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Renegades season comes to an end

By Rich Thomaselli

The season is over for the Hudson Valley Renegades.

And much of it has to do with the constant turnover in the second half of the season at this level of minor league baseball.

The Renegades lost in two straight games in the best of three South Atlantic League finals against the Greenville Drive. Hudson Valley was shut out in the first game, 2-0, on Sunday. And on Tuesday, the team lost the second game 7-3.

That final series summed up the season for the Renegades.

The team made the playoffs by winning the North Division of the South Atlantic League in the first half of the split season. But the constant roster changes in the second half upset the chemistry. Hudson Valley had nearly 40 roster moves during the year. It's a catch 22: There is joy because most of them are being promoted to the next level as they chase their dream to get to the major leagues, and there is sadness about their departure.

"I've said it before and I'll say it again," manager Sergio Santos said. "Ultimately, our job as coaches is in player development and getting them to the next level."

Hitting was inconsistent, however. There were games when Hudson Valley would struggle to score a run; there were days when the team would score in double figures. But that's less about talent and more about taking key players out of the lineup.

For instance, half the roster at Double AA Scranton is made up of former Hudson Valley Renegades players.

And there are numerous success stories. Shortstop Anthony Volpe played less than half a season in Hudson Valley two years ago, and was the starter for the New York Yankees when they opened the season in April. Outfielder Jasson Dominguez, who played a handful of games with the Renegades last year, was one of the September call-ups to the Yankees and hit a home run off three-time Cy Young Award winner Justin Verlander in his first at-bat at the age of 20.

That Hudson Valley made it to the league championship series is still a testament to how much talent is in the organization.

Harvest Fest at Stony Kill to include live music, crafts, agricultural demonstrations September 30

By Kristine Coulter

The annual Harvest Fest at Stony Kill Farm returns on September 30, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. There will be food and music for attendees to enjoy. The rain date is October 1.

Kim Pennock, the volunteer and outreach manager for Stony Kill, said, "Attendees can expect to enjoy hands-on interactions with animals, agricultural demonstrations, kids' crafts, live music, delicious food, historical tours, hayrides and a handful of local artisans. This is a relaxed community event celebrating the local community and the beauty, history and importance of Stony Kill Farm."

Asked about previous feedback from other events, Pennock said, "This year we will have sheep showmanship demonstrations by the Stony Ground 4-H club in addition to draft horse and oxen demonstrations."

The event draws between 1,000 – 1,500 attendees to this annual festival, remarked Pennock.

According to organizers, "Harvest Fest 2023 offers activities for visitors of all ages, including always-popular hayrides, visits with farm animals (including special guest livestock), craft vendors, artisan demos, hands-on crafting, and much more. The festival also features live music, guided tours of the 18th-century Verplanck Tenant Farmhouse, a hay bale play area, beekeeping 101 info, and merch from the Stony Kill Foundation



The annual Harvest Fest will be held at Stony Kill Farm, 79 Farmstead Lane, in Wappingers Falls on September 30.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

pop-up shop."

The Verplanck Garden Club will offer homemade soups. There will be homemade baked goods available from the Stony Ground 4-H Club.

Admission and parking to the Fest is

free. There is a suggested donation of \$5, which will help support farm operations and education programs offered year-round by the not-for-profit Stony Kill Foundation.

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Handcrafted Octoberfest at Fairgrounds is a 'Family Harvest Celebration'

By Rich Thomaselli

The new month is just days away. And you know what that means. Octoberfest.

A lot of communities have them, but one of the best, and most unique, is Handcrafted Octoberfest at Rhinebeck: A Family Harvest Celebration.

Produced by Quail Hollow events, this is the fourth annual festival. It will be held on Saturday, September 30, and Sunday, October 1, at the Fairgrounds. It is being billed as a reimagined Octoberfest.

Says Ola Rubinstein, director of Quail Hollow Events, in a statement, "Handcrafted Octoberfest champions the craft, training and story behind each object and attraction. Featuring works of art and craft, but also gourmet specialty foods, local wine and spirits, and agricultural marvels, this celebration highlights the idea of small-batch and hand-spun, with lots of harvest fun for all ages on the side."

In addition to the food and drink, there will also be seasonal grub, a beer garden, live musical performances, horse-drawn carriage rides, master pumpkin carving, and a family art and crafts area (with children's programming and creative free play).

The Fairground open at 10 a.m. for the event on both days. Admission is \$13 for



The "Great Scott" Giant Pumpkins by Tony Scott are one of the attractions at Handcrafted Octoberfest.

-Courtesy photo

adults, \$11 for senior citizens, and \$6 for children, ages 6 through 16. Children ages 5 and under are free. The tickets are good for both days, so if you want to come on Saturday and go back on Sunday, you can.

This event provides visitors the rare opportunity to browse one-of-a-kind handmade goods (created by 100+ juried

exhibitors in more than 10 media categories), before hopping on a horse-drawn carriage ride, visiting a petting zoo, dancing to live music, and witnessing a weigh-in for what may be the state's largest pumpkin.

Because of the many indoor spaces at the Fairgrounds, the event will be held rain or shine.

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-Photo by Kristine Coulter

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Stony Kill Farm is at 79 Farmstead Lane (Route 9D) in Wappingers Falls. Visitors can walk from the parking area,

said organizers, along the farm lane to the festival site, or hop aboard one of the hayride shuttles.
For updates, additional information, or to become a Harvest Fest sponsor, visit stonykill.org/harvestfest.

EXIT Realty announces new team members

EXIT Realty Connections announced that Francia Exis-Simon, Kimberly Jimenez and Sheila Soriano have joined its growing team of dedicated real estate sales professionals.
EXIT Realty Connections, located at

2790 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls, is a member of EXIT Realty New York Metro's rapidly expanding network of independently owned and operated brokerages across the region.

Jacobson announces \$15,000 for ADA compliant desks for Howland Public Library



Assemblymember Jacobson and Howland Public Library Acting Library Director Kristin Charles-Scaringi. The library recently received \$15,000 for ADA compliant desks.

-Courtesy photo

Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson (D-104) announced \$15,000 in funding for the City of Beacon’s Howland Public Library, enabling the purchase of ADA compliant desks.
Jacobson said, “The Howland Public Library is located in the heart of the City’s Main Street in a former five-and-dime building, so the staff has to be creative about how to arrange the space to serve the needs of Beacon’s vibrant community. Their old desks were designed for a pre-

digital area and lacked adequate space for computer terminals. The new ADA compliant desks are bigger but also on wheels, which makes them easier to move.”
Kristin Charles-Scaringi, Acting Library Director said, “We are incredibly grateful to Assemblymember Jacobson for securing funding for our new desks. Our staff can continue to provide great service to those who visit the library, now in a more accessible and adaptable way.”

BCSD changes Columbus Day holiday name on school calendar to Indigenous Peoples’ and Italian-American Heritage Day

The Beacon City School District Board of Education voted to have the name of Columbus Day holiday changed to Indigenous Peoples’ and Italian-American Heritage Day on the school calendar. The vote was taken during the Board’s recent meeting.
“The board agreed to take up this issued after a community member brought it to us as a concern,” Meredith Heuer, BOE president, told Beacon Free Press. “We received a little over 100 emails from

community members and students sharing their opinions on the issue.”
Heuer noted: “So far we have received only positive feedback on the decision to change the name but I am aware that not everyone will be pleased with the change.”
Heuer said she is “proud of the board for taking on a difficult issue and being able to remain civil and respectful throughout our discussions.”

