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Council appoints new Deputy City Administrator

By Kristine Coulter

Tweeps Phillips Woods, who is currently serving as the Deputy Mayor of the Village of Cold Spring, is the new Deputy City Administrator for the City of Beacon. The Council approved her appointment at the Sept. 21 meeting at the Municipal Building.

City Administrator Ben Swanson, the previous deputy city administrator, remarked that Woods has “a really impressive background working in local governments.” He noted Woods has worked in New York City and is familiar with the Hudson Valley.

According to Woods’ resume, she has been a senior public sector leader with 20+ years of experience spanning municipal government, intergovernmental relations, public policy, and cross-sector partnership development. She has “a career-long record of translating strategic priorities into operational results, securing public funding, and building trusted relationships across government, philanthropy, and community institutions,” it states on her resume.

She has been “[r]ecognized for political acumen, pragmatic leadership, and a mission-driven commitment to strengthening public systems,” states her resume.

Swanson explained that the Council met in executive session about the appointment. Before that, Swanson, the City’s financial director and human resource director “met with 5 or 6 preferred candidates” out of 85 applicants for the position, it was stated. The second round of interviews was with Mayor Lee Kyriacou and Amber Grant, at-large member on the Council, it was stated.

“We believe she is the right person to stand in this role,” remarked Swanson.

At-large member Paloma Wake voted ‘No’ on the appointment.

“I look forward to this opportunity to working with y’all and all the constituents,” said Woods. She added, “I look forward to doing the work that needs to be done in Beacon.”

Swanson noted, “This is a very public position” and thanked Woods.

Former City Administrator Chris White retired and Swanson was appointed City Administrator earlier this year.

Swanson stated Woods would start on Sept. 29.

County officials withdraw support of Flock technology

By Curtis Schmidt

Led by District Attorney Anthony Parisi and Sheriff Kirk Imperati, Dutchess County officials announced on Friday, Sept. 25 that they are withdrawing their support for the county’s continued use of Flock Safety Technology.

Parisi and Imperati said the announcements came following lengthy discussions with each other and careful consideration of the comments and concerns raised by residents at recent community forums, including the most recent one in Pleasant Valley organized by County Legislator and Public Safety Chair Eric Alexander (D-Town of Washington).

According to the Flock Safety website, “Flock is a connected public safety platform that helps authorized users find information relevant to an incident. Flock LPR (License Plate Reader) is one part of that platform, providing vehicle data for investigations.” The information at the site further states that the technology records vehicle sightings at a specific place and time, captures license plates and vehicle characteristics, helps authorized users find relevant vehicle evidence and provides leads for investigators to assess alongside other evidence.

“Sheriff Imperati and I met following several community forums and spent considerable time discussing what we heard from residents. We listened to the questions that were asked and the concerns that were raised. After those discussions, we agreed that the appropriate response is to listen to our community and change course,” said Parisi.

Imperati said the decision reflects both officials’ obligation to respond to the people they serve.

“The District Attorney and I supported this technology because we believed it could



Flock LPR (License Plate Reader) is one part of a platform to provide vehicle data for investigations, according to the Flock Safety Technology website.

-Flock Safety Technology image

help law enforcement protect people and investigate serious crimes,” Imperati said. “We still care deeply about giving our officers and deputies the tools they need to do that work. But we also heard the concerns residents raised about Flock technology. We asked for their views, and we have a responsibility to act on what we heard. I am joining the District Attorney in withdrawing support for Dutchess County’s continued use of Flock technology.”

Also withdrawing support for Flock technology are County Executive Sue Serino, both caucuses of the Dutchess County Legislature and various town and city officials across the county.

‘Protecting people was the reason we supported this initiative (Flock Safety Technology). Listening to the people of this county is the reason we are changing course.’

-Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi

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Farm animals, artisans, hayrides to highlight Harvest Fest at Stony Kill Farm on October 3

By Kristine Coulter

Visit Stony Kill Farm, 79 Farmstead Lane Wappinger Falls, on Saturday, Oct. 3 for the Harvest Fest. The event will be held from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

“The Harvest Fest is fun for the whole family, featuring visits with farm animals, hayrides, crafts, artisans selling their wares, delicious food, music and more. It’s a great introduction to Stony Kill Farm for first-timers and offers a welcoming sense of familiarity to returning visitors,” explained Janet Goodman, development and events manager for Stony Kill Farm.

Why is Stony Kill the perfect place to hold a festival in autumn?

“Stony Kill Farm features a historic barn, acres of pastures and trails, heritage breed animals and gardens to enjoy. It is the perfect spot for families to relax and explore. Vistas and views are breathtaking, and the autumn glow highlights the farm’s beauty. Harvest Fest at Stony Kill celebrates the passing of the seasons and honors the past with traditional agricultural experiences,” remarked Goodman.

There will be free parking for attendees. Parking will be available at the north end of the property right off Route 9D, according to organizers. One can find the fest in front of the Big Red Barn on the property. Admission is free, but there is a \$5 suggested donation fee. The Stony



The annual Harvest Fest will take place at Stony Kill Farm on Saturday, Oct. 3. There will be children’s activities during the event.

-Photo courtesy Stony Kill

Kill Foundation is a 501c(3) nonprofit. “The Stony Kill Foundation will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2027. In anticipation of this milestone, we’ve introduced a new website and logo. Stay tuned for more information about community programs and

events we are planning for 2027,” said Goodman.

Visit <https://stonykill.org/harvest-fest> for event updates (rain date is Oct. 4), additional information or to become an event sponsor./

County officials withdraw support of Flock technology

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Serino said, “My goal has always been to support our local law enforcement with the tools they recommend to protect our community. If the District Attorney and the Sheriff no longer believe that Flock Safety technology is a tool that they need, I stand by them in that decision. As the Sheriff and the District Attorney begin the process of rescinding the Flock contracts and dismantling the network, I commend them for being responsive to community concerns and being willing to change course.”

She added, “As we continue to face a difficult budget ahead for 2027, we will be able to divert the approximate \$500,000 in Flock contract costs that are currently in District Attorney’s 2027 budget submission and utilize those dollars help protect many other critical programs and services that our neighbors depend on, including EMS services, veterans, seniors and youth programming.”

Democrats in the County Legislature on Friday called for the County to immediately suspend data collection from the Flock system and to cover the Flock cameras until they are removed. Public Safety Vice-Chair Chris Drago (D-Stanford) put forward a resolution to that effect and it will be introduced at the Legislature’s October committee meetings.

Legislator Alexander said, “I organized the Flock Forum to allow members of the public to speak directly to our District Attorney and Sheriff about their concerns

regarding the use of this surveillance technology. It worked. A packed room of citizens stood and spoke one after another about their deep concerns and anger about a loss of privacy and the unchecked collection and use of data collected by this system. The Legislature will now act to end Flock in Dutchess County.”

Speaking on behalf of the Republican caucus of the Legislature, Minority Leader Mike Polasek (R-LaGrange), said, “We support District Attorney Anthony Parisi and Sheriff Kirk Imperati in withdrawing their backing of Dutchess County’s continued use of Flock Safety technology following concerns raised by residents. Public safety and public trust must go hand in hand. Good government means listening to the community, evaluating new information and being willing to change course when appropriate. We support an orderly transition away from Flock technology and will remain focused on public safety, privacy and the responsible use of taxpayer dollars.”

Al Torreggiani, Supervisor, Town of Hyde Park, commented, “I have carefully read the results provided by District Attorney Anthony Parisi and Sheriff Kirk Imperati concerning the survey and the voices of our community. The Town of Hyde Park has spoken through social media, and I have heard your concerns. The Town will comply with the request from the District Attorney and Sheriff Imperati and remove all Flock camera systems from

Town of Hyde Park property. I will work with Town Attorney Kyle Barnett to cancel any agreements the Town has with Flock Technology. We work for the people, and the people have spoken.”

