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## Renegades aplenty in Spring Baseball

By Morgan E. Maier

Ranked 46th among all minor league prospects, George Lombard Jr. highlighted a second Tampa spring training with a home run heard "round the country."

Garrett Crochet would have slowed time to get that nationally-televvised pitch back from Lombard. Unfortunately for the Red Sox ace, his 104 mph offering was sailing over the Green Monster at JetBlue Park, Boston's Florida headquarters in Fort Myers. By the way, the "Mid-Monster" is nearly five feet higher than the actual Fenway wall.

Another pinstriped invitee was Carlos Lagrange, a right-hander soaking in some rays while his 6'7" frame provides cloud coverage for those below. The Yankees' No. 2 prospect is turning heads and freezing bats with a fastball hotter than the Sunshine State in August.

### Spring Breakout

The third annual prospect showcase featured the Spring Breakout debut of 29 Yankees prospects, including 2025 draft picks Core Jackson and Kaeden Kent. Twenty-two of the 40 rostered players have donned a Renegades jersey. Those promoted to AA-Somerset and beyond, like OF Jace Avina and RHP Elmer Rodriguez-Cruz, will likely stay put. Others who came to High-A late in 2025, like Tampa native RHP Jack Cebert, may return to Hudson Valley, while newcomers like Dax Kilby (drafted 39th by the Yankees in 2025) could soon debut in High-A.

Renegades alum Coby Morales especially glowed in the showcase, putting the Yankees Prospects on the board in the bottom of the first. Morales ripped a single to score Core Jackson, who had reached with a single. With former Renegades teammate Jace Avina hovering on third, Morales then stole second, scoring Avina on an errant throw by Atlanta's catcher. Morales made a defensive save with a heads-up throw on an inning-ending, bases-loaded fielder's choice, holding the Braves to a 6-2 advantage as Harrison Cohen completed his relief

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## Seniors celebrate renovations and improvements at Wappinger Senior Center



A ribbon-cutting ceremony and a grand reopening were held at the Town of Wappinger Senior Center on Tuesday, March 17. The festivities highlighted the improvements and renovations done to the Senior Center.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

By Kristine Coulter

A grand reopening of the Wappinger Senior Center was met with applause from those in attendance on Tuesday, March 17 at Wappinger Town Hall. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the renovations and improvements that were completed.

"I think the renovations are all lovely," said Wappinger resident Pamela Herbst, who noted the staff in the Recreation Department are all super. Herbst added, "We have to give kudos to those who put this together."

Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavcchini stated, "The seniors have been absolutely thrilled" with the renovations. He said the Center now offers the seniors a "bright space."

"It is days and moments like this that warm my heart," Cavcchini told those gathered for the festivities. He said, "Our seniors are truly the foundation of our community." The supervisor told the seniors, "You all have shaped the Town of Wappinger to where it is today." He noted former Supervisors Barbara Gutzler and Constance Smith were present for

the celebration. It was when Smith was supervisor, in the 1990s, that the Center was last renovated, it was stated.

The 2025 Dutchess County Municipal Investment Grant Program assisted with getting the renovations and improvements made, according to Cavcchini.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino remarked, "It's so much brighter now" after the renovations in the center were made. She described the new kitchen as "amazing."

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## Council passes resolution for home rule request from NYS for Room Occupancy Tax extension

By Kristine Coulter

The Council passed a resolution on Home Rule Request for the NYS Legislature to extend the City's Room Occupancy Tax on hotels, motels, and short-term rentals at its recent meeting.

Christian Gates, attorney for the city, said "Tonight, your Council will be voting to ask the State Legislature to adopt a home rule request."

"You may recall back in January the council asked the state legislature to introduce legislation to extend the city's hotel/motel

tax, that is codified under the city code. Under Chapter 199, it allows a percentage tax, a room occupancy tax, on hotels/motels. This is required legislation by the State because taxation is expressly reserved to the State Legislature unless they delegate that to a municipality," said Gates.

This is a procedural request, he said. Both Houses introduced legislation to extend it for three years. It currently expires in August it was stated.

This would change the expiration date. Once legislature approves it, the governor

would sign it, explained Gates.

"We actually think it will be a nice addition to our revenue stream. I think you all know we look for additional opportunities for revenue besides property tax and this is sort of the latest, given that we have, not only some hotels in Beacon, but [Bed & Breakfasts] and short-term rentals online, but we're also expecting the Mirabeau [Inn & Spa Beacon] to come online. It's just an important part of our revenue stream," said Mayor Lee Kyriacou.



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# County Public Works Commissioner to retire

## From County reports

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino has announced the upcoming retirement of Robert Balkind, the County's Commissioner of Public Works, following 22 years of service with Dutchess County Government, including the last ten years serving as Commissioner.

Serino said, "From the start of my time as County Executive, it has been clear how deeply Bob Balkind cares about his Public Works team, as well as the people of Dutchess County. His vision has improved our infrastructure, strengthened our communities, and expanded opportunities for residents across the county. From transformative capital projects to his commitment to efficiency, collaboration, and a more diverse workforce, Bob has left an indelible mark on this government and the residents we serve. I am profoundly grateful for his steadfast leadership, innovation, and his unwavering commitment to making Dutchess County a better place for all."

Balkind joined Dutchess County Government in 2004 as the Assistant Director for the Department of Public Works (DPW) Engineering Division, following more than a decade of work at New York State Department of Transportation and the private sector, including Dewkett Engineering in Rhinebeck, where his engineering work of the Reservoir Fence Restoration in Central Park was honored with the Renaissance Award by the Friends of the Upper East Side Historic District.

He was appointed by DPW Commissioner in 2016 by former County Executive Marcus Molinaro, overseeing the County's broadest department, which includes six divisions: Administration, Highway/Engineering, Parks, Building & Facilities, Airport, and

Public Transit. Those six divisions encompass 395 miles of highways, 1.2 million square feet of county-owned and leased buildings, eight County parks, the county government-owned airport in the Town of Wappinger, and the Dutchess County Public Transportation (DCPT) bus system. As Commissioner, he has directed a staff of more than 274 employees and oversees an annual operating budget of nearly \$46 million.

As Commissioner, he has also been responsible for the oversight of the public works projects within the \$150 million, five-year Capital Improvement Plan, including the county's \$10 million annual highway and bridge improvement program.

During his tenure, Balkind has overseen the design and construction of multiple transformative County projects including, but not limited to:

- Dutchess County Law Enforcement Center;
- Dutchess County Justice & Transition Center;
- Dutchess County Stabilization Center;
- Dutchess Community College Aviation Education Center at the Hudson Valley Regional Airport;
- Harlem Valley Rail Trail phases II, III and IV;
- William R. Steinhaus Dutchess Rail Trail – all phases;
- Marcus J. Molinaro Northside Line urban trail phase I;
- Major improvements at various Dutchess County Parks, including:
  - Improvements to Heritage Financial Park (formerly Dutchess Stadium) meeting Major League Baseball (MLB) standards and expanding year-round usage opportunities.
  - Accessible playgrounds, pavilions and upgraded water spray feature, and more at Bowdoin Park.



**Robert Balkind**  
-Photo courtesy Dutchess County Gov't

- Water "sprayground," revamped camping facilities, new disc golf course, and more at Wilcox Memorial Park.
  - Waterfront decks, kayak launch, pickleball courts, Boat House renovations, and more at Quiet Cove Riverfront Park.
- Prior to becoming Commissioner, Balkind was instrumental in the restructuring of DPW in 2012 and 2013, which included improved alignment of Highway and Engineering divisions and bringing the County's Auto Center into the Department. As Commissioner, one of his proudest accomplishments was making significant strides in diversifying the department and has engaged in various

efforts to attract and recruit diverse talent, including his recent CDL trainee program that covered 100 percent of a candidate's CDL training costs, with the candidate getting paid while splitting their time between school and working with DPW. This program has attracted many new employees to DPW at a time when hiring and retaining CDL-trained employees has been challenging across the state.

Balkind has coordinated multiple energy efficiency projects throughout County facilities that have decreased energy consumption and helped to control costs. He has led multiple shared service initiatives with local municipalities such as coordinating contract purchase opportunities for salt and sand roadway materials at more favorable pricing, establishing a shared Sign Shop program for municipalities, and oversaw the expansion of the Dutchess County Public Transit system when the City of Poughkeepsie sought to eliminate their bus service to reduce expenses for fiscal stability.

