the most of what I buy. It's especially satisfying when I can make several meals centered around one key ingredient, in this case, pork tenderloin, which is one of my favorites for many reasons. It's lean, delicious and cooks quickly. It also comes in a pack of two, which practically guarantees leftovers to play with, something I'm not only ready for that whenever I buy it, but that I actually look forward to. Read on and you'll see what I mean.

DAY 1: Basic-But-Delicious Pork Tenderloin Roasts— This is my new go-to way to cook pork tenderloin for moist, juicy, tender results. I used to always pan-sear them first to lock in juices, then finish in the oven. This method skips that step and still yields really moist, tender results. The high oven temp helps avoid over cooking: you want to bring the internal temperature to 140-145 degrees. It will continue to cook as it rests, which should bring it up to 145-150. It may still be slightly pink in the center but cooking any longer could dry it out. This is also a plus for any that's leftover as it won't dry out with a second (or third!) use. And be sure to save the juice that collects in the baking dish. It makes a lovely gravy.

Ingredients

- Twin-pack pork tenderloins
- Olive oil (about 2 tablespoons)
- 1 tablespoon salt
- Freshly ground pepper
- 1 teaspoon each onion powder, smoked paprika, garlic powder and mustard powder
- ¾ cup water or chicken broth
- 1-2 tablespoons cornstarch (start with 1)

Method

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Trim away any large areas of silver skin from the tenderloins. Pat dry with a paper towel. In a small bowl, mix all the dry seasonings together. Spread some olive oil in the bottom of a (9x13) baking dish, just enough to cover the bottom. Place tenderloins in the dish and drizzle with olive oil, rubbing it in to evenly coat. Sprinkle seasonings on to cover the tops, pressing some onto the sides as well.

Roast, uncovered, until internal temperature registers 140-145 degrees, 25-30 min-

utes (check after 25. Temperature will continue to rise while resting out of the oven). Remove from oven, transfer meat to a cutting board and allow to rest to reabsorb juices, at least 10 minutes, before slicing. Reserve pan juices for gravy.

While it rests, pour juices from the baking dish into a saucepan set over medium heat. Place water (or broth) and cornstarch in a jar with a lid and shake well to mix and get rid of any lumps. (Or whisk together well in a small bowl). Add this to the saucepan and whisk constantly, scraping up any browned bits, until smooth and thickened, adding more liquid or starch as needed. Spoon sauce over sliced pork and serve.

DAY 2: Pork & Mash Hash – This came together quickly and used up the leftover mashed potatoes and vegetables I had left from two nights before. Sort of like a shepherd's pie, it's as delicious as it is frugal – an all around win! It also works with leftover pot roast, turkey or chicken, even corned beef.

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 small onion, chopped
- ¼ cup flour
- Salt, black pepper and dried thyme (or poultry seasoning), to taste
- ½ cup chicken broth or water
- 1-2 cups diced roast pork
- 1-2 cups mixed vegetables (peas, carrots, corn) (or 10oz package of frozen)
- 2 cups prepared (leftover!) mashed potatoes
- 1 cup shredded cheese (cheddar is great)

Method

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9x13 baking dish and set aside. Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onion and cook until tender, 3-4 minutes. Whisk in flour. Add broth, stir and add seasonings. Cook until thickened and just starting to bubble, adding ¼ cup water or more broth if needed. Stir in pork and vegetables and cook to heat through, 3-4 minutes. Transfer to baking dish.

Spread mashed potatoes evenly over the top. Warming them up a bit first makes this easier. Top with cheese and bake until heated through and bubbly, 25-35 minutes.

DAY 3: Pork & Pepper Quesadillas – With the smallest amount of pork tenderloin leftover, I needed to add something to stretch it for one last meal. Not a problem since I also had some roasted red peppers and flour tortillas to use up. Quesadillas are perfect for weeknight dinners because they come together super-quick using things probably already in your fridge. They're cravable, delicious and arguably better than the first night's meal. In other words, completely unrecognizable as leftovers.

NOTE: These need to come together



Clockwise from top left, a pork tenderloin roast, pork & mash hash, an open quesadilla, and a completed quesadilla.

-Photos by Vicki Frank Day

quickly so they don't burn. They cook in the pan as you assemble them so have all your ingredients ready. Amounts here are vague because I was using up what I had which ended up being enough for 3 quesadillas.