Public safety was plan

Parisi emphasized that the Analysis and Real Time Crime Intelligence Center, Flock technology and the broader use of license plate readers were pursued as public-safety initiatives. He said transparency and community participation were central to the initiative from the beginning.

“We explained the initiative publicly and to the press. We created a publicly accessible transparency website so residents could learn about the technology and how it was being used. We met with mayors, supervisors, town boards and community members throughout Dutchess County. We invited residents to question what we were doing. This was designed as a community public-safety initiative. There was no secret agenda. The objective was to give law enforcement responsible tools to help prevent crime, solve serious offenses and make Dutchess County safer. But if we say community participation matters, we must be willing to change course when the community responds.”

Imperati said the joint decision does not change his belief that properly regulated license plate reader technology can have legitimate investigative value.

“I continue to believe this technology can help law enforcement locate dangerous offenders, find missing people, recover stolen vehicles and investigate serious crimes. But believing a technology can be useful does not mean government should continue using it when the people it serves have raised serious concerns. Public safety depends on public trust. We cannot lose sight of that.”

Parisi said his perspective comes from more than three decades working directly with crime victims and their families.

“It is easy to talk about public-safety technology as an abstract policy question. It becomes very different when you have sat across from a child who has been sexually assaulted, or with a family whose loved one has been taken from them by violence. The Sheriff and I have seen those victims and sat with those families. Protecting people was the reason we supported this initiative. Listening to the people of this county is the reason we are changing course.”

Parisi and Imperati said they will work with the appropriate county officials to address the steps necessary to discontinue Dutchess County’s use of Flock technology, including existing operational and contractual obligations.

According to tracking data reported in late August by the advocacy group Secure Justice, at least 214 cities and towns have dropped Flock technology since 2021, with 90 cities cutting ties in August 2026 alone.

Beacon residents, police chief have their say on Flock technology

By Kristine Coulter

Residents turned out to speak about the use of Flock technology in the city during the Community Segment portion of the City Council meeting on Sept. 21.

One commenter noted “these systems are not infallible.”

Another resident told the council members, “People don’t like it.” He said that a majority of Americans feel they have a right to move around freely, adding, “Freedom of movement is a fundamental right.”

“Why should we trust the people who made this decision with even more power?” asked another resident.

City of Beacon Police Chief Thomas Figlia spoke about the Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) system. “Obviously, there’s a lot of opinions,” he said, adding he didn’t know if he would change anyone’s mind.

The chief said Flock cameras cannot be searched by a driver’s description, such as race, color or gender.

Figlia stated the City of Beacon signed a five-year contract in 2023 with Flock. If there are plans to expand, they would have to be reviewed and approved by the

council, he said. He noted there are “no plans to expand.”

The license plate readers “capture images of vehicles and their license plate as they pass the cameras on public streets,” stated the chief, who said there was a public process by former Chief Sands Frost on where to put the cameras. Figlia showed actual screenshots of searches that were captured by Flock cameras.

The vehicle signature box doesn’t specify what a bumper sticker says, just that there is one and it can’t search faces, Figlia said. He noted there have been allegations that the cameras can see people’s backyards and phones. “As you’ll see, they are pretty narrowly focused on what’s going on, on the actual street,” said the chief.

Figlia stated:

- The police department uses Flock data for official law enforcement investigations only
- Use of any police department database for unofficial or unauthorized purposes is strictly prohibited by Department policy
- The Department shares and in turn receives access to hotlists and 30-day data from other cooperating police agencies

- The Department is not on the national network which allows other agencies on the national network automatic access
- The data resulting from the operation of these ALPRs belongs to is not sold by the Beacon Police Department or by Flock, who is prevented from doing so by the contract the Department has with the company
- Flock is not used for immigration enforcement, filters are set to prevent other agencies from doing the same
- Beacon Police Department (BPD) does not sell data or allow private or nongovernmental organizations to access or to search BPD network
- BPD does not retain data longer than 30 days unless it has been downloaded and attached a specific investigation
- BPD cannot access ALPR data that is more than 30 days old
- Cameras do not pan, tilt, zoom system is physically fixed.

Figlia noted incidents in which the Flock camera was used. Some of the incidents included:

Aug. 2024: on “hotlist,” a driver was

wanted in New Jersey for domestic violence and arrested and handed over to authorities in New Jersey

April 2025: an elderly man was assaulted inside a local business and he was able to provide vehicle description; Flock was used by officers to view images of vehicle fleeing scene and obtained plate number, identified owner; investigation confirmed owner was perpetrator of assault, stated Figlia

Dec. 2025: call was received from a father stating his son was going to hurt himself and had gone on Newburgh-Beacon Bridge; the camera was used to locate the suicidal man, who received mental health services, said the chief

“If police want to solve problems in Beacon they should get to know the citizens,” suggested one resident.

Mayor Lee Kyriacou stated to the chief and those in attendance, “I appreciate your time and attention.”

Council member Carolyn Bennett Glauda remarked, “Thank you to everyone who came out to give a public comment today.”

Blood Drive in Town of Fishkill on Oct. 6 ‘Longest Table’ meal set for October 6

The American Red Cross, NYS Senator Rob Rolison, and the Town of Fishkill will host a blood drive on Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 1-5 p.m., at the Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, in Fishkill.

The Longest Table, a national movement bringing neighbors together over shared meals, is coming to Beacon for the first time on Oct. 6th. The free event invites residents to set aside their screens and sit down together for an evening built around food, conversation, and neighbors old and new. The community-led gathering runs from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Long Dock and is open to everyone.

Neighbors will gather around one shared table for a potluck-style meal, with each attendee encouraged to bring something to eat, drink or contribute to the table. More than a traditional dinner, the event is designed to create opportunities for people to meet someone new and strike up a conversation.

The idea began in Chelsea, New York City, in 2022, when co-founders Maryam Banikarim and Andrew Lerner placed a long table on a city street and invited neighbors to bring food, sit together, and talk. The simple concept was to address an increasingly disconnected world by creating opportunities for people to connect face-to-face. Since then, it has grown into a national movement, with gatherings taking place in more than 30 cities and drawing more than 20,000 participants.

Bringing The Longest Table to Beacon

is Heloisa Tomaz de Aquino, a Beacon resident since 2022. A real estate agent with the Upstate Curious Team at Compass, Tomaz de Aquino has also worked with a nonprofit connecting New York City youth with the outdoors, and she teaches yoga in the area — work that has kept people and place at the center of her life in Beacon.

“As someone new to small-town life, I found real community here in Beacon — friendships, support and opportunities that all came from connection,” said Tomaz de Aquino. “I wanted to create The Longest Table here because its beauty is in the shared meal. It sparks laughter and friendship, or at least a great story. I’d love for this to be the first of many and for everyone to feel special.”

The event is being supported by a number of local businesses that have come together to help make the gathering possible, including Upstate Curious, the event’s main sponsor, as well as The Station, Oui Oui, Brass Monkey Home and Sybil.

Attendance is free, and everyone is invited. Guests are simply asked to come ready to share a meal and meet their neighbors. Registration and additional event information are available through Eventbrite.

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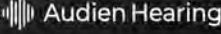
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MARC Foundation honors champions of recovery at annual awards dinner



Three individuals received the Champion of Recovery Award, which is given to honorees who demonstrated a commitment to making a difference in the lives of others and to advancing the cause of recovery. From left are MARC Foundation Board member Michael Carber, four-time World Series champion Darryl Strawberry and New York State Sen. Pete Harckham.



From left: MARC Foundation President Kristin Fountain, MARC Foundation Board member and Champion of Recovery Award recipient Michael Carber, and MARC Foundation Vice President Kathryn Cousins.