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New outdoor archery range at Bowdoin Park



The new archery range at Bowdoin Park doubles participant capacity with space for 20 people to take part per session. The range features a covered firing line and storage shed for equipment. It is located adjacent to Pavilion 4 and features an accessible sidewalk and parking area, making the program easy to access for participants of all abilities.

The Dutchess County Parks’ Weekend Archery program kicked off on September 16 at Bowdoin Park’s new outdoor archery range. The range, which was completed this summer with funds received through the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Fund, expands capacity for the popular program held every spring and fall as part of Parks’ Naturalist Programming schedule.

Dutchess County Executive William F.X. O’Neil said, “We’re excited to welcome program participants to the new outdoor archery range! For nearly two decades, this program has been a way for residents, young and old, to try the sport of archery in a safe way. We’re excited to celebrate this newest improvement at Bowdoin Park and remain committed to offering dynamic, educational, and fun programming for everyone.”

Weekend Archery has been part of the Parks Naturalist Programming for 14

years, with more than 4,000 participants over the years. Each year, registration for the popular program fills up quickly – often reaching capacity within 24 hours of sign-up opening. The new range doubles participants capacity with space for 20 people to take part per session. The range features a covered firing line and storage shed for equipment. It is located adjacent to Pavilion 4 and features an accessible sidewalk and parking area, making the program easy to access for participants of all abilities.

The new range is currently only available for use by the Naturalist Program participants. Dutchess County Parks plans for expanded public use in 2024.

For more information on Parks Naturalist Programming, including Weekend Archery and programs for school and scouting groups, call 845-298-4602 or visit DutchessNY.Gov/ParksEducation.



Dutchess County Parks’ Weekend Archery program kicked off at Bowdoin Park’s new outdoor archery range with a ribbon cutting celebration on September 16. -Courtesy photos



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DCSPCA’s ‘Mutt Gala’ set Sept. 28

On September 28, Dutchess County SPCA invites animal lovers to come celebrate the animals of Dutchess County and the people who work tirelessly to give them better lives at The Mutt Gala. Guests are invited to find their inner style icon all in the name of helping animals.

DCSPCA’s 2023 gala will be held at the glamorous Revel 32° venue in Poughkeepsie and honor local resident and celebrated fashion designer John Bartlett, a vocal animal advocate who uses fashion as a channel for promoting animal welfare.

At the gala, DCSPCA will also honor

those who donate their time to help the animals of Dutchess County with the Volunteer of the Year Award.

The event promises a gourmet plant-based menu, an open bar, and extensive silent auction featuring prizes including a luxurious stay in Saint Martin; designer accessories such as a Gucci scarf and Chloé sunglasses; and a dinner for two at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park.

This year’s celebrity guest emcees are illusionist Ryan Dutcher and radio personality Annie Leamy. Ticket sales and the silent auction are available at: onecau.se/themuttgala2023.



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Public forum about recycling October 9 in Poughkeepsie

To the Editor:

Put Monday Oct. 9th 6 p.m. on your calendar-- Neil Seldman, Director of the Recycling Cornucopia Project for Zero Waste USA, will be speaking at our public forum-- “How Dutchess County Can Transition from Incineration Towards Zero Waste, Saving Tax Dollars, Creating Green Jobs with Cleaner Air” at Rockefeller Hall Room 300 at Vassar College at 124 Raymond Avenue in Poughkeepsie.

This event is cosponsored by Zero Waste Dutchess, Zero Waste USA, WHVW 950 AM/96.5 FM, Concerned Citizens of Dover, Dutchess Greens, Working Class Dutchess, Westchester Alliance for Sustainable Solutions, and Zero Waste Warren County; we are indebted as well to the Environmental Studies Program Director at Vassar College for finding this space for us as well.

The Dutchess incinerator in Poughkeepsie emits 100,000 tons of global warming pollution in CO2 equivalents annually along with seven pounds of mercury-- enough to poison 3100 lakes of 20-acre size to make the fish too contaminated to eat (BeyondBurning.org)-- unacceptable.

The recently approved Solid Waste Management Plan for Dutchess admits the county incinerator is falling apart and will soon need millions of dollars in new pollution controls.

There's another way-- Seldman co-authored the cost-saving, zero-waste plan for Montgomery County (MD) that weans the county away from incineration-- with recycling/composting/reuse.

Seldman is also working with Warren County and Replenish.com to save hundreds of thousands of dollars annually baling recyclables locally-- Dutchess could save half a million dollars annually this way.

Join Zero Waste Dutchess on Facebook; contact zerowastedutchess@gmail.com or 845-876-2488 to get involved.

Judy Malstrom
CoDirector, Zero Waste Dutchess
Staatsburg

Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, Inc. announces Rebeca Ramirez as Community & Visitor Relations Manager

Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, Inc. (HHFT) is announced that Rebeca Ramirez has joined the organization as Community & Visitor Relations Manager.

With more than twenty years of experience in the nonprofit space, and as a former Main Street, Cold Spring business owner, Ramirez brings these valuable perspectives, as well as her perspectives as a Village resident; parent of a school-aged child; avid trail user; and “complete streets” advocate, to HHFT’s growing team.

As Community & Visitor Relations Manager, Ramirez will collaborate with local groups and individuals to continue fostering community involvement and engagement in Fjord Trail planning, nurture the organization’s burgeoning network of volunteers, and develop interpretive and public programs for the Fjord Trail that will help bring to life the historical, natural, cultural, artistic, and educational stories of the region.

“For over a century, our roads have

been designed for motorized vehicles; Route 9D is no exception. As we look to the future, the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail will demonstrate how intentional infrastructure can provide imaginative alternatives that allow pedestrians, cyclists—and all who wish to enjoy this landscape—to move through it safely. I am thrilled to be part of this bold project and look forward to continue building upon partnership, collaboration, and community engagement.”

Ramirez currently sits on the board of the Fullerton Center in Newburgh, and is a member of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee at Haldane School District. Prior to joining HHFT, she was a member of the ad-hoc Parking Committee for the Village of Cold Spring, the Co-Chair of the Trolley Committee for the Chamber of Commerce of Cold Spring, and the Co-Chair of the Philipstown Trails Committee.

Dutchess Community College will mark Hispanic Heritage Month with events highlighting Latinx history and culture, including dance and art workshops, lectures, film screenings and musical performances, scheduled from September 20 –until October 26. All events are free and open to the public.

The lineup kicks off with a talk by Ileana Jiménez and Darielle Fernandez. Ileana Jiménez is a queer Latina feminist teacher-activist. For over 25 years, she has taught intersectional feminist pedagogies and curricula to high school and graduate students as well as teachers nationally and globally. Darielle Fernandez (she/they) is an Afro-LatinX Trans-Femme who works to bring healing justice spaces to the hood and its most marginalized communities. She is a sex educator, an artist, a healer, a facilitator, and a new graduate from Columbia University with a degree in African-American Studies and Education.

Put on your dancing shoes and learn some Afro-Cuban moves on October 3 with Dancer/Choreographer/Educator/Musician Argelia Arreola. She holds a Bachelor’s in Contemporary Dance from Universidad Veracruzana, Mexico. Formally trained in traditional African Dance of Guinea for 18 years, Argelia has taught dance workshops for more than 17 years in Mexico, the United States, and Costa Rica. This workshop is open to all levels; no experience necessary. Wear comfortable clothes.

Another highlight of Hispanic Heritage Month is a musical performance on October 17 by Caña Dulce Caña Brava. Come enjoy contemporary versions of the son jarocho musical tradition from the Veracruz region of Mexico. This group presents exclusively feminine voices, opening a new facet within this musical movement.