Ingredients

- Butter for the skillet
- 2-4 large (10-inch) flour tortillas
- 1-2 cups shredded cheese (cheddar or jack or both)
- 1 cup diced cooked pork
- ½ a sweet onion, diced
- Roasted red peppers (or 1-2 bell peppers, chopped)
- 1 cup diced tomatoes
- Fresh chopped cilantro
- Hot sauce (optional)
- Sour cream

Method

Place a large skillet over medium heat. When hot, add 1 teaspoon of butter to melt. Place one tortilla flat on the skillet and sprinkle evenly with cheese.

On one half, layer pork, onion, peppers and tomatoes. Sprinkle with cilantro.

Fold tortilla over on itself and cook, 1-2 minutes per side, until cheese is melted. Transfer to plate. Repeat with remaining ingredients. Remove pan from heat if too hot and starting to burn. Serve with a dollop of sour cream and your favorite hot sauce.

Now that's how you do leftovers! Each meal was as good as the last and I used up a few things that otherwise would've been thrown out.

BONUS: when they taste this good, I doubt anyone will complain or even know you've snuck in those leftovers. It'll be our delicious secret! Enjoy!

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

Seventeen Renegades alumni highlight spring breakout rosters

Rosters for the 2025 Spring Breakout games were announced by Major League Baseball last week, and 17 former Hudson Valley Renegades players were named to Spring Breakout Rosters, including placing 14 alumni of the New York Yankees Spring Breakout Roster.

The Yankees prospect team will play the Baltimore Orioles prospect team on Saturday, March 15 at 6:05 p.m. at Ed Smith Stadium in Sarasota, Florida. Spring Breakout games will all be aired blackout free on MLB.tv, on MLB.com, MLB Network or Regional Sports Networks.

Of the group, 12 suited up for the Renegades during the 2024 season, highlighted by 2024 South Atlantic League Pitcher of the Year Cam Schlittler, Baseball America 2024 Yankees Minor

League Prospect of the Year Rafael Flores, and Yankees No. 2 prospect George Lombard, Jr.

Additionally, RHP Juan Carela, who pitched for the Renegades from 2022-23 was named to the Chicago White Sox Spring Breakout Roster, and catcher Agustin Ramirez (2023) and infielder Jared Serna (2023-24) have been selected to the Miami Marlins Spring Breakout roster.

Renegades alumni on the roster include the following:

Juan Carela (White Sox), Kyle Carr, Eric Reyzelman, Cam Schlittler, Cade Smith, Rafael Flores, Agustin Ramirez (Marlins), Jesus Rodriguez, George Lombard, Jr., Josh Moylan, T.J. Rumfield, Jared Serna (Marlins), Jackson Castillo, Brendan Jones, Spencer Jones, Garrett Martin and Jared Wegner.

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Obituaries

Alexander Mario Limato, Sr.



Alexander Mario Limato, Sr., 96, a resident of East Fishkill since 2020, died on March 1, 2025 at home surrounded by his family. He previously lived in Mount Vernon.

Born in Mount Vernon on December 27, 1928, Alex was the son of the late Paul and Louise (Fino) Limato. Alex retired as an Operator Engineer from the construction industry after decades of hard work. He was a parishioner at Sts. Peter and Paul and St. Ursula Church in Mount Vernon.

He proudly served in the US Army during the Korean War. He was active with Gold Star Mothers and was past Commander of his Local DAV Chapter.

On May 12, 1963 in Eastchester, he married Dolores (Dunn) Limato who pre-

deceased him in 2010. He survived by his daughters and their spouses, Ann and Steven Schweitzer of Hopewell Junction and Donna and Gary Proft of Mahopac and his grandchildren, Austin Schweitzer of Hopewell Junction, Casey Schweitzer of Hopewell Junction, and Barbara Manzo of Philadelphia.

In addition to his wife and parents, Alex was also predeceased by his son, Alexander Mario Limato, Jr. in 2019.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Tuesday, March 4th at Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Ursula Church, 129 E. Birch Street, Mount Vernon, NY 10552 followed by burial at Ferncliff Cemetery in Hartsdale with military honors.

Donations may be made in memory of Alex to your local Disabled American Veterans (DAV) chapter. Arrangements are under the direction of the McHoul Funeral Home. Please visit his Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Margaret E. Schultz



Margaret E. Schultz, 99, a resident of Mechanicville and formerly of Fishkill and Bellmore, died peacefully at her home on March 4, 2025.