-Courtesy photos

By Matthew Fetzner

It was a night that shone a light on recovery, hope, and healing as the MARC Foundation held its annual awards dinner last Tuesday night at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie. The event brought together community members, local leaders, and Major League Baseball legend Darryl Strawberry, to recognize those making a difference in the fight against substance use disorder.

The foundation is known to provide grants that expand and improve sober housing in the Hudson Valley.

MARC Foundation Board President Kristin Fountain highlighted the importance of the organization's work in a message to attendees.

"Tonight is an opportunity to come together in celebration, but more importantly, it is a reminder of what can be accomplished when a community unites around a shared purpose," said Fountain. "Your presence and generosity help the MARC Foundation continue its vital work supporting prevention, treatment, and recovery initiatives and creating hope for individuals and families impacted by substance use disorder."

The night featured a meal, raffle and silent auction. Special entertainment was

performed by Garrett Gardner, a singer, multi-instrumentalist and producer who was a Top 12 finalist on "The Voice." Gardner began his recovery when he was 19 years old and has been alcohol-free for the past 11 years. Filomena Fanelli served as emcee, while Fountain and Vice President Kathryn Cousins were speakers at the event.

Three individuals received the Champion of Recovery Award: New York State Sen. Pete Harckham, MARC Foundation Board member Michael Carber, and four-time World Series champion Darryl Strawberry. The award was given to honorees who demonstrated a commitment to making a difference in the lives of others and to advancing the cause of recovery.

Sen. Harckham was elected to the New York state Senate in 2018, where he was re-elected in 2020, 2022 and 2024. He serves on the Alcoholism and Substance Use Disorders Standing Committee, and is a member of the Joint Senate Task Force on Opioids, Addiction, and Overdose Prevention. During his tenure, he doubled minimum treatment times and reduced barriers to lifesaving opioid treatment.

Michael Carber was the second honoree. He joined the foundation's Board

of Directors in 2017 and has served as treasurer since 2020. According to the event program, "he has helped provide financial stewardship and guidance while supporting the Foundation's continued growth and its mission to make a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals and families affected by substance use disorder."

"It's humbling," said Carber. "It's nice to be recognized, but I'm only doing what the people before me did. I'm just glad that the event brought out so many people."

"The honor belongs to all of the organizations like the MARC Foundation," Carber added in his acceptance speech. "They remind us that no life should ever be considered beyond hope. It's my hope tonight that we will continue to reach out, continue to give back, and to remember that each of us, in whatever way we can, continue to make addiction recovery count."

The night ended with Darryl Strawberry accepting his award and delivering his

keynote address. Years removed from his four World Series championships and eight All-Star selections, Strawberry has devoted his life to the recovery community and his ministry work. As a person who has been sober for two decades, he speaks 270 days a year with various organizations.

"There's a miracle waiting for that person who is still sick and suffering," said Strawberry in his speech. "The miracle comes from people like us, who have been through long-term recovery. The people who have seen that it actually works, and that you can accomplish it."

He wrapped up the event with, "I love you all who are here tonight, and all of you who are a big part of this night. You know what you do. I don't have to tell you, but you do it."

Additional information on ways to support the organization can be found on the MARC Foundation's official website, www.marc-foundation.org.

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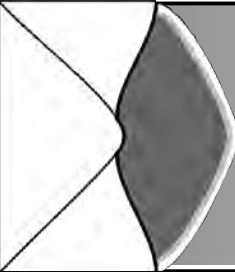
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Local action needed to support most vulnerable veterans

To the Editor:

For generations, America has called upon young men and women to serve in uniform, placing them in harm’s way to defend our nation and preserve the freedoms we too often take for granted. They have answered that call with courage and commitment. Too many, however, have returned home carrying permanent physical injuries, psychological trauma, or both.

When the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs determines that a veteran is fully 100 percent permanently and totally disabled, that designation carries specific meaning. It is an official acknowledgment that the veteran’s military service has permanently limited their ability to live and work under ordinary circumstances. These are not abstract statistics. They are our neighbors, family members, colleagues, and friends—people who have already paid an extraordinary price on behalf of the rest of us.

Earlier this year, New York State took a meaningful step toward recognizing that sacrifice. State lawmakers passed legislation creating a path for a 100 percent property-tax exemption for veterans rated 100 percent permanently and totally disabled by the VA.

But there is a serious flaw: the exemption is not automatic.

Instead, the legislation leaves adoption to local governments. Counties, towns, cities, villages, school districts, and other taxing jurisdictions must each decide whether to approve the exemption. As a result, a severely disabled veteran’s access to meaningful tax relief may depend not on the extent of their full service-connected disability, but on the particular municipal / school district boundary in which that veteran happens to live.

That is neither fair nor consistent with the spirit of the law.

A veteran who sacrificed the ability to earn a living, maintain a home, or enjoy daily life in the way most people do should not have to wonder whether local officials will recognize that sacrifice. Support for veterans cannot be limited to ceremonial proclamations, flag displays, or words spoken on holidays. Those gestures have value, but they must be matched by action.

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Approving this exemption is one clear, practical way for local elected officials to demonstrate that their support is more than rhetoric. It can offer real financial stability to veterans and families who often face substantial medical costs, reduced income, accessibility needs, and the long-term challenges that accompany severe service-connected disabilities.

The Towns of East Fishkill, Fishkill, and Wappinger deserve recognition for placing this issue on their agendas and moving toward action. Their leadership should serve as an example to every municipality and school district in Dutchess County—and throughout New York State. Dutchess County’s connection to America’s defense stretches back generations. As our nation marks 250 years of independence, we should remember that freedom has always come with a cost paid disproportionately by those who serve.

Virgil Capollari
U.S. Air Force Veteran
Town of Fishkill

Community Action Partnership sets ‘Bowl for ACTION’ Oct. 9



From left in back are Michelle Taylor, on-air personality and programming specialist of WALL Radio; Bob Maslosky, general manager of Spins Bowl Wappingers Falls; Sean Sarnecky, lead technician and project engineer; Michael Parrella, technical operations manager; Brandi Knox, vice president of operations; Sarah Rogan, executive and marketing assistant; Toby Lee, Office Assistant of Fisch Solutions; Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County CEO Dr. Linda Haas Manley is front and center.

-Courtesy photo

Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County (CAPDC) will hold a fundraising event at Spins Bowl in Wappingers Falls in October and wants you to take part in the action.

“Bowl for ACTION” will take place on Friday, Oct. 9, and will feature team participants, raffle prizes, food and more.

To find out more about sponsorship opportunities and to register for the event, go to BowlforACTION.org.

“We know our local residents are aware that Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County helps individuals who struggle with strained resources or experience difficult financial circumstances,” said Dr. Linda Haas Manley, CEO. “Our solemn mission is to partner with individuals and families to eliminate poverty and identify resources and opportunities to enhance their self-sufficiency.”

Manley noted CAPDC helps residents through food, rent and utility assistance for those income-eligible, plus other essential programs such as Dress for Success Dutchess County employment empowerment, free tax preparation and weatherization assistance.

CAPDC is pleased to announce that Fisch Solutions, which provides high-quality web and IT services to its customers and is based in the Hudson Valley, has agreed to be the “Kingpin Sponsor” of the event.

Jason Fisch, founder and President of Fisch Solutions, said, “It’s our pleasure to partner with Community Action Partnership on such a worthwhile endeavor. Fisch Solutions recognizes many families in our community will benefit from the support we and others give to the Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County. This promises to be a fun night with a great purpose.”

Bob Maslosky, general manager of Spins Bowl Wappingers Falls, said, “We are grateful to have the opportunity to host this community-minded event. Spins Bowl is a great space with more than two dozen bowling lanes and other fun activities, and we are confident attendees at this event will have a joyous evening.”