Balkind said, "I will miss the great people that I have worked with over the many years, both within the County and in the various municipalities that we work so closely with. I know the great work at DPW will continue with the dedicated leadership team left in place and I want to thank County Executive Serino for all her support and confidence in my leadership of DPW."

Balkind, who resides in the Town of Pleasant Valley, will officially retire on May 22. He plans to travel, garden, ride his Harley Davidson motorcycle, spend time with family, and enjoy time at the coast.

After Balkind's retirement, DPW Deputy Commissioner David Whalen will serve as acting commissioner.

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Other renovations and improvements include:

- floors that were upgraded
- renovated restrooms
- new ceiling
- new lighting

Dutchess County Legislator Rob Faust said the County grant the Town received for the renovations was \$75,000. Faust was at the celebration, along with fellow legislators Lisa Paoloni and Kevin Giles and former legislator Lynne Miele-Versaci.

Wappinger Town Board members William H. Beale, Chris Phillips and Al Casella were in attendance. Cavaccini remarked, "I am nothing without my team. I'm so appreciative to the staff who have helped make this a reality and accessible to all."

Wappinger Recreation Director Jessica Fulton commented having the ability to sit back and make the choices of what

was needed was "complete excitement."

Representatives for Congressman Pat Ryan's office and NYS Senator Rob Rolison's office offered congratulations.

Wappinger resident Silvia Cocca said she has lived in the town since 2000. She said there are good programs offered to the seniors at the senior center.

Cavaccini said the Center is no longer one room in one building. He shared the Town will continue to grow the amount of programs it offers to residents. He also said some programming is being held at the Community Center, which was also renovated, at Brexel-Schlathaus Park – which can be rented out.

Cavaccini announced a proclamation on behalf of the town board, which stated March 17 was officially declared as "Senior Enrichment Day" in Wappinger.

The celebration was followed by a luncheon in honor of St. Patrick's Day, which was sponsored by Ulster Savings Bank.



Above: A section of the new kitchen at the Town of Wappinger Senior Center.  
Left: Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini makes remarks on March 17. With Cavaccini are Wappinger Councilman Al Casella and Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino.

-Photos by Kristine Coulter

## Wappinger to honor Women of Distinction

In honor of Women's History Month, Town Supervisor Joseph D. Cavaccini and the Town of Wappinger will recognize women from the community who have been nominated as Women of Distinction for their contributions and dedication to improving the Town of Wappinger.

To celebrate these remarkable individuals, the Town will host a special evening of recognition, bringing together honorees

for a night of appreciation and celebration.

The event will take place on Wednesday, March 25 at 7 p.m. at The Boathouse, located at 105 Market Street in the Village of Wappingers Falls. The evening will include a brief recognition ceremony followed by light refreshments as the Town honors the inspiring women who continue to make a positive impact throughout the community.

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Former Renegade George Lombard Jr. has had a strong showing in Spring training games.

-Courtesy photo

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outing of Kyle Carr. Carr, the 2025 South Atlantic League pitcher of the year, went 3.1 innings, giving up 5 earned runs on 5 hits, with 3 strikeouts and 3 walks.

In the top of the 7th, an outfield assist from Morales again thwarted further Braves damage. Moved to left field, Morales pinpointed a lineout with a laser beam to beat the Atlanta runner attempting to tag up. As the Yankees Prospects made a run in the eighth inning, Morales capped a marvelous 3-for-4 batting line with a second RBI.

Cebert pitched 4 relief innings (2 runs, 2 hits, 2 walks, 5 strikeouts) to set up Sebastian

Sebastian Kean for the ninth inning. A lethal leg of Hudson Valley's bullpen last year, Kean offered a 10-pitch inning, throwing six for strikes.

### World Baseball Classic

Featured in the aptly-nicknamed Spring Classic were over 15 Renegades alumni, from the Short-A days to the present Yankees era. Representing 10 of the 20 countries participating in the World Baseball Classic, former and recent Renegades represented Europe, Asia, Central, South, and all three North American countries.

The Dominican Republic again tabbed 2023 Renegade Austin Wells as its starting catcher. Wells had the Dominican Republic's final stamp to advance to the semifinal, a walk-off home run to earn the 10-0 mercy rule over Team Korea. Off a

career high in homers last season, the Yankees star hit two in the Classic, earning his spot on the All-Tournament Team with an on-base plus slugging (OPS) of 1.086.

Leonardo Reginatto, a Mid-Season All-Star for the Renegades in 2012, anchored third base for Brazil. Reginatto captained Brazil in the World Baseball Classic, his first appearance for the club since 2013, a year removed from his Hudson Valley digs. After a six-year MLB stint, Reginatto's professional career continued in the Mexican League until he was released by Olmecas de Tabasco in 2025.

Joe Ryan made his pro debut in Hudson Valley in 2018, shortly after being drafted by the Tampa Bay Rays. One of Team USA's reserve pitchers, Ryan was a breakout starting arm and a 2025 All-Star in Minnesota. Though he didn't see any pitching time in the 2026 W.B.C., Ryan fared better than in his last international appearance. During the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Ryan was traded to the Twins while vying for the silver that USA would ultimately earn.

The elder George Lombard earned silver in his debut as a Team USA coach at the Spring Classic. He is no stranger to international play; in 2008, he became the first American baseballer to go yard in China, as the Dodgers swept the Padres in a two-game California rivalry gone east. A World Series champion with the Dodgers in 2020, Lombard backed up Mark DeRosa toward a second straight silver managerial medal for Team USA.

If this late winter highlight reel suggests a strong start to the season, the Hudson Valley is ready for thawed fields and dusted-off baseball gloves!

## Bystanders assist 2 occupants from structure fire

The Beacon Fire Department (BFD) was dispatched at approximately 2:45 p.m. on March 17, for a structure fire with possible occupants still in the structure. Upon arrival to the scene, a 2 1/2 story wood-framed, single-family residential structure was observed with heavy fire on the front porch. A second-alarm was immediately transmitted for all available off-duty personnel, as well as for aid from Slater Chemical Fire Company and Rombout Fire Company, according to a press release from the fire department.

Two occupants of the structure were led to safety via bystanders prior to the BFD arrival. The occupants who were reported to be injured were evaluated and transported to St. Lukes Hospital by Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps (BVAC) and Ambulnz (CBM1). One 1 3/4" firehose was stretched from City of Beacon Engine 3316 to suppress the main body of fire while a secondary water supply was established from a fire hydrant at the corner of Rombout and Teller Avenue.

As a result of the rapid response and aggressive tactics, the fire was contained to the porch area, it was stated. A primary

and secondary search of the structure for additional occupants were conducted, both with negative results. Search and firefighting operations were hampered by hoarding conditions throughout the structure. Natural gas and electric utilities were isolated while the structure was ventilated with negative pressure fans.

Occupants were unable to be interviewed to help determine the cause of the fire due to their injuries; however, discarded cigarette remnants were found in and around the suspected origin on the side of the front porch, it was stated in the press release.

The structure has been condemned by the City of Beacon Building Department due to hoarding conditions, and the Hudson Valley Red Cross is assisting the displaced family.

BFD was assisted on scene by Castle Point Fire Department, Village of Fishkill Fire Department, City of Beacon Police Department, City of Beacon Building Department, Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response, BVAC, and Ambulnz. Rombout Fire Department and Slater Chemical were put on standby.

## Discuss future of Howland Public Library on March 25

Discuss the future of Howland Public Library on Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the library, 313 Main St. in Beacon. Learn about the facility chal-

lenges, share ideas with the architect and trustees.

Register at [beaconlibrary.org](http://beaconlibrary.org).

## Construction of Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail North begins

Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, Inc. announced last week that work began on the planned Wade's Hill Parking Lot and connector trail to the existing Wilkinson Memorial Trail (aka Nimham Extension trail).

The Wade's Hill Parking Lot and Nimham Extension trail are located with-

in the Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve, north of Breakneck Ridge, and will be accessible via Route 9D.

The Nimham Extension will connect the new parking lot to the Wilkinson Memorial and Nimham trails to the south, creating additional access to the Breakneck/Bull Hill system of trails.

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# Dutchess County, CSEA agree on 4-year contract

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) announced on March 18 they have finalized a four-year collective bargaining agreement, completing the County's negotiations with the largest of its four labor unions. The contract is retroactive to Jan. 1, 2025 and will remain in effect through Dec. 31, 2028, providing stability for County employees. Pending a vote by CSEA membership to accept the agreement, the Dutchess County Legislature will consider the contract for adoption at its May 11 board meeting.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, "This agreement is good news for our employees and the residents we serve every day. It prioritizes our lowest-paid workers with the largest percentage increases for those earning the least, helps us compete in the local job market, and ensures we can retain the staff our residents depend on. I am thankful to CSEA President Andrew Calamari and his team for negotiating in good faith, as well as all of the members of the CSEA who are on the front lines everyday serving our community."