On October 19, Janis Astor del Valle, an award-winning writer, performer and filmmaker of Puerto Rican origins, will read a selection of her writings. Her work promotes understanding of LGBT issues and cultural diversity. She is a member of the Actors Studio’s Playwright/Director’s Workshop, and has served as an assistant professor in the Practice of Arts Management and Entrepreneurship at SUNY Purchase since 2013.

A full list of in-person and livestreamed events can be found on the DCC website.

DCC celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month with numerous events

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Spirit of Beacon Day now October 1

Spirit of Beacon Day is now October 1 from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. with the parade at 1 p.m. Spirit of Beacon Day was postponed due to heavy rains.

It was posted on the Spirit of Beacon Day’s Facebook page, in part: “We hope you can continue to join us next Sunday. Thank you to the enthusiasm of Beaconites who were digging in to attend in the rain and voiced their support. Please share with your friends to get the word out.”

The parade line up is at Polhill Park, across 9D from Municipal Plaza. Go to www.spiritofbeacon.org for more info.

SEEKING VETERANS AND THEIR STORIES

Attention Veterans: Do you have a compelling story you'd like to share with our readers? We would like to highlight stories from veterans of post-Vietnam conflicts (Gulf War, Iraq War, etc.) for our annual Veterans Day special section.

Contact Jim Donick at jpd@sutchessnews.com by October 11 for more information.

Dutchess County awards \$1 million in grants

Grants totaling \$1 million have been awarded for six projects through the Dutchess County Agency Partner Grant (APG): Infrastructure Program. The special funding was allocated by the Dutchess County Legislature in the 2023 Dutchess County Budget to provide support to agencies currently funded through the traditional APG program to implement capital infrastructure initiatives. The APG: Infrastructure Program awards have been given to local 501(c)(3) non-profit agencies to implement capital and/or operating infrastructure initiatives, providing resources that allow them to address service gaps and needs throughout Dutchess County.

The special funding was allocated by the Dutchess County Legislature in the 2023 Dutchess County Budget to provide support to agencies currently funded through the traditional capital infrastructure initiatives.

County Executive William F.X. O’Neil said, “These grants will support these community partner agencies to make critical infrastructure improvements. We are grateful to the County Legislature for allocating this one-time funding to help these agencies make investments that can have a positive impact on those directly served through their programming.”

Projects awarded Agency Partner Grant: Infrastructure funding include:

Community Based Services, Inc. – \$130,000 to renovate the main barn at Cultivating Dreams Farm, a 10-acre satellite facility located in the Town of Beekman; the project will include full weatherization and installation of heating and cooling systems in the barn, which will allow for year-round indoor programming for individuals with special needs.

Dutchess Outreach, Inc. – \$28,000 for equipment purchases, including a “grab-and-go” cooler, shed and hoop house-style greenhouse to expand access to local produce and healthy food options for low-income, food-insecure individuals and families throughout

Dutchess County.

Exodus Transitional Community, Inc. – \$44,100 to replace the roof and gutters on the organization’s two-family house, which is used to provide community-based, re-entry services and transitional housing for individuals affected by the justice system.

Family Services, Inc. – \$523,621 for the continuation of safety and accessibility improvements at the Family Partnership Center in the City of Poughkeepsie, including renovations to the sidewalks and driveway, replacement of doors and windows, improvements to signage and wayfinding, and requisite finish upgrades to common area corridors. Rehabilitation and enhancements to the facility will provide long-term stability to numerous local human service organizations that regularly use the building for programming and events.

Poughkeepsie Farm Project, Inc. – \$24,279 to support accessibility and inclusivity upgrades throughout the farm, including the creation and installation of bilingual directional and educational signage, as well as an outdoor mural-style welcome sign.

The Art Effect – \$250,000 for the continued construction build-out of The Trolley Barn, which hosts youth-led exhibitions and performances showcasing students’ artwork, including renovations to several areas of the building to be used for studio space, galleries, administrative offices, and event support. Renovations to the building will allow the organization to fulfill its mission of empowering young people to develop their creative voice to shape their futures and bring about positive social change.

The APG: Infrastructure Program provided funding opportunities for Dutchess County non-profit organizations with a 501(c)(3) designation. Funding was awarded to organizations on a competitive basis, based on the ability to demonstrate a capital and/or operating infrastructure project need which will provide organizations with the resources needed to fulfill community needs.

Students promoted during Traditional Okinawan Karate’s Fall Shiai



Students from Traditional Okinawan Karate were promoted during the fall Shiai which was recently held at the New Paltz Karate Academy.

-Courtesy photo

Helping people achieve is a community effort. That community, and the subsequent achievements were on full display at New Paltz Karate Academy’s fall Shiai.

The event, held in the Lenape Elementary gymnasium on September 9, drew students from five locations, plus their families and friends. The event included students from New Paltz Karate, and Traditional Okinawan Karate schools in Pleasant Valley, East Fishkill, Brooklyn and Kinnelon, N.J. The Shiai is a semiannual event and an opportunity for the students to come together and demonstrate their skills for families and friends.

The event began with a moment of silence for Mr. Jenkins, a martial artist and teacher who made great contributions to Isshin Ryu Karate, the traditional Okinawan style that New Paltz Karate Academy teaches. Mark Murphy, a student, sang the national anthem.

Over the next hour, groups of students performed self-defense demonstrations and kata (martial arts forms).

The final segment of the shiai was the promotion of the students who had been tested earlier in the day. The highest promotions were those at black-belt level:

Junior Black Belt: Lillianna Aiello, Elizabeth Bair, Sahana Cherian, Saniya Cherian, Elizabeth Edattel, Hunter Useche

Shodan (First degree black belt): Elizabeth Buley, Natalie Buley, Jeffrey Burdian, Sienna Engasser, Peter Frank, Hudson Gould, Carol Kocotos, Sean McClafferty, Catherine Miller, Frank Useche

Nidan (Second degree black belt): Joel Dampf, Natalya Jemison, Traci Larson, Julian Maerowitz, Ryan O’Shea, Phillip Ouma, Mark Sidnam, Kaitlyn Weinerman, Brian Wolf

Sandan (Third Degree black belt): Alexi Levitz

Yodan (Fourth Degree black belt): Gina Tauro

Following the shiai was a large potluck dinner. Students, family and friends ate, drank and congratulated those who had just been promoted.

Traditional Okinawan Karate has Dutchess County locations in Pleasant Valley and East Fishkill. They can be reached at 845-635-1426 (Pleasant Valley) or 845-797-2258 (East Fishkill).

Mediation Center to celebrate 40 years with reception, awards ceremony

The Mediation Center of Dutchess County will celebrate its 40th anniversary on Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 6 p.m., at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel. Guest host is the Hon. Albert M. Rosenblatt.

The event will honor New York State Court Officers Jermaine Dublin, Poughkeepsie City Court, Darryl Peterson, DC Family Court; Denise Quiles, DC Supreme Court, Robert

(Bobby) Smrcka, Beacon City Court; and Rowell Williams, Poughkeepsie City Court.

The Cocktail Reception & Awards Ceremony includes served dessert, open bar from 6 to 7:30 p.m., followed by the Awards Ceremony.

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Each 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.