WALL Radio has agreed to be the event’s media partner, and Michelle Taylor, on-air personality and programming specialist of WALL Radio said, “As someone who loves being part of this community, I’m proud that WALL Radio is able to support Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County. I truly believe strong communities are built by all of us helping each other in any way we can. Their commitment to support individuals and families reflects the values we share at WALL Radio. We are pleased to give their mission a supportive voice.”

At the event, participants will get the chance to bowl two games, partake in a 50-50 raffle, prizes and surprises plus enjoy good food and drinks. Bowl for ACTION is a non-competitive event, open to all levels of bowlers, including beginners.

Check in for the event is 5:30 p.m. October 9 at Spins Bowl located at 1677 Route 9, Wappingers Falls.

CAPDC has Family Development Centers in the City of Poughkeepsie, Dover Plains, Red Hook and Wappingers Falls. You can learn more at dutchesscap.org

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Country Living Fair back at DC Fairgrounds October 2, 3, 4



Over 200 vendors from Upstate NY and as far away as Texas and California will be at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds as the Country Living Fair returns for a three-day weekend.

-Courtesy photo

The Country Living Fair is back with a three-day shopping event at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck Oct. 2, 3 and 4, featuring over 200 vendors, including antiques dealers, artisans and small boutique brands, hands-on workshops, high-profile guest speakers, kid-friendly fun and a new music collaboration with “The Bluegrass Situation.”

The Fair is open from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Sunday. Visit clfair@countryliving.com for tickets and listings of performers, guest speakers and workshops.

Local upstate vendors will be treating the crowds, including food trucks serving vegan, dairy-free and gluten-free fare,

apple cider donuts, beer and wine, as well as Samuel’s Sweet Shop, Cooper’s Daughter Spirits and more.

Vetted by Country Living editors, the vendors will be traveling from as far as Texas, California and Mississippi to sell a range of thoughtfully crafted and curated goods. Here’s just a sampling of the vendors you’ll find across different categories:

- **Antique & Vintage Dealers:** Bluegrass Market, Hudson Quality Goods Co., Foundry Interiors, The Parson’s Nose Antiques, South Porch Antiques, and The Stylish Sloane.
- **Artisans & Makers:** Hibiscus Linens, Woolgrass Farm, Denyse Schmidt Quilts, Shapeau, and Caroline Gray Art.
- **Boutique Brands:** The Six Bells, Trudie, and Immodest Cotton.

Music will be alive as “The Bluegrass Situation” will program three days of folk, bluegrass and Americana on the new Americana Music Stage. The BGS, as it’s come to be known, is the world’s largest community for American roots music, culture and lifestyle. Co-founded by life-long music fan Ed Helms (*The Office*; *The Hangover*) and Executive Director Amy Reitnouer Jacobs in 2012, BGS proudly represents a unique gathering place: Supporting and uplifting the rich, diverse, and varied history of the music (as well as the artists and fans who keep them alive), while looking ahead with a progressive vision to transform these folkways and traditions into a carefully curated, 21st century lifestyle open to all.

- **Guest Speakers:** Mosey on over to

The Country Living Fair Main Stage to bask in the brilliance of some of the brightest stars in country design and entertaining, including Amy and Sarah Blessing, Mike Wolfe, Marian Parsons, Annie Sloan, Alfredo Paredes,

Paula Sutton, Elizabeth and Ethan Finkelstein, Stephen and David St. Russell, Josh Kilmer-Purcell and Brent Ridge, and more. Book signings and meet-and-greets will follow main stage panels.

- **Workshops:** Analog hobbies are having a serious moment, and now’s your chance to try your hand at everything from needlepoint to botanical art in hands-on workshops hosted by some of the most in-demand instructors from around the country.

Fishkill Town Board honors police cadets

By Kristine Coulter

The Fishkill Town Board recognized the Town of Fishkill Cadets at its Sept. 16 meeting at the Fishkill Town Hall. Cadets Jayvon Freeman and Jason Mendez were honored.

Det. Jason Betley said they “graduated from the recent Cadet Police Academy.

The cadets are hardworking and dedicated he said, and they represent the Town of Fishkill “with honor,” he said.

The cadets were up early at 6 a.m. and worked “tirelessly during the day,” shared Betley. “It was a long demanding summer and one they will never forget,” he remarked.

Betley thanked the Town of Fishkill Police Chief Christopher Strattner for support of the program.

Graduating from the basic program was Cadet Freeman.

Graduating from the Police Department Program was Cadet Mendez.

“It’s been a great year for many of police cadet alumni as well,” said Betley. “A few of them have become police officers. Locally, one of them has been promoted to sergeant in the city of Beacon; another a sergeant in Florida.”

The Lieutenant Dustin James Memorial Cadet of the Year was named. The award is in honor of Dustin James, a former cadet, who was killed in a motorcycle accident. Cadet Jason Mendez was named Cadet of the Year.

Betley congratulated Mendez and said he was “a great asset to the program.”



Right: The Fishkill Town Board recently honored Town of Fishkill Police Cadets Jayvon Freeman and Jason Mendez at the Fishkill Town Hall. Pictured, from left, are Town of Fishkill Police Chief Christopher Strattner, Cadet Freeman, Cadet Mendez and Det. Jason Betley.

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My three mother hens

As Luigi and wife Lisa celebrate their anniversary, Luigi recalls the special ladies who helped set their relationship in motion.

This year my wife Lisa and I are celebrating our 28th wedding anniversary. I thought I would share with you how we met...

Growing up in the restaurant had its benefits. For one, there was always something to eat. For two, there was always something to do, and finally there was always someone watching out for you.

We had three older waitresses. Mary, Kay, and Annie. All three were widows whom my father took under his wing and watched over. They in turn became three mother hens to me.

Now, as I was the Italian version of Dennis the Menace, I would drive them crazy. I would play pranks on them, and they in turn would laugh at my hijinks. Mary was afraid of lobster, and I was forever hiding lobsters in spots so she would find them. Mary would always swat me on the behind in playful anger. Kay and Annie would always have their aprons untied at the worst possible moments. Always quick to turn around and yell at me for being a “scutch.”

After school, my little brother Vinny and I would be in the office at the restaurant doing homework. During our studies, our mother hens would sneak us soda and snacks. Always encourag-

ing us to go to school and college. Always pushing us to be better. Always with love.

I remember the day I noticed a cute little waitress. I was away at college at the time and came home on Christmas break. I was in the kitchen cooking on the line. Lisa was a cute, bubbly waitress, my age. Well, the mother hens realized that I had eyes for her, figured we’d make a nice couple and decided to check out the match to make sure we were good for each other.

They stealthily asked Lisa questions about who she was and what her likes and dislikes were. When they deemed us a good match, they started to push me to ask her out. During their interrogation of Lisa, they also pumped me up to her, telling her all about me. I had no idea they were doing any of this.

The mother hens started dropping hints to me about her. Nothing overt, nothing that I noticed. After a couple of days, the bait was set, and neither Lisa nor I knew what was going on. All I knew was that I was going to ask her out, which I did, and which she said yes.

The following Christmas, almost a year after our first date, the three mother hens asked me what I was going to

buy Lisa for Christmas. Somehow they knew exactly what I should buy. In fact, Mary went so far as to go buy the perfume for me to make sure I got it right. Again, never overt, and always with love.

Two years later, the three mother hens started hinting that I should ask Lisa to marry me. Finally figuring out what they had done for years, I wanted to trump them. I called them into the office and pulled a small box out of my pocket with the ring. I told them that I had graduated and didn’t need their hints any longer. They each gave me a kiss and a hug and told me how happy they were for me.

Two years after that day, as I stood at the altar watching my beautiful bride Lisa walking down the aisle, I thought for a moment of Mary, Kay, and Annie. They were there watching us get married, three mother hens.

1 stick butter
½ cup grated Pecorino Romano
1 pinch pepper

Method
Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil for pasta. Cook according to package instruction. Drain pasta.