CSEA President Andrew Calamari said, "We're proud to have reached an agreement that reflects the value of the hard-working CSEA members who keep County services running every day. This contract provides fair wages and benefits for our workforce, and we appreciate the County's willingness to work collaboratively throughout the process. Our members are pleased to see it finalized."

The new contract includes wage increases each year of the contract,



**CSEA President Andrew Calamari and Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the new contract agreement.**

*-Photo courtesy Dutchess County Gov't*

including flat dollar or percentage based raises in the first two years of the agreement; the elimination of the lowest job grade to remain competitive in the job market; and retroactive pay for eligible employees. The wage increases are as follows:

- \$2,250 or 3.25% whichever is greater for 2025
- \$2,000 or 3.25% whichever is greater in 2026

3.25% Cost of Living Increase (COLA) in 2027

3.25% COLA in 2028

The agreement also includes a series of updates that modernize County employment policies, including:

Clarified and updated provisions for overtime, emergency call back, holiday work, longevity and on call compensation;

Adjustments to vacation accrual caps, beginning in 2027;

Elimination of the County contribution to New York State paid family leave premium;

Updated health insurance contribution rules for surviving spouses of employees hired or re-hired after Jan 1, 2026;

Increases to tuition reimbursement program and employee fitness program funding beginning in 2026;

Sunset of COVID 19 related leave provisions in alignment with state law; and

Implementation framework for a countywide Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) update, including resolution of past overtime calculations.

Serino said, "These updates make our policies clearer, fairer and more up to date for everyone. They standardize how we handle overtime, leave time, benefits and workplace flexibility, ensuring our policies reflect today's needs. By modernizing these areas and resolving past issues, we're supporting our employees, improving consistency across departments and building a stronger foundation for the future."

Once the contract is approved by the Dutchess County Legislature, the County will implement the new provisions, including updates to pay and benefits, as described in the agreement.

Under Serino's administration, agreements have been reached with the Dutchess County Police Benevolent Association and the Dutchess Staff Association; negotiations have begun between the County and the Dutchess County Sheriff's Employee Association.

## Legislature Chair Valdés Smith warns of impersonation attempts & AI scams

The Dutchess County Legislature is alerting residents to three recent attempts to impersonate Chair Yvette Valdés Smith, as well as issuing a general reminder about AI scams.

The Legislature has been made aware of several scams involving Chair Valdés Smith: one involving an individual falsely claiming to be related to Valdés Smith for financial gain, another involving a smishing attack (a type of cybercrime that combines SMS text messages and phishing) sent in Valdés Smith's name, and the most recent one involved an email impersonating the Chair sent to a county official.

Chair Yvette Valdés Smith said, "Scammers are getting bolder and more creative every day, and AI technology is making it easy to impersonate me or any

other elected official or public figure, so please be alert. Always verify before taking action, especially if it involves sharing sensitive information or sending money."

Recently, the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) warned of scammers posing as DCSO detectives, and the Town of Carmel's Zoning Board of Appeals reported: "fake emails are being used to impersonate the town's ZBA."

Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati's office offers the following general tips to help people avoid these scams. Be alert:

- If someone contacts you asking for money, for any reason
- If you receive correspondence instructing you to keep the exchange

a secret

- For emails or text messages that are sent at odd hours or contain misspelled words, grammatical errors, or information that doesn't make sense

- If you receive an email or text about an order you didn't place, or asking you to call an unfamiliar phone number. (DO NOT follow the instructions in the email, click on any links in the email, or call the number provided in the email)

- If you are asked to purchase merchandise, transfer money, provide bank information, provide remote computer access, enter a code, or click on a link

If you are contacted by someone claiming to be Chair Valdés Smith or any other Dutchess County Legislator, please notify the Dutchess County Legislature at 845-486-2100. If you think you may have been the victim of a scam, contact the Sheriff's Office at 845-486-3800, 845-605-CLUE, or dcsotips@gmail.com.

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## FDR's concept of a good (and bad) neighbor through local letters

By Bill Jeffway

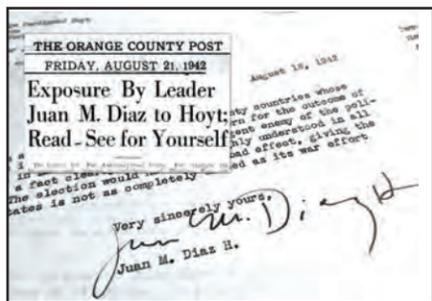
In his first U.S. Presidential inaugural address on March 4, 1933, Franklin D. Roosevelt explained a commitment to the concept of a "good neighbor policy" toward Latin America, a concept and wording that became well established and had profound implications. The wording implies, however, that if there were good neighbors, there could also be bad ones.

FDR knew that physical proximity (whether urban Dutchess and rural Dutchess, or New York City and Albany, or North America and Latin America) would not mean 100% agreement. But he strategically advanced the old fashioned concept of a mix of the golden rule and "love thy neighbor." FDR's words suggested that good neighborliness was a conscious decision. The strategic part of the "good neighbor policy" relates to FDR's desire to focus militarily more on Europe.

The importance of FDR's "friends and neighbors" accessibility is explained by F. Kennon Moody, in his 2013 book, "FDR and his Hudson Valley Neighbors." Moody observes, "In hundreds of speeches and radio broadcasts the voting public heard FDR speak of friends and neighbors in such a unique manner that their use became a characteristic almost totally identifiable with the political life of Franklin D Roosevelt." Moody shares that FDR brought the concept of being both local and global with the following example. In July 1943, American and English forces landed in Sicily to begin the assault in Europe under the direction of the commander in chief. That same month, an Ohio resident wrote to FDR with a money order for \$1.25 having seen that the Roosevelt farm in Hyde Park sold eggs.

The dynamic of neighborliness, and the dynamic of closeness and trust – and dealing with profound disagreement and hostility – is revealed in the recently acquired letters, documents, and scrapbooks of Beacon's Ferdinand Hoyt.

Ferdinand Hoyt was the brother of the newspaper publisher Morgan Hoyt, whose relationship with FDR we examined in our last column. Ferdinand Hoyt lived in the village of Fishkill Landing. He was a lawyer, with generally modest ambitions for politics and public service, until his dramatic run for Congress in 1942. A supporter of FDR from the start, he took on the Republican titan, Hamilton Fish, when WWII was in a crucial and uncertain phase. At the time, Hoyt also gave a lot of publicity to the wrongs of Fish's clerk, the Poughkeepsie-born George Hill, who ended up imprisoned for per-



An August 1942 letter from a Latin American political leader to Beacon's Ferdinand Hoyt supporting Hoyt's candidacy for Congress. Recently acquired by DCHS. Inset: The letter was quickly reprinted in sympathetic newspapers like the Orange County Post.

-Courtesy of DCHS Collections

jury. The letters, ephemera, and scrapbooks of both Hoyt brothers come from the recently acquired collection.

Like FDR, Hoyt got his political experience, learning how to manage disagreement, from local political battles that he waded into right after graduating from The village of Matteawan's DeGarmo Institute in 1896.

His earliest leadership found him working on the creation of what would become the City of Beacon that emerged from the villages of Matteawan and Fishkill Landing. While the goal was shared, much beyond that was up for debate.

In 1899, as a trustee of the village of Fishkill Landing, Hoyt chaired a joint session of members of that village's board (which was largely Democratic) and members of the village board of Mattaewan (which was largely Republican). An informal vote on what the new city's name would be was taken on June 16, 1899 and ended in a tie at four each, with one blank. A more formal vote followed with a five to four preference for Mattaewan. That was not the end, but only the beginning of a process that was theoretically "resolved" when June 1913 elections took place in the official City of Beacon, as it was finally decided. While the June 17, 1913, Poughkeepsie Eagle News reported on the first elections in the newly formed city, two weeks later, the June 27, 1913 newspaper wrote of discontent over the name decision!

In any case, by 1910, when FDR took his

From left, 1910 campaign material for Ferdinand Hoyt and Franklin Roosevelt, 1942 images of Congressman Hamilton Fish and the Poughkeepsie-born clerk to Fish, George Hill, with an overlay of one of Hoyt's 1942 speeches. Whether it is 1910 or 1942, you will find language that specifically reaches out to Republicans, given the district's strong Republican orientation.