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

ACROSS

1. Science class, perhaps

4. Not genuine

8. Exclude

13. S. A. nation

14. See 6 Down

15. Place for a sports event

16. Long-legged bird

17. "When I was ____"

18. Lower region

19. Speech given at a toast

22. Canonized lady: abbr.

23. Arm covering

24. Bacon orderer's word

26. Nearly horizontal passage

29. Evergreen tree

32. Virile one

36. Dumbbell

38. Athlete who scored 1281 goals

39. Mr. Knievel

40. Detective's helps

41. At ____; relaxed

42. Mythological queen

43. Prefix for gram or space

44. Neatness

45. Prepared

47. Unexpected obstacle

49. One who translates into symbols

51. Like an incline

56. Turkish leader's title

58. Parent, at child's bedtime, often

61. Small mesa

63. River flowing from Belgium

64. Show courage

65. Bass holder

66. Ending for prank or mob

67. ____, Oklahoma

68. Urbanites on a ranch

69. Web-footed bird

70. Originally called

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1. Stereotype

2. Heed the alarm clock

3. Tend a roasting turkey

4. Humiliated

5. Headgear for 22 Across

6. With 14 Across, portrayer of the Skipper on "Gilligan's Island"

7. Battlefield cry

8. Large, showy flower

9. Are flipped over

10. Comforter alternative

11. Dill herb

12. Level: var.

13. Deep holes

20. Mr. Lendl

21. City in France

25. Gasoline buyer's choice

27. Lounging around

28. St. Martin's home

30. "Or ____!"; words of a threat

31. Sidelong look

32. 1965 Beatles movie

33. Word with when or how

34. Like throat lozenges

35. San Antonio site

37. Laborer

40. West Point student

44. Make eyes at

46. Former Ford products

48. Toward the rear

50. Perch

52. Of former times

53. 1896 invention

54. Spine-tingling

55. Famous Scott

56. Passing marks

57. Respected teacher

59. Wedding, for one

60. River in France

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The 2023 Big Read set for October, November

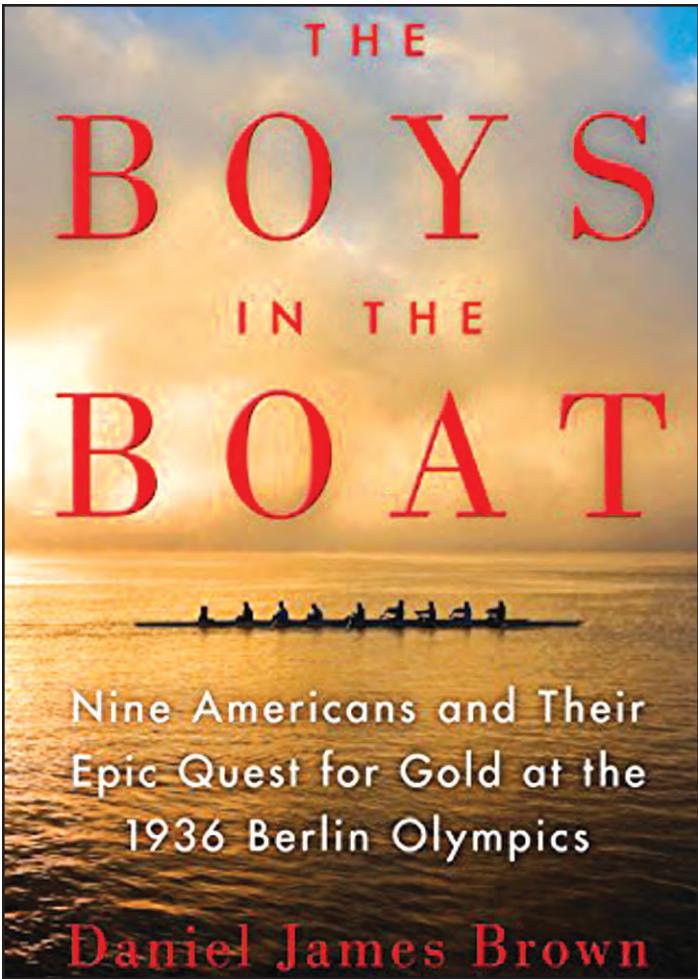
Every year the Big Read program celebrates the power of literature and gathers the community around a book selection. This year’s selection for the annual 2023 Big Read is “The Boys in the Boat” by Daniel James Brown, the true story of the rowing crew that represented the United States at the 1936 Summer Olympics in Berlin, Germany, under the dual historical contexts of the Great Depression and the rise of Nazism. Author Daniel James Brown will speak about his book on Saturday, October 14 at 2:30 p.m. at the Spackenkill High School Auditorium. This year, the Big Read programs will run from Saturday, October 14 through Sunday, November 19.

Schools across the region will study the Big Read through author visits. Younger readers can join the Big Read with The Boys in the Boat: Young Readers’ Adaptation by Gregory Mone and River by Elisha Cooper, both available at participating libraries. Copies of the book will be available in local school districts.

Following the author talk, the 2023 Big Read continues with the FDR Presidential Library virtual series: Roosevelt’s of Hyde Park on October 17, FDR’s Classroom for Conservation on October 24, and Roosevelt and the River on November 14.

On Wednesday, October 18 at 7 p.m., Boardman Road Branch Library will host a screening of the PBS documentary film The Boys of ’36.

On Thursday, October 19, at 7 p.m., Boardman Road Branch Library hosts “Ecology of the Hudson River,” a presentation by Dr. Stuart Findlay, an Aquatic Ecologist and an Emeritus at the Cary Institute.



Above: “The Boys in the Boat” book cover.
Right: Author of “The Boys in the Boar” Daniel James Brown.

-Courtesy photos

En Viernes, 20 Octubre, en 6 p.m., the Big Read en espanol es programa de virtual.

On Tuesday, October 24, at 10:30 am,

Adriance Memorial Library will host “The Hudson River: Impact on History,” with Thom Wermuth, the co-founder and Director of the Hudson River Valley Institute and author of the book series The Hudson River Valley: An American Region.

On Sunday, October 29, at 2:30 pm, the Cornell Boathouse at Marist College will host Elizabeth Clarke and Ann Sandri for a talk about their book, The Poughkeepsie Regatta: 1891 – 1950.

On Monday, October 30 at 7 p.m., Adriance Memorial Library will host “Free Black Communities Along the Hudson River.” Presented by Bill Jeffway, Executive Director of the Dutchess County Historical Society, the program will examine the stages of securing freedom, defending it against constant incursion, and ultimately the flourishing of individual persons and dreams along America’s river of dreams.

On Saturday, November 4 at 3 p.m., Adriance Memorial Library will host

“Hudson River: Commercial Fishing Traditions and the Waterfront.” Presenter John Mylod has served on many organizations that study and preserve the river, including the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, the Poughkeepsie Waterfront Advisory Committee, the Hudson River Estuary Management Advisory Committee, and the Mid-Hudson Rowing Association. He is also the author of Biography of a River.

On Thursday, November 9 at 7 p.m., Boardman Road Branch Library will host “A Brief History of Rowing on the Hudson River.” The presentation will reveal the fascinating history of rowing on the Hudson River around Poughkeepsie and Newburgh. Presenter Bill Davies, author of A Brief History of Rowing, is a past president and current head coach for the Mid-Hudson Rowing Association (MHRA) and a crew coach.

On Sunday, November 19 at 2:30 p.m., Boardman Road Branch Library will host “Other People in the Boat: Indigenous Removal in the North,” led by Christian Crouch, an Associate Professor of History and American and Indigenous Studies at Bard College.

Registration is required for most Big Read programs to accommodate appropriate attendance guidelines and sharing of meeting links.

2023 is the sixteenth year that the Poughkeepsie Public Library District has coordinated the Big Read reading program. The Boardman Road Branch Library is located at 141 Boardman Road in Poughkeepsie. Adriance Memorial Library is located at 93 Market Street in Poughkeepsie.