Born in Glendale on April 22, 1925, she was the daughter of the late Edward and Rose (Mattern) Walbroehl. Margaret was a parishioner of All Saints on the Hudson in Mechanicville. She was also a member of the American Legion, Rombout Fire Company Auxiliary and the Dutchess County Fire Auxiliary.

On January 22, 1949 at St. Barnabas the Apostle Church in Bellmore, Margaret married Lawrence J. Schultz who predeceased her on March 3, 2004. Margaret is survived by her daughters,

Irene Brooks and her husband Leonard of Mechanicville, and Carol Schultz of Orleans, MA; her grandsons and their wives, Joseph and Emily Schultz of Blythewood, SC, and David and Karissa Schultz of Altavista, VA; and her great-grandchildren, Parker, Noelle and Bentley. In addition to her husband and parents, she was also predeceased by her son, Eugene J. Schultz; her granddaughter, Samantha L. Brooks; and her siblings, Edward, William, Rosemary, Veronica, Frances, Thomas and George.

Calling hours were held on Sunday March 9, 2025 at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Monday March 10, 2025 at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, 103 Jackson Street, Fishkill followed by interment in Fishkill Rural Cemetery.

Helen M. Vidunas

Helen M. Vidunas, a longtime resident of Wappingers Falls, entered into rest Sunday, March 2, 2025. She was 91.

Daughter of the late Joseph and Helen (Riscavage) Jerostic, she was born on October 22, 1933 in Luzerne, Pennsylvania. She married Eugene J. Vidunas on May 5, 1956 at St. Hedwig's Church in Kingston, PA. Mr. Vidunas preceded her in death, passing on January 21, 1997.

Helen was a graduate of Luzerne High School, Class of 1951. She went on to spend her years making a warm and loving home for her husband and two children. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother, and always everyone's biggest cheerleader. Helen was a member of St. Mary's Church in Wappingers Falls. She also enjoyed staying active in local politics.

Survivors include her son, Eugene J. Vidunas and his wife, Bernadette of Middletown; daughter, Janice Kelly and her partner, Robert DeLuca of Wappingers Falls; grandchildren, Joseph Vidunas, Jessica Kelly, Jake Vidunas and his partner, Samantha Vargas, Stefan Vidunas, Owen Vidunas and John Vidunas and his wife, Kristen. Mrs. Vidunas was predeceased by her grandson, Shawn Michael Kelly. She also leaves behind great-granddaughter, Eleanor, and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was also predeceased by her sister, Janice Esposito.

Family received their friends on Thursday, March 6, 2025 at Straub, Catalano &

Halvey Funeral Home, 55 E. Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Friday, March 7, 2025 at St. Mary's Church, 11 Clinton Street in Wappingers Falls. Interment followed in Fishkill Rural Cemetery, Route 9 in Fishkill.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Helen's name to St. Mary's Food Pantry, 11 Clinton Street, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590.

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Carol Ann Baxman



Carol Ann Baxman, 77, a local area resident since 2020, formally of Yonkers, died on Friday, February 28, 2025, at St. Luke's Hospital.

Born in Eugene, Oregon on September 29, 1947, Carol was the daughter of the late Charles Fitschen and Grace Hanson, and stepfather Robert Petty.

Carol's career in banking spanned over several decades including time as a branch manager for Hudson Valley Bank at several branches in Westchester County where she retired from.

A loving mother and grandmother, Carol enjoyed spending time with her family and doting on her puppies. Carol also enjoyed taking day trips exploring the tri-state area. She was a fashionable woman who took great

pride in her appearance (especially when it came to her hair and nails). She was a sun worshipper known for her extra-large sunglasses and great tan.

She is survived by her children, Larry Baxman and Joanne Santorelli, son-in-law Nick Santorelli; her grandchildren, Nicole, Michael, and Nicholas; brother Charles Keith Fitschen, sister-in-law Donna Fitschen, sister Mariann Markard, brother-in-law Edgar Markard, sister Patricia Taylor and brother-in-law Steve Taylor. She cherished her nieces Kathryn Fitschen and Victoria Markard, and nephews Keith and Scott Fitschen.

Go in peace Carol, knowing how much you were loved.

Visitation was held on Friday March 7, 2025 at McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill Inc. 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. Memorial mass was held on Saturday, March 8, 2025, at St. Mary, Mother of the Church 106 Jackson Street Fishkill, NY.