In a large saucepan, brown sausage with 2 tablespoon of olive oil. Sauté on a medium-high heat until cooked through, breaking apart with a wooden spoon. Add artichoke hearts and pepper.

Add heavy cream, butter, egg yolks and cheese to the saucepan. Once sauce is warmed and beginning to thicken, Add pasta and cook for two more minutes.

Serves 4 to 6

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

Creamy Shells with Artichoke hearts and Sausage

Ingredients
1 lb. small shell pasta
1 lb. crumbled Italian sausage
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
3 artichoke hearts quartered
1 cup heavy cream
2 egg yolks

New black belt students at Traditional Okinawan Karate



Traditional Okinawan Karate held its semi-annual Shiai on Saturday, Sept. 12, at Lenape Elementary School in New Paltz. Among the promotions were several new black belts from Traditional Okinawan Karate dojos in Pleasant Valley and East Fishkill. Standing are, from left, Maurey Levitz, Deena Levitz, Meghan Borland, Steve Borland, Sean McClafferty, Ellen O'Neill-Nuccio, Madison Nuccio, Jason Donovan, Christine Touw, Christopher Miller, Makomi Miller. Kneeling (L-R): Kevin Lyons, Daniel Cola, Elizabeth Bair, Tuyen Hargrove, Nicholas Manno, Sam Schor, Mac Craven, Kevin McClintock, Gavin Wassung, James Franzetti. Sitting (L-R): Nehemiah Jolicoeur (CQ), George Edattel, Aiden Kocotos.

-Courtesy photo

Concert at West Point on October 4

On Sunday, October 4 at 2 p.m., the Class of 1936 Distinguished Organists Recital Series endowment and the West Point Cadet Chapel will present Dr. Carol Williams, international concert organist. Dr. Carol Williams serves as the Hull City Hall Organist (UK) and is the San Diego Civic Organist Emerita, while maintaining a career as internationally acclaimed performer, composer, and recording artist. A Royal Academy of Music alumna, she has toured over eighteen countries, appeared with major orchestras, released 23 recordings, and champions charitable causes through her music. Her program will be performed on the Cadet Chapel organ, the world’s largest all-pipe instrument in a house of worship, numbering over 23,500 pipes.

Entry on post is with Real ID or Enhanced Driver’s License. Otherwise, another form of proof of citizenship is required including passport or other identification. Obtaining the entry pass is from the Visitor Control Center, 2107 New South Post Road, West Point, NY 10996. Annual passes are available for those who wish to attend multiple recitals and events. Parking is available near the chapel (722 DeRussy Road), and the Class of 1936 recitals are free to the community and general public.

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Eastdale Ferragosto Festival rescheduled Oct. 3



Eastdale Village Town Center’s first annual Ferragosto Festival has been rescheduled to Saturday, October 3, after last weekend’s uncertain forecast. From 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Palladino Piazza will come alive with authentic Italian food, live music, wine and beverage tastings, a live mozzarella-making demonstration, a sauce-making competition, shopping from local artisans, family activities and more. The event is free and open to the public, so come spend the day at Eastdale and experience the sights, sounds and traditions of Italy right here in the Hudson Valley.

-Courtesy image

‘Breast Cancer Awareness Day’ event at Walkway Over the Hudson on Oct. 3

As Breast Cancer Awareness Month approaches, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino is once again partnering with Walkway Over the Hudson to host a “Breast Cancer Awareness Day” event on Saturday, October 3rd, from 1-3 p.m. on the Poughkeepsie side of the Walkway Over the Hudson, 61 Parker Avenue. This free event is part of an ongoing effort to raise awareness for breast cancer while providing residents with opportunities to connect directly with local organizations and services.

Serino, a breast cancer survivor, said, “I know how easy it can be to put off a health appointment when life gets busy. I kept putting mine off, and when I finally went, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. That experience has stayed with me and is why I always encourage others not to wait when it comes to their health. We are incredibly fortunate to have so many wonderful organizations right here in Dutchess County, and I’m grateful to partner with the Walkway to bring them together, making it easier for our neighbors to connect with the information, resources and support they need to prioritize their health.”

Representatives from the following organizations will be in attendance to share information:

- Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation
- Dutchess County Department of Health
- Dyson Breast Center at Vassar Brothers Medical Center, part of the Northwell Health Cancer Institute
- MidHudson Regional Hospital, a member of WMC Health

In addition, attendees can enjoy family-friendly craft activities centered around breast cancer awareness to show support for survivors and those currently navigating a diagnosis.

This event is free and open to the public, no RSVP required. For more information, email CountyExec@dutchessny.gov or call 845-486-2000.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is also a reminder to “Make the Appointment” - whether it’s an annual exam, mammogram or another preventative appointment, taking time to stay on top of your health can make a difference.

To learn more and take the pledge, please visit: DutchessNY.gov/MakeTheAppointment.

Spirit of Beacon Day rescheduled to Oct. 4

The annual Spirit of Beacon Day that was originally set for Sunday, Sept. 27, has been rescheduled for Sunday, Oct. 4. There will be

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Dutchess County Bar Association honors Alexandra Downey Thomas of FKC&S



From left, Robert R. Sappe, partner at FKC&S, Alexandra Downey Thomas, of counsel and Kathryn C. Collins, partner at FKC&S are pictured at the September Dutchess County Bar Association luncheon.

-Courtesy photo

Further demonstrating its commitment to excellence, Feldman, Kleidman, Collins & Sappe LLP (FKC&S) has announced that Alexandra Downey Thomas, who serves Of Counsel, has been awarded the 2026 Amee VanTassel Young Lawyer Award by the Dutchess County Bar Association.

This prestigious recognition honors attorneys with less than 10 years of professional practice who exemplify the late VanTassel’s spirit and character. Recipients are also chosen for their ongoing service to the Bar, their communities and pro-bono commitments, as well as esteem and recognition they have earned from peers for outstanding professionalism and civility.

“It’s an honor to receive this recognition

during my first year with FKC&S,” said Thomas. “This achievement is a reflection of the steady support from my colleagues and mentors. I look forward to continuing to learn and grow as an attorney – and to serving clients in our community.”

Thomas joined FKC&S in 2026 and represents matters pertaining to medical malpractice defense and professional liability. Holding her Juris Doctorate from Brooklyn Law School, Thomas is an active member of the American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, Dutchess County Bar Association and Mid-Hudson Women’s Bar Association. In addition to her professional work, she volunteers with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention’s (AFSP) Hudson Valley/Westchester chapter.

HVCU gives backpacks, donates to United Way’s ‘Back-to-School’ drive



Pictured are HVCU’s summer 2026 high school internship program participants packing backpacks with supplies ahead of the donation.

-Courtesy photo

Hudson Valley Credit Union has donated 200 backpacks filled with essential school supplies to United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region for the nonprofit’s annual back-to-school drive. The initiative, completed with the help of the credit union’s 2026 high school internship program participants, demonstrated not only the organization’s commitment to the communities it serves, but also its dedication to teaching the next generation the importance of giving back.

Approximately 20 nonprofits partnering with United Way this school season will distribute the supplies to dozens of students and families across Dutchess and Orange County.

“United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region’s school supply drive helps ensure that local students start the aca-

ademic year with the tools they need to learn and succeed,” said Jeannie Montano, President & CEO at United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region. “By providing essential supplies, we ease the financial burden on families and help create a stronger, more equitable community where every child has the opportunity to thrive. We are grateful to Hudson Valley Credit Union, whose support makes this effort possible. Together, we are helping local children begin the school year prepared and confident.”