For more information on these programs, follow the Library District on Facebook and Instagram, or pick up a brochure at any library location. Information is also available by calling 845-485-3445 ext. 3707 and on the website: <https://poklib.org/big-read/>.

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23rd Annual Families Weekend Art Sale & Auction at Vassar College



The 23rd Annual Families Weekend Art Sale & Auction will take place at Vassar College September 29-October 1. The online auction is open to bid until October 2. The sale and auction are of Haitian artists' works and raises money for Vassar Haiti Project.

-Courtesy images

By Kristine Coulter

The Vassar Haiti Project will be hosting its annual Families Weekend Art Sale & Auction September 29 through October 1. The online auction began September 9 and bids can be placed until October 2. The sale will begin on September 29 at 4 p.m. in Vassar College's Multipurpose Room in the College Center. The in-person art sale takes place at Vassar College, where one can see more than 250 paintings and handcrafts by Haitian artists. Stop by September 29, from 3-7 p.m.; September 30 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and October 1 from 10

a.m.-2 p.m. VHP was co-founded by Andrew and Lila Meade in 2001. Since that time, VHP has hosted an art sale and auction. The sale and auction support education accessibility in Haiti. "The vibrant colors in Haitian art will show people who come to the art sale to better understand a different narrative about Haiti. News outlets often show negative aspects of Haiti and rarely show the strength, dignity and creativity that Haitian culture embodies. The art and music of Haiti is dynamic and exciting despite the internal turmoil that currently



impacts the population. We invite people to come and see a brighter side of this amazing country," remarked Lila Meade. One can see and purchase various types of art – from "luscious landscapes, amazing market scenes, dynamic marine scenes, fabulous floral motives, dazzling dreamscapes and magical vodou works," she said. "This year, we have an added bonus of some older, unique pieces that were recently donated to us by Sarah Planton, of Shropshire England. Sarah and her late husband Paul were one of our first customers in the early 2000s. They bought lots of art and accumulated it from many sources over the years, even holding their own art sales in England and sending the proceeds to us. When Paul passed away, Sarah decided that she would award the Haiti Project with the bulk of their estate paintings - about 80 of the pieces will be available for sale at the art sale," said Meade. She added: "Ms. Planton will be coming to the US and shall present to us on Saturday, September 30 at 4 p.m. where she will illustrate her journey in embracing Haitian art and why she decided to bestow her collection to the Haiti Project!" Proceeds will go to VHP's first initiative: education which funds a primary school for children in the village, said Meade. The school is in a remote part of this amazing country, remarked Lila Meade. Sudiksha Miglani joined VHP to learn important skills and to make a difference in a sustainable, culturally respectful manner. As for what Sudiksha hopes people who attend will learn, "a way to support Haiti; a cause where there is transparency as to where their money is going to; exposure to Haitian art and culture and changing the narrative about Haiti." Meade said, "We're very cause and effect: we say we're going to do something, and we see it through to the end. Our track record is excellent, and our supporters have been our primary cheerleaders!" Other ways one may contribute: - Purchase original Haitian art which directly supports Haitian artists. - Donate at the VHP website, <https://www.thehaitiproject.org/history/> - Mail a check payable to: The Haiti Project, Inc., PO Box 2985, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 or email thevas-sarhaitiproject@gmail.org For a complete schedule, visit <https://www.thehaitiproject.org/events/2022-families-weekend-art-sale-and-auction>.

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County to host 2 events to benefit vulnerable populations

The Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services (DCFS), which provides temporary assistance to sustain low-income and disabled residents, and protects and supports those in achieving the greatest degree of independence, will host two opportunities for local media to learn more about its ongoing efforts to assist County residents in need of assistance.

Poverty Simulation, September 28th

DCFS staff members will undertake an immersive poverty simulation at the MJN Convention Center (formerly the Mid-Hudson Civic Center), 14 Civic Center Plaza in Poughkeepsie. DCFS staff will take part in role-playing scenarios designed to help DCFS personnel better understand poverty and its impact on residents, identify with the needs of those they serve and inspire a commitment to making a positive difference in the work they do in their communities.

The staff training will take place in two sessions – 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Media members interested in attending the training are asked to contact the County’s Communications Office to schedule interview, filming and photo opportunities.

“Way to Work” Vehicle
Presentation, September 29th
County Executive William F.X.

O’Neil will join DCFS and the Dutchess County Workforce Investment Board at 1:30 p.m. for a presentation of gently used vehicles to four qualified families, including a former foster child, who have earned the vehicle through their participation in the “Way to Work” program. These vehicles will assist the families in obtaining and retaining employment, acquiring jobs with more hours or higher pay, or gaining access to higher education to increase their wage potential.

The presentation will take place in the rear parking lot of the Dutchess County One Stop Career Center, located at 191 Main Street in the City of Poughkeepsie.

Qualified “Way to Work” participants must come from a family that receives Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) from the Department of Community and Family Services or whose family income is less than 200 percent of the poverty level. Program recipients are chosen based on their work-related need for transportation, have a temporary need of assistance and other specific program guidelines.

Representatives from the media are cordially invited and encouraged to attend either or both events. Please confirm your attendance by calling (845) 486-2000 or emailing cpillus@dutchessny.gov.

Steve Katz to perform ‘An Evening of Songs and Stories’ at the Howland September 30



Steve Katz will perform “An Evening of Songs and Stories” at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon on September 30.

-Courtesy photo

Steve Katz, an original founding member of the innovative jazz/rock group, Blood, Sweat and Tears, will perform “An Evening of Songs and Stories” on September 30 at 8 p.m. at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., in Beacon. Katz achieved acclaimed worldwide success beginning in the late 1960s, generating numerous charting hits. He recorded five albums with the band, and throughout the end of the 1960s and early ‘70s, Katz performed at countless historic

venues including the Fillmore East, and several major rock festivals including Woodstock. Among a host of other awards, the band won three Grammys, including one for Album of the Year.

Steve was also an original member of The Blues Project and American Flyer, and has producer credits on recordings for popular Irish band Horslips, and influential NYC artist, Lou Reed.

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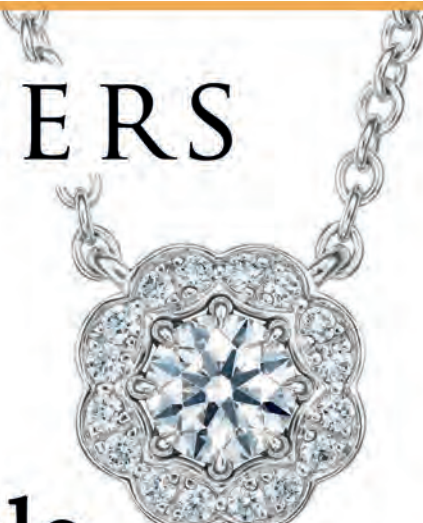
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Obituaries

Douglas J. Kearney



BEACON - Douglas J. Kearney, a life-long Beacon resident, entered into rest on September 20, 2023 at his home with his family by his side. He was 77 years old.

Doug was born on September 16, 1946 in Cold Spring, the son of the late William and Nina Brownell Kearney. He was an Air Force Veteran, serving during the Vietnam War from 1965 to 1969 when he was honorably discharged. On February 2, 1974 at St. Joachim Church, he married the former Christine "Tina" Yanarella. Tina survives at home.