-Courtesy of DCHS Collections

first foray into politics running for NY State Senator, he famously was driven around Dutchess and Columbia County in a red Maxwell car with no windshield. His companions in the car were Richard E. Connell, candidate for U.S. Congress, and Ferdinand A. Hoyt, for NY State Assembly. All three were successful. This must have been a profound "bonding experience." In 1912 FDR won re-election, but Hoyt did not. There would not again be such a close political partnership until the 1942 congressional election which many of the new collections items focus on.

One of the loudest and most effective opponents to FDR's New Deal and FDR's interventionist inclinations to engage in Europe in what became WWII was Putnam County's Congressman Hamilton Fish. Fish was an outspoken isolationist whose views were that the U.S. should not get involved militarily, unless attacked. Of course, that happened with the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. But there were a number of actions that critics suggested demonstrated that Fish was a Nazi sympathizer. These accusations caused big headlines nationally in 1941 and 1942.

In the new collections we find notes from a speech Hoyt gave in his 1942 campaign. He took on the very public accusations that Fish was not merely trying to appease Hitler as a way of protecting the US against the costs (human and financial) but was actively supporting the Nazi party behind the scenes.

Hoyt speaks to the trial that found Fish's clerk, George Hill, guilty of perjury on the question of whether he (Hill) was involved in aiding the Nazi agitator George Sylvester Viereck sending out 100,000 letters using Congressional "free-rank" privileges.

One of the documents from the collection is a typed speech of Hoyt referring to the trial of George Hill: "On the afternoon of February 19, 1942, in the crowded Federal District Court in Washington, DC, a thin, frightened little man with a faint mustache was on the witness stand. 'Do you know the defendant, George Sylvester Viereck?' the prosecuting attorney asked? George Hill went on to identify Viereck in the room and testified as follows, "[Viereck] came from the private office of Congressman Fish. Mr. Fish brought him over to me. Mr. Fish said Mr. Viereck had some speeches to send out – of Senator Lundeen's. Mr. Fish told me to send them to the mailing list of the National Committee to Keep America out

of Foreign Wars."

Although not mentioned in press coverage at the time, George Hill was born in Poughkeepsie. His father, William Hill, worked as a baker in Frost's Bakery on Main Street. The family moved to Fish's home county of Putnam County when George Hill was a young boy.

In his speech, Hoyt went on to say, "Under ordinary circumstances, George Hill would have remained an insignificant figure in the politics of his country [but] as prosecutor William P. Maloney declared at the trial of Viereck, [Hill was] an important cog in the most vicious, the most effective propaganda machine that the world has ever seen...able to reach in and use the halls of our own Congress to spread its lies..."

One of the letters in the collection that pulls many threads together is one to Hoyt dated August 18, 1942 from Juan M. Diaz for Pan American Democracy. Diaz was the exiled leader of the Dominican Revolutionary Party and wrote, "In the present circumstances, domestic politics in the United States can not remain purely domestic, since any action taken here has immediate repercussions on international events." Diaz went on to say that the election of Fish would "cause resentment in twenty [Latin American] countries..."

The letter reflects FDR's strategic embrace of Latin America, fruits of the good neighbor policy launched in 1933. The fact that the letter was quickly reprinted in newspapers like the Orange County Post simply reflects FDR and Hoyt's understanding of the importance of the printed word in newspapers.

Fish prevailed in a Republican primary. And he prevailed in the general election in 1942, which he saw as a vindication relative to his accusers. Fish lost his seat in 1944, the year FDR won an unprecedented fourth term as US President. Ferdinand Hoyt died in Beacon in December of 1944. FDR died in Warm Springs, Georgia, in April of 1945. War with Germany and Japan ended in May and August of 1945 respectively.



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## 'Daddy Long Legs!' set for two-day run

"Daddy Long Legs!" a heartwarming musical, is a classic but this 90-minute version was premiered last November at Howland during Bonfire weekend. Performances are set for Saturday, Apr. 18, 8 p.m. and Sunday, April. 19, 3 p.m. The premise: Jerusha Abbott is the "Oldest Orphan in the John Grier Home" until a mysterious benefactor decides to send her to

college to be educated as a writer. Required to write him a letter once a month, she is never to know the benefactor's identity – so she invents one for him: Daddy Long Legs.

Tickets are available. Broadway in Beacon is the producer, with singer/actors and a three-piece pit band.

The Howland Cultural Center is at 477 Main St. in Beacon.

## Garden Volunteer meeting set for April 22

Learn about the many ways to be involved in the gardens at The Homes of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, the Beatrix Farrand Garden at Bellefield and the Vanderbilt formal gardens at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 22 at the Wallace

Visitor Center, Roosevelt Vanderbilt National Historic Site in Hyde Park.

No experience is necessary and schedules are flexible. Volunteers learn, make new friends and give back to the community.

## Friday Night Lenten Dinners at Beacon Elks Lodge on March 27

Elks will hold Friday Night Lenten Dinners at the Beacon Elks Lodge #1493, 900 Wolcott Ave. in Beacon. On Friday, March. 27, the dinner will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Meal costs are \$15 for adults, \$13 for

seniors and \$10 for children 10 and younger. One can eat in or take out (\$1 more). Proceeds will benefit charities.

Pasta primavera with salad, bread and dessert will be served.

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# BCSD students honored by Beacon Elks Lodge



On Wednesday March 11, the Beacon Elks Lodge #1493 presented February Student of the Month awards at Rombout Middle School. The students were chosen for their kindness, effort, dedication, respectfulness and positive attitude. Students received a certificate and gift card for their achievements. The Beacon Elks thanks Glazed Over Donuts for sponsoring this event with them. Pictured from left: Jeanine McAuley, Exalted Ruler, Alexander Fuentes (6th Grade), Jariel Solis (7th Grade), Molly Rinaldi (8th Grade) and Scott Birkler, Grant Coordinator.

-Photo courtesy Beacon Elks

# P.R.I.D.E. certificates presented at BHS

The following Beacon High School students were honored for P.R.I.D.E. (Positivity, Respect, Integrity, Determination, Engagement) during the 2nd quarter of the 2025-2026 school year. Certificates were awarded on March 5.

The students are: Jay Adams, Aaron Aduamah, Kaylyn Adusei, Nadeen Ahmed, Femmie Akinwunmi, Macy Alencastro, Kiann Allen, Natalie Allen, Alexandra Alon, Nathanael Alvarado, Kevin Asencio, Trevor Bacon, Emanuele Bagala, Sarp Bagriyanik, James Bailey, Vivianna Bailey, Jahcier Ballard, Desmond Barchetto, Ziarra Beamon, Morgan Bedell, Kurtis Belgrave, Caroline Bell, Vincent Bergerson III, Tamirnesh Bernstein, Lucas Booth, Giovanna Bottiglieri, Alana Bradshaw-Washington, Roman Brandt-Cannon, Juniper Breault, Jaden Brito, Aniyah Brown, Matthew Browne, Serenity Bunn, Janyia Burch, Wyatt Burgos, Fiona Burke-Smith, Xylie Burns, Erica Cabrera, Michael Cahill, Samuel Callan, Andrew Caporale, Julian Carpio, Henry Cerchiara, Jennifer Chacon, Chase Christman-Evans, Skylar Clair, Dylan Claro, Christian Clay, Peter Cohen, Sebastian Concepcion, Zamaya Cone, Lia Cosentino, Tyzeer Cox, Misleidy Cruz Cruz, Jesus Cruz Llivipuma, Mateo Cruz, Eleanor Culler, Claire Cumming, Shuprova Das, Jason David, Isabella Davila, Maliah Decoteau, Zooey Dedring, Bentley DeGuisto, Jake DeLuise, Ramon Dewey-Brink, Caroline Diaz, Victoria Diaz, Naim Dika, Ryan DiNobile, Maysie Doyle, Kylie Ebeling, Tye Elias, Braedan Eraca, Abilena Eriksmoen, Tyler Evans, Willow Faiella, Kyle Fairbanks, Teo Fairbanks, Malik Faison, Fionn Fehilly, Lilah Fisher, Khloe Franklin, Isabella Galbo, Leo Garcia, Jack Garrett, Kayla Gerardes, Jhanea Gibson-Bocus,