HVCU regularly contributes to the Hudson Valley community through meaningful hands-on experiences and the HVCU Charitable Foundation’s annual grant program, which has distributed \$1.1 million across New York since its inception in 2025.

hudson valley naturalist

by francine wizner



Neither butcher, candlestick maker, nor baker am I:
Confessions of an aspiring sourdough scientist

I have long found bread to be multi-dimensionally fascinating, delicious, and addictive. It is undeniably yummy and crave-worthy. There is also a brilliant alchemy in how our bodies dismantle carbohydrates into sugar to fuel our daily adventures, thriftily tucking away unused glucose into glycogen and fat reserves. Hence, my deep love-hate relationship with the victual.

This fall, as the weather cools, I will don my toque for some kitchen alchemy. I investigate with intention: satisfying and healthy fare. My scientific objective? A crusty, yet soft and chewy sourdough bread. Neither butcher, candlestick maker, nor baker am I. As a minimalist, I do not possess professional chef-gear. I am a mere columnist with some recipes, an interest in science, and a desire to find out if “home-made” is worth the effort.

Dutchess Bread Box

Historically speaking, this region knows a thing or two about grain. The Old Mill House on Beekman Poughquag Road stands as a testament to those days of yore. In the late 1700s, it was the beating heart of local agriculture, milling flour that fed George Washington’s Continental Army. By the early 19th century, Dutchess County was the state’s largest flour producer.

With that legacy, it can’t be that hard to bake a simple country boule. I shall channel my inner pioneer and create a traditional free-form loaf.

Laboratory learning curve to manage microbes

Sourdough relies on biological leaveners living all around us – on surfaces, in the air, and within the flour itself. Flour contains 70-75% starch. When hydrated with water, natural enzymes activate and digest the starch into sugars. Then wild yeast consumes the sugars, releasing carbon dioxide and alcohol – hence the name alcoholic fermentation.

Simultaneously, healthy bacteria break down the sugars through lactic acid fermentation. The low pH environment produced by the bacteria kills off harmful molds and microbes, leaving the acid-tolerant wild yeast safe to thrive. As yeast cells naturally live and die, they provide nutrients for the bacteria.

Homemade sourdough begins with cultivating a “Starter” – a microbial consortium where wild yeast and lactic acid bacteria live together in a stable, symbiotic paste of flour and water. In this community, the ratio of bacterial cells to yeast cells is about 100 to 1. The wild yeast provide the carbon dioxide gas needed for loft, while the bacteria ferment sugars into tangy acids that provide flavor and protect the colony from spoilage.

The yeast and bacteria, my “cultural collaborators,” have been collectively



The Old Mill House on Beekman-Poughquag Road.

named “Bready Krueger.” As their host, I must feed Bready Krueger flour daily to replenish carbohydrates for the hungry microbes. It takes about 7 to 10 days to build a healthy starter.

Observations are key. The colony gives off aromas – stinky-feet, malty, even of alcohol. A boozy bouquet accompanied by a brown liquid “hooch” is a sign it is starving. Stir that stuff in for tangier bread. If I keep Bready Krueger well fed and at a comfortable room temperature, I’ll wind up with a milder loaf.

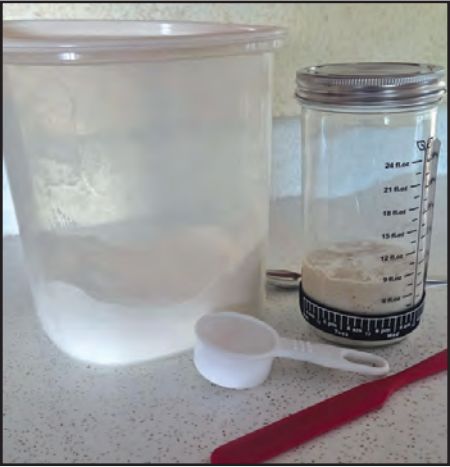
Bare bones baker forsakes convenience

Most people who bake “from scratch” are familiar with the beige granules of commercial yeast. It lies dormant until it hits warm water, then quickly ferments, feeding on sugars and releasing carbon dioxide to make bread in as little as an hour. It is convenient, though the flavor may lack complexity.

To bake a loaf of naturally fermented sourdough, you combine a portion of starter with flour, water, and salt. Building protein chains so carbon dioxide gets trapped inside requires active, periodic intervention: pulling the dough and folding it back over itself every thirty minutes for two hours. After shaping it into a loaf and granting it an overnight rest in the fridge, it’s finally ready to bake!

Authentic pioneers had “bake kettles”; connoisseurs and professionals own Dutch ovens. But who needs extra kitchen paraphernalia when a roasting pan filled with boiling water on the bottom oven shelf serves well enough? Steam keeps the exterior soft so the gases inside expand rapidly, before removing the water to finish with a “dry-bake” to caramelize the crust.

With so many steps, there are plenty



Flour on left; sourdough starter (flour and water) on right.



Yeast.

of opportunities for failure. My result might be a dense orb that Washington’s army could shoot from a cannon. But science is trial and error. As long as there is butter to slather on my “practice loaves,” there will be no waste!

I’m not a candlestick maker, butcher, nor baker—just a “sciencey gal” with a grand plan for feeding wild microbes and living up to our region’s milling history, one loaf at a time.

(If you would like to learn about flour, gluten, or the variables involved with baking bread, check out these educational activities: <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/FLOUR-GLUTEN-BREAD-ACTIVITIES-BUNDLE-11341362>.)

Francine Wizner is a native of the Hudson Valley. She grew up in the Catskills of Greene County and spent over 3 decades teaching in Ulster County. She creates science-themed instructional materials and books, as well as being a Citizen Scientist in the management of her current home in an enchanted woodland of Dutchess County. Find her at <https://medium.com/@wiznerf>, <https://substack.com/@gkatzchronicle>, and <https://www.youtube.com/@PVMaPleLodge>.

Village of Fishkill to flush hydrants

The Village of Fishkill Water Department will be flushing hydrants throughout the Village System through Friday, Oct. 2.

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Obituaries

Wayne J. Wieber



Wayne J. Wieber, 86, passed away on September 21, 2026, at the VA Hudson Valley Healthcare Medical Center – Castle Point Campus in Wappingers Falls, NY, where he received exceptional care.

Wayne was a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps and a 50-year life member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 15. He also studied architecture and built a distinguished career working on major infrastructure projects throughout the region. Among his many accomplishments, he assisted in the construction of the foundations of the World Trade Towers, contributed to the rebuilding project of the Lincoln Tunnel, and later assisted with cleanup efforts at Ground Zero.

He was the beloved husband of Barbara E. Schenecker and the devoted father of Barbara “Bunnie” Phillips (Robert) of Red

Bank, NJ; Tamara Pierce (Mark) of Toms River, NJ; Dawn Worthley (Richard) of New Castle, DE; and Amelia Wieber of Frederick, Colorado.

Wayne was the grandfather of Danielle Ebner and Rachel Ebner of Eatontown, NJ; Nicole Worthley-Hall (Christopher) of Milford, DE; Allyson Paris (Joseph) of Newark, DE; and Kimberly Leftwich of Red Bank, NJ. He was also the proud great-grandfather of Faith Hart and Sage Covert, both of Eatontown, NJ. Beloved brother to Donald Wieber of East Islip, NY, and was known affectionately as “Uncle Wayne” to his many dedicated nieces and nephews.

Wayne was predeceased by his parents, Andrew and Pauline; his siblings, Andrew, Barbara, Arlene, George, and Patricia; and his beloved daughter, Kim Marie.

Wayne’s Family will gather to honor and celebrate his life on Monday, October 5, 2026, at 1:00 PM, with a committal prayer and interment service at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery Chapel, 350 Province Line Road, Wrightstown, New Jersey; where Military honors will be rendered by the United States Marine Corps Honor Guard.

Friends and Family are invited to attend and join in honoring Wayne’s life and legacy. Arrangements were entrusted to the professional care of the 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.