Doug was a carpenter with Local 323 and retired in 2008 after 38 years. He was a member of the Black Rock Fish and Game Club, Mase Hook and Ladder Company and the A-37 Dragonfly Association. He was an avid coin collector and loved to be out in nature fishing, hunting and boating.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Douglas Kearney, Amy Varian and her husband, Donald and Patrick Kearney; his grandchildren, Allison Varian, Michael Varian and Abby Kearney; his niece, Dawn Kearney.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, William Kearney.

Family and friends gathered on Monday, September 25 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, September 26 at the funeral home. Burial with miliary honors followed at St. Joachim Cemetery, Beacon.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Hudson Valley Hospice, Joe Steinfeld, Mary Byrne and Tim and Tina Kelliher for all their care and compassion.

Memorial donations in memory of Doug may be made to the American Cancer Society.

To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

Clare H. Silver



WAPPINGERS FALLS - Clare H. Silver, 74, an area resident since 1991, passed away on September 17, 2023 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. She previously lived in Valley Stream.

Born on February 5, 1949 in Queens, Clare was the daughter of the late Thomas and Clara (Smolski) Flanagan. Clare was employed as a hall monitor at Van Wyck Junior High School for over ten years, and then she worked at Big Lots in Wappingers Falls for ten years until her retirement.

Clare loved gardening and drinking wine. She also enjoyed watching crime TV shows, especially "Law and Order" and "Columbo."

Clare is survived by her son, David Silver and his fiancée Emily Kerr; her daughter, Jessica Silver; her grandchildren, Madison and Bailey; her brothers, Patrick Flanagan and his wife Ilda and Thomas Flanagan; and her nephew, Patrick Flanagan, Jr.

Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Columba Church, 835 Route 82, Hopewell Junction followed by burial at St. Denis Cemetery.

Donations may be made in memory of Clare to the American Cancer Society. Please visit Clare's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Gloria Joan Dougan



BEACON - Gloria Joan Dougan, of Beacon, formerly of New Windsor, entered into rest surrounded by her loving family on Saturday, September 23, 2023. Gloria, who was known to most as "Granny," aged 87, fought valiantly until the very end.

Daughter of the late Walter and Clydella E. (Blohm) Eisloeffel, she was born on January 26, 1936 in Cornwall, NY.

Granny 's heart was devoted to her family as a loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Granny cherished every moment spent with her family. She was deeply involved in her family's lives, always present for milestones, achievements, and even the simple joys of daily life. Granny was past president of the New Windsor Little League Auxiliary and a diehard fan of the NY Yankees.

Survivors include two sons, James (Mary) Dougan of Newburgh and Timothy Dougan of Beacon; three daughters, Gloria (John) Flanagan of North Port, ME, Cynthia Dougan of Beacon and Nancy Tancredi, with whom she resided; a brother, Donald Eisloeffel of PA; a sister, Patricia Vacca of Clearwater, FL; five grandchildren, Johnny (Melissa), Cait (Meg), Jamie (Richie), Jimmy (Cheyenne), and Kara; and five great grandchildren; Tristan, Wyatt, Rylee, Shea and Reese; along with several nieces and nephews.

Kara was at her Granny's side throughout this long and challenging ordeal, ensuring she was as comfortable as possible. The entire family owes her a debt of gratitude for the selfless, unconditional, loving care she provided.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, the love of her life, James Gordon Dougan "Pop" in 2007.

Her absence leaves a void in our hearts, but her legacy of love and devotion will forever resonate.

Private cremation has taken place at Cedar Hill Crematory.

Plans for a Celebration of Gloria's Life will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Gloria's name can be made to Hudson Valley Hospice at www.hvhospice.org.

Arrangements are under the care of White, Venuto and Morrill Funeral and Cremation Service, 188 N. Plank Road, Newburgh, NY 12550.

Joan V. Sheehan



SEBASTIAN, FL – Joan Virginia Sheehan, 87, passed away on Friday, September 22, 2023, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, NY.

A resident of Sebastian, FL since 2017, she had previously resided in Vero Beach, FL, Tampa, FL, Raleigh, NC, and Fishkill, NY.

Daughter of the late Clarence and Florence (Kilcline) Smith, she was born in Englewood, NJ on June 9, 1936. In 1953, Joan graduated from Mount Saint Mary High School in Newburgh, NY.

On May 28, 1955, she married Robert W. Sheehan at St. John the Evangelist Church in Beacon, NY. Robert predeceased Joan on January 13, 2021.

Her primary role was that of homemaker, but she also worked for many years at Publix stores in Florida, retiring in 2014. Joan was a parishioner of St. Sebastian Church in Sebastian, FL. Her hobbies included doing crossword puzzles, gardening, reading, and watching PGA Golf and Hallmark movies. She loved making family photo albums and always endeavored to stay in touch with old friends.

Survivors include her son Robert & his wife Maureen of Sebastian, FL; her son Kevin & his husband Thom of Delray Beach, FL; her son Timothy and his wife Kimberly of White Plains, NY; her daughter Dianne & her husband Ken Lancaster of Raleigh, NC; her son David & his wife Michelle of Acworth, GA; her grandchildren: Kathryn, Kevin (Jamie), Stephanie, Eva, and Daniel; in addition to many other relatives & friends.

In addition to her husband and parents, Joan was also preceded in death by her brother Donald as well as her sister Claire Mellert.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11 a.m. on Thursday, September 28 at St. John the Evangelist Church, 31 Willow Street, Beacon, NY. Interment will follow at St. Joachim Cemetery, 325 Washington Avenue, Beacon, NY.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in honor of her late husband Robert and daughter-in-law Maureen to either the Alzheimer's Association of America (act.alz.org/donate) or Friends after Diagnosis (friendsafterdiagnosis.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. For online tributes, you can visit Joan's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Libby Funeral Home hosts annual Best of Beacon 5K



Libby Funeral Home in Beacon recently held its annual Best of Beacon 5K event for The Center For Prevention of Child Abuse's One Too Many 5K weekend events. The event took place at Scenic Hudson's Long Dock Park. The local State Farm office of Caitlin McVicker joined Libby's for the third year. Prizes from local restaurants and businesses were given away. Mayor Lee Kyriacou blew the ceremonial horn to start the race.

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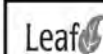
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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE Index No. 2023-50584 Date Filed: 9/11/2023 Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff, -against- Lawrence J. Solomon, if be he living or if he be dead, his spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff; Anne Amato-Solomon, State of New York, and "JOHN DOE", said name being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, and any parties, corporations or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest or lien upon the mortgaged premises, Defendants. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 19 Kingwood Park, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In chase of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Maria G. Rosa, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Dutchess County, entered August 31, 2023 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT OF the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$276,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office on March 12, 2008, in

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Document Number 012008 2616 covering premises known as 19 Kingwood Park, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 a/k/a District 134689, Section 6160, Block 03, Lot 055226. There relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: July 19, 2023 Frank M. Cassara, Esq. Senior Associate Attorney LEGAL GROUP LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 Telephone: (585) 247-9000 Fax: (585) 247-7380 Our File No. 22-092074 #100784 NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCB-16-23 NAME OF PROJECT: Dutchess County Office Building Power Distribution Upgrade. Single Prime Bid shall be received for the following classes of work:

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ELECTRICAL. Project Description: Consists of a major power distribution upgrade including the removal of existing building main power distribution switchboard. 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, 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 **11:00am, Friday, October 20, 2023** and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids for the above project will be received by: Diane McKenna, Contract Specialist Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. The bid opening for this solicitation will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below, in-person attendance at a bid opening will not be allowed. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due time to ensure you are connected properly.