Gabriel Godbee, Emilio Guerra, Lucien Guido Taylor, Henry Gute, Anastacia Guzman, Julian Hannah, Jesse Harvey, Emmett Havers, Silas Hayes, Cole Heath, London Hernandez, Tyler Horton, August Hunter, Shaun Jabar, Hailee Jennings, Teanna Jennings, Samantha Johnson, Jaden Jones, Everly Jordan, Drew Kelly, Gabrielle Khalil, Makayla King, Josiah Lind, Isaac Long, Mary Lopez, Markus Louis, Yianniz Male, Josue Martell, Ruby Martin, Ethan Maxaner, Lena Meibauer, Ian Melhado, Gianna Mercer, Oliver Meyer, Zachary Mihalchik, Jaylen Mitchell, Elena Moleano, Elise Moran, Glory Morris, Aaliyah Nelson, Jaiera Newton, Adrien Okoye, Gabriel Peluso, Lilly Pendley, Hudson Penn, Sarah Pillcurima Panama, Roman Proft, Luca Ragone, Leela Ramdeen, Diannie Ramirez, Bella Ridore, Delano Rigby Jr., Angelo Rodriguez, Derek Rohr, Trevi Romanelli, Adrian Roquel, Gabriel Roquel, Sebastian Roquel, Charlotte Rossi, Bowie Roy, Julian Sala, Baron Santana, Jonathan Saraceno, Abdul-Rahman Sayibu, Dominic Sceppaquercia, Genevieve Shrawder, Shane Signorelli, Finn Simons, Savannah Smith, Landon Soltish, Jamir Spence, Hannah Spencer, Aiden Spiecker, Declan Sprague, Lyra Staab, Januario Stageman, Gannon Statini-Perez, Clive Stewart, Avery Strang, Harper Strang, Suri Stuart, Adryanah Sweat, Shea Tanaka, Mia Tapia, Kylie Thomas, Michai Thompson, Brevin Timm, Gavin Troiano, Everett VanCott, Connor Varricchio, Joshua Velazquez, Eliot Waterman, Aslynn Way, Slater Way, Zyaire West, Jah'Real Whitted, Andy Whittemore, Cayden Williams, Luna Yawman, Ysabella Zappala, Nicholas Zippo.

Submitted by school staff.

# Red Hook VFW Post 7765 to host Civilian Military Ball to celebrate 80 years of service

The Red Hook VFW Post 7765 will hold a Civilian Military Ball, commemorating 80 years of faithful service to veterans and the community. The event will take place on Saturday, April 25, from 6 to 10 p.m., at The Red Hook Community Center, 59 Fisk St., Red Hook.

This special evening will bring together community members, veterans and supporters to honor the legacy of service and sacrifice. Guests will enjoy a night of camaraderie, entertainment and recognition of those who have served our nation.

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Sponsors are encouraged to submit their company logo by April 6 to be featured in promotional materials.

Community members can also sponsor a veteran to attend the event by purchasing tickets for \$100 each or contribute cash and in-kind donations for event supplies, raffle, and auction items.

For sponsorship inquiries or more information, please contact Post Commander Jon Conroe at 619-855-6099 or Jon@vfw7765.org.

Payment options payments can be made via check, credit card or online at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/red-hook-vfw-post-7765-military-ball>.

Red Hook VFW Post 7765 is a 501(c)(19) organization, EIN #23-7304252. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Call 855-758-7765 or email info@vfw7765.org for more information.

# Poetry reading, book signing set for April 11

Arts Mid-Hudson will host a poetry reading and book signing celebrating the release of Geraniums in the Studio by poet Lucia Cherciu on Saturday, April 11, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Arts Mid-Hudson's Poughkeepsie Gallery.

Recently published by Broadstone Books (March 2026), Geraniums in the Studio is Cherciu's seventh book of poetry. During the event, Cherciu will read selections from the new collection, offering audiences the opportunity to hear her latest work in an intimate gallery setting.

Following the reading, the program will continue with an open mic. Cherciu will invite several poets to share their work and encourage participation from some of her current and former students, creating a collaborative space for poets and poetry lovers alike.

The event is free and open to audiences 18 and older. A book signing will follow the reading.

For more information about this even visit <https://www.artsmidhudson.org/geraniums-in-the-studio>.

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# How to grow marijuana

## Now that I have your attention....

When I started writing a gardening column in 1977, for Northern/Southern Dutchess News and its predecessor The Millbrook Round Table, I never imagined this day would come. Now here we are.

On June 26, 2024, the New York Office of Cannabis Management finalized the rules for adults (age 21 and over) to cultivate marijuana at home, finally making it legal to do what every person I've ever met has been doing for the last 50 years. Don't tell anyone, but back in the day, we'd trample down a few cornstalks in the middle of the corn field and plant our loco weed where the deer, police, and the neighbors wouldn't find it. I dare say I have some experience growing the stuff. The law states that an adult can cultivate up to three mature plants and three immature plants (so you have a nice crop rotation), or six and six per household. Of course, you're not allowed to sell it, or give it away, or trade it for dollar bills.

Cannabis (marijuana) is easy to grow – that's why it's called "weed":

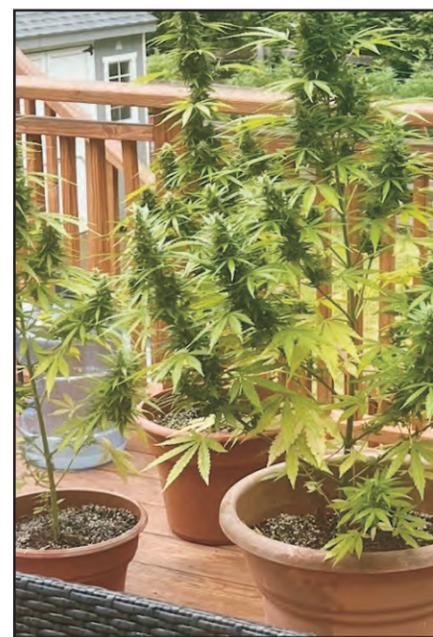
• **Choose the seed** – Cannabis genetics have come a long way since the days when you had to smoke a whole pillowcase full of leaves to catch a buzz. Seeds are only available from licensed online dealers. ILGM.com is a good choice. Most seeds are hybrid crosses of the species cannabis sativa and c. indica. They should be "feminized," meaning that only flowering females will be produced. (Marijuana, like holly and date palms, are dioecious). You only have to buy the seed once, then you can take cuttings to root in sand or potting mix, to make clones of your favorite plant.

• **Sow the seeds indoors in March**, using a seed starter mix and grow lights, the same way you would start tomatoes. Good air circulation is critical, as marijuana is very prone to powdery mildew. Set the trays of young seedlings outdoors on sunny April days, bringing them back in at night.

• **Planting the garden** – Choose the sunniest possible location. Set plants in big pots or into the garden after the last frost, usually May 20. Since you're saving a ton of money by growing your own, you might want to invest in a fence to keep out the deer. I have not known woodchucks to eat marijuana plants, but then I didn't know they climbed trees either. Your pot plants will want well drained, fertile soil. For years, I grew mine in my compost pile. Since fresh air is so important, don't crowd your three plants. Space them at least six feet apart.

• **Fertilizer** – These plants can grow eight feet tall, so they need lots of food. An entire industry has evolved to recommend fertilizer for cannabis plants, from Fox Farm to Neptune's Harvest. Generally speaking, cut down on the nitrogen as plants begin to form buds. You might want to stake your plants, so a thunderstorm doesn't blow them over.

• **Powdery Mildew** – I can't stress this enough. Keep an eye out for mildew, on the undersides of leaves as the young plants grow. At this immature state, you can spray an organic fungicide like Cease or Milstop. As the buds mature, you won't want to spray them with anything, so keep an eye out for mold. Inspect the



The New York Office of Cannabis Management allows adults (age 21 or older) to grow up to three immature marijuana plants (above) and three mature plants (right). -Photos by Mark Adams

buds daily, and at the first sign of mold, harvest the crop and hang it to dry, discarding any infected buds.

• **When to harvest** – In late September, or even early October, watch the weather forecast. If a frost is predicted, harvest the crop. Years ago, when we would grow weed in obscure locations, it always seemed somebody would steal it the day before we planned to harvest. Nowadays, since everybody is growing their own, and since the introduction of trail cameras, thievery

is rare.

• **Expanding the garden** – Marijuana is a gateway garden plant. Most of my former marijuana growing buddies have graduated to more exciting crops – figs, raspberries, giant pumpkins, amaranth, ghost peppers. Now that it's legal, I don't bother growing marijuana. I don't even smoke it. Give me a cold beer any day.