Agnes E. Scozzafava



Agnes E. Scozzafava, a longtime resident of Wappingers Falls, NY, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by the love of her family on September 26, 2026; at the age of 82. She was born in Peekskill, NY on March 28, 1944, daughter of the late Peter & Mary (nee Wassily) Nolan. Agnes attended and graduated from Hendrick Hudson High School in Buchanan, NY; class of 1962.

On December 2, 1967 at St. Patrick’s Church in Verplanck, NY, she married the love of her life, Ronald Scozzafava, who survives at home.

Agnes worked as a telephone operator for over 30 years, starting in Peekskill and later years in Poughkeepsie; until her retirement. She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers Club. She was also proud life-time member of Weight-Watchers.

Agnes had a devout Catholic Faith; she was a longtime communicant of St. Mary’s Church in Wappingers Falls.

She was known as one who could light up every room she walked into. She loved gardening and different arts & crafts; cooking which she was known for her Italian cooking and her Irish wit. She also enjoyed fishing and supporting her local food pantries.

Along with her husband of 58+ years of love, Agnes is survived by her two daughters and one son: Chrisie Avampato, Susie and Craig Hansen, and Ronnie Scozzafava Jr.. Agnes also leaves behind her cherished grandchildren: Lucy, Jimmy ‘Bubba’, Pete (Marissa), and Tyler. She is also survived by her sister Frances ‘Frannie’ Watkins; her sister-in-law Dolores (Richard) Cronk, and several nieces & nephews.

Along with her parents, Agnes was predeceased by two sisters.

Her Family will receive Friends on Wednesday, September 30th from 4-7pm at DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, New York. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11:30AM, Thursday, October 1, 2026 at the Church of St. Mary’s, 11 Clinton St., Wappingers Falls, followed by interment in St. Mary’s Parish Cemetery.

The Family of Agnes Scozzafava would like thank the nursing staff of Fresenius Kidney Care Beacon Dialysis, Fishkill Center Rehabilitation in Beacon and Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, for their help and care. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

Joan B. Collins Reinhardt



Joan B. Collins, born February 7, 1939, in Hackensack, New Jersey, passed away peacefully at home on September 18, 2026.

Joan was preceded in death by her father, Joseph Collins; her mother, Jennie Collins; and her sister, Mary Ficken.

She is survived by her loving daughter, Karen L. Dennis; her son-in-law, Hassan J. Dennis Sr.; and her five grandchildren, Aaron Dennis, Janay Dennis, Hassan Dennis II, Jamal Dennis, and Janelle Dennis. She also leaves behind seven beloved great-grandchildren: Hassan Dennis III, Lyla Dennis, Catarina Dennis, Lincoln Dennis, Oliver Dennis, Mason Dennis, and Jahlani Cutler.

Joan enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, playing Lucky 7 scratch-off tickets, and watching wrestling. Her memory will live on through the family she loved and the

many lives she touched.

She will always be in our hearts and will never be forgotten.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of the DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, New York. Her Family will gather privately for a Celebration of Life at a late date. Interment will be private at the discretion of her family. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

Patricia A. Milkovich



Patricia Agnes Milkovich, a lifelong resident of Beacon, New York, passed away surrounded by her family and love. Born on September 7, 1938, in Beacon to George and Agnes Zeyak, Patricia lived a life marked by devotion, kindness, and service to others.

A woman of deep faith, Patricia was a lifetime member of St. Joachim-St. John’s Church in Beacon. She served as a Eucharistic Minister and participated in parish programs for more than two decades. She organized and ran the parish Outreach program, providing transportation and support to parishioners. Patricia also served on the Parish Council and coordinated the 20-Week Club, always giving her time generously to her community.

Her warmth and creativity touched everyone who knew her. Patricia had a passion for crocheting; over the years she lovingly made dozens of blankets and afghans for family, friends, and neighbors. If she heard a baby was on the way, she immediately began crocheting a blanket. When her grandchildren visited, she was up early to make them “special” pancakes – often shaped like animals.

Patricia worked for IBM in East Fishkill, New York, where she served as an executive secretary for twenty years before retiring in October 1993. Her dedication and professionalism earned her the respect of colleagues and friends alike.

She was predeceased by her beloved daughter, Debra Ann, who passed away in December 2007; her parents, George and Agnes Zeyak; her sister, Dolores Scardefield; her brothers Douglas, William, and George.

Patricia is survived by her devoted husband, Stephen “Chip” Milkovich, whom she married on December 8, 1957, at St. Joachim’s Church in Beacon. They shared nearly 69 years of marriage in the same home they purchased in 1960. After raising their three children and sending them out into the world, Patricia and Chip retired and embraced a new chapter together, attending grandchildren’s school activities and sporting events then traveling, spending winters in Venice, Florida, and visiting National Parks from Maine to Hawaii.

She leaves behind her sons and their spouses, Mark and Brenda, and Stephen Jr. and Cindy; her grandchildren, Chris, Kevin, Michelle, Marisa, and Patrick; her great-grandchildren Brady, Rory, Charlotte, Grant and Reese.

Her family extends heartfelt thanks to her angel caregivers – especially April, Giovanna, and Mary – whose compassion and dedication brought comfort and peace to Patricia in her final months. They also wish to thank her Glenham friends and neighbors for their steady support and kindness, each offering help in their own special way.

Deep appreciation is extended to the parishioners who provided much-needed transportation, care, and companionship, especially Mike, whose generosity meant so much to Patricia and her family. The family is also profoundly grateful to the Hudson Valley Hospice team for their exceptional and compassionate care to Patricia and to all who loved her.

Patricia’s legacy of faith, family, and service will continue to inspire all who were blessed to know her. She leaves behind a lifetime of love – woven into every blanket she made, every act of service she offered, and every moment she cherished with her family. Her presence will be deeply missed, but her love will endure.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, September 30 at 10 a.m. at St. Joachim Church, 51 Leonard Street, Beacon. Burial will follow at St. Joachim Cemetery, 325 Washington Avenue, Beacon.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to either the Church of St. Joachim - St. John the Evangelist or to Hudson Valley Hospice.

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

Joyce Edna Heaton



We are saddened to announce the passing of Joyce Edna Heaton on September 6, 2026, at her home in Westbrook, Maine, after a short illness. Joyce was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sibling, friend, and devoted member of many communities.

Joyce was born on June 2, 1956, in Poughkeepsie, NY. She lived a life marked by compassion, purpose, faith, and an unwavering commitment to other people. For 40 years she was the cherished wife of Steve Ouellette, creating a home filled with love, laughter, generosity, and welcome.

Joyce was the loving mother of Madeleine (husband Immad Khan) and Isabelle, and the proud grandmother of Zayaan, Zara, and Zaiden. Her family will remember her warm embraces, encouraging words, thoughtful advice, and how she made every birthday, holiday, school event, and

visit so special. She took great joy in the accomplishments of her family and was their most faithful supporter.

Joyce was President of her Poughkeepsie High School graduating class and a Fordham University graduate. She was an IBM manager, a private water company owner and manager, and the owner and operator of her special joy, the J.E. Heaton Jewelers in Millbrook, NY.

Joyce dedicated countless hours to many organizations and causes, including leadership roles in the Poughkeepsie Junior League, Millbrook Rotary Club, New Year’s Eve Millbrook, and her Portland coffee club.

Joyce was a devoted participant at State Street Church in Portland and Lyall Community Church in Millbrook. She found great comfort and fellowship with her Church families, and her kindness, presence, and concern for others touched many lives.

Joyce was admired for her grace, creativity, hard work, and ability to bring people together. Whether organizing an event, mentoring new members, volunteering, or helping someone in need, she gave generously of her time and heart. She was a thoughtful listener, a loyal friend, and a source of comfort in difficult times. Joyce had a gift for making people feel valued and loved, and her warmth, humor, strength, and generous spirit will remain in the hearts of all who were fortunate to know her.