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All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 104 276 580#. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. A Walk-through is scheduled for Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 2:00pm at Front Lobby of Dutchess County Office Building, 22 Market St., Poughkeepsie, NY. All parties interested in bidding must apprise themselves of the site conditions immediately prior to bidding. Questions will be accepted by the close of business October 13, 2023 and emailed to Diane McKenna at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov and dmckenna@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2023011053. 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. TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY 2024 BUDGET MEETING DATES The Pleasant Valley Town Board will hold their 2024 Budget meetings at Town Hall 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, NY on the following dates: -Monday, October 2, 2023 at 6:00PM -Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6:00PM -Monday, October 23, 2023 at 6:00PM Mary Beth Muir

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Town Clerk EXTENDING LOCAL ORDERS 1, 2 & 3 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 5/2023 EXTENSION TO DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDERS DECLARED BY DUTCHESS COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Please take notice that on September 20, 2023 at 12:00 am., pursuant to Article 2B of the New York State Executive Law, Article III of the Dutchess County Charter and Administrative Code Section 3.05, Acting Dutchess County Executive William F. X. O'Neil extended Local Emergency Order #1, Local Emergency Order #2, and Local Emergency Order #3 in furtherance of Executive Order No. 5 of 2023, dated May 18, 2023. The text of the declaration of state of emergency and local emergency orders is available at www.dutchessny.gov. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-58-23 Outside Public Sector Labor and Employment Counsel Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 26th day of October 2023 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and proposal 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. PUBLIC NOTICE PLEASE BE ADVISED the Milan Town Board will hold a Special Meeting on October 4, 2023 at 10:30 am to receive the supervisor's 2024 Tentative Town of Milan Budget. Said meeting will take place at the Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle. By order of the Town Board Catherine Gill, Town Clerk LEGAL NOTICE EAST CLINTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Pursuant to New York

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State Town Law Article 11 Section 181-3a "Annual Budget and Levy of Taxes", **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the **East Clinton Fire District** will hold a public hearing relative to the **2024 Proposed Budget on Tuesday, October 17, 2023** from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the East Clinton Fire District firehouse located at 9 Firehouse Lane, Clinton Corners, NY 12514. A copy of the budget is available for inspection with the Fire District Secretary and the Town of Clinton Town Clerk and is posted on the East Clinton Fire District website. Dated: September 13, 2023 East Clinton Fire District Board of Commissioners Karen Buechele, Secretary NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING SESSION FISHKILL SELF-STORAGE SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN & SPECIAL USE PERMIT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT SCOPING DOCUMENT PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA, Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR 617), the Town of Fishkill Planning Board, acting as Lead Agency, will hold a Public Scoping Session **on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible in the Francois R. Cross Meeting Room located in the lobby of the Town of Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524** to solicit public comment on the Draft Scoping Document, prepared by the Applicant and the Planning Board for the project known as Fishkill Self-Storage. The parcel for this project is identified as Tax Map Parcel No. 5955-04-882288, is located at 1292 NYS Route 9D, in the Restricted Business (RB) Zoning District and consists of 4.7 acres. **Description of Action:** 1292 Realty, LLC (the "Applicant and Owner") proposes to redevelop the Project Site with a two-story, approximately 51,500 square-foot, self-storage facility and associated improvements, including 26 parking spaces, landscaping, lighting, and stormwater management practices ("Proposed Project"). The Applicant and Owner has requested a determination by the Planning Board pursuant to the Code of the Town of Fishkill, Chapter 150, section 150-19.B, to permit a self-storage facility in the RB Zoning District through issuance of a Special Use Permit. The Proposed Action would also require Site Development Plan approval from the Planning Board, among other approvals. The Lead Agency determined on August 17, 2023 that the Proposed Action has the potential to result in one or more significant adverse environmental impacts and that an Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") shall be prepared. The Draft Scoping Document was prepared as an initial step to guide the preparation of the Draft EIS ("DEIS"). As per the SEQRA regulations, the goals of the scoping process are to focus the DEIS on potentially significant adverse impacts and to eliminate consideration of those impacts that are not significant or that are irrelevant. Documentation related to the application can be viewed in the Planning Department at the Town of Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, New York 12524, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A copy of the Draft Scoping Document is available for viewing in the Planning Department and can be accessed on the Town's website via the following link: <https://www.fishkill-ny.gov/public-hearings-public-scoping-sessions-site-visits.html> All interested persons are invited to attend and provide comments on the Draft Scoping Document for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Comments in writing will be accepted until Thursday, October 19, 2023 by 2:00 p.m., to the attention of Jonathan Kanter, Planning Board Chairman at the Town of Fishkill, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, New York 12524. BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FISHKILL, NEW YORK Debbie Colonna, Planning Board Secretary

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County Clerk to host Passport Day Saturday in Poughkeepsie

Dutchess County Clerk Brad Kendall announced that he will be hosting a Passport Day, which will be held on September 30, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Dutchess County Clerk’s Office, 22 Market Street– 1st Floor, Poughkeepsie. Adults who are first-time applicants, children under age 16, or those needing a replacement for a lost, stolen, or damaged passport will be assisted on a first come, first serve basis.

All U.S. citizens must present a valid passport book when entering or re-entering the United States by air. U.S. citizens entering the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda at land borders and seaports of entry must present a passport book, passport card, or other travel documents approved by the U.S. government. County Clerk Kendall encourages those who are traveling in the near future to utilize the extended hours to apply for a passport in time for the busy holiday travel season.

As a passport processing facility, the County Clerk’s Office serves as a one-stop shop. Applicants can apply for their passports and also have their passport photos taken. Photos are available to new applicants and those seeking passport renewals for an additional fee of \$10. Please note that all payments must be made separately, and the applicable fees are as follows:

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Processing Fee- \$35 all forms of payment payable to Dutchess County Clerk
Photo \$10 all forms of payment payable to Dutchess County Clerk

There are no appointments needed. Only passport and photo transactions will be processed that day. No DMV or legal related business will be accepted.

Free parking in the lot adjacent to the County Office Building will be available as space permits. Information on how to apply for a U.S. passport is available by visiting www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/County-Clerk/passports.htm or by calling 845-486- 2120.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SKLJ, INC. SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND SPECIAL USE PERMIT PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Chapter 150, Sections 150-97B. and 150-109 of the Code of the Town of Fishkill, the Town of Fishkill Planning Board (Planning Board) will hold a Combined Public Hearing on **Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible in the Francois R. Cross Meeting Room located in the lobby of the Town of Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524** for the proposal known as SKLJ, Inc. located at 125 Old Route 9, identified as Tax Map Parcel No. 6156-04-762473, consisting of 2.17 acres in the GB (General Business) Zoning District for the following approvals:

- **Site Development Plan Approval and Special Use Permit Approval** (Town Code Chapter 150, Sections 150-97B. and 150-109) to redevelop an existing 2.17-acre parcel for mixed use. The existing buildings on site are proposed to remain and be repurposed. A residential use is proposed that will be renovated, and a 55' x 80 addition is proposed to an existing garage with 11 parking spaces that will be used for storage. The remaining building will be used as an office for storage use. All interested persons will be heard by the Planning Board of the Town of Fishkill at the public hearing to be held as aforesaid. For any persons unable to attend the public hearing, email comments may be submitted in advance to dcollonna@fishkill-ny.gov.

BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FISHKILL, NEW YORK
Debbie Colonna, Planning Board Secretary

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LEGAL NOTICE
Please take notice that the Planning Board of the Village of Wappingers Falls will hold a public hearing on October 5, 2023 pm, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the American Legion Hall, 7 Spring Street, Wappingers Falls, NY on the application submitted by Amy Parks, applicant, for Amy Parks, tenant, for property having an address of 2655 E Main St, Wappingers Falls, NY (Grid #6158-14-312254), and located in the Village Commercial (VC) Zoning District. The applicant is seeking a special use permit and site plan review to have a Tavern.
A copy of this application is on file in the Planning and Zoning Department and is available for inspection when the Department is open, Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. The telephone number is 845-297-5277. All interested persons may appear in person, by agent, or by an attorney, and all will be heard.
Date: September 21, 2023

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day, October 17, 2023, commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Francois R. Cross Meeting room located in the lobby of the Town of Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY to consider area variances for Gunks Holdings, Corp. who seek the following avenue of relief for the installation and construction of a double-sided sign:

- An area variance of 1 foot 6 inches, where 6 feet tall is the maximum allowed in General Business (GB) Zoning District.
- An area variance of 28.6 square feet (14.3 square per side) where 40 square feet (20 square feet per side) is the maximum allowed in the GB Zoning District.

Said variances will result in a 7 foot 6-inch-tall, 68.6 square foot double-sided (34.3 square feet per side) monument sign. Said requests are in violation of Town of Fishkill Town Code § 150-43 Signs G.(2) b. Permanent signs within other districts. The land affected by this application is shown generally on the Tax Maps as Section 6256, Block 04, Lot 594281, located at 1556 Route 52, consisting of .35 acres. All interested persons will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Fishkill at the public hearing as stated above.
By Order Of The Zoning Board of Appeals
Of the Town of Fishkill, New York
Debbie Colonna, Secretary

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LEGAL NOTICE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Hyde Park Library District in the Town of Hyde Park, County of Dutchess, upon receipt of a petition of registered voters of that portion of the Town excluding the Staatsburg and Hillside Fire Districts, does hereby give notice that a Public Election will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Hyde Park Library, 2 Main Street, Hyde Park, New York. The issues to be presented in this election are as follows:

a. WHETHER the Budget proposed by the Board of Trustees shall be approved. Copies of the Budget are available upon request at the Hyde Park Library, and

b. ELECTION of three (3) Trustees to the Board.
By: Tatiana Rhinevault
Election Chairperson
Hyde Park Library District

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conducted with reference to the Annual Fire District Budget for the fiscal year 2024 on Monday, October 16, 2023 commencing at 6:00 P.M. at the Hughsonville Fire District’s Headquarters Building located at 88 Old Hopewell Road, Wappingers Falls, New York, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners is required to adopt a proposed budget at least 21 days before October 16, 2023 so that it is available for public inspection prior to the budget hearing.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hughsonville Fire District will hold the Annual Fire District Budget Hearing to be conducted with reference to the Annual Fire District Budget for fiscal year 2024 on Monday, October 16, 2023 commencing at 6:00 P.M. at the Hughsonville Fire District’s Headquarters Building located at 88 Old Hopewell Road, Wappingers Falls, New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the aforesaid budget will be presented to the residents and taxpayers of the Hughsonville Fire District and to the

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Secretary at 88 Old Hopewell Road, Wappingers Falls, New York where it may be inspected by any interested person during office hours. In addition, [a copy of the proposed budget is posted on the fire district’s website], and copies of the proposed budget will be available on the night of the said hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hughsonville Fire District will hold the Annual Fire District Budget Hearing to be conducted with reference to the Annual Fire District Budget for fiscal year 2024 on Monday, October 16, 2023 commencing at 6:00 P.M. at the Hughsonville Fire District’s Headquarters Building located at 88 Old Hopewell Road, Wappingers Falls, New York.

This notice is being publicized and posted in accordance with the provisions of Public Officers Law and the Town Law of the State of New York by order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hughsonville Fire District.
Dated: Wappingers Falls, New York
September 15, 2023
Kim Flower
Secretary
Hughsonville Fire District

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Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hughsonville Fire District, for their respective consideration at this public hearing and for the purpose of considering the said budget and hearing all persons interested in the subject concerning same on Monday, October 16, 2023 commencing at 6:00 P.M. at the Fire District’s Headquarters Building located at 88 Old Hopewell Road, Wappingers Falls, New York.

The deadline for Legals is every Monday @ 12 noon for a Wednesday Publication*

*When a public holiday falls on a Monday the deadline becomes Friday at noon.

get growing!

by mark adams



The Farm Bill

It's time to renew the federal Agriculture Improvement Act. Constituents, let your representatives know what you want and need from the bill.

The Farm Bill. If your eyes didn't just glaze over, please keep reading. The 2023 federal Farm Bill (officially called the Agriculture Improvement Act) will become law before the end of this year, according to Congressman Marcus Molinaro. On September 7, Elizabeth Ryan hosted a Farm Bill listening session at one of her six apple farms – Stone Ridge Orchards – sponsored by Scenic Hudson and the N.Y. League of Conservation Voters. Both of our Dutchess County representatives, Molinaro and Pat Ryan, spent the day with an invited group of local farmers, trying to figure out what needs to be included in the 2023 Farm Bill to benefit Northeastern farmers.

We all gathered beneath a 300-year-old oak tree at the farm. This year's apple crop was impacted by a late spring frost.

Years ago, a farmer could absorb an occasional crop loss; but nowadays, the margins are so slim that one bad year can be devastating.

The Farm Bill is the primary agricultural and food policy instrument of the federal government, renewed every five years. The total cost, about \$85 billion per year, represents a little over 1% of the federal budget. And of that \$85 billion, \$72 billion is earmarked for nutrition programs.

So why is it that whenever I mention the Farm Bill to any of my casual acquaintances, the first thought that pops into their heads is "subsidy." Hey, isn't that the policy where the government pays farmers not to grow stuff while I work my butt off to pay taxes to support them?

Consider:

- 2% of the U.S. population works on farms



Pictured, from left are Congressman Marcus Molinaro, who represents NY19; Ned Sullivan, President of Scenic Hudson; Elizabeth Ryan; Congressman Pat Ryan, who represents NY18; and Julie Tighe, President of NY League of Conservation Voters.

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- 90% of our food is produced in the U.S. (We even grow some of our own coconuts)
- \$213 billion of farm products are exported annually. This helps pay for the \$100 billion of clothing and \$477 billion of electronics we import.

The perception that farmers are paid to not farm was a reality during the Great Depression, when overproduction caused prices to plummet, and it looked like every farm would go under. At first the government bought surplus crops, but when that didn't work (the crops rotted in huge underground storage bins), it was decided to pay farmers directly. It must have worked out, because we now enjoy the most bountiful food supply in the history of the world. If you don't believe it, take a stroll through the aisles at Walmart.

Nowadays, farmers are paid to take land out of production for environmental purposes. In effect, the government is renting land from the farm owners, to create buffer zones along streams, protect wildlife habitat and reduce carbon emissions. This "Conservation Reserve Program" currently protects 21 million acres.

Crop insurance is a big part of the farm bill. Farmers pay premiums to insure against crop loss due to drought, hail or natural disasters. This program has historically benefited big Midwestern wheat, corn and soybean farmers. Small vegetable farms in the Northeast are not covered, partly because it's harder to quantify their losses if they grow a variety of crops. Sporadic attempts have been made to insure against loss of income.

Rep. Molinaro sits on the House Committee on Agriculture, hoping to increase funding for N.Y. farmers through the Conservation Reserve Program, which plans to add four million acres this year. He points out that each congressional representative looks after the people in their own district, so don't blame a congressman from Iowa for seeking money for corn farmers. We just need to shout the loudest.

Tell the government what you want, need and deserve from the upcoming 2023 Farm Bill.

Contact your congressional representative ASAP.

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