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

# Tompkins Community Bank names Phil Quintana President-Elect

Tompkins Financial Corp. has announced that Phillip M. Quintana has been appointed President-Elect of Tompkins Community Bank, effective immediately. He will succeed John McKenna, who will retire as President of Tompkins Community Bank in July 2026 after seventeen years of service.

Quintana brings more than 27 years of banking leadership experience across the Mid Atlantic, North Texas, Southeast Florida, and Long Island. His background includes significant achievements in commercial & industrial (C&I) and commercial real estate (CRE) lending, retail banking, credit management, and market expansion. Most recently, he served as Regional President at Burke & Herbert Bank, where he oversaw a multi-state commercial banking region covering Northern Virginia, Washington, D.C.,

Maryland, and Delaware.

"We are excited to welcome Phil to Tompkins," said Steve Romaine, CEO of Tompkins Financial Corp. "His leadership experience, strong credit expertise, and track record of driving growth make him an excellent fit to lead Tompkins Community Bank."

At Burke & Herbert Bank, Quintana led cross functional teams, strengthened credit practices, launched a new C&I banking line, and supported multiple community bank acquisitions. His prior roles include leadership positions at M&T, HSBC as well as other community banks in the VA market, where he delivered consistent results in both growth and turnaround environments. He has also played key roles in organizational change, bringing deep experience in integration and strategy.

"I'm honored to join Tompkins and

grateful for the opportunity to lead Tompkins Community Bank," said Quintana. "The company has a long and respected history, and I look forward to working with our teams to strengthen customer relationships and support the communities we serve."

Quintana holds a BA and an MBA from Dowling College in Finance and Total Quality Management and a Professional Certification in Accounting from The University of Virginia. He is active in community service organizations and looks forward to being involved in our community as well.

Romaine also recognized McKenna's long-standing contributions: "John's leadership and commitment to our customers and communities have been instrumental in our success. We look forward to celebrating his achievements in the months ahead."



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# Germania honors 25-year members, special supporters at 176th Gala



**Bob Beckman and Matt Lawlor of Matt's Auto Body in Salt Point were honored for their ongoing support and generosity at the Germania Gala on March 21. From left are, Carol Ann Fischer (past president & honorary president), Gina and Bob Beckmann (also accepting for Matt Lawlor), Gary Schonmann (vice-president), Sylvia Reuter (president) & husband Bill Reuter (past president & honorary president).**



**Honoree Roberta Gordon: From left are Mike Reichert (honorary financial secretary), Carol Ann Fischer (past president & honorary president), Roberta Gordon and her children Steven Gordon & Anne Michelle Gordon, Gary Schonmann (vice-president).**



**Honoree Joe Ulrich: From left, Mike Reichert (honorary financial secretary), Sylvia Reuter (president), Jane Ulrich, Joe Ulrich, Christine Ulrich, Gary Schonmann (vice-president).**



**Honoree Brad Forrest: From left, Mike Reichert (honorary financial secretary), Bill Reuter (past president & honorary president), Brad Forrest, Debbie Forrest, Brad Forrest Jr., Alexis Izzo, Gary Schonmann (vice-president). Not pictured is honoree Debbie Sonnenschmidt, who now lives in Georgia.**

-Courtesy photos

Germania of Poughkeepsie commemorated its 176th anniversary with a festive Gala held on Saturday, March 21 at Germania Hall. The event honored four devoted Germania members for their 25 years of continuous membership, as well as two individuals recognized for their steadfast support spanning 37 years.

President Sylvia Reuter expressed her heartfelt congratulations to the honorees, acknowledging their loyalty, dedication and unwavering commitment to Germania and its mission.

Special recognition was given to Bob Beckmann and Matt Lawlor of Matt's Auto Body in Salt Point for their ongoing support and generosity. In her remarks, Reuter emphasized the importance of sustained generosity, stating, "They say true generosity is not just about giving once. It's about believing in a mission year after year, through the highs and lows. It is because of people like Bob and Matt that organizations like ours are able to continue in their important work for the community."

Members who were honored for their 25 years of continuous membership in Germania included Joe Ulrich, Brad Forrest, Debbie Sonnenschmidt (accepted by Helga Baker), and Roberta Gordon.

### Mission and Heritage

Founded in 1850, Germania of Poughkeepsie is a benevolent, 501(c)(3) nonprofit and 509(a)(2) charitable organization dedicated to preserving and educating the public about

German and German-American heritage and culture. Through their annual festivals such as Maifest, Oktoberfest, and Christkindlmarkt, Germania celebrates music, food, dance, and sport, bringing this rich heritage to life for the community. The organization also values the tradition of fostering family, friendship, and Gemütlichkeit - a sense of warmth and friendliness - drawing people together and nurturing a strong sense of community. Germania remains committed to ensuring that German heritage is relevant, accessible, and welcoming to all.

Throughout its 176-year history, Germania has offered a variety of educational programs in music, sport, dance, and German language. The organization sponsors several "sister clubs" that promote educational and authentic cultural events, including the Germania Singers, Germania Almrausch Schuhplattler Verein, Germania Blue and White Soccer Club, and the Dr. Charles Gilbert Spross Unit #167 Steuben Society of America. Germania offers free German language classes, ballroom dance classes, senior line dance classes, and more.

Since the pandemic, Germania has demonstrated its commitment to the wider community by donating over 700 take-out dinners to area first responders. It remains an all-volunteer organization whose membership is open to individuals of all faiths and backgrounds, welcoming everyone to participate in its ongoing mission.

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## Obituaries

### Erin M. Marshall



Erin M. Marshall, 41, passed away peacefully on March 17, 2026, following a 2-year battle with Metastatic Breast Cancer. Born on May 18, 1984, in the Bronx, Erin was the daughter of Luz Padilla. Erin's relationship with her mom was very special, and her mom took care of Erin until the very end. Erin graduated from Aquinas High School in the Bronx in 2002 and received a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from Queens College. She worked as a Senior Lease Analyst for SL Realty Corp in Manhattan. She married Dave Marshall on March 23, 2015, at a beautiful beach ceremony in St. John, USVI. Erin and Dave were able to visit St. John in 2025 to celebrate their 10th anniversary. They had a wonderful marriage and were truly soulmates. Erin was an amazing wife, daughter, sister-in-law, cat mom, and friend to many. Her positivity and spirit were infectious, and she kept her wonderful sense of humor through all the tough times. She made countless friends throughout her life and leaves behind many beautiful memories. Her Family received Friends on Sunday, March 22, 2026 at DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls. A Prayer Service was offered during visitation. Interment will be private at the discretion of her family. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes for memorial donations to be made in Erin's memory to Mary's Place by the Sea: <https://www.marysplacebythesea.org/make-an-impact/donate-now>. Erin attended a weekend retreat there in 2024 and it had a very powerful and positive impact on her. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: [www.DelehantyFuneral.com](http://www.DelehantyFuneral.com).

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### Christine A. Blake



Christine Ann Blake, a longtime Wappingers Falls resident, passed away peacefully on March 15, 2026, at The Hospice House in Hyde Park, NY with her daughter by her side, after a brief courageous fight with cancer. She was born on March 28, 1954, in Poughkeepsie, NY, she was the daughter of Jerry and Blenda Ranalli of Wappingers Falls, NY; she was predeceased by both of her parents, as well as her brother, David Ranalli of Wappingers Falls.

Christine was a 1972 graduate of Roy C. Ketcham High School in Wappingers Falls, NY. On August 30th, 1975, she married her love, Ron Blake, who predeceased her in March 2024. Christine previously worked at Central Hudson Gas and Electric Company, and at Wappingers Junior High School until her retirement.

Christine is survived by her daughter, Jennifer Alvarez and her granddaughter, Izabella Alvarez of Wappingers Falls, NY.

Her family would like to thank the dedicated staff at The Hospice House for the wonderful care they provided to Christine during this difficult time. The family wishes for memorial contributions to be made in Christine's memory to Hudson Valley Hospice, 80 Washington Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 or visit: [www.hvhospice.org/donate-now/#Donate](http://www.hvhospice.org/donate-now/#Donate).

There will be no services keeping with her wishes. She will be laid to rest along with her husband in the mausoleum at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, New York. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: [www.DelehantyFuneral.com](http://www.DelehantyFuneral.com).

### Eileen B. Fusaro



Eileen B. Fusaro, a life-long resident of Wappingers Falls, NY, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on March 21, 2026, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie; at the age of 74. She was born in Poughkeepsie, NY on August 24, 1951, daughter of the late Michael & Catherine (Connolly) Barry.