Joyce was predeceased by her parents, Lawrence Adna and Jane Davis Heaton. She is survived by her siblings (Joanna Selim, Hooker Heaton, and Virginia Keller), many in-laws, nieces, and nephews, and a wide circle of friends, church families, colleagues, and community members, all of whom will miss her deeply.

A Celebration of Joyce’s Life will be held at 11:00 AM on October 3, 2026, at Lyall Community Church, 30 Maple Ave., Millbrook, NY.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, State Street Church, Lyall Community Church, or Millbrook Rotary.

Her absence leaves an immeasurable void, but her love will continue to guide those she left behind. Joyce made the world shine brighter through her faith, service, and care for others.

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Dutchess County Conservative Party brunch to feature radio host Dominic Carter Oct. 4

The Dutchess County Conservative Party brunch will feature WABC radio host and author of “No Momma’s Boy” Dominic Carter on Sunday, Oct. 4. The brunch is from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Villa Borghese, 70 Widmer Rd., Wappingers Falls.

Advanced payment is \$125 per person or \$225 per couple. Reservations are encouraged.

For more information, text and phone 845-464-6748 or email trex73@frontiernet.net.

Sponsorships are available.

Right: Dutchess County NYS Conservative Party Chairman Don Minichino, left, with radio personality Dominic Carter.

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GM Tom Denlinger to leave HV, moving to Charlotte

Tom Denlinger, General Manager of the Hudson Valley Renegades, will be leaving the organization to become President of the Charlotte Knights, the Triple-A affiliate of the Chicago White Sox.

Denlinger joined the Renegades in 2025 following 10 seasons with the Augusta GreenJackets, where he served as General Manager from 2014-2017 before being elevated to Vice President. During his two seasons in Hudson Valley, Denlinger helped lead the organization through continued growth and community engagement at Heritage Financial Park.

The Renegades’ 2026 season featured a robust slate of creative programming and community-focused experiences, including a unique theme for every home game. Highlights included “An Ode to Cream Cheese,” celebrating the Hudson Valley origins of the popular food; “Renegades: The

Musical!”; a farewell weekend for the club’s iconic Cider Donuts identity; an expanded five-game Bark in the Park giveaway series; Seinfeld Night; and the launch of the Silver ‘Gades Club for fans 55 and older. The club also celebrated welcoming its five millionth fan to Heritage Financial Park during the season.

“I’m incredibly grateful for my time with the Renegades and for the opportunity to be part of the Hudson Valley community,” said Denlinger. “I’m proud of what our staff has accomplished together and grateful to our fans, partners and community for making these two seasons so memorable. I’m excited for the opportunity ahead in Charlotte and will always appreciate my time with the Renegades.”

The Renegades will announce plans for the club’s next General Manager in the coming weeks.

Five counties to gather to send message: Domestic violence must end!

On Saturday, Oct. 10, the Melanie Chianese Foundation is hosting the second annual Community Day for Domestic Violence Awareness at Brexel-Schlathaus Park from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Domestic violence organizations and community partners from five counties will come together in Wappinger.

This is what community looks like - different organizations, different communities, different counties — coming together for survivors, for families,

and for those who never had the chance to escape.

The five counties include Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Ulster and Westchester.

There will be local vendors, food trucks, businesses, raffles, giveaways, live music, and most importantly, a Prayer and Moment of Silence at noon to remember Melinda “Mindy” Brugger and those whose lives have been lost to domestic violence.

CCE Dutchess County sets Family Fall Festival on Oct. 3

Join Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County for its 2nd Annual Community & Family Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Dutchess County Farm & Home Center (2715 Route 44) in Millbrook.

Events include the following:

- Live Music & Live Broadcast by WKZE
- Local Food Trucks & Vendors
- The Taste NY at Todd Hill Apple Pie Contest
- Master Gardener Succulent Sale
- Local Community Resources
- Pumpkin Painting

- There’s Maze
- Drawing featuring family-friendly gifts from throughout Dutchess County
- 4-H Meet & Greet
- Arts & Crafts
- Free Child Supply Give-Away

The festival grounds will be filled with music from open to close. The Grange Hall Ramblers bring live fiddle and guitar music to the stage from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. followed by Jeff Armstrong closing out the day from 3-4 p.m.. In between, tune in as WKZE broadcasts live from the festival from 1-3 p.m., sharing the day’s spirit with listeners across the region.

New date announced for unveiling of 2 historic site markers in Wappinger

The Town of Wappinger and Wappingers Historical Society will unveil two new historic site markers commemorating important chapters in Wappinger’s colonial and Revolutionary War-era history during a special dedication ceremony on Saturday, Oct. 10, at 11 a.m (this is a new date due to weather conditions on the original date of Oct. 3). The ceremony will take place at the Wappinger Creek Town Boat & Kayak Launch, located at 121–129 Market Street/County Road 91 in Wappingers Falls.

“These markers help tell the story of the people, industries and places that shaped Wappinger and the Hudson Valley,” said Town of Wappinger Town Supervisor Joseph D. Cavaccini. “Preserving these sites gives current and future generations an opportunity to better understand the important role our community played in the region’s colonial and Revolutionary War history.”

The public is invited to attend the ceremony and join Town officials and Wappingers Historical Society in celebrating and preserving the history of the Wappinger community.

RSVP to the event through the link : <https://www.wappingershistoricalsociety.org/events/historic-marker-dedication-for-2-colonial-era-wappinger-historic-sites/form>.

this week’s puzzle solutions

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ACROSS

1. Mediterranean island country

6. Not Miss or Ms

9. Contributions to the poor

13. *Physicist of apple-related revelation fame

14. Bottle top

15. Be of use

16. Wilt "The ____" Chamberlain

17. Sailor's assent

18. Nincompoop

19. *Electric current path

21. *Like magnifying glass lens

23. Unhappy

24. Southern stew staple

25. ____ Beta Kappa

28. Harper and Bruce, e.g.

30. Type of jacket

35. Nevada city

37. "The Road Runner" corporation

39. Solemnly promised

40. One twelfth of a foot

41. What blacksmith did to a horse

43. Ice dancer's jump

44. Phishing and such

46. Nobel Peace Prize home

47. Either right or left

48. Good guy

50. Same as island

52. Tierra ____ Fuego

53. Third-person possessive pronoun

55. Yoko's last name

57. *Electric current unit

60. *It pulls things down

64. Doom's companion

65. Thomas Paine's "The ____ of Reason"

67. 10 percent to charity, e.g.

68. Prevention measure

69. Sir George Ivan Morrison's stage name

70. Wife's dad, e.g.

71. In a frenzy

72. Three ahead of PST

73. Picts and Gauls

DOWN

1. Catchall abbr.

2. ____ spumante

3. Bear's den, e.g.

4. Same as talcums

5. Opposite of potential

6. Med. sch. requirement

7. *Path of light

8. Heard by Horton

9. Tel ____, city

10. Bowling ball path

11. Seductive one

12. Like a fox

15. Historical records

20. Some are bright

22. Ball-shaped object

24. *Reverse one, in the kitchen

25. *Rainbow-producing device

26. From this time on

27. Relating to Quechuan people

29. *Sound reverberation

31. Hole-punching tools

32. Coral polyp, e.g.

33. Eat away

34. *What similar magnetic poles do

36. *Electrical resistance units

38. Mature elvers

42. Sorrow

45. "In the grand ____ of things"

49. Having Everything Revealed singer-songwriter

51. Related on mother's side

54. Plunder

56. Sheep-like

57. Grad

58. a.k.a. kissing disease

59. Pox mark

60. Gentleman, informally

61. It will

62. Not this

63. Certain coniferous trees

64. India's smallest state

66. *Not liquid or solid

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