Please visit Carol's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Julio Antonio Reyes



Julio Antonio Reyes, a resident of Hopewell Junction since 2006, died peacefully at his home on March 4, 2025 surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Montevideo, Uruguay on February 28, 1935, he was the son of the late Jose and Maria (Tortora) Reyes. Julio started his career as a linotype and became 2nd chief of the national newspaper of Uruguay. He immigrated in 1973 and was employed as a house man for the Rockefeller Family at their home in Pocantico Hills.

On October 15, 1965 at Sacred Heart Church in Montevideo, Uruguay, Julio married the love of his life, Elida Vielich, who survives at home. He is also survived by his son, Julio C. Reyes and his wife Sandra; his daughter, Sandra Brophy and

her husband Sean; his grandchildren, Robert Brophy, Kim Brophy, Christopher Brophy, Nicholas Brophy, Dylan Brophy, FL, Nicole Reyes and Luis Escobar; and his great-grandchildren, Anthony Orlando, Bradly Hersman, FL, Kaia Brophy, Nicko Danias, Christopher Brophy Jr., Jaxson Brophy and Hudson Escobar. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother, Jose Reyes.

Services will be private at this time.

Debra Ann Pearson



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Our beloved Mother Debra Ann Pearson of Wappingers Falls who passed away on March 1st, 2025, at the age of 66. She was born on April 16, 1958, in Poughkeepsie, New York. Debra was raised by her parents Carl and Rita Monaco. Debra Married Her late Husband Thomas M Pearson on November 25, 1978 in Fishkill, New York.

Debra is remembered for her kindness, dedication, and love for family and friends. She was a server at Marriott in Fishkill for over 25 years before retiring and spent her life making a lasting

impact on all who knew her.

She is survived by son Thomas J Pearson, Son Christopher M Pearson, Daughter Alisa M Pearson, Her Grandchildren Gabrielle Pearson, Thomas Pearson, Isabella Pearson. Her Brothers Denny Monaco and James Monaco. As well as many Nephews, Nieces and other close family members. Debra was predeceased by her husband Thomas Pearson, Her parents Carl and Rita Monaco and her brother John Monaco.

A memorial service will be held on March 29th 12pm to 3pm at The Residence Inn in Fishkill 500 Westage Business Center Dr Fishkill, NY 12524

In lieu of flowers, The family requests that any donations or cards be sent to The Pearson Family at 332 Old Hopewell Rd Wappingers Falls NY 12590.

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'90s Dance Party Beacon Litfest set for March 14

Below: The '90s Dance Party Beacon Litfest will be held from 7:30-10 p.m. on Friday, March 14. The dance party will take place at Dennings Point Distillery, 10 N. Chestnut St. in Beacon. Dance to one's favorite 90s tunes! A costume contest, photo ops, literary-inspired cocktails and great prizes, including a chance to win an all-access pass to June 2025 Beacon Litfest! Tickets are \$15.

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SUBJECT: Variance Application
Applicant: Mark Torre
Address: 30 Riding Ridge Trail
Tax Grid No.:

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30-5954-20-946077-00
Zoning Classification: R1-80
Dear Neighboring Property Owner: Mark Torre, 30 Riding Ridge Trail, has applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals for relief from City Zoning Code Section 223-14.E(3)(a) to allow for the construction of a 20 ft x 20 ft carport to be located forward of the front line of the primary building, which requires relief from the following:
1. Section 223-14 Landscaping, lighting, and miscella-

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neous regulations. E. Accessory buildings on residential lots.
(3) Detached garages and other accessory buildings. Detached garages and other accessory buildings are permitted, provided that they comply with the accompanying Schedules of Regulations and meet the following additional requirements:
(a) The building shall be located behind the front line of the primary building.
The full application is available online at: <http://www.beaconny.gov/index.php/agendas-minutes/>

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[beaconny.gov/index.php/agendas-minutes/](http://www.beaconny.gov/index.php/agendas-minutes/)
The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing for this application at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 7:00 PM, in the Municipal Center courtroom, One Municipal Plaza, Beacon, New York. You are invited to be present to voice your support or objection to this appeal. Comments can also be provided via email no later than 4:00 PM on March 18, 2025, to Mercedes Perez, Zoning Board Secre-

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tary, at mperez@beaconny.gov
Mercedes Perez
Zoning Board Secretary
REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid#RFB-DCP-10-25
New Storm Drainage and Culvert Pipe Accessory Fittings and Hardware
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 25th day of March 2025 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite

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2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.
A meeting of the Dutchess County Board of Elections will take place on March 12, 2025, at 10:00am at 112 DeLafield St Suite 200, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 to Designate Poll Sites for the 2025 General Election.