On September 16, 1972, at the Church of St. Mary in Wappingers Falls, she married John D. Fusaro, who predeceased her after 45-years of marriage on March 1, 2018.

Eileen worked as a registered nurse for many years at various health care facilities, until she retired.

Eileen was a life-long communicant of St. Mary's Church in Wappingers Falls; she faithfully attended Daily Mass and always prayed with the Rosary. She was a member

of the Legion of Mary; she also taught religious education (CCD) at St. Mary's for many years. Her hobbies were very much her Faith, she loved her Catholic Faith and her Church. Most important to her was her family, especially spending time with her grandchildren whom she cherished dearly.

Eileen is survived by her four children: Matthew J. Fusaro, Jean Marie Glover, John M. (Sharon) Fusaro and Allison Fusaro; her five grandchildren, Alexandria, Isabella, Abigail, Jacob and Mikayla. She is also survived by her 4 brothers, Stephen, Joseph, Daniel and John Barry; her 6 sisters, Alice Hogan, Kathleen Boucher, Jean Barry, Patricia McKinney, Mary Vallo and Christine Oliveri.

Along with her husband and parents, Eileen was predeceased by her 4 brothers and 1 sister. Her Family received Friends on Tuesday, March 24th at DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main St., Wappingers Falls, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10AM, Wednesday, March 25th at the Church of St. Mary, 11 Clinton St., Wappingers Falls, followed by interment in St. Mary's Parish Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, her family wishes for memorial donations be made in Eileen's memory to the Birthright of Dutchess County, 769 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: [www.DelehantyFuneral.com](http://www.DelehantyFuneral.com).

## Local cardiologist to lead 2026 Heart Walk and Hudson Valley push for CPR readiness

HUDSON VALLEY – According to the American Heart Association, 9 in 10 people who suffer cardiac arrest outside of the hospital die and more than half don't receive bystander CPR. CPR – especially if performed immediately – can double or triple a person's chance of survival. To help improve cardiac arrest outcomes in Hudson Valley, Ali Hammoud, M.D., a cardiologist at Nuvance Health, part of Northwell Health, is chairing the 2026 Hudson Valley Heart Walk, leading a year-round effort to rally companies and community members to raise critical funds and expand CPR education. Dr. Hammoud also chaired the 2025 Hudson Valley Heart Walk.

The Heart Walk will take place on April 25, 2026, at Mount Saint Mary College, 330 Powell Avenue, in Newburgh. Participants will walk in celebration of local survivors and the lifesaving progress made in Hudson Valley. Companies interested in participating can contact local Heart Walk Director Valerie Ubriaco at [Valerie.Ubriaco@heart.org](mailto:Valerie.Ubriaco@heart.org). Learn more and register at [www.heart.org/hudsonvalleyheartwalk](http://www.heart.org/hudsonvalleyheartwalk).

Heart Walk is the largest community-facing initiative of the American Heart Association, a relentless force changing the future of health for everyone everywhere. Through fundraising, community education and corporate engagement, Heart Walk aims to make CPR education and training more accessible, fund vital research and drive equitable health for all. Under Hammoud's leadership, top

executives in the Hudson Valley will work to recruit other organizations to join the local Heart Walk campaign and help build a community of lifesavers.

According to the Heart Association's 2024 CPR Perceptions Survey, 39% of people – or approximately 103 million U.S. adults – now feel "extremely confident" or "very confident" they could correctly perform CPR, up from 33% in 2021. That's roughly 17.7 million more adults who are highly confident in their ability to conduct CPR, yet 61% still lack high confidence to act in a cardiac emergency.

"While we're extremely proud of the progress that's been made over the last several years, our work is far from over," said Amy Young, executive director for the American Heart Association – Hudson Valley. "Dr. Hammoud's commitment to making the Hudson Valley a safer, stronger community is proof he's the right person for the role. We're looking forward to seeing incredible results from this year's Heart Walk campaign and hope the community will join us in making it a success."

The Heart Association is a global leader in resuscitation science, education and training, and the official publisher of CPR guidelines. Through the Nation of Lifesavers™ movement, the Association is working to ensure that more people are ready to perform CPR and be a vital link in the chain of survival, supporting its goal of doubling the survival rate from out-of-hospital cardiac arrests by 2030. Connect on [heart.org](http://heart.org), Facebook, X or by calling 1-800-AHA-USA1.

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The deadline to apply is Tuesday, April

21 at 11:59 p.m.

The application and complete program information are available at: <https://www.artsmidhudson.org/dutchess-partners-in-the-arts>.

An Information Session will be held to provide an overview of the Dutchess Partners in the Arts program and the application process. In addition, several Zoom Q&A sessions will be offered throughout the application period, providing an informal opportunity for prospective applicants to ask questions and hear questions from other applicants.

Arts Mid-Hudson states it provides comprehensive support for applicants to the Dutchess Partners in the Arts program. Applicants are encouraged to attend or view the Info Session, participate in a Zoom Q&A session, and/or schedule a one-on-one appointment with the Grants & Programs Manager to discuss their project ideas.

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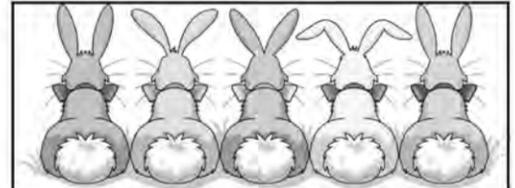
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-Courtesy photo

The Poughkeepsie Children's Book Festival is set Saturday, March 28 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Falcon Hall at Dutchess Community College, Falcon Hall. It's free to attend and no registration is required.

This is an opportunity to meet and greet authors and illustrators (covering reading ages from preschool to Young Adult), take your picture with your favorite costumed book characters, and have fun with hands-on activities. Books will be available to purchase, and to have signed by the authors and illustrators who made them.

Free parking is available in Lot A (30 Mascot Dr.) or Lot D (95 Cottage Rd.)

This year, over 100 children's book authors and illustrators will be on hand for you to meet, purchase books, and have them signed.

Take some photos with one or more costumed book characters. This year's characters include Biscuit ("Biscuit" series), Paddington Bear, Red Crayon ("The Day the Crayons Quit"), Bad Kitty\* ("Bad Kitty" series), and the library's own Rover.

Each child, 17 and under, will receive one free book voucher (valued at \$15) upon entry into the Book Festival. Book Vouchers are made possible by the generosity of the Friends of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District.

The Poughkeepsie Children's Book Festival is made possible with support from: Poughkeepsie Public Library Friends, Dutchess Community College and Merritt Bookstore in Millbrook.

## this week's puzzle solutions

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Sudoku solution

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#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS- RFB-DCH-2026-02

NAME OF PROJECT: Sidewalk Improvements on Maple Avenue (CR-62), Village of Millerton, NY

Project Description: INSTALLATION OF ADA COMPLIANT SIDEWALKS, PEDESTRIAN CURB RAMPS, PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS, SINAGE AND CROSSWALK STRIPING ALONG MAPLE AVENUE (CR62). NO UTILITY POLE RELOCATIONS WILL BE REQUIRED.

The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities." For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public Works at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess

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Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above-mentioned address. All Addenda will be posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids for the above project will be received by: Lorraine Grant, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 on or before 11:00AM Tuesday, April 7, 2026, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be attended through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud via Teams will need to call into the phone number listed below. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All calls will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 337 194 504# Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount.

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Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery.

Questions will be accepted by the close of business Friday March 27, 2026 and emailed to Lorraine Grant at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date.

The anticipated start of construction is May 15, 2026; the anticipated substantial completion date is October 9, 2026. Failure to meet these dates may result in liquidated damages. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC# 2026000257. Starting December 30, 2024: NYSDOL Contractor and Subcontractor registry requirements. View Bid Specifications regarding Apprenticeship Program, if applicable. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS- RFB-DCB-2026-06 \*\*NOTE\*\* CORRECTION FOR BID: BONDS NOT REQUIRED FOR BID SUBMISSION AS ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED. NAME OF PROJECT: Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Concrete In-Place Project Description: This project

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involves the furnishing and installing of hot mix asphalt (HMA) concrete overlays, shoulder back-up material, providing pavement milling services, traffic control services and providing other incidental services associated with installation of asphalt concrete overlays. These services will typically be used for highway and parking lot construction, reconstruction and/or repair. However, other similar projects could also be undertaken using these services. The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities." For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public Works at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. All Addenda will be posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids due on or before 11:00 AM, Wednesday, April 15, 2026, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids for the above project will be received by: Caroline A. Miller, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike, 1st Floor Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be attended through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud via Teams, will need to call into the phone number listed below. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All calls will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 395 648 899# Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy. Each bid shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Questions will be accepted by the close of

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business Wednesday, April 8, 2026 and emailed to Caroline Miller at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. The "Anticipated Start of Construction" is May 1, 2026, and the "Anticipated Completion Date", is December 31, 2026. This RFB may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #2026007025. IMPORTANT: Starting December 30, 2024: NYSDOL Contractor and Sub-Contractor Registry Requirements. View Bid Specifications regarding the APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

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#### REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-11-26 Water Laboratory Services Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 8th day of April 2026 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website http://www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

#### REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-47-26 Rental of Tents, Tables, Chairs and Other Items for County Events Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 7th day of April 2026 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website http://www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

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#### REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-03-26 Service of Vehicle Fire Suppression Systems for Dutchess County Public Transit Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 6th day of April 2026 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website http://www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

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## Suguru

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## THEME: SUPERHEROES

### ACROSS

1. Abbreviation, abbr.
5. Corvine bird's sound
8. Aquarium dweller
12. Sandwich shop
13. Half human, half cobra in Hinduism
14. Blatant
15. Don't go
16. \*Tony Stark, a.k.a. \_\_\_\_ Man
17. High-quality black tea
18. \*Leader of Guardians of the Galaxy
20. Research facil.
21. Words to live by
22. Leo month
23. \_\_\_\_ Tree National Park
26. Period between linked activities (2 words)
30. Not safe in baseball
31. Drunk's speech?
34. Sitar music
35. Doughy snack of Jewish origin
37. Rage
38. Seize a throne
39. Common hosiery shade
40. Nom de guerre
42. "Wow!"
43. What emergency workers do
45. Choice word
47. Young newt
48. Passport stamps
50. Vomit
52. \*Doctor Doom's frequent ally (2 words)
55. Deserved consequence
56. One of Great Lakes
57. Iranian money
59. Like Vitruvian Man, e.g.
60. Prima donnas' problems
61. Author Murdoch
62. Like Regina George
63. "\_\_\_\_ My People Go"
64. \*Sandman can transform his body into this

### DOWN

1. Pop-ups, e.g.
2. Risky business, pl.
3. Cry plaintively
4. Capital of Saudi Arabia
5. Billiards bounce
6. Ancient Greek marketplace
7. Diagon Alley purchase
8. \*Captain America's team
9. Albanian monetary units
10. Small cave
11. What Pac-Man did to strawberry
13. Largest Asian antelope
14. Poppy seed derivative
19. Just outside a fairway
22. Inflation matter
23. \*Batman's arch-nemesis
24. 1/16th of a pound
25. Not shakes, as in bartender
26. \*\_\_\_\_ Titans, cyborgs' team
27. L in LOL
28. Acquiesce
29. Rubbernecker
32. Tough spot
33. \*Leonardo to Michelangelo
36. \*One from Krypton
38. Inuit skin boat
40. \*Size-changing \_\_\_\_-Man
41. Yeses, alt. sp.
44. Butcher's refuse
46. Trouble, in Yiddish
48. Threshold
49. "Complete \_\_\_\_'s Guides"
50. Bid, past tense
51. Particular region
52. Comes on a rod
53. Turkish currency
54. Been in bed
55. \*\_\_\_\_ Possible
58. Lysergic acid derivative, acr.

## CROSSWORD

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# Howland Chamber Music Circle to present Galvin Cello Quartet on March 29

The Howland Chamber Music Circle (HCMC) will continue its 2025-2026 Chamber Series with the Galvin Cello Quartet. The quartet will perform at the Howland Cultural Center on Sunday, March 29, at 4 pm. Following the concert, audience members can meet the musicians and enjoy complimentary refreshments. All ticket holders are invited to the reception. To purchase a ticket, visit [www.howlandmusic.org](http://www.howlandmusic.org). The Howland Cultural Center is at 477 Main Street in Beacon.

The Galvin Cello Quartet burst onto the scene after capturing the Silver Medal at the 2021 Fischhoff Competition. Riding on that momentum, Galvin joined the Concert Artists Guild roster. With members from Brazil, South Korea, and the United States, the Quartet takes its name from the Galvin Recital Hall at Northwestern University's Bienen School of Music, where three of its members – Sydney Lee, Haddon Kay, and Luiz Fernando Venturelli – met as students of acclaimed pedagogue Hans Jørgen Jensen. In June 2024, the Quartet wel-

comed James Baik, another former student of Jensen, as their newest member. Each member is also a notable soloist, performing with leading orchestras. HCMC is delighted to present these rising stars; this will be HCMC's Founders Concert, in honor of the legacy of Gwen and Bill Stevens who did so much to foster the careers of young musicians.

At HCMC, the Galvin Cello Quartet (known as GCQ) will start with two familiar pieces, each arranged for cello quartet by Blaise Jardin, himself the founder of a cello quartet: Debussy's *Reverie*; and Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*. Their repertoire will include two pieces that GCQ arranged: Beethoven's *Sonata Pathetique*, and Gershwin's *Three Preludes*. They will also play two Brazilian pieces — one composed for GCQ, the other arranged by the Brazilian-born member of GCQ. And they will perform an arrangement for cello quartet of Schumann's *Scenes from Childhood*.

HCMC offers tickets at prices to include music lovers who may have been unable to



The Galvin Cello Quartet will perform on March 29 in Beacon.

-Courtesy photo

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.

## Poughkeepsie church to present Living 'Last Supper'



Leonardo DaVinci's painting comes to life on Holy Thursday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m., at The Reformed Church, 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie. Come watch the Apostles wrestle with Christ's fate and their lingering questions of the Messiah's purpose. Free will offering. For more information, email [info@poughkeepsiereformedchurch.com](mailto:info@poughkeepsiereformedchurch.com), visit [www.poughkeepsiereformedchurch.com](http://www.poughkeepsiereformedchurch.com), or call The Reformed Church at (845) 452-8110.

-Courtesy photo

## Skyllkill Quilt Show set for April 1

Skyllkill's Quilt Show will take place at the Freedom Plains Presbyterian Church, 1168 Rte. 55, Lagrangeville on April 1. Skyllkill, a local chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America, presents a quilt show by chapter members who are also quilters as well as embroiderers. The pro-

gram starts at 12:30 p.m. Join other needleworkers for learning at 10 a.m. or, come for this program only.

For more information visit [www.facebook.com/SkyllkillEGA](http://www.facebook.com/SkyllkillEGA) or email to [EGASkyllkill@gmail.com](mailto:EGASkyllkill@gmail.com).

## Helen Crohn Art Exhibit at Grinnell Library in Wappingers Falls



Helen Crohn's artwork will be on exhibit at Grinnell Library in Wappingers Falls throughout the month of April.

-Courtesy image

Helen Crohn was born and raised in Manhattan and has lived in Beacon for eight years.

Since 1972, she was a clinical social worker specializing in couples & families. She studied art at the High School of Music and Art (NYC), Pratt Institute (Brooklyn, NY), and R.I.T. (Rochester NY). Her social work education was at Bryn Mawr SSW (Bryn Mawr, PA) MSS (1972) and Adelphi University SSW, Garden City, NY (DSW, 2005). She taught at the Fordham University Graduate School of Social Work from 2006 to 2021.

Helen has studied with various teachers in the Hudson Valley and began painting in 2019 after a long hiatus. She bases her painting on personal experience, childhood memories, effects on her family as refugees from Europe during the period 1933-1945, and the beauty witnessed during her global travel. Her use of color is heavily influ-

enced by travels through Europe, China and Central America especially the colors, textures and culture of Mexico and Guatemala. With a dash of realism, her style is closest to expressionism.

Helen was married to painter Stan Lindwasser for over 40 years. She has three adult children and three grandchildren. Helen lives with Rembrandt and Raphael, her outstanding and funny pooches named after the Renaissance masters.

Recent showings include Art in The Loft at the Millbrook Winery (2025); Thursday Painters at the Beacon Public Library (2025, 2024). Beacon Open Studios (2022-2025). Her work is shown on her website, [www.hcrohnartworks.com](http://www.hcrohnartworks.com).

Helen Crohn's work will be on display throughout April. For more information, contact the library at 845-297-3428. Grinnell Library is at 2642 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls.

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