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THEME: DANCE MOVES

ACROSS

1. Mrs. in Germany
5. *Nae Nae's partner
8. m in F = ma
12. Deadly sin
13. Hindu serpent deity
14. Blood line
15. State location of Miami University
16. Last word on radio
17. Best friend quality
18. *Sideways dance step
20. Buzzing pest
21. "That is" in Latin
22. Corvine bird's sound
23. Omicron or Delta, e.g.
26. Verb derived from "wreath"
30. Although, for short
31. Demijohn
34. Kings of ____ band
35. Act against
37. Bruin legend Bobby ____
38. Southern cuisine pods
39. Cold war initials
40. Transmitted radio signal
42. French vineyard
43. Strong suits
45. Overnight flight
47. Like a dancer in The Royal Ballet company
48. Polynesian island country
50. Dracula's bane
52. *Dancer's gardening tool simulation
56. Cass Elliot and Michelle Phillips
57. Eon, alt. sp.
58. Reminiscent of certain hardwood, to sommelier
59. In a tilted position
60. Flower holder
61. Cartoon lightbulb
62. Police informer
63. Before, poetically
64. Koppel and Turner, e.g.

DOWN

1. Use cat o'nine tails
2. German industrial valley
3. "Heat of the Moment" band
4. Sir Thomas More's famous book
5. Actress Viola ____
6. ____ provocateur
7. Like some necessities
8. *Michael Jackson's backward move
9. Maisie Williams on "Game of Thrones"
10. Immediately, to a doctor
11. Salt, in Mexico
13. Nine-day Christian devotion
14. Aquatic scum
19. Authoritative proclamation
22. "____ Me a River"
23. Pull strings
24. Not those
25. Comedy Central's public humiliation
26. *a.k.a. caterpillar, with The
27. 9 a.m. prayer
28. Ancient
29. Follow as a consequence
32. Sturgeon output, pl.
33. Lingerie staple
36. *Serena Williams' Super Bowl LIX move (2 words)
38. Theater, to Socrates
40. Sis' sibling
41. King's mantle fur
44. Painter Max or Director Lubitsch
46. Armed gang member in India
48. Asparagus unit
49. What phoenix did
50. Numbers
51. Gulf V.I.P.
52. "Keep this information" button
53. Place a load on
54. Augmented
55. Swedish shag rugs
56. *Running ____

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10th Annual Parade of Green held in Beacon



The 10th annual Beacon's St. Patrick's Day Parade of Green was held on Saturday, March 8 on Main St. Members of the Green Team smile at the crowd, as their hard work in planning the parade comes to fruition. The Town of Fishkill Cadets march along the parade route, from Polhill Park to the dummy light. Bagpipers play their instruments walking the route. Members of the Red Knights Motorcycle Club take part in the festivities. Parade Grand Marshal Rich Kaplan, who helped organize and began the parade 10 years ago, waves to the paradegoers. Musicians in the Rombout Middle School Band perform along the parade route. Beacon Elks advertise their corned beef sandwiches. Knights of Columbus Trinity Council 445 members carry the Council's banner.

-Photos by Kristine Coulter

Beacon Elks recognize Haldane Students of the Month



Beacon Elks Lodge #1493 recognized the Haldane Middle School Students of the Month for January 2025 during a certificate ceremony held on Feb. 12. Pictured from left, Sharon Haviland, Esteemed Loyal Knight; Henry Budney (6th), Michael Beglan (7th), Everett MacIntyre (8th), Jeanine McAuley, Esteemed Leading Knight and Cathy Oken, Youth Activities Chair. Students that are recognized as Elks Students of the Month are nominated by their teacher(s) based on achievements in school, their leadership abilities, helping their fellow students and, in some cases, their achievements while overcoming obstacles. "Our Student of the Month program recognizes hard work and dedication by the student, with the overall goal of encouraging students to continue their great work," said Michael Zanzarella, Exalted Ruler, Beacon Elks Lodge #1493. "We hope these students - and all students - continue to excel in their studies." Each Student of the Month recipient receives a Certificate of Achievement and a gift certificate to a local business. Beacon Elks thank Cold Spring Pizza for supporting these students